

GREEK SITUATION AT CRITICAL STAGE

Entente Follows Up Its Action In Recognizing The Venizelos Government.

BLUEJACKETS LANDED TO GUARD POINTS

Heavy Fighting Continues Along The Somme Front—Serbians Attack in Macedonia—Teutons Begin Heavy Onslaught on Russian Lines

The Greek situation has entered a critical stage.

Following yesterday's advice that the entente powers had formerly recognized the provisional government set up by former Premier Venizelos and his followers in the Isle of Crete, news dispatches from Athens report that a new note of "extremely important character" has been handed the Greek government by the commander of the entente fleet, causing King Constantine to return hurriedly to the capital.

Coincident with this the landing of more than 1,000 bluejackets, who have occupied the railroad stations at Athens and Piraeus, and various public buildings, is reported with the summoning of the cabinet for an urgent meeting.

Concerning the fighting in Greek Macedonia, Paris reports an attack by the Serbians, which was followed by a counter-attack of the Bulgarians in the Cerna river region. Considerable artillery fire was also reported for that section. Only patrol activities have developed in the Struma sector.

Heavy fighting continues on the Somme front in Northern France. French troops took the offensive last night, north of the river, and pushed their way into the village of Saillly-Saillisset, on the Peronne-Bapaume road, capturing another group of houses and repulsing another German counter-attack, according to Paris.

In Galicia, southeast of Halicz, the Austro-German forces have begun heavy attacks on the Russian line. Petrograd makes this announcement. The storming operations by Teutonic troops near the junction of the borders of Rumania, Transylvania and Bucharest, has so far been furious, according to Petrograd's official bulletin, which reports the repulse of the Russians.

Fighting Continues. Petrograd, (via London), Oct. 17.—Fighting continues all along the front in Rumania, but no change in the situation is disclosed in the official announcements.

Cavalry Battling. Petrograd, (via London), Oct. 17.—Heavy cavalry fighting continues in Turkish Armenia, in which great losses are reported by the war office.

WHEAT LEAPS UP AGAIN TODAY

Jumped Over Seven Cents as Result of Stampede To Buy.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—Wheat prices made an exciting leap upward today 7 1/8 cents a bushel, as the result of the general stampede to buy.

It was said that export transactions amounted to 1,500,000 bushels and that the British government appeared to be making efforts to cheapen the cost of handling American wheat, notably in the direction of cutting freight on the Atlantic.

WILSON LEAVES FOR CHICAGO TOMORROW

Long Branch, N. J., Oct. 17.—President Wilson will leave tomorrow for Chicago, where on Thursday he will speak three times. He plans to return here midnight, Friday. This will be the President's third trip in the Middle West during the present campaign. He will go to Cincinnati on October 26.

ALLIES TAKE GREEK SHIPS.

London, Oct. 17.—The Allies have taken over the Greek battleships, Kirki, formerly the United States ship Idaho; the Lemnos, formerly the Mississippi; and the Averoff, says Reuter's Athens correspondent.

WILMINGTON MEN FIGURE IN A NEAR TRAGEDY

John Tolliver The Victim and Raymond Whitaker The Assailant.

FORMER IN HOSPITAL; LATTER BEING HUNTED

Shooting at Camp This Morning Near Ivanhoe—Wounded Man in Hospital Here.

Mr. John Tolliver is lying seriously wounded in the James Walker Memorial Hospital this afternoon and Mr. Raymond Whitaker is being sought by the police of this city and of Fayetteville as a result of a near tragedy that was enacted near Ivanhoe early this morning when the former was shot and perhaps fatally wounded by Mr. Tolliver. The injured man was brought to the hospital here for treatment immediately and his alleged assailant departed from the scene of the near tragedy.

The bullet clipped the thumb from the right hand of Mr. Tolliver and buried itself in his left arm near the shoulder. The hospital authorities cannot say how serious his condition is this afternoon because they are not yet in position to determine this.

The matter was reported to the police here by Mrs. Tolliver, wife of the injured man, and she advised that Whitaker had fled towards Fayetteville. Chief of Police Williams at once notified the Fayetteville authorities to be on the look-out for Whitaker and to arrest him.

Later, the police were told that Whitaker had returned to this city and was exhibiting the "gun" with which he is alleged to have done the shooting. Chief Williams has a number of men searching for Whitaker and intends placing him under arrest just as soon as possible. This second information as to the presence of Whitaker in the city was furnished by the wife of the injured man and was given her by a friend of the family, who claimed to have seen Whitaker here.

