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DESPERATE FIGHTING AROUND CAMBRAI

British Making Progress But Germans Offering Stubborn Resistance to Check Them.

ITALIANS AND AUS-GERMAN HAND TO HAND STRUGGLE

Bait for Separate Peace Offered By Bolsheviki Evidently Attracts Central Powers.

(By Associated Press.)

Reinforced by divisions from other sectors of the western front the Germans are resisting desperately the British advance on Cambrai. Around Fountaine Notre Dame, less than 3 miles east of Cambrai the Bourlon woods close by is the scene of the most desperate fighting that has yet occurred, with the British making progress. General Byng is combining his attacks with construction work and the British are firmly established in their new positions which give opportunity to destroy Cambrai as a center for supplies and for a starting point for another drive.

The Bourlon wood is the dominant hill to the west of Cambrai and the Germans have put up a stiff resistance here as well as at Fountaine Notre Dame. The British have made advances to the south, and the southwest edges of the wood. Near Moerues General Byng's men have taken Tadpole corps which dominated the village, a part of which the Germans hold. In addition to about 9,000 prisoners the British have taken many war supplies and guns.

The fighting is renewed in Flanders but on a small scale. East of Ypres General Haig has made a slight advance in the direction of Mienine. German artillery fire is especially heavy on this front, especially around Passchendaele.

On the Italian front the forces of General Diaz in hand-to-hand fighting are holding back the Austro-German troops in their attempts to advance. On the Asiago line, to the west of the Brenza the Italians have checked an enemy movement in their effort to encircle the Italians. The strong attack made by the enemy the Italians broke up and inflicted a heavy loss to the invaders. East of the Brenta towards the Piave the Italians on the Monte Grappa-Monte Tomba line are protecting the Venetian plains. The fighting there is most desperate. The invaders are attacking in mass formation aided by strong artillery fire. But they have been unable to make a dent in the Italian defenses in the three days fighting.

The bait for a separate peace offered by the Bolsheviki in Petrograd apparently has attracted the Central powers. According to a report from Stockholm an emissary has gone to Petrograd with an offer of peace from Germany and her allies. It is reported also that General Ludendorff has gone to the eastern frontier in connection with the Bolsheviki offer of an armistice.

American government officials regard the Bolsheviki offer as an act that will place Russia in the list of unfriendly nations. The British government, through the minister of blockade has declared that the making of separate peace by the people of Russia will put them virtually outside the pale of civilized Europe.

War Office Reports Satisfactory Operations.

London, Nov. 23.—The British war office statement tonight reports satisfactory operations against the Germans on the Somme front. The text reads:

"Operations continued today against the enemy's positions west of Cambrai. The latest reports show they are developing satisfactorily. The hostile artillery has shown great activity today in the neighborhood of Passchendaele.

British Troops in East Africa Active.
London, Nov. 23.—The following official communication was issued today regarding the operations of the British forces in East Africa:

"Wednesday our left column, having traversed the Makonde plateau and Sinbas, seven miles northeast of Kitangari. Fifty-seven Germans and 75 Askaris surrendered.

"Today our right column entered Newala and 126 Germans and 76 Askaris were captured.

"In last Friday's action at Mandevu our small forces inflicted on the numerically superior enemy losses greater than they sustained and also captured prisoners."

Turkish Post at Jabir Is Captured.
London, Nov. 22.—The British war office tonight issued the following statement on military operations in Southern Arabia.

"We are attacked and captured a Turkish post at Jabir, fifteen miles north of Aden. Losses were inflicted

MRS. R. L. SHAVER DIES AFTER ILLNESS OF SOME MONTHS

One of Salisbury's Best Known and Most Highly Respected Women—Survived by Five Children, Two Brothers and One Sister—Funeral Monday Afternoon.

Mrs. Maggie Virginia Shaver, widow of the late R. L. Shaver, died at her home, 517 South Main street, this morning at 4:20 o'clock, after a lingering illness of some months at the age of 62 years. The funeral will take place from the First Presbyterian church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Revs. Dr. J. C. Rowe and W. A. Lambeth assisted by Dr. T. E. Marr, a former pastor of the First Methodist church in this city, of which Mrs. Shaver was a faithful and consistent member.

Surviving are five children, two daughters and three sons, these being Mrs. A. Waggoner and Mrs. E. E. Carr of Asheville; Mr. Chas. L. Shaver, who has been at the officers' training camp at Fort Oglethorpe; Mr. Vance Shaver, of Asheville; and Mr. John Robert Shaver, now of Salisbury. Two brothers and one sister also survive, these being Messrs. Chas. D. and H. A. Clark, of Asheville, and Mrs. Lena Atwell, of Salisbury. The husband died 18 months ago and the eldest daughter, Mrs. Eugene Fuller, died about two months ago at Alexandria, Va.

