

CZAR'S MEN INFLICT HEAVY LOSSES UPON GERMAN ATTACKERS

Germans Had Six Thousand Killed Alone on Eastern Battle Front

AIRMEN ACTIVE IN WEST

Daring German Flyers Who Passed Over Allies' Lines Hurling Bombs Upon Cities—Non-Combatants Are Victims—One Captured

(By the United Press) Petrograd, Feb. 2.—The Germans lost six thousand in killed and many more wounded and prisoners in their attacks west of Warsaw. In three days of fighting in the Carpathians the Russians took forty-one hundred prisoners.

Airmen Bombard French Cities. Paris, Feb. 2.—German aviators hurled bombs with deadly effect in the region southeast of Verdun. A non-combatant was killed near Pont a Mousson. The Germans have again bombarded Dunkirk, where they dropped sixty shells. Six German aviators who crossed the Allies' lines near Pont a Mousson bombarded Nancy, Luneville and Membrémonte. A school boy was badly wounded by a fragment of a bomb at Nancy. Much property was destroyed.

German Aviator Captured. Paris, Feb. 2.—A German air raider after dropping bombs upon Luneville, was forced to land in an open square, his machine crippled, and was captured.

Whole Company Caught in Tunnel and Annihilated.

Petrograd, Feb. 2.—General Von Heckenstein repeatedly hurled six regiments against Russian positions southwest of Sochaczef in an effort to cut a path toward Warsaw and cause the abandonment of the Russian campaign towards Thorn and Koenigsberg. Heavy artillery tore great gaps in the German lines. Infantry and German sappers tunneled a way for nearly a hundred yards towards the first line of the Russian trenches. The Russians discovered the mouth of the tunnel and machine guns were rushed there. A company of Germans was slaughtered underground.

Canadians Repulse Germans. Paris, Feb. 2.—A bloody infantry engagement has occurred between Labasse and Bethune. Violent cannonading is heard along the Belgian positions near Ypres. The "Princess Patricia's" Canada's crack regiment, bore the brunt of a furious charge west of Labasse. The Canadians drove the Germans back and captured positions along a canal.

Berlin Reports Gains. Berlin, Feb. 2.—The Germans have made gains at Bzura, west and north of the Vistula. Skirmishes are frequent between Russian cossacks and the German outposts southeast of Lipno and near Biezun.

CANADA COMPENSATES MILITIAMEN'S VICTIMS.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Under an agreement reached tonight, the Canadian government will settle claims growing out of the recent shooting of two American duck hunters by Canadian militiamen, by paying \$10,000 to the parents of Walter Smith, who was killed, and \$5,000 to Charles Dorsch, who was wounded, in addition to paying all legal expenses.

WILSON CONFERS WITH KENYON AND NORRIS

(By the United Press) Washington, Feb. 2.—President Wilson today agreed to the notification section of the ship purchase bill, following a conference with Senators Kenyon and Norris. The senators stood pat upon the proposal to eliminate from the bill the leasing plan to make the system permanent.

JUSTICES TO DINE

(By the United Press) Washington, Feb. 2.—Attorney General Gregory will give his annual dinner for the Supreme Court justices tonight.

A FLOOD OF PETITIONS FROM ANTI-SALOONISTS

Many Want Legislature to Pass Bill Preventing Delivery of Intoxicants in North Carolina—Other Matters.

(By W. J. Martin.)

Raleigh, Feb. 2.—The Senate passed by a vote of 34 to 6, the bill from the House to divide the State into two judicial circuits. The bill was ordered enrolled for ratification. The amendment to make it operative in 1917 and subject to ratification by the people, which was offered by Senator Cahoon, was defeated.

Raleigh, Feb. 2.—Great numbers of petitions urging the enactment of the State Anti-Saloon League bill for prevention of the delivery of liquors for beverage purposes in this State poured into both branches of the Legislature today, the number far exceeding the record for any previous day.

The Senate engaged in a long discussion of the bill, which has already passed the House, to divide the State into two judicial districts. A vote will not be reached until late this afternoon.

