

North Carolina: Fair tonight and Wednesday, except probably local rains in northeast. Warmer tonight in north; colder Wednesday.

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GERMAN LOSS OF WARSHIPS VERY HEAVY

In the Recent Engagement With Russian Fleet at Gulf of Riga GERMANS MASSING WARSHIPS IN BALTIC

In Anticipation of Attempt of Allies to Force Entrance—Allies Make Gains on Western Front—Aerial Activity—Increased Artillery Action

Fifteen German fighting ships, including two dreadnaughts, were put out of action by the Russians during the action last week in and around the islands at the end of the Gulf of Riga. The Russian admiralty says the probable fate of the larger ships is not known, but that it has been established the Germans lost at least six torpedo boats.

The overwhelming superiority of the German naval forces told, however, and the Russians were forced to retire with their units intact, except for the battleship Slava and a large destroyer. The Russians are now protecting the southern entrance to the Gulf of Finland, where it is reported German submarines were observed Sunday.

Oesel, Moon and Dago islands now are completely in the possession of the Germans. To claim also the capture of 20,000 prisoners, 100 guns and war material. The Germans also have reached the mainland of Estonia, on the Werder peninsula which just into Moon sound opposite Moon island. An unofficial report from Stockholm says that the Germans have gathered a large number of submarines and destroyers in the waters around Eastern Denmark in anticipation of an attempt by an Entente fleet to force its way into the Baltic to aid the Russians.

Manoeuvres undertaken by the French and British yesterday from Poelcapelle northward to the Houthouliet forests were most successful. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the Germans and Field Marshal Haig reports the capture of 200 prisoners. East of Poelcapelle English troops captured strongly fortified buildings and positions on a front of about a mile and a half and southeast of the village other appreciable gains were made. From the Ypres-Staden railway to the Houthouliet forest the British advanced their lines on a two mile front beyond the southern boundary of the forest. The southern defenses of the forest and other strong points were lost to the Germans. Near the center of the attacking front, astride the Ypres-Staden railway, the Germans made counter attacks and succeeded in checking British attempts.

Berlin officially says that on the Meuse-Ypres road southeast of Ypres "strong British attacks broke down completely." Neither Field Marshal

A DOG HEROINE HAS PASSED AWAY

Nellie, a Veteran of the French Front Dies of Battle Wounds

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 23.—Nellie, the celebrated war dog, brought to this country by the Belgian mission, is dead. The passing of a member of the mission itself would scarcely cause more grief among them.

At the first battle of Ypres, Nellie trotted faithfully along beside her owner, a British officer, into the rain of shrapnel and high explosive shells, with only the thought of being near her master. He fell. She, only wounded, wandered about No Man's Land until picked up by Major Osterreith, of the Belgian First regiment of guides, to whom she transferred her allegiance.

In the trenches, for many months, Nellie lived with the Belgian regiment, always ready to "go over the top" with her new friends. Twice she was wounded by shrapnel, but she was a wire hair fox terrier of breeding and character and never thought of deserting.

When Major Osterreith came to this country with the Belgian mission, Nellie came along, and thousands of Americans have seen her twinkling little eyes and her stubby wagging tail acknowledging their attention and kindness.

Now Nellie is dead. The cause probably was a combination of wounds and age, but she always will be remembered by her comrades as a real heroine, who went into battle without faltering and was faithful to her friends to the very last.

GOOD CAMPAIGNING BY BOY SCOUTS

(By Associated Press.) New York, Oct. 23.—Boy Scouts of America in the first day of their four-day campaign on behalf of the second Liberty loan obtained pledges totaling almost \$3,000,000, according to returns received today at the organization's national headquarters here. This achievement far surpassed that of the first day of the Scout campaign for the first bonds.

FRANCE'S WHEAT NEED FOR COMING YEAR

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Sunday, Oct. 21.—The purchase abroad and transportation of about 122,000,000 bushels of wheat and other cereals is one of the problems of France for the campaign of 1918. Four hundred thousand tons of shipping a month, will be required for the importation of supplies the country must get on the outside.

