

WEATHER FORECAST
North Carolina: Fair tonight,
Wednesday and Thursday; cooler
tonight, moderate temperatures
thereafter.
South Carolina: Fair tonight
and Wednesday.

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LIBERTY LOAN TO REACH ONE BILLION BEFORE DAY ENDS

Redoubled Efforts all Over the Country Swells Total Subscriptions. TWO BILLION MARK BY END OF WEEK

The Intensive Drive is Now on in Earnest—Hawaii Takes \$1,316,000—The Campaign is Feverish.

Ford a Large Contributor. Detroit, Mich., Oct. 16.—Detroit's Liberty loan drive received powerful impetus today when it was announced that Henry Ford had contributed \$5,000,000 and that the Ford Motor Company had made a similar contribution. Ford's subscription was accompanied by a statement declaring that the United States in making war on Germany was "the best thing that ever happened to the world."

BIG STOCKYARDS DAMAGED BY FIRE

Thousands of Head of Cattle Burned in Kansas City Yards Today.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 16.—More than 100,000 head of cattle were burned in the largest fire in the city's history today. The fire broke out in the early morning hours and spread rapidly, burning for two hours, and destroying a large stockyard. The fire was caused by a gas leak in a boiler. The fire destroyed a large stockyard and many head of cattle. The fire was caused by a gas leak in a boiler. The fire destroyed a large stockyard and many head of cattle.

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MEXICO PERMITS METAL EXPORTS

An Agreement Reached Between United States and Her Southern Neighbor. Mexico City, Oct. 16.—An agreement has been reached between Ignacio Bonillas, the Mexican ambassador at Washington, and the United States Treasury Department, according to reports received here, by which Mexico will take of the restrictions on the export of metals, which required the re-shipment of an equal amount of gold for all gold bullion exported and 25 per cent. on all silver exported. In return Mexico will receive \$2,000,000 in gold bullion and \$2,000,000 in silver bullion. The agreement also provides for the export of iron and steel for railroad work and repairs.

All Feel Good Over It. Santiago, Oct. 16.—Replying today to a note sent by Peruvian government, announcing the severance of diplomatic relations, October 5, between Peru and Germany, the Chilean foreign minister said that Peru's action was applauded by the Chileans. The foreign minister added that his government was gratified by the course taken by Peru as it was a further step towards the unification of the South American republics.

LEGATION WAITING FOR INSTRUCTION

In the Meantime, Swedish Mail Pouches are Held by British.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Minister Ekengren, of Sweden, conferred with Secretary Lansing today regarding the Swedish diplomatic mail pouches removed from an American bound steamer by British naval authorities here. The American government knows nothing officially of the incident. The British government has offered to release the pouches if Sweden will consent to disclose their contents. The mail pouches, traveling with the Swedish commercial mission, were seized soon after it had been disclosed how Sweden's legation in Argentina and Mexico had been acting as a secret channel of communication for Germany.

AUSTRIA'S FERVENT DESIRE FOR PEACE

London, Oct. 16.—The Deutsche Tages Zeitung, Berlin, as quoted in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam says that Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, recently requested the German Chancellor, Dr. Michaelis, to state Germany's peace terms, urging that Germany make concessions in the West. Count Czernin received a vague reply, whereupon he stated that he could no longer negotiate with Dr. Michaelis, inasmuch as the Chancellor made vague statements without clearness and frankness were imperatively necessary. These statements of the Tages Zeitung, are not denied, the dispatch adds, and have caused a great sensation, being particularly illustrative of the fervent desire for peace on the part of Austria.

LAFOLLETTE ASKS FOR COPY OF THE FORMAL CHARGES

Also Wants Privilege of Summoning and Cross-Examining Witnesses.

HE IS STANDING PAT ON ST. PAUL SPEECH

The Senator Walked Into the Committee Room Today Presented His Letter and Walked Out Again. (By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 16.—When the Senate committee investigating Senator LaFollette's speech in St. Paul began its first hearing today, Senator LaFollette presented a formal demand that the committee submit a formal copy of the charges against him and that he be permitted to subpoena and cross-examine witnesses. This delayed the start of the proceedings, as the committee went into executive session to consider it. Senator LaFollette presented his demand in a letter which declared he believed every statement made in his St. Paul speech was correct. The committee has said it does not question the accuracy of his speech and Senator LaFollette demands to know who does.

"I appear here to submit to you in the form of a letter all the statements I deem it necessary to make at this time," said Senator LaFollette as he presented the communication and they left the room. "You say in your letter," wrote Senator LaFollette, "that the question and the only question, you are now considering, since I have furnished you with a copy of the speech, is the accuracy of the statements contained in the speech."

