

GERMANS OF GERMANY AND AUSTRIA FALLING BACK EAST AND WEST

Nov. 9.—The German and Austrian armies are now on the defensive on the east and west fronts. At least for the time being their efforts to break the allied lines around Belgium, where the British have taken the offensive, according to the reports from headquarters have come to a halt. In the east they have been driven back from their positions in east Prussia and in the Russian cavalry has been sent to the north of the German railway. Russians also are following up their advantage in Galicia, and have cut the retreating German off from Cracow, while the British are retiring through Belgium, holding the line to the coast, also have made fighting today was carried on in the west of Arras, where they have taken from the British an important height near Bois-Chateau. British troops have retaken the line which they had lost during the course of the week. That is so in the Alsace valley of Solothurn, where they have recaptured the ground which the German forces assaults had taken.

The Germans will fall back to a line further removed from the sea, all uneasiness has not passed, for they previously have shown wonderful recuperative powers. The presence of the Russians in East Prussia and Silesia, however, will, it is believed here, prevent the Germans from sending any more troops to the west, if it does not compel them to withdraw some already at that front. The Austrians apparently have sent stronger forces against Serbia and have driven the Serbs out of Slavonia. Of what is going on in Bosnia, which the Serbians and Montenegrins invaded almost to the capital, Sarajevo, nothing has been disclosed for weeks, but operations against their northern border must have had an effect on the Serbian plans there. Nothing of moment has occurred in the near east, but Turkey is being attacked in isolated spots by the Russians and British. The Turks also are apparently coming very close to war with Greece, the situation having been aggravated by the sinking of a Greek steamer by the Turks and the threatening of Greeks in Asia Minor. Neither Bulgaria nor Roumania has yet made any move. The Union defense forces continue to round up the rebels in South Africa. Those in the northern part of Cape Province, which have been a worry to the government, have been completely routed, while those in Transvaal, where another 400 have been captured, are scattering. Several small commandoes have been looting towns and damaging railways.

Funeral of R. A. C. Hoyt on Sunday

A large number of sorrowing friends and others gathered in St. John's Episcopal church Sunday afternoon to pay their last tribute of respect to the remains of R. A. C. Hoyt, whose funeral was the largest ever held in Washington.

Will Line Up Men of Prominence

"Not until all supervisory road officials are appointed in accordance with the recognized principles of the merit system will America be sure of an adequate road system," says R. Henry Dana, president of the National Civil Service Reform League. Mr. Dana calls attention to the fact that from 100,000 to 150,000 road officials now have supervision of the annual expenditure of well over \$200,000,000 for road purposes in the United States. With comparatively few exceptions these men are chosen without regard to their special fitness for the work and largely on account of their political affiliations. A session devoted exclusively to the merit system in road administration will be held under the auspices of the National Civil Service Reform League at the fourth American Road Congress which will be held at Atlanta, Ga., during the week of November 9. At this session an earnest effort will be made to line up all the powerful influences represented at the congress in support of the movement to take road administration out of politics and to place it on a sound business basis where every dollar will be expended with a view to obtaining certain definite results.

Convention of American Federation of Labor

Madison, Pa., Nov. 9.—The annual convention of the American Federation of Labor will meet in this city on Sunday. Nearly ten thousand visitors are here during the convalescence, as important matters of trade unionism are to be discussed and disputes of wide scope settled. An elaborate program has been prepared, both for the week sessions and for the theatricals of the meeting, and a number of addresses from men prominent in all phases of labor will be heard. The American Federation of Labor is the largest labor organization in the United States.

Settle Disputes for Railways and Engineers

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 9.—The board of arbitration to settle labor disputes between ninety-eight western railroads and their engineers and firemen begin its sessions here today.

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M. E. Conference Will Convene Here on Nov. 18

The annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will convene here on Wednesday morning, November 18, with Bishop Waterhouse, D. D., L.L.D., presiding. The conference sermon will be preached on Tuesday evening, November 17, by Rev. H. A. Humble, pastor of the church in Kingston, N. C. There will be about four hundred visitors in the city during the session. Bishop J. C. Kilgo, D. D., L.L.D., is expected to attend, and while in the city will be the guest of Judge S. C. Bragaw at his home on Second street. Mrs. Mary P. Baughman will entertain the presiding Bishop. Some of the most prominent men in the church will attend. Delegates are expected to arrive from Tuesday, November 17, until the opening of the regular business session. The conference will in all probability be in session from Wednesday until Monday following. The bishop and his cabinet which is composed of all the presiding elders, will hold their first session on Tuesday afternoon. The arrangements for the entertainment of the conference are now practically completed. The session promises to be one of the most delightful in the history of the church.