Mrs. Shaver was a native of Salisbury and before her marriage was Miss Maggie Virginia Clark. She was a most excellent woman, kind and considerate and full of sympathy for the afflicted and unfortunate. She was a Christian woman in the best and truest sense of the word; a neighborly neighbor, a friend of all and a most devoted mother. In late years she had spent practically all of her time in her own household where she gave her time and attention until stricken by disease. She bore her affliction without murmur or complaint and quietly and patiently awaited the summons. The deceased had a large circle of friends and acquaintances who are grieved over her death.

SMALLER NATIONS TO BE REPRESENTED
Portugal, Greece and Serbia to Have Representatives at Inter-Allied Conference—To Last Three Days.

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Nov. 24.—The inter-allied conference will be in session three days. Premier Clemenceau will preside. The smaller allied states will be represented. Premier Costa and former minister Soares will attend the conference for Portugal; Greece will be represented by Premier Pachitich.

A PLANNING TO POOL RAILWAY EQUIPMENT AND ALSO TRAFFIC

Congestion Has Reached a Stage Where Radical Measures Must be Adopted in Order to Handle the Country's Business.
(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Nov. 24.—A plan for pooling the entire railway equipment and traffic of the United States was taken up at a conference between government officials and railroad heads. Congestion has reached a stage, it is realized, where radical measures must be put in force if the country's traffic is to be moved on the enemy and his defenses were destroyed."

Austro-German Thrust Fails.

Rome, Nov. 24.—Powerful thrusts carried out yesterday by the Austro-Germans after artillery preparations on the Italian mountain front from Asiago plateau to the Breta river all failed, the Italian war office announces.

Site of Ancient Mizpah Stormed.

London, Nov. 24.—The site of ancient Mizpah, 5,000 yards west of Jerusalem-Nadulus road has been stormed by the British, the war office announces. British mounted troops, which had advanced northward, were forced back by the Turks.

British Make More Progress.

London, Nov. 24.—At various points west of Cambrai the British made progress yesterday, the war office announces. More than 100 guns were captured recently in this area.

Italian Attacks Failed.

Berlin, via London, Nov. 24.—Italian attacks against the Austro-German positions west of the Breta river and between Breta and Piave yesterday failed, the German war office officially announces today.



BIRD OF EVIL.

SCHOOLS WILL USE COUNTY COURT HOUSE

The Board of Commissioners Gave Official Consent for the Use of the Courthouse by the Schools—Work Will Begin There Monday Week.

The courthouse will be used by the pupils of the North Main street school as planned immediately following the fire which destroyed that building. The county commissioners today gave official consent for the rooms being so used.

On account of the opposition that was reported to exist to the use of the court for this purpose, Chairman Hall very properly decided that it would be best to put the matter up to the entire board. The board today took official action and granted the use of the courthouse for the school.

It will take some little time to get the arrangements perfected and school will begin in the courthouse Monday week, December 3rd. Two holidays and much work to do in getting the plans ready will make it impossible to use the court house the coming weeks.

GOMPERS AGAIN HEADS LABOR

Samuel Gompers Re-Elected President of the American Federation of Labor at Buffalo, N. Y.

(By Associated Press.)
Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 24.—Samuel Gompers was re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor at the closing of the 37th annual convention here today.

TRANSFERRED ILLEGALLY.

Judge Waddill at Alexandria, Virginia, So Decides in Case of Women (By Associated Press.)

in Workhouse.
Alexandria, Va., Nov. 24.—Federal Judge Waddill decided here today that the twenty-five women's party militants who are serving a sentence in the District of Columbia workhouse at Occoquan, Virginia, were illegally transferred to that institution from the Washington jail.

To make a pound of butter two and a half gallons of milk are required.

Women are to be admitted as associates and fellows of the Royal Institution of British Architects.

Prior to 1870 women were barred from all positions under the United States government.

Next Week's Weather.

Fair and Colder First of Week with Freezing Temperature—Moderation in Temperature Promised Later.
(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 24.—Fair and colder weather Sunday and Monday with freezing temperature and frost as far south as central Florida is indicated in the weather bureau's weekly forecast for the South Atlantic and East Gulf states for the week beginning Sunday. There will be slowly rising temperature after Tuesday, with generally fair.

Miss Maude E. Herbert, recently elected a school director, is the first woman to hold elective office in Clinton county, Penn.

Thus arrives the day in which it is worth more to know how to steer a plow than to fool a joy-riding car over the boulevard.

U. S. DESTROYERS GET ANOTHER SUB.

German Submarine Sent to the Bottom by Two Destroyers the

Navy Makes Announcement. DROPPED DEPTH BOMB ON U-BOAT SUCCESSFULLY

All On Board the Submarine Went Down With the Craft After It Was Hit.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 24.—Definite news of another German submarine sunk by the American destroyers has reached the navy department in a cable sent by Vice-Admiral Sims. The submarine damaged by a depth bomb went down with all on board after a destroyer had attempted to get a line on it and tow it in.

