

GERMAN ADVANCE TO COAST IN BELGIUM HAS BEEN CHECKED BY THE ALLIES IS THE REPORT FROM FRENCH HEADQUARTERS

VERY LITTLE NEWS IS GIVEN OUT BY WAR DEPARTMENT BUT IT IS FELT THAT IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS ARE TAKING PLACE ALONG LINES.

BRITISH CRUISER HAWK VICTIM OF GERMAN TORPEDO

An Old Ship Used For Patrol Duty Succumbs to Submarine—Very few Survivors—French Advance in Vosges Passes Despite Heavy Fall of Snow—Germans Said to Have Been Forced to Abandon Important Entrenchments That Are Flooded.

(By the United Press.)
Paris, Oct. 16.—The war office is silent regarding developments in Belgium. Its only statement is that the German advance toward the coast has been checked, and this leads to a general feeling that the officials are withholding important news of conditions around Ostend. It is reported that important developments are expected in the region of Lorraine. The French continue to advance in the Vosges district, despite the fact that snow is already on the ground. They have obtained footholds in the more important passes. Officials report successful advances against the German lines south of Metz. The Germans are reported to have been forced to abandon important centers and first line entrenchments because of their inability to drain them.

BRITISH CRUISER HAWK SUNK BY TORPEDO

London, Oct. 16.—England has lost another cruiser through the activity of German submarines. The cruiser Hawk, used for scouting purposes off the German naval base in the North Sea, was torpedoed yesterday afternoon. The cruiser was steaming along when hit amidships by a torpedo and literally torn to pieces. Three officers and forty men of the crew of 544 were saved. The Hawk was an old armored cruiser, 360 feet long, commissioned in 1891.

GERMANY SAYS CONDITIONS ARE EXCELLENT.

Berlin, Oct. 16.—It is officially announced this afternoon that the situation on the battle lines both east and west is excellent. The Allies have not succeeded in making an advance at any point, except where the Germans withdrew for strategic reasons, especially in this case in the trenches, abandoned for sanitary reasons.

ALLIES EXTEND BATTLE LINES

Paris, Oct. 16.—It is officially announced that the Allies now hold lines extending from Ypres to the sea, and are thereby able to prevent any flanking movement by new German forces in Belgium. The Allies are making progress at every point on the battle lines.

BULLETINS

ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DIED TODAY.

Rome, Oct. 16.—Disan Guillano, Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, died today.

VIOLENT FIGHTING IN WEST

Washington, Oct. 16.—The French embassy has been officially advised that there has been violent fighting northwest of Lens and Vermelles, in which the French won. The French forces have taken Hannescamps, southwest of Arras.

HONOLULU WIRELESS STATION ORDERED CLOSED

Washington, Oct. 16.—Orders have been issued to close the Marconi wireless station at Honolulu within 24 hours, unless a satisfactory explanation can be given concerning a dispatch from a German gunboat. The administration holds that handling the message was a violation of neutrality.

GERMANS EXPECTED TO USE LATER GUNS THAN AT ANTWERP

KRUPP WORKS ARE SAID TO HAVE TURNED A MORE EFFECTIVE ONE.

WOULD GUARD CHANNEL

British Admiralty Feel Confident That Battleships Would Be Equal to Occasion. Germany Would Have Great Advantage

London, Oct. 16.—The Germans are planning to plant the newest, largest guns on the Belgian seacoast so as to force the British warships to stay off shore. They already have these guns on trains on the Belgian frontier ready to rush to the coast. The admiralty insists that the fleet will be able to block this plan. The biggest German guns are the latest products of the Krupp works and are a big improvement over the siege guns used at Liege and Antwerp. It is claimed they can be sighted as easy as rifles, and it is declared that a successful test of these guns was the real cause for the change in the campaign plans of the Germans. It is declared the effectiveness of the guns exceeded the expectations of German experts, and in spite of their enormous calibre, they are marvels of execution. They will endeavor to keep the British fleet away from the coast. If this plan by the Germans works out, and British military and naval experts doubt it, the Germans will be able to move their submarines by rail and launch them in the channel. British authorities believe the English navy will make it impossible, even if the Germans take Ostend or other coast cities, for them to hold any such point of advantage long enough to mount the guns. British warships are constantly ready at any point within a couple of hours' notice. Air scouts report every move of the Germans, giving timely warning of all movements of troops.

MURDERER WALKS TO HIS DEATH SMILING.

(By the United Press.)
Michigan City, Ind., Oct. 16.—Robert Collier, 29, negro, today walked to death in the electric chair smiling. "I'd rather die than spend my life in prison," he said. Collier shot to death Patrolman John Cain, white, apparently without provocation. He was on parole for a crime at the time. The shooting occurred in Evansville, Ind., June 14th of this year. Collier chuckled when the death sentence was pronounced.

DENVER VOTING ON OFFICIAL'S RECALL.

(By the United Press.)
Denver, Oct. 16.—The voters of Denver today are deciding whether Alexander Nisbet, one of the five commissioners who govern Denver, shall continue as commissioner of public safety or shall be retired. A special election ordered last month by the city council is being held. The principal candidate against Nisbet is Attorney W. C. Danks, who was put up by the petitioners for Nisbet's recall. Nisbet is charged with having failed to enforce the laws forbidding gambling and regulating saloons and with having failed to furnish adequate police protection. The council originally set this date for the election and then voted to change it to November 17. The petitioners went into court, however, and got an injunction preventing the change, on the ground that it was illegal.

BANKERS TAKE BOAT TRIP.

Richmond, Oct. 16.—A boat trip down the historic James river, with a pilgrimage to Jamestown Island, visits to Newport News and a return here by train tonight, was the sight-seeing and entertainment program enjoyed today by bankers at the American Bankers' Association convention.

PREPARATIONS ARE NOW BEING MADE CHAMBER'S MEETING

100 FARMERS FROM LENOIR, WAYNE, DUPLIN AND OTHER COUNTIES ARE COMING.

BANQUET ON WEDNESDAY

Spread Will Probably Be Held in the Recreation Room of the Gordon Street Christian Church—Speakers From Distance.

The Chamber of Commerce will entertain 100 farmers from Lenoir, Wayne, Duplin, Onslow, Jones, Pitt, Greene and Craven counties on the occasion of its annual meeting next Wednesday evening. Preparations are being made to entertain the visiting planters at a banquet, which may be held in the social rooms of the Gordon Street Christian Church. Nearly 150 Kinston business men will sit at table with the men from the country and discuss with them a subject of interest to both classes, "Agriculture."

J. H. Young, president of the Norfolk Southern, and C. I. Millard, president of the Kinston-Carolina Railroad, have assured the chamber that they will make strenuous efforts to come from Norfolk to speak at the meeting. A number of leading local men and planters are on the program for addresses and short talks.

THREATENING FLOODS IN WESTERN CAROLINA.

Asheville, Oct. 15.—After three days' steady rains, small streams in Western North Carolina mountains today became raging torrents and began to show the effects of the heaviest precipitation since the memorable flood of four years ago. Rising waters in the surrounding mountains worked a great hardship on the Southern Railway Company and augmented wrecking crews tonight are working on all sides of Asheville in an effort to combat the high waters. A serious landslide between Old Fort and Ridge Crest resulted in the annulment of trains on that portion of the Southern's lines while heavy rains on the Spartanburg division have called for a large force of workmen on those tracks to repair disastrous washouts.

BANKERS' ASS'N TO SEND COMMITTEE TO CAPITAL.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 15.—The American Bankers' Association today determined to send a committee to Washington to confer with the Federal Reserve Board over changes in the banking law, which it contends would make membership in the new system more attractive to state institutions. Some of the changes proposed would permit state banks upon entering the system to continue their business along present lines and authorize examination by regional bank officials who understand local conditions.

PROPOSE MONUMENT TO MORGAN ON CANAL ZONE.

Washington, Oct. 15.—A joint resolution granting permission to the Southern Commercial Congress to erect a memorial to the late Senator John T. Morgan, at Balboa, Panama canal zone, was adopted by the Senate today. Senator Morgan was instrumental in committing the United States to the construction of the Panama Canal.

CANADIAN FACES DEATH FOR TREASON.

Montreal, Oct. 15.—Israel Schroeder, a steamship ticket agent, was arrested here today on a charge of high treason. The police claim that Schroeder sold tickets to Austrian reservists and advised them to say they were Roumanians in order to evade the law prohibiting belligerents from leaving Canada. A person convicted of high treason may be sentenced to death.

MRS. FELIX HARVEY OF THIS CITY WAS ELECTED BY U. D. C.

WILL SERVE ANOTHER TERM AS REGISTRAR OF STATE ASSOCIATION.

MRS. LITTLE IS PRESIDENT

Mrs. Archbell, Editor of Official Organ of Daughters, Offered to Sell Part of the Holdings to Association—Stock Company.

Among officers elected by the North Carolina Daughters of the Confederacy in annual meeting at Raleigh on Thursday was Mrs. C. Felix Harvey, of Kinston, who was named for another term as registrar. Mrs. Eugene Little of Wadesboro was elected president to succeed Mrs. Marshall Williams of Faison.

Mrs. Lillie Archbell, editor of Carolina and the Southern Cross, the official State organ, published here, presented a scheme to put the magazine upon a stock company basis, with a part of the stock in the hands of the editor, and part in the hands of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mrs. Archbell as editor to retain, 51 per cent. of the stock. This was referred to a committee of seven members.