LIBERTY BONFIRES ARE TO BE LIGHTED ALL OVER COUNTRY

The Signal Fire From Washington Monument at the Capital

LIBERTY BOND DAY GENERAL HOLIDAY

To be Observed in All the States—Relics for the National Bonfire—Wood From the Cape Fear

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 23.—Liberty Loan Day tomorrow will be a State as well as a national holiday.

Their interest in the day stirred by a telegram sent out by Secretary McAdoo, virtually all Governors have proclaimed the day a holiday. Responses of residents of the various States to the proclamations have been quick and generous. Arrangements have been made to hold meetings in all parts of the country to urge the necessity of buying Liberty loan bonds.

This far not a single Governor has declined to proclaim Liberty Day a State holiday in part, at least. Some found it inconvenient to make the entire day a holiday, so they made a holiday of the afternoon. Arizona and Oregon will have only half days.

Almost every Governor who replied to the President's telegram added a few words of encouragement for the loan. The signal for the lighting of liberty fires throughout the country will be given tonight when Mrs. W. G. McAdoo, chairman of the Woman's Liberty Loan committee, lights a bonfire at the Washington monument, using for the purpose a candelabrum which once belonged to Napoleon Bonaparte and containing a trench candle made in Quebec. Faggots to be lighted by Mrs. McAdoo are of wood from historic places in many States.

Among the relics contributed by the different States to the fire here are pieces of wood from the birth places of Presidents Wilson, Cleveland, Jackson, Johnson and Polk. Illinois has contributed a piece of wood from Lincoln's old home and Missouri a piece from Grant's log cabin.

Other contributions are: North Carolina, a piece of wood from lower Cape Fear, scene of the first armed resistance of the Stamp Act in 1765; Arkansas, a piece of the flag pole carried by Colonel Archibald Yell's regiment in the Mexican war; North Dakota, a single from General Custer's headquarters at Old Fort Lincoln, and Florida, a piece of wood from the famous Desoto oak at Tampa.

CIVIC EMPLOYEES OF TRAINING CAMPS

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 23.—An executive order published today exempts civil employees of the training camp activities commission from civil service requirements and directs that those who have heretofore been paid from private funds, be paid from government appropriations.

SLIGHT ADVANTAGE FOR THE GERMANS

(By Associated Press.) London, Oct. 23.—The Germans last night attacked one of the newly captured British positions in Flanders and forced back the troops holding it, the war office announces. Elsewhere the British gains of yesterday have been maintained.

MILLIONS OF POUNDS OF SUGAR HIDDEN

(By Associated Press.) Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 23.—Federal secret service agents today reported to Washington the discovery in a Buffalo warehouse of millions of pounds of sugar in bags and in barrels marked "top crust flour." Notations on the packages indicated the sugar had been commingled into the warehouse over a period of several months. A Federal agent who made a survey of the contents of the building, estimated the amount at 150 car loads, or about 10,000,000 pounds. Around immense piles of sacks containing the sugar, the Federal agent said he found a screen of other articles while some of the containers marked "top crust flour" actually had flour sprinkled over the outside.

COAL PRODUCERS IN CONVENTION

Meet to Hold Conference With Mr. Garfield on Situation

(By Associated Press.) Pittsburgh, Oct. 23.—Coal producers from every field in the country were assembled here today to discuss important questions in connection with the coal industry and to hear an address by Dr. H. A. Garfield, national fuel administrator.

The problem of transportation which the coal men assert is one of the causes of shortage, is receiving attention. The inefficiency of labor, regardless of whether union or non-union, is another phase that is being put forcibly before the operators, and the actual necessity of the industry co-ordinating as a unit to uphold the government in coping with the present coal crisis is still another feature receiving attention.

