

GERMANY'S CROWN PRINCE SAYS THIS WAR IS MOST STUPID AND UNNECESSARY IN HISTORY; GERMANS NOT TO BLAME

European Correspondent of the United Press is Told By Heir to the German Throne That Germany Did Not Want to Fight

ALLIES TAKE TRENCHES ABANDONED BY GERMANS

The Predicted Offensive of the Allies Has Not Taken Definite Form, But Their Artillery Is Pouring Galling Fire Into the Germans Under Cover of New Trenches—Kaiser In Eastern Battlefield Encouraging Forces to Do Their Best—Russians Greatly Reinforced

(By the United Press) By Carl R. Von Wiegand, At the Headquarters of the Army of the Crown Prince in France November 30.—The Crown Prince today declared that this is "undoubtedly the most stupid, senseless and unnecessary war of modern times. The war was not wanted, but forced upon us. That we had effectually prepared to defend ourselves is now used as an argument to convince the world that we desired the conflict."

U. S. SUPREME COURT RESUMES WORK TODAY

If You Dispute Phone Bill Can Company Stop You From Talking Pending Adjustment? "Grand Dad's Clause, on Docket." Washington, Nov. 30.—Decisions of pressing importance were expected today when the Supreme Court reconvened after a two weeks' recess. Of the scores of cases on which final decisions will be handed down by the court, argument having long ago been completed, perhaps the most important is the so-called Midwest Oil case. This involves the validity of the withdrawal from entry by President Taft of three million acres of California and Wyoming oil lands from private exploitation.

Paris, Nov. 30.—The Allies have advanced south of Ypres. With the Germans gradually withdrawing, the Allies are occupying abandoned trenches south of Ypres, which has been ruined by the German bombardment. A heavy artillery fire is being directed against the Germans now under cover in new trenches. A general offensive has not yet developed.

Petrograd, Nov. 30.—The Russians, greatly reinforced in Poland, today confidently expected the Germans in the region of Lodz to be completely crushed soon. Kaiser Now With Forces in East Berlin, Via The Hague, Nov. 30.—It is officially announced that the Kaiser is in the eastern battle front. The Russian offensive has been halted, and the Germans expect to march on Warsaw in the near future.

WAR TAX MUST SUPPLY GREAT SUM EACH DAY

(By the United Press) Washington, Nov. 30.—All the provisions of the federal war tax are expected to net Uncle Sam two hundred and seventy-two thousand dollars a day. The law goes into effect at midnight. This, Treasury Department officials say, is what the European war is costing the United States government.

UNCLE SAM EXAMINES PERE MARQUETTE TODAY

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 30.—Investigation of the financial operations of the Pere Marquette railroad by the interstate commerce commission, authorized by vote of congress at the last session, was started today in the federal building here with Commissioner Hall presiding. The purpose of the inquiry is to determine, if possible, whether the railroad and its stockholders have suffered from what has been characterized as exploitation of the system for the benefit of favored financial interests and individuals.

FIRST STEAMER BETWEEN BALTIMORE AND CAPE FEAR

Wilmington, Nov. 29.—Wilmington and Baltimore steamer service was inaugurated today by the Baltimore and Carolina Steamship Company, the steamer Henry Williams arriving late this afternoon on her first trip on a regular schedule. The B. and C. steamers will also make Georgetown and Charleston, S. C. There will be one steamer a week between Wilmington and Baltimore.

