

ALLIES PRESS THE BULGARS HARD WITH INCREASED FORCES

French Shelling Allies of Teutons With Great Energy

RUSSIANS BOMBARD ICE

Blow Holes Into the Frozen Surface of the River Styr, Drowning an Entire Battalion, Say Advises Received at Copenhagen

(By the United Press.) Amsterdam, Nov. 25.—A terrific bombardment of the Bulgarians at Pribep by the French is progressing. The Allies are daily increasing their strength and pressing the Bulgars hard. It is believed the Bulgars will remain on the defensive until Austro-German relief arrives. Russian Guns Blow Holes in Ice; Many Drowned. Copenhagen, Nov. 25.—By bombarding the ice on which Austrians are trying to cross the Styr, the Russians have drowned an entire battalion of Teutonic troops, according to unofficial advices.

"EDITOR AND PUBLISHER" TAKES SHOT AT COUPONS

Says Purchases Made Where Coupons Are Given at Higher Rate Than Same Goods Bought Elsewhere—Quotes Mr. Dooley's Famous Sayings

Probably ten years ago Peter Finley Dunne, according to the Editor and Publisher of New York, put into the mouth of "Mister Dooley" these words:

"Whichever anybody offers to give ye somethin' fr' nawthin', or somethin' fr' less than it's worth, or more fr' somethin' than it's worth, don't take anny chances—yell fr' a policeman."

Telling of how the public is mulcted on purchases from coupon companies, the Editor and Publisher charges that prices asked for many articles are "from 25 to 100 per cent. higher than they can be bought for at department stores." It alleges that even on "standard-priced merchandise coupon users pay more."

Tables printed by the New York publication, "in the interest first of the people and second of the newspapers, show that for a standard-grade fountain pen a coupon company, the United Profit-Sharing Corporation, charges 26 cents more than does a well-known New York department store. The Profit-Sharing Corporation's excess on a "grade A" necktie is 65 cents, on a white enamel bed, \$4.26, and on a brass bed, \$10.51. Rarely if ever can an article be purchased as cheaply from a coupon company as from the home merchant.

"On the face of it, isn't this coupon system just about the most colossal scheme ever devised for getting more for merchandise than it is worth?" asks the Editor and Publisher. "The unsophisticated but greedy old farmer who goes to the city and buys a 'gold brick' gets a brick all right, and it may make a pretty glittering ornament on his 'parlor' mantel-board. But the confidence man has got the farmer's money."

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

LARGE SERB FORCES CAPTURED

Berlin, Nov. 25.—Seventeen thousand, four hundred more Serbs were captured by the Germans, Austrians and Bulgars when they took Mitrovitz and Pristina, the war office today announced. It is declared the Germans are firmly holding their Serbian positions against heavy Russian attacks.

MORE PLANNING FOR PEACE DISCUSSION IN CHURCH TRIBUNAL

German and Papal Conferences Said to be Active in Switzerland—A Belgian Cardinal Was Afraid to Attend Consistory

By ALICE ROHE, (United Press Staff Correspondent) Rome, Nov. 25.—Fear that Germany will prevent his return to Belgium if he attends the December consistory, it is stated by the Messagero, is the probable explanation why Cardinal Mercier of Brussels has abandoned the trip to Rome. The reason is doubted in diplomatic circles. Cardinal Hartmann of Cologne, en route to Rome, is now in Switzerland conferring with Prince Von Buelow and a Prussian diplomatic representative to the Vatican. It is believed they are trying for a fresh attempt to negotiate a peace discussion at the coming consistory.

Russians Gradually Gaining Around Riga. London, Nov. 25.—Despite desperate counter attacks affecting a few temporary recoveries of positions, the Germans are steadily losing scattered positions to the Russians in the Riga district, say official Petrograd advices. Hard fighting is continuing in Galicia.

AMERICAN MOTHERS PRAYING FOR PEACE

Deluge of Telegrams From All Over Nation Swamping White House—President Asked to Give Assent to Conference of Neutrals—"The World Is for Peace," He Is Told

(By the United Press.) Washington, Nov. 25.—"The world is for peace. Mothers in America pray for it." This is the keynote of a deluge of telegrams which continue to swamp the White House. It is unknown whether the President is inclined to yield to the appeal to call a peace congress of neutrals.

OTHERS THAN HAMBURG-AMERICAN OFFICIALS

North German Lloyd Men Said to be Under Suspicion in Conspiracy Case—Broadening of Scope of Inquiry Likely at Resumption of the Trial in New York on Friday, Understood

(By the United Press.) New York, Nov. 25.—Broadening of the scope of inquiry to include prominent persons not yet named, may mark the resumption of the trial of the Hamburg-American Line officials tomorrow. Federal officials today hinted. North German Lloyd men are mentioned.

