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Rumanians claim successes at Alt

Berlin and Vienna silent about Transylvania engagement.

ATTACKS OF ALLIES IN MACEDONIA ARE REPULSED.

London, Oct. 16.—While both the Vienna and Berlin [illegible] merely a continuation [illegible] fighting on the Transylvanian [illegible] between the Austro-Germans [illegible] and the Rumanians, [illegible] an army coming [illegible] in the Alt river region [illegible] troops of King Ferdinand [illegible] several positions [illegible] by the Teutonic allies, [illegible] other sectors of the [illegible] leading to Bucharest, as [illegible] reported by the Rumanians except in the Burzen [illegible] where the Rumanians [illegible] to withdraw [illegible] their south.

Fighting is going on from [illegible] through the Carpathian mountains. [illegible] despite fierce at[illegible] by [illegible] sides there seems [illegible] stalemate. Petrograd [illegible] neither the Austrians nor the Russians have [illegible] able to gain an advantage [illegible] other battles have taken place along the Tarnopol-Lemberg railray east of Lemberg and to the north of Stanislau.

LONDON CLAIMS LOSSES OF GERMANS VERY HEAVY

London, Oct. 16, 1.50 p. m.—The official communication from British headquarters in Transylvania tonight says: "It is confirmed that the losses incurred by the enemy in last night's attacks upon our positions at Szurduk redoubt were exceedingly heavy. Sixty-eight prisoners, including one officer were left in our hands. Our losses were very slight.

"In the neighborhood of Neuville St. Vaast our heavy artillery and trench mortars carried out an organized bombardment of the enemy's lines. Good results seemed to be obtained.

"Much successful work was carried out by our aeroplanes yesterday in conjunction with our artillery. One hostile battery position was completely destroyed and many others were severely damaged. Bombs were dropped on railroad stations and upon transports moving behind the enemy's lines with excellent effect."

GROUND TAKEN BY BRITISH IS AGAIN RECAPTURED

Berlin, Oct. 16.—The official statement of today in reference to the western front reads:

"Along group of Prince Rupprecht, in the fighting area on the Somme lively artillery activity on both sides continued through the entire day.

"A British attack made northeast of Gueudecourt penetrated our trenches over a small portion of the front. This ground was completely recaptured by means of a counter attack.

"The French made an attack during the evening and evening against our positions west of Sailly. They were driven back to the south of the village by a fresh counter attack.

"Another group of the German crown prince: In the Argonne and on the heights of the Meuse artillery fire was revived at times."

"RECIPROCAL ARTILLERY" ALONG SOMME FRONT

Paris via London, Oct. 13, 11 p. m.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads:

"There was great reciprocal artillery activity along the entire Somme front.

"To the north we consolidated ourselves in the captured portion of Sailly-Saillisel despite a lively enemy bombardment. To the south we repulsed a violent counter-attack east of Berny-En-Santerre. We captured a small wood with two guns of 210 millimetres and one of 77 millimetres between Chaudmont and Ablaincourt.

"During these actions we took 110 prisoners, including 4 officers.

"In the sector of Lassigny a German aeroplane, hit by our artillery, fell in flames in the German lines. On the remainder of the front nothing of importance occurred.

"Eastern army: Nothing of importance has been reported."

WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

Teutonic pressure against the Rumanians along the Transylvanian front continues unabated according to the latest official reports and at one point King Ferdinand's forces have been driven back well within their own territory.

This crucial point for the Rumanians lies southwest of Kronstadt in the mountain reaches of the Tomkanyer pass, where they are making a determined stand at Fogaras, some seven miles south of the border. The Teutonic thrust here is aimed in the direction of Bucharest, which lies seventy-five miles across the Rumanian plain from its edge at [illegible] Fogaras.

On the Somme front in Northern France the entente forces are keeping up their unrelenting drive.

On the French front last night, after [illegible] German counter-attacks on the positions won Saturday in their "pocketing" attacks around Chaulnes, south of the Somme, to north of the river. According to Paris today they penetrated German positions at Sailly-Saillisel, pushing up to the edge of the Bapaume road. Renewed fighting brought on by a German counter attack is in progress.

The British recently have been advancing in the vicinity of the Schwaben redoubt and the Schwaben redoubt in the Thiepval region on their northerly flank. Last night the Germans made a strong attack on the new British positions [illegible] They were beaten back with heavy losses, London declares.

In Macedonia the entente forces have resumed their strong offensive south of Monastir. Sofia declares the Bulgarians frustrated attempts on their lines west of the Monastir-Florina railway line and in the bend of the Cerna.

Along the line of the Struma on the eastern end of the Macedonian front the British have pushed their outposts further towards Demir Hissar, patrols having entered the town of Bursuk, eight miles southwest of Demi-Hissar.