QUARTERLY SESSION DISTRICT EPISCOPAL CHURCH CONVENES

Congregations from Southern Half of East Carolina Is Represented

MR. HUSKE IS TO SPEAK

New Bern Rector to Preach Opening Sermon—Many Clergymen from the District Already Here and Others Are Expected

The Convocation of Wilmington, comprised by the churches of the southern half of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina, will sit in quarterly session in St. Mary's church here this evening, when Rev. B. F. Huske of New Bern will preach the opening sermon, and tomorrow. Clergymen who were expected to arrive this afternoon for the convocation were Rev. Mr. Huske; Rev. W. E. Cox of Wilmington; Rev. J. H. Dickinson of Goldsboro; Rev. J. L. Showell of Clinton; Rev. Edward Wooten of Wilmington and Rev. Thos. P. Noe of Wilmington, the archdeacon. Other clergymen and laymen will arrive tonight and tomorrow. The convocation of Wilmington embraces about half of the diocesan territory, the convocation of Edenton taking in the remainder.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press.) NOTHING INTERESTING IN WESTERN SITUATION

Paris, Nov. 30.—Attacks upon Bagatelle, in the Argonne section, have slackened. On the Meuse Heights heavy fogs prevail. The forest of Apremont is being bombed by Germans without success. The situation in the Woevre district is unchanged.

SUBMARINE FLOTILLA PREPARES TO TAKE SEA

London, Nov. 30.—It is believed that with the slackening of the fighting on land, the Germans will become active at sea. The German submarines at Zeebrugge are reported entirely ready for sea. Parts of additional vessels are said to have arrived by rail.

MORE ENGLISH TROOPS IN FRANCE

London, Nov. 30.—A large portion of England's second army of a million men, is in France. General French declares the fighting from Arras to Ypres is entering the final stages.

GERMANS STILL ON THE DEFENSIVE

Paris, Nov. 30.—An official communique reports no changes on the battle lines in Belgium or France. The Germans everywhere remain on the defensive.

GERMANS CLAIM PROGRESS IN THE EAST

Berlin, Via Wireless to London, Nov. 30.—An official statement by the war office tells of further progress by the Germans in the eastern campaign. They captured 1,500 prisoners and 18 cannon south of the Vistula river. The Russian attack upon the fortifications of East Darkechem failed. They captured six hundred men and a few officers there.

Folk and Western Railroad Co., against Sarah E. Holbrook. Mrs. Holbrook won her case in the lower court but the railroad company appealed on the ground that the judge in the lower court instructed the jury which found for Mrs. Holbrook that it should take consideration into the fact that there were dependent children.

CANADIANS RESTING AFTER A MARCH



A company of Canadian fighters resting in a field and cooling their feet after a long, hard march. They know the art of keeping in good condition better than most of the troops engaged in the war.

MERCY FUND GROWING COMMITTEE ENCOURAGED

The committee of mercy to raise funds locally for Belgian relief are gratified at the contributions which are coming into the local fund, which although not numerous, have so far netted a neat sum. The total so far is sufficient to make the committee regard their efforts as productive of something, and indications are that the fund will grow. In addition to contributors previously noted, the following are announced today: O. D. Jobson \$1.00, E. V. Webb and Co. \$10.00, J. B. Leonard \$1.00, Vance Jackson \$1.00, A. L. C. Hill \$1.00, N. J. Rouse \$10.00, Robt. Rouse \$1.00, Charles Rouse \$1.00. The total now is around \$300.00.

SOLONS HAVE POWER TO MAKE WITNESSES TALK

(Continued from Page One.) Washington, Nov. 30.—The authority of congressional investigating committees to force testimony from unwilling witnesses was today upheld by the Supreme Court.

INSANE MAN KILLS THREE; WOUNDS ANOTHER

Ashboro, Nov. 29.—Lowe Daniels, of Randolph county, came home Saturday night after three days' absence and shot Coon Daniels, his sister, Ethel Luther, his wife's sister, and Edgar Yonner, all through the head, killing them instantly and shot his wife, crushing her shoulder. She is still living, but will die.

STOCK EXCHANGE DULL, BUT STEADY

(By the United Press.) New York, Nov. 29.—The New York Stock Exchange today restricted trading to bonds. Change opened dull but steady. Fractional losses over Saturday's closing figures were noticed on several standard securities.

