

STARTLING REVELATIONS OF GERMAN FLEET MADE

A GERMAN CAPTAIN MAKES STARTLING REVELATIONS ABOUT GERMAN WARSHIPS

Says Hope of Success of the Fleet Rested on the Bluff and Lies of the Naval Authorities.

GERMAN MATERIAL INFERIOR TO BRITISH

In the Skagerrak Battle, He Says, the German Fleet Was Saved From Destruction Only by Good Luck.

(By The Associated Press.)

London, Nov. 20. (British Wireless Service).—Capt. Persius, the German naval critic, has chosen the moment when the fleet vessels of the German navy are about to be surrendered to the allies, to publish in the Berlin Tageblatt a sensational article containing revelations regarding the German fleet. Captain Persius says the hope that the German fleet would be able in a second Skagerrak battle to beat the British fleet rested upon the bluff and lies of the naval authorities.

In August, 1914, Germany had about 1,000,000 tonnage in warships, the writer points out while Great Britain had more than double that, and, thanks to the mistakes of von Tirpitz, the German material was quite inferior to the British. In the Skagerrak battle, he declared, the German fleet was saved from destruction partly by good luck, and partly by favorable weather conditions. Had the weather been clear, or Admiral von Scheer's leadership less able, the destruction of the whole German navy would have resulted. The long range British guns would have completely smashed the lighter armed German ships. As it was, the losses of the German fleet were enormous, and on June 1, Capt. Persius says, it was clear to every thinking man that the Skagerrak battle must be the only general naval engagement of the war.

On all sides, continues the writer, Admiral von Tirpitz was advised to construct only submarines, but he remained obstinate. On October 1 (1915) several members of the Reichstag appealed to the army command—not to the naval staff—with the result that an order was issued terminating the construction of battleships, so the material might be used for constructing U-boats. In the meantime so great a scarcity of materials had arisen it became necessary to disarm a number of battleships and take the metal. In this manner, at the beginning of 1918, twenty-three battleships had been disarmed, as well as one cruiser.

In 1917, he states, 83 submarines were constructed while 66 were destroyed. In April 1917, Germany had 126 submarines and in October 146. In February 1918, she had 136, and in June of the same year, 113, according to Capt. Persius' figures.

THREATENED REVOLUTION IN HOLLAND BLOWN OVER

Crowds Paraded Streets of The Hague Wearing Orange Ribbons.

(By The Associated Press.)

London, Nov. 20.—The latest diplomatic reports from Holland seem to indicate that the threatened revolution there has blown over. Crowds paraded the streets of The Hague yesterday wearing orange ribbons. Confirmed reports state that The Hague garrison, supported by Pletier J. Troelstra's demand that the queen abdicate, Queen Wilhelmina decided to comply, but the garrison laid down its arms in the presence of loyal troops from the provinces.

PRESIDENT TO CROSS ON ONE OF BIG ARMY TRANSPORTS

It Will Be Conveyed by a Dreadnaught and Flotilla of Destroyers.

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 20.—Navy officials said today that President Wilson and the American delegation to the peace conference will cross the Atlantic on one of the big army transports conveyed by a dreadnaught and flotilla of destroyers. Plans have not been completed but it is regarded certain that the vessel carrying the official party will be one of the great passenger liners taken over for conveying troops.

Big Plane Takes up Forty Passengers

London, Nov. 20.—The Handley-Page airplane set up a record in its flight Friday when it took up no fewer than forty passengers for a trip over London. The previous record was twenty.

This giant machine is the first of a series that had been specially constructed to bomb Berlin, but it was not completed until three days after the signing of the armistice. It is easily the biggest airplane in the world; it weighs six tons while its total weight when fully loaded a fifteen tons.

Muggins—"Quasler is positively funny when he is hinting for a drink." Bugbee—"Dry humor, eh."

DR. HALL, LAST NIGHT.

His Lecture Was Greatly Enjoyed by All Who Heard Him.

The lecture last night by Dr. Edwin Hall, who spoke in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, was very much enjoyed by all who heard him, and those who did not take advantage of the opportunity to hear this noted speaker, missed a very unusual speech by an unusual man.

Dr. Hall has a pleasing and unique delivery, with plenty of lively humor and wit intermingled. His handling of the subject "God in The Evolution of Civilization" was masterly, and his listeners were surprised to find how swiftly the time had passed. This subject is the kind it takes to cause one to think, and to see in all the workings of mankind the hand of the all-wise Creator. No one who heard this earnest old man speak last night can doubt his own firm belief in "God's Way," and there were many things said by him last night that will never be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to hear him.

