

AMERICAN DESTROYERS GET SUBMARINES PETROGRAD STILL A SCENE OF MUCH UNCERTAINTY AND DANGER

AMERICAN DESTROYERS SINK GERMAN U-BOATS OFF THE FRENCH COAST

Navy Department Gives Out a Statement Which Indicates That While Two Merchantmen Were Lost in the Encounter, the American Destroyers Succeeded in Sinking About Five of the Enemy Boats Making the Attack.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Sept. 11.—American destroyers are believed to have sunk hostile submarines off the coast of France on the 5th of September, while conveying merchantment from the United States. Two of the merchantmen were sunk, but no loss of life is reported. Meagre reports on the incident giving a brief account of the battle came from the steamer Westwego, one of the ships attacked by the submarines.

The following is the statement given out by the navy department this morning:

The navy department has received a report from Paris which states that the steamer Westwego, on September 8th, reported that while cruising with several others they were attacked by a mass formation of six German submarines off the coast of France on the 5th of September, and as a result two of the attacked steamers were sunk and the destroyers probably sank five of the submarines.

Were Convoys Merchant Ships

Washington, Sept. 11.—The navy department's only information was made public in a statement issued today. While the statement does not actually state the American destroyers were convoy ships that is believed to be a fact, as it was announced recently that a policy of convoy fleets for merchant ships across the Atlantic had been adopted and since the Westwego and other merchant craft which were the object of submarine attacks were bound for Europe it is regarded more than probable the American warships were guarding merchant vessels on the way across.

American warships have all been equipped with depth bombs for fighting submarines. This weapon has been highly perfected by American experts and has proven very deadly. If detailed reports bear out the first dispatches they will signalize the most notable action against submarines since the war began. In no other case has such wholesale destruction of U-boats been reported. It also will mark a most striking victory for American naval forces.

PAINELEZE TO FORM CABINET.

French Minister of War Undertakes the Task of Getting Together a New Ministry—Now Holding Conferences

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Sept. 11.—Paul Painleve, minister of war, who last night accepted the task of forming a new ministry, immediately began to hold conferences with party representatives and the prevailing impression in political circles is that he will succeed in forming a cabinet.

Delegates to the Socialist party were to meet with Painleve today to consider the possibility of the Socialists having several representatives in new cabinet.

HUTS TO HOUSE TROOPS.

Big Order Placed With Swiss Contractor to Build Houses for American Troops in France.

(By Associated Press.) Berne, Switzerland, Sept. 11.—American military authorities in France have placed through a Swiss contracting association an order for a million francs worth of wooden huts to house the American troops.

To Throttle Seditious Press. Washington, Sept. 11.—The raid on the Philadelphia Tagblatt by Federal agents is regarded here as the first step in the government's campaign to summarily throttle seditious press utterances.

CADORNA'S GREAT BATTLE CONTINUES

Austrians Are Being Subjected to Unrelentless Pressure But Are Using Fresh Troops.

THE GERMANS FORCED TO ABANDON ASSAULT

German Advance in the Riga Region Is Definitely Halted, According to Current Reports.

On the northern Russian front the Russians are now offering strong opposition to the Germans, who are endeavoring to press their advantage farther eastward from the Riga-Divina line. Thirty-two miles northeast of Riga, near Segevald, "a death battalion" has even defeated the Germans and forced them to retreat to the south, while along the Burtnek line to the Pskoff railroad the Russian rear guards are giving strong battle to the advanced Teuton contingent.

In the Rumanian theater the Russians and Rumanians have again assumed the offensive, delivering repeated attacks with large effectives against Teutonic allied positions in the Trotus and Oituz valleys. No details of the fighting have come through, except from Berlin, which asserts that the combatants met in hand to hand encounters and that the Russo-Rumanian forces were repulsed.

