

## THE TEUTONS' DRIVE BEING PUSHED ON

News Comes That Russians are Preparing Big Offensive in Galicia and Poland.

### AUSTRO-GERMANS ADVANCE FROM NORTH

Reported to Be Within Twenty Miles of The Rumanian Southern Frontier—French Pressing Their New Attack In The Verdun Region.

The Teutonic drive against the Rumanians continues with little diminished velocity, new successes for Field Marshal von Mackensen and General von Falkenhayn being announced. Hirsova, on the Danube, has been occupied by Bulgarians.

According to unofficial reports from Petrograd a notable advance has been made by the Austro-German forces invading Rumania from the north. These forces are now said to have reached within twenty miles of the Rumanian southern frontier.

On the Moldavian frontier of Rumania, where a more successful stand has been made, the Russo-Rumanians appear to be weakening. Petrograd reports strong offensives by the Austro-German forces in the region of the Bukovina lines, where strong attacks have compelled the Russians to fall back.

Supposedly in an effort to aid the Rumanians, the Russians are reported to be on the eve of a great offensive in Galicia and Poland. These reports come to Rome from German sources, says a wireless dispatch from the Italian capital.

The French are pressing their new offensive in the Verdun region and, according to Paris, have captured a quarry northeast of Port Douaumont. Berlin declares that French attacks yesterday in the Douaumont region and elsewhere along the lines were repulsed.

On the Somme front, Berlin announced the repulse of strong attacks by both the British and French yesterday.

## ITALIAN STEAMER AGROUND ON BAR

Went Ashore at Daylight This Morning During Heavy Fog—Load Cotton Here.

While crossing Cape Fear bar early this morning during a heavy fog and strong wind, the Italian steamer Edilio, bound here to complete its cargo of cotton at the Champion Compresses, grounded hard and fast, just out of the channel near buoy No. 5. Reports from Southport this morning are to the effect that the steamer is in no danger.

Tomorrow morning on high water, about 8:30 o'clock, the coast guard cutter Seminole and the local tug will pull on the steamer in an effort to get it off the mud. It is not known here just how much the steamer went on the shore.

The vessel was bound here from Baltimore to complete its general cargo for Genoa, Italy. The cotton is to be exported from here by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son.

### DR. KENAN AWARDED MEDAL.

Wilmington Displays Bravery On French Battle Front.

Friends here will be greatly interested to learn that Dr. Owen Kenan, son of Mrs. James G. Kenan, and a brother of Graham Kenan, Esq., of this city, has been awarded a Croix de Guerre medal for meritorious services on the French front.

Following is an account of it as given in a recent issue of the European edition of the New York Herald:

"Dr. Owen Kenan, attached to the second section of the field service of the American Ambulance, has been awarded the Croix de Guerre for his conduct at the front. In transporting the wounded near Verdun, Dr. Kenan was for several hours under fire while driving his ambulance on the crest of a hill. His automobile was struck and fell into a ditch, and Dr. Kenan himself lay in the ditch for several hours with shells exploding all about him. Dr. Kenan was a passenger on board the Lusitania when she was torpedoed, and since that time has been engaged in Red Cross work in France."

## ITALIAN BAZAAR OPENED TODAY

Many Noted Italians Will Preside Over The Many Different Booths.

New York, Oct. 28.—Grand opera and spaghetti are two of the attractions to be offered at the great Italian Bazaar, which opened at the Grand Central Palace today for a week's engagement. The purpose of the bazaar is to raise money for the Italian Red Cross and for the dependent families of Italian reservists.

The grand opera will be from the throats of the many of the prominent artists of the Metropolitan Opera Company and the spaghetti will be served in twenty-nine different ways by chiefs of New York hotels and restaurants.

More than half a hundred actors and actresses now appearing in Broadway successes also have contributed their services. The United Theatrical Clubs have a booth at the bazaar, and it will be in charge of prominent members of the Professional Women's League, the Lambs, White Rats, Friars and other organizations.

