

GERMANS FIGHT DESPERATELY IN A NIGHT ATTACK TO BREAK DOWN LINES OF ALLIES AND RELIEVE THEIR RIGHT

BERLIN CLAIMS ALLIES' ATTEMPT TO PIERCE EAST AND WEST WINGS OF GERMAN ARMY SIGNALLY FAILED—GERMAN FORCES ARE IN GOOD SPIRITS.

BRITISH INFANTRY HAS BEEN SENT TO AID JAPANESE

Severe Weather Conditions Continue to Prevail in Fighting Zone—French Left Wing Has Been Able to Make Some Advance and the Sharpest Fighting Is in Progress All Along the Oise and Aisne—Allies Occupy Teronne.

(By the United Press.)

Paris, Sept. 24.—In a furious night attack in which the Germans fought with desperation, they failed to break through the French center. This attack and the unusual activity of the Germans along the French right wing, in the opinion of experts, proves that the Germans are making every possible move to relieve the pressure on their slowly-crumbing right, where the English are engaged in a turning movement, in an attempt to dislodge General Von Kluck from his triangular positions along the Aisne, Oise and Lettek rivers. The war office announces that five-eighths of a mile have been gained by the Allies along the battle line from the Vosges to Mulhausen and Vercur to Solsions and Douai.

BRITISH TO AID JAPANESE AGAINST GERMANS.

Tokio, Sept. 24.—British infantry has been landed near Kia Chow to aid the Japanese in the campaign against the German fortifications. It is expected that a general attack on Kia Chow will begin about the end of the month.

BERLIN DECLARES ALLIES UNABLE TO MAKE ADVANCE

Berlin, Sept. 24.—The war office declares an attempt by the Allies to pierce the German lines from east to west has signally failed. The Germans continue active, and despite the continued severe weather conditions, the spirit of enthusiasm of the German forces remains unchecked.

FRENCH LEFT WING IS MAKING PROGRESS.

Paris, Sept. 24.—The French left wing along the Soissonne and Oise rivers has made some advance. The Allies have moved to the northwest from Roye and occupied Teronne. It is officially stated that an attack on the German positions along the Oise and Aisne rivers, continues. Also in Argonne and along the right bank of the Meuse river, the fighting continues of the fiercest sort.

DISEASE PLAYS HAVOC WITH AUSTRIAN TROOPS.

Petrograd, Sept. 24.—The situation along the eastern battle lines is excellent. The Germans are giving aid to the Austrians, but the Austrian forces seem completely shattered, not only by great losses in battle, but by the outbreak of diseases. All the field surgeons are being required to fight disease outbreaks. The situation in East Prussia is unchanged. The Germans are reported to be gathering together a great force for the invasion of Russian Poland.

RUSSIANS DEFEAT GERMAN TROOPS IN WESTERN RUSSIA

Paris, Sept. 24.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Matin, Paris newspaper, wires that the army of the Russian General Rencampf has defeated the German forces in Russian territory. The Russians trapped the Germans by retreating in apparent disorder until the Germans came upon ground impossible for them to hold, when the Russians drove the Germans back with great loss.

STATUE OF VANCE TO GO IN HALL OF FAME.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 23.—Governor Craig named a commission today to take immediate steps to have made and set up in Statuary Hall of the National Capitol, Washington, a marble statue of Senator Vance, the statue to occupy one of the two niches allotted to North Carolina.

INHERITANCE TAX LAW IS TESTED IN RALEIGH COURTS

FAMOUS TUCKER ESTATE IS DEFENDANT IN SUIT BROUGHT BY THE COMMISSION.

\$100,000.00 IS INVOLVED

Many Smaller Estates Scattered Over the State Are Affected—Judge Whedbee Has Heard Arguments—No Decision Yet.

(By the United Press.)

Raleigh, Sept. 24.—Judge W. H. Whedbee of Superior Court heard arguments today in the test case of the Corporation Commission vs. the Tucker Estate, to determine the possibility of collection of inheritance taxes from estates in many parts of the State, inherited between 1905 and 1911, under the revenue acts. It is estimated that the possibility of collection of \$100,000 in taxes is involved. The ruling is yet reserved.

ECHOES OF BANNER CELEBRATION HEARD.

(By the United Press.)
Springfield, N. J., Sept. 24.—Echoes of the Baltimore celebration of the 100th anniversary of the writing of the "Star Spangled Banner," by Francis Scott Key, were heard today at the first meeting of the New Jersey Society, Daughters of the War of 1812, held in the Presbyterian church.

JAPAN PREPARING ITS FAIR EXHIBIT.

(By the United Press.)
San Francisco, Sept. 24.—Advices received here from Tokio from Haruki Yamawaki, the Japanese commissioner to the Panama Pacific Exposition, say that Japan is proceeding with her preparation for participation in the exhibit. Japan's exhibit, he said, will be of increased excellence because of the inability of the European nations at war to participate.

WAR AFFECTS EVERY PART OF THE WORLD.

