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## THE RUSSIAN BLACK SEA FLEET VERY ACTIVE AMENDMENTS' FATE IS STILL IN DOUBT

### SEVERAL STEAMERS ARE SUNKEN WHEN CZAR'S BIG GUNS OPEN FIRE

Dispatches From Constantinople Say Zungulday Has been Bombarded. The Japanese Rejoice Over Fall of Tsing-Tau. German Armies Have Been Forced Back to their Own Frontier. Teuton Trenches Near Sierdaz Are Stormed.

London, Nov. 7.—Dispatches received tonight from Constantinople state that the Russians in the Black sea had bombarded Zungulday and Sultu today and sunk several steamers in the harbor at that place.

#### THE RUSSIANS FORCE GERMAN ARMIES BACK.

London, Nov. 7.—That the Russian armies have forced the Germans back upon their own frontiers is practically conceded in the following dispatch from Berlin via wireless: "It is officially stated by the German headquarters that three divisions of the Russian cavalry, which crossed the Warthe river this afternoon were defeated and pushed back. The German trenches at Aleradz, only fifteen miles from the German border, were stormed today by the Grand Duke Nicholas' army in an engagement that is expected to be the opening of another great general battle.

#### THE GERMAN'S ACTIVITY HAS NEVER CEASED.

Paris, Nov. 7.—Tonight's official communication says: "During the day the activity of the Germans along the whole front has been general but their attacks have been repulsed. Notably among these was those directed against Aix Noulette and Le Quenoy Santerre. We have taken several trenches in the vicinity of Tpi-oval. North of Albert we have re-occupied our former trenches. North-east of Vailley we have captured at the point of the bayonet the village of Stroim on the heights of the Meuse.

#### NEWS OF THE FALL OF TSING-TAU RECEIVED.

Washington, Nov. 7.—Official dispatches telling of the fall of Tsing-Tau were received at the Japanese Embassy, and interpreted as signalling the beginning of the offensive naval campaign in the Pacific. Three squadrons of warships which have been occupied in blockading Kiao-Chow will now be released, it was said, to hunt down the German ships in the Pacific.

It was stated at the Embassy that in all probability a joint occupation by British and Japanese forces would take place at Tsing-Tau immediately.

#### TOKIO REJOICES OVER FALL OF TSING-TAU.

Tokio, Nov. 7.—Tokio is celebrating today the fall of the German fortress at Tsing-Tau.

It was in the middle of September that the real attack began, although preparations for the taking of the German stronghold in Asia were begun immediately after the war was declared by Japan on August 15. Crowds collected everywhere today and many processions were formed, the enthusiastic people dragging about with them flags decorated with flowers as a symbol of victory. Japanese and British flags are flying everywhere throughout the city.

The final and successful attack on Tsing-Tau began shortly after midnight Friday night, and the first

place, was the taking of the middle fort of the first line of defenses. This was accomplished by a brilliant charge of infantry and engineers, led by General Yoshimi Yamada.

#### ONE THOUSAND FRENCH PRISONERS CAPTURED.

Berlin, (Via London) Nov. 7.—Our attacks today were in the direction of Ypres where we captured one thousand French prisoners and three machine guns. We have taken Sapignoul but were forced to evacuate Seron because of the terrible artillery fire at that point.

#### TEACHERS ASSOCIATION HOLDS FIRST MEETING

#### GRAVEN COUNTY INSTRUCTORS GATHERED IN NEW BERN YESTERDAY MORNING.

One of the most enthusiastic meetings of the Craven county Teachers' Association ever held, took place in this city yesterday when forty-nine of the sixty teachers in the public schools of the county, gathered here and participated in the first meeting of the season. The principal address of the day was made by Prof. W. G. Gaston, the president and who is principal of the Dover schools. Prof. Gaston took as his subject "Discipline and Effective School Work" and for more than an hour he held his hearers spell-bound. In concluding his remarks Prof. Gaston stated that his term as president had expired and urged that the rotation method be used in selecting another head for the association. Accordingly G. O. Marshall, principal of the Vanceboro school, was elected president for the ensuing year. Other officers elected were: Miss Eunice Stewart of Fort Barnwell, secretary; Miss Reba Morton of Dover, treasurer. Before the meeting came to a close, short but interesting talks were made by County Superintendent S. M. Brinson and others who were present.

