

TURKISH AMBASSADOR AT PETROGRAD TRIES RESTORE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BY HAVING GOVERNMENT PAY INDEMNITY.

THE FACT THAT TURKEY'S REPRESENTATIVE IS STILL IN RUSSIAN CAPITAL GIVES RISE TO HOPE THAT PEACE MAY BE MAINTAINED.

APPEARS THAT GERMANY HAD BACKSET IN BELGIUM

Paris Claims That Defeat Has Been Given Kaiser's Troops Near Coast and Big Guns Have Been Withdrawn—Unconfirmed Reports of Naval Engagement Between Turkish and Russian Fleets Come From Constantinople.

(By the United Press.)
London, Oct. 31.—The Turkish ambassador, who remains at Petrograd, has endeavored to influence his government to make indemnity for the action of Turkish warships to preserve peace. There is the slightest hope that Turkey will keep out of the war. The fanatically pro-German war party controls. England is now ready to prevent a Turkish invasion of Egypt. There is mystery of the whereabouts of the Australian and New Zealand units. It is reported from various points that they are understood to be in Egypt guarding the Suez canal.

GERMANS WEAKEN IN NORTH OF FRANCE.

Paris, Oct. 31.—It is claimed that the Germans have been defeated in the north, and have withdrawn from the coast line and east of Ostend to the Lille-Arras line. The Germans have weakened between Nieuport and Dixmude, and their big guns withdrawn from that vicinity. A German offensive movement by reserves along the heights of the Meuse lacks violence.

TURKISH AND RUSSIAN FLEETS MAY HAVE HAD ENGAGEMENT.

London, Oct. 31.—Unconfirmed stories from Rome declare Constantinople has heard of a naval engagement between Turkish and Russian fleets. England has heavily garrisoned Egypt to meet a prospective emergency. It is believed Russia has already demanded an explanation of Turkey's intentions through the Italian ambassador to Constantinople, who has assumed charge of Russian affairs. The reply is expected to reach Petrograd today.

GERMANS SAY THEIR GUNS SLOW, BUT SUBSTANTIAL.

Berlin, Oct. 31.—The campaign is progressing satisfactorily but slow, and with substantial gains in the east and west," it is officially announced. At no point is there decisive fighting. Vienna reports by wireless that the Austrians have carried a sweeping victory over the Russians at the San river. The total of Austrian prisoners to date is 73,000, of which 649 are officers.

LARGE PROPORTIONATE LOSSES SUFFERED BY THE GERMANS.

Paris, Oct. 31.—It is officially announced that the Allies have had a succession of gains and losses. The war office emphasizes heavy German losses as proportioned with the number engaged. The line from Labasse to Nieuport has been vigorously attacked. The French lost in the south but gained east of the Ypres. The German assaults between Labasse and Arras were repulsed with heavy loss. The French are progressing in the regions of Chaulnes, the Aisne, Soissons, Somain and Woevre, but have been forced to cede ground in the region of Vailly.

GERMANY PROBABLY PLANS TO MOVE BATTLE LINE BACK.

Paris, Oct. 31.—It is officially announced that the French have advanced from the Ypres to the forest of Bascendael and beyond Lipons, southwest of Peronn. They took Quesnery, but were forced to withdraw a short distance for strategic reasons to Vailly Forest. Some ground has been taken in Pretre Forest. It is believed the present German activity in the North is for the purpose of covering a general withdrawal to new battle lines further to the rear. It is understood Germany plans the withdrawal of all troops from Russian Poland to the first line of entrenchments on the inside of the Prussian frontier and send the men there relieved in France.

METHODIST BISHOP EXPIRED SUDDENLY TODAY IN ST. LOUIS

BISHOP CHARLES SMITH, WELL KNOWN DIVINE, PASSES AWAY.

PROTESTS TO ENGLAND

At Detention of Kronland at Gibraltar—Allies Want United States to Look After Affairs at Constantinople in Case of War.

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Oct. 31.—Bishop Chas. Smith of the Methodist Episcopal church, residing in St. Louis, today suddenly died.

The State Department protests the British detention of the steamer Kronland.

The Allies' representatives have asked this government to represent them at Constantinople in case of war with Turkey.

HOLLY SHIPMENTS WILL BREAK RECORD.

Mt. Olive, Oct. 30.—The indications now are that, if market conditions are satisfactory, the shipment of holly to northern markets from eastern North Carolina this year will probably break all previous records.

TOBACCO SALES MAY REACH 18,000,000 LBS.

Right around a million and a half pounds of tobacco was handled on the Kinston market during the five sales days of this week, bringing the total sales for the months of September and October up to about 11,500,000 pounds.

Prices during most of the week were maintained at the good season average, which is high for the better grades. A slight slump early in the week was recovered and Friday's prices were good.