New Theater Is Large Attraction for This Week

The New Theatre opens tonight with the "Simple Simon Musical Comedy Co." for the entire week. There are ten splendid artists in this tabloid troupe. From the press notices from other towns that they have been playing the patrons of the New Theatre will have one of the best week's amusements this week that has ever been here. Every member of this company is an artist in their line. They will present a series of the latest musical comedies in tabloid form. This is not one of those cheap troupes that you usually see in plays of this kind, but every one of the company is capable of taking a leading part in any production. They have just filled a week's engagement at the Athens Theatre, at New Bern, and the papers of that city have certainly been praising the company very highly. There will be an entire change of program every night. As usual there will be three reels of the very best associated films. So if you wish to enjoy one of the best evening's entertainments that you have ever had the chance to see for the small price of 20 cents, then attend the New Theatre tonight, and every other night this week. The prices for this attraction are 10 and 20 cents.

Large Numbers Will Attend Exhibition at Aurora

The Agricultural Fair at Aurora starts tomorrow and will continue through Wednesday and Thursday. Special trains will be run over the Washington and Vandemere road Wednesday and Thursday, leaving Washington at 10 o'clock a. m. each day and returning, leaving Aurora at 4:30 p. m. Not only will there be attractions not yet seen by the visitor to this well-known fair, but the exhibits this year by the farmers of that section will far exceed all others. On the second and third days of the fair there will be a grand street parade, headed by the Aurora Concert Band immediately after the arrival of the special train from Washington. The prospects are that there will be a record-breaking crowd from all sections of Eastern Carolina. Those who fail to attend this fair will be the losers in more ways than one.

Mrs. Harding's Condition is No Better

The condition of Mrs. T. J. Harding, who was stricken with apoplexy a few days ago at her home on Respass street, is today reported to be no better. It is thought that she is sinking all the while and the end is not far off. Mrs. Harding is one of Washington's most popular citizens and the news of her illness carries with it genuine regret. Her life has always been an open book, known and read by all men and in her passing the entire city mourns. Her entrance into that country not made with hand will be a triumphant one and her plaudit well done.

President Approves of the Scheme

President Wilson expresses his approval of the Fifth National Tuberculosis Day Movement during the week of November 29th and also of the work of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis in a letter to Dr. George M. Kober, the president of that body. He says, among other things: "I know that I need not assure you of my very profound interest in and sympathy with the work of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, and I am delighted to know that you feel encouraged by the result of its efforts. I sincerely hope that November 29th, the day which you have designated as Tuberculosis Day, will result in awakening the people of the United States still further not only to the necessity, but to the perfect feasibility, of arresting and preventing this terrible disease."

Phoenix, Ariz., State Fair Opens Today

Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 9.—The Arizona State Fair will be opened here today and remain open until next Saturday night. Unusually large exhibitions of farm and dairy products have been entered, and the women's department especially has increased in size and interest.

Johnny Harvey and Frankie Mack Bout

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 9.—Johnny Harvey and Frankie Mack will box twenty rounds here this evening before the Riverside Athletic Association. Battling Reddy is also to meet Buddy Faukes at this club.

American Bankers Association Will Also Be Represented in the Session

The American Bankers Association will also be represented in the session of the congress assures powerful support for the efforts of the Civil Service Reform League. The active participation of these great national organizations in the road movement is very largely due to the untiring efforts of the American High Association, which in conjunction with the American Automobile Association, is holding the Road Congress. The policy pursued by the High Association of enlisting powerful support in its various reform movements instead of attempting to carry on the work single handed is responsible for the fact that forty-seven national and state organizations are taking part in this year's American Road Congress.

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Dollar Christmas Fund For Homeless Belgians

Suggestions of Prominent Citizens of the United States For a Christmas Present to Destitute Widows and Orphans of Belgium.