For many years Dr. Hall has spoken to large audiences all over the country. He has many subjects, among them that are required to be full of wit and humor, as well as thoughts worth while. It may be possible to have him give the people of Concord one of these lighter lectures, the same that he has used many times with different churches and Lyceums. If so announced, the date will be made later. In case it is possible for Dr. Hall to give us one of these humorous lectures, every one who can possibly do so should turn out to hear him. You will be glad.

BLIND TIGER AUTOS MAY BE CONFISCATED

High Court Rules It May Be Seized Regardless of Owner's Guilty Knowledge or Innocence.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 20.—A decision has just been handed down by the United States circuit court of appeals for the fifth circuit to the effect that the federal government has the right to confiscate an automobile used in transporting illicit whiskey regardless of whether the owner of the car permitted such use of the car or not.

The Georgia bone dry prohibition laws made special provision to protect the owners of automobiles in cases of this kind. This law provides that an automobile used in transporting a prohibited liquor shall not be confiscated if the owner is able to prove to the satisfaction of the court that it was being so used without his knowledge or consent.

This was the position taken by Judge W. T. Newman of the northern district of Georgia in a recent case where the owner of an automobile showed that he was not responsible for using it to transport illicit liquor. But the circuit court of appeals reverses this ruling and takes the machine regardless of the owner's guilty knowledge or innocence.

SERVICE OF WESTERN UNION AND POSTAL CONSOLIDATED

Announcement Made Today by Postmaster General Burleson.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 20.—Consolidation of services of the Western Union and the Postal Telegraph Companies under government control was announced today by Postmaster General Burleson, effective December 1st, next.

The following order was issued: "In order that the telegraph facilities may be used to the fullest extent in the transmission of messages expedited, the telegraph system shall hereafter be operated as one, and effective December 1, 1918, all telegraph offices shall accept for transmission all classes of messages now accepted by any one of them at prescribed tariff rates."

THE COTTON MARKET

Opening Firm at an Advance of From 27 to 60 Points.

(By The Associated Press.)

New York, Nov. 20.—Firm Liverpool cables and reports that the British freight allotment for December sailing had been increased to approximately 250,000 bales, were followed by advances in the cotton market here during today's early trading. The opening was firm at an advance of 27 to 60 points. This met some realizing, and a little scattered Southern selling, but there was no important pressure and prices soon firmed up again to 27.10 for January, or 60 points above last night's closing figures.

Cotton futures opened steady: December 27.40; January 26.90 to 27.05; March 26.50; May 26.30; July 26.11.

ORDER IN REGARD TO TAKING OVER CABLE SYSTEM

Companies Until Further Notice to Operate Through Regular Channels.

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 20.—An order making effective government possession and control of marine cable systems of the United States proclaimed by President Wilson under date of November 2, was issued today by Postmaster General Burleson. It directs that until further notice, the cable companies shall continue operation through regular channels and asks the cooperation of officers and employees of the company and of the public.

GERMANS SURRENDER THIRTY SUBMARINES

Surrender Made to Rear Admiral Tyrwhitt, 30 Miles Off Harwich at Sunrise This Morning.

CREWS TO RETURN LATER TO GERMANY

Twenty More Submarines Will Be Surrendered on Thursday, in Accordance With Armistice Terms.

(By The Associated Press.)

London, Nov. 20.—Twenty German submarines were surrendered to Rear Admiral Reginald Tyrwhitt, thirty miles off Harwich at sunrise this morning, according to a press association dispatch. These are the first U-boats to be turned over to the allies by Germany.

Admiral Tyrwhitt received the surrender of the German craft aboard his flagship a British cruiser.

The surrendered submarines will proceed to Harwich in charge of their own crews. The U-boats then will be boarded by British crews and interpreters and proceed to Parkston quay nearby. The Germans will leave the submarines there and board transports for their return to Germany.

Twenty additional submarines will be surrendered on Thursday and 20 on Friday. The remainder of the U-boats to be handed over in accordance with the armistice terms, will be given up later.

GENERAL INCREASE IN EXPRESS RATES

Were Announced Today by Director General McArdoo.

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 20.—General increases in express rates were announced today by Director General McArdoo of the railroad administration. East of the Mississippi, and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers, the new rates on merchandise will be about sixteen and seventeen cents per hundred more than at present. Increases on food rates will be about 75 per cent, as much.