Two destroyers took part in the fight, one of them sighted the periscope at a distance of 400 yards and headed for it, dropping a deadly depth bomb. Soon after the submarine came to top with no signs of life. The second destroyer attached a line, but the U-boat, apparently shattered by the bomb, went to the bottom.

STRIKE NOT SETTLED.

Wilmington, Nov. 23.—Unable to compose difference between the Atlantic Coast Line and its striking clerks, Wm. Brown Hale, member of a committee of the Council of National Defense, and General R. W. McWade, federal conciliator, left tonight for Washington to report to the department of labor. During today's conference the clerks agreed to waive contention for pay during the strike, but insisted that all strikers be reinstated. This, the railroad declined it is said, to do, but offered to re-employ all for whom there were places open.

MEANS TRIAL IS TO BEGIN MONDAY

Special Term of Cabarrus County Court to Hear the Case Against Gaston B. Means for the Killing of Mrs. Maude A. King Begins Monday.

(By Associated Press.)
Concord, N. C., Nov. 24.—Gaston B. Means will be placed on trial here next Monday charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, of New York, widow of a Chicago millionaire.

Mrs. King was killed near here August 29, last, while visiting relatives of Means who was her business agent. A local coroner's jury decided she accidentally shot herself. After the body was taken to Chicago for burial suspicious were aroused which caused an autopsy to be performed, and the Chicago coroner's physician announced that the bullet wound in the back of the woman's head which caused death, could not have been self-inflicted.

Means, Mrs. King and several friends of Means had gone out for target practice and Means and the woman were alone for a short time at Blackwelder springs near the field where Mrs. King expected to learn to shoot with a pistol. Means told the coroner's jury that before bending over to drink at the spring he placed a small pistol in the fork of a tree. A moment later he said, he heard a shot, and Mrs. King fell, dying almost instantly. The pistol lay nearby. He called the other members of the party, but Mrs. King was dead before they arrived.

The investigation started in Chicago, was carried to New York and search of Means' apartments there disclosed evidence, which representatives of the district attorney's office said indicated Means had planned to get \$2,000,000 for Mrs. King through an alleged second will of her husband. The latter in his first will had left her more than \$1,000,000, and had bequeathed the remainder of his fortune to a charitable institution near Chicago.

Statements that Means had been connected with German agents also were made by New York officials, and a federal agent attended the preliminary hearing here in September. At this hearing, which was the formal reopening of the case by North Carolina officials, counsel for Means consented to his being bound over after failure of litigation by which which they sought to recover the documents seized in Means' home in New York.

Means was indicted November 1, in the Superior court of Cabarrus county and the trial was set for November 26. Counsel for Means successfully resisted attempts of the state prosecutor to have the court grant a change of venue.

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INFLUX OF NEGRO WOMEN FOLLOWED BY PROTEST

Mo'zgomery, Nov. 23.—Officers at Camp Dodd, located near Des Moines Iowa are protesting against the influx of negro women from Alabama who have followed their men to the camp. Protests have been made in letters sent to Governor Henderson by Governor Harding of Iowa and Senator LaFayette N. Young. In addition a military board appointed to investigate the situation has returned an official report to the government in which it is stated that it is "unwise" for negro women to come to Des Moines at this time.

Goats' milk is richer in fat than cows' milk, but contains less sugar.

In numerous districts of France the peasant's make their bread from acorns.

The bread of the Balkans is made in the form of chains and sold according to length.

FIRST SHIP OF NEW MERCHANT FLEET HAS BEEN LAUNCHED

First Ship Goes Into the Water at the Pacific Coast Ship Yard—Others to Follow in a Steady Program and Six Will Be Launched in December.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Nov. 24.—With the sliding of 8,000-ton steel ship down the ways of the Pacific Coast Ship yard today the shipping board recorded the launching of the first of the merchant fleet which it is building. Other accessions to the fleet will be launched in a steady program from now on, including three 26,400-ton steel ships and three 10,593-ton wooden ships during December.

UNION LABOR DEFINES STAND ON INDUSTRIAL PROBLEMS

Issues Declaration On Principles That Must Govern Such Problems.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 23.—The American Federation of Labor tonight by a unanimous vote, adopted a statement of the conditions and principles that must be applied to industrial problems arising from the war as far as union labor is concerned.

The declaration is regarded as in line with the general understanding that has existed between President Wilson and President Gompers, but there are some points that have been in doubt which the statement clarifies.

The declaration does not say there shall be no strikes.