UNRESTRICTED SUBMARINE WAR "MUST BE RESUMED"

Berlin, Oct. 16, noon.—A hugely attended meeting of the "independent committee for German peace," one of the organizations conducting an agitation for a ruthless submarine war, was held here yesterday. Deputy Fuhrman, national liberal leader in the Prussian diet, acted as chairman.

According to the Tageblatt's report, the meeting insisted that an unrestricted submarine war must and should begin immediately. Count von Reventlow, editorial writer on the Tages Zeitung, who was one of the prominent speakers, added Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the interior, to the list of "undesirables." He declared that Dr. Helfferich was more dangerous than the imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg.

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New York Promised By Tammany By 100,000 Majority

New York, Oct. 16.—Democrats about headquarters were considerably encouraged today, when an Ohio man, generally known as a Republican, arrived with a lot of even money to place on Wilson carrying that State.

There had been a further marked tendency toward even money of late days, some wagers having been reported on the basis of 9 to 10 that President Wilson will be re-elected. The Daily News was able to secure today, the confidential figures from both Tammany Hall sources and the Republican leaders relative to the probable result in this State. This is important, too, for publication purposes because the impression is growing that Mr. Wilson can scarcely win without the Empire State.

Murphy organization is claiming that it will roll up an old time majority of 100,000 in Greater New York. Privately the Democratic leaders say they expect in the interest of regularity to give Mr. Wilson a majority in the greater city of 75,000. The Republicans say this majority will not exceed 50,000.

These are the figures of Herbert Parsons, who expects to do some more hunting in North Carolina shortly following the election. Mr. Parsons insists that the Democrats cannot get the electoral vote of this state, unless they roll up a majority of something like 120,000 in Greater New York, and this Mr. Parsons thinks is out of the question.

Figures from disinterested sources, based upon polls and straw votes indicate that Mr. Hughes will carry New Jersey by about 20,000, but many Republicans assert that the Republican plurality will be twice that number.

NOTICE.

By virtue of power vested in me by decree of the Court, entered in that proceeding, pending in the Superior Court of Halifax County, North Carolina, and entitled "R. G. Allsbrook, Adm'r of Allen Mabry, Jr., deceased, vs. Lizzie Mabry Knight and Maggie Lee Mabry and Nathan Mabry, the last two being infants without guardian of Allen Mabry, Jr., deceased," I will on the 2nd day of November, 1916, sell for cash at public auction to the highest bidder in the town of Hobgood, N. C., in front of the Bank of Hobgood, at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described real estate lying and being in Halifax County, North Carolina, to-wit:

Beginning at a stake on the Hobgood and Tarboro road, thence along said road S. 40½ W. 4.78 chains to a stake on said road, (this stake lies S. 60¾ W. from a large elm in Allen Mabry's yard), thence S. 18 W. 52.25 chains to a gum in the Downing line; thence along said line N. 45 E. 7.91 chains to the dividing line; thence along said line N. 18 W. 46.96 chains, S. 71½ W. 1.40 chains, N. 37 W. 4.50 chains to the beginning, containing thirty-six acres; being the same land allotted to Allen Mabry, Jr., in the judgment in that action entitled "Allen Mabry, Jr., by his general guardian, Hugh Johnson, vs. Allen Mabry, Sr." said judgment being docketed in the office of the Superior Court of Halifax County, North Carolina, in Judgment Docket No. 10 at page 211.

This the 2nd day of October, 1916.

STUART SMITH,
Commissioner.

Germans Win A Great Battle on the Galician Front

DEFEAT OF CZAR'S FORCE ANNOUNCED BY BERLIN

Berlin, Oct. 17, via London—The Russians have suffered a heavy defeat in Galicia, the war office announced today. Repeated attacks were repulsed and trenches on a front of one and one-quarter miles were taken by the Austro-German forces.

Nnieteen hundred prisoners and ten machine guns were captured.

Attaacks of the allies yesterday near Guedecourt on the Somme front, broke down under the German fire, the war office also announced. The German positions on both sides of the Somme were under heavy artillery fire the whole day.

DEATH OF JOHN H. AUSBON.

Sunday afternoon, at two o'clock, at the Johnson-Willis Sanitarium, Richmond, Virginia, the soul of our respected citizen, John H. Ausbon sped its flight, and sorrow reigned in the hearts of those relatives left behind, and the vast number of friends of him, who, for three decades had been a familiar figure and a tried and worthy citizen of this community.

For the past year the deceased had suffered ill health almost continually, but being confined to his house only for a week prior to him being carried to Richmond This was done on Monday of last week, upon the advice of his physician, as it was thought best to have specialists determine the case, which was one of complications. No improvement was shown, and during the last few days his demise had been expected, although when the news came it was a shock to those who were closely associated with him.