SWEDEN UNLESS PRESS OF NATION IS MUZZLED

London, Nov. 30.—The Daily Mail's Copenhagen correspondent says Germany has demanded that the Swedish government suppress unfriendly utterances against Germany in Swedish newspapers and has threatened reprisals in the event of non-compliance.

RAILROAD TO DESPATCH WITH WIRELESS NOW

New York, Nov. 29.—Announcement was made yesterday that the Lackawanna Railroad has determined to operate all its trains between Hoboken and Buffalo by wireless and to maintain the regular telegraph system only for use in emergency between these points. The perfection of the wireless and its cheapness in operation when compared to the old wire system made its adoption practical.

A. C. C. DEFEATS BOYS' BRIGADE

Wilson, Nov. 28.—In the Thanksgiving basketball here between Atlantic Christian College and the Boys' Brigade of Wilmington, the collegians were victorious by the score of 24 to 13. The visitors were fast, but were outclassed.

MEXICO HAS ANOTHER "PATRIOTIC" PRESIDENT

Gonzales Is the Latest Acquisition to the Long List of "Would-Be's" and Rebellion Continues. (By the United Press.) Washington, Nov. 30.—Gonzales, chief of the newest Mexican government, is reported to be at Huachuca, forty miles northwest of Mexico City. News is expected momentarily of fighting between Villistas and Gonzales.

SEVERAL HURT IN TENEMENT FIRE

(By the United Press.) New York, Nov. 30.—Several persons, including two firemen, were badly injured and sixty others driven into the streets as the result of a \$10,000 tenement fire today.

YOUTH RESCUES SMALL FELLOW FROM WATER

Elizabeth City, Nov. 29.—Leslie Hooper, a young man about eighteen years old, made a daring rescue of little Harold Gibbs yesterday afternoon at Robinson dock. The little Gibbs, who is only one year old, while playing around the dock fell overboard into thirty feet of water. Young Hooper, in a moment of warmth of other people, ran and grabbed over the head of the icy water, swam to the point where the little fellow strap passed and dived for him. When he rose to the surface he had the little child and brought him safely ashore.

JUVENILE GUNMEN SOUGHT BY POLICE

(By the United Press.) Brown, N. J., Nov. 29.—The police were looking for a young man, and his brother, who disappeared after shooting Samuel Hochman, aged eleven years.

AMERICAN HELD AS SPY IN GERMANY

New York, Nov. 29.—Edward Bright, an American citizen, graduate of Columbia and formerly editor of the Baptist Examiner, is held at Goettingen, Germany, charged with being a spy, according to information received in this city. Mrs. Bright has appealed to the State Department at Washington.

WAR SONG BARRED IN THE AMERICAN NAVY

(By the United Press.) Washington, Nov. 30.—Preliminary to the opening of the short session of Congress Monday next, the vanguard of the appropriation committee began work today. Secretary Daniels puts the ban on singing in the navy. "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," saying that it is hardly within President Wilson's strict neutrality policy.

UNITED CHARITIES MAKE APPEAL FOR POOR OF THE CITY

Mass Meeting Held Sunday Night in the Queen Street Methodist Church

NEW OFFICERS CHOSEN

Messrs. Wooten, Ormond, Herndon, Brietz and Pastors Humble and Smith Spoke—Would Insure Care of the Unfortunates

Before a meeting of three or four hundred people who gathered in spite of very short notice, in Queen Street Methodist church Sunday night, the United Charities appealed for the public's interest in their work and funds for their coffers. The organization has recently been facing the task of supplying the needs of indigent charges with almost depleted funds.

President D. E. Wooten, Hon. Y. T. Ormond, Mr. J. A. Herndon, Mr. George F. Brietz, Rev. H. A. Humble of Queen Street church, and Pastor B. P. Smith of the Christian church, addressed the audience, which embraced representatives of nearly all the churches in the city. No request was made for funds at the meeting, but it was resolved to rejuvenate the organization and make it more effective. The commendable spirit evinced, however, was evidence on the part of several who insisted upon donating immediately after the close of the meeting.