David Cory, writer of children's books, will preside over the Michael Angelo booth and Giovanni Carli, Italian sculptor, is in charge of the art section of the bazaar, which includes many noted paintings and sculptures lent for the occasion.

Hundreds of visitors, including many well known social leaders, attended the formal opening of the bazaar this afternoon. Comte Macchi di Cellere, Italian ambassador to the United States, presided over the opening ceremonies.

## WILSON DAY AT WAKE FOREST

Hon. A. L. Brooks Goes There Will be Given Torch Light Parade.

Raleigh, Oct. 28.—A. L. Brooks, who has been in the East, is here today and will remain over for his Wake Forest address Saturday night.

Mr. Brooks will run into one of the most agreeable audiences heard by any speaker this year, it is said. He is to be given a big parade and torchlight send-off and he will have one of the best blooded congregations to receive Democracy. Chairman Warren regards the appointment as one of the choicest.

The occasion is to be Wilson Day and it will be observed throughout the county with four big rallies and the Wake Forest rally is to take the cake. The address of President Wilson will be read at all places.

Expense accounts filed and donations made in the State campaign show that the Republicans have had more to spend than the Democrats.

Frank A. Linney reports \$10,052 sent to him as chairman and Thomas D. Warren, Democratic chairman, has \$6,495. Gilliam Grissom discovered months ago that the Democrats had \$50,000, with which to carry on the campaign, but the discovery was original. Warren has not had it.

The Republican chairman's contributions have come in part from National and personal sources. The gift of John Motley Morehead was \$1,000 and Ike Meekins put up \$100. The National organization sent \$1,000 to Congressman Britt's district. Then George E. Butler in the Third, Gilliam Grissom in the Fifth, Presley E. Brown in the Seventh, H. S. Williams in the Eighth, Charles E. Greene in the Ninth are credited with \$300 each.

The figures show, however, that neither organization has had any fortune. The Democrats have done some tall begging for the National ticket and that has taken many a dollar from the district.

### NEW DIMES ARE NOW IN CIRCULATION.

Philadelphia, Oct. 28.—The new 10-cent pieces were put in circulation in this city for the first time today, about \$180,000 worth being issued to banks and trust companies.

## SHOVELS IN WARFARE AS IMPORTANT AS RIFLE.



CANADIANS ON THE MARCH.

(INTL. FILM SERVICE)

This photograph is an excellent illustration of the oft-repeated statement that the present war has revolutionized warfare. Today the pick and shovel as part of the equipment of a soldier is every bit as important as the rifle. All troops carry trenching tools, but these Canadian soldiers on the western front are marching to the front with picks and shovels, absolutely necessary since the institution of trench warfare. The steel helmets which these Canadians wear are also new to this war. These guards against flying shrapnel are said to have saved thousands of lives.

## BION BUTLER WILL VOTE FOR WILSON

Well Known Newspaper Writer Will Cast His Ballot For President Wilson.

Raleigh, Oct. 28.—If Democrats were depressed today the least bit over Fred Seeley's voting for Britt, they were highly "sot-up" by the announcement that Bion Butler will vote for Wilson.

This Pennsylvania high protectionist doesn't own a newspaper as the son-in-law of Chill-Tonic Groves did, and doesn't keep the finest hotel in the country, but Mr. Butler is as much responsible for the paper famine as any other one man. He has written reams for the State papers and the newspaper men will be glad to know that he is with Wilson this time.

The accession of Mr. Butler is announced through the Democratic headquarters where the story drifted this morning.

Out at the A. & M. College this morning nothing of authority could be learned on the "war" between the students last night and negroes attending the Colored State Fair.

The faculty knew nothing of the story that Football Player Kirkpatrick had been struck over the head by someone said to have been a negro. The wounds of Kirkpatrick are not serious. Those of Kemp Upchurch are. He was shot by Police Officer Mike Pierce, who says Upchurch shot at him first. The wounded negro is in the hospital with injuries in his arm and leg. He is not dangerously hurt.