The following open letter has been received from Henry Clews, of New York city. Mr. Clews is one of the most prominent bankers of this country, a member of the firm of Henry Clews & Sons, and a large-minded, public spirited man. The letter speaks for itself and is in line with the news item which appeared in Saturday's paper, containing an appeal from the King of Belgium for his starving people. The conditions in that unfortunate country are pitiable, and this suggestion from Mr. Clews for a "Christmas Fund" to help them should meet with a hearty response in every section of our country. The letter follows:

In view of the countless appeals, both national and local, which have been made to American sympathy in behalf of the victims of the war, one can only plead the immeasurable extent and pathos of the Belgian tragedy to warrant the addition of still another to the list. And the poignant sorrow of the situation is not lessened by the thought that the sum total of all the funds collected here and in Europe can only in a very small part—so vast and increasing is the need—assuage the sufferings of Belgium's unhappy people, while no money contribution whatever can atone for the loss of Louvain and a score of fair Belgian cities lately radiant with the splendor and glory of centuries. The Dollar Christmas Fund in behalf of which I appeal as treasurer, is a cause which should find a warm response in the hearts of all Americans doubly blessed in their isolation and detachment from the vortex of horrors and bloodshed and agony of the battlefields in Europe. It is an effort organized with the approval and support of some of our most respected and representative citizens, to capitalize a portion of our Christmas bounty and good will in behalf of the most afflicted and destitute of Belgium's stricken population, the committee including Prof. Henry Fairfield Osborn, Melville E. Stone, Col. George T. Harvey, Geo. T. Wilson, and Dr. Wm. T. Hornady. No matter how numerous and insistent the appeals for aid, Americans, I feel sure, will not refuse to subscribe to a fund which will help during the Christmas season to spread a ray of sunshine over the homeless refugees of a storm-tossed country. This Dollar Christmas Fund appeals to one and all irrespective of creed or race, and more especially to those who have not yet contributed to any existing fund. It is in complete sympathy with every other appeal in behalf of Belgian refugees, and differs from other appeals only in the sense that the total sum received will be forwarded as a special Christmas gift from America. Such a gift will surely be remembered by the beneficiaries long after the war has ceased, and no man's Thanksgiving or Christmas Day will be the less happy because in some cases the gift may entail some measure of personal sacrifice. In England a similar fund, called "The Shilling Christmas Fund," has been started. Lord Burnham is the president and he has cabled that the "conditions of want are unspendable." All the money collected here, as in England, will be presented at Christmas, and will be applied for purposes of relief in the way of food and shelter after consultation with the officials of the Belgian government. We hope with your aid to remember every distressed Belgian man and woman, not forgetting the fatherless babes—"The Orphans of War." I repeat, therefore, with great earnestness, send along your dollar bill—and send more if you can! All contributions should be addressed to the treasurer and each will be promptly acknowledged. Any friends willing to collect subscriptions are invited to apply for authorized "Dollar Christmas Fund" collecting card to the Honorary Secretary, Percy Bullen, 66 Broadway, New York city.

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Coming Weddings

Mrs. Mary A. Laughinghouse, invites you to be present at the marriage of her daughter, Mattie Stickney, To Mr. George Horace Rowland on the morning of Wednesday, the twenty-fifth of November at ten o'clock St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Washington, North Carolina. At Home after December the first Sumter, South Carolina. No cards issued in city. Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Flournoy Burch, Sr., at the marriage of their daughter Marilu to Mr. Charles Smallwood on Monday morning, November the twenty-third at ten o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Alva Burch, Eastman, Georgia. Moderation. Moderation is the silken string running through the pearl chain of all virtues.—Bishop Hall. great energy and progress that has been made in that section in the movement for improved roads. The attendance is close to 5,000.

Fourth Fire of the Week Sunday A. M.

Sunday morning between two and three o'clock the alarm of fire was given, which was the fourth alarm for the past week. It proved to be the kitchen of Mrs. Agnes Daniels on East Fourth street. The blaze was first discovered on the roof and the surmise is that it caught from the stove. Before it was extinguished practically the entire roof of the building was burned. The damage will aggregate about \$50.00.

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