"The resolution of the Minnesota Commission on Public Safety, upon which you assert you are acting, does not challenge the accuracy of any statement made in the speech. If any statement has been challenged by any one, I now request you to advise me by whom it has been challenged and upon what evidence."

"If there is any truth in the newspaper reports that your committee expects to accept mere statements of individuals as a basis for any report of the committee or for any action by you, I protest against such ex-parte proceedings or any other ex-parte proceeding in this investigation. If, however, in spite of my protest, you determine to accept such statements, I demand that those statements be submitted to me or that I be given an opportunity at a suitable time and place to examine them and have a full opportunity at a suitable time and if I desire so to do. But I assert that such a course on the part of the subcommittee is in violation of the well established right accorded to every man whose words or acts are the subject of investigation by any body or tribunal, and I insist upon my right to face and question any witnesses that may be called to challenge the correctness of any statements made, and thereafter, and not before, to produce in my own defense such witnesses and evidence as I deem necessary or proper to controvert all such adverse evidence as may have been offered."

"I repeat what I have already said in this and previous letters addressed to your committee, that I am most anxious and desirous that the investigation be made thorough and complete to the end that it shall do justice to all participants and shall constitute an honorable precedent whenever so grave a matter as the proposed expulsion of one of its members shall come before the United States Senate."

When adjournment was taken, after an hour's executive session, Chairman Pomorene announced that because of Senator LaFollette's refusal to furnish any information, the subcommittee would endeavor to get it from other sources. Asked if any arrangements had been made to hold hearings, the Ohio Senator replied in the negative.

YEAR'S WHEAT CROP HAS GRADED HIGH

Washington, Oct. 16.—A large part of this year's wheat crop has graded high at the markets—No. 3 or better—under the Federal wheat standards made effective this year, the Department of Agriculture today announced. "Persuasive" false rumors have been circulated in the grain trade, and particularly among country shippers and producers, says the department, that under the new Federal standards for wheat, very little of the marketed crop is being or has been placed in the higher grades. On the contrary, it says, the requirements of the Federal standards for wheat are not such as to work hardships on the country shippers and producers, for under these standards high grades have been given to a heavy percentage of the wheat marketed.

RUSSIAN FLEET IN NO POSITION TO STOP ENEMY

Landing Could Have Been Averted Only at a Great Danger.

ADMIRAL'S WARNING PASSED UNHEEDED

Russia Devoting More Attention to Her Political Differences Than to the Enemy at Her Door. (By Associated Press.) Petrograd, Oct. 15.—The landing of German troops on the Gulf of Finland under unfavorable circumstances which might have resulted in the opening of the Gulf of Finland to the enemy, Admiral Voinovitch, minister of marine, said today. The blow had been averted only at a great danger, he said. "Since March," the admiral said, "I have several times drawn attention to the possibility of such a blow and I also discussed the situation with Premier Kerensky, but no one paid any attention to the government's warning. Although we are at war, our political differences have been given first place in the minds of the people. The Germans take this into account and events show that they have been able to take full advantage of it."

German naval power is four times greater than that of Russia, the admiral continued. "The army and the Gulf of Riga did everything possible to prevent a landing of the Germans and will continue to carry out orders of the minister of marine."

The minister of marine sees no immediate danger of a German attempt to enter the Gulf of Finland. He expressed the belief that owing to the lateness of the season, the German operations will be localized. "The Petrograd Council of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates has issued an appeal to the army and the fleet to obey their commanders and to fight to save the country and attack in the Gulf of Riga."

TOOK MONEY TO HELP THE POOR

Remarkable Pleading to the Charge of Larceny by Former Town Officer.

(By Associated Press.) Plymouth, Mass., Oct. 15.—Benjamin C. Reed, 63 years old, former tax collector and treasurer of Whitman, today began a two years term in the house of correction after pleading guilty yesterday to the larceny of town funds amounting to \$25,000.

Reed made a remarkable statement to the court in pleading to the charge. "I may have done wrong, I realize it now and am willing to take my punishment," he said. "I did the best I could. Not one cent of the \$25,000 in my defalcation has been appropriated to my own use, but rather to meet outstanding taxes which threatened to expose my own peculiar style of bookkeeping."

The old man related that at the time of manipulating his accounts, business was dull in Whitman and many of his friends were unable to pay their taxes. "I knew that if I pressed many of them who owed taxes," he went on, "it meant the loss of hundreds of homes and the wiping out of small bank accounts."

"I collected money and applied it to the accounts of those who could not pay year after year, and the two offices I held made it possible for me to transfer from one account to the other. Part of my salary also was used for this purpose."

