

BOMBARDMENT BY BRITISH BIG GUNS IS MOST INTENSE

Infantry Virtually Inactive Along Whole Western Front.

ROUMANIANS STILL ON THE OFFENSIVE

Italians More Active on the Trentino Front.—More Prisoners Taken.

Bombardment by the British artillery of the German lines in the Ypres sector, in Flanders, continued most intense, but there has been no infantry movement in force.

Berlin apparently is much exercised over the ever increasing volume of shells from the British big guns.

Field Marshal Haig's artillery increased its volume of shots to drum fire several times.

As on the front in Flanders and Artois there has been no major operation on the French portion of the western front.

The Italians have been more active on the Trentino front, harassing the enemy with raids and strong artillery fire.

While the infantry has been virtually idle on the northern end of the Eastern front, the Rumanians continue their offensive in the mountain region northward.

The smallest number of British vessels of more than 1,600 tons sunk in one week since last February is shown in the weekly statement from the British admiralty.

SENATE OF ARGENTINA VOTES FOR SEVERANCE OF GERMAN RELATIONS

Action Causes Gratification and Surprise at American Capital.

WILL HELP ALLIES.

Buenos Aires, Sept. 19.—The Argentine senate by a vote of 23 to 1 today declared for the breaking off of relations with Germany.

The resolution now goes to the chamber of deputies. There is strong public feeling in favor of its final passage.

WASHINGTON GRATIFIED. WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—News that the Argentine senate had voted overwhelmingly to sever diplomatic relations with Germany was received in Washington tonight with gratification and no little surprise.

Officials had recognized that recent disclosures concerning cablegrams sent to Berlin by the German minister at Buenos Aires through the Swedish foreign office had aggravated the situation brought about by Germany's sinking of Argentine ships.

Even the breaking off of relations, it is pointed out, would have a powerful effect on public opinion in all South American countries where German influences are known to be strong.

SOLITARY RUBBER BAND IS ONLY ARTICLE FOUND IN MEANS' SAFE DEPOSIT BOX

Box Forced Open With Drills In Hope That It Would Disclose Some of Missing Fortune of Mrs. King—Preparing to Re-open Inquest at Concord.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—A solitary rubber band was the only article found in a national bank safe deposit box opened here today in the expectation that it would disclose some of the missing fortune of Mrs. Maude A. King.

The box was opened today in the presence of representatives from the district attorney's office, the police department and others. It was necessary to force it open by use of drills.

Assistant District Attorney Dooling announced today he would go to Concord Friday taking with him the documents he has obtained here in the King mystery for use of the North Carolina authorities.

TO RE-OPEN INQUEST.

CONCORD, N. C., Sept. 19.—Hayden Clement, of Salisbury, solicitor for the Fifteenth Judicial district, of which district this county is a part, spent several hours this afternoon in Concord making arrangements for the re-opening of the coroner's inquest into the death of Mrs. Maude A. King near this city on the night of August 29.

Coroner C. L. Spears said tonight that the solicitor has decided that the inquest will be public, and the witnesses will be examined by the coroner, his jury, and by the solicitor.

Immediately after his arrival shortly before 3 o'clock Mr. Clement went into conference with Mrs. J. Benton Foraker, who has been here for several days.

The order issued today by Federal Judge James E. Boyd, at Greensboro, citing Gaston Bullock Means to

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REPUBLICAN PRIMARY AT PHILADELPHIA LEADS TO KILLING POLICEMAN

Sensational Charges Made Following Death of Brave Officer.

ALLEGED CORRUPTION.

PHILADELPHIA, September 19.—Charges that gunmen and fraudulent voters had been brought here to take part in a republican primary in the fifth ward followed the killing here today of George A. Eppley, a policeman who went to the rescue of James A. Carey, and J. H. Maurer, an assistant district attorney when attacks were made on them.

Carey, who had engaged Isaac Deutch in a bitter campaign for the republican nomination for council from the fifth ward, was making the rounds of the polling places today when he was knocked down with a sand bag.

Both Mascia and Costello, the police said, wore a piece of white ribbon in their button holes and this the police said, was the distinguishing mark of alleged hired voters from other cities.

NORTH CAROLINA DRAFT SOLDIERS REACH CAMP JACKSON AT COLUMBIA

Find Warm Welcome at Camp Where Officers Work Late.

HARD WORK AHEAD.

(By Brian Bell.) COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 19.—Midnight of burned at Camp Jackson tonight as men from North Carolina and other southern states for the National Army mustering officers worked long after midnight, although Florida was not expected to send troops until tomorrow, one man arrived today from Dad county, Clarence Clyde Cole, of Lee county, North Carolina, was accorded the honor of being the first man of the second increment to be examined.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair Thursday and Friday.