Mr. John H. Ausbon was about fifty-two years of age. Born in Washington county, where he resided for the first twenty years of his life. His father was Joe Ausbon, who married Miss Martha Walters, both of them being natives of Washington county.

For several years after coming here the deceased worked in several businesses, but about twenty years ago he branched out for himself, since which time he has been one of our merchants. About the same time he married Miss Nannie White, daughter of Mr. A. White. Three children were the issue of this marriage, but all died when young, and six years after marriage the wife died also, since which time the deceased remained a widower, and lived with his sister, Mrs. Cottee Everett.

He is survived by two brothers Mr. R. H. Ausbon of Hobgood, and Mr. E. W. Ausbon of Rocky Mount, and one sister, Mrs. Cottee Everett of Scotland Neck.

The remains were brought back from Richmond on the morning train yesterday, and taken to the home. At half past two the relatives and friends preceded by the pall-bearers, composed of Messrs. Sam A. Dunn, J. L. Josey, Luther Perrington, Willie Bishop, Dr. J. E. Shields and Charles Herring, proceeded to the cemetery, where an impressive funeral service was conducted by Rev. L. T. Singleton, the Methodist minister. The music at the grave-side was very sweet, and the numerous floral offerings showedthe great esteem in which the deceased was held in the community.

Democratic Party Plans Humane Just Legislation

Only Instrumentality For Genuine Progressive Laws

Long Branch, N. J., Oct. 16.—President Wilson today told a delegation of independents comprising the Wilson volunteers that the Democratic party is the only instrumentality now at hand for the enactment of "genuine, humane, just and progressive legislation."

The members of the delegation came here to tell the President they planned to campaign for him "from the Battery to Buffalo," in New York State, because they felt he had given the nation "a square deal." The delegation was led by Amos Pinchot and Rabbi Stephens Wise, of New York, and remained with the President longer than an hour.

The President declared the time has come for America to "unite her progressive forces." He said the leaders of the opposition want only three things, "the scalp of the present comptroller of the currency," John Skelton Williams; to get control of the banking system of the country; and to put the army and navy of the United States back of their financial enterprises in Mexico and throughout the world.

The delegation, for which Amos Pinchot acted as spokesman presented a resolution asserting that Charles E. Hughes has accepted the open support of German-Americans." Mr. Pinchot told the President they believed "the forces of privilege had marked him for slaughter."

Rabbi Wise praised the President's conduct of the foreign affairs of the nation, mentioning Mexico and the Panama tolls controversy. He declared a new era in international affairs had been opened by the President's treatment of Mexico.

"The election of Governor Hughes would mean a country divided against itself," said Rabbi Wise. "It would mean a permanently hyphenated America. We are not supporting you as Democrats, but as Americans."

"The problem that America has had to face for some time," said the President, "has been to unite and organize her progressive forces. They have been present in the nation for [illegible] time but not until four years ago did they disclose their numerical forces."

TON OF COTTON PICKED BY FAMILY IN A DAY

William Applewhite, a colored farmer, whose place is a few miles out of town, with five others of his family, pickednearly a ton of cotton last Friday. This is supposed to be a record, and sufficiently worthy of note to give the individual picking of each of the family.

William E. Applewhite, age 56 years, picked 336 pounds; John Applewhite, age 28 years, picked 257 pounds; Rosa Applewhite, age 11 years, picked 189 pounds; Eliza Applewhite, age 20 years, picked 339 pounds; Retta Applewhite, age 19 years, picked 378 pounds, and Minnie Applewhite picked 358 pounds, making a total for the six, 1,857 pounds in the one day.

Hon. Claude Kitchin left yesterday afternoon for Kinston where he will address the Democratic voters this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Elaborate preparations have been made forthis gifted orator, and a large crowd is expected tobe present to hear him.

Reynolds of Winston Gives $10,000 to State Democrats

BOTH MALT AND NEAR-BEER BARED

Mapp Act Covers Such Liquors Even Though Containing No Alcohol, Attorney General Says

Richmond, Oct. 16.—Calling a halt upon the preparations of large manufacturers of malt liquors in Virginia to place upon the market, after, November 1, a flood of non-intoxicating beverages, designed to take the place of beer, Attorney General John Garland Pollard has ruled that the usual term "malt liquor," as contained in the Mapp prohibition act, is all-embracing, and excludes the sale of all such beverages, whether intoxicating or non-intoxicating.

In tendering this decision, the Attorney General cites the opinions of appellate courts in a dozen States where the question has come up for determination, and quotes the Supreme Court of the United States in support of his contention that prohibition of non-alcoholic malt liquors is a valid exercise of the police power of the State, and not in contravention of the fourteenth amendment to the Federal Constitution, which prohibits the taking of property without due process of law.

