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THREE BRITISH VESSELS SUNK VIRGINIA GOES "DRY" BY A MAJORITY OF 25,000

The Aboukir, Hogue and Cressy, Twelve Thousand Tons Each, Run Into Submarine Mines Planted in the North Sea by the Germans. The British Subjects become Furious and Vow Dire Vengeance on the Kaiser. No Important Change in the Fighting on Land Yesterday.

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Paris, Sept. 22.—While an official statement issued at 11 o'clock tonight declares that there is no change of importance occurred today, early reports says furious onslaughts by the Germans to break through the French line and thus save the Kaiser's right wing from destruction, have failed. The German attacks occurred at every point of contact between the Aisne and Weere district. On the left the enemy was obliged to give ground before the French attacks which continued. On the right bank of the Oise between Rheims and Soissons; the Germans attempted an offensive movement which was repulsed. In Lorraine they have passed the frontier and re-occupied Donestre. On Sept. 20 and 21 we captured twenty automobiles used in moving provisions and took many prisoners.

BRITISH FURIOUS OVER NAVAL DEFEAT

London, Sept. 22.—All England was startled into grief and fury this afternoon when the admiralty announced the destruction of three cruisers by the German submarines. They were the Aboukir, Hogue and Cressy, twelve thousand tons each and each carried seven hundred men. They were built fourteen years ago and were considered almost obsolete. The Aboukir struck the mines first and the other two boats went to her aid and were struck by torpedoes, both sinking rapidly. The casualties are unknown. The admiralty stated that many were saved but London is prepared for a heavy loss. The destruction of these three ships is in line with the Kaiser's policy to whittle away the British superiority in the number of ships before giving battle with the main fleet.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR THE GERMAN TROOPS

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SERVIAN-MONTENEGRIN FORCES ARE BUSY

Rome, Sept. 22.—News that the combined Servian-Montenegrin forces had taken Sarajevo, the capital of the Austrian Province in Bosnia and the place where Archduke Ferdinand and consort were assassinated, reached here today. At almost the same hour came news from Berlin that all communication with Breslau had suddenly been cut off. It is feared in the capital that the Russian army may be advancing to attack the city, but military experts declare this is all most impossible; that the Czar's forces could not have moved so rapidly.

TONOPAH BONANZA EVIDENTLY TOLD THE PLAIN UN-VARNISHED TRUTH

Tonopah, Nev. Sept. 22.—The office of the Bonanza, an afternoon newspaper, was damaged early today by the explosion of a stick of dynamite under the corner of the room occupied by the job printing plant. A corner of the building was torn off, a garage adjoining was wrecked and windows a block away were broken.

The damage to the job plant was slight. The newspaper plant is located in an adjoining building and was not harmed.

The Bonanza has been active in supporting the Western Federation of Miners in a recent controversy with the industrial workers of the world here.

ALCAZAR CASE THURSDAY

Federal Court Took Recess of Four Days—Arguments.

WILMINGTON, Sept. 22.—Taking a recess Saturday, Federal Court will reconvene here next Thursday morning, the Alcazar case will again be taken up and concluded. Two arguments were heard Saturday, D. H. Haynes, Esq., of Baltimore, for the libellants, and D. Roger Edgler, Esq., of New York, for the respondents. Other argument will be made Thursday. Witnesses Saturday were Mr. T. B. Hader, of New York, who is one of the owners of the Alcazar; Maj. H. W. Stickle and Mr. W. H. Basch, of this city; Mr. T. T. Willis, of Cape Lookout and Mr. Harry Parker, of Beaufort. A second case will be taken up on Thursday, Judge Connor announced. This will be a case in equity entitled



SCOTCH SOLDIERS IN ACTION

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DEPUTY SHERIFF, HUNDED AS SLAYER HELD MEN AT BAY

Barricaded in a Pantry, He Threatened to Shoot, but Policeman Broke in and Seized Him.

KILLED MAN, IT'S CHARGED IN POLITICAL QUARREL

Victim Said He Wouldn't Vote For Comfort, Candidate For Constable.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—The East Orange, N. Y., authorities received a phone call yesterday afternoon stating that Aurilio Comfort, a Deputy Sheriff whose name is No. 411 Halstead street, that city, has shot and killed James Lamboscaf, fifty-four, of No. 86 Bedford street, and that Comfort had fled into the home of Frederick Wagner, near the scene of the slaying, and barricaded himself in a butler's pantry. Through the little window of the party it was declared, he was threatening with death those who would attempt to capture him.

Police Recorder Francis Nott, two members of the local Police Commission, and Patrolman Robert Shannon went to Wagner's house in the Recorder's motor car. Shannon disregarded the weapon that Comfort aimed at him, battered down the door of the pantry and arrested the Deputy Sheriff.

Victim Wouldn't Vote For Him.

The story told against Comfort is that he killed Lamboscaf because Lamboscaf told him he wouldn't under any circumstances vote for him. Comfort being a candidate on the Republican ticket for town constable. The men, with others, were in front of the Independent Republican Club, Eamond avenue and Bedford street, when the altercation began.

Lamboscaf's wife, daughter and son-in-law stood with him when the shooting took place. The police say that Comfort fired only one shot, which pierced Lamboscaf's heart. Comfort fled, with a crowd of men in pursuit.

Threatened Pursuers With Gun.

It is alleged that he turned on his pursuers, flourishing his weapon and threatening to kill anybody who sought to lay a hand on him. Two young men one of them a special officer, chased Comfort to the Wagner house. The street door was open and he rushed inside, knocking down Mrs. Wagner, who screamed.

Then he made his way into the butler's pantry, and through the little service window held the two young men at bay until the arrival of Patrolman Shannon.

