

U. S. Government Making An Investigation of Firing Upon Vessel Flying Our Flag

Take Prompt Action in Looking Into the Firing Upon Launch From the Cruiser Tennessee. Prompt Apology is Demanded From Turkey and American Representatives are told to Thoroughly Investigate the matter. Russian Troops are Making Progress. British Forces are Holding Their Own.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—Prompt action was taken today by the American government to determine whether the Turkish government had a hostile purpose in firing on the American cruiser Tennessee yesterday when she attempted to enter the harbor of Smyrna. Captain Benton C. Decker and all United States officials near Smyrna have been instructed to send a report on the incident. Up to late tonight no reply has been received. The salient fact seems to demand prompt apology from Turkey or drastic action by the United States is that Captain Decker reports to the government that the launch was fired on without excuse. Navy officers here point out that had there been any excuse for a violation of neutrality, Decker would not have been eager to set this forth in his dispatch.

THE TENNESSEE NOW AT PORT OF CHIOS.

Chios, at which port the cruiser Tennessee has arrived is the capital of the island of the same name, located about four miles off the coast of Asia Minor and near the Gulf of Smyrna. The island formerly belonged to Turkey, but as a result of the Balkan war was turned over to Greece. A great portion of the population of 60,000 are Greeks.

Dispatches from Athens yesterday reported that the Tennessee had arrived at the port of Vurba in the Gulf of Smyrna and that her appearance had put a stop to the ill-treatment of British, Russian and French residents. The authorities of Smyrna the dispatch adds, fearing a bombardment, had left for the interior.

Captain Benton Clark Decker is in command of the Tennessee which left New York on August 16 with nearly \$8,000,000 in gold on board for the relief of the American tourists stranded in Europe. The warship first went to England and then to France, and finally entered the Mediterranean where she visited several ports in pursuance of her relief work.

THE RUSSIAN TROOPS ARE CARRYING POSITIONS.

Petrograd, Nov. 18.—Russian troops are carrying position after position in a terrific battle near Soldau.

THE BRITISH FORCES ARE HOLDING LINES.

London, Nov. 18.—Under tremendous pressure from the German infantry and a heavy fire from the artillery, the British troops in the vicinity of Arras hold their lines today and at sea put down the Germans back on five hundred yards.

GIN DESTROYED BY FIRE YESTERDAY.

Kinston, Nov. 18.—B. Frank Jones, who is well known here, had the cotton gin and contents, on his farm, eight miles from the city, totally destroyed by fire early this morning. The origin of the fire is unknown. The damage, which was a total loss, amounted to \$3,000 with only \$1,000 insurance.

GENERAL CARRANZA MAY MOVE TO VERA CRUZ

BELIEVED THAT HE WILL OCCUPY CITY AS SOON AS THE AMERICANS LEAVE.

Mexico City, Nov. 18.—General Alvaro Obregon, who yesterday assumed supreme command of the capital and of the federal district, last night received a telegram from General Pablo Gonzales, in which the latter declared that General Villa, by advancing his troops southward, had repeatedly broken the truce agreement entered into on November 12 between General Gonzales and General Eulalio Gutierrez, recently chosen provisional president of the Aguas Calientes convention. General Gonzales concluded his message with the following:

"For my part I believe that I have complied with my duties as a soldier and a citizen. I have tried to avoid the shedding of blood which the enemy appears thirsty for, and the war which we are obliged to prosecute with all vigor forthwith is justified by the unworthy conduct of our opponents."

A large body of troops belonging to General Obregon's division arrived here last night from Irapuato, 29 miles southwest of Guanajuato.

General Alvarado, post commander, has issued a statement in which he declares that General Villa is a greater enemy to the cause of Mexican democracy than was General Huerta. He says that Villa has forced an unnecessary civil war on Mexico.

It is reported here that General Carranza will move his capital to Vera Cruz immediately upon the evacuation of that city by the Americans.

BADLY INJURED.

County Commissioner H. T. White Suffers Accident.

County Commissioner H. T. White, of Cove City, had the misfortune of getting one hand caught and badly out in the saws of his cotton gin Tuesday afternoon. Something went wrong with the gin and Mr. White was attempting to remove some object from the breast of the gin without stopping the machinery, when one hand was caught by the saws, and cut so severely that it was necessary for two or more of his fingers to be amputated.

COTTON TO BE SENT BY PARCEL POST.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—The Postmaster General today issued an order allowing cotton to be sent by parcel post. The parcels are limited to twelve pounds.

GENERAL JOFFRE OF THE FRENCH ARMY



Photo by American Press Association.

The commander in chief of France's land fighters is here shown at his field headquarters.

SULTAN DENIES HE STARTED WAR

DECLARES OUTCOME WILL END ATTEMPTS AGAINST THE GLORY OF THE TURKISH EMPIRE.

Constantinople, Nov. 18.—Via London.—The Sultan of Turkey has issued a proclamation to the army and navy in which he accuses Great Britain, France and Russia of having instigated war upon Turkey. He adds in this connection that the outcome will put an end to the attempts directed against the glory of the Turkish Empire.

Exhorting his soldiers and sailors to bravery the Sultan says: "Not only the future of our own country, but the future existence of 300,000,000 Moslems depends on your victory."

ANOTHER BRUNSWICK GREEK SLAIN BY NEGRO.