The shooting occurred near Ivanhoe at a camp where both men were staying. Very little could be learned of the details other than Mr. Tolliver was attacked while asleep. Whitaker is employed by the man he is alleged to have shot. Both are residents of Wilmington.

STILL CLIMBING.

Cotton is Quoted At 17 1/4 Cents Per Pound Here Today.

Wilmington spot cotton is quoted at the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon at 17 1/4 cents per pound, a jump of one-fourth of a cent over 17 cents, the high price of yesterday. Thus the steady climb of the price of the fleecy staple of the past few days continued and many hear a few of the opinion that the price will reach 20 cents per pound by Christmas.

BETTER BUSINESS SYSTEMS WANTED

Large Church Publicity Propaganda Urged at Episcopal Convention.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 17.—Use of efficient systems in the conduct of the business of the church, coupled with large church publicity for church propaganda, was urged by delegates to the general convention of the Protestant Episcopal church in session here today.

A report of the joint committee on business efficiency urges a new system of handling finances, the regular auditing of funds by outside accountants and the handling of such finances by trust funds.

MUST FIRST DROP WAGE DEMAND

Bayonne, N. J., Oct. 17.—The demands of the striking Standard Oil Company's employees were again refused today when a committee representing the striking workmen conferred with the superintendent of the Standard Oil Company's main plant. The superintendent informed the committee that he would deal with them when they dropped the wage demand. He said the company was ready to grant or arbitrate the other demands regarding working hours and conditions.

MILLS OFFER 16 CENTS.

Rock Hill, S. C., Oct. 17.—Mills here today are offering 18 cents for good middling cotton with little being marketed. Seed is selling at 90 cents.

THE HON. CAMERON MORRISON IS HERE

Speaks at the Court House This Evening—Ladies as Well as Men Invited Out.

The Hon. Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, N. C., is in the city this afternoon, registered at the Orton Hotel, and tonight the Mecklenburg gentleman will appear at the County Court House and strike an additional blow in behalf of Democracy. Mr. Morrison is one of the known Democrats in the State, is a delegate-at-large to the National Convention and in all probability will be candidate for governor in the next election.

Because Mr. Morrison understands the issues of the day, both State and National, and because he is a speaker and a man to command the attention of all it is doubtful if the Court House will prove sufficiently large to accommodate the crowd that will want to hear him. The woman of today is taking a great deal of interest in politics and is especially interested in the president's return to power and because of this it is expected that a number of ladies will attend tonight's address. Several have taken advantage of similar speaking of late and quite a few were out to hear Mr. J. W. Bailey when he spoke here last week. The ladies as well as the voters are invited out to hear Mr. Morrison tonight and all will be better citizens and better Democrats after listening to what he has to say.

POINTERS ABOUT COMING ELECTION

Chairman Lamb Tells Interestingly of The Rules Governing Voting.

Mr. Wilson G. Lamb, the Democratic Chairman of the State Board of Elections, interpreting the State Primary law, has answered the following questions for information of the voter:

1. If a voter in the primary voted for one or more candidates of one party, can this voter vote in the general election in the fall for candidates in the opposite party?

Answer: Yes. See proviso at last of Section 11, primary act. ("Provided, nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any elector from casting at the general election a free and untrammelled ballot for the candidate or candidates of his choice")

2. Do the voters have to declare their party affiliation in the general election, or can he vote for whomever he likes, and can he vote a folded ballot?

Answer: Not required to declare party affiliation in the general election. Can vote his choice and can vote his ballot folded.

3. If in the count it is discovered that a voter voted one way in the primary and voted for one or more candidates in the opposite party in the general election, would such ballot be legal and properly counted?

Answer: Yes. 4. The voter, we understand, must declare when he registers, which party he affiliates with. Does this apply to the voter who is already registered, and his name already on the registration books?

Answer: Not in the general election—only in the primary. 5. If a voter voted in the primary and at the general election proposes to vote for one or more candidates in the opposite party is that a cause for challenge to the voters?

Answer: No. 6. If a voter in the primary voted for certain state and county officers of one party, can he vote for the opposite party in the Congressional and National election.

Answer: He can vote his choice in such election. (Signed) W. G. LAMB.

FINDS WILSON BIG FAVORITE IN MIDDLE WEST

Back From There Democratic Chairman Is Most Enthusiastic.