Around Monte San Gabriele General Cadorna continues to hammer away at the Austrian positions, with the enemy vigorously defending themselves. No claims to further progress on this sector are made by the Italian official communication, but it is announced that attempts by the Austrians to lessen the intensity of the Italian offensive have been repulsed. To the south of the Carso plateau, the artillery duel is still of great proportions.

Northeast of Verdun the French troops have consolidated the positions taken from the German crown prince in the Fosses and Courieres woods in the fighting of Saturday night and Sunday, and the Germans, doubtless because of their enormous losses, have ceased for the time being their violent counter-attacks.

Russians Begin Offensive. Berlin by way of London, Sept. 11.—Russian forces have begun an offensive against the Austrian and Germans southeast of the Austrian crown lands of Bukovina. The German general staff reports that the Russians have obtained only local advantage near Solka.

Battle Fleet to Back Government. London, Sept. 11.—(British Admiralty per Wireless Press.)—A Russian message received here this afternoon and signed by the Russian prime minister states that the entire Baltic fleet, together with the general staff officers, has unanimously placed itself on the side of the provisional government.

McAdoo Before Senate Committee.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 11.—Secretary McAdoo appeared today before the senate finance committee to explain the \$11,500,000,000 war credit bill recently passed by the house unanimously. It's consideration was begun by the senate committee which plans to report the measure in a week with the hope of expediting senate action.

A Texas County Goes Dry.

(By Associated Press.) Dallas, Texas, Sept. 11.—In the local option election in Dallas county yesterday the "drys" carried the election by a majority of 1,952.

SPENCER BOY SERIOUSLY HURT BY JUMPING ON A MOTOR TRUCK

Colored Boy Also Has a Close Call When Struck by an Automobile—Six Births in August and No Deaths—Other Items of News From the Busy Town.

(By A. W. Hicks.)

Spencer, Sept. 11.—Edward Steele, the bright eleven year old son of Capt. and Mrs. H. M. Steele, of Spencer, was seriously hurt late Monday afternoon by jumping from a motor truck near the passenger station. He had been with other boys to the depot to see the soldiers pass and on the return was riding on the truck. For some unknown reason he jumped from the truck while making good speed and his head hit the pavement. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and hurried to a Salisbury hospital where he is improving nicely and it is said will recover.

Tom McCluney, colored, aged about 15 years, had a close call for his life early today when he was struck by an automobile driven by W. J. Hatley, of East Spencer, near the Y. M. C. A. on Salisbury avenue. It is said the boy jumped from a wagon and ran in front of the machine just as it attempted to pass the wagon. He was knocked down, a bad gash cut in his head, and was later picked up and rushed to a hospital for treatment.

Thurman Holt, aged six years, son of Engineer and Mrs. J. T. Holt, of Spencer, made an unexpected trip to Lexington on No. 46 late Monday afternoon. When Mr. Thurman kept his seat and was not missed until after the train had left. He soon fell into the hands of a family acquaintance on the train and was returned to his mother that night being brought back from Lexington by automobile. Keeper of vital statistics E. S. Blackwell reports that there were six births in Spencer in August, all white, and that there were no deaths during the month.

The Spencer chapter of Red Cross will meet Friday night at the school auditorium and all members and interested citizens are urged to take part in the work.

Rev. Luther Martin is to occupy the pulpit of East Spencer Methodist church next Sunday morning.

Mrs. Daniel Lane, of New Bern, was severely hurt by falling on a railroad track as she was alighting from a passenger train at the Spencer station Saturday night. She stumbled over an obstruction and fell on a rail, her hip being painfully hurt in the fall. She has since been confined to her bed. Mr. Lane came to Spencer with Mrs. Lane and he has also been confined to his bed with grip since reaching here.

Rev. C. K. Deal, a returned missionary from Korea, will address the Spencer Methodist congregation next Sunday morning in the school auditorium, giving a discourse on mission work in Korea. Rev. Mr. Deal is a native North Carolinian and has been in Korea for the past seven years. With his family, a wife and two bright little girls born in Korea, he is now spending a vacation in Spencer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Deal.