COMMISSIONERS OF COUNTY ARE NOT SO ANXIOUS FOR BONDS

Informal Discussion at Monday's Meeting of Road Improvement Failed to Elicit Much Enthusiasm—To Consider County Court

The members of the Board of County Commissioners on the whole probably do not favor a bond issue for county roads improvement just now. At least, that is the opinion held by county officials who heard some of the members discuss the matter informally Monday, when they were at the Courthouse for their regular monthly session.

The commissioners seem to think that their present plan of construction and maintenance is very good. This, of course, is admitted by advocates as well as opponents of the issue, to do the board justice. There are three farmer members of the board, and the other two are well-versed on conditions in the rural parts of the county. It is evident from their conversation upon the subject that they entertain serious doubt that the people would favor the issue now. Much of the pessimism of the past few months over farming conditions has, of course, been dissipated, but there are scores of men in every community even now who, one commissioner prominently affiliated with business and farming interests says, openly frown upon the idea. And this notwithstanding the fact that the tax rate for 1916 will probably be raised nine or ten cents to bring it up to the levy of last year.

A committee of lawyers called upon the Board Monday to informally bring before them the matter of the proposed county court. The attorneys, who were Messrs. Y. T. Ormond, J. G. Dawson, G. V. Cowper, Guy G. Moore and T. C. Wooten, were informed that when the enabling bill is completed for submission to the Legislature the commissioners will meet in called session to go over it and, if they regard it favorably, give it their official recommendation.

THOUSANDS CHARGED WITH BRIBERY IN KY. ELECTIONS

Pikeville, Ky., Feb. 1.—Trial of 1,100 voters charged with bribery alleged to have been committed at the November election was begun here today. More than 2,000 indictments were returned in eastern Kentucky against persons alleged to have purchased and cast fraudulent votes. Today's trial was a continuation of cases already disposed of.

WHEAT OPENS AT NEW HIGH FIGURE

(By the United Press) Chicago, Feb. 2.—Wheat opened today at 160 1-2 a bushel.

MAN ADMITTEDLY IN EMPLOY OF GERMANY WRECKS BIG BRIDGE

Officer Spy Dynamites Big Steel Railroad Structure Over St. Croix River in New Brunswick—Damage Slight

(By the United Press)

Vanceboro, Maine, Feb. 2.—The great steel railroad bridge over the St. Croix river between Vanceboro and McAdam Junction, New Brunswick, over which shipments of food and horses have been sent to St. John's and then to Europe, was blown up this morning by high explosives. The explosion rocked houses in Vanceboro and shattered the windows of the railroad station. This was one of the most important bridges on the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

Arrest of Strange Man

Montreal, Feb. 2.—Reports received from St. Croix, N. B., say a man believed to be a German officer, has been arrested on the suspicion that he was connected with the dynamiting of the bridge over the St. Croix river. The arrested man is known to have purchased explosives recently. It is officially announced that the explosion of dynamite "slightly wrecked" the railroad bridge.

Prisoner Admits He is German.

Montreal, Feb. 2.—The arrested man declares himself to be a German officer, and this afternoon admitted dynamiting the bridge. The damage is a twisted beam and the displacement of six bridge ties.

GOLFERS AT PINEHURST

Pinehurst, N. C., Feb. 2.—The St. Valentine's Gold tournament, held annually here, opened today.

SCHOONER IN DISTRESS OFF NEW JERSEY COAST

(By the United Press)

Point Pleasant, N. J., Feb. 2.—A four-masted schooner is in distress off Manaloking. The revenue cutter Mohawk has gone to the relief of the schooner, which is now dragging her anchors and drifting upon a reef.

MEXICAN GENERAL AND SON SHOT BY ENEMIES.

Laredo, Texas, Feb. 1.—General Jesus Carranza, his son, Abelardo, and Ignacio Peraldi, member of his staff, were executed by General Santibanez, former constitutionalist general who deflected to Zapata, according to a telegram received by the widow of General Carranza from the first chief at Vera Cruz. General Venustiano Carranza, in his message to Mrs. Carranza, who is a refugee here, stated that troops would be sent to recover the bodies. General Jesus Carranza and his staff were taken prisoners by troops commanded by Santibanez recently, near San Geronimo, on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec and his staff, according to reports, were executed immediately.

