

WEATHER FORECAST

North and South Carolina—Fair to night with frost probably heavy; Sunday fair, slightly warmer, west and south portions.

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HUNS LOSE 11 SHIPS IN SEA FIGHT

British Sink Ten Armed Patrols and an Auxiliary Cruiser.

BATTLE TOOK PLACE IN THE CATTEGAT

Details of the Fight Are Lacking—Another Clean Up of German Ships in Scandinavian Waters.

(By Associated Press.) London, Nov. 3.—The admiralty announced that certain British forces have been engaged in the Cattegat, an arm of the North Sea between Sweden and Denmark and that prizes were being brought in. No further details are yet at hand.

A special statement issued by the admiralty says that 10 armed patrol boats in addition to the German auxiliary cruiser which was equipped with machine guns, were destroyed.

Eye Witnesses Report. A German commerce raider and five armed trawlers have been sunk by British destroyers in Scandinavian waters.

The sinking of a German raider named Crocodile and of five German armed trawlers is reported by men on two Danish steamships. They say they sighted the German vessels in flames, and later saw them sink.

The commerce raider, which was captured, and the trawlers were sunk yesterday in the Skagerrak, an arm of the North Sea between Norway and Denmark. The British destroyers thus effected another clean up of German naval forces in Scandinavian waters.

The Crocodile was a new ship of nearly 1,000 tons and carried a crew of 100 men.

Wounded Land in Denmark. Elsinore, Denmark, Nov. 3.—Wounded men from a German auxiliary cruiser sunk in the North Sea were landed here today.

FAIR WEATHER FOR ALL NEXT WEEK

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 3.—Fair weather with a return to normal temperatures is indicated for the South Atlantic and East Gulf States during the week beginning Sunday, according to the Weather Bureau's weekly forecast issued today. Heavy frost is forecast for Sunday morning.

MICHAELIS TO GET ANOTHER OFFICE

Emperor William Will Continue to Use His Former Chancellor.

(By Associated Press.) Copenhagen, Nov. 3.—The German Emperor, in a message to Dr. Michaelis, his retiring Chancellor, expressed a desire to employ him further in the imperial service.

It is understood that Dr. Michaelis will take over another high imperial office for which his qualifications are highly regarded.

RAILROADS EXPECT AN UNPRECEDENTED CHRISTMAS RUSH

Chairman Harahan Says Every Available Car Will Have to Be Used.

SOUTHEAST WILL FEEL CONGESTION

Military Camps in This District Will Add to Difficulties—An Appeal to Railroad and Shippers.

(By Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., Nov. 3.—Anticipating the busiest Christmas season, transportation lines in the southeast ever have faced, W. J. Harahan, president of the Seaboard Air Line railway and chairman of the southeastern department of the railway war board service, has forwarded to railroad officials in his department a circular letter urging them to make all preparations to handle the traffic. In the nine States of the southeastern department are located more troop camps than in any other in the department of the war board service, and the movement of an enormous tonnage of Christmas shipments to and from them is expected.

To render efficient service, Mr. Harahan declares every available baggage, express and mail car must be pressed into service and suggests that all equipment of the class required be put in condition and released from repair shops by December 1, or earlier if practicable.

In order that delivery of Christmas packages may be made before December 25, Mr. Harahan urges that railroad officials appeal to the public to make shipments earlier than is customary during the Christmas season. This not only will be appreciated by the government and the public, he declares, but will prevent disappointment of delay in delivery.

The southeastern Department, comprising the States of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Arkansas and the coast defenses of New Orleans and Galveston, contains nine National Guard camps, three National Army cantonments, three reserve officers training camps, one quartermaster's and one increment camp.

Mr. Harahan's letter follows: "I beg to call your attention to prospective increase in number, amount and weight of Christmas packages to be transported by the railroads this season by reason of the very large number of troops in the various camps and the large number of people in the southeastern department as a result thereof.

"As you are aware, there are more men away from home and family in the military and naval service of the United States than ever before in our history, all of whom will probably receive Christmas parcels of various weights. This enormous amount of mail, express matter, etc., will of course be in addition to the large volume of business ordinarily handled during this period and of greater consequence than ever before on account of conditions prevailing, due to the war.

"To take care of this traffic, will require every available baggage, express and mail car, and it is suggested, in fact urged, that everything possible be done to render suitable for service every piece of equipment of the class required to handle this business. That some may be gotten off repair tracks by the first of December, or earlier if practicable.

MILLIONAIRE'S SONS IN NATIONAL ARM



Left to right: Captain John W. Wainmaker, Jr., U. S. R., attached to Camp Dix, a detachment of the national army, and Corporal Kingdon Gould, also of Camp Dix. Captain Wainmaker and Corporal Gould are both newlyweds. Captain Wainmaker married Miss Pauline Disston, of Philadelphia and New York, at Newport, and Kingdon Gould surprised the society world by marrying Miss Annuncata Camilla Marie Lucet on July 2.