LLOYD-GEORGE'S LIBEL SUIT ENDS

London, Oct. 15.—The libel actions brought recently by Premier Lloyd-George against The Exchange Telegraph Company, The Westminster Gazette and The Daily News for publishing the statement that he left London when an air raid warning was given, has been withdrawn, the terms being an apology for the publication and the payment of a certain sum, the amount of which is not mentioned, to indemnify the Premier for his costs in the action. The Premier was present when the case was called at a special sitting of the King's Bench Division today, where the settlement was announced.

MARSHAL JOFFRE VISITS AMERICAN TRAINING CAMPS

Visit of the Marshal Proved More Eventful Than Was Expected.

FERSHING AND JOFFRE SPEAK TO SOLDIERS

All in France Believed America Would Do Great Things in Delivering Humanity From German Rule. American Training Camp in France, Monday, Oct. 15.—When Marshal Joffre came to visit and review the contingent of American troops training for the trenches today, he brought some of the sunshine of France with him. Drifting clouds, which had overhung the American army zone for the past fortnight, broke away in the forenoon and revealed a deep blue sky. In the afternoon, however, a violent hail and rain storm broke over the training grounds where the marshal was witnessing bayonet and bombing drills by picked American companies.

The party, at one time, approached the bombing of a hill, too close for safety. General Pershing suggested that they move back 30 or 40 paces, "for France," he said, "has but one marshal, and we cannot let him be in slightest danger."

"Oh, but she could get another marshal," smiled the hero of the Marne, with a shrug of his shoulders. The visit of the marshal had been looked forward to for a long while and proved to be even more eventful than had been expected. He motored with General Pershing through more than a score of French villages in which American troops are billeted, and received remarkable demonstrations of esteem from the soldiers and of affection from the French people. Late in the day, the party motored into a little town where a French division had been drawn up to receive the marshal and where a regiment of American infantry also is quartered. The marshal was introduced by General Pershing, who said:

"Marshal Joffre is familiar with America and with American institutions and is deeply interested in American soldiers. It is a great privilege to have him as our guest today."

The marshal made his speech in French, saying he was sorry he could not deliver it in English, but that as a matter of fact, he was not accustomed to much public speaking in any language.

After considering the various acts of Germany, the marshal went on, America drew the sword and no one in France doubted she would do great things. He referred to the great power of America in men, resourcefulness and material wealth, and concluded:

"Our enemy believed in his foolish pride that he could dominate the universe. Your reply to him already has been most eloquent—more eloquent than he ever dreamed. You have come here to join the Allies in delivering humanity from the world's yoke of German intolerance. Let us continue to be united and victory surely will be ours."

Three real American cheers were given for the marshal who acknowledged them graciously. Hall and rain did not interrupt the afternoon program of work in the training schools. With a rain coat over his shoulders, the marshal braved the elements and watched the men for a long time.

General Pershing's warning against approaching too closely to the place at which the giant bombs were being thrown proved to be timely, for later several splinters fell not a great distance from the party.

In their tour today Marshal Joffre and General Pershing traveled at least 500 miles. At the end of the day, the marshal said to the Associated Press: "I have been highly gratified by what I have seen today. I am confident that when the time comes for the American troops to go to the trenches and meet the enemy, they will give the same excellent account of themselves in action as they did in practice today."

THE GULF OF RIGA TO BE VIRTUALLY A GERMAN LAKE

GERMAN PLOTTING IN CHINA CREATES GRAVE SITUATION

Disclosures of Intrigue May Result in Internment of Teutons.

THE MOST EFFECTIVE WORK IN MONGOLIA

Propagandists Have Fabricated Many Rumors Concerning War Conditions—Have Money.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.) Peking, Sept. 10.—German plots to promote internal trouble in China are being disclosed almost daily, and the situation is so serious that China undoubtedly will find it necessary to intern many Germans and Austrians, if not all of them, before the end of the year. The allied ministers are extremely uneasy over the situation. China, with its lack of adequate communication and great territory, offers a fine field for German plots. For many years German agents have carried on commercial undertakings in Tibet, Turkestan, Mongolia and other interior parts of China. Consequently, they speak Chinese fluently and have great influence with the lower classes.

Through the German and Austrian legations in Peking these interior agents have been supplied with money to stir up dissensions. They have accused the Mohammedans in Western China by telling them that this is a religious war designed to eliminate Turkey and Mohammedanism. Similar arguments have been used among the Mohammedans in South-Western China.