The story from the college is very unsatisfying. Uptown the officers say the boys shelled the cars with stones and stopped the car to identify the assailant of Kirkpatrick, stopping the car by pulling the pole from the trolley wire. The story lacks authenticity but nothing in rumors.

The Sprunt-Charlotte Warehouse Company, organized with \$25,000 of its capital of \$125,000, paid in by Walter P. and Alex Sprunt, of Wilmington; T. Brown McCoy and J. E. Wilson, Jr., of Charlotte, was chartered today. It will do business in Charlotte.

The Kenilworth Company of Kenilworth is a general realty, quarrying, mining and other business with \$50,000 of its \$200,000 paid in by J. M. and Ben Chiles, of Asheville, and R. A. Marvel, of the same city.

The National Auction Company, of Ayden, pays in \$500 for its \$5,000 business and begins with S. A. and J. B. Eure and K. A. Pittman as stockholders.

### CANDIDATE HUGHES KEEPS TRAIL HOT.

Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 28.—Charles Evans Hughes left Rochester today to continue his campaign through New York.

The nominee's program called for three speeches during the day and a night meeting at Ogdenburg, where he will remain until 5 p. m. tomorrow. Mr. Hughes goes to Ohio next week.

## REVUE OF THE MAJOR LEAGUES

Over Fifteen Batsmen That Hit For Over Four Hundred Recorded.

What do you know about a baseball season that produced fifteen pastimers with a batting average of .400 or better? You guessed right. It happened in the olden days of big league pastime, in the days of which grandfather likes to tell of how they picked the pill.

Thirty years ago the National league and the American association held the spotlight in baseball, as do the National and American leagues today. It was then — in 1867, to be exact — that the hardest hitting record came to pass. In that year the American association records showed eleven players with a batting average of .400 or better. The players were O'Neal, Caruthers and Robins, of St. Louis; Browning and Mack, of Louisville; Lyons and Stovey, of Athletics; Bedford and Orr, of the Metropolitans; Burns of Baltimore, and Burch of Brooklyn.

The same season the National league kicked in with a quartet hitting in the .400 set, the players being Anson of Chicago, Ferguson of Philadelphia, and Brothers and Thompson of Detroit.

Only once since that memorable season of 1867 has there been more than two .400 wallpapers in one year. In 1894 Duffy of Boston, Thompson of Detroit and Delehanty and Turner of Philadelphia slugged their way into the champion circle. Since 1912, the last time Ty Cobb turned the trick, no big time leader has hit for .400.

It would seem that the National league gave up the business of developing .400 swatters when the American league came into existence. The parent organization hasn't owned a .400 hitter since 1899, when Ed Delehanty and Jesse Burkett hit for the high mark. Three American leaguers, Lajoie, Cobb and Jackson, have turned in a season's batting card with an average of .400 or better.

All told there have been 31 pastimers who have hit for .400 or better since the big show was organized. Seven have been repeaters, among them Ross Barnes and Jesse Burkett, who stayed in the .400 set three seasons, and Ty Cobb, Ed Delehanty, Sam Thompson, "Pop" Anson and Harry Stovey, with records of two seasons each.

Ty Cobb is the only present-day player who stacks up with the old-time sluggers. Ty may not be so wicked with the bludgeon, but even grandfather will have to admit that his batting average year by year compares favorably with those of the old boys.

Today a .400 colter is indeed a rare bird. Perhaps some pastimer of the future will hit his way to fame, but in all probability when Tyrus passes out of the big yard he will take back to Georgia the last of the major leagues' .400 batting marks.

## GRAHAM MEN ARE STILL IN PRISON

Both Express Gratification That Their Sentences Have Been Commuted.