TWELVE MEN FROM AMERICAN PICKET BOAT ARE MISSING

Boat from the Ship Michigan Foundered and Whole Crew Lost.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY MAN AMONG THE LOST

Boat Was in American Waters and Foundered October 30 and Entire Crew Believed to Be Lost.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 3.—Twelve men—all of the crew of a picket boat of the battleship Michigan, were lost when their little craft foundered in home waters.

In a brief announcement of the disaster today, the Navy Department gave no details of where it occurred. Presumably the fast little picket boat was on patrol duty and foundered in a heavy sea or met with some accident.

Three bodies have been found and inasmuch as all the others are missing the Navy Department assumes that all were lost. With the casualty list the department made this formal statement: "The Navy Department announces that on October 30 the picket boat of the United States Steamship Michigan foundered. Apparently the entire crew were lost. The finding of the bodies of the three of the crew and the failure to find any trace of the boat or its occupants led the department to believe that all were lost."

The Navy Department made public the following crew list of the lost picket boat: Joseph J. Schultz, seaman, brother, Herman Schultz, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Joseph H. Hendrickson, seaman, father, Albert C. Hendrickson, York, Pa.

Roscoe Scott, fireman, brother, Frank C. Scott, Denver; Stanley J. Wing, fireman, mother, Mrs. Sarah Wing, Detroit, Mich.; Austin W. Atwood, seaman, father, George Atwood, Sandusky, O.

Arthur A. Flow, seaman, father, James C. Flow, Matthews, Mecklenburg county, N. C.; Andrew P. Meister, gunner's mate, mother, Anna Kliese, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Walter H. Fischer, coxswain, father, Henry J. Fischer, Chicago.

Clarence L. Jones, seaman, mother, Mrs. A. P. Jones, Bucksport, Me.; Edmund L. Tamillo, coxswain, mother, Bessie Tamillo, Chicago; James P. Young, chief gunner's mate, sister, Margaret Young, Brooklyn, N. Y.

George M. Hidmarch, Jr., seaman, National Naval Volunteers, no detailed information regarding incident.

OVER 5,000,000 WOMEN ENROLLED

Food Pledge Campaign Is Progressing in a Satisfactory Manner.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 3.—With probably little more than half the country heard from, returns from the food pledge week campaign today passed the 5,000,000 mark. The official tabulation at campaign headquarters here showed 5,000,402 families enrolled as members of the United States Food Administration. A statement issued today said that it probably would be at least 10 days before anything like complete results could be announced, since New York State has definitely decided to carry its drive over another week, and indications are that about 20 other States will follow suit.

California gave the biggest surprise of the campaign today by reporting 114,515 new cards signed, making a total of 251,178 and putting it in the lead.

HEAVY WAR COSTS ON UNITED STATES

America Pays 14 Times as Much for Each Soldier as Germany.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 3.—Germany is putting 14.3 soldiers into the field for the same amount of money which the United States is paying for a single fighting man, according to calculations today of government experts. They said the same general proportion was true also of maintaining the armies in the field, or, in order words, America must raise \$14.30 where the enemy nations raise only \$1 for the purpose of carrying on the war.

The difference was said to be due to the higher pay of United States soldiers and the greater cost of supplies in this country, and the contrast was used as a text for admonitions that resources alone would not win the war, but that strict economy was necessary.

Gun and Mill Burned. (By The Associated Press.) Odum, Ga., Nov. 3.—The gin and grist mill of W. J. O'Quinn were burned here last night. The loss is \$5,000. Reports that the town was threatened with destruction were exaggerated.

MANY CANDIDATES SHOW DETERMINATION TO WIN

Seven More Days After Today to Secure Votes Necessary to Win Briscoe Automobile and Other Prizes—Friends Should Assist Contestants Before It Is Too Late.

***** the friends of the contestants should bear this in mind and give them assistance before it is too late. ***** One of the features of the contest which is full of special significance at this time, is the confidence the friends and supporters are showing in the outcome of the race of their friends. This may be taken as an indication that the various candidates are amassing reserve votes, which are considered sufficiently large to enable them to take their competitors by storm at the close.

No candidate should place too much confidence in the reserve strength she has secured. It should be remembered that while one candidate is piling up a good reserve the other candidates, with equal cleverness, are doing the same. From present indications, the time is leaving at a merry clip, and but a few days remain in which to make a showing. Monday morning will usher in the last week. It is a pretty race and it would take a prophet to predict which of the several hard-working candidates will win. As the last day approaches, and it will be here in seven more working days, the interest is becoming more intense, the candidates are getting closer together, and it begins to look as if the race would be won by a portend of things in their throat-loch, as the turmen say. Certainly it is that every subscription and every feature of the balloting may be much nearer the coveted prize, and expected.

RETIRING GERMANS CLOSELY PURSUED BY PETAIN'S MEN

RUSSIA HAS DONE HER PART NOBLY SAYS NEWSPAPERS

Newspapers Realize the Great Sacrifice Their Northern Ally Has Made.