Brunswick, Nov. 18.—For the second time within three months a Greek merchant here has been killed. Sunday morning Niek Papadimos met his death at the hands of a negro who was trying to rob him. One night in August James Donkas was stabbed to death and robbed.

Two weeks ago Pete Calanes, another Greek merchant, was shot at by a negro, whose motives evidently were robbery.

TOMORROW BIG DAY AT DILL WAREHOUSE.

Tomorrow will be the big day at the Dill tobacco warehouse. Every farmer that sells the weed at this warehouse on that day will have an equal chance of winning one or more of the prizes, which will be given away absolutely free. Prizes aggregating two hundred dollars in value, headed by a fifteen dollar cash prize given by the managers of the warehouse, will be given to the winners.

BURNS DETECTIVES TO FIGHT THE CHARGE

DAN, S. LEHON GOES BACK TO ATLANTA TO APPEAR IN COURT.

Atlanta, Nov. 18.—Dan S. Lehon, manager for the Southern division of the Burns detective agency, arrived in Atlanta today for the hearing before Judge Hill on the demurrer to the indictment against him on the charge of subornation of perjury in the Frank case. Mr. Lehon was accompanied by ex-District Attorney Adams, of the New Orleans parish, who will be associated with Judge Arthur Powell in the conduct of the defense.

The demurrers entered by Carlton C. Tedder and Arthur Thurman, who were indicted with Detective Lehon on the same charges, also are set for hearing before Judge Hill.

The attorneys for the three men take the position that the cases should be thrown out of court on the ground that the indictments are void, inasmuch as the testimony they are alleged improperly to have procured could not have been used in behalf of Frank, the defendant, since it was purely hearsay and therefore inadmissible. It will be argued that perjury can be committed only in falsely swearing to some material and competent circumstance.

The three were indicted on the statement of the Rev. C. B. Ragsdale that he was paid \$200 to make an affidavit alleging that he had heard a negro, whom he afterwards identified as Conely, admit the killing of the Phagan girl.

THE JAUNITA IS RECEIVING REPAIRS.

The gas freight boat Jaunita is on dry dock at Meadows Marine Railway receiving repairs.

NO CASES ON DOCKET IN POLICE COURT.

There being no cases on the docket there was no session of Police Court held yesterday afternoon.

THE METHODIST HOST GATHERED AT WASHINGTON

Seventy-Eight Annual Session of North Carolina Methodist Conference Convened There Yesterday.

MANY MINISTERS AND LAYMEN ARE ATTENDING.

Two Bishops Present and Are Aiding in the Exercises—Much Interest Manifested.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The seventy-eighth annual session of the North Carolina Methodist Conference opened in the Methodist church at Washington today with a full attendance of ministers and laymen. The homes of the hospitable city of Washington are crowded with the visitors and delegates, every courtesy being shown them since the time they were met with a veritable Washington welcome, such as the people of this city are famous for. The cool crisp weather is putting everybody in good spirit and promises well for the conference which will continue through next Monday.

Bishop Richard Green Waterhouse, president of the conference, arrived Tuesday night from Shelby where he has been presiding over the sessions of the Western North Carolina Conference. He called the conference to order at 9:30 Wednesday morning. The first ceremony of the conference was the communion service with which every annual conference is opened. Following the devotional service, Rev. R. H. Willis, secretary of the last conference, called the roll of ministers and lay delegates. Mr. Willis was then elected to succeed himself as secretary of the conference.

The first business of the morning was the appointment of the committees.

Rev. H. A. Humble of Queen street Methodist church, Kinston, preached the opening sermon Tuesday night to an audience that taxed the capacity of the church. Mr. Humble is one of the most popular and able of the preachers of the conference. The choir rendered special music that was greatly enjoyed.

One of the pleasantest features of the annual gathering is the reunion of old friends and comrades. The conference has been peculiarly fortunate this year, only one member, Rev. J. E. Thompson of Fayetteville a superannuate, having died. Greetings are exchanged on every side and there is a Methodist air of good fellowship pervading the place that is very much at home in Washington, a strong center of Methodism.

A number of distinguished visitors among them the connectional officers of the church, are present to add interest to the conference and inspiration by their presence as well as their addresses.

The conference is honored by the presence of two bishops—Bishop Waterhouse, the presiding officer, and Bishop Kilgo, who is right at home in his old conference, which delights to head the roll with his name as an honorary member. With two such spirits a great awakening of spirituality and quickening of religious feeling is expected.

CONDITION OF E. B. HACKBURN IS IMPROVED.

The friends of E. B. Hackburn, will be glad to learn that his condition is very much improved. He is expected to be out to-day if the weather is favorable.

STRAY BULLETS WOUND SIX PERSONS.

Naco, Ariz., Nov. 18.—Six persons were wounded by stray bullets on the American side of the International boundary line today during a renewed attack on Naco Senora by the forces of Maytorena.

JOHN MEYER JR. SUED BY FRIEND FOR LOVE OF WIFE

William Bayard Blackwell Asks \$200,000 From Neighbor at Morristown Who Is Havemeyer's Nephew.

BREAK IN SOCIETY FAMILY IS EXPLAINED.

Denial of Complaint That Is Not Yet Filed Reveals Cause of Separation.

New York, Nov. 18.—John Meyer, Jr., son of a director of the Sugar Trust and nephew of the late Henry O. