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HALT IN OPERATIONS ON BATTLE FRONTS

Unexpected Severity of Weather Causes New Problems In War Zone

TRUCE INDICATED EXCEPT FOR DESULTORY FIRING

No Marked Change in Situation, is the Prevailing Opinion—New Crop of Stories Relative to German Reinforcements

London, Nov. 21.—Warring armies on both battle fronts seem today to have come to a pause as if an interval as necessary for them to solve new difficulties of their positions raised by the unexpected severity of the first onslaught of winter. In west Flanders reports from many sources indicate that military operations have been completely suspended, while along the rest of the line only desultory artillery shells prevent the front giving the impression that a truce exists.

A new crop of stories has arisen in Germany as sending heavy guns and submarines to Belgium by rail destined for the coast. Other reports declare that long trains capable all told of moving two hundred thousand men are being prepared to take German reinforcements in eastern front.

Vienna and Berlin agree that nothing decisive has occurred in Poland. Personal calls that German offensive between Warta and vistula, has been checked so definitely that Germany has been enabled to resume offensive attitude, which was signalled by capturing the German battery northwest of Lodz. This, if true, indicates the possibility that Germans are in danger of being outflanked. Nevertheless it is apparent that both armies are facing each other waiting for the next move in what may prove to be one of the most decisive battles in eastern campaign.

A week ago the Germans were retreating from Warsaw. They turned back, reaching territory controlled by their own strategic railroad system and, brushing aside Russia cavalry, began pushing their main army back until they reached the line between Vistula and Warta. This is the point experts predicted the Germans make stand on retreat.

No National Change.

Paris, Nov. 21.—French official announcement this afternoon says: Day of November 20th was similar general to two preceding days. In Belgium, the artillery at Nieuport secured advantage over that of the enemy. From Antwerp south to Ypres was intense cannonading of both sides. At Hellesbeke two attacks of German infantry were repulsed. From the Belgian frontier to Aise nothing is reported. In the Alsace region and in Champagne the advantage gained by the batteries over the artillery of the enemy has become more marked, and presented Germans from continuing construction of certain trenches. In Argonne we blew up certain of the enemy's trenches. In the Verdun vicinity and in Vosges we have made progress. At certain points we established our trenches less than thirty yards from the enemy's position.

Report From Berlin.

Berlin, (By Wireless to London.) Nov. 21.—Official communication given out at the German General Army headquarters today says: On the whole there is no change in the western war theatre. The enemy is showing great activity with its artillery along practically the entire front. In the eastern war theatre operations are still further developing. Nothing has yet been reported regarding the situation in East Prussia. Pursuit of the defeated enemy who was driven back through Mlowa and Plock, continues. Our offensive at Lodz has made progress. In region of East Czesnochoch our troops are fighting by side of the allies and have gained ground.

May Decide Eastern Campaign.

Berlin, (By Wireless via Sayville.) Nov. 21.—Germany has great expectations concerning the outcome near Lodz, says an official announcement quoted in the press today. It is generally taken for granted that gigantic Russian army in spite of its numerical superiority is seriously threatened by General von Hindenburg's ingenious strategy and spirited offensive. Reports of Russian difficulties because the Germans destroyed all the railroad bridges and highways, Russian defeat here may decide the entire east-

ern campaign, as Russians are without reserves and lack arms, ammunition and officers.

Incinerating Bodies.

London, Nov. 21.—The newspaper Independence Belge, published here since occupation of Brussels, has received news from Charleroi, Belgium, that a large blast furnace near there is running day and night incinerating bodies of Germans killed along Yser line. Bodies were brought to Charleroi by rail.

Await Result of Big Battle.

London, Nov. 21.—The Central News correspondent at Berlin says: All Germany is in a condition of extreme tension awaiting result of great battle on eastern frontier. Russian forces are estimated at nine hundred thousand. Germans control the roads to Novo Beorgiewsk and Warsaw. Battle centers at Lodz, where Germans hold the best positions, while Austrians are advancing from South. Russians being attacked on three sides.

