

GREEKS THOUGHT UNITED STATES FLEET WAS NEARING TO STAND BETWEEN ALLIES AND VIOLATION OF ATHENS' NEUTRALITY

Disillusionment Was Crushing Blow to Hopes of Excited Populace—Alien Marines In Charge of Capital Stand for No Foolishness—Greek Soldiers Stand By and See Citizens Arrested But Drive Crowds Holding Demonstrations Into Submission—Constantine Appeals to Prominent Men to Refrain From Actions That Would Make Matters Worse—People Had Heard That American Men-of-War Were Approaching Piraeus

(By the United Press)

Athens, Oct. 19.—Greek troops are in complete control of the situation here. The Anti-Ally mobs have been disposed of for the present, and the possibility of a serious clash between citizens and the French marines seems to have been averted. Anti-Ally leaders, however, continue their efforts to organize demonstrations, and the crisis is by no means past.

It is understood that King Constantine following conferences with the French and British ministers personally appealed to the most prominent of his supporters not to stir up Athens crowds to acts of violence.

The collapse of reports that an American fleet was approaching Piraeus to intervene disheartened the citizens. Rumors that American warships would arrive in a few hours to prevent the violation of Greek neutrality by the Allies had greatly encouraged the populace.

The Greek cabinet met today. It is reported that the members drafted a protest to the Allies against the arrest of Greek members of the Reservist League by French marines last night. A crowd of Reservist Leaguers hissed a French patrol, who dispersed them at the point of the bayonet. Greek troops, witnessing the arrest, failed to interfere.

PRESIDENT'S PARTY FAIR WILL MIRROR DELIGHTED AT WAY POSSIBILITIES AND CROWDS GREET HIM PROGRESS SECTION

New York State Folks Particularly Cordial—Injury to the Executive's Hand Drives Him to Shake With His Left

By R. J. BENDER, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Goshen, Ind., Oct. 19.—President Wilson is today whirling through Indiana en route to Chicago, where he is scheduled to make three speeches. The President greeted handshakers with his left hand. His right is bandaged because of an injury inflicted by careless enthusiasm. A nail was driven into the President's palm. Dr. Grayson ordered it bandaged, fearing infection. Members of the party were greatly cheered by the receptions accorded the President all through New York State. The climax was at Syracuse, where fifteen thousand applauded him.

Crowds Cheer Wilson in New York. Syracuse, Oct. 18.—(On Board the President's Special Train.)—President Wilson was greeted by cheering crowds at ten New York cities and towns during brief stops made this afternoon and tonight as he passed through the State on his way to Chicago to speak there tomorrow. The President refused to make extended speeches, but in each town he thanked the crowds briefly for coming to see him.

Association Boosts Next Week's Event Far and Wide; Many Coming

HARD-WORKED OFFICIALS

Comprehensive Displays of Best That the Region Boasts In All Lines—Kinston's Busiest Week Is Approaching

"Everybody come to the big fair," is the invitation being extended to every person in Greene, Pitt, Wayne, Lenoir, Onslow, Jones, Pender, Carteret, Craven and Duplin counties by the local Fair Association. Advertising matter has been broadcasted throughout the district, and the personal invitation has been extended to thousands. It would not surprise some persons if a total attendance exceeding 50,000 is registered during the four days. Assistant Secretary W. B. Douglass, who has been in charge of the advertising in the field, has been absent from the city most of the time for weeks. He appears to have lost a deal of flesh, and he proudly states that he has been one of the hardest-worked men in the country.

Chief Marshal Harvey Hines is another hustling individual just now. On Tuesday, the opening day, Mr. Hines will hold a rank in the community comparable with the prominence of the king in Mardi Gras. He has racked his brain for new things for the pageant he is to direct, and has hit upon a number.

Secretary Canady is in touch with every detail of the preparation for the big event. Last year the members of the association told him that the success of the fair was due more to him than any other individual. It is now apparent enough that the same sort of a compliment will be in order a week from now.

Catchwords being employed to arouse interest in the Fair are "More Exhibits," "Special Trains," "Grand Decorations," "Thrilling Free Acts," "Aeroplane," "Mimic Battle Between Aviator and Soldiers," "Carrying the Mail by Airship," "Better Babies," "World's Finest Tobacco," "King Cotton," "Magnificent Parade," "Star Athletes," "Five Thousand School Children in Chorus," "Finest Exhibit of Cattle, Horses, Swine, Sheep, Mules and Poultry East Carolina Ever Saw," "Elaborate Displays of the Arts and Crafts," etc.

SOUTHERN CUTTING OUT MANY GRADE CROSSINGS

(Special to The Free Press) Washington, D. C., October 18.—Ninety-three grade crossings of the Southern Railway's Washington-Atlanta line have been eliminated in connection with double track work between Orange, Va., and Central S. C.

Thirty-eight were supplanted by overhead bridges, 33 by underpasses, while 22 were removed by changes in the route of public roads.