Secretary Wilson Indisposed.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 11.—Secretary Wilson, recovering from a severe attack of ptomaine poisoning, has been kept from his desk for a week.

AMERICAN LAD FLIES OVER VERDUN

American Colors Presented by Red Cross Worker New Waves Over The Ruined City Hall of French City of Verdun.

(By Associated Press.) Paris Sept. 11.—The American flag now waves over the city of Verdun. The flag, which is the gift of a prominent Red Cross worker to the city, now floats over the ruins of the city hall, after a ceremony which was attended by prominent officials.

KERENSKY REPORTED KILLED

London, Sept. 11.—The Swedish Aston Bladet, says a correspondent at Copenhagen of the Exchange Telegraph Company, publishes a rumor, emanating from persons arriving at the Danish capital from Petrograd, that Premier Kerensky has been killed by a member of the Bolsheviks. The rumor was not confirmed.

NOTHING NEW IN THE KING CASE

Awaiting Developments Now Case is Lacking in Interest—Brothers of the Dead Woman Are Said to be Making For Concord to Investigate the Matter Fully.

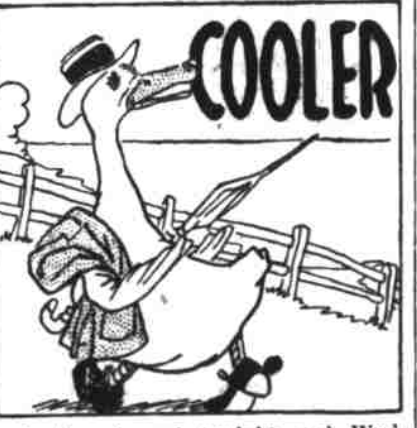
Concord reports awaiting policy in the case of the mysterious death of Mrs. Maude King, which has been so prominently discussed in the newspapers for the past week. The developments seem to be waiting for the arrival of the two brothers of Mrs. King, who are reported to be en route to Concord from Chicago. It is said these brothers are going to Concord from Chicago after a visit to New York in the interest of the matter, hoping to find something of interest. Nothing new is reported the past few days—certainly nothing that would throw further light on the case and lead to the establishment of any facts.

The Second Will Which is of Interest. Chicago, Sunday.—William Miller, counsel of the Northern Trust Company, declared today that the second will" of James C. King, which Gaston B. Means says he discovered eleven years after his death and which he brought to Chicago carefully encased in a brass tube, is a forgery. Mr. Means guarded this second will with care and while here had it encased in glass as further protection. It is a brief document of about one hundred and fifty words, on a single sheet of paper, and purports to give to Mrs. King all the estate. Mr. Means told the bank officials here it is said, that he was to receive a large fee if he succeeded in establishing this will.

P. C. Meduffie, an Atlanta attorney, who represents Mrs. Robinson, mother of Mrs. King, is expected to arrive in Concord, N. C., tomorrow and start an investigation of the death of Mrs. King and demand an accounting of Mr. Means. Word from Concord tonight says there is possibility of a clash between the friends of Mrs. Means, who are powerful in Buncombe county and around Asheville, and people who believe Mrs. King was murdered.

Chicago papers are publishing stories said to be credited to the detectives who investigated the case, that Mrs. King, in 1913, when she was abroad with her sister, Mrs. M. C. Melvin, of New York, was pursued

WEATHER FORECAST



Continued cool tonight and Wednesday.

Rise in Temperature Promised.

Washington, Sept. 11.—The present cold spell extends from the Mississippi eastward to the Atlantic coast and south as far as Virginia, but it is expected to moderate by Wednesday, when the bureau predicts a general rise in temperature will be felt.

There was a general frost this morning from the upper Mississippi valley eastward to the New England states and as far south as the district of Columbia and Northern Virginia.

ANOTHER FEDERAL JUDGE FOR DISTRICT INCLUDING N. CAR.

