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THE WEATHER.

Fair tonight and Tuesday. Slightly colder tonight. Light northerly winds.

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ARE NOW AT EACH OTHER'S THROAT

Fierce Battle Being Waged in Poland and Germany Claim Advantage

LITTLE CHANGE IN THE WESTERN ARENA

Berlin is Most Optimistic Over the Entire Situation—Russia Remains Silent As to Tactics Being Used

London, Nov. 23.—Desperate fighting in Russian Poland, but without details as to outcome, and resumption of similar activity in West Flanders, are the outstanding features today in the areas of military operations.

The flurry caused by an attack of British aviators on Zeppelin headquarters at Friedrichshafen, has not yet subsided. The amount of comment on this incident appearing in the German and English press seems to be out of all proportion to the damage inflicted. Violent bombardments have destroyed the town hall, and the central market at Ypres, according to the Paris official news. This may herald resumption of the attempt of the Germans to break the center held by the English, of the allied line, blocking the way to the coast. This theory finds some confirmation in the reports that the Germans are bringing heavy reinforcements through Belgium. From Germany come reports of feverish activity of building warships, as well as manufacture of Zeppelins. Opinion prevails that Germany is unable to compete with the British in the construction of battleships.

Germany is devoting her greater efforts to construction of her air fleet. Naval construction takes relatively a second place. Both sides continue reticent concerning the progress of the great battles in Poland. Berlin is confident von Hindenburg will win though a military authority, quoted by Lokal Anzeiger, declares the fall of Lemberg a question of time, because von Hindenburg is rolling up the Russian right, while at the same time, the Austrians are attacking the left. There is no direct information from the front to confirm this however. Petrograd is silent about the strategy of the present campaign which does not seem to excite any greater concern than the Russian capital did when the Germans advanced on Warsaw. Berlin, however, seems to regard the Polish operations as decisive in the Russian campaign, if not in the entire war.

Heavy Artillery Fire.

Paris, Nov. 23.—The French official bulletin this afternoon says that yesterday Ypres was subjected to a violent artillery fire and many of its important buildings were burned. The text follows:

"Yesterday was marked by violent artillery fire. The enemy directed attention particularly to the town of Ypres, where the belfry, markets, canal and a number of houses were set afire. In Argonne the day was characterized by very hot fighting. The enemy delivered very spirited attacks which were repulsed. In Woevre and Vosges the situation is without change.

Berlin Optimistic.

Berlin, Nov. 23.—The General Staff of the German army in referring to important operations in Poland, now nearing a decisive outcome, announced today that it considered the situation everywhere favorable.

Army headquarters today gave out the official report dated November 22nd, which reads as follows:

"In the western arena the situation is unchanged. In Poland fighting continues. The struggle is going on south of Plock, in the vicinity of Lodz, near Czenstechau.

An official communication issued by the German General army headquarters today says:

"The fighting continues at Nieuport and Ypres. A small British squadron twice approached the coast, but was driven off by our artillery.

"In the Argonne Forest we are gaining ground step by step, one trench after another; one point of support after another being wrested from the French and a number of prisoners are being taken daily. Violent reconnoitering expedition against our positions on the east Moselle River is made ineffective by our counter attack. In east Prussia the situation is unchanged. In Poland the appearance of Russian reinforcements is postponing decision of the battle. In the region East of Czenstochowa and Northeast of Cracow the Austro-German offensive is being maintained.

Turks at Suez Canal.

Constantinople, Turkey, Nov. 23.—Turkish troops have reached the Suez Canal, according to official announcement yesterday, which reads:

"Turkish troops reached the Suez Canal. Fighting has occurred between Katasa and Teatebe, both thirty kilometres east of Suez Canal, and near Kantara Teo (probably Elkantata, twenty-five miles south of Port Said) with English officers, and many soldiers, and many wounded were taken prisoners. The troops were the English Camel Riders. The Egyptian police surrendered."

TAR HEEL RECORD HOLDER DEAD

Hillsboro, N. C., Nov. 23.—John Laws, aged ninety-four, register of deeds for Orange county for the past sixty-four years, and believed to hold the record of the United States for continuous service to an elective office, died of pneumonia at his home here at 5 o'clock this morning. He is the only man who ever held office as register of deeds of Orange county. Laws was twice married, the second time when he was eighty-six years of age. He is survived by his second wife and three children by his second marriage.