Raleigh, Oct. 28.—Hardie N. Wiggins and Merritt Miller, the Graham county men who have been commuted from death to life sentence, are still at the State's Prison and will be kept there several days at light work before being sent to the final work that each will do through his natural life.

Whether they will go to the farm or not is uncertain now, but the prison authorities will not put them down to the severest work until they have been hardened more to it. They have been in prison more than a year and are thoroughly unused to the work of the farm now. Besides, they may not be sent there.

The men have changed their minds as to their fate. They accepted the commutation gladly and think it beats electrocution. They are hoping for a turn that will prove them innocent. Immediately after their first respite they expressed the desire to die unless they received a new trial. They are banking on the future to show their innocence.

Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson was here yesterday on his way to Randleman, where the judge speaks to the Republicans.

Judge Robinson again asserted his regret that Clarence Pugh, Republican nominee for the State superintendent of education, should have attacked President Wilson for his friendliness to the Roman Catholics.

"Why, dammit," Judge Robinson said, "I have seen Catholics walk right up to the ballot box where one of their number was an opposition candidate, vote against him and remain regular. I remember my father and older brother before I could vote, going to the polls, refusing to vote for the Democratic candidate, who was an Irish Catholic named Mike, and when Mike was beaten by the Democrats who did scratch him they felt like kicking themselves. I am just sorry any Republican raised this religious issue because there ain't a thing in it."

### RECEIVERS PAY TAXES

Orders Buel-Crocker Lumber Co. to Settle With Sheriff.

Judge G. W. Connor today, in the case of Humphrey Brothers against the Buel-Crocker Lumber Company, ordered the receivers of the lumber company to pay \$1,721.20 taxes to the sheriff of Pender county. Hannah Best, suing the American National Insurance Company, was awarded \$188. Mannie Trembley was granted a divorce from Clarence Trembley.

T. Bruno, a white man who was nit on the head by a falling scantling while in the employ of W. P. Richardson & Co., a contracting firm of Jacksonville, Fla., that was erecting the Coast Line record building, in 1914, was awarded \$2,387.50 damages this morning against the Richardson company. The defendant was represented by W. P. Mangum Turner, Esq. Mr. Bruno's suit was for \$3,000.

The case of N. Klaff against the Murchison National Bank was ordered moved to Pender county. The case of Zebulon Harris versus the Wilmington Coöperation Company was dismissed. The case of C. E. Alexander against J. W. Black was ordered.

Republican Party Announces Its Campaign Contributions To Date.

New York, Oct. 28.—Republican campaign contributions to October 23, inclusive, total \$1,667,757.29, according to the National committee's report of receipts and disbursements made public here today by the treasurer of the committee. This amount came from 22,226 contributors.

## BIG GRIDIRON BATTLES TO BE PLAYED TODAY

Much Interest In The Virginia-Vanderbilt Game at Nashville.

### NORTH CAROLINA PLAYS AT HOME

Washington and Lee and Georgia Techs To Meet—Struggles in The East.

Atlanta, Oct. 28.—Passing the mid-season mark with practically all the teams in the best of condition Southern football games today entered the heaviest part of their schedule, six games of championship calibre being on the list. In addition to this there was the Georgia-Navy battle at Annapolis, which is attracting more than usual interest, owing to Georgia's defeat of Virginia last Saturday. Attention in the far South was centered largely on the Vanderbilt-Virginia contest, the first really big game in this section, and on the Georgia Tech-Washington and Lee struggle here. Vanderbilt, because of Virginia's defeat by Georgia and their showing prior to the same, was a slight favorite.

Washington and Lee came to Atlanta today for their first big Southern game and stories of the strength of the Generals had the effect of keeping down the spirit of over-confidence that might have prevailed in the camp.

Owing to the fact that Georgia did not use all its regulars in the Virginia contest and the possibility that some at least are likely to get in the game with the Navy, there has been much speculation on what the Crackers will show against the Middles.