'STAR SPANGLED BANNER' IS HEARD FROM DRAFTED MEN AS THEY START ON FIRST LAP OF JOURNEY TOWARD FRANCE

Great Demonstration Held on Pack Square Previous to Departure of Drafted Men For Columbia Where They Will Enter Training Camp—Addresses and Musical Selections Heard—Gifts Presented Soldiers.

More than 100 Buncombe county drafted men sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" as they rode to the railroad station yesterday afternoon to begin the first lap of the journey that may eventually land them on the death-stricken battlefields of the western front.

Snatches of the national anthem were heard from each of the three large trolley cars, carrying the men, as they sped down Biltmore and Southside avenues en route to the station.

Smiles were even seen on the face of one-aged mother, who insisted on riding with her son to the station on the special cars.

At the station the crowd was so great that the men experienced quite a little difficulty getting through to their special train, which was waiting on a nearby track, with more than 200 other young men representing forty per cent of the draft quotas of several of the far western counties.

All along Biltmore and Southside avenue flags were streaming from windows and business houses and people on porches and from windows cheered the young soldiers as they passed.

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James Edward Biggs, a former military instructor at Bingham school, and captain of the contingent from the county, was left when the train pulled out of the station.

Arrangements Made to Send Supplies to Prisoners in Germany.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Each American prisoner of war held in Germany will receive every two weeks through the American Red Cross committee in Switzerland three "food kits" containing from nine to ten pounds each.

The German authorities have agreed each American shall personally sign a receipt for his "kit." At this time 161 Americans are prisoners in Germany.

EMPLOYEES PLEDGE THEIR SUPPORT TO PRESIDENT

Federal Employees Meet in Convention to Organize National Union.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Federal employees in convention here to form a union adopted resolutions today pledging their unanimous support of the president and congress in the present crisis.

Endorsement was given the Nolan minimum wage bill. Other resolutions endorsed woman suffrage, the granting of equal pay to women doing the work of men, legislation looking to a scientific and equitable reclassification of all government employees, a satisfactory retirement measure and the extension of free public education into the higher schools.

Tonight, the Washington local Federal Employees union tendered a banquet to the delegates, the speakers including Secretary Wilson and other departmental officials.

SCHOONER CREW CHARGED WITH AIDING THE ENEMY

Placed in Jail as Result of Raid.

A GULF PORT, Sept. 19.—Seizure of the American schooner Goldfields near this port and the subsequent arrest of its crew on charges of aiding the enemy was made by agents of the Federal government today, it became known here tonight.

The Goldfields ran aground off this port late last week. She was towed into this harbor last Sunday, after which Federal agents, it was said, learned of her presence in American waters.

The crew was confined to the county jail here tonight, pending further investigation.

BAKER ASKS MORE MILLIONS TO FIT UP NATIONAL ARMY

Mobilization of Men Carried Forward Smoothly and Without Hitch.

ORDNANCE NEEDED FOR NEW SOLDIERS

Busy Days Ahead at Cantonments in All Parts of Country.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—While mobilization of the first major increment of the national army was proceeding today throughout the country, Secretary Baker, and the chiefs of the war department, appeared before the senate appropriation committee to present requests for an additional \$287,416,000 with which to provide equipment for a total force of 2,300,000 men.

Ordnance Equipment. Included among the items in the ordnance equipment for the next 500,000 men of the national army, although the 300,000 or more men on the move today toward the training cantonments are only half of the first call. Dispatches from all parts of the country indicated that mobilization was being carried forward smoothly and amid scenes of popular enthusiasm.

Every essential for the health and comfort of the men had been provided for. They will be fed and sheltered without difficulty and their arms, uniforms and other war equipment will be ready for them as rapidly as they are ready to use it.

There are busy days ahead at the cantonments. Not only must the men be organized into military units and finally accepted for army service, but they must be organized immediately into provisional companies for administrative purposes and to make possible their final assignment to the infantry, cavalry or artillery or to the special corps of the army.

Wrangles between conferees on the war tax bill today over second class mail rates, excess profits and the fact that news of the secret conferences has been filtering out halted progress so materially that a report to both houses this week seemed doubtful.

The "leak" feature of the conferences is causing some of the conferees much worry and others an equal amount of amusement. Resolutions pledging secrecy, solemnly adopted at the outset of the conferences, have been strengthened so that any conferee who gives out information regarding the deliberations now is subject to exclusion from further conferences.

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The excess profits section received little consideration during the day and that was far from encouraging. An expert, called before the committee at the request of senate leaders, assailed both the senate and house proposals as unworkable in their present form and suggested changes which included creation of a board of adjusters to see that fair play is given all persons and corporations, and the authorization of payments of the tax on an installment plan.

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN Circulation Yesterday City 4,527 Suburban 4,742 Country 1,715 Net paid 10,984 Service 198 Unpaid 106 Total 11,288