A new governing board was appointed, composed of the following: Mr. J. W. Goodson, Mr. D. V. Dixon, Mr. J. E. Williams, Mr. E. G. Tyndall, Mr. D. E. Wooten, Mr. J. H. Canady, Mr. L. J. Mewborne, Mr. J. E. Taylor, Mr. G. W. Knott, Mr. W. T. Hines, Mr. G. V. Cowper, Mr. H. I. Sutton and all the pastors of the city. President Wooten will retain his office long enough to call a meeting of the new governors for the purpose of electing officers. The governing board, immediately after they have organized, will collect funds with which to conduct the work of the Charities this winter.

SATURDAY NIGHT PISTOL DUEL ON THE PUBLIC ROAD

Will Fisher, Colored, and Several Young Men of the City Are Involved

LOSS OF AN EYE SUFFERED

Henry Hines Struck In Eye. Others of Party Were Hit But No Serious Damage Was Done—The Negro Claims Self-Defense

In a duel with guns on a road two miles northeast of the city Saturday night, Will Fisher, colored, fired three loads of shot into a wagon filled with young white men of this city, causing the loss of an eye to Henry Hines and wounding several others.

Taft Monroe, Will Skinner, Henry Hines, Burrell Whitley, Hub. Johnson, Will Eason, Willie Strum, Bill Jones and William Holmes were in the wagon, driving behind two horses to a country fete in the vicinity of Grainger. They passed Fisher on the road. Fisher was drinking, and the authorities say there was evidence that the white men had also indulged and were yelling and shooting promiscuously. Fisher claims he was halted and spoken to in a disrespectful manner, and that the first shots came from the wagon. There is some little doubt as to whether the shots were fired at Fisher, but he regarded them as intended for him and used his gun, a two-barreled weapon, with disastrous effect. Hines lost an eye, Strum was struck on the hand, Jones in the face and Holmes received about twenty shots on his face and forehead. In all, about ten or a dozen shots were exchanged. The duel ended when Fisher took to his heels. He was arrested at his home nearby soon afterward.

Fisher was this morning sent on to Superior Court by Magistrate H. C. V. Peebles, and all the young white men fined in City Court for disorderly conduct, the scene of their mischief-making having been within the jurisdiction of the municipal authorities.

BIG FARM DEAL WAS NEGOTIATED SATURDAY

Parrott Farm Taken by Messrs. Hodges and Dawson on Lease-Sale Plan Entailing Average Price of \$80 An Acre.

The biggest farm deal, perhaps, in the history of Lenoir county, was pulled off Saturday when Messrs. P. A. Hodges and J. G. Dawson leased A. D. Parrott's Falling Creek plantation of 640 acres for ten years with an option to buy. The lease price is \$3,000 per annum, and the purchase sum named is \$50,000.

The Parrott farm is situated along the Norfolk Southern Railroad, and is noted as one of the most productive in the county. Its purchase, which the deal virtually amounts to, it is said, at \$50,000, is at an average price of \$80 an acre.

BRITISH COLLIERIES HELD UP BY CANAL OFFICIALS

Panama, Nov. 29.—Some mystery surrounds the destination of the British colliers Kirwood and Roddam, held up at Colon yesterday because they were not supplied with health certificates. A hearing will be held tomorrow in District court. Meantime the vessels will be permitted to pass through the canal in bond. It is said they will await orders at Balboa and it is conjectured here they will meet British warships at sea off the South American coast.

EMBASSY AT VIENNA FEEDS MANY HUNDREDS

(By the United Press.) Washington, Nov. 30.—Under the care of Mrs. Frederick C. Penfield, wife of the American ambassador to Austria-Hungary, a Thanksgiving dinner for 1,600 Austrians and 200 Russian wounded was prepared at the embassy in Vienna.