Senator Overman's Bill Passed the Senate Today and Three District Judges Will Be Given This District—New Englander Has Been Holding Courts in the District

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 11.—The appointment of one additional Federal circuit judge in North Carolina was authorized in a bill passed by the Senate today.

Senator Overman, who is at home for a few days, was read the above dispatch, received this afternoon by the Post, and he stated that the above was his bill and that it was reported by the committee last week.

In explaining his reasons for introducing the bill Senator Overman stated that practically all other Federal circuit districts in the United States had from three to six judges, while this district, composed of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia and Maryland had only two, these being Judge Pritchard of North Carolina and Judge Moore of South Carolina. The work in this district has required more than two and Judge Knapp of the New England States District has been sitting in this district at times, and Mr. Overman was desirous of having a man resident of the district appointed to this position.

by international swindlers, who drove her from Monte Carlo to London and followed her to America in an effort to obtain her fortune.

Attention also was drawn in the papers here to a damage action by Mr. Means against the Pullman company, a few years ago, in which he asked \$75,000, but compromised for a much smaller amount. He was riding in an upper berth from Detroit to Chicago and asserted that a wire holding the berth broke, hurling him with great violence to the cement floor of the sleeper. Based on this claim he collected damages from some accident insurance companies.

Hints were made today that another wealthy widow has become alarmed since the killing of Mrs. King and has been travelling about, seeking an interview with Mr. Means, but has been unable to see him. It is said she arrived here the day after Mrs. King's body was placed in a vault, but Mr. Means had left. Gratuitous Slander of This State, Says Bickett.

Raleigh, Sept. 10.—Replying to a New York paper which telegraphed him that it had been intimated politics would hinder a proper investigation into the circumstances surrounding the mysterious killing of Mrs. Maude King, wealthy New York and Chicago widow, which occurred near Concord, N. C., on August 29, Governor T. W. Bickett has forwarded the following message:

"Have just read your telegram of September 8 relative to investigation of death of Mrs. King in Concord. Immediately after hearing from the authorities in Chicago regarding post mortem examination of the body of Mrs. King, the attorney general of the state instructed the solicitor of the district, who is the prosecuting officer, to make a thorough investigation of the affair. The solicitor immediately went to the scene of the death of Mrs. King and is personally conducting the investigation. Any intimation that the courts of this state will permit politics to influence them in the performance of their duty is a gratuitous slander of North Carolina."

RUSSIA STRUGGLING BETWEEN KERENSKY AND KORNILOFF

BAXTER CAIN MURDER TRIAL SET FOR THIS AFTERNOON

Henry Lewis Submits to Murder in Second Degree for the Killing of Harry Estermerger—Cutting Case Disposed of—Perjury Case Taken Up.

The September term of Rowan Superior court got down to real business immediately after the noon recess Monday, this following the charge of Judge Cline to the grand jury. The murder case in which Henry Lewis, colored, was indicted for the killing of Harry Estermerger, also colored, in a gambling game in East Spencer last February, was taken up. It will be remembered that Lewis escaped at once and was caught several weeks ago at Pittsburg, Pa., and made a sensational dash for liberty by jumping from the window of a fast moving train, but was apprehended and brought on to Salisbury by Sheriff Krider and Deputy Nash. Solicitor Clement stated before the trial began that he would not ask for a verdict of murder in the first degree but would contend for a verdict of second degree murder.

The evidence was all introduced, both for the defendant and the State, Monday afternoon and argument was to begin this morning but the attorneys for Lewis entered a plea for him of guilty of murder in the second degree. Sentence will be pronounced Thursday.