#### THE WEATHER.

The weather forecast for New Bern and vicinity is fair today. Moderate west to southwest winds.

#### EDISON SAYS: "I MUST ACHIEVE SOMETHING."

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—"I must accomplish something; I have talked enough," was the gloomy statement of Thomas A. Edison when he arrived home at West Orange, N. J., from his two weeks' visit with Henry Ford, the automobile manufacturer, in Detroit.

From the railroad station Mr. Edison went straight to his laboratory

### PARIS WATCHING WITH INTEREST FIGHT IN NORTH

Every Word Regarding the Operations Is The Subject of Many Eager Discussions.

#### GERMANS CONCENTRATE ON YPRES-ARRAS LINE.

Seem to Be Exerting Every Effort To get Through To Boulogne—Their Force Strengthened.

Paris, Nov. 7.—Paris is watching with the keenest interest the progress of the battle in the north and every word available regarding the operations, from official and other sources, is the subject of eager discussion.

Having been driven by gunfire and flood from the road to Dunkirk, the Germans appear to be concentrating all their energies on the Ypres-Arras line with the object of reaching Boulogne through the valley of Canche river in the department of Pas-de-Calais. Three recently-formed army corps, the 18th from Frankfurt, the eighth from Coblenz, and the tenth from Hanover, have been brought up to stiffen the German troops who are exhausted after nine days of ceaseless fighting. The troops are being massed around Arras, behind strong positions, established at Beauvais, Tilloy and St. Laurent de Blangy.

Preparatory cannonading has become intense in the last two days, according to a resident of the district just arrived in Paris, and the attacks of the infantry have been made apparently with the object of testing the French strength.

It was remarked that the enemy seemed to be abandoning the methods of advancing in dense masses and had tried attacking in open order, making use of all available cover, moving forward by short spurts and throwing themselves down when the French quick-firers opened on them. The result, it appears, has been no better, as the men seem to lack the individual initiative required to make this method effective. None of the attacks so far has made any impression on the French line.

The country between Arras and Boulogne is well wooded and hilly, lending itself admirably to defensive fighting, and every preparation has been made to utilize it, for it is realized that the Germans will make an even greater effort if possible than before, particularly in view of the critical situation of the Russian front.

#### NO POLICE COURT.

For Third Time, in Week Docket Void of Cases.

Yesterday was the third day this week that no cases has been on the Police Court docket. In fact there has been only ten cases before Mayor Baggett during the entire week. This record is very pleasing to the city officials, for until recently this number would have been considered a small Monday's docket.

The case against Wilson Whitefield, colored, charged with an assault on Frank Jenkins, also colored, a few nights ago, will be tried tomorrow afternoon.

#### TO COLLECT REVENUE WAR TAX HERE.

United States Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue I. M. Tull, of Kingston has received instruction from United States Collector J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh, instructing him to collect the Revenue War Tax.

#### FOOTBALL GAME TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

The Saint Paul football team will play the Grammar school team Monday afternoon. The line up for Saint Paul will be Howell, center; Brock, left end; Canton, right end; Waters, right tackle; Ship, left tackle; Gillikin, right guard; Moore, left guard; Jowdy, full back; McCreary, half back; Mc-

### MASS MEETING AT COURT HOUSE TODAY

REV. SIDNEY LOVE TO TALK ON "THE DAUGHTER THOU GAVEST ME."

A mass meeting for men will be held in the Court House this afternoon at three o'clock, and one of the best lectures ever heard in New Bern will be delivered by Rev. Sidney Love, using as his subject, "The Daughter Thou Gavest Me," which is a story of a fallen girl. Rev. Love, who is editor of Golden Rule a weekly paper published in Raleigh, is one of the most interesting speakers to be heard in the State, and it will be well worth the effort to go out to hear him.