For the remainder of the country the merchandise rate will be increased about ten to twelve cents a hundred pounds over the present scale, and the increase in food rates will be proportionately 75 per cent. Increases, it was announced, are due to increases in wages, and become effective immediately.

SECRETARY DANIELS MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS

Construction Should Proceed Because Because No One Can Foresee Decision.

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 20.—Continued naval expansion by the United States without regard to present for the possible decisions of the peace conference, the formation of a league of nations, or the reduction or armament was recommended to Congress today by Secretary Daniels at a private conference with the House naval committee, which is framing the 1920 naval appropriation bill.

Discussion with the Secretary largely concerned the league of nations and disarmament, called for in President Wilson's fourteen peace principles. Mr. Daniels insisted that construction should proceed because these questions are for future settlement, and no one can foresee the decision.

Supreme Nerve.

Monroe Salisbury, starring in "Winner Take All," his latest Bluebird screen success, occupies a ranch house in the play which will be a model for a prairie home now being built by a wealthy easterner who chanced to be a guest at the Bluebird studios as the photodrama was being filmed.

As Alan MacDonald, a homesteader, Monroe Salisbury fights a powerful ring of cattle barons who are trying to oust him from the great free range. With a price on his head Alan MacDonald bravely attends a masquerade given at the palatial home of one of the prairie princes. He is recognized and escapes in a shower of bullets.

To see a powerful drama of the great west, in which Monroe Salisbury adds to his reputation as a versatile actor with a punch, take the family to the Piedmont Theatre today, where "Winner Takes All" is being shown.

New York Pressmen Get Increase.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 20.—An increase of \$6 a week over existing wages was granted to New York pressmen and press feeders today by national labor board.

Strayed—From My Stable, White Spotted pony. Notify Ed. F. White, Concord, N. C.

HEAVY TOLL OF INFLUENZA.

A Total of 82,306 Deaths, About Twice as Many as Have Lost Their Lives on Account of the War.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 20.—The influenza epidemic has thus far taken a much heavier toll of American life than has the great war. The total loss of life throughout the country is not known, but the Bureau of the Census has been publishing, for forty-six large cities having a combined population estimated at 23,000,000, weekly reports showing the mortality from influenza and pneumonia. These reports, which cover the period from September 8 to November 9, inclusive, show a total of 82,306 deaths from these causes. It is estimated that during a similar period of time the normal number of deaths due to influenza and pneumonia in the same cities would be about 4,000, leaving approximately 78,000 as the number properly chargeable to the epidemic.

The total casualties in the American expeditionary forces have recently been unofficially estimated at 100,000. On the basis of the number thus far reported, it may be assumed that the deaths from all causes, including disease and accidents, are probably less than 45 per cent. of the total casualties. On this assumption, the loss of life in the American expeditionary forces to date is about 40,000 or 45,000.

For the forty-six cities taken as a group, the epidemic reached its height during the two weeks ended October 26, for which period 40,782 deaths were reported. For the week ended October 19 and 20, 844 for the following week. Since October 26, however, the decline has been pronounced. During the week ended November 2, 11,857 deaths occurred, and during the following week only 7,718. The only city in which the number of deaths reported for the week ended November 9 exceeded the number occurring during the previous week was Spokane, Wash.

TO MAKE THE WORLD DRY

Plans To Be Outlined at Meeting at Columbus, Ohio, Today.

(By The Associated Press.)

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 20.—Plans through which dry leaders hope to make the world as "arid as a cinder path" according to one of the delegates in an address last night, will be outlined at sessions today, Thursday and Friday, of the worldwide prohibition conference. Among speakers who will address meetings today are Wm. J. Bryan, Dr. Wilbur J. Chapman, of Philadelphia; John H. Spence of Toronto; and Bishop Thos. Nicholson, of Chicago. National executives of the Anti-Saloon League of America also will speak at the sessions of the conference.

MARSHAL PETAINE ENTERS CITY OF METZ

Stood Before the Statue of Marshal Ney and Reviewed the Troops.

Metz, Nov. 20. (Havas).—When Marshal Petain entered this city yesterday he stood before the statue of Marshal Ney and reviewed the troops. The municipality and local societies welcomed the Marshal at the city hall, and the Vicar General greeted him at the cathedral where Te Deums were sung. A prefecture had been established by the French commander Tirmann.

General Mangin issued a proclamation greeting the people of the city. His proclamation reads, in part: "The regime of oppression and vexation ended with the German defeat."

