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Fair and colder tonight; cold wave; Wednesday continued colder.

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CODORNA MAY BE ABLE TO HOLD

If He Plans to Stand Along the Tagliamento River There Will Be Fighting in a Few Days.

NO NEW VICTORIES ARE CLAIMED BY INVADERS

Internal Conditions in Italy Are Improving, a New Cabinet Announced.

(By Associated Press.) General Cadorna's rear guard is doing notable work in an effort to slow up the advance of the Austro-German invaders in northeast Italy...

The German and Austro-Hungarians are driving through the plains of Venetia to the Tagliamento river, while another army is endeavoring to break through the defenses of the Cornic Alps...

The Germans threatening movement in the Corina region is not expected to develop greatly and is not regarded as a serious menace to the Tagliamento line.

Since Wednesday the Austro-Germans have occupied about 800 square miles of Italian territory, the greatest depth being between Tomolen and Uline about 25 miles.

The internal situation in Italy is improving. The Orlando cabinet has been formed and the foreign office will undergo no change, as Sennio has agreed to retain that portfolio.

In Flanders the British have been successful in minor operations east of Ypres. The Canadians have carried the bulk of the fighting in the Colpassa with the object of straightening out the line.

Emperor William has placed at the head of his government, Count George F. von Hertling, premier of Bavaria and leader of the Catholic party.

Emperor Offered the Place to Hertling Says Report.

Amsterdam, Oct. 29.—Count George F. von Hertling, Premier of Bavaria, who recently has been mentioned in connection with proposed changes in the German government, has arrived in Berlin and has been received by Emperor William simultaneously with Dr. Michaelis, the Imperial chancellor.

According to the Berlin Zeitung am Mittag, the chancellorship had been offered to the Count and he had asked for time to consider.

At the time von Bethmann-Hollweg resigned it was reported that the Emperor had asked the Count to take the position, but he declined it, recommending Dr. Michaelis, who was appointed.

Much attention was attracted by a visit made by Count von Hertling to Vienna last April to discuss peace prospects with Austro-Hungarian officials. After he returned from Vienna, the Bavarian Staats-Zeitung, his personal organ, declared for peace.

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VAST QUANTITIES MUNITIONS BURNED

Destructive Blaze at the Piers of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in Baltimore.

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE INVESTIGATING

Piers Were Loaded With Vast Quantities of Ammunition for American Expeditionary Force

Baltimore, Oct. 30.—One of the largest fires in Baltimore since the great conflagration in February, 1904, that destroyed the business section of the city, is raging at midnight on the big piers of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at its extensive terminal at Locust Point on the south side of the harbor.

The Baltimore & Ohio grain elevators are but a short distance from the burning piers, which are the main terminal in this county of the Finesa-Withy English line of steamer.

United States secret service men are at the scene investigating rumors that suspicious looking men were seen hurrying from the vicinity a few minutes after the fire was discovered by a policeman.

In the Baltimore & Ohio elevators are large quantities of grain ready for shipment to the allies.

The firemen have so far succeeded in preventing the flames from spreading to the elevators.

Shortly after midnight Pier 10, the former immigration pier of the German Steamship company was burning but at that time the fire chief believed they could confine the flames to the three piers.

Baltimore & Ohio railroad officials could not give an estimate of the loss but it will reach several millions.

Loss More Than Three Million. Baltimore, Md., Oct. 30.—A disastrous fire which wrecked two of the finest Baltimore & Ohio Railroad terminal piers at Locust Point and spread to a British steamship just docked at one of the piers and loading broke out last night, causing a probable loss of seven lives and a financial loss estimated at between three and four million dollars before being subdued.

Vice-President J. M. Davis, of the Baltimore & Ohio said it was the belief of the officers of the company that the fire was of incendiary origin as credible witnesses stated they saw flames leap from piers 8 and 9 at five points almost simultaneously.

The piers represent a value of \$1,500,000, the merchandise stored in them \$1,500,000 and the steamer and cargo \$500,000. The steamer will be towed in shallow water and scuttled in order to extinguish the fire which was still burning in the hold at 11 o'clock this morning.

What YOU save from what YOU serve will help turn the scale against Kaiserism. Think of this when you sit down to eat.

The Berlin police have prohibited the smoking of tobacco by persons under sixteen years.

Human hogs always display their characteristics more emphatically in the dining room.—Pittsburg Post.



"So! You're going to make the world safe for Democracy, eh?" "Yes, But first I'm going to make it Unsafe for Autocracy!"

ATLANTIC COAST LINE CLERKS WALK OUT AT WILMINGTON

Numbers Gather About the Company's Offices, Ostensibly to Induce Others to Leave—Strikers Are Quiet and Everything is Orderly.

(By Associated Press.) Wilmington, Oct. 31.—Approximately twenty persons of the clerical force employed in the general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company here failed to report for work this morning, about fifty per cent of this number congregating near the offices of the company, ostensibly to influence others to leave their desks.

Officials looked down on the crowd but would give nothing for publication. There was one lady in the crowd, an employee of the car record office.