No Fighting on Yser Front.

Bruges, Belgium, Nov. 21.—According to best information reaching here fighting on the Yser front has completely stopped. Cold weather continues. Old inhabitants fear repetition of severe winter of 1871. It is reported that 57 trains of 40 cars each are moving through northern Belgium in the direction of west Flanders. It is assumed that trains are for transportation of additional German regiments to eastern war arena.

Russians Falling Back.

Berlin, Nov. 21.—Meagre news received from Russian Poland given out in official circles here today indicates Germans and Russians have joined in battle along the whole front between Warta and Vistula rivers, while Russians to north of Vistula are reported falling back.

Files Complaint.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, filed a note with the State Department today complaining of violations of Geneva Red Cross convention of July 6, 1864, of which French troops are alleged to have been guilty.

Deny Great Austrian Victories.

Paris, Nov. 21.—The Havas agency correspondent telegraphing from Athens says that the Servian legation there issued a statement denying great Austrian victories. The statement declares that Servians retreated from Valjevo, which they held against superior forces, but today hold more advantageous positions and confidently awaits attack from the enemy. Evacuation of Valjevo and retreat effected without incident or losses. No important encounters have taken place since order of retreat.

PRIZE COURT DECIDES AGAINST STANDARD

New York, Nov. 21.—Standard Oil Company officials today received from agents at Hamilton, Bermuda, a cable confirmation of the report that the British Prize Court had decided against the company in case of Tanker Leda, which flew German flag and was captured August 8th by British cruiser Suffolk, near New York City. The company brought to the attention of the State Department the case of Leda with request that the department make overtures to obtain its release. Leda sailed from Rotterdam for Baton Rouge, La., July 3rd.

USE RADIUM ON BATTLEFIELD

Mme. Curie's Suggestion Has Had Beneficial Results.

Paris, Nov. 21.—Mme. Curie, the co-discoverer with her late husband, has suggested the use of automobiles containing radiographic apparatus on the battlefield and has organized the nucleus of such a service.

By the use of this field apparatus bullets have been found on extracted from the heads of wounded soldiers. The lives of several patients whose brains had been pierced by bullets have been saved.

REDUCTION OF COTTON ACREAGE

And Diversification of Crops is Imperative, Says Bradford Knapp.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—Declaring that diversification of crops and reduction of cotton acreage is imperative, the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, has sent out an interesting communication from Mr. Bradford Knapp, special agent in charge of the Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration Work, as follows:

The error of depending upon one crop for the support of the country is always manifest in the time of crisis. It would appear as though it were just as sound a policy for the farmer to produce one cash crop and to supply his other wants from the sale of it as it is for a manufacturer to manufacture one article instead of many. The special one crop is opened to too many dangers; no one can guarantee the quality from year to year nor can the farmer depend upon a uniform cost of production. The objections to the one-crop system are, therefore:

First: It is economically unsafe. When the production falls or the market falls the country is in distress.

Second: It does not permit the proper crop rotations for the maintenance of soil fertility and, therefore, calls for the most expensive make-shifts through the use of complete commercial fertilizers.

Third: It does not give proper opportunity for the livestock industry as a part of the complete system of farming.

Fourth: It fails to give opportunity for wise plans of farm management in which team and tools may be given the maximum of days of use per annum and labor may be properly distributed.

Fifth: Such a system limits knowledge, narrows citizenship and does not foster home building, but does promote commercial farming.

With the proper system of diversified farming the South will get away from the economic weakness of its present system. It may be asked why has not the Southern farmer produced other cash crops, and why has he not gone in for diversification? The answer is very simple: First, because the system has been against him. If he wanted to borrow money to produce a crop he had to borrow on the basis of acreage in cotton or some other one single crop fixed as a measure of credit. Second: If he raised any other crop beside the one produced by the community there was no market for it.

