

GERMANS MASS TROOPS IN FRANCE FOR SUPREME EFFORT OF THE WAR

Fresh Troops From the Inactive Russian Front Are Being Massed in France—Heavy Artillery Fire May Be to Diver Attention of Allies From the Point of Attack.

Official Entry of Victorious British Troops into Jerusalem Set for Today—Little Activity on Italian Front—News From Russia, But Bolsheviks Are Endangered.

Heavy German reinforcements have arrived in France, it is believed in allied capitals, but where the expected blow will fall is yet to be disclosed.

On the British front the Germans are bombarding heavily the positions south of Cambrai and east and northeast of Ypres, the two sections which have seen virtually all the heavy fighting of the past two months.

From St. Quentin to the Swiss border Paris reports great enemy artillery activity between the Oise and Aisne and upper Alsace. The British and French artillery is replying.

The heavy German artillery fire may mean that they will attempt to find a weak point and may be only for the purpose of drawing the allied attention to one spot while troops from the Russian front are massed for a strong effort on some quiet sector.

Infantry activity is stopped momentarily at least on the Italian front. The Austro-German effort to break through failed with heavy losses.

Official entry into Jerusalem, the Holy City of Christianity, is planned for today. The deliverance of Jerusalem from Moslem followers marks not only the great success of General Allenby's drive into Palestine, but ends all Turkish efforts of cutting the Suez canal.

Moscow reports from Russia indicate that the Bolsheviks are meeting with difficulty in maintaining control of Moscow. The situation there is reported as grave with the Bolshevik garrison refusing to obey the commander, who has ordered machine guns placed in the streets to prevent an uprising.

A Copenhagen dispatch says that the Bolsheviks have ordered troops from the Caucasians to oppose the forces of General Kaledines, Korniloff and Duffoff, while from reports large forces have been sent from the Baltic sea front to the Eukraine and Cossack provinces.

Activity on Western Front. London, Dec. 11.—Unusual activity of the artillery and air forces on the western front is reported in today's official communication.

GOV. BICKETT HAS PURCHASED WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

Louisburg, Dec. 11.—Governor Bickett inaugurated the war savings campaign in his home county of Franklin yesterday by the purchase of \$100 of United States war savings certificates at the local postoffice.

EDITOR ASHCRAFT TALKS TO A LARGE CROWD IN HAMLET

Hamlet, Dec. 10.—About 250 people were present for the second of the series of addresses being given under the auspices of the local railroad W. M. C. A. Sunday.

COTTON CROP NOT UP TO FORECASTS

1917 Crop is Many Bales Short, Report of Government Today Shows.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Reduction of more than 1,000,000 bales in the cotton crop from the latest estimate shown was made known in the report of the department of agriculture here today.

Figures showing the production by states included Virginia, 16,000; North Carolina, 370,000; South Carolina, 1,235,000.

DR. FOX LEAVES THE CITY TO BEGIN WORK AT CHARLOTTE SOON

Dr. L. S. Fox, who has been practicing dentistry in High Point for some little time, has closed his office in the Wachovia building and has gone to Charlotte where he will be located in the future.

HOUSE WILL CONSIDER NATIONAL PROHIBITION DURING NEXT MONDAY

Washington, Dec. 11. By unanimous consent the house agreed today to consider Monday the constitutional amendment for national-wide prohibition.

The judiciary committee today favorably reported the amendment.

SENATOR OVERMAN WILL PROBE THE ARMY SNUBS

Washington, Dec. 11. Because of protests against the behavior of certain army officers toward enlisted or drafted men in army camps, Senator Overman will tomorrow introduce in the senate a resolution asking the war department for information regarding charges that privates are being snubbed and slighted in public.

Among those who have urged Senator Overman to act are Charles W. Tillett and W. C. Dowd, Charlotte. "I am going to put in this resolution," said Mr. Overman, "to ascertain if there is any regulation that requires or even suggests that officers snub or slight men in the ranks. Many young fellows of good breeding and high social standing are in these camps and their fathers have complained to me and other senators that officers refuse to talk to the young women in their presence, to attend dances where they take part or to lend their presence in hotel obbies where privates foregather.

Senator Overman said that the practice of slighting men of good standing at home just because they are privates has become so obvious that it has caused much dissatisfaction among the soldiers in several of the southern camps.

VALUE OF FIGHTING CROPS FAR EXCEEDS THOSE OF OTHER YEARS

Washington, Dec. 11.—Many of the principal crops of the country exceeded the output of past years by an unofficial estimated valuation of \$21,992,000, the foremost amount for a year in history. The figures were down in the final estimated production of principal crops by the department of agriculture.

THE PEOPLE OF OHIO NOW FACE REAL FUEL FAMINE

Columbus, O., Dec. 11.—With below zero weather prevailing and with the fuel situation serious, Governor Cox today telegraphed Washington authorities that unless the situation was relieved the people of Ohio would "lose confidence in the government."

CONVICTED PERSONS WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENJOY CHRISTMAS

Thanks to the kindness of heart of Judge W. E. Harding, every defendant who was tried and convicted during yesterday's session of Superior court at Greensboro will be able to spend Christmas at home.

