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WINGS OF OPPOSING ARMIES IN NORTHERN FRANCE CONTINUE TO STRIKE HARD AT EACH OTHER

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VIOLENT BATTLE RAGING BETWEEN OISE AND SIMME

On the French Extreme Right, the French Forces Have Again Taken the Offensive—Lull in Fighting in Galicia for Past Few Days.

The territory between the rivers Somme and Oise is the scene of the fiercest battle along the great front in northern France where the Germans and allies have been striving for two weeks, have been trying to force each other back.

The French official report describes this struggle as a violent one and says the allied troops have made a slight advance.

In the Woevre region the French also report some gain, but describe the situation on the heights of the Meuse as unchanged.

Germans Cross Meuse.

Prior to this, however, the Germans had crossed the river Meuse near St. Mihiel in the Woevre district to some extent. Although the French have undertaken a fierce offensive movement the Germans have held a part of the ground gained, probably at great loss to both sides.

All belligerents have adopted a more rigid censorship, the French merely stating their gains and the losses of the enemy.

The Russians have attacked the Germans in the region of Druskinhi in the province of Suwalki, Russian Poland, bordering on Prussia, but no details have been given out.

The Russians are reported as driving the Austrian army back on Cracow.

Martial Law.

The Netherlands government has declared martial law in the eastern province, according to an American dispatch, to prevent the exportation of contraband to Germans and at the same time Great Britain takes a clear position as to contraband, making it necessary for neutral countries transporting foodstuffs to give assurances that the goods are not for German consumption.

Prince Oscar, the emperor's fifth son, according to announcement from Berlin, has been obliged to withdraw from his regiment because of an affection of the heart, brought on by over-exertion. He is at Metz under the care of physicians.

The latest reports indicate that the Austrian seaport of Cattaro in Dalmatia is being bombarded by French and British warships and that the Austrian fort of Pelagosa has been dismantled and abandoned.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—(9:26 p. m.)—The wings of the opposing armies in northern France still are striking hard blows at each other in an effort to break through the respective positions.

Both sides, according to the official reports issued today, have made some progress today, the Germans on the allies' right being perhaps the greatest.

For three days or more a violent battle has been raging in the hills and plains between the rivers Oise and Somme. Official accounts, both German and French, are silent as to how this fight is

CARRANZA SAYS MORE FIGHTING CAN BE EXPECTED

Explains That Zapata Has Never Agreed to Attend Conference.

PLACES ALL BLAME ON GENERAL VILLA

Villa and Zapata Are Working in Harmony Against Carranza.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—General Carranza today predicted further fighting in Mexico, according to further advices to the state department. The chief explained to diplomats, who gathered at his request, that Zapata had refused to attend or send delegates to the national convention called for October 1, and that his forces were active in the south. He also described events leading up to the rupture with General Villa, saying the blame for further bloodshed would be Villa's as his own troops would act only on the defensive.

GENERAL HILL'S FORCE PREPARED TO RESIST MAYTORENA'S ATTACK

His Loss in Battle of Friday is Given as About Ninety Men.

OTHERS LOST 100.

NACO, Mexico, Sept. 26.—General Benjamin Hill's force of about 1,500 men, with eighteen machine guns and plenty of ammunition, is here tonight prepared to resist another attack by Governor Maytorena's men.

Reliable information concerning yesterday's fight at Santa Barbara in which Hill was defeated, gives Hill's loss at about ninety men killed or wounded and left on the battle field thirty-five wounded were brought here. General Hill's men say Maytorena lost over 100 in killed and wounded.

The Carranza faction at Agua Prieta declared General Juan Cutral, whose attempts to compose the Sonora situation failed, now is hastening via Laredo and Mexico City for Manzanillo on the west coast.

SOLDIERS MOBILIZING. LAREDO, Texas, Sept. 26.—The report that General Carranza was mobilizing a strong force of constitutionalists at Monterrey was confirmed by travelers who reached the border tonight from that city.

VILLA MAY ATTACK. EL PASO, Texas, Sept. 26.—Troops moving in Mexico today indicated that General Villa soon would attack the forces of Carranza. Ten trains of Villa soldiers left Chihuahua today for Saltillo. Other troops are moving south from Torreon.

Going Some!



ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE VANDERBILT ESTATE AS GIVEN BY ASSESSOR IS \$4,617,906.29

Report of Frank R. Hewitt Dealing With Value of Property of Late George W. Vanderbilt is Filed at Office of Clerk of Superior Court Marcus Erwin—Largest Single Inheritance Tax Ever Paid in the State.