INTERSTATE Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION CLOSSES.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 1.—The closing session of the interstate Y. M. C. A. convention was held in the First Presbyterian church last night, the session being featured by a splendid address by Arthur Rugh, a Y. M. C. A. worker in China, now in the States on a furlough, who used as his subject, "Y. M. C. A. Work in China."

BALTIMORE FEDS. TO TRAIN AT FAYETTEVILLE

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 1.—Manager Knabe, of the Baltimore Federal League club, has announced that he will take his club to Fayetteville, N. C., for training. The old training ground of Jack Dunn's former Baltimore club will be used. The Baltimore Federals trained in Southern Pines last spring.

CLEVELAND TO FLOAT A BIG BOND ISSUE.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 2.—Cleveland will float a million-dollar bond issue for a new municipal market if City Market Master Charles Kamp succeeds with a project just outlined.

GENERAL FOCH



New and hitherto unpublished photograph of General Foch, commander of the Ninth army corps of France.

PROBLEMS CONFRONTING KINSTON DISCUSSED

Meeting of Citizens Held in the Christian Church Monday Night to Determine Best Course for Looking After Social Welfare of Community.

A score or more prominent citizens of the city met in the Baraca class-room of the Gordon Street Christian church, Monday night to discuss local conditions. The call for the gathering was issued by the various pastors of the city and the meeting would have been much more largely attended had it not been for the exceedingly inclement weather.

How to deal with the many social problems, which confront a city, was the subject of the meeting, and its various phases were discussed at length. The playgrounds movement was emphasized and the need of a Y. M. C. A. in Kinston was called to the attention of those assembled. It seemed to be unquestionably the consensus of opinion of those present that Kinston should provide some diversions for the boys and girls, young men and young women. It was pointed out, as The Free Press has called attention to before, that at present there were no facilities furnished. Aside from the moving picture theaters, absolutely no opportunity for recreation was afforded. The social problem was touched upon. How best to handle the lewd women and lessen their degrading work was discussed. The meeting and the discussions were all informal, but definite action was taken in the matter of selecting a committee to look into the plans of other municipalities for social welfare. It is proposed that this committee, which is composed of Rev. H. A. Humble, chairman; B. P. Smith, H. C. V. Peebles, H. Galt Braxton and Dr. W. F. Hargrove, shall after its investigation recommend certain plans for a welfare league for Kinston. It was announced that the committee would be expected to report during the present month. It is probable that some experts will be asked to come here and address the people of Kinston on matters pertaining to social betterment. Definite action on this score was not taken at Monday's meeting.

THE RUFFIN STATUE PRESENTED TO STATE WITH BIG CEREMONY.

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—In the Supreme Court room this evening the bronze statue of Chief Justice Thomas Ruffin was presented to the State of North Carolina. Chief Justice Walter Clark making the address of presentation and Governor Craig accepting it. Despite the near water-spout that broke over the city and continued well into the evening, the attendance was large and the interest great. From Hillsboro especially came a large delegation of relatives and admirers of Judge Ruffin, who lived in that part of the State which has been exalted by the great men who came from Orange. Judge H. G. Connor, by commission of the State Bar Association, presided; ex-Judge J. Crawford Biggs, president of the bar, made a short speech, and Chief Justice Clark gave the thrilling story of his great predecessor. Governor Craig briefly accepted for the State.

The work of art is one that will enrich the capital treasure of memorials, the statue costing \$5,000.

OHIO RIVER, RISING RAPIDLY, THREATENS TO FLOOD ALL CITIES

Residents of Lowlands Going to Higher Land—Railroad Traffic Handicapped—Wires Down—Severe Weather Prevailing

(By the United Press)

Bridgeport, Ohio, Feb. 2.—The Ohio river is rising at the rate of nine inches an hour. Bridgeport, Belair, Martin's Ferry and other Ohio Valley points are facing the most serious flood situation in recent years. Residents of the lowlands are fleeing to higher ground.