MRS. CREEL BURIED MONDAY AFTERNOON

Well Known Woman Who Died Saturday Buried Yesterday Afternoon at Oakwood.

The funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Emma Creel were conducted from the residence of J. S. Sprues, 101 Cox street yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. J. M. H. Ford, assisted by Rev. James W. Rice.

COLUMBIA ASKS THAT CAMP BE QUARANTINED

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 11.—At a meeting of the city board of health held here yesterday afternoon for the purpose of discussing the advisability of asking the commanding general of this division to quarantine Camp Jackson on account of the cases of spinal meningitis now there, a resolution requesting the commanding general to take this step was adopted.

UNBALANCED DESERTER IS CARRIED BACK TO COMPANY

Greensboro, Dec. 11.—A non-commissioned officer from Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., was here for a short while yesterday afternoon on his return from Edenton, where he was sent to carry a deserter back.

THIEF STOLE THREE OVERCOATS AT MONROE

Monroe, Dec. 11.—A thief or thieves broke into the men's furnishings department of Belk Brothers department store here Saturday night and got three overcoats, a suit of clothes and a couple of suitcases.

RAILWAY WAR BOARD IS TO CONFER WITH THE PRESIDENT

Washington, Dec. 11.—The Railway War board today asked President Wilson to receive its members for a conference which has been arranged for Wednesday afternoon.

SUFFRAGE BILL IS NOT RECOMMENDED

House Judiciary Committee Reports National Suffrage After Amending the Proposal.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The constitutional amendment for nation-wide man's suffrage was reported without recommendation today by the House judiciary committee.

The judiciary committee amended the suffrage resolution to provide that the amendment dies unless it is ratified by the states within seven years from the time it is admitted in conference.

INQUIRY BY SENATE OF WAR DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES COMING

Washington, Dec. 11.—A general inquiry into the operation of the war department in arming and equipping the American forces was decided upon today by the senate military affairs committee.

MEASLES RANKS SIXTH AS CAUSE OF DEATHS

Columbia, Dec. 11.—Measles has been the only big epidemic in the state with which the board of health has had to deal this year, it is stated in the annual report of the board now being prepared for the public printer.

WILL REMAIN HERE DURING THE WINTER

After Short Visit to Florida, J. Elwood Cox Returns for the Winter Months.

J. Elwood Cox returned to the city early this morning after a stay of two weeks at St. Petersburg, Fla. Mr. Cox accompanied his family to the famous winter resort two weeks ago, the trip being made by automobile and after seeing them comfortably settled for the winter, returned to High Point to attend to his business affairs.

NO MORE BASEBALL IN MORNINGS ON SUNDAY

Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., Dec. 11.—Sunday morning baseball at Camp Jackson has been discontinued, due to the efforts of some of the officers here.

INTEREST IN CHOOSING A SUCCESSOR TO UZZELL

Edinburg, Dec. 11.—With the funeral rites for the remains of E. M. Uzzell over, it is expected that the two surviving city commissioners, Mayor Johnson and Commissioner of Public Works Pace, will choose his successor as commissioner of public safety any day the coming week.

SENATE ORDERS INVESTIGATION OF COAL AND SUGAR PROBLEM

Washington, Dec. 11.—Inquiry by a senate committee into the causes of the shortage of coal and sugar with new legislation recommended to improve the situation was ordered by the senate today on motion of Senator Lodge.

N. Y. CARS RUN BY WOMEN

Nineteen on Broadway Fill Places of Men Called to War.

RUSSIA'S FIGHTING WOMEN HAVE DEFEATED BOLSHIEVIKI

Petrograd, Dec. 9.—(Sunday).—A battalion of death, which left St. Petersburg, is reported to have defeated the Bolshevik troops near the town of Shobin, in Mohlev.

WOULD HAVE MEN REGISTER AS THEY COME OF AGE

Washington, Dec. 11.—Registration for army duty of all young men becoming of age since the draft law went into effect was provided for in a bill introduced today by Senator Wadsworth.

ASKED TO PAY ALL GIFTS TO WAR FUND

People of City Who Gave to Y. M. C. A. Fund Asked to Pay Treasurer At Once.

H. A. Mills, local treasurer for the Y. M. C. A. war fund, for which a campaign was waged a week or so ago, today stated that the date for paying the pledges was near and that all persons giving to the fund were asked to contribute promptly and prevent the necessity of having to spend a tidy sum for postage to mail the reminders.

The Young Men's Christian association is in immediate need of the fund-pledged as a result of the nation-wide campaign if the much appreciated war work is to be continued as it has started.

Only about \$5,000 to this good cause was given by the people of High Point and because of the small amount Mr. Mills is anxious to collect at once.

MRS. MEANS TOOK STAND FOR HUSBAND

Wife of Gaston B. Means Scores Strong Point for Defense When She Demonstrated How Mrs. King Could Have Killed Self.

Rebuttal of State Begun After the Defense Secures Permission to Introduce Two Belated Witnesses This Afternoon.