LUMBER SCHOONER BLOWN ASHORE

New York, Nov. 23.—A four-masted lumber schooner went ashore early today, near Shinnicock lighthouse, Long Island. She appeared to be breaking up in the heavy seas and was about a quarter of a mile off shore. Life savers are trying to rescue the crew.

The name of the vessel ashore could not be made out. The waves are washing the lumber off the decks. Life savers have launched a boat after shooting a line across the vessel.

The vessel later was learned to be the schooner, G. D. Jenkins, from St. John for New York. All hands were rescued.

AUSTRIANS REPORT CONTINUED SUCCESS

Washington, D. C., Nov. 23.—Vienna Foreign Office dispatches to the Embassy here today says:

"Austrian troops in Russian Poland took fifteen thousand prisoners. In Servia our offensive continues despite strong resistance from the enemy's fortified positions and difficulties of the ground caused by bad weather. Two thousand, forty-four prisoners were taken. The total Servian prisoners since November 5th are thirteen thousand.

FOREST FIRES GROWING SERIOUS

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 23.—Slow orders have been issued to all railroads operating in this section because of a pall of smoke from forest fires. Freights collided Saturday near Bauxite because of the smoke.

E. V. Visart, Federal game inspector, reports the swamps are afire near Helena, and game is being driven out. The Mississippi River traffic is hampered. New fires are reported hourly.

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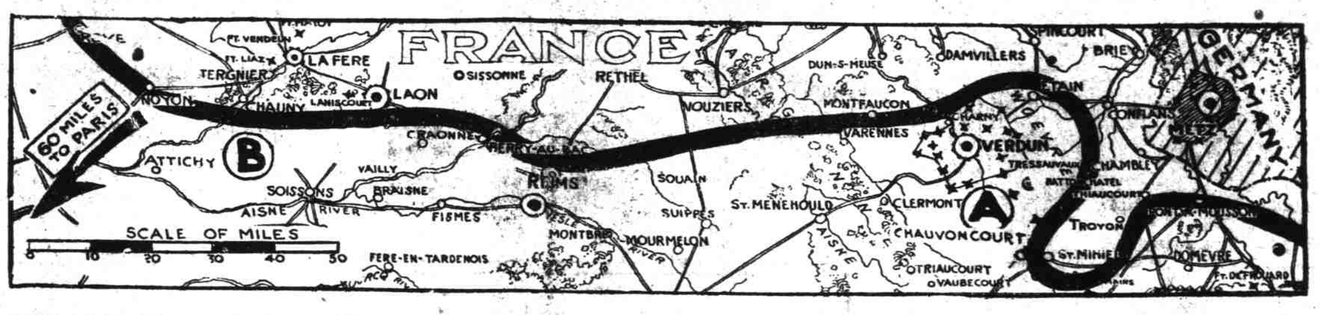
FRENCH SUCCESSES AT WEDGE OF LINE; THEIR TROOPS IN TRAP AT CHAUVONCOURT



Between the Oise and the Aisne ("B" on the map) new French succes ses are reported, and near the wedge of the line the colored troops of the French have made violent and valorous attacks. At Chauvoncourt ("A" on the map), just across the Meuse from St. Mihiel, a whole French detatchment may have been annihilated where part of the village was blown up by hiden mines.

DECLARES JAPAN IS FOR PEACE

Prime Minister Wants to Work With West For Civilization.

Tokio, Nov. 23.—In an article entitled "Japan and the European Armageddon", Count Shignobu Okuma, the Prime Minister, writing in the Japan Magazine, about the war, says some forceful things about Japan's relation to the West.

"It will be our one ambition at this time," he writes, "to show the West what it is slow to believe, that we can work harmoniously with great Occidental powers to support and protect the highest ideals of civilization, even to the extent of dying for them. Not only in the Far East but anywhere else that may be necessary, Japan is ready to lay down her life for the principles that the foremost nations will die for. It is to be in line with these nations that she is at this time opposing and fighting what she believes to be opposed to these principles."

