

WEATHER FORECAST
North Carolina: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday, probably rain; warmer tonight.
South Carolina: Warmer and generally fair tonight and Wednesday.

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WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, TUESDAY AFTERNOON, NOV. 27, 1917.

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THE BRITISH ARE HOLDING ALL GROUND

Heavy German Attacks have Failed to Shake General Byng Loose

RUSSIAN SITUATION CONTINUES SERIOUS

A Civil War Now Threatening—Bolsheviki Making Peace Offers—Italians Bravely Hold Back Enemy

New German attempts to drive the British from their positions in Bourlon wood and the high ground dominating the Cambrai region have failed. General Byng's men have repulsed another enemy counter attack at the northeast corner of the wood. There was much severe fighting Monday around Moeuvres, west of the Bourlon wood and in the outskirts of Fontaine Notre Dame, immediately east of the wood, and toward Cambrai.

German artillery has been active in the Ypres and Verdun regions. In Flanders, the British positions at Pesschendale, the northern part of the Pesschendale-Ghevelot route are being bombarded heavily by the enemy, but Crown Prince Rupprecht, of Bavaria, has not attempted infantry attacks.

On the right bank of the Meuse, where the French gained the first and second German defenses on a two mile front Sunday, German efforts to attack have been checked by French artillery while the enemy guns have been bombarding the new French positions.

French and British soldiers have reached the fighting zone of the Venetian plains to aid the Italians in their drive against the invading Austro-German forces. Between the Brenta and the Piave the Italians are withstanding successfully massed enemy attacks. The invaders attempted to rush the defending lines on the left, in the center, and on the right of the short front between the rivers but were crushed everywhere.

British cavalry is now three and one-half miles west of Jerusalem and is closing in on the Turkish defenses from the southwest. The Turks are offering some resistance and are holding the Jerusalem-Shechem road to the north in strength. North of Jaffa, British patrols have been driven back to the southern side of the Nahr-El-Anjel.

The situation in Russia shows it the improvement and the country is described as being on the verge of civil war. Efforts of the Bolsheviki government to arrange an armistice, continue, and Berlin and Petrograd are reported in communication by wireless, presumably in connection with the peace offer of the Maximilians. The second army on the Russian northern front, has removed its offices, moved to the Bolsheviki army and pledged its support to the extremists.

The American government has received the armistice note from the Petrograd government and it is under consideration. The ministers of the allied powers in the Russian capital, it is reported unofficially, will demand that reports if Russia enters into separate peace negotiations.

General Cossack, the Don Cossack leader according to a dispatch received in London, is master of the situation in Russia. He is in control of most of the grain-growing territory in the south and is said to hold the Russian side of the front. He was removed from Petrograd a year before the war broke out. The Russian soldiers at the front are reported desperate from hunger, due to the exhaustion of food supplies and mutinies are said to have broken out.

American Homes Overheated. (By Associated Press.)
Washington, Nov. 27.—Declaring that American homes are overheated, the fuel administration today urged all householders to maintain a temperature of not more than 68 degrees. Recommended by eminent American physiologists, it will go far toward checking the enormous war demand for fuel, officials announced.

Died in France.
Washington, Nov. 27.—The death of Private William J. Logan, Engineers, was reported today. Private Logan, who was killed in action, was reported today by General Pershing. Logan died Nov. 25 of pneumonia, complicated with other disease.

RUSSIA'S AFFAIRS LOOKING GLOOMY

New Government in the Caucasus-Francis to Use His Judgment

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Nov. 27.—The American consul at Tiflis today reported establishment of the new government in the Caucasus as a protest against anarchy in Russia. His report contained few details but indicated the men in the new movement were of the conservative element and were determined to do what they could to hold back from their part of Russia the waves of disorder. The governing power has been placed in an assembly of 38 men.

No direct news came from Petrograd today but from Sweden reports were received that the new government have manifested their sympathy for General Kaideines. Conditions in Finland are reported threatened with new complications by the probable renewal of a general strike. The food shortage is becoming more acute.

No special instructions have been sent to Ambassador Francis and it was indicated at the State Department his acts in Petrograd would be governed largely by his own judgment and that even his departure from Petrograd, in case of emergency, would not be a question of instruction from Washington, but one for his own decision.

NORFOLK-SOUTHERN MEN GO TO WORK

(By Associated Press.)
Norfolk, Va., Nov. 27.—The clerks and longshoremen of the Norfolk-Southern, who went on strike about 10 days ago, are the latest to return to work. After a conference this morning with General Robert McWade, senior member of the conciliation commission, Joseph H. Young, president of the Norfolk-Southern agreed to take back all of the striking clerks without discrimination and the settlement of the trouble as far as that line is concerned was concluded. It was further agreed by Mr. Young that there would be no interference with the rights of the clerks as American citizens which means that they will be permitted to become members of the Union.