Tobaccoists say that the record for the local market, eighteen million pounds in 1902, will be very nearly approached by this year's total. Certainly as much as 16,000,000 pounds will be sold if the sales continue as heavy as during the past fortnight.

GOVERNMENT WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH PRIVATE WAR LOANS.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Credit loans by Americans to belligerent nations are viewed as private transactions by the Washington government, and administration leaders will not use their influence against such transactions.

This was learned on the highest authority today after it became known that German financiers were contemplating a credit loan in this country similar to the \$10,000,000 credit fund negotiated by the National City Bank of New York and other bankers for France.

LACKAWANA TRAIN HURLED DOWN BANK TO CREEK BED BELOW

WHEN ENGINE HIT A BROKEN RAIL OVER A FIFTEEN-FOOT FILL.

TWO ARE REPORTED DEAD

Many Bruised—Moderate Speed of Train Probably Reason for Many Not Being Killed, As Train Turned Over Twice.

(By the United Press.)

Binghamton, N. Y., Oct. 31.—A Lackawanna passenger train is reported to be wrecked at a point 25 miles east of this city, and in the fear that many are dead and injured a special train with physicians is being hurriedly prepared.

Another wreck on the same road is reported at Alford, Penn., where a train went over a 15-foot embankment. Two are understood to be dead there and several injured.

Binghamton, N. Y., Oct. 31.—The train turned over twice in its long fall to the bed of the creek. Many passengers were bruised. The train was traveling at a moderate speed. A broken rail caused the engine to jump the track.

SHOOTING LAWS BEING VIOLATED

The Free Press has been informed that the game laws are being flagrantly violated in this county. Sportsmen posted on the laws say that either through ignorance or willfulness protected birds have been shot in some sections without interference by the authorities.

The open season for birds does not begin until November 20.

The federal, State and county authorities are expected to take steps to stop the shooting of the forbidden species. They have shown an inclination during previous seasons to enforce the game laws, and will have the support of the conscientious devotees of Nimrod in the county in any action that may arise out of the present violations.

LAST RITES OVER JAMES SOUTHGATE.

Durham, Oct. 30.—With the altar of Trinity church banked with floral tributes from many sections of the country, surrounded by members of his family, members of the Masonic fraternity of Durham, which he loved so well, and hundreds of loyal friends, the funeral services of the late James Southgate were conducted from his church this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Washington, Oct. 31.—Memories of three generations—of the days of Daniel Webster, Henry Clay and John C. Calhoun—pass tonight with the closing forever of the doors of "Hancock's," a famous restaurant.

A STATEMENT TO OUR READERS

The management of The Free Press regrets exceedingly the necessity for the repeated delays in the hour of going to press, due to mechanical troubles. Every effort is being made to rush the completion of our new press, which we hope will be in operation within the coming week. The old machine, which has served long and faithfully, went back on us again last night in the midst of issuing the Semi-Weekly edition, and it was only through the courtesy of the management of The Daily News that the edition was completed and today's daily printed. Mr. Spencer, the efficient superintendent of the machinery department of the Caswell Cotton Mills, has worked all day to repair the damage to our press, but it will be late in the night before he can get through. We ask the indulgence of our patrons and appreciate the patience that they have shown in the past.

"DISCIPLES" WILL MEET NEXT WEEK IN GREENVILLE, N. C.

STATE CONVENTION CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY ON NOVEMBER 2, 3, 4, 5.

INTERESTING PROGRAM

Prominent Members of the Church Will Be Heard—Many Members from Kinston and Vicinity Will Attend Sessions.

The Annual State Convention of the Disciples of Christ will meet in Greenville next week, from Monday to Thursday, inclusive. Many members from Kinston and vicinity will attend. Prominent members of the brotherhood at large are on the program, which is a very interesting one, and the sessions will probably be the most important yet held in the State by this religious body. The principal features of the program follow:

- Monday—Evening Session.
 - 7:30. Address of Welcome—J. J. Walker, Greenville.
 - 7:40. Address of Welcome—Mayor of Greenville.
 - 7:50. Response—A. J. Manning, Williamston.
 - 8:00. Bible Reading and Prayer—J. T. Rightsell, LaGrange.
 - 8:10. Doctrinal Sermon—W. O. Winfield, Bath.
 - The Watch Tower, Cecil F. Outlaw, Robersonville.
 - 9:00—Social Period.
- Tuesday—Morning Session.
 - Business Session.
 - Reports of Churches, Preachers and State Secretary.
 - C. W. B. M. Section.
 - Annual Board Meeting, 9:30 a. m.
- Tuesday.
 - Afternoon Session.
 - 2:15. Devotional—Mrs. Richard Bagby.
 - 2:30. President's Message—Mrs. A. F. Hill.
 - 2:45. Reports of District Secretaries.
 - 3:00. Report of Corresponding Secretary—Miss Etta Nunn.
 - 3:30. Report of Treasurer—Mrs. J. F. Taylor.
 - 3:35. Reading—Miss Hattie Hodges.
 - 3:45. Value of the C. W. B. M. to the Church.
 - Young People's Hour.
 - 3:55. Report of Supt. of Y. P. D.—Mrs. Herbert L. Hill.
 - 4:05. Importance of Early Missionary Training—Mrs. S. B. Waggoner.
 - 4:15. How Can Each Woman Be Made to Feel Responsible for the Young People—Miss Fannie Harper.
 - 4:25. The Triangle Club—Mrs. Elie K. Payne.
 - 4:35. What the Young Woman Can Do for the Circle—Mrs. Carlisle Midyette.
 - 4:45. What the Circle Can Do for the Young Woman—Miss Frances Tuten.
 - 4:55. Reports of Committees.
 - 5:00. C. W. B. M. Benediction.
 - Evening Session.
 - 7:30. Devotional—Mrs. J. O. Proctor.
 - 7:45. Address—Mrs. Ellie K. Payne, Indianapolis, Ind.
 - 8:30. Address—F. M. Rains, Cincinnati, O.
- Wednesday—Morning Session.
 - Bible School Section.
 - R. V. Hope, State Superintendent, Washington.
 - 1. Opening Exercises.
 - 2. Graded School and Graded Lessons—B. P. Smith, Kinston.
 - 3. The Teacher's Task—Sam B. Waggoner, Ayden.
 - 4. Missions in the School—Cecil F. Outlaw, Robersonville.
 - 5. Winning (young) People to Christ—J. E. Reynolds, New Bern.
 - 6. Address—R. M. Hopkins, National Superintendent, Cincinnati.
 - 7. Primary Methods (before the convention hour). Led by Mrs. Sam B. Waggoner, Ayden, and Miss Frances Tuten, Edwards.
 - 8. Our Aims, 1914-1915. Miss Frances Tuten, Roanoke, Asst. Supt.
- Afternoon Session.
 - Preacher's Section.

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LAST MEETING OF CAMPAIGN HERE TODAY

FRANK THOMPSON AND WOOTEN HEARD BY DEMOCRATIC AUDIENCE TODAY.

A. D. WARD DIDN'T COME

Next Speaker of House and Nominee for State Senator Heard by Small But Interested Gathering—Amendments Expounded.

It was a small audience, but an appreciative one that heard Mr. Thompson. He reviewed the successes of the Democratic administration, compared present day conditions with those of Reconstruction times, and urged a full Democratic vote on Tuesday even though there is no pronounced opposition to the ticket. By staying at home in his Congressional district the Democrats, over confident, allowed a Republican to be sent to the House on one occasion, he said. The speech was devoid of frills; Frank Thompson said what he had to say in his own commonsensical way, and from the standpoint of plain Democratic ethics it was one of the best political addresses heard in Lenoir county during this campaign.

Representative E. R. Wooten, who has covered the entire county for the constitutional amendments, at the conclusion of the coming State senator's speech explained the proposed changes in the constitution for the benefit of Kinston voters. Taking them in detail, Mr. Wooten pointed out the advantages of every phase of the improvements which the people will adopt Tuesday. He talked with absolute confidence that the electors will carry the tax equalization and other amendments with barely no discussion.

Frank Thompson of Jacksonville, addressed a Democratic meeting, the concluding event of the campaign in Lenoir county, at the Courthouse at noon today. A. D. Ward of New Bern had been invited, and was expected to share the speechmaking with Mr. Thompson, but for some reason, of which County Chairman Cowper was not informed, failed to arrive. Messrs. Thompson and Ward are the State Senatorial candidates in this district.

Nominee Frank Thompson is probably as well known here as he is in his own county, Onslow. He is an orator of long experience, who has the faculty for making an audience laugh at every other remark, and is the one man that the great Cy. Thompson fears to meet in debate.

Mr. Cowper asked Mr. Thompson what his speech would be "about." The Onslow man quoted a remark of the daughter of the late Charles Aycock when she was asked by the great governor how long an address would be listened to by the young ladies of Peace Institute. "About twenty minutes," said Mr. Thompson.

CONNIE MACK WOULD SELL OLD STANDBYS

(By the United Press.)
Philadelphia, Oct. 31.—Connie Mack today asked waivers on Pitches Bender, Plank and Coombs, who it is reported, have been negotiating with the Federals.

NEGRO CONVICT SHOT WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE.

Wilson, Oct. 30.—Yesterday afternoon Will Riley, a negro claiming Atlanta, Ga., as his home, while attempting to escape from the road gang was shot by Guard Speight McKeel. The ball entered under the right shoulder and passed through his body.

ARRESTED FOR MURDERING FAMILY.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 30.—Scott Stone, a private in the U. S. army, was arrested at Jefferson barracks today charged with the murder of his wife and four children, whose charred bodies were found on September 28 after their home near Altoona, Ill., had been destroyed by fire.