While these questions have been given attention by local organizations of operators in the individual fields, never before has the entire industry of the country set its mind to consider them. Dr. Garfield, who was to make the chief address of the day, has been assured by the coal men that he will receive the co-operation of the operators and what he had to say to the meeting today was expected to outline the government's policy toward the coal men.

UNION LABORERS ON ARSENAL WORK

Ordered Strike—Non-Union Labor—Double Pay for Over-Time

(By Associated Press.) Watertown, Mass., Oct. 23.—Two thousand union laborers erecting 12 buildings at the Watertown arsenal were under union orders to quit work today, in addition to 800 who struck yesterday. The men object to the employment of non-union labor by one of the contractors and demand double pay for overtime work.

L. C. Chadwick, representative of the local union, asserted that the strike was not called "to hinder the government in any way, but for the purpose of protecting ourselves against the breaking down of our wage and working system." Col. T. C. Dickson, commandant of the arsenal, said that the union leaders had refused to put their demands in written form so that they could be forwarded to Washington. Government officials today declared that work on the new buildings at the arsenal here had not been seriously delayed by the strike of union men employed by contractors. Not more than 250 men, they said, had responded to the strike call, issued yesterday.

GERMANS ANTICIPATE ATTACK IN BALTIC

(By Associated Press.) Stockholm, Oct. 23.—The military critic of the Svenska Dagbladet assumes that Germany is anticipating an attempt by an Entente fleet to force an entrance into the Baltic in consequence of the German successes in the Gulf of Riga. He says that never since the war began has such a number of German destroyers and submarines been stationed in the neighborhood of the Belts, the sounds between the islands of Denmark and Sweden.

FRENCH CAPTURE MANY PRISONERS

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Oct. 23.—An attack was made by the French early this morning on the Aisne front, northeast of Soissons. The war office reports that considerable progress was made along the whole battle front and that numerous prisoners were taken.

THE DEATH KNOCK OF THE ZEPPELIN AS WAR AIRSHIP

Disastrous Results of Recent Raid With These Craft

THE NEW MODELS OF IMMENSE SIZE

Unwieldy and Hampered by Winds—Driven Back From England—Captured in France

(By Associated Press.) Zurich, Switzerland, Monday, Oct. 22.—Friedrichshafen is in mourning over the loss of at least four Zeppelins in the raid on England, according to advices received here from Swiss towns on Lake Constance. The majority of the crews of the destroyed Zeppelins lived in Friedrichshafen, where they received their training. The King of Wurttemberg has sent messages of condolence to the families of the lost in the raid.

The Swiss newspapers express the opinion that the disaster in France is a death blow to aircraft of the Zeppelin type.

The Swiss newspapers express the information received here are 700 feet long and 73 feet in diameter. They have eight engines developing 2,000 horse-power and are able to keep in the air 50 hours with a crew of 20 men and a load of projectiles.

Failure of Raid.

Paris, Oct. 23.—Official examination of the crews of the Zeppelins captured in France on returning from the raid over England shows that the expedition consisted of 13 airships which left singly from three depots on the night of October 19. The raid was expected to last from 20 to 25 hours. The raiders made for the English coast, which was recognized by light-houses. They were hampered considerably by the fire of British anti-aircraft guns and by numerous searchlights which caused them to drop almost all their bombs when being at a height of more than 16,000 feet. They were caught by a strong northeasterly wind and when they attempted to return to their bases, their speed was slackened by the persistent head-winds. At dawn the L-49, the airship which fell intact into the hands of the French, dropped to a lower altitude, her commander believing he was over Holland or Westphalia. The crew waved white flags. It was not until after 8 o'clock in the morning that the commander became certain he was over France and at the same time the Zeppelin was sighted by French airplanes, which forced it to land.

A little later the L-50 passed over the L-49 which was then on the ground surrounded by French airplanes. The L-50 maneuvered for landing in a neighboring wood, to give the members of the crew as good an opportunity as possible to save themselves, but one car was torn off. Part of the crew escaped by means of parachutes. The car afterwards was destroyed by means of special pistols firing inflammable charges. The L-49 and L-50 belonged to the super-Zeppelin class, measuring 650 feet. Their volume is 55,000 cubic metres. The crews are made up mostly of petty officers who have undergone a special course of instruction. They were clad warmly in furs and leather garments.