Concord, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Julia P. Means took the stand today to testify for her husband, Gaston B. Means, who is charged with the murder of Mrs. Maudie King. She stated that she had known Mrs. King since she was a little child and had come in personal contact with her for much of the time.

Mrs. Means told of signing, in conjunction with her husband a note for a loan of \$25,000, her husband asking her to sign it so that if anything happened, Mrs. King would be secured.

Mrs. Means testified that her husband never obstructed, sought to prevent the liberty of, or dominate Mrs. King. She corroborated much of the testimony given by the defendant.

Mrs. Means scored a strong point for the defense in the estimation of observers when she stated and demonstrated before the jury, holding a .25-caliber automatic pistol in two positions in her left hand, that she could turn her face and fire a shot which would follow the same course as the one which caused the death of Mrs. King.

Mr. M. D. Edell, of Chicago, qualified as an expert in surgery, saying, in his opinion, "without any question," it was possible that the shot which killed Mrs. King might have been accidentally fired. The defense rested shortly after 12 o'clock when it was stated that there were two more witnesses to be introduced later in the day.

Mr. Johnson, a Chicago banker, was recalled to the stand. He was shown the agreement purported to be signed by Mrs. King and Mrs. Robinson, which increased the monthly allowance from \$200 to \$1,000. He declared that no such paper had ever been filed at his bank.

\$400,000,000 ISSUE TO MATURE SATURDAY; REDEMPTION AT ONCE

The attention of the public is again called to the communication from the secretary of the treasury dated November 23 giving notice of the redemption to holders of United States treasury certificates of indebtedness maturing December 15, 1917.

The series of \$100,000,000 treasury certificates of indebtedness, dated September 15, 1917, is called for redemption today, December 11, at par and accrued interest, pursuant to the provision for such redemption contained in the certificates. On and after today interest on all certificates of such series will cease to accrue.

POLICE USING CLUB FREELY ARREST MANY NEGRO TROOPS

Newport News, Va., Dec. 11.—Military police reserves are being used here last night to arrest negro soldiers in the abandoned city after two men had allegedly been shot in the district. About 20 soldiers in all were arrested; it was not some of them after midnight police had used their clubs freely.

Boy Scouts Win Many Badges

There were 31,778 badges of various kinds issued to the Boy Scouts of America during the month of October, as compared with 33,143 for the month of October a year ago.

Kaiser and Sultan

What a delicious sense of humor must be possessed by the Most Christian Kaiser and his Pagan Ally, the Sultan! Imagine the satisfaction of these two Arch Malefactors as they unctuously bestow upon each other the Diamond Star and the Star and Chain of Diamonds which their impoverished subjects pay for!

And each the loyally acclaimed Representative of His People!

NEGROES PAY FOR PART IN THE RIOTING

Thirteen Members of 24th Infantry Were Hanged This Morning at Fort Sam Houston for Parts in Riot of August 23.

Men Were Convicted by Court Martial and Hanged at 7.17—Chief of Staff Issues Formal Statement Giving Names.

San Antonio, Dec. 11.—Thirteen negroes were hanged at Fort Sam Houston at 7.17 this morning for complicity in the riot at Houston on August 23. The men hanged, all enlisted men of the 24th infantry, were:

Sergeant William Nesbitt, Corporals Lamon J. Brown, James Wheatley, Jesse Moore, George Baltimore, Privates William Brackenridge, Thomas Hawkins, Carlos Snodgrass, Ira B. Davis, James Divins, Frank Johnson, James Riley, William Young and MacWorter.

The action of the court martial was announced this morning at 9 o'clock at formal statement of the names of the negro soldiers sentenced to life imprisonment being given also.

Only army officers and the sheriff of Bexar county witnessed the executions. No newspaper men or civilian spectators were present, the time and place of the execution having been kept secret. Of the 63 men tried by the same court martial, 41 were sentenced to life imprisonment, one man was sentenced to dishonorable discharge from the army, the forfeiture of pay and all allowances and to be confined at hard labor for a period of 2-1/2 years.

Three were sentenced to dishonorable discharge from the army, the forfeiture of a pay and allowances and to be confined at hard labor for two years. Five were acquitted.

MRS. ELLISON DIED IN CITY YESTERDAY

Mrs. Sarah Jane Ellison, a Well Known Woman, Died Yesterday From Paralysis.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Ellison, wife of J. F. Ellison, died yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at her home 304 North Main street, death resulting from paralysis.

She had been in declining health for some time and Saturday morning suffered the stroke which eventuated in her death. She is survived by a husband, one son, Arthur Ellison, of this city, and a daughter, Mrs. Viola Cross, of Southmont.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, morning at 10:30 o'clock from the First Baptist church conducted by Rev. J. M. Hilliard and Rev. James A. Clarke. The following friends of the deceased will act as pallbearers: W. P. Pickett, A. M. Hill, S. C. Gurley, E. M. Pickett, J. H. Perry and J. A. Clined.

Boy Scouts of America Growing

During the month of October, 31,778 boys registered at the National headquarters of the B. S. of A., as compared with 17,948 during the month of October, 1916.