M'CALL'S PROTEGE GIVES HIMSELF UP

(By Associated Press.)
Boston, Mass., Nov. 27.—John Johnson, a negro of Charlestown, N. Y., was requested for whose extradition to West Virginia to stand trial for an alleged assault on a white girl, was denied last week by Governor McCall, surrendered today to Federal authorities on an indictment charging violation of the Mann Act. Johnson is alleged to have transported a white girl from Charleston to Catlettsburg, Ky., for immoral purposes.

MRS. DE SAULLES CROSS EXAMINED BY PROSECUTION

District Attorney Week's Puts Most Searching Questions to Defendant

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Had Been Thought Mrs. De Saullles Would Not Have to Undergo Ordeal at This Time

(By Associated Press.)
Mineola, N. Y., Nov. 27.—A letter in which the defendant told her husband "it was the greatest regret of her life" she had not been "able to make him a good wife" was read into the record today during cross examination of Mrs. Blanca De Saullles on trial here charged with murdering her divorced husband, John L. De Saullles.

There were indications this letter would be used by attorneys for the prosecution in their attempt to break down the story of "indefinite neglect" on the part of her husband, told in direct examination by the young woman yesterday. The letter was written while Mrs. De Saullles was on ship board bound for Chile to visit relatives in 1916 prior to the granting of her divorce decree.

At that time, the witness said, she felt that her married life was ended normally.

Mrs. De Saullles countered her admission that she wrote the letter saying "she was to blame for everything" by stating "De Saullles always made me believe that I was at fault."

SELECTING A JURY FOR THE TRIAL OF GASTON B. MEANS

Counsel On Both Sides Closely Scrutinized the Prospective Jurymen

Another Advance.
(By Associated Press.)
British Headquarters in France, Nov. 27.—The British have made another advance in the Cambrai area and, according to the latest reports, have worked their way forward through the northwest part of Fontaine Notre Dame, which they captured at the beginning of the attacks last week, but later lost. They are now said to have advanced almost to the main street which runs east and west through the center of the village.

AMERICAN STEAMER SENT TO THE BOTTOM

(By Associated Press.)
London, Nov. 27.—The American steamship Acton was torpedoed on Sunday a dispatch from Corunna, Spain, reports. Twenty-one survivors have arrived at Port Camarinis. Three boats with the remainder of the crew are missing.

THE REPORTER WAS TOO ENTHUSIASTIC

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Nov. 27.—A published report quoting Jules Jusserand, French Ambassador, as having told a group of French officers and American sailors last night at the Hero Land Bazaar here that six German submarines had been sunk within the last four days was denied by the Ambassador today. He explained that he had made a reference to the five submarines reported by Lloyd-George as sunk and one reported by the Navy Department as sunk by American destroyers.

ITALIAN SITUATION UNCHANGED

(By Associated Press.)
Berlin, Nov. 27.—(Via London).—The situation on the Italian front is unchanged, army headquarters announced.

FIGHTING BETWEEN MEXICAN FACTIONS

(By Associated Press.)
Juarez, Mexico, Nov. 27.—Fighting between Villa and Mexican federal cavalry detachments is reported to have occurred last night and today at Lahuna station, 170 miles south of Juarez. The federals were on a troop train southbound. Federal reinforcements are being entrained here.

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The character of the testimony which it is expected Mrs. Errazuriz will give has not been outlined. Several other witnesses for the defense are to follow her on the witness stand whereupon a volume of expert testimony is to be adduced.

Alienists, X-ray specialists and other men prominent in the medical profession are to testify for both sides in connection with Mrs. De Saullles' case when she fired the shots that resulted in the death of her former husband.

There was but a fraction of the (Continued on Page Eight).

Avoid the Rush
25 MORE DAYS

WEEK JUST CLOSED VERY FAVORABLE TO THE ALLIED ARMY

RUSSIAN ARMY IS WITHOUT BREAD

London, Nov. 26.—The Russian army on the Northern front has no bread for several days, according to reports received in Petrograd and transmitted by the correspondent of the Daily Express and only two or three days supply of army biscuit is on hand.

The army delegates are reported to have recommended the withdrawal of the troops in order to prevent a general flight with its consequent exercises. Instead of a hundred cars of food arriving daily at the Drinsk front, only twenty have been received.

INSPECTORS NAMED FOR EXPLOSIVES LAW

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Nov. 27.—Inspectors for 43 States to enforce the Federal explosives law under supervision of the Bureau of Mines have been appointed by President Wilson. The appointments include:

North Carolina, Daniel A. McDonald, Carthage; Tennessee, Albert M. Leach, Clarksville; Virginia, Martin Williams, Pearisburg; South Carolina, William Banks, Columbia.

First German Patent License.
(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Nov. 27.—First license for the use of German patents were issued today by the Federal Trade Commission to three chemical manufacturers in New York and Philadelphia for the production of Salvarian, specific for a blood poison. The price was not fixed at this time by the commission, but right to do so was retained.