Subscriptions at Cleveland. (By Associated Press.) Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 23.—Subscriptions to the Liberty loan in the Fourth Federal Reserve District this forenoon amounted to \$21,250,000. The quota is \$300,000,000.

AMERICAN EMBARGO AS TO SWEDEN

That Country Not to Give up Trade With Germany

(By Associated Press.) Copenhagen, Oct. 23.—Comment from Stockholm newspapers concerning the policy of the United States towards neutrals is quoted by The Berlingske Tidende. The Aftenbladet says that the exchange of commodities between Germany and Sweden now comprises only absolute necessities. It contends that Sweden cannot give up this trade even under the threat of losing her imports from America and it is confident the government will assert Swedish rights.

"If the parties in the Swedish Riksdag believe American plans will be abandoned when men cherishing greater sympathy for the Entente entered the government," says The Nya Dagligt Allehanda, "their illusion will be shattered. If Sweden gives way to America commands the situation as between Sweden and Germany will be untenable. On the other hand unless Sweden yields, she will get no imports."

THE SUBSCRIPTION TO LIBERTY LOAN BELOW REQUISITE

FRANCE EXULTS OVER DEFEAT

Of Zeppelins in Recent Raid. Planned for Great Destruction

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 23.—Germany probably lost one half of her total effective fleet of super-Zeppelins on the day of October 20 in the disastrous raid over England, according to official cablegrams received in Washington.

All France is exultant over what the dispatches declare to be the greatest defeat ever administered to an air fleet since the beginning of the war. The gratification is more intense because it is now known that this German raid was an attempt to carry out a fearful threat of vengeance made four days before.

On that occasion, the German government sent out a warning to both France and England of dire punishment to follow what the Germans declared to be unwarranted and inhuman attacks by British and French aviators upon peaceful German towns. Reprisals were threatened in an official German communication which in part reads: "For every brick which falls from peaceful German homes, whole rows of buildings will be overthrown in Paris."

Fatal Railway Wreck.

(By Associated Press.) Athens, Ga., Oct. 23.—Central of Georgia passenger train running Macon to Athens was wrecked near here this afternoon. Engineer Atticus G. Wortham was killed and his greman perhaps fatally wounded.

SECRETARY M'ADOO AT NASHVILLE

(By Associated Press.) Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 23.—Secretary McAdoo will speak here tonight in the interest of the Liberty bond campaign. Arriving early this afternoon, he is expected to hold a conference with men and women of 33 counties who have been active in the work of selling the bonds. Tonight there will be a torch light procession followed by a pageant and the ceremony of lighting the Liberty fires on Capitol boulevard. Secretary McAdoo will go to Atlanta from here.

SATURDAY WILL BE BIG DAY AT CONTEST OFFICE

All Contestants Will Participate in "Battle of Ballots"—This Week Will Decide Winner of Second Diamond Ring and May Determine Winners of Two Automobiles and Other Prizes

TODAY'S LEADERS.

- Pauline Underwood ... 70,435
Mrs. A. C. Sessoms ... 70,230
Elizabeth Bullard ... 70,150
Sallie Garrell ... 70,075
Nettie Lewis ... 69,960
Ruth Teashey ... 69,820
Bertha Allsbrook ... 69,400
Bernice Martin ... 69,250

Three new leaders today. There will be much rejoicing in Wilmington today, when the many friends of Miss Pauline Underwood see her name in first place in The Dispatch contest. The people who have been giving her their loyal support were distressed because her name was down in the list yesterday. She demonstrates today that she is in the race, and in to win.