In one Southern State that imported a few years ago, two million dollars' worth of hay per annum, a farmer carried on a demonstration in hay, getting nearly five tons to the acre. The price of hay in that community was from \$25 to \$30 per ton, yet, this farmer had hard work to sell the hay that he had raised, first, because hay by the load and not in the bale had no market, though his hay was better than any baled hay on the market, second, because hay was generally purchased through the merchants, who bought it through the regular channels and had it shipped in.

The enormous fertilizer bills of the South can only be reduced by establishing rotations and the liberal use of legumes in these rotations. This is one of the greatest problems that the South is facing and the one-crop system gives little opportunity for its solution. Diversification and livestock raising make it possible for the farmer to have a rich soil, maintained at its maximum fertility with the minimum cost.

The Southern States at the present time do not produce sufficient food and feed crops to supply their own necessities. Unless they have an increased acreage in these crops they cannot hope to establish the livestock industry in the South.

A bulletin of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, issued in 1912, shows the following among other products shipped into the State for consumption: \$4,346,420 worth of corn; nearly \$5,000,000 worth of flour, over six and one-half million dollars' worth of cured meat; more than one and one-fourth million dollars' worth of dressed beef; three and one-half million dollars' worth of vegetables; over fifteen and one-half million dollars' worth of hay, and two and one-fourth million dollars' worth of feed-stuffs.

1. The establishment of markets for other products besides cotton, tobacco, rice and sugar.
2. A new credit basis founded on thrift, good farming and individual effect.

NEGRO MANIAC KILLS GROCERS

Butcher Slayed, Also, and Attempts Made to Assassinate Nightwatchmen

Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 21.—D. A. Ronin, grocer, was shot, and it is believed fatally wounded, early today by a negro supposed to be the same that assassinated W. H. Thomas, also a grocer, in South Chattanooga Thursday night, and fatally wounded W. N. Agnew, a butcher, in the same locality Tuesday morning. Agnew died last night.

Previous to this a negro night watchman was assassinated, and attempts were made to kill several other watchmen.

The crimes are all credited to a supposed negro maniac, who has eluded the police and created reign of terror among inhabitants of that section.

GRACE CHURCH TO ENTERTAIN METHODISTS NEXT YEAR

North Carolina Conference Voted Unanimously to Meet in Wilmington

ACTION TAKEN TODAY

Fourth Day of Conference at Wilmington—Reports From Several Boards—Missionary Anniversary Tonight.

(Susan Ident.)

Washington, N. C., Nov. 21.—The North Carolina Methodist Conference in session here today voted unanimously to go to Grace Methodist church, Wilmington, next year.

J. J. Barker, W. O. Davis, J. F. Usey and C. M. Grant were transferred from the Western Carolina Conference.

Reports of the Joint Board of Finance, Sunday School Board and Books and Periodicals were adopted. The missionary anniversary will be held this evening.

Sunday morning the love feast will be held. The bishop will preach at 11 a. m. and Dr. F. N. Parker at 7:30 p. m.

Washington, N. C., Nov. 21.—Bishop Waterhouse conducted opening devotional service today, reading and speaking on 12 and 13th chapters First Corinthians. He exhorted conference to a greater love for each other.

The superannuates made their reports. Name of T. J. Daily referred for superannuate relation.

The quadronial boards appointed by the Presiding Elders were read. Report on temperance read and adopted. The Sheppard Robson resolution pending in conference was recommended. A collection was taken for Payne College in Augusta, Ga., General Carr subscribing \$100.

Memorial service for Rev. J. E. Thompson, superannuate, the only one to die during the year was special order at 11:40 today. The memoir was read by Dr. J. T. Gibbs.

Sunday at Conference.