New York, Sept. 23.—Reports from the outposts of the net work of missions established throughout the world by the Presbyterian church, made public here today, tell of world wide conditions unparalleled in the history of the church. There is no spot under the sun, according to these reports, where the war has failed to strike a blow at commerce; no inhabitant of the civilized world, even to the half savage Indians of Chile and the wandering tribes of Syria has failed to feel its effects in some degree.

THE SITUATION IN WEST AFRICA IS CRITICAL; SYRIA IS ENGULFED BY UTTER HOPELESSNESS; PERSIA IS IN A CHAOTIC CONDITION, AT LEAST AS FAR AS FINANCES ARE CONCERNED; MISSIONARIES IN INDIA ARE SHUT OFF FROM OUTSIDE FINANCIAL AID, CHILE IS IN PITIABLE PLIGHT BECAUSE OF THE PROSTRATION OF HER INDUSTRIES, AND IN GUATEMALA THE POOR ARE DRIVEN BY HUNGER TO THE POINT OF CONFISCATING THE FOODSTUFFS OF THE WEALTHY.

Williamson, Sept. 23.—In the Superior Court here today Mrs. Elizabeth Early Johnson and Archie Johnson were sentenced by Judge G. S. Ferguson to serve ten years each in the State prison. The case was not tried, the attorneys for the defendants having agreed with Solicitor R. G. Allsbrook to submit them subject to a sentence of ten years.

AFTER THE MAN WHO IS HIGHER UP

Clayton Anti-Trust Bill Is Ready at Last for Final Action by Congress—Many Months' Consideration Given.

Washington, Sept. 23.—The Clayton anti-trust bill is at last ready for final consideration of Congress after many months of deliberation in both houses. Conferees agreed upon their final report today, completing a measure that is a combination of features of both Senate and House bills.

Primarily the bill would, as suggested by President Wilson, punish individual officers of corporations violating the trust laws of the country. Important changes made in the measure as it left the Senate relate to interlocking directorates and exclusive contracts.

VILLA IS AGAIN ASSUMING A VERY UGLY ATTITUDE

RENOUNCES ALLEGIANCE TO CARRANZA AND PUTS TROOPS IN THE FIELD.

ADMINISTRATION WORRIED

All Hope of Troops' Removal From Vera Cruz Given Up By Rebels' Latest Move—American Representatives Give Counsel.

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Sept. 24.—General Villa's revolt against Carranza throws all hope of the administration for the withdrawal of American troops from Vera Cruz into utter confusion. Consul Coruthers is under orders at Chihuahua to find out if Villa can be induced to consider other methods than hostility to settle the differences. It is expected that Paul Fuller and John Lind will be sent immediately to investigate Mexican conditions with a view to steps to stay further bloodshed. Villa's action was unexpected in official circles, and is admitted as greatly complicating the situation.

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 23.—General Francisco Villa, dominant leader in Northern Mexico, tonight denounced the central government, headed by Venustiano Carranza, and announced his independence.

This place, the State of Chihuahua, is in open revolt against the party in power at Mexico City, as well as Sonora, the next border state to the west, where Governor Maytorn had previously proclaimed his independence of the constitutional party as represented by Carranza.

Washington, Sept. 23.—General Villa has telegraphed General Carranza, disavowing the latter as first constitutional chief in power in Mexico. This was announced in a telegram from General Carranza tonight to the constitutional agency here.

General Villa at the same time announced that neither he nor his delegates would participate in the national convention called for October 1 in Mexico City to designate a provisional president.

Contrary to Villa's denial that he had arrested General Obregon, a Carranza commander of department, the latest official report from Mexico City today makes clear that he is still being held in the territory controlled by Villa's forces.

This sudden break between the two foremost factors in Mexico's politics caused a profound sensation here. Secretary Bryan would make no comment and White House officials likewise were silent.

Well informed officials seemed to think the cause of the rupture between Carranza and Villa was Villa's disapproval of Carranza's system of representation for the national convention.

UNIVERSALISTS OPEN CONVENTION TONIGHT

Rev. Dr. Van Schaick, pastor of the Universalist Church of Our Father, in Washington, D. C., arrived this morning, and Mrs. Minnie J. Ayers, president of the Woman's National Missionary Association of the denomination, of Woonsocket, R. I., this afternoon, to attend the State convention of the Universalists to be opened in the local church this evening. Rev. Willard O. Bodell, the local pastor, will preach the opening sermon tonight. Dr. Van Schaick will probably deliver a sermon in the morning.

PROFESSORS ADDRESS TRADE PRESS DELEGATES

(By the United Press.)
Chicago, Sept. 24.—College professors, editors and advertisers are on the program of the ninth annual three day convention of the Federation of Trade Press Associations which opened in the Congress Hotel today. The annual banquet will be held tomorrow night. Officers will be elected at the closing session the following day.

OFFICIAL CIRCLES DECLARE ROUMANIAN CABINET HAS DECIDED TO ENLIST WITH THE ALLIES AGAINST KING'S WISHES

KING CARROLL IS OF HOHENZOLLERN FAMILY AND HAS LARGE PERSONAL HOLDINGS IN GERMANY, WHERE HE WILL PROBABLY TAKE REFUGE.