In Mongolia, the German and Austrian agents enlisted many bandits in the nomadic movement and have done everything in their power to undermine the influence of the Peking government. The work of the agitators has been more effective in Mongolia than elsewhere, as they have been able to harass the trans-Siberian line by encouraging the Mongolians to move north into Siberia and Manchuria and to attack railway towns.

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Not Likely That Operations Will Extend to Gulf of Finland.

ARTILLERY ACTIVITY ON WESTERN FRONT

British Guns Are Pounding German Lines and Waiting For Better Weather—French Repulse German Attack.

The German operations in and around the Gulf of Riga, which have centered attention upon the Northern Russian front for several days past, are not likely to be extended this fall to the Gulf of Finland, on the route to Revel, Cronstadt and Petrograd, in the opinion of Russian naval authorities. The lateness of the season will have the effect of localizing the German effort, the Minister of Marine believes.

The situation created by the Teutonic move, however, is serious enough for the Russians in its present aspect. With the great naval preponderance of the Germans in the Baltic, there seems little to prevent the movement making the Gulf of Riga virtually a German lake and solidifying it into a strong naval base from which military operations, as well as could easily be pushed advantageously under propitious weather conditions.

The military situation on the various fronts in the western war area was virtually unchanged overnight so far as the official statements reveal. The German reports have begun to lay stress again upon the violence of the artillery fire in Flanders, but there are no indications that the bombardment has yet been worked up to the point where the British had themselves ready for a renewal of their drive.

Evidently much depends on the weather in this region. In the light of his last week's experience with the handicap of the Flanders mud, it seems probable that Field Marshal Haig will await the settling of the ground into a somewhat more passable state, although the hope of securing even ordinarily good conditions for this late season of the year seems now to be considered small.

On the French front the activities are centered on the Aisne and Verdun. Last night's fighting in both regions was mostly monopolized by the artillery. The German infantry, however, came to life on the west bank of the Meuse attacking north of Hill 304. The French found little difficulty in repulsing this assault, while on the Aisne front French parties made successful incursions into the German lines.

A FEW "DONT'S" FOR THE WIDE-AWAKE CANDIDATES

Every Subscription That Can be Secured Will be Needed by Those Who Expect to Win Automobiles or One of the Other Prizes—Ten More Days of Second Period.

- THE PRIZES.
- \$775 Ericsson Automobile.
- Ford Touring Car.
- \$200 in Gold.
- \$100 in Gold.
- \$32 Furniture Suite.
- \$75 Columbia Grafonola.
- \$50 Merchandise Order At J. W. H. Fuchs' Department Store.
- \$25 Wrist Watch.
- Two \$60 Diamond Rings.

Ten per cent. commission to all non-winners, who remain active, on money for new subscriptions.

There are ten more days of the second period of The Dispatch contest and the competition for the second \$60 Diamond Ring. There are twenty-three more working days of the contest for the automobile, the \$200 in gold, the \$100 in gold and the other prizes. Dreaming of the prizes will not do any good. Success will depend upon the amount of work that you do between now and the close, especially of the second period, and the candidate who take advantage of every available moment, and work to the limit of their energy will come out in the lead. "Yesterday is gone, today is here, and tomorrow will never come." That why not work now—today—and secure the advantage over your opponent that will mean success for you and defeat for them. Work today, while some of the candidates are taking a "day off."

Don't overlook the \$60 Diamond Ring that is to be awarded the candidate who turns in the largest amount of money for new subscriptions this week and next, who does not win one of the more valuable prizes, or the first special prize. Don't forget that each \$15 worth of subscriptions, old or new, turned in this period, will give 140,000 extra votes, and that after this period each "Club" will call for only 130,000 extra votes.

Don't forget to call on all of your friends this period. Some of them who did not help you during the first period will likely do so now. If there are any that you cannot see, be sure and write to them, or call them over the phone.

Don't fail to get every possible subscription, and remember that each new one counts for twice as many votes as an old one, and that only new subscriptions count toward the special prize.

Don't forget that someone is going to get a \$775 Ericsson Auto, a Ford Touring Car, \$200 in gold, \$100 in gold, or one of the other valuable prizes, for a few weeks' work. Don't be one of those candidates who will do little, if anything, this period because you did well the first period. Those who "keep going" are going to be winners.

Don't overlook the fact that if you fall short of winning the automobile, or one of the other grand prizes, you are almost assured of getting the \$60 Diamond Ring if you work this week and next.

Don't think that because you have done little, if anything up to this time, that you cannot win the ring. Your opportunity is even better than those who have been working, because it is only the money for new subscriptions turned in this week and next that will determine the winner of the special prize.

Don't hesitate about calling on the Contest Manager, if you want any information, or if he can be of any assistance to you.

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