The decision as to the status of malt liquors is the most important the legal department of the State has yet rendered relative to the provisions of the Mapp act, and effectually sets at rest the fear of officers charged with the law's enforcement that numerous near-beer saloons scattered throughout the State would add materially to their difficulties in enforcing the prohibition laws.

No sooner than the Prohibition Commissioner had taken oath of office a number of concerns manufacturing malt liquors, made without fermentation and containing absolutely no alcohol, employed agents throughout the State to handle their product. Commissioner Peters then submitted to the Attorney General the question of whether the law permitted the sale of such liquors.

The Supreme Court of Appeals, in an opinion voiced by Judge Buchanan, had already decided that the term "malt liquors" includes both the intoxicating and the non-intoxicating sort, and, in light of this fact, the Attorney General held that the General Assembly of Virginia, in prohibiting their sale, meant to do just what is expressed in the language of the statute.

GOVERNOR CRAIG OFFICIALLY OPENS FAIR

President Tufts Gives Hearty Welcome

The fifty-sixth annual State Fair was officially opened today shortly after noon when Governor Locke Craig delivered the customary opening address and President Leonard Tufts extended to the people of North Carolina and other visitors a hearty welcome and invitation to what promises to be the greatest exhibition of the Stae's products and resources in the history of the North Carolina Agricultural Society However, the fair proper started when the big gates swung open at 6 o'clock and the exhibition halls opened at 10 o'clock.

The addresses by Governor Craig and President Leonard Tufts were made in the grandstand immediately upon the arrival of the officials under escort of the Raleigh Rotary Club, the parade starting from the Yarborough Hotel at 11:30 o'clock. Governor Craig was introduced by President R. S. Busbee, of the Raleigh Rotary Club, in behalf of the Rotarians of North Carolina.

Name Withheld Fearing Holton Republican Nominee for Forsyth.

Raleigh, Oct. 16.—North Carolina Democrats are not embarassed by the announcement here that R. J. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, has contributed $10,000 to the Woodrow Wilson fund.

The $25,000 and more reported upon the front page of the Democratic organ betrays that $11,500 of this fair amount came from Winston-Salem but to date no explanation has come showing the whenceness of this abnormal gift. With the Hugh McRaes in New Hanover, the Julian Carrs in Durham, the big fellows in Greensboro and Asheville, the Winston-Salem contributions have almost doubled the state to this hour. Mr. Reynolds, it seems, has made up 40 per cent of the state's gift to the Wilson fund.

It is guessed here that nothing has been written of Mr. Reynolds because Gene Holton is running for the state senate in Forsyth and Gene could use the gift without actually owning it. It is said to have been kept quiet solely because Mr. Holton, like Roosevelt said of Bryan when the Nebraskan insisted upon pre-election publicity, "might misunderstand the purposes." Nobody believes for a moment that Mr. Holton would have hired an automobile to go about the state, proclaiming Dick Reynolds' gift, but since somebody else is beneficiary nobody expects Mr. Holton to keep quiet. It will take a great deal of Mr. Holton's speech to out-talk Mr. Reynolds' money.

Mr. Reynolds apparently is supporting the Democratic party entirely out of gratitude for the Federal Reserve Act. He is many time a millionaire but often must borrow and his faith is this year pinned to the Federal Reserve Act, so it's said over the State. Mr. Reynolds must borrow money occasionally and heretofore he has assumed risks even for himself in signing a paper subject to any banker's whim. With the Federal Reserve Act at work he can go to Richmond and come back with an unconscionable amount of kale.

ED. LEWIS BURNED BY GASOLINE

Last week, Ed. Lewis suffered what appeared to be, at the time, a very serious accident, by setting himself alight with gasoline.

Working in the garage of N. A. Riddick Motor Car Co., he had been cleaning part of the engine of a car with gasoline, the gas wetting his shirt sleeves and arms. Mr. Lewis, not thinking of the danger, struck a match, which caught the fumes, and in a moment he was enveloped in flames.

Mr. Pete Shields rushed to his assistance, throwing a blanket over him, but not before both arms, to the elbow, had been severely burned. His wounds were quickly dressed by a physician, but he is suffering intensely from his burns.

TEST NEW CURTISS LAND AND WATER AEROPLANE

Newport News, Va., Oct. 16.—The "N9" single motor combination land and water aeroplane was successfully tested before the members of the naval board and its builder, Glen H. Curtiss, at the Atlantic Coast Aeronautical Station here yesterday afternoon. Members of the naval board expressed themselves as highly pleased with the behavior of the new machine.