The following is a clipping from the Spartanburg S. C. Herald, and will give the public an idea of the nature of the services.

"The men's meeting held at the Lester Theatre yesterday afternoon broke all previous records. Rev. Sidney Love the prison reformer lectured to the largest audience of men that ever attended a religious service in the city. They were well repaid as the speaker delivered a lecture which was full of information and was beautifully blended with tears and smiles.

### AMENDMENT'S FATE STILL IN DOUBT

RETURNS ARE COMING IN SLOWLY—LOOKS LIKE THEY ARE DEFEATED.

Raleigh, Nov. 7.—As official and other reliable returns are received, it becomes more evident that the constitutional amendments are running a good race against defeat. Thirty-three counties show that the taxation amendment is less than 100 of a majority, and it is expected that the complete returns will show that the amendments have done better. Returns are coming in very slow. The official votes out by Chairman Bailey:

	For	Ag'tst.
Buncombe	1,600	.....
Brunswick	673	.....
Cumberland	1,630	.....
Union	457	.....
Haywood	1,000	.....
Cabarrus	776	.....
New Hanover	525	.....
Hoke	200	.....
Franklin	36	.....
Rowan	184	.....
Iredell	45	.....
Durham	211	.....
Wilson	185	.....
Craven	156	.....
Davie	246	.....
Guilford	1,364	.....
Columbus	25	.....
Johnston	1,800	.....
Wake	1,774	.....
Onslow	256	.....
Beaufort	750	.....
Chatham	989	.....
Gaston	900	.....
Jackson	467	.....
Forsyth	1,987	.....
Alamance	48	.....
Sampson	1,821	.....
Anson	622	.....
Surry	400	.....
Henderson	1,110	.....
Warren	1,100	.....
Dare	255	.....
Wilkes	1,000	.....
Total	11,778	11,816

#### WON'T ACCEPT CALL.

Although urged by a number of his friends in New Bern to accept the call to the First Baptist church, Rev. L. B. Padgett has declined to accept.

Rev. Padgett is secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and came to New Bern several months ago to supply at this church, and later the church gave him a unanimous call. Since coming to New Bern Rev. Padgett has made a host of friends who regret to learn of his decision in regard to accepting the call to the First Baptist church, but wish him continued success in his work as secretary of the Laymen's Movement.

### THE POLITICIANS WANT JOBS AT LABORATORY

DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS IN A SPIRITED WRANGLE IN CARTERET COUNTY.

The political factions at Beaufort are mixed up in a bitter fight in regard to the positions in the United States laboratory at that place. A large number of the positions are held by the Democrats while some of them are in the hands of the Republicans. The leaders of both parties seem to think that their men should have those places and they are putting up a fight to get them in. During the past few weeks a large number of complaints have been filed with the Department of Fisheries and these are now under consideration by that department. Whether any of these charges can be sustained is a matter of doubt and even if such is done, considering the fact which brought them about, there is some speculation as to whether any changes will be made. In the meantime the men there are holding on to their jobs and are keeping just as quiet as possible.

L. C. Tolson returned yesterday from a business visit to Greenville.

### PLANNING BIG RALLY FOR BEECH GROVE

MISSIONARY SOCIETY AT THAT PLACE TO HOLD INTER-MEETING.

Beech Grove, Nov. 7.—On Friday Nov. 13, the Beech Grove Missionary Society will meet and celebrate its thirtieth anniversary and rally day service. It is our custom to take our baskets out to the church and give the day to the missionary service. On that anniversary day we meet all the church assessments and enjoy a clean sheet to start on the next year's work and we expect the same success this year. We cordially invite our friends to meet with us and help us to enjoy the day with an encourage us with your presence.

We meet at 10:30 a. m. and service will begin at 11 a. m. A short program has been arranged for the children of the society, then bringing in the collection.