CONFLICTING REPORTS OF NAVAL BATTLE IN BALTIC

One Says Russian Warship Sunk and the Other That German Ship Went Down—Austrian Torpedo Boats Destroyed—Russians Succeed in Working Nice Trap on Germans in Western Russia—Montenegrins Bombard Sarajavo.

TARBORO SCHOOLMASTER TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Tarboro, Sept. 23.—Early this morning Robert M. Davis was found dead in the parlor of his home here, death having resulted from a self-inflicted pistol wound just above the heart. Davis was discovered cold in death by his wife. Nearby was a note that he had written just prior to taking his life, in which he said: "Good bye to his darling wife and children" and hoped God would be merciful and watch over his family, ending the note with these words, "That I am a heart-broken man," and signed, "Your loving husband and father."

For more than twenty-one years Mr. Davis was connected with the Tarboro graded schools. Fourteen years he was superintendent and later was principal of the high school, but resigned in August on account of his health.

VIRGINIAN AND WIFE KILLED IN COLLISION.

Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 23.—Leonard M. Preston, manager of the Phoenix Furniture Corporation, Cambria, Va., was instantly killed and his wife probably fatally injured when the automobile in which they were touring the state was struck by a passenger train at Mebane, thirty miles east of Greensboro, at 11 o'clock today.

Mrs. Preston is in a hospital here, and the body of her husband at an undertaking establishment. Relatives will arrive tonight and the body will be carried to Virginia for burial.

U. S. WARSHIPS TO REMAIN IN EUROPEAN WATERS.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—The cruisers Tennessee and North Carolina which went abroad with gold for stranded Americans, will remain in European waters indefinitely to afford further relief should any emergency arise. This announcement was made by the War Department today.

M'ADOO DETERMINED TO PUT A STOP TO THE HOARDING OF MONEY.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Secretary McAdoo tonight adopted stringent measures to urge national banks to extend legitimate credit and charge normal interest rates on loans. He telegraphed to ten national banks in the four reserve cities in the South that their requests for additional crop moving funds from the federal government would not be granted at this time, and made it clear that his action was taken in connection with reports of excessive interest rates and restriction of credits.

In a statement made public with the telegram Mr. McAdoo declared there was an extraordinary hoarding of money by banks throughout the country and piling up of reserves without occasion. He said reports to the comptroller of the currency showed money hoarding has been carried by banks to an extreme degree, and announced he expected to focus attention upon the guilty banks by issuing a daily list of those with the excessive reserves.

PITT COUNTY FAIL CALLED OFF.

Greenville, Sept. 24.—The managers have cancelled the Pitt county fair, scheduled to be held here on November 12 and 13. Canvassers, the secretary says in a signed statement, "found such depression among the people over the outlook for prices of farm products that the necessary subscriptions could not be secured."

CONFLICTING REPORTS OF NAVAL BATTLE.

Paris, Sept. 24.—Conflicting reports today of a naval battle in the Baltic Sea, one to the effect that the Russian warship Dayan sunk a German cruiser and two submarines, names not given. Another report is to the effect that the Dayan was sunk by Germans through being struck amidships by a torpedo.

AUSTRIAN TORPEDO BOATS DESTROYED.

Rome, Sept. 24.—A dispatch from Trieste is to the effect that two Austrian torpedo boats and one destroyer have been sunk off the Baltic coast.

MONTENEGRIN ARMY BOMBARDING SARAJAVO.

Cettinje, Sept. 24.—It is officially announced that the Montenegrin army has begun bombardment of Sarajavo, and it is expected the fortifications will be taken soon.

DEEDS OF VALOR.

The American papers are not getting as much of the news concerning the great European conflict as are best known residents, and about as ubiquitous a fellow for his years as one could find. His recent adventure was the most dangerous of a number that have marked him as a sportsman the English and continental journals. A copy of a London Sunday edition has just arrived in Kinston. Its date is September 6, and its sixteen pages contain more reading matter possibly than is jammed into any of the American metropolitan sheets. British wounded returning, and the French, German and other exchanges permit of much more elaborate resumes of events in the war zone than the press associations can furnish the American papers with the hampered cable service. One page of the London paper received here is filled with accounts of deeds of bravery by the English in France. In one instance, an entire battery of more than 150 men was wiped out of existence when it held its ground in the face of a heavy German fire. Only one man, himself wounded, was able to tell the story, the commander and every officer and man, with the one exception, being either killed or badly injured.

MONUMENT TESTIFIES TO HIS SINGLE ESTATE

Myrtle Point, Ore., Sept. 24.—"To an independent, good looking old bachelor, who in his younger days, preferred to live a single life rather than get married and be ruled by a petticoat boss through this life and perhaps in eternity."

A granite monument bearing this unique epitaph and surmounted by the rather heroic effigy of a bachelor, standing on one side of the River Jordan, with three old maids on the other, beckoning him to cross, today marks the grave of F. B. Waite, an eccentric resident of this place.