STRAY MULE POSSIBLY RABID, OWNER SATES

A mule, suffering from hydrophobia, has been sought by its owner, Travis Harrison of Greene county, in this section. He drove the animal to this city Saturday, returning home in the afternoon. He noticed that the mule behaved queerly and ate little. He let it have the run of a yard for the night.

Upon arising Sunday morning Harrison discovered the mule in the act of breaking out of the lot. It ran off at a speed which would not permit of immediate pursuit. Harrison tracked it to about three miles from Kinston and then lost the trail. He was unable to find any trace of the lost animal.

The mule, Harrison says, was bit by a rabid dog about nine years ago, and he fears that it is suffering from the disease. He has asked that any information concerning the missing animal be communicated to him.

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FOUR KILLED, MANY HURT IN WRECK ON SALISBURY YARDS

Southern Passenger Train Crashed Into a Football Special—Max Gardner Among Injured—Confederate Vet. One of Dead

(Special to The Free Press) Greensboro, Nov. 25.—Four persons were killed and eight, including Max Gardner, candidate for lieutenant-governor, of Shelby, injured when Southern train No. 38 crashed into a special in the yards at Salisbury last night about 10 o'clock. The special was carrying people en route to Richmond for today's football game.

A Confederate veteran named Hall and a man named Severs, both of Charlotte, a negro porter and one other person were killed. Traffic was delayed for hours. Two sleepers of the Pullman special were extending across a street crossing when the regular train arrived, on time, and smashed into them. The wreckage was badly piled up.

Several of the injured are said to be in serious condition. Just how severely Mr. Gardner was hurt has not been learned here.

Later Report Says None Dead; Two Fatally Hurt.

Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 25.—Twenty-four were injured, two fatally, in the wreck on the Southern Railway here late last night. A southbound train crashed into a train standing at the station here. Henry Seivers and C. E. Hall of Charlotte, N. C., are expected to die. Among the injured are O. Max Gardner, and Forest Eskridge of Shelby, N. C. twelve residents of Charlotte and Jesse Arnold of Atlanta.

BRITISH LABORERS MAY CAUSE CHANGE IN SALOONS' HOURS

Say Short Saloon Day Deprives Them of Alcohol During Their Leisure Time—May Possibly Be Rescinded By Monday

(By the United Press) London, Nov. 25.—Nonplussed by the trades unions' formidable opposition to the new war order reducing the open hours of saloons to five hours and a half daily, government leaders are conferring. The workmen claim the order will close the saloons during their leisure time. They threaten to shorten the days' work. Unless rescinded the order becomes effective Monday.

INTRODUCING THE RAINBOW UNIFORM, IT'S OUT O' SIGHT

(United Press Correspondence) London, Oct. 13 (By mail)—Khaki, field grey and German green as invisible colors for armies are dismal failures. Fourteen months of war in the field has proved that the most invisible army of all would be one whose soldiers were clad in models of Joseph's coat.

Such at least is the verdict of a high British officer, who in months at the front has made a study of the invisibility of colors.

In clothing an army, the highest point of invisibility he says would be obtained by garbing each man in a different color; one in green the next in blue, another in grey, one in red and so on alternately, according to the color expert's scheme. If this proved impracticable each man should be dressed in a combination of soft toned colors. Either scheme, says the officer, would enable an entire army corps to merge inconspicuously into any background.

WANTS EUROPE HAVE FULL TEXT MESSAGE DAY IT'S DELIVERED

President Working Hard to Get It Printed and Off Immediately

HIS THANKSGIVING DAY

Lets Personal Plans Slip to Finish Document—Conservation of All Nation's Resources Is Necessary—Many Peace Telegrams

(By the United Press) Washington, Nov. 25.—That the message on preparedness may be read in Europe on the day he delivers it to Congress, the President was today secluded in his study, letting his Thanksgiving plans slide. The message must be printed today if it catches a boat in time to reach Europe before December 7. The printing office is ready. Friends of the President believe the message will be the most important since he was elected.

It is expected the doctrine of preparedness will cover more army and navy plans. It is understood to include conservation and other domestic problems from the stand that the nation must be prepared in all resources to meet any emergency, individual and industrial. It is announced that the President has received more than 3,000 women's peace telegrams.

WHITLOCK TO SEE MR. LANSING AND PREST

Minister Absolutely Refuses to Discuss Belgian Matters—Has Real American Thanksgiving Dinner at New York—Returns to Europe After Christmas, According to Plan

(By the United Press) Chicago, Nov. 25.—Speakers at the funeral of Joe Hillstrom today called Friday's execution at Salt Lake City "wilful, cold-blooded murder, by the powerful money interests of the State." I. W. W. Attorney Hilton said "We can prove threatening letters sent Governor Spry, signed I. W. W. were the work of the Mormon Church."

SAYS HILLSTROM WAS WILFULLY MURDERED

Letters With I. W. W. Signatures Written at Instigation of Mormon Church, Says Lawyer—Powerful Money Interests of a State Caused Execution in Utah, Alleged

New York, Nov. 25.—Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, had a real American Thanksgiving dinner with his wife and mother and a few friends. He flatly refused an interview to comment on the Belgium cases. Secretary Lansing will come to New York to confer with him, on Friday or Saturday, it is understood. Whitlock is going to Washington on Monday to report to the President. He returns to Europe on December 28. Mrs. Whitlock has joined the woman's peace movement and telegraphed the President.

SHAWVAN LEGALLY DEAD IN TWO YEARS

Belvidere, Ill., Nov. 25.—For more than 5 years, relatives here have been seeking Binard Shawvan, who mysteriously disappeared about 11 years ago. An estate of \$30,000 in which the missing man should share, is held pending the expiration of the 7 years since he was last heard from, after which Shawvan may legally be declared dead.

In the country-wide search for Shawvan, trace of the missing man was found at Aiken, Minn., and again at Needles, California. Shawvan's parents believe he joined the Mexican revolutionists and died in battle.

KINSTON INTEREST IN FOOTBALL GAMES IS ABOUT DIVIDED

City Sent Many Fans Both to Richmond and Norfolk—Local Boys in U. of N. C. Squad Might Be In Field Against Virginia

North Carolina football fans are today principally interested in the games at Richmond and Norfolk. University of North Carolina playing the University of Virginia at the former and the North Carolina A. & M. playing Washington & Lee in the tidewater city. Thousands flocked to Norfolk from the eastern part of the State. Larger delegations went from the cities and towns west of the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line to Richmond. Kinston sent large numbers to both cities. Interest here was about evenly divided, although there was a possibility that one or more of the Kinstonians on the University squad might play in the big match at Richmond. Reynolds Allen and Phil Hines are one or both apt to be in the lineup against Virginia.

At Charlotte this afternoon the Davidson Presbyterians are playing the Wake Forest Baptists.

NEW POSTOFFICE TO BE OCCUPIED BY FEB. 1ST

Postmaster Walter LaRoque expressed the belief Wednesday evening that the new postoffice at Queen and North streets will be occupied by a date late in January. The equipment for the office is now arriving piecemeal. The interior of the building will, of course, be handsomely finished and furnished. Practically the entire appropriation is expected to be used up by the time the structure is opened to the public.

GREECE WILL KEEP HANDS OFF IN THE BALKANS, DECLARES

Note of Assurance to Allies. Crisis Regarded as Passed in London—King Constantine's Army Will Not Be Demobilized However

(By the United Press.) London, Nov. 25.—Greece has satisfied the Allies that there will be no Greek interference in the Balkan campaign, according to an Athens dispatch to the exchange telegraph. It is reported that a note of assurance has been given the Allies' diplomats as Greece's answer to Wednesday's note of inquiry. It is considered here that the Greek crisis is over.

It is apparent that the Greek army will not be demobilized, however.

MINISTER WOULD NOT PAY EXTRA FARE TO SOUTHERN CONDUCTOR

Greensboro, Nov. 25.—Rev. Dr. Melton Clark, one of the best-known Presbyterian divines in the State and pastor of the First church here, was ejected from a Southern Railway train yesterday afternoon at Jamestown because his ticket read to Jamestown and he refused to pay the difference to this city. Dr. Clark, coming to Greensboro from Salisbury, did not know until he reached Jamestown that his ticket was not as he had ordered and, according to friends who saw him hand over the money, paid for, at Salisbury.

He explained the facts to the conductor. Dr. Clark then asked the conductor what he would do if a "poor woman with children" were in his fix. "I'd put them off," said the conductor. "Then you'll have to put me off, too," said the minister, leaving the car. An automobile was sent for him from Greensboro.

IDEAL THANKSGIVING WEATHER GAVE TO KINSTON'S CELEBRATION THE TOUCH NEEDED TO ROUND IT OUT PROPERLY

Special Services in the Various Churches Largely Attended—Offerings for Orphans of State Taken—Stores Closed and Spirit of Holiday Prevalled Throughout the City—Spirit of Thankfulness for Peace and Prosperity and Good Will Toward One Another Everywhere in Evidence

SHOP EARLY AND DO YOUR MAILING EARLY

Postoffice Department Sees as Much Reason for the Latter as for the First—Working Employees Almost to Death On Christmas Day Not Relished—Ship a Week or Ten Days Before 25th

Shop early—and mail early.

Postmaster LaRoque today exhibited big placards received at the postoffice from the department, calling upon the patrons to "wrap securely," address plainly and mail early articles intended for Christmas gifts. If necessary, the packages can be marked "Not to be opened until Christmas." A gift of almost any size can be mailed to a point within a reasonable radius of Kinston, and a gift such as the average person is apt to send can be mailed to any place in the country.