The Premier continues: "She entered the Alliance with Great Britain to stand for and die for what Anglo-Saxons are everywhere ready to defend even unto death. It is Japan's aim and ambition to participate in all world-movements toward noble diplomacy, international relations and the principle of equal opportunity and peace, and to prevent by one proper means the outbreak of continuance of bloodshed between nations. Japan's relation to the present conflict is as a defender of the things that make for higher civilization and a more permanent peace."

Count Okuma devotes a considerable space to an historical resume of the causes of the present international war. Speaking generally, he thinks that war is always due to an unevenness of advancement in the progress of civilization, which like water must find its level. When its force is obstructed there will be violence and bloodshed. War also is a result of the pressure offered in resistance to the growth of civilization.

Speaking in particular, the Premier is inclined to find the root of the present war in the weakness of the Balkan peninsula. "Like China", he affirms, "it is a seething crater in the world's diplomacy. From conditions apparently insignificant in themselves half the world can be set on fire and plunged into distress and decimated."

CHICAGO EXCHANGE OPENED TODAY

Chicago, Nov. 23—The Chicago stock exchange opened today. Trading was resumed where it stopped July 30th, when, with other trading centers, the exchange closed because of the European war.

The Chicago exchange is the first official security market of the world to reopen July 30th figures are the basis of transactions. A hundred shares were sold the first ten minutes.

BARK FIFTEEN DAYS OVER DUE

Mobile, Ala., Nov. 23.—The Spanish bark, Teresa, of the Moragues Lumber Company, this city, is over due fifteen days from Havana. Fears are entertained for her safety. The vessel was due to load with lumber here for Spain.

Chicago Brewers Profit.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—It is charged by retail liquor dealers that the new war tax, as applied to beer, has greatly increased the profit of brewers, for the saloon men charge the brewers are adding 75 cents a barrel, over and above the war tax, and that the retailers are compelled to pay it to them.

CONFERENCE ASSIGNS NEW PASTORATES

Only Two Changes Made for the Wilmington Churches

NEW MINISTERS FOR TRINITY AND 5TH ST.

Rev. G. T. Adams Goes as Presiding Elder to Elizabeth City District—Final Day This of Conference—Anti-Saloon League's Work Strongly Endorsed.

(By Susan Iden.)

Washington, N. C., Nov. 23.—Rev. F. M. Shamberger conducted the opening devotional exercises on the final day of the North Carolina Methodist Conference. The first business of the day was the hearing of reports, among those read and adopted being that of the Epworth League Board, Sabbath Observance Committee on Church Property, Sabbath Observance Orphanage Committee on Conference Headquarters at Lake Junaluska and the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

The presiding elder of the Raleigh district, the pastor of the Edenton Street church, and Hon. L. L. Smith were appointed a committee to memorialize the legislature for a stricter Sabbath law.

Rev. R. C. Beamon was appointed to preach the annual sermon at the next conference, on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

The people of Washington were unanimously thanked for their hospitality.

The statistical secretary reported the number of local preachers and members in the conference as 85,224; Sunday schools, 693; members, 67,497, additions on profession of faith, 4,258, and collected for all purposes, $603,797.

Ministerial Appointments.

Wilmington District—Presiding elder, L. E. Thompson.

Burgaw Circuit—J. Whedbee.

Carvers Creek Circuit—W. J. Watson.

Chadbourn Circuit—D. L. Earnhart.

Clinton Circuit—W. A. Stanbury.

Hallsboro Circuit—J. H. Miller.

Jacksonville and Richlands Circuits—C. T. Rogers.

Kenansville Circuit—T. W. Lee.

Magnolia Circuit—R. F. Munns.

Onslow Circuit—E. C. Sell.

Scott's Hill Circuit—R. N. Fitts.

Shallotte Circuit—R. L. Beasley.

Southport Circuit—C. M. Lance.

Swansboro Circuit—J. M. Lowder.

Tabor Circuit—R. A. Bruton.

Town Creek Circuit—R. L. Carraway.

Wallace and Rose Hill Circuits—B. H. Black.

Whiteville—J. P. Pate.