RESULT NOT AT ALL DOUBTFUL

West Largely For Wilson, He Declares—Democrats Are Enthusiastic and Militant.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—After spending 36 hours at the Western Democratic headquarters conferring with National committee man Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, left for New York today.

"From the reports that have come to me while in Chicago I haven't a doubt as to the result of the election," Mr. McCormick said. "The President's campaign in the Middle West is in splendid shape. The Democrats in every state from whom I have received reports are enthusiastic and militant. I had heard before I left New York that the Middle West was for President Wilson, but I was unprepared to find the tide running in such volume. It is evident to me that the campaign is on in full force, as it is in the east."

State Chairman A. E. Stephenson, of Michigan, and Joseph Martin, Democratic National Committeeman from Wisconsin, visited the Western Democratic headquarters today. Mr. Stephenson reported Michigan as doubtful and said that chances for Wilson are growing brighter. Mr. Martin declared that President Wilson would carry Wisconsin by 40,000.

"DRY" CANDIDATES ENTER LAST STATE

Jackson, Mich., Oct. 17.—J. Frank Hanly and Ira Hanson, National Prohibition candidates, today entered their last State in their "wet and dry" fight.

They urged all factions to get together and put the saloon out of business. There were new developments in the breaking of the plate glass on the observation car of the train near Fort Wayne, Indiana, by a stone or bullet last night, but it was generally agreed that it was a stone thrown by some one.

PROSPERITY MARKED AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chicago, Oct. 17.—Prosperity marked the American league season just closed, according to President E. B. Johnson, who is back at his office here after an absence of two weeks.

"Only one club, Philadelphia, lost money," he said, "and some teams made up what money they lost through the invasion of the Federal league."

RUSSIANS SUFFER SEVERE DEFEAT

Berlin, (via London), Oct. 17.—The Russians have suffered a severe defeat in Galicia, the war office announces today. Repeated attacks were reported and trenches of 1 1/4 miles in length were taken by the Austro-German forces. Nineteen hundred prisoners and ten machine guns were captured.

FARMERS NATIONAL CONGRESS MEETS

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 17.—Governor Ralston and Mayor Bell are to deliver addresses of welcome to the 1,500 farmers and delegates interested in the advancement of agriculture when the Farmers' National Congress convenes for its 36th annual meeting today.

RUMANIANS REPULSE THE ATTACKERS

Bucharest, (via London), Oct. 17.—Austro-Germans attacks in Transylvania have been repulsed by the Rumanians, the war office announced today. The Rumanians are still holding the position west of the frontier.

COTTON EIGHTEEN CENTS AT CHARLOTTE.

Charlotte, Oct. 17.—Spot cotton was quoted at 17 5/8 to 18 cents on the market here today with only eleven bales offered for sale. On the same date last year 53 bales were marketed at 12 1/4. Seed is quoted at 85 to 90, with little offered.

POLISH RELIEF OF UNCLE SAM HAS FALLEN DOWN

Belligerents Cannot Agree on Terms So The Efforts Fail.

PRESIDENT MAKES SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT

Declares He is Disappointed That United States Can't Send Relief to The Stricken End People.

Long Branch, N. J., Oct. 17.—President Wilson announced today that his efforts to bring about an agreement among the belligerent nations to be allowed to send relief supplies to Poland have failed.

The President gave out a statement that he had received replies from the rulers of Great Britain, France, Germany and Austro-Hungary to a letter he had sent in July suggesting that those nations come together in Polish relief work. The statement follows: "I have now received a reply from the King of England, the President of France, the Emperor of Russia, the Emperor of Germany, and the Emperor of Austria-Hungary to my letter of July 20, 1916, in which I tendered the services of this government in negotiations looking to the fresh consideration of relief in Poland. It appears that there are still differences between the Allies and the Central Powers as to the terms of relief sent to Poland. I am disappointed that I have not yet been successful enough to induce the powers to come together."

STIFF SENTENCES FOR WHITE MAN

Must Pay \$50 in Fines or Go To Roads For 7 Months. Assaulted Mr. Johnson.

Clyde Peterson, a young white man employed on one of the government dredges on the Cape Fear river, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon in two cases, and one of carrying a concealed weapon, in the Recorder's Court this morning and was given the alternative of paying fines aggregating \$50, in addition to the costs or going to the roads for seven months. Fred Davis, another white man, employed on the same dredge, was fined \$20 and costs for assault with a deadly weapon.