CORPS OF SEXTONS IN WAKE OF ARMIES

WILLOW GROSSER MARK GRAVES

WOMAN TELL TALE OF HORROR.

(By Harold Ashton.)

PARIS, Sept. 22.—I have just returned from the neighborhood of Senlis, and have observed a new volunteer corps of the French army at work. It is a corps of sextons and there is no limit for their term of service.

When the curtain of night has fallen, these men go from the villages and farm lands in an uncanny, silent procession, to set about their labors among the shattered dead. Their way is illuminated by horn lanterns and torches. Their shadows dance ghoul-like, and, in the flicker of the beams, these little old men, for such are most of them, are seen bent double.

Their women folk follow, bearing little bundles of peeled willow wands and strands of wire. They cut a few inches from each wand and bind it crosswise with the wire. When they come across the body of an officer, lying amid the dead, they plant this willow wand cross over his grave. Hour after hour this night corps, with its women, piles its gruesome trade, weary and wan, marking cemetery after cemetery. The bundles of sticks diminish rapidly.

The shocks of battle has not passed through Senlis, but devastation and pillage have left their marks. Vines have been mowed down to make way for the relentless march of armies, and the rich grapes lie crushed and bleeding everywhere. The great wine houses have been raided, and their cellars stormed. The richest vintages have been taken by the Germans, who seem to have been made with thirst. Here and there one finds signs of wild drunkenness. The German soldiers sober and at war is a terrifying force to reckon with; drunk and at war, he is still more dreadful.

Women have told me tales in this region, with the utmost frankness, that those at home could not believe possible. They made me shudder even though I have just come through scenes of death and horror that might sear the soul of any man.

CENTENARY EPWORTH LEAGUE TO MEET

Centenary Epworth League will hold a missionary meeting tonight in the League rooms at 8 o'clock. Mrs. C. W. Gaskins will conduct the meeting and a very interesting program is in store for all who attend.

Intense Interest Manifested in the Election Held Yesterday. But few Towns give Majorities to the "Wets." Among these were Richmond, Norfolk and Danville. The Anti-Saloon League Claims a Majority of Forty Thousand. Prohibition Goes into Effect on November 1, 1916.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 22.—Early returns from all over the State indicate that Virginia has gone "dry" by 25,000 majority. Portsmouth, a heretofore "wet" stronghold, went "dry" by a majority of 63. With one precinct missing Norfolk gives the wets a majority of 484.

Danville went "wet" by 204, but Lynchburg piled up a majority of 743 for the "drys." Matthews county complete gives the "drys" a majority of 422.

Eight out of forty-eight precincts in Pittsylvania county gives the "wets" a majority of 106. This county is expected to give a small majority for the "drys."

Northampton county incomplete gives the "drys" a majority of 560.

Norfolk county, another supposed "wet" stronghold, gave a majority of 500 for the "drys."

Roanoke piled up the largest majority for the cause of prohibition of any city in the State. Complete returns from that city show a majority of 1,101 for the "drys."

Richmond gave the banner majority for the "wets," piling up a majority of 1,729 against State-wide prohibition. The Anti-Saloon League is claiming the State by 40,000 majority.

AMATEUR ACTORS EXPERT BOARD BILL SKIPPERS

MEMBERS OF 'THE DINGBAT FAMILY' TROUPE 'STING' LOCAL LANDLORD.

Not only were Messrs Lovic and Taylor, managers of the Masonic Theatre, annoyed by "the Dingbat Family," but the management of the hotel at which they stopped, had considerable trouble in settling with them.

Almost the entire troupe waited until the last minute to settle their bills, and many of them were contentious and their bills had to be itemized, thus consuming much time. While the clerk was being annoyed by the contentions of a part of them others went to the dining room, ate their breakfast and slipped out without paying for it.

Their conduct while in New Bern has caused remarks from all sides to the effect that they are a tough bunch, and it is probable that the hotels in different cities that they are to play will be notified of their conduct here.

FUNERAL CONDUCTED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

The funeral of S. W. Brooks, an aged citizen of Bridgeton who was found dead in his bed at that place early Monday morning, was conducted from the late home yesterday afternoon and the interment made in Cedar Grove cemetery, this city. Mr. Brooks has been in failing health for a number of months and his demise was not entirely unexpected. He is survived by three sons, N. W. Brooks, Isaac and Jacob Brooks, all of whom reside at Bridgeton.

The gas freight boat Worth Bagley arrived in port yesterday morning from Adams Creek with a cargo of

MANZEN URGES NORWAY TO PREPARE FOR WAR

FAVORS GERMAN ARMY METHODS—LOOKS FOR GENERAL CONSCRIPTION IN ENGLAND.

CHRISTIANIA, VIA LONDON, Sept. 22.—Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, formerly Norwegian minister to Great Britain, caused a sensation here Saturday when he stated before an assembly of members of the cabinet and students that Norway's situation is as precarious as that of Belgium.

Nansen's proposal for one year compulsory army service was coldly received by government members, but with cheers from the remainder of the audience. He used the fate of Belgium as an argument for more ample preparation by Norway.

Belgium proved that neutrality without military preparation is not sufficient protection," he said.

Dr. Nansen's speech was a direct criticism of the present government. He spoke favorably of Germany's method of training for the army and said the result of the war would be a general conscription in England.

ONLY ONE CASE IN POLICE COURT YESTERDAY

There was only one case disposed of by Mayor Pro Tem William Ellis at Police Court yesterday afternoon. This was one in which Vance Simmons, colored, was charged with being disorderly. After hearing the evidence Mayor Ellis rendered a verdict of guilty, and suspended judgment upon payment of the cost.

The gas freight boat Bernice Cressley arrived in port yesterday from Catlin Creek with a cargo of watermelon.