Wilmington, Bladen Street—T. G. Vickers. Fifth Street—A. J. Parker, now of the Franklinton Circuit. Grace—J. D. Bundy; N. M. Wright junior preacher for Grace. Seagate—G. M. Daniel. Trinity—W. V. McCrae, now at Maxton. Transfers: W. L. Rexford to the Western North Carolina Conference.

Rev. A. J. Parker, named for Fifth Street church, Wilmington, was at one time pastor of Bladen Street church of the same city.

Rev. G. T. Adams goes as presiding elder to Elizabeth City district.

Raleigh District—Presiding elder, M. T. Plyler.

Clayton—G. S. Bearden.

Louisburg—A. D. Wilcox.

Oxford—A. P. Tyer.

Raleigh—Central, J. H. McCracken. Edenton Street—J. C. Wooten; J. O. Guthrie, supernumery. Epworth—A. S. Parker. Jenkins Memorial—J. W. Potter.

Selma—J. G. Johnson.

Smithfield—R. B. John.

Superintendent North Carolina Anti-Saloon League—R. L. Davis.

Editor Raleigh Christian Advocate—L. S. Massey.

Superintendent Methodist Orphanage—J. N. Cole.

Editor Nashville Christian Advocate—T. N. Avey.

Assistant Secretary Epworth Leagues—J. M. Culbreth.

Teacher in Vanderbilt University—J. L. Cunningim.

Durham District—Presiding elder, H. M. North.

Burlington—D. H. Tuttle.

Chapel Hill—Walter Patten.

Durham—Branson, R. E. Atkinson. Carr church—G. B. Starling. Lakewood—D. E. Earnhardt. Supply Mangum Street, C. J. Harrell. Memorial—L. P. Howard. Trinity—A. McCullen. West Durham—J. A. Dailey.

Graham—C. M. Grant.

Mebane—E. C. Durham.

Headmaster Trinity Park School—W. W. Peele.

Other principal appointments are:

Elizabeth City District—Presiding elder, G. T. Adams.

Edenton—P. D. Woodall.

Elizabeth City, City Road—C. B. Culbreth. First church—G. F. Smith.

Fayetteville District—Presiding elder, J. T. Gibbs.

Dunn—J. H. Shore.

Duke—Frank Culbreth.

Fayetteville, Hay Street—W. R. Royala.

Sanford—H. E. Spence.

New Bern District—Presiding elder, J. E. Underwood.

Beaufort—A. S. Barnes.

Goldsboro—St. John, B. C. Thompson.

St. Paul—N. H. D. Wilson.

Kinston—Queen Street, H. A. Humble.

Morehead City—D. N. Caviness.

Mt. Olive and Faison—J. H. Frizzelle.

New Bern—Centenary, E. H. McWharter. Riverside and Bridgeton—W. A. Caden.

Rockingham District—Presiding elder, J. H. Hall.

Hamlet—M. H. Tuttle.

Laurinburg—R. F. Bumber.

Lumberton—W. B. North.

Maxton—A. L. Ormond.

Rockingham—J. B. Hurley.

Warrenton District—Presiding elder, R. H. Willis.

Henderson—First church, R. C. Beamon.

Littleton—S. A. Cotton.

Murfreesboro and Winton—B. B. Slaughter.

Roanoke Rapids—William Lowe.

Scotland Neck—L. T. Singleton.

Weldon and South Weldon—J. A. Hornaday.

Washington District—Presiding el-

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COTTON SHIPMENTS ARE GUARANTEED.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The safe shipment of cotton to Germany, via Holland, now also has been guaranteed, according to announcement by the State Department today.

DECLINES THE APPEAL IN THE CASE OF LEO FRANK

Justice Lamar Will Not Grant Writ of Error.

FURTHER COURSE

Not Divulged by Counsel For Defense, Though Appeal Can Be Made to Other United States Judges.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Justice Lamar today refused to issue a writ of error to bring to the United States Supreme Court for review, the conviction of Leo M. Frank for the murder of Mary Phagan, the Atlanta factory girl in 1913.

Henry Alexander, Frank's attorney, said he did not know whether the application for the writ will be presented to other Justices or not, until he consulted his associates. Justice Lamar made a written opinion.