The two men were arrested by Special Officer J. H. Johnston, custodian of Greenfield Park, who, it is alleged, was assaulted by the two men at the park some time ago. Mr. Johnston was cut in the back by one of the men. Peterson was also charged with assaulting Mr. J. J. Brown with a beer bottle early in August.

For carrying a concealed weapon Peterson was ordered to pay a fine of \$20 and the costs or go to the roads for three months and for one case of assault he was given the opportunity of paying \$25 and the costs or three months on the roads, and in the other the alternative of paying \$5 and costs or two months on the roads.

Mabel Magrew, arrested a few days ago for vagrancy, was paroled in the custody of the Salvation Army. Annie Williams, colored, paid the costs for an assault with a deadly weapon. Willie Mubrey, colored, charged with assaulting a female, was ordered to the roads for two months or pay a fine of \$5 and costs. A case against James Whitehurst, colored, was continued.

WILMINGTON CITIZENS NAMED AS DELEGATES

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 17.—Governor Locke Craig yesterday appointed delegates from this State to the Southern Commercial Congress, which assembles in Norfolk, Va., December 11th.

On the program are speeches by a number of men prominent in National life, including President Wilson and Governor Craig.

Among the delegates appointed are the following from Wilmington: Hugh MacRae, James Sprunt, H. C. McQueen, Judge George Rountree, Col. Walker Taylor and Martin S. Willard.

MONSTER FIGHTING CRAFT IS READY

The Arizona Will Be Placed in Commission by Navy This Afternoon.

New York, Oct. 17.—The new super-dreadnaught, Arizona, built at the New York Navy Yard, will be placed in commission this afternoon with the customary ceremonies. Her main armament consists of twelve 14-inch guns. She is 608 feet long and has a displacement of 32,400 tons.

ALLIES TAKING DRASTIC STEPS NOW IN GREECE

King Constantine Hurries Back to Athens In Great Haste, Says Report.

URGENT CABINET SESSION CALLED

French and Italian Sailors Occupy Important Greek Spots—Machine Guns in Municipal Theatre.

London, Oct. 17.—The commander of the Anglo-French fleet in the Mediterranean has handed the Greek government a note of grave character, says the Exchange Telegraph Company at Athens. Following the presentation of the note King Constantine, it added, came to the capital in haste from the royal residence in Tatoi.

The railway station at Athens Piraeus, the city hall at the capital and the Castalla barracks, have been occupied by French and Italian sailors to the number of 1,000, while 150 bluejackets, with two machine guns, have been stationed in the municipal theatre, according to a Reuter dispatch from Athens. The city is quiet, it adds.

An urgent cabinet council has been summoned. It is officially expected, adds the dispatch, that the detachment landed will assist the police in keeping order.

SERIOUSLY HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Mrs. J. A. Fettel Badly Cut On The Head Sustains Internal Injuries.

When a new model Ford automobile, in which Mr. J. A. Fettel, mail carrier at the local postoffice, and family, were taking their second ride, went through a small bridge over Turkey Creek, near Rocky Point, Sunday afternoon, about 3:30 o'clock, Mrs. Fettel sustained a painful wound on her forehead which necessitated eleven stitches and today she is suffering from internal injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. Fettel and two children and Mr. Langston, of the Ford Automobile Company, were first returning from the home of Mr. Luther Guyton, near Rocky Point, when the accident occurred. When it was discovered that Mrs. Fettel was seriously injured she was hurriedly brought to her home by persons passing in an automobile. She was attended by Dr. Harlee Bellamy.

Mr. Fettel stated today that when the accident occurred the machine was not moving faster than ten miles an hour and as the planks of the bridge were not nailed they were pushed forward by the car, which was only held up by partly decayed sleepers. One wheel was in the water of the stream.

Mrs. Fettel was suddenly and violently thrown against the front seat and was struck on the head by one of the supports of the car covering. Mr. Fettel was partly thrown through the wind shield and sustained a broken tooth. Mr. Langston, who was driving, and the two children were not hurt other than a shaking up.

The car, which was one of the 1917 Ford model automobiles, was badly damaged about the front axle and engine. It had to be towed to the garage for repairs.

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TERRIFIC FIGHTING IN MID-AIR.

Paris, Oct. 17.—French and German aeroplanes fought sixty-five engagements in the region of the Somme river, says the French official statement. Five German machines were brought down.