"It is advisable," the final paragraph says "that production should not cease because of an apparent injustice or oversight contained in an award for it is necessary to the nation's production as well as the welfare of the trade union movement that there should be no cessation of work except as a last resort."

The right to organize is claimed as essential to the solution of all problems arising between employer and labor, and equal representation will be asked with the employer on all wage boards and commissions.

Wage conditions, the statement says, will be governed by several factors to be considered apart from the increased cost of living, some of these factors mentioned being the comparative wage scale in other establishments in the same district and whether it was reached by collective bargaining between employer and employee.

The convention adjourned at midnight with the election of officers as the special order of business for tomorrow.

Girls to man the roller chairs on Atlantic City's famous Boardwalk are considered a probability of the near future.

WILL NOT RECOGNIZE BOLSHEVIKI OR ANY KINDRED GOVERNMENT

Russian Ambassador at Washington Officially States He Will Not Deal With Extremist Element in Russia.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Nov. 24.—The Russian ambassador today formally notified the state department that the embassy would not recognize the authority of the extremists now in control of the foreign office at Petrograd.

In a letter to Secretary Lansing follow the resignation of three of the chiefs of the embassy to avoid having relations with the Bolsheviki the ambassador said the Bolsheviki government was not representative of the true will of the Russian people and he would not recognize that or any similar government which led the country into non-participation in the war.

SECRET DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED BY BOLSHEVIKI NEWSPAPERS.

Leon Trotsky, Bolsheviki Foreign Minister, Says the Papers are Those of "Czarist, Burgoeiz and Coalition Governments."

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Petrograd, Nov. 24.—The text of certain confidential communications between the Russian foreign office and foreign governments have been published by Bolsheviki and Socialist revolutionary newspapers. Leon Trotsky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, says the documents are those of "czarist, burgoeiz and coalition governments" and from them "the Russian nation and all nations in the world must learn the truth of the plan secretly made by financiers and traders through parliamentary and diplomatic agents."

German and Austrians, Trotsky declares, may try to make capital out of these documents but he warns them when German proclerats, by means of a revolution, secures access to the "chance-lorgues they will find there documents which show up in no better light than those now published.

An ordinary loaf of white bread is nearly half water.

In Finland bread is frequently made from pinebark and moss.

MILLION AND HALF SOLDIERS MOVED

Record Now Shows That Roads of the Nation Have Handled Total of 1,500,000 Soldiers.

LONG HAULS IN MANY CASES WERE THE RULE

To Assure Their Safety Only a Speed of Twenty-five Miles an Hour Made.

(Special to the Post.)

Washington, D. C., Nov. 24.—Troop movement figures to date indicate that the railroads of this country have safely transported approximately 1,500,000 soldiers to training camps and embarkation points since August 1st, according to a statement just made public by Chairman Fairfax Harrison, of the Railroads' War Board. Five hundred thousand of these men have made journeys necessitating overnight travel and have been moved in tourist or standard sleepers furnished by the Pullman company.

One one of the long hauls, 8,000 men were moved from a training camp on the Western Coast to a point on the Eastern Coast a distance of 3,700 miles in a little less than a week. The men travelled in sixteen section, each section comprising 12 tourist cars and 2 baggage cars.

In order to centralize the furnishing of sleeping cars at points most convenient to the government and to utilize these cars to the best advantage, the Pullman company changed the supervision of the supply and movement of these cars from the headquarters of the company at Chicago to Washington, where they stationed C. W. Henry, assistant to the superintendent of car service. Mr. Henry, in his headquarters at the offices of the Railroads' War Board, has been in daily touch with the office of the Quartermaster General, and on receipt of requests from military authorities for sleeping car equipment has seen that the cars were rushed at once to the points needed.

As a result of this co-operation between the government, the railroads, and the Pullman Company, half a million soldiers have been spared the discomforts of making long trains trips in day coaches. To assure the safety of the men in transit, the railroads have adopted an average speed of 25 miles an hour for all troop trains except when freight cars needed for the transportation of equipment are included in the trains. The speed is then reduced to 20 miles an hour.

REPUBLICANS PLAN MEETING AT HICKORY

Expect to Lay Foundation for Aggressive Campaign in the Next Election.

Hickory, Nov. 23.—A meeting of republican leaders of the state and especially the congressional districts comprising the western portion will be held in Hickory at the Hub theatre next Tuesday. The meeting is said to be preliminary to the launching of an aggressive campaign for their nominees in the next election.

The list of those who are expected to attend the meeting here includes the names of Senator Borah, Marion Butler, Jno. M. Morehead, J. J. Britt, Augustus Price, Brownlow Jackson, Chas. A. Jones, Chas. E. Greene, Tom Settle, J. F. Newell and many other more or less prominent party workers.

On the evening preceding the meeting on Tuesday an informal social gathering will take place at Hotel Huffry.

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