Wire and Rail Traffic Crippled.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 2.—The Ohio river is rising at the rate of a foot an hour. Forecasts say that in the section between Pittsburgh and Cincinnati the stream will reach the 45-foot stage tomorrow morning. If this point is reached 40,000 families will be driven from their homes.

Portsmouth Partly Flooded.

Portsmouth, Ohio, Feb. 2.—The Ohio river went over its banks at "The Point" today and flooded the low-lying sections and a certain part of the business section. The lower sections of the north side are flooded.

GRAVE CHARGES AGAINST NEGRO PREACHER

Tom R. Miller, apostle of the "Church of the Living God," who has his temple at 505 East Bright street, is in trouble with the city authorities and several husbands of other men's wives. Miller, the negro who heads the unique sect, seemingly allied with or similar to the Holiness, who worship at his house, is alleged to have enticed a number of women in the neighborhood away from their homes, and to have kept them from their spouses. Incidentally, immorality and disorderly conduct are charged as well.

According to the estimate of Mayor Sutton there are no less than a score of outraged husbands and others who will be the witnesses for the State at the trial to be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Miller has employed counsel.

Tom Miller was some months ago in the limelight when he prophesied that a female member of his cult who had just departed the mortal life would return in the spirit. There were a lot of frills to the story and the Rev. Tom's followers were much worked up over the matter. The sister failed to put in her appearance again, either in the spirit nor reincarnated.

Miller, according to stories that have been told about him, maintains an altar of sacrifice. Fowls taken to him to be made burnt offerings or have been seen to go upon the altar visibly curtailed, but the members of the "Church of the Living God," if they harbored any qualms, never took the trouble to offend their pastor by demanding a closer view of the sacrifice than he permitted them to have.

MORGAN DEFENDS BIG INTERESTS ON STAND.

New York, Feb. 1.—J. P. Morgan, testifying today at the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations inquiry, denied that his banking firm dominated half of the railroads in the United States. The denial was called forth by a statement attributed to Samuel Untermeyer when a witness before the commission, that two banking firms virtually controlled all the railroads.

"We certainly do not control half of the roads," Mr. Morgan asserted. He added with a laugh, "I don't know anything about Kuhn, Loeb & Co.'s business, but Mr. Untermeyer was certainly wrong."

BIG LUMBER CONCERN AT NEW BERN SUSPENDS

John L. Roper Company May Keep Plant There and Elsewhere Shut Down All During February. Caused by Dull Market.

The John L. Roper Lumber Company's mills at New Bern, Roper, Belhaven and elsewhere did not run Monday. The big corporation has suspended business temporarily, it was announced. Their plants are all large and employ hundreds of men. The one at New Bern is the biggest in the city. The suspension will be felt there without doubt. It is the first time the New Bern mill has ever been shut down for any length of time.

It is said that because February is usually a bad month in the lumber business and the general condition is bad, the company thought it best not to risk a great loss by operating in the next five weeks. The officials of the corporation have been "hoping for six months that business would get better, one of them is quoted, but lumber has been piled up on the yards for which there was no market.

Before the outbreak of the war some of the mills were operating night and day. Log woods employees are affected by the present action as well as mill hands.

CLAUD KITCHIN WILL BE MADE MAJORITY LEADER THURSDAY

Apparently There Will Be No Opposition to Elevation of Second District's Representative to Chairmanship of Committee

The Democrats of the House of Representatives at Washington will on Thursday choose Claud Kitchin, the Congressman from this district, to succeed Hon. Oscar Underwood, Senator-elect from Alabama, as majority floor leader for the next Congress.

The caucus will organize the House so as to have that detail out of the way when fall term begins. Reports from Washington say there is not apt to be opposition to the Second district representative from any source. Kitchin's reserve and undoubted capability make him the most popular choice for the honor. The Scotland Neck man is known to be the least talkative man in the House, but one of the wisest and best qualified through long experience. His debating ability is considered a powerful factor in his favor.