In all construction work the fixed policy of the Southern is to separate important highway crossings wherever practicable.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IN SOUTHERN STATES

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 18.—Two earthquakes that shook buildings, knocked down a number of chimneys and frightened thousands were felt throughout Georgia, Eastern Alabama,

PENSACOLA IN GRIP SETH BULLOCK AND OF WORST GALE IN JIM DAVIS TO MEET THE CITY'S HISTORY COLONEL OUT WEST

Hurricane Reaches Velocity of 120 Miles Hour at Florida Port

PROPERTY DAMAGE HEAVY

Mobile Escapes With One Death and Little Property Loss — Messenger Boy Carried 80 Feet Through a Window

(By the United Press)

Washington, Oct. 19.—The Gulf storm now centers in Indiana. Storm warnings are being posted along the Great Lakes, says the Weather Bureau

Pensacola, Fla., Oct. 19.—Whipped and torn by the worst hurricane in its history, Pensacola today heard reports of numerous persons injured and the widespread unroofing of buildings. The storm sweeping in from the Gulf lashed the city furiously and reached a velocity of 120 miles an hour. It tore away the weather bureau tower, wrecked the Louisville and Nashville grain elevator, tore off a railroad warehouse roof, ruined several thousand dollars' worth of goods inside and did other damage.

The wind performed many freaks. It picked up a messenger boy and hurled him eighty feet across a road and through a plate glass window. Public Works Commissioner Johnson had both legs fractured. The street car, telegraph and telephone services are paralyzed.

Mobile More Fortunate. Mobile, Oct. 19.—One negro dead and slight damage to shipping and property were the results of the hurricane here. Loss was \$50,000.

POLLOCK TO SOUND THE CALL IN ONSLOW

Carrying an appeal to backsliders to return to the "grandest party," Col. W. D. Pollock, the local State Senatorial nominee, Friday morning will invade Onslow county to drive in a few sledge-hammer blows for Democracy. He will speak at four places, and his message to all the audiences will be the same. Colonel Pollock's schedule is:

Belgrade, Friday noon. Swansboro, Friday night. Folkton, Saturday noon. Snead's Ferry, Saturday night.

NORFOLK HEARS THE U-FIFTY-THREE HAS BEEN SUNK AT SEA

(By the United Press)

Norfolk, Oct. 19.—A German submarine, probably the U-53, has been sunk off Nantucket, according to a signal from a British cruiser to the British steamer North Pacific, in port here.

ma, Tennessee and parts of Kentucky late this afternoon. No material damage was done and no injuries have been reported. Birmingham and Montgomery apparently seemed to feel the movement most severely. No point east of Augusta, Ga., seemed to be affected.

FRENCH NEARER TO PERONNE AS RESULT OF NIGHT ADVANCE

Consolidate Positions Recently Won; Repulse German Counters

HEAVY RAINS IN SOMME

British Inactive — Serbs Take Village—Great Battle In East Continues; Germans Use Gas Against Russians

(By the United Press)

Paris, Oct. 19.—The French closed in on Peronne last night, progressing between Lamaizotie and Bianches in heavy fighting south of the Somme. Despite German counters, the newly-won Sailly-Salliseul positions are now entirely in the hands of the French. They were consolidated during the night. Serbs Gain. The Serbs have captured the village of Brod, southeast of Monastir, from the Bulgars in a brilliant combat, it is said officially. Rains Hard In West. London, Oct. 19.—Heavy rains impeded operations on the Somme front today, General Haig reports. Big Teuton-Russ. Battle Rages. Petrograd, Oct. 19.—The five days' battle in Volhynia continued today with no sign of interruption. The Germans are using gas and large quantities of ammunition against the Russian lines. The war office announced the repulse of attacks on Kisielin, east of Sviniauchi, where the fighting is especially fierce.

RALEIGH CONCERN TO DO KINSTON PAVING

City Council at a special meeting Wednesday night voted to award the contract for about 5,000 yards of sidewalk paving and some culvert work to a Raleigh concern—the lowest bidder out of four. The price per yard for the paving is 97 cents, and the total contract calls for an expenditure of nearly \$9,000. The West Construction Company, having improved many miles of streets and sidewalks in the city during the past two years, failed to land the new award by a considerable difference between its bid and the successful concern's offer. Council passed resolutions necessitated by the recent sale of the Public Improvement and Special Assessment bonds and a loan of \$100,000.

GREEKS RECALL THE WORDS OF CLAY AND WEBSTER TO AMERICA

Athens, Oct. 17.—Via London, Oct. 18.—After the demonstration here last night against the Entente Allies, during which a procession of several thousand persons marched to the American legation and protested against the landing of French marines, a delegation of six persons called at the American legation today and presented resolutions asking the sympathy and protection of the United States against the encroachments of the Entente Allies. The spokesman said in English, in presenting the resolution:

"Henry Clay's speech in regard to Greece's struggle for liberty, as well as one by Daniel Webster, said the struggle would have been made meaningless if the liberties of Greece had been subsequently lost." The American Minister, Garrett Droppers, promised to forward the petition to Washington.