KERENSKY FACES GREAT FACILITIES

One Paper, However, Says the Statement Sounds Like German Propaganda—Asked to Hold Germans.

(By The Associated Press.) London, Nov. 3.—Most of the morning newspapers print Premier Kerensky's interview with the Associated Press conspicuously, but the comment is not general. The Petrograd correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, who is now in London, writes: "Premier Kerensky's statement seems to have been taken a little too seriously in some quarters. It even has been construed as a hint that Russia is toying with the idea of a separate peace. This theory should not be allowed to establish itself."

"Probably all Kerensky wished was to indicate facts familiar to close students of Russia for some time, and they are such as to arouse sympathy rather than suspicion. It is true that Russia is worn out, and it has been true for a much longer time than has been claimed since the outbreak of the revolution. Unfortunately until that event military exigencies prevented the truth from being told about Russia's share in the war, which has been greatly underestimated. The essential fact is that what Russia had she has given."

The writer then tells of the immense sacrifices in men that Russia has made and recalls the revelations in the trial of General Soukhomlinoff, former Minister of War, of how Russian heroes stood up with only sticks, stones and fists against the organized German troops. He believes that the Russian casualties have been higher than those of any other of the main belligerents. The writer also emphasizes the privations of the civilian population and the shortage of food since the middle of 1915, and adds:

"Already people are dying of hunger in some of the northern provinces and it is not pleasant to think what the situation in such districts may become early in the future. ***** "What Kerensky wants apparently is not a release from the bonds which unite us, but indulgence for Russia's weakness and Russia certainly has deserved indulgence for her efforts and sufferings. All we can ask of her is to do her best. We must not be impatient if that is less than we expected."

The Daily Express makes a similar plea and says that no statesman ever faced more appalling difficulties than those that daily confront Premier Kerensky. It admits that Russia bore the burden of the first months of the war and that the invasion of East Prussia probably saved France from being overrun. Regret is expressed that the changed conditions of warfare have made it impossible for the British fleet to operate in the Baltic, but The Express maintains that all Britain has been able to do to help Russia has been done willingly and she will do the utmost in the future to help Russia establish her freedom.

"Meanwhile," it adds, "as we understand the situation, we are to expect no more from Russia at present than that she hold her frontiers against the common enemy. When she has found herself, her gallant soldiers will re-appear in the active ranks of the armies of liberty."

The Graphic says: "We should hate to regard the statements as authentic. They have the ring of pro-German propaganda." The newspaper then says that Kerensky, "if he has made such a statement," should be reminded that France and Great Britain have been

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The Crown Prince Retreats Along a Front of Thirteen Miles.

HUNDREDS OF GUNS CAPTURED BY FRENCH

Since October 23, the French Have Taken 422 Big Guns and 720 Machine Guns—Retreat Necessary.

Blowing up the bridges as they retreat in Northern France have given up their precarious hold on the Chemin des Dames plateau and retired to the northern bank of the Ailette river along a front of approximately 13 miles, closely followed by the French.

This retirement by the German Crown Prince has been in prospect since the recent successful drive by General Petain, southwest of Laon, which carried the French to the banks of the Oise, Aisne canal at the western end of the Chemin des Dames and gave them artillery domination of a large section of the German lines to the east.

Many Guns Captured. Paris, Nov. 3.—The French are advancing between the Aise canal and the region of Corbeny, and have reached the south bank of the Ailette river, the war office announces.

The Germans have retreated to the north bank of the river. The bridges across the Ailette were destroyed by the Germans. Since October 23 the French have captured 422 guns and 720 machine guns.

The announcement follows: "In the course of the night, our troops continued to make progress between the Oise canal and the region of Corbeny, and reached the south bank of the Ailette river, over this entire front. (Friday night's official French communication in which the beginning of this movement evidently was announced, has not been received.)

"The enemy has retired to the north bank of the river, whose bridges and foot-bridges were cut. "Artillery fighting continues very vigorously in the sector of Chavignon and at certain points in the region of the plateaus.

"In the way of material captured since October 23, we have actually counted 200 heavy and field guns, 222 trench cannon and 720 machine guns. On the right bank of the Meuse front, there were violent artillery engagements in the region of Chaume wood. An enemy attack north of St. Mihiel was without result. The night was calm everywhere else.

"In the period between October 21 and 31, twenty-three German airplanes were brought down. Of these 21 were destroyed by our pilots after combat and two by our special cannon. Furthermore, 28 enemy machines were damaged seriously and descended within the German lines."

GERMANS CAPTURE AMERICAN TROOPS

Berlin, Nov. 3.—The capture of American soldiers by a German reconnoitering party is announced by the war office.

The statement says that on the Rhine-Marne canal as a result of a reconnoitering thrust North American soldiers were brought in.

BIG TEN-COUNTY FAIR AT WILMINGTON NOVEMBER 6-9