

APPREHENSIVE AS TO FINAL RESULT

Japanese Fleet May Have Failed to Bottle Up Two German Ships, Report

(By the United Press.) Bordeaux, Sept. 9.—This city was filled with refugees who were being quartered by the government. The population of Paris has decreased at least thirty per cent. The railroads are unable to carry all who are now anxious to leave. Hundreds of refugees are now moving along the highways.

Thousands of women and children left their belongings when they fled. They were unable to seek refuge in barns in the open fields are now depending upon charities in the towns. Many of the families who have become separated in the hope that it will be possible to reunite them soon.

Government has established reception bureaus at the various towns where a general influx of refugees are being received. The war office has issued a statement which confirms the report that disease has broken in the Austrian army.

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City facing a famine. British troops have revolted on account of food. (By the United Press.) London, Sept. 9.—A news agency from Bucharest states that British troops at Adrianople revolted as a result of the failure to send sufficient food. The news is being a famine.

Will use all available. Germans discovered in the waters of the North Sea laying mines. (By the United Press.) London, Sept. 9.—The first German mine layer was caught today in the waters of the North Sea. Two hundred miles of the contact line are now awaiting the contact from ahead.

Carried out is agreement. (By the United Press.) London, Sept. 9.—It is reported that Germans have definitely agreed to the terms of the armistice. The agreement is being carried out.

On extended visit. (By the United Press.) London, Sept. 9.—The German ambassador is on an extended visit to the British government.

BUY A BALE OF COTTON

WAR NOW IN EUROPE; WHILE COTTON FIELDS ARE HERE

Meeting Was Postponed

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DID NOT MEET LAST NIGHT DUE TO INCLEMENT OF THE WEATHER. On account of the inclemency of the weather last evening the regular monthly meeting of the Washington Chamber of Commerce was postponed. Important business was to have been transacted, but this had to be dispensed with. The date and hour of the meeting will be announced through the columns of this paper later on.

PRISONERS ARE TAKEN

THIS IS THE RECORD OF THE ARMED FORCES, SAYS A DISPATCH TO WASHINGTON. (By the United Press.) Washington, Sept. 9.—The British Embassy advises that the allied forces have taken many prisoners since the last official announcement which includes the detention of a large number.

NEW POPE HOLDS FIRST CONSISTORY

Rome, Sept. 8, via Paris, Sept. 9.—The first consistory of Pope Benedict XV was held yesterday. It was marked by gorgeous display in the apparel of those present and the decorations of the papal court. September 8, the day of the nativity of Our Virgin, was chosen for this occasion by the pontiff himself.

Participation was limited almost entirely to ecclesiastics and officials of the Vatican. Many relatives of the Pope occupied seats in a special tribune. Surrounded by almost all the cardinals at present in Rome the Pope was carried into the consistory on the Gestatoria chair and greeted with loud applause. He placed the red hat on Cardinal Mendes Bello, patriarch of Lisbon. Cardinal Giussola y Menendez, archbishop of Toledo; Cardinal Pitt, archbishop of Vienna; and Johann Csernoch, primate of Hungary. The last is the only new appointment.

After this ceremony the pontiff delivered his allocution. He urged the necessity of strengthening and elevating religious feeling throughout the world as the only remedy for the evils today so strikingly shown in the deplorable conflict now raging in Europe. The faithful must pray fervently for the cessation of this warfare, the pontiff declared, asking especially the intercession of the Virgin.

Cardinal Gibbons leaves here Wednesday and will sail from Naples aboard the steamer Canonic, with Cardinal O'Connell, escorting several hundred Americans, including two school girls, niece of Representative Underwood, of Alabama. Cardinal Farley had already been received in farewell audience by Pope Benedict and did not participate in the consistory yesterday. He wished to rest before his departure Wednesday morning for Naples. He will sail for the United States on the steamer Sails Anna on September 14th.

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 9.—With some of the best motorcycle riders on the coast, entered the 100 mile endurance run of the Oakland, Cal., Motorcycle Club was started today.

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THIS IS SITUATION MEN AND WOMEN OF SOUTH MUST FACE; 'TIS GRAVE

In Europe cotton factories are in ruins or idle with their operators away at war; ports closed; ships tied up. HERE ONE OF THE FINEST AND LARGEST COTTON CROPS WAITING TO BE TURNED INTO MONEY; THE FARMER EXPECTING TO PAY THE MERCHANT AND THE BANK; THEY IN TURN WAITING TO PUT THE GOLDEN STREAM INTO CIRCULATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF US ALL.

How long could we wait! How long before the South would stop pumping the vital current which spells prosperity, vigor and health! No one knows. WE CAN NOT AFFORD TO TEST IT. WE'RE NOT GOING TO WAIT. WE OF THE SOUTH MUST BUY THIS COTTON CROP, OURSELVES, WITH COTTON MONEY, AT 10 CENTS A POUND. WE OF THE SOUTH MUST ABSORB NOT LESS THAN 8,000,000 BALES, WHICH WILL PUT \$400,000,000 INTO CIRCULATION, SAVE THE FARMER AND SAVE OURSELVES.

It's a matter of SELF-PRESERVATION, PATRIOTISM—the two combined, each imperative; BOTH IRRESISTIBLE. Every man, and every woman, in North Carolina and every other cotton producing State should assist in this "Buy a Bale of Cotton" movement.

We stand face to face with war on one side and the cotton crop on the other. The situation demands positive and immediate action. Let every citizen respond. The merchant, the banker, the real estate man, the doctor, the lawyer, the judge, the specialist, the lumber man, the railroad man, the fertilizer manufacturer, the corporation, together with every other class and profession should rally to this standard.

Buy as many bales as you can possibly carry over, store it and keep it for a year. GET IT OFF THE MARKET. One year hence the cotton will be worth 10 cents probably more but this is no speculative proposition. It's patriotism and good sound business. The country cannot exist without the farmer—the farmer cannot exist unless he gets a living price for his produce—the results of his toil and labor.

We slap him on the back and tell him he's the South's dependence. Without him to plant and plow and chop and pick, we'd have few stores, few banks, no prosperity. We know it. He's got the cotton to sell. We've got the money to buy it with. Let's help ourselves by helping him—and BUY A BALE OF COTTON. The thing is to BUY THE COTTON, to get it off the market for a year. Let your money circulate meanwhile. The cotton is your security.

Next season there'll be a short crop. The South will grow its own food and live at home like our grandfathers used to do. We will be the better and the richer for the experience. Then the cotton can be returned to the market. The heavy demand will be there. Perhaps the war in Europe will be ended. Those who buy cotton now will get their money back—and the South will have been floated across the chasm. The cotton crop can in this manner be carried over without embarrassment to either individual, merchant or banker and the market be sustained.

Good Break Of Tobacco. BETWEEN SIXTY AND SEVENTY POUNDS DISPOSED OF TODAY—GOOD AVERAGE PRICE. The breaks at the Washington and Beauregard county warehouses today was in every way satisfactory. Between sixty and seventy thousand pounds of tobacco was on the floors and the average price was between ten and eleven cents.

Good Show New Theater. PICTURES LAST NIGHT WERE MUCH ENJOYED—FINN PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT. The New Theatre last evening was a mecca for pleasure-seekers and those in attendance were delighted with the first-class pictures shown. There were three reels and the consensus of opinion today is that no better movies have been seen at the New Theatre this season. The management is to be congratulated upon their efforts to please their patrons. An excellent program is billed for this evening. All who attend will be amply repaid.

WORK COMMENCED. Work has commenced on the Small-MacLean building on Market street. This building, judging by the plans, promises to be one of the most attractive in Washington. The first floor will be used for a store and the second story for offices. PRAYER MEETING. There will be prayer meeting services in all the different churches of the city this evening at the usual hour, to which the general public has a cordial invitation to attend.

REPUBLICANS MAY NOT COMPETE IN RACE. Alexandria, Va., Sept. 9.—The political "minority" of the Eighth Virginia Congressional district was represented here today at a convocation of Republican leaders to discuss whether they will offer a candidate against Representative Carl D. Dudgeon, district chairman, presiding.

Let's hold in Washington Park. WASHINGTON TAX EXPERT DISCUSSES YEAR'S LAWS. Denver, Sept. 9.—Taxation of express companies and tax legislation and important movements during the past year with reference to the leading court decisions were the two important subjects discussed at today's session of the eighth annual conference of the National Tax Association which opened yesterday and is to continue through December 11. Professor Carl C. Flegen, of California, presided at this morning's session and the discussion on a review of tax legislation during the year was led by M. N. Flannery, of the Federal Bureau of Corporations, Washington, D. C.; S. T. Hildeson, of Oklahoma City, led the afternoon discussion of taxation of express companies; J. F. Zeller discussed "Taxation of Foreign Corporations;" W. Hastings Lyon, of the Investment Bankers' Association of America, discussed "Taxation of Securities" in a report which contained recommendations for uniformity among the States on the important question of the taxation of notes, bonds, etc. The annual address of the president, Edwin R. A. Seligman, Jr., is to be delivered at the fourth session of the conference this evening when Edmund F. Trubee, of Louisville, Ky., will speak.

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