Our annual address will be made by Rev. Euclid McWhorter, of Centenary Methodist church, New Bern. This announcement is enough to draw out people every where in reach of Beech Grove and we expect a general turn out on this occasion.

Don't let the scare of war-hard times keep you from taking a day off to enjoy life at its best and hear a good address.

Begin (if not already begun) the autumn Thanksgiving and keep it up at least as long as our county is at peace with the world and we have bounteous crops.

Come out and enjoy a festival for body, mind and spirit.

#### "HIGH COST OF FOOLERY"

Bishop Kilgo Says High Cost of Living Cry is Without Foundation.

Trinity College, Nov. 7.—Bishop John C. Kilgo, before the student body of the college assembled for chapel exercises in the Craven Memorial hall, stated in a brief talk that all reports about the much-discussed high cost of living was without ground. He stated further that it was not so much the high cost of living which gives the people so much concern as it is the present high cost of foolery caused by the failure of so many to realize the value of the dollar. After explaining how many stood for days of honest sweat and toil, he urged the students to use discretion in spending their father's money.

Nearly 100 students were administered the anti-typhoid vaccine last night by Dr. C. A. Woodward of this city. The treatment was given not on account of a threatening epidemic, but as a precaution against any possible chance of contracting the disease.

### NORFOLK SOUTHERN DIRECTORS AND OFFICIALS HERE

Are Making an Inspection of The Entire System—Well pleased With What They Saw

#### ON TO MOREHEAD CITY AND BEAUFORT.

They Will Return To New Bern Today and Go On To The Belhaven Division.

President James H. Young, of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, accompanied by M. J. Perry, of New York, chairman of the Board of Directors, Lewis L. Clark, of New York, member of the Executive Committee, J. T. Avery, of New York, assistant secretary; R. H. Swarthout, of New York, Vice-President; J. D. Kyle, General Superintendent; E. D. Kyle, Traffic Manager; J. M. Shea, Division Superintendent and F. L. Nicholson, Chief Engineer, arrived in the city last evening at 8:45 on a special train, from Charlotte and Raleigh via Chocowinity, and left at 10:50 for Morehead City and Beaufort. The party are making an annual inspection of the road and other property near the road, the officials and directors are well pleased with the line between Raleigh and Charlotte, which has been in operation only a short time.

After looking over the property of the company at Morehead City and Beaufort, they will leave the latter place at 11 o'clock this morning passing through New Bern enroute for an inspection of the Belhaven branch, covering, before returning to their respective homes, the entire Eastern North Carolina Drainage District.

While in New Bern last evening, in addition to the inspection made, the party went out for a view of the city, and attended the Athens theatre.

The party is accompanied by Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Clark, both of whom are very highly pleased with the entire section of the State which they have traversed during the trip, and are liberal with flattering remarks about the "Old North State."

The crew was composed of R. L. Snyder, Conductor; C. E. Hanburg, Engineer; and Howard Babbitt, Road Foreman of Engines, and the locomotive which drew the train was the handsomest and best kept ever seen in New Bern.

#### DOING SOME WORK IN NEWPORT POCOSSIN.

In an interview with a Journal reporter yesterday morning R. E. Snowden, county engineer, stated that the work of putting the Newport Pocosin road in first class condition is progressing rapidly. Mr. Snowden stated that this section of the Central Highway until a short time ago in some parts was impassable, but after a few more weeks it will be the best part of the highway in the county and as good as any section in the state.

#### MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED YESTERDAY.

License were issued at the office of the Register of Deeds yesterday for the marriage of Miss Mattie Toler, of Askin to Thomas Jones of Blount Creek.

R. A. Cherry left yesterday afternoon for Beaufort to attend the first meeting of the Old Colonial Club, which has recently been organized. The club has purchased the Inlet Inn from Solicitor C. L. Abernethy, and after it has been remodeled will be used as a club house.

C. J. Woodell, is spending the day at the lakes in the southern part of the county.

Mrs. Fannie H. Neal has returned home to Beaufort after a short visit to the city.