Among the four other contests in this section Louisiana State and Sewanee, at New Orleans, are being watched closely, as the Louisianians have shown strength in battle, while Sewanee has not run true to the form that characterized the teams usually turned out by the Tennessee institution.

The Auburn team is expecting a hard battle against the Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical team, at Birmingham, while the Tennessee University eleven is expecting to wage a hard battle against Florida at Tampa. Alabama figures to win over Mississippi University at Tuscaloosa.

North Carolina plays Virginia Military Institute at Chapel Hill. North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical meet Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Norfolk, and Wake Forest plays the Norfolk Blues at Wake Forest.

### Eastern Games Today.

New York, Oct. 28.—The football season in the east has reached the high water mark. The Harvard-Cornell game at Cambridge heads the list in view of the fact that Cornell claimed the eastern championship last year and her team this year is said to be a worthy successor of the eleven which defeated Harvard a year ago.

All the big colleges have hard games. Princeton, whose eleven is said to be further advanced than any other expects a victory from Dartmouth at Princeton.

The University of Pennsylvania students are not so confident of success in the contest with the University of Pittsburgh, at Pittsburgh.

Yale meets Washington and Jefferson at New Haven, eager to wipe out the defeat of two successive seasons.

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## GREAT BRITAIN HAS MADE REPLY ABOUT THE BLACKLIST

Reiterates Its Alleged Rights In The Very Important Matter.

### ANSWER IS TO BE MADE PUBLIC

Takes Some American Firms From The List and Offers to Remove Some Others.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Great Britain's note in reply to the American representation against the commercial blacklist was received today. Arrangements regarding its publication will be made later. It is understood to reiterate its right to the blacklist and offers a method of release in certain circumstances.

The British note is in reply to the American note of July 28, which characterized the demands as "arbitrary interference with neutral trade," and "inconsistent with that true justice, sincerity and amity and impartial favor which should characterize dealings with one nation at peace with another."

A number of American firms have been taken from the "blacklist" and the British note offers means of removing others. The British note is understood to take the line of argument that it is unprecedented that a belligerent nation should in effect compel its subjects to trade with neutrals and it is in violation of the British government's plans to prevent its subjects from so doing.

While the British government admits the rights of all persons to engage in legal commercial transactions it argues that such a right does not limit to residents of its own nation.

The point at issue is where the National or domicile of the owner of goods gives the character as neutral or belligerent. Previously Great Britain and the United had agreed that a domicile was decisive regardless of nationality.

## FACTORY WORKERS TO HEAR WILSON

Move to Shadow Lawn On a Special Train—Double Celebration Today.

Long Branch, N. Y., Oct. 28.—A double celebration, "Woodrow Wilson Day" and "Empire State Day," was in progress at Shadow Lawn today.

While the Democrats are meeting in other States in honor of the President, Mr. Wilson prepared an address for delivery before a delegation of organized Democrats, Independents, Progressives and women and children, mainly from New York.

The vanguard of the New York delegation began arriving early. Democratic leaders expected the largest crowd yet assembled at Shadow Lawn to hear the President's speech.

For the first time a large delegation of Tammany Democrats arranged to make the trip to Shadow Lawn to hear the President's speech. Brass band and they plan to march from the station to Shadow Lawn.

A special train carrying women and children of the factories and sweat shops was a feature of the program. The President was asked to discuss the child labor law at the close of his principal speech.

## TO CONSIDER THE CAR SHORTAGE

Informal Conference Called to be Held Next Week In Washington.

Washington, Oct. 28.—An informal conference on the nation-wide car shortage will be conducted at Louisville November 3, and 4, by a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission upon the urgent requests of shippers. Representatives of the Southern and Eastern railroads will be present as well as southern shippers.

### An Old Chair.

Mr. G. D. Boland has a chair that was made by his great grandfather 125 years ago. It has been used so long that the legs are worn off down to the first rungs.—Newberry Observer.