Placing the valuation of the estate of the late George W. Vanderbilt at \$4,617,906.29, Frank R. Hewitt yesterday filed his appraiser's report at the office of the clerk of the Superior court. The report includes an itemized statement of all of the North Carolina holdings of the deceased at the time of his passing from this state which will levy the inheritance tax provided by law. The tax provides that one per cent. of the value of the property shall be paid into the state treasury with certain deductions allowed for the widow. This tax will be collected at an early date and from the Vanderbilt estate, the state of North Carolina will collect the largest single inheritance tax ever paid into the treasury under the inheritance tax law.

The report is a comprehensive one and includes the valuations of all of the holdings of the deceased in this state at the time of his death. The news of the filing of the report will be read with considerable interest in view of the fact that it forms the basis upon which the inheritance tax will be levied. It includes the Pisgah Forest property for the sale of which Mrs. Vanderbilt has made an agreement with the government.

Actual Values. In making his report, Mr. Hewitt states that he has not based his figures given in the report on the assessed values of the lands and properties, but that he has based them on the actual values as far as he has been able to ascertain after diligent search and inquiry. He was appointed appraiser of the estate May 5, by

Marcus Erwin, clerk of the Superior court, soon after the filing of the will of Mr. Vanderbilt. Mr. Hewitt has been engaged in securing the information necessary for his report since that time, and has covered every part of the ground where information could be secured.

The report carries a detailed account of all property held in Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson and Transylvania counties, tabulating amounts in Buncombe county by the townships in which the estate lies. The tables for each township include all live-stock, land, timber, farming implements, road machinery and various other belongings of the estate. Each is given and all of these are added together and from this amount the amount of liabilities is deducted, leaving the total net valuation.

The liabilities include accounts payable, \$17,031.59; bills payable, \$76,504.32, and accrued interest, \$52.33, or total liabilities of \$93,588.24. The amount of total assets of the estate not including the Pisgah Forest lands, minus these liabilities, is estimated at \$3,229,733.21.

Forest Holdings. In appraising the Pisgah Forest holdings, the appraiser states that these lands are valued at the amount secured from the government at \$5 per acre, plus the amount secured from the Carr Lumber company for the timber rights, minus the amount of timber cut from the property and other damage done at the time of Mr. Vanderbilt's death. According to these figures the forest holdings, estimated at 99,155.22 acres, are val-

ued at \$14 per acre, or at total value of \$1,388,173.08, including the properties in all four counties. This added to the net amount of assets on the rest of the estate equals the total amount of valuation.

An interesting item in the report is the fact that stored at the mansion the owner had silverware, watches and jewelry valued at \$5,500. The household goods, furniture and other things were all of immense value and the road machinery used in the construction of roads over the estate is valued at about \$8,000. The mansion is valued at approximately \$2,500,000.

Mr. Hewitt has been busily engaged in going over the estate since he was assigned to the task, and an idea may be gained as to the amount of work to be done when it is understood that much of the land is valued at different prices and that practically the only way the appraiser had of estimating these values was to make a personal inspection.

It is set forth in the report that the appraiser desires to thank the employes of the vast estate for the able assistance rendered by them in the work. He states that he has been extended every possible courtesy and that he has been saved much valuable time by the willingness of the heads of the different departments to help him.

The Vanderbilt estate is probably the most famous private estate in the United States, having been visited by thousands of tourists since it was created by the late multi-millionaire.

RAILROAD RATES REMAIN SAME FOR THE PRESENT

RATES REMAIN THE SAME UNTIL COMMISSION PROMULGATES NEW RATES.

RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 26.—An order by the corporation commission today directs that the joint haul and local rates of all independently owned and operated railroads in this state less than seventy-five miles long on intrastate movement remain the same as at the time of adoption of the Justice rate act, except any changes since made by the commission until the commission shall promulgate new rates. Also ordered that rates on joint hauls between lines more than seventy-five miles long and said short lines be the new local rates of the long line as fixed by the special rate commission to or from the junction point with the short line less twenty-five per cent. plus the rate of the short line as fixed above from the distance over it.

WILSON SIGNS BILL.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—President Wilson today signed the trade commission bill. He will not appoint the commission until the December session of congress.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN HEARD IN SPEECH FOR J. M. GUDGER

Secretary of State Makes Eloquent Plea for Support of Administration.