This morning the case in which W. H. Welsh, a young white man, whose home is in Gastonia, was indicted for an assault with a deadly weapon on Archie Shuman some weeks ago in a restaurant in an alley in this city came up. It will be remembered that Shuman's neck was badly cut up and that he had a close call. His part of the affray was settled in the county court. Baxter Sheets was also drawn into the case. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that Welsh was "guilty of engaging in an affray and that he was guilty of using a deadly weapon in self-defense." This was somewhat of an unusual verdict and Judge Cline was sure that he understood it thoroughly before having it recorded. The jury also found Sheets guilty of simple assault. Sentence has not been passed in this case, either as to Welsh or Sheets.

Just before noon the perjury case against Gaither Childs, a negro woman and growing out of statements made at a recent trial in the county court was called and was in progress when adjournment was taken for dinner.

The Baxter Cain case is set for this afternoon. This is the one-legged negro who is charged with the brutal murder of Abell Harris at the street car barns one night several weeks ago.

DOLLAR DAY IS COMING NEXT WEEK

Salisbury's Second Dollar Day is Set For the 20th of September and Business Men Are Preparing For a Day of Splendid Values For Shoppers

"Chalk it down in your hat, make ready for the coming of Dollar Day—September 20th—be prepared to trade with the Salisbury folks who invite you to come to their place for the bargains. Thursday of next week, the 20th of the month is Dollar Day in Salisbury and it will be a day devoted to bargains for shoppers. Plan to come to Salisbury that day and make it a day of dollar values.

In this time the average man wants the dollar to buy as much of the essentials of life as is possible, and every little counts, so Dollar Day will come as an intervention in these days of high prices and soaring figures.

Watch the Post for advertising to count. Let the columns of this paper be your guide, for the hustling business men will surely use the Post to tell you of their values on the 20th.

No Clashes are Reported as Yet, But the Two Forces are Close Together—Ambassadors are Holding Conferences in Petrograd—Kerensky Believes That the Railways Loyal Will Prevent Korniloff Imposing His Will On Russia—Former President of the Duma Goes Over to Lorniloff.

(By Associated Press.)

Petrograd, Monday.—A council of all the ambassadors in Petrograd, including those of neutral countries, is being held this evening to discuss the grave situation in Russia. Following this conference there was one attended by the Entente ambassadors. No Collisions Between Troops Yet Reported.

Petrograd, Tuesday.—No report of clashes between the troops of the government and those of General Korniloff, now coming towards Petrograd, is yet received. It is officially reported that a portion of the troops of the rival factions met near Luga and communicated with each other without any exchange of hostile acts. One of General Korniloff's detachments is said to be advancing from Narva. Both sides are still organized and are appealing for support and help.

Premier Kerensky is reported to have sent out wireless messages to all railroad officials and to railroad employees instructing them to refuse to obey any orders from General Korniloff. The Premier is also in receipt of a message from the Baltic fleet announcing its loyal support of the Kerensky government.

It is said that General Kaladines has sent a telegram to Kerensky to the effect that if he does not accept the demands of General Korniloff he will cut the Moscow railway, thus isolating Petrograd. A division of General Korniloff's army is said to have occupied Writze, 54 miles from Petrograd.

Another Leader Joins Korniloff. Petrograd, Tuesday.—It is said that General Guehckoff, the Octoberists leader, who formerly occupied the position of president of the Duma, has gone over to the Russian headquarters in the command of Korniloff.

In a conference with the Premier today the leaders of the Petrograd council of defense expressed their belief that their trump card was the fact that the employes of the railways are with them and that the orders from Korniloff to them will be disobeyed, thus resulting in a strike of the men and depriving Korniloff of any means of imposing his will on Russia. Troops Ordered to Besiege Petrograd.

Petrograd, Sept. 11.—General Korniloff has ordered his troops to detain at Dno and march on and besiege the city of Petrograd. Government infantry is still moving out of the capital to oppose General Korniloff's forces.

General Denike, commander of the Russian armies on the southwest front, has telegraphed to Premier Kerensky that he intends to support General Korniloff.

Korniloff Supporters Pass Luga. Petrograd, Sept. 11.—According to reports from the Winter Palace where the government council is in session this afternoon a considerable force of sup-

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