Last Christmas day the postoffice force, with extra help, worked practically the entire day on the Christmas stuff. Carriers sloughed around all day in the most disagreeable Christmas weather in many years. They didn't have to do it, but are, as everybody in Kinston knows, an accommodating lot.

There is no telling when the officials higher up are going to issue an order forbidding the like. The Postoffice Department, be it known, is not altogether neglectful of its employees, and it may take a notion not to allow them to work themselves almost to death on the holiday of holidays.

Why can't it be done? Ship a Christmas gift a week ahead, or even ten days ahead. Then, if it arrives a day or two ahead of time there will be no harm done. Invoke the conscience of the recipient not to open until on Christmas Day; write it plainly on the package. Procrastination, or whatever it may be called, results in a lot of trouble for a lot of people of which the general public is ignorant. It should take thought and have consideration for the fellows who would like to be at home with their families on Christmas day. Then, as stated above, it might be by some chance that belated presents won't be delivered on Christmas.

ONLY TWO GAMES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Passing Custom of Playing Football On Thanksgiving Reflected By Schedule—Philadelphia and Pittsburgh Are Centers of Interest—One Big Event Only in the West

Pennsylvania vs. Cornell at Philadelphia. Penn State vs. Pittsburgh, at Pitt. Brown vs. Carlisle, at Providence. W. & J. vs. Lehigh, at Washington. LaFayette vs. Dickinson, at Easton. F. & M. vs. Gettysburg, at Lancaster. Syracuse vs. Montana, at Missoula. Ames vs. Drake, at Des Moines. Denver vs. Aggies, at Ft. Collins. Akron vs. Kenyon, at Akron. Case vs. W. Reserve, at Cleveland. S. Dakota vs. Creighton, at Omaha.

By GEORGE R. HOLMES, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, Nov. 25.—The slowly dying custom of playing big football games on Thanksgiving is reflected in today's schedule. Only two games of more than local interest are scheduled for Eastern teams. In the West, one intersectional combat—the Syracuse-Montana game—alone is of more than passing interest.

At Philadelphia and Pittsburgh this afternoon the two undefeated teams

This is the day set aside by proclamation of the Nation's leaders that the people of this Christian and peace blessed country should pause and give thanks to God for the manifold blessings that He has bestowed upon them!

In Kinston it was a beautiful and ideal day for the celebration. The atmosphere had that crispness which made it conform to the season of turkey and cranberry. The spirit of thankfulness was everywhere in evidence. It was manifested along the business streets, where the quietude of Sunday prevailed, as most of the stores were closed. The special services in the various churches of the city were largely attended by those who realized that there was much to be thankful for and who wanted to manifest their thanksgiving in that good way.

Christian Church Sunrise Meeting.

The special Thanksgiving services in the Gordon Street Christian Church were held at 7 o'clock this morning, and about a hundred and fifty people were present and enjoyed the hour of prayer, praise and testimony. Evangelist Cross led the meeting and many of those present contributed to its making with sentence-prayer and testimony of thankfulness. The sunrise feature, when the minds of those present hadn't had an opportunity to become filled with the worries and such-like of the day, made the service particularly impressive as only meetings at such hours can be.

Service in Queen Street M. E. Church.

A large congregation heard a special sermon by Pastor H. A. Humble in Queen Street Methodist church this morning at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Dan Quinerly's singing of Kipling's Recessional featured an excellent musical program, appropriate to the day. The collection was for the orphanage of the Methodists at Raleigh.

In the Episcopal Churches. A special service in Christ Episcopal church Wednesday evening was largely attended. The harvest season was brought to mind by the decorations and fruits and vegetables piled up within the church. Rev. John H. Griffith, rector of the church, conducted the service. This morning at 11 Mr. Griffith held a service in St. Mary's church, when an offering was taken for the Episcopal orphanage at Charlotte.

In the Other Churches.

Special Thanksgiving services were held in the First Baptist church on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, in the Christian Science church this morning at 11, and in Atkinson Memorial Presbyterian church this morning at 10. The Baptists took a collection for the Thomasville Orphanage and the Presbyterians donated liberally to the Barium Springs home. Rev. E. N. Harrison, pastor of Caswell Street Methodist church, was to conduct a service for the inmates of the County Home this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Thanksgiving collections, practically all contributed to orphanage work, were probably the largest ever taken here, according to one or two ministers.

of the east swing into action, and on the results hinges to a large extent whether Cornell will have an edge on Pittsburgh in the final accounting.

Cornell should have a comparatively easy time with Pennsylvania, which is completing a disastrous year replete with coaching trouble. Pitt, however, has a tough proposition in Penn State, which already has licked Pennsylvania, and came near beating Harvard.