The next floor leader is not expected to be in the district again for some weeks, but he will be in close touch with "down home" on Thursday night or Friday morning when the news for which his constituents are now prepared comes trickling over the wires, for the people in the district who admire him almost as much as his colleagues in Washington do, will deliver his office with congratulatory letters and telegrams.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

AIRSHIP RUMOR DISCREDITED.

London, Feb. 2.—The war office discredits rumors that German aeroplanes were seen over Dover and East London last night. Dispatches from Dover today said the story was started by people hearing the firing of a gun, which put a shot across the bow of a steamer which entered the harbor unannounced.

STONEWALL JACKSON'S WIFE CRITICALLY SICK.

Charlotte, Feb. 1.—Mrs. T. J. Jackson, wife of the Confederate general, who has been in precarious health here for several months at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. E. R. Preston, is considered by her physician to be in a serious condition. Today she was semi-conscious and her family and friends are anxious about her. Her advanced age, 83 years, coupled with her illness of nearly six months, are factors which make her recovery doubtful.

SAFETY FIRST, WAS COUNCIL'S KEYNOTE AT MONDAY MEETING

Fly and Hitching Ordinances Advocated By Free Press Planned For

GATES AT R. R. CROSSINGS

Companies' Representatives Ask for More Time, But City Fathers Were Insistent Upon Action—The City Manager Plan

City Council at the regular monthly meeting Monday night took two important steps for the protection of the people when a committee was named to draft ordinances requiring horses to be hitched to blocks or posts, when left standing in the streets by drivers, and giving the sanitary inspector authority to eradicate fly breeding places. Both ordinances will be reported at a meeting on March 1, and their adoption immediately will probably follow the report. Both these measures have been advocated in The Free Press for several weeks past. The ordinances will put it up to Inspector J. F. Foley to search out the pest-spots where flies congregate and propagate and "kill off the young" and the embryo. Council evidently did not consider that it would take any special knowledge of entomology for the city veterinarian to make himself useful in this line.

Doc. Foley has already given proof of his ability, for he at Monday night's session told the Council about certain cows that he had killed because of "bugs." He suggested that the owners of the condemned tuberculin cattle be compensated in some part, and a committee was also appointed for this, to consider the right of the dairymen to compensation, appraisal, etc., and report.

The horse-hitching ordinance will probably be stringent. It is expected that on all the principal business streets at least owners or drivers of animals will be required to anchor them so effectively that no wisp of zephyr-blown paper nor ratchet of brass band nor pop-pop of unmuffled engine of motor-driven vehicles can "unmoor" them. Runaways have been very frequent in Kinston for a long time now; in fact, ever since the city became a city, with much street traffic and hundreds of people crossing the main streets every hour. Accidents have occurred, too, although the width of the streets have prevented a great number, and this ordinance will prevent many more in future. The mayor, City Attorney Dawson and Aldermen Newborn and Fort are the committee to draft the ordinance.

The franchise to the Kinston Manufacturing Company for railroad tracks in South Kinston to connect their line with the A. C. L. passed its final reading at the meeting.

The members of Council stood pat on the demand that the railroads install gates at the principal crossings in the city. Both the Atlantic Coast Line and the Norfolk Southern through agents at the meeting attempted to gain time, but the City Fathers insisted that the gates should be erected. The "Safety First" spirit predominated. As a result, the Norfolk Southern R. E. will put up gates at North Heritage and North Queen streets, and the Atlantic Coast Line at East Caswell street, "immediately." They will stop all trains within the corporate limits, besides, at every crossing and "flag in." The yardmasters in the local yards will take on added dignity, and responsibility, very soon.

The Council discussed in an informal manner the city manager plan at some length, but took no action, since the authorities seem to doubt if public sentiment is yet pronounced enough in favor of the idea, although the people are gradually becoming better educated regarding its merits.

DURHAM GAVE \$1,200 FOR BELGIAN RELIEF.

Durham, Feb. 1.—The Belgian relief committee met today at noon for the purpose of winding up the business of that organization. The committee collected about \$1,200 in Durham.