ILLINOIS SUFFRAGISTS IN ANNUAL CONVENTION

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 19.—To expedite the establishment of full suffrage for the already partially enfranchised women of Illinois, delegates representing more than two hundred affiliated organizations met in the chambers of the State Capitol here today attending the forty-eighth annual convention of the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association.

be taken up by outsiders and Duplin and Pender will be given a boost that will soon put them in the forefront of East Carolina counties. Kinston will be particularly favored, because it will be the important junction of two important lines, making the most direct route between the State's two seaports—Norfolk and Wilmington.

TO OPEN COURT HALF WEEK LATE BECAUSE OF THE ELECTIONS

Judge W. A. Devin in Superior Court Wednesday granted a request of the Bar Association that the convening of the November two-weeks' civil term, scheduled for the 6th, be delayed until Thursday, the 9th. The elections will be on the 7th; the day before that will be devoted to campaigning by a number of the lawyers and court officials, and they expect to be too much elated over the outcome of the balloting to feel much like working on the day after.

Four negroes convicted at the present term and sentenced to terms ranging from 12 to 24 months, asked to be allowed to serve in State's prison rather than on the Lenoir county roads. Such requests have been honored before. The business of the October short term was concluded Wednesday afternoon, with three days left over, and Judge Devin went to his home in Oxford that night. The term is still legally open; it will expire by limitation Saturday night.

AND WHEAT IS GOING SKYWARD, YOU KNOW

(By the United Press) Edmonton, Alberta, Oct. 19.—C. S. Noble, pioneer farmer of the Claresholm district, today had an official award from the Alberta Government of the world's record for raising wheat. His 1,000 acre field averaged 52 bushels to the acre. This is one bushel higher than the previous record, held in Polouze county, Washington, in the United States. The grain, Noble says, will grade No. 1 hard.

COTTON EXCHANGE SUSPENDS TUESDAY

The cotton exchange will observe Tuesday, opening day of the fair, as a holiday, it was announced Thursday afternoon.

RECORDER'S COURT IS NOT IN THE HOLE YET

The report of the Recorder's Court for the month of September, made public Wednesday morning, shows a total of \$877.10 in moneys collected by the court during the month. Of this sum, \$395 went to the school fund; \$154 was in Solicitor's fees to the Solicitor or attorneys acting for him, and \$228.10 went to the city. A note for \$100 was added to the above figures.

COULD HAVE STEAMER SERVICE TO NEW BERN

To Connect Kinston With New Ship Line From North—Good Business Could Be Built Up at Landings On Neuse, Thought—Shallow Draught Freighters

A boat line to operate on a regular schedule between this city and New Bern is an idea that may meet with favor from Chamber of Commerce members. The suggestion has been advanced that when a new service to be installed between Baltimore, Norfolk, Washington and New Bern is inaugurated, local business interests finance a line of shallow-draught steamers to connect with the route. The Baltimore-New Bern company is expected to start operations early in the coming year; it will put on one or two steel ships of a special design to begin with. The vessels will be of a build adapted to the waters they are to ply. The machinery will be well aft, and freight-carrying facilities will be great for craft of the size.

River boats of four to five feet draught, built something on the order of the type familiar to the rivers of this section, but a little narrower in beam because of the crooked and narrow channel in the Neuse, double-decked with the lower deck open, are proposed for the Kinston-New Bern line. A daily schedule could be maintained. Passenger-carrying facilities could be included—more or less limited, of course. Five or six men could man such a vessel. Several stops could be made between the cities, usually with profit.

RAIN KEEPS TOBACCO AWAY FROM MARKET

Little more than a hundred thousand pounds of tobacco was sold here Thursday. Very inclement weather kept the receipts down. One warehouse reported only 10,000 pounds and one other less than 15,000 pounds. Prices ruled strong, and the day's average probably equalled the season's best average.

FREE WILL BAPTISTS TO HOLD CONFERENCE

Ministers and lay delegates from throughout East Carolina gathered here Thursday for the annual conference of the Free Will Baptist church in this part of the State. Sessions will be held in the church in East Kinston during the coming several days. A number of leading men of the denomination are on the program.

PANTS ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD THURSDAY

Stand up straight, men; swing your legs about—first one, then the other, look at 'em, and then glorify the memory of the man who invented trousers, pantaloons or just plain pants. It happened just 100 years ago today. A chap whose name is long since dust, grew tired of breeches with their encumbering snagness and evolved the forerunner of the present style of trousers.

ASSAULT WITH GUN; GETS TWELVE MONTHS

"Cinny" Chamberlain, colored, is under sentence to 12 months on the Greene county roads for firing three shots at the wife of Mack Harper, colored. The woman was slightly wounded. A bunch of keys was found on Chamberlain's person. One key fitted a door of the Quinn & Miller furniture store at Snow Hill.