JUDGE CLARK'S PLEASURE AWAITED

Board Directs Letter to Him About the Now Famous Path.

Special to The Dispatch.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 23.—The Board of Public Buildings and Grounds this afternoon directed a letter to Chief Justice Walter Clark and asked him if the path from the Bagley statue to the Woman's monument was for his personal convenience. If so, the board will give him the path. Otherwise, the path will not be built. This was the result of a long meeting in Governor Craig's office this afternoon, in which five Raleigh organizations appealed to the board not to allow the path to mar the monument and the grounds. The Raleigh Equal Suffrage League, before which the chief justice spoke recently, joined in the request. Mrs. J. Bryan Grimes, chairman of the committee of ladies, said the public was against the path.

W. J. Grandin and Judge W. B. Council asked for one hundred additional convicts for the Watauga & Yadkin Railroad, stating that the work would be completed. The receivership, they said, was for protection of the property.

The Corporation Commission today ordered the railroads to continue special commodity rates prevailing before the Justice act went into effect and instructed the carriers to refund overcharges. The commission will collect for the shippers, it was announced.

Stage fo water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m. yesterday, 4.5 feet.

Now On Way Back to Home Soil and Constitutionalists in Charge.

BRINGING MONEY WITH THEM

To be Later Turned Over to the Proper Government—Villa Issues Order to Execute Any Soldier Who Commits a Depredation.

Vera Cruz, Nov. 23.—The American forces, under Gen. Frederick Funston, after a stay at Vera Cruz of seven months, today began embarking on steamships, which will return them to the United States. The outposts began falling back at 9 o'clock this morning and two hours later the first American soldiers were going over the sides of the transports.

General Funston established headquarters aboard the transport Christobol at an early hour today. All organizations of his command began moving the equipment preparatory to final evacuation, at daybreak. Everything progressed smoothly. Beyond the American outposts there have been mobilized during the night a force of Constitutionalists. As the Americans withdrew first from the outlying districts, then from the city, the Constitutionalists followed them and nominally occupied the territory vacated. The city is quiet, but the inhabitants are nervous and apprehensive concerning the final outcome of this transfer of authority. All the saloons remained closed today on orders of General Funston. Many commercial establishments have decided not to open their doors. The government of Vera Cruz is not being turned over to any faction. The territory is being evacuated and as fast as the Americans leave the Constitutionalists are coming in.

American army officers are taking with them the money collected as customs, and from other sources of revenue. These ultimately will go to the government which the United States deems proper to recognize. The Americans are taking away about three hundred Mexicans, who did not care to stay.

Funston Leaves City.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The American troops, after holding Vera Cruz since April, were expected to be well on their way home by sunset. Dispatches from General Funston said the outposts were withdrawn at 9 o'clock, and the troops guarding the railroads at approaches to the city, withdrawn at 10.

Embarkment was on in earnest at 11. General Funston said he expected to sail for Galveston at noon. He reported that the Constitutionalists, under General Aguilar, are taking possession.

General Villa informed the United States, through Consular Agent Carothers, he has issued general orders for summary execution of any of his soldiers molesting women, or pillaging on entering Mexico City. Acting Secretary Lansing announced the receipt of this information, adding that the order was reported as prevailing in all cities and towns that Villa has occupied. Carothers wired that arrangements are being made for a peaceful entry into Mexico City. From the Mexican capital came word that the panic among the inhabitants has partially subsided with assumption of full command by Gen. Lucio Blanco. General Blanco refused to abandon the city with Obregon.

Plans for an eleventh hour abandonment of Mexico City to the Zapata forces were frustrated by General Lucce Blanco, according to confidential reports received at the State Department today from its agents.

Carranza ordered the capital evacuated last Friday, so the Zapata forces could enter, at the same time destroying the railroads north to delay Villa. One official report speaks of "premeditated atrocities" and the intention to leave the capitol to be sacked. Obregon ordered Blanco to accompany him. Blanco refused, after serious argument.

SCHOONER RUNS AGAINST BATTLESHIP

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 23.—The three-master, William H. Sumner, from New York for Charleston, S. C., collided with the battleship North Dakota Saturday night, while the battleship was outbound for the drill grounds. The target towed by the warship punched a hole in the schooner.