The president of the newly formed clerk's union stated that many others would walk out before the end of the day.

Later today President J. R. Kenley of the Atlantic Coast Line agreed to hold a conference with the clerks in the employ of the company and R. W. McWade, representing the department of labor at Washington, but would have nothing to do with the men who left their desks.

NATIONAL CAPITAL GOES DRY THURSDAY, NOV. 1

Washington Is Experiencing Her Last Day of the Legal Sale of Intoxicating Liquors—Event to Be Celebrated in a Jubilant Manner.

Washington, Oct. 31.—At midnight tonight national capital goes dry. Among the establishments going out of business under the terms of the Shepherd prohibition law are several which have during historic existence of half a century been familiar meeting places for prominent political figures of past generations.

Washington is planning a farewell celebration and the usual carnival scenes will probably be enacted as the closing hour approaches.

From eight to ten miles is the great distance a gunner can cover successfully at sea.

CUSTODIAN OF THE ENEMY'S PROPERTY



HON. A. MITCHELL PALMER.

COMPLETE POWERS ARE CONFERRED ON PALMER

Washington, Oct. 30.—President Wilson today issued an executive order conferring upon A. Mitchell Palmer, custodian of enemy property, full powers to carry out the provisions of the trading with the enemy act relating to the taking over of the property of an enemy for the duration of the war.

Mr. Palmer is authorized by the President to name depositories for the millions of dollars worth of property soon to be turned over to him and he is empowered to appoint and fix the salaries of all necessary attorneys, investigators, accountants and clerks.

The President's order makes available \$165,000 for carrying on the work. The organization of the custodian's staff will be completed as speedily as possible as all properties under the act must be turned over to the new bureau within 30 days.

Germany has assured Sweden that incidents calculated to disturb their friendly relations will not occur again. That's what it always says while preparing for more outrages.—Pittsburg Post.

A SUIT AGAINST HENRY FORD HOLDS

The Ford Company and the Chief Owner, Henry Ford, Lose in a Suit Brought by Dodge Bros.

DEMANDED DISTRIBUTION THE COMPANY'S EARNINGS

Court Sustained Contentions of the Dodge Brothers of the Stockholders.

(By Associated Press.) Detroit, Oct. 31.—The suit against the Ford Motor Company and Henry Ford, by Frank Dodge and Horace Dodge to complete the distribution of the dividends instead of using them to increase the investment was decided in favor of the Dodge brothers, in a decision handed down today by Judge Hosmer.

The case was argued here several weeks ago and witnesses testified at that time. About \$60,000,000 are involved. The Dodge brothers are stockholders and were represented by attorneys who asked that Ford and the Ford company be prevented from using the company's money to erect a great blast furnace at River Rouge, near Detroit.

COUNT WANTED SUBS. TO INTIMIDATE LATIN AMER.

Von Luxberg, Former German Charges at Buenos Aires, Asked for U-Boats for Purpose of Frightening Latin American Countries Unfriendly to Germany.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 31.—New light was thrown on the widespread ramifications of German intrigue by the publication today of the State Department's revelation that the notorious Count von Luxberg, German charge at Buenos Aires plotted to obtain German domination over Southern Brazil and whose "spurious versenkt" communication to the Berlin foreign office was made public recently by Secretary Lansing.

If in 1918 thousands of American soldiers needlessly die because of shortage due to drinking labor, God will look down upon their prostrate bodies and say, "The United States government has passed here."

THE WAR TAX IS READY FOR SERVICE

Today Is the Last Day of the Old Order, New Begins Tomorrow and Tax Goes Into Effect.