GLOWING TRIBUTE PAID TO PRESIDENT

Says Repudiation of Mr. Gudger Would be Repudiation of Wilson.

Greeted with enthusiasm by more than 2,500 people at the Auditorium last night, Secretary of State Bryan eloquently eulogized President Wilson and made a strong appeal to the Tenth district to re-elect Congressman J. M. Gudger, Jr., both as an endorsement of the president's policies and to ensure a democratic congress.

"If Gudger's record is not good, Woodrow Wilson's record is not good, for they stood for the same measures all the time. If you are not satisfied with the votes and the positions of your congressman then you cannot be satisfied with the position of the president, for they are identical. Gudger is supporting the president; he is one of that splendid congress that has seconded the president's efforts," said Mr. Bryan.

Great Audiences. Many ladies were in the audience which included not merely Asheville people but a number of distinguished five people from various parts of the district; not merely straitlaced Democrats but Independents. The sympathetic understanding which clearly evidenced the high regard and affection in which the secretary is held by the people of his summer home.

The meeting was called to order by Congressional Chairman J. S. Sloop Styles, who won applause with his statement that Woodrow Wilson was the wisest statesman that ever sat in the president's chair. Mr. Styles presented Representative R. B. Williams to introduce Mr. Bryan. This Mr. Williams said was unnecessary and that he would welcome the man

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SAYS NORTH CAROLINA BANKS ARE AMONG THOSE HOARDING THEIR MONEY

Secretary McAdoo gets Long Message From Chairman Travis.

TO PUBLISH NAMES

(By George B. Manning.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 26.—Secretary McAdoo today received a five hundred word telegram from Corporation Commissioner Travis giving a summary of the condition of the state banks of North Carolina, and declaring that the statement shows that the state banks are hoarding money. The reports were made on September 15 from 400 out of the 425 state banks. Commissioner Travis' telegram read in part as follows:

"This discloses that North Carolina state banks are hoarding money, are carrying lower reserves than in 1913, and have borrowed for use of their customers more than twice the amount they did in the same period last year. This accords with our general information that our banks are doing all they safely can to meet the present conditions.

"We have not detailed information as to interest charged on existing loans or demand for new accommodations, but our information through our bank examiners and otherwise is that the banks are charging or demanding higher interest than they did under normal conditions. "We will be pleased to co-operate in every way possible in the efforts of your department to see that the abundant currency is so distributed and used as to meet the demands of every section under the extraordinary conditions that prevail. We will cheerfully furnish any further or detailed information in respect to other banks that you may desire."

The treasury department issued no names of additional banks today that are hoarding reserves, but said that probably Monday afternoon other North Carolina banks would be added to the list. The bank which was named today is the only one which has been named.

SAYVILLE STATION IS GRANTED NEW LICENSE

Can Operate as a "Limited Public Service Station" Under New Contract.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—A license to operate the Sayville, L. I., wireless station as a "limited public service station," was issued today by the department of commerce. Correspondence with the department published tonight reveals difficulties of wireless communication with Germany, the Sayville station being virtually the only means of communication. The correspondence shows that for several days at a time it is impossible to communicate with Germany and that messages often have to be repeated six or eight times to insure their being correct.

Assistant Secretary Sweet of the department, wrote the Atlantic Communication company, which owns the station, saying the license permitted operation in connection with the coast stations at Nauen and Alivise in Germany and with the coast station at Cartagena, Colombia. The original license, issued for the station, permitted communication only with ships at sea. The new license allows the company to charge 15 cents per word for messages to Germany until January 1, 1915.

GERMANS ARE FORTIFYING LINE OF COMMUNICATION

Invaders Are Making Fortifications and Trenches Near Antwerp.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—A dispatch from Amsterdam to Reuters Telegram company says the Telegraaf hears the whole German line of communication in Belgium has been fortified to the northwest of Antwerp, where the invaders are making fortifications and digging trenches.

Communication with Antwerp is now very difficult the report says, no one being allowed to enter the zone without a special pass.

The Volks Zeitung of Cologne says the Germans have heavy siege guns around Antwerp. The street car line between Brussels and Minove, this newspaper says, is being exclusively used by the Germans for the transportation of provisions for the German west of Brussels where skirmishes with the Belgians are of a daily occurrence. The Zeppelin airship which on Thursday night dropped several bombs, cruised according to the Volks Zeitung over the whole province of Flanders.

THE WEATHER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair Sunday and Monday.