As usual the annual love feast will be observed at Conference Sunday morning, the sermon at 11 o'clock being preached by Bishop Waterhouse. The visiting ministers will supply the pulpits of the city. In the afternoon the anniversary of the Epworth League board will be held and one of the members of the conference or a visiting minister will preach in the evening.

Received Into Full Connection.

The following were received into full connection yesterday: T. W. Lee, J. L. Midyett, B. B. Slaughter, H. C. Smith, N. M. Wright, G. W. Perry, E. D. Dodd, W. V. McKee, J. A. Morris and C. E. Vale.

The charge and admonition of Bishop Waterhouse as he received these young men was a very beautiful and valuable address. The impressiveness of the vows was felt by everyone in the congregation as they were given by the Bishop. Having passed their examination and two years of trial the Bishop congratulated these young men on being received into full connection.

Church Insurance.

In acting upon the question of a mutual fire insurance company yesterday the conference adopted the recommendation presented by Mr. W. B. Cooper, of Wilmington, as follows:

1. That this conference endorse the action of the Western North Carolina Conference in the matter of organization of the company and the plans adopted for the conduct of the business.
2. That this conference elect five directors, to be recommended to the Western North Carolina Conference for election on the board of directors of the company.
3. That the matter of complete church control be safeguarded in every particular and the board of directors be requested and instructed to thoroughly investigate, safeguard and protect every avenue by which the church can be deprived of the complete control of the affairs of the company.
4. That the preachers and laymen give their hearty support to the officers of the company in securing business. There is only a small per cent of our church property insured, a matter which should no longer be neglected.

Extraordinary values in Shoes and Millinery today at Rehder's Big Sale.—Advertisement.

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CLAIMS SHOOTING WAS ACCIDENTAL

C. L. Jackson, White, of Cumberland, Fatally Wounded His Wife.

Special to The Dispatch.

Fayetteville, N. C., Nov. 21.—C. L. Jackson, a white man, 25 years old, yesterday morning shot his wife in the side with a rifle at their home, on the road, between Hope Mills and Rockfish. Physicians brought Mrs. Jackson to the hospital here and reports today are that her condition is considered fatal. Jackson came to the city and surrendered to the sheriff, claiming the shooting was accidental. There were other reports, however, and Jackson was lodged in jail.

ACT NOT HOSTILE, REPORTS CAPTAIN

Announcement Made Relative to Firing on Tennessee's Launch by Turks.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—After White House announced that firing of Smyrna forts on the Tennessee's launch was not hostile, Secretary of Navy Daniels announced that that portion of Capt. Benton Decker's first report was withheld because it was considered contradictory. Decker's dispatch contained words, "Act not hostile, but unfriendly." It was withheld for verification. It was verified today. Secretary of Navy Daniels is unable to explain the meaning.

Secretary Tumulty, after conference with the President, gave out the following statement:

"The public already knows what happened, namely, a boat from the Tennessee tried to enter the harbor, which the Turkish government had declared closed. A shot was fired across the bow to stop her. The Captain of Tennessee reports it was not intended as hostile act. A full investigation is being made. Explanations have been asked of the Turkish government. Previous attempts to communicate with Ambassador Morgenthau in Constantinople have led to delays of as much as a week."

Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—While the commander of the Tennessee and North Carolina had acknowledged a cautionary message sent after the Tennessee's launch was fired upon in Smyrna harbor administration officials today await definite details of incident. The complete story, it is believed, will be told in report of Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople, which probably will be delayed because of slow cable communication. The cruisers are both to be kept in western Mediterranean waters.

WANT A. C. L. TRAINS EXTENDED TO WARSAW

Warsaw, N. C., Nov. 21.—A movement has been started here to have Atlantic Coast Line passenger trains numbers 90 and 91 extended from Goldsboro to Warsaw. These trains were operated from Norfolk to Goldsboro up to last Sunday, but at a meeting between the officials of the road and representatives sent from Mount Olive, Warsaw and other towns along the line, before the Corporation Commission at Goldsboro last Saturday, the road was granted the right to curtail these trains at Goldsboro.