Spanish "Flu" Departs From Georgia Soil.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 20.—The recent epidemic of Spanish influenza has practically disappeared from Georgia, according to reports to the state health authorities, who now believe the remaining cases are confined to a few widely separated communities where the disease was late in making its appearance.

Recently it has been necessary to send emergency doctors to LaGrange and one or two other places, but the influenza there is now under good control, and it is believed that the public can again breathe easy on this score, as well as on the war.

Resolution Against a Constituent Assembly.

London, Nov. 20.—The Berlin Soldiers and Workmen's Council at a lively meeting has passed resolution against the summoning of a constituent assembly, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. The resolution, however, demand summoning of a general Workmen's and Soldiers Congress "in order to make a decision as to the future of Germany."

Transporting Italian Prisoners Home.

(By The Associated Press.) Berne, Nov. 20.—Arrangements have been made for transportation of 100,000 Italian prisoners of war from Austria and Germany to Italy by way of Switzerland. The first of the special trains, each carrying 800 men, passed on Saturday.

Allied and Neutral Shipping Losses.

(By The Associated Press.) London via Montreal, Nov. 20.—The allied and neutral shipping losses in October totalled 88,000 tons, the British admiralty announces. The British losses amounted to 84,000 tons.

UKRAINE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN OVERTURNED

Kiev Has Been Captured by Troops of Astrakan, According to Dispatches to Swedish Newspapers.

UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HAS FLED

The News Was Received in Washington With Great Satisfaction.—Allies' Problem More Simple.

(By The Associated Press.)

Copenhagen, Nov. 20.—The Ukrainian government has been overturned, and Kiev has been captured by troops of Astrakan, according to Kiev dispatches to Swedish newspapers. The Ukrainian national assembly has fled and a provisional government has been established by the captors of the city, who apparently are commanded by Gen. Denikine, leader of the anti-Bolshevik forces.

News Received With Satisfaction.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Reports of the overturning of the Ukrainian government by Gen. Denikine's anti-Bolshevik troops was received here today with great satisfaction, for officials said it will make the work of the allies in handling the Russian problem much more simple. It has been believed for some time that General Alex. off, the former Russian commander in chief, had a large force of Cossacks operating in Astrakhan and news from the Ukraine seems to confirm it, as Gen. Denikine is a member of Alex. off's army. Denikine is known to be an able officer, who has the confidence of his men, and government officials in the allied countries. It was pointed out today that the Cossacks, many of whom are Ukrainians themselves in charge, it will be easy to reach Russia in Europe with supplies and necessary munitions by way of the Black Sea which is now open to the allies.

EXCITEMENT BROUGHT REMARKABLE CURE.

Child That Had Been Paralyzed Ran to Window to See Victory Crowds.

West Bridgewater, Pa., Nov. 20.—A remarkable cure, brought about apparently by excitement attending the victory celebration, developed here Monday night when Norman Hetzer, ten years old, daughter of Fred Hetzer, Jr., crawled from her bed and ran to the window to see the reveling crowds. For twenty months she had been unable to walk.

While returning from school March 5, 1917, the child was struck on the head with a missile. Upon her arrival at home the child complained of violent pains in her head and back. She lapsed into a state of coma and later suffered paralysis of her body, sight, speech and hearing. Physicians attending her declared that it was a most remarkable case.

The child afterward regained her speech and sight, but for twenty months she was confined to her bed unable to raise her head. The only person with whom she could talk was her mother. The sight of a strange person or the mere touch of her pillow would throw her into convulsions. It is the opinion of physicians here that the extraordinary excitement brought about by the victory celebration reacted on the child's mental and nervous system, restoring her to her normal condition.

WAR WAGED BY BREWERS.

Against Antagonistic Business Houses and Individuals.

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 20.—War waged by brewers against antagonistic business houses and individuals was given special attention today by the senate committee investigating propaganda and the purchase of the Washington Times.

Some of the firms mentioned as listed for attacks because of their prohibition tendencies were the Cadillac, Packard and Reo automobile companies; the John Wanamaker Co.; Procter and Gamble and the Grassell Chemical Company of Cleveland.

Hugh H. Fox, secretary of the United Brewers' Association, resumed the stand, "and was questioned at length. The witness, in denying that the association had attempted a boycott, identified many letters and circulars sent to members regarding the anti-brewer attitude of certain firms and persons.

New Zealand was one of the first countries of the world to adopt a law providing for an eight-hour day for women factory workers.

We are having pork in our settlement, several of our citizens having killed hogs. VENUS.

Some people couldn't even drive a nail without doing crooked work.