SOME OF THE MOST COMMON MATTERS OF TAXATION

The Nation at War Is Preparing to Tax People Under Revised Revenue Schedule.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 31.—This is the last day of grace from many new war taxes. With the exception of increased letter rates and tobacco taxes which go into effect Friday, the special stamp taxes on documents, legal instruments and personal post packages which go into operation December 1, all special taxes begin to apply at midnight tonight. They include: One cent on each dime paid for amusement admissions. Three per cent, on passenger fares. Ten per cent, on payments for Pullman and similar accommodations. Five per cent, on oil pipe line transportation. One cent for each 20 cents or fraction paid for express packages. Five cents on each telegraph, telephone or radio message costing fifteen cents or more. Various taxes on cigars, cigarettes, tobacco and products. Ten per cent, on club dues. Eight cents on each \$100 of new life insurance and one cent on each dollar premium paid on fire, marine, casualty and other insurance policies. Although the tobacco taxes, do not become operative until Friday many dealers have already advanced retail prices in anticipation of the tax levies. Other taxes of the new law, including those on hard and soft drinks, incomes and war-excess profits, have been in effect since the law was approved October 3, but in indirect form. On December 1, the new stamp taxes including those on parcel post packages, will be payable, putting the entire law into complete operation, except for increased rates on second class mail, postponed until July 1 next. Increases in first class mail rates probably will be most generally felt by the people. The law provides that the postage on letters, except "drop" local letters, shall be 3 cents; and that on post-cards, including private mailing cards, shall be one cent more than heretofore. This increase includes so-called picture post-cards. The advances were made effective thirty days after passage of the law, and are constructed by the Post Office department to begin with letters and post-cards postmarked Nov. 2. The increases also have been extended by departmental order to first class mail to many foreign countries, which, under postal conventions, have enjoyed the domestic rates. The new 3-cent letter rate, therefore, will apply to letters to Canada, Cuba, Mexico, Panama, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Bahamas, Barbadoes, British Guiana, British Honduras, Santo Domingo, Dutch West Indies, Leeward Islands, Newfoundland and New Zealand. The post-card increase will extend to Canada, Cuba, Mexico and Panama, the only countries which have enjoyed the domestic post-card rate. For consumers' convenience, books of postage stamps containing 3-cent stamps are in readiness for sale and the department has had printed thousands of 2-cent post-cards. First class mail postmarked tomorrow or any time prior to 12:01 a. m. Nov. 2, regardless of time taken for delivery, will be transmitted at the old rates but that postmarked thereafter must pay the increased toll. Amusement admission taxes become effective tomorrow at places charging more than 5 cents. They are 1 cent for each ten cents or fraction paid for such admission, payable by the person admitted but collected by the government from the amusement proprietor, required to make sworn returns to the treasury. A flat tax of 1 cent for each child under 12 admitted when children are charged also is provided. Passes also are taxed, except those to bona fide employees, municipal officers and children under 12 at the regular rate, which also is extended to cabarets and other entertainment in which the admission is included in the price paid for refreshment, merchandise or service. Persons leasing theatre boxes must pay ten per cent on their rental. The new rates on cigars range from 25 cents to \$7 per thousand and on cigarettes from 80 cents to \$1.20 per thousand. Five cents a pound is the

THE GRAND JURY STILL IS TOILING

Cabarrus Body Investigating the Means Indictments Is Not Likely to Report Before Night.

NEW YORK PAPERS ARE BEING EXAMINED CLOSELY

Detective Jones Was Recalled and the Jury Is Still Making Its Investigation.

(Special to The Post.) Concord, Oct. 31.—The Cabarrus county grand jury investigating into the case of Gaston B. Means, charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, was still examining witnesses today with the prospect that the entire day would be devoted to the investigation, and it would be night or tomorrow morning before the report would be ready to hand into Judge Cline in the Superior court now in session here. William Jones, detective from the office of District Attorney Swann's office was taken before the grand jury yesterday and was called back this morning when the session was resumed. He was being examined shortly before noon which indicated that the jury is making considerable investigation into the papers which were seized in Gaston Mean's apartments in New York under Jones' direction. Commenting on the Outcome of Grand Jury Investigation. Concord, N. C., Oct. 30.—The Cabarrus county grand jury adjourned for the night late this afternoon without having completed examination of witnesses in the case of Gaston B. Means, charged in a bill of indictment presented to the grand jury Monday by Solicitor Hayden Clement with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, wealthy New York and Chicago woman, who was killed at Blakeselder springs, near here, last August. After devoting practically the entire day to the examination of witnesses, there remained six or eight to be examined when the grand jury adjourned until tomorrow. However, there is a possibility that the grand jury will complete its examination of witnesses by noon tomorrow and make its report. It has been asked by Solicitor Clement to return a "true bill" indicting Means for murder. There is considerable speculation as to what turn the Means case will take in the event that the grand jury should fail to return a bill of indictment against him. In such event it is believed by many that effort will be made by John T. Dooling and others to get Means to New York. On the other hand, if a bill of indictment is returned, it has been talked around town that an effort possibly will be made to secure a removal of the case to another county for trial. All this, however, is rumor and speculation, not based upon any statement by any of the parties directly concerned with the case. Should the case be tried here, in the event of a grand jury indictment, it is hardly probable that the trial would be started before the latter part of the week, possibly not before next Monday, as a special venire would be summoned from which to select a jury for the trial.

The new tax on tobacco, snuff and other manufactured tobacco, while cigarette papers are taxed from 1-2 cent to 1 cent per hundred. As the taxes are now reaching the ultimate consumer, the raises mean about 1 cent more on five cent tobacco packages, from 2 to 5 cents on cigarette packages and from 1 to 10 cents on cigars. The taxes on freight and passenger transportation are also extended to motor vehicle competitions of steam and electric railways and water lines. The passenger transportation tax is not applicable to fares costing 35 cents or less or commutation or season tickets for trips less than thirty miles. Payments for services rendered the federal and state governments are exempt from taxation. The ten per cent tax on Pullman accommodations is applicable to payments for seats, berths, and state-rooms in parlor and sleeping cars or on vessels. The 5-cent tax on telegraph, telephone or radio messages costing 15 cents or more applies only to those originating in the United States. Clubs whose dues are less than \$12 a year and fees to lodges are exempt from the 10 per cent tax on club dues. The new insurance taxes are imposed on new policies issued, with re-insurance policies exempted. Industrial or weekly-payment policies are taxed forty per cent on the first premium on policies for \$500 or less.