The parties who are trying to have this service extended claim that these trains were shown not to be paying from here to Wilmington, but that it does pay as far as here, and as terminal facilities are already provided here there would not be any expense in this way, and as the trains pay, and are such an accommodation the railroad will be requested to allow a thirty day trial, provided they are not willing to extend these trains regularly.

RENEW EFFORTS FOR WHITE HOUSE AUDIENCE

Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—Undimmed by President Wilson's former refusals to support the Constitutional amendment for woman's suffrage leaders of the women's Democratic suffrage organizations are renewing their efforts for another audience at the White House. The question of receiving the women has not yet been placed before the President.

MRS. JACKSON IS CRITICALLY ILL.

Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 21.—The condition of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson is better at noon, though she is still very ill. Physicians have but little hopes of her recovery.

RECORD CROP OF COTTON IS INDICATED BY REPORT

Ginning Prior to November 14th Was Eleven Million, Six Hundred Thousand

IS LARGEST EVER

On This Basis Crop Will Be Between Fifteen and Half and Sixteen Million—Greatly Exceeds Period Last Year.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—The possibility of this year's cotton crop equalling or perhaps, exceeding the greatest crop heretofore grown, is indicated today in the Census Bureau's fifth ginning report of the season which showed ginnings prior to November 14th of eleven million, six hundred and twenty-four thousand, seven hundred and eighty bales, which is the largest on record. The average for the past seven years ginned at the end of this period is 75 per cent.

On this basis the crop would seem to be between fifteen million, five hundred thousand and sixteen million bales. Ginning November 1st to 14th established a record of one million, seven hundred and ninety-five, six hundred and twenty-six bales exceeding last year; one hundred and fifty thousand in 1911, by four hundred and fifty-eight thousand bales. This season's ginnings exceed the record by eight hundred and eleven thousand bales. Alabama, Arkansas, Florida and Oklahoma established new records. Ginnings for North Carolina, 555,401. South Carolina, 1,910,289.

OPPOSE HIGHER PHONE RATES IN ST. LOUIS

Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 21.—Vigorous opposition will be presented at the hearing, set for next Monday, on the application of the Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Company (Bell), to increase its rates to St. Louis patrons. The Public Service Commission will hold the hearing, and the company will be asked to show why \$137,000 additional revenue is annually needed, as they claim, to provide for added expense.

The reports of the commission's experts upon the valuation of the property of the company for the purpose of rate-making, will be presented. An opportunity will be afforded the company's officials to quiz the experts upon their figures, which are approximately \$900,000 lower upon the plant value than the figures of the company upon which it bases its demand for increased rates.

COLD WEATHER HAS PASSED, INDICATED

Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—East Gulf South Atlantic States experienced another night of low temperatures generally with killing frost. Light frost in southern Florida as far South as Miami. Fair weather with rising temperature Sunday is indicated for all districts east and south.

VILLA TOOK TOWN WITHOUT RESISTANCE

Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—Provisional President Gutierrez, with 30 members of the Aguas Calientes Coalition arrived at San Luis Potosi. Villa took Queretaro without resistance, it is officially reported today.

STOCK EXCHANGE.

Plans to Reopen for Certain Transactions Discussed Today.

New York Nov. 21.—Definite plan to reopen New York Stock Exchange for bond transactions under certain restrictions be submitted to the Governing Committee on Tuesday, was announced today. The belief prevailed that the plan would be accepted. The plan was not disclosed.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 21.—Arthur Hodges, who was sentenced to die on November 14th in the electric chair for the murder of a constable while attempting to avoid arrest, will be brought into Chancery Court on Monday and will be examined as to his sanity. A stay of execution resulted from an injunction served early this month on the Arkansas Penitentiary Commission, and granted by Judge Martineau under an old law concerning hanging. It is claimed that since his conviction four months ago, the prisoner has lost his mind.