Lumberton also has cause to rejoice. Mrs. A. C. Sessoms, who is their candidate, is in second place, and a close second at that. Mrs. Sessoms has had her name among the leaders, on two different occasions previous to today, but this is the first time she has been so near the top. Friends of Miss Elizabeth Bullard will be glad to see her name among the leaders again today.

All the other names on the "Honor Roll" today, are the same as yesterday, although there has been a shifting of positions. Miss Sallie Garrell, Taber, is fourth; Miss Nettie Lewis, Chadbourne, is fifth; Miss Ruth Teashey, Wallace, is sixth; Miss Bertha Allsbrook, Allsbrook, S. C., is seventh; and Miss Bernice Martin, Marion, S. C., is eighth. Everybody is getting ready for the big rush next Saturday, when the second period of the contest and the competition for the \$60 Diamond Ring will come to a close. Saturday will be a big day at contest headquarters,

To Reach the Three Million Minimum by Tomorrow Night

STRONG EFFORTS ONE TO BE MADE

ARE TO BE MADE —Ten Thousand Dollars Subscribed By Penitentiary Inmates and Cash Paid by Them

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 23.—The Liberty Loan was still lagging today, on the face of scattering unofficial estimates to the Treasury Department. Officials were hoping that the \$3,000,000,000 minimum would be reached by tomorrow night, when the heavy anticipated volume of Liberty Day sales would be in hand.

Officials announced that there was little information at hand to lead them to believe that the \$5,000,000,000 maximum would be reached, although they thought the sum might possibly be taken by an eleventh hour avalanche of subscriptions.

"Conviction is felt in many quarters," the Treasury Department announced, "that the \$3,000,000,000 mark can be reached by tomorrow night. Solicitors, spurred on by their failure to make desired gains yesterday, the first day of the last week of the campaign, began anew today with intensified determination. It was thought that if the loan total subscribed could be brought by tonight up to approximately \$2,500,000,000, or \$500,000,000 more than is in sight at present, there might be a chance to reach the \$3,000,000,000 mark tomorrow night, the close of Liberty Day.

Liberty Day returns, heads of some district committees believe, may reach \$1,000,000,000. If they approximate 60 per cent. of this sum, they probably will send the total for the drive about \$3,000,000,000. Indicating pointed notes and more officials said, to the conclusion, that only a tremendous response by the entire nation, with hundreds of thousands of small subscribers, and many large subscribers participating, could bring the total anywhere near the maximum quota.

Among subscriptions reported today was one of \$10,000 from inmates of the West Virginia State penitentiary. Cash was paid for these bonds. This was the largest subscription reported from any penal institution.

if Dame Rumor can be relied upon.

All of the candidates are hustling to secure as many of the big ballots for 140,000 votes as possible by 9 o'clock Saturday night.

We wish to say once more that the special ballots issued on subscriptions and the extra votes for each \$15 worth of subscriptions do not have to be voted this week. They can be held until the last day of the contest, and their value will remain the same. It is only the subscription orders and the money that have to be turned in by next Saturday night, in order to count toward the special prize and receive the high second period extra votes.

"In time of peace prepare for war." There is a bit of good, hard common sense in this quotation. Just who the author of this line was, we do not know, but we do know that some of the candidates in the contest have adopted it as their guide and slogan, and that not even their most intimate friends know what they have commended for a defense to be used in the closing days of the "battle of ballots."

There is not a popularity or beauty contest, as was stated in the first announcement, and neither of these qualities will produce the winners. The ones who win will be those who keep working steadily for subscriptions during the remaining days of the contest. Those who made an early start were fortunate, but to maintain their standing they will be compelled to work hard from now until the end. Do not lose through overconfidence. The candidates living outside of Wilmington can mail their subscriptions any time Saturday, and even though they do not reach the contest Department until Sunday or Monday, they will be credited as second period business, and will count toward the special prize and the second period "club" votes.

LIBERTY VICTORY PEACE. These We Shall Have. It Is "So Nominated in the Liberty Bonds!" Sacrifice Something and Subscribe Today.