Coldest Wave.
(By Associated Press.)
Watertown, N. Y., Nov. 27.—Northern New York is in the grasp of a severe cold wave, the coldest for November in 16 years. The official temperature here early today was two degrees above zero.

WAR CROSSES GIVEN FIFTEEN AMERICANS

(By Associated Press.)
With the American Army in France, Nov. 27.—The French war cross has been conferred on the 15 American officers and men who were cited with their company by the French general commanding the sector in which the Americans were stationed at the time of the first German raid on the night of November 23. The men were decorated yesterday, were informed that they may keep the medals in their possession, but not wear them until Congress gives its authorization.

NEGRO CONVICTS TRY OVERPOWER GUARDS

(By Associated Press.)
Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 27.—In a riot of the 600 negro convicts at the State penitentiary yesterday afternoon, one negro was killed by a guard and two others were injured. The negro killed was serving a sentence for murder.

The riot started when a guard reprimanded a negro at the supper hour. The negro overpowered the guard and it was then that the 600 negroes in the dining room made an effort to kill the guard. Other guards rushed in and after three men were shot, restored order.

Bandits Got Rich Haul.
(By Associated Press.)
Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 27.—Five bandits today attacked the Huebner Brewery Company paymaster and got away with \$35,000, according to a report received by the police.

Copposes Decorations.
(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Nov. 27.—Decorations of any officer or man of the American navy by foreign governments for war services will be opposed by Secretary Daniels. He declared today that if asked for an opinion he would advise adherence to the provision of the Constitution which prohibits it.

defense, it being the first time either side had used a peremptory strike.

One venireman went off for cause when he announced his opposition to equal punishment.

War Department's Weekly Communique Exudes More Optimism

FORECAST OF MORE GAINS IN THE FUTURE

Italians Have Been Able to Check Teuton Effort, and the British Dealt a Heavy Blow

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Nov. 27.—"The week just closed has been one very favorable to the allied arms," says the War Department's official communique today reviewing military operations for the week ending Saturday.

"The success of the British offensive in the region of Cambrai and the steady resistance of the Italians in the face of the repeated attacks of the Austro-German forces are two factors which may be considered as correlative elements of one and the same movement."

"It is evident that the enemy took the offensive in Italy hoping thereby to extricate himself from the increasingly difficult position in which his forces find themselves in the west. * * * Both the French and British have though dispatched large contingents to Italy, this has in no way hampered the continuance of their offensive operations."

"It is the wastage of the enemy forces, the slow, yet relentless, sapping of his man-power by continued and sudden offensive thrusts, which must eventually result in the softening of his line in the west. * * *"

"The military situation is dominated by the spectacular success gained by the British forces in their thrust towards Cambrai. By adopting new tactical methods, by evolving a strategy daringly conceived and brilliantly executed, the British forces have been able to record a greater success when measured by captured terrain than any hitherto achieved by either belligerent in the same space of time along the western front. While seemingly continuing his offensive engagements in Flanders by an intense artillery bombardment in the sector stretching from Ypres to the North Sea, Field Marshal Haig was able to mask successfully his plans for an offensive thrust between the Scarpe river and St. Quentin."

"The usual preliminary artillery preparation was dispensed with. The elements of surprise so essential to victory played a large part in the success gained. The British, by a preponderant numerical superiority in men and mobile material, by improving the skillful tactical maneuvering of an unusual number of tanks and by co-ordinating with precision the employment of cavalry, made use of these two arms to bear the brunt of the counter-attacks. Then was called upon to hold and consolidate the terrain gained. Thus the British were able to record a decided success with very great economy of munitions, and slight casualties. Three successive German lines of defense, on a frontage of six miles astride the Cambrai-Bapaume road were captured, and the Scheidt canal, in front of Cambrai, was crossed. * * *"

"The British forces, while still pressing forward are meeting with increased resistance."

"Cambrai, the center of very important railroad and canal lines of communications, now comes under the immediate fire of British field guns, while the large calibre high velocity and naval guns can readily search out the enemy side for miles in the rear, harassing hostile territory and rendering the continued tenure of the city by the enemy difficult. * * *"

"The number of prisoners enumerated hitherto is over 10,000, which exceeds the total British casualties."

"While the battle for Cambrai has resulted in so rapid and sweeping an advantage for the British forces, apparently without extensive preliminary preparation, it must not be forgotten that it was only made possible by the continued pounding of the German line in Flanders. In the meantime, the British have not ceased to keep the enemy busy in the Ypres salient, and gains of terrain are noted to the southeast."

"Along the front held by the French forces, the latter have achieved a successful coup de main south of Juvincourt, in Champagne, resulting in the capture of some elements of enemy trenches and the taking of numerous prisoners."

"In the sector where our troops are training increased artillery activity is noted. Small detachments, while on patrol duty have gained some useful (Continued on Page Eight).