FIRST THREE-GUN TURRETS FOR WARSHIPS

(By the United Press.)
Boston, Oct. 16.—Within a few days there will be installed on the new battleship Nevada at the Fore River shipyards, the first three-gun turret ever placed on an American battleship. They will be the best protected of any in the world and will be the heaviest ever set up, weighing on the average of about 80 tons, or some 11 tons heavier than the turrets on the Argentine battleship Rivadavia, which was considered the "last word" in naval construction.

Each of Nevada's turrets will have three 14-inch guns, the most powerful on any United States battleships and rivalled only by a few in the British and German fleets. They will weigh about 147,500 pounds each, will be 53 feet long and will throw a projectile weighing 1400 pounds. The latter will carry a much larger amount of high explosives than the 875-pound projectiles of the 12-inch pieces.

Two of these three-guns turrets will be installed, one on the forecastle deck and one on the quarterdeck, with a two-gun turret behind and slightly above each other so there will be five 14-inch guns pointing ahead and a similar number facing astern. Thus the fire of all ten guns may be concentrated at either side or almost directly ahead or astern. The advantage of such an arrangement has deeply impressed naval authorities the world over. The New York and Texas, the only American ships now in commission with 14-inch guns, carry them mounted in five two-gun turrets instead of four as on the Nevada and her sister ship, the Oklahoma.

It is estimated that about three more months will be needed in which to complete the work of laying on the Nevada's side armor. Because of the fact that she will use only oil for fuel there will be but one smoke-stack and the boilers can be concentrated in the middle of the ship. The boilers can thus be given heretofore unknown security in the form of the heaviest armor ever employed for this purpose.

THE ROCK ISLAND GRAB NOW BEING INVESTIGATED

(By the United Press.)
Washington, Oct. 16.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today began an investigation of the alleged looting of the Rock Island system of twenty million dollars.

MORE VICTIMS OF PICKPOCKETS ARE REPORTED TO POLICE

TOTAL OF SIX WHITE PEOPLE WERE IMPOSED UPON BY CROOKS THURSDAY.

OTHER CROOKS PRESENT

Bogus Ticket Sellers, the Man Who Wanted Change, to Get Rid of Some Silver and Other Well-Known Tricks Worked.

Five white men and one boy, so far as the authorities have learned, were the victims of pickpockets and confidence men Thursday at Athletic Park, where the Robinson circus showed on that day.

Young Jeter Taylor of Jones county had his pockets picked of \$47. He did not recover the money.

A man named White of Jones county, lost \$60 in the same manner, and did not recover it.

A. W. Oakes and his son, A. C. Oakes Green county men, were short-changed by a bogus ticket agent who operated on the outside of the circus. The elder Oakes lost \$9 and the son \$2.

W. N. Perry of Greene county was asked by a vendor on the outside of the circus to give him paper money in exchange for silver with which he pretended to be overburdened. "I have only a \$10 bill," said Perry, handing the bill to the other. The man palmed the \$10 and said: "Much obliged; but I wanted only \$1 bills." He cleverly substituted a folded \$1 for the \$10 and gave it to Perry, who unwittingly put it in his pocket. He learned that he had been victimized some time afterward.

Tull Jarman of the city was accosted by a "con." man, who asked him for a \$5 bill in exchange for five silver dollars. "Give me the silver first," said Jarman. "You're not the man I'm looking for," said the stranger, passing on.

A little later A. L. Rhodes of Greene county suffered the loss of \$19 in the same manner as W. N. Perry lost \$9, receiving \$1 back for a \$20 bill.

Patrolman Felix Skinner, armed with a John Doe warrant, went with Perry and Rhodes to the circus grounds late Thursday night to attempt to locate the man who had defrauded them. The search was unavailing, and Skinner went with the warrant to the manager. "I've got to have that man or a \$200 cash bond for him," said Skinner. Whether the manager swallowed the bluff or not, he made good their losses to the Greene county men. He stated that a man answering the description given by Rhodes and Perry had been discharged from the circus that morning.

FARMING HAS BEEN HURT BY CONSTANT RAINS

Under the direction of the expert located here, numerous Lenoir county planters are inoculating cloverseed as an experiment, and quantities of clover are being planted throughout the county as a cover crop. The inoculation liquid is furnished by the government in quantities sufficient for the germinating of two acres.

For two weeks weather conditions have been so bad as to seriously interfere with farming operations in the county, and little demonstration work has been accomplished by the agricultural agent. Since Monday morning around five inches of rain has fallen here.

There will be a considerable reduction of the cotton acreage in Lenoir county next year, it is certain, and much more grain will be planted than is customary.

TOOK BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY BY MISTAKE.

Asheville, Oct. 15.—A. G. Bradley, a bookkeeper for a local quarry firm, is in a serious condition at a local hospital as a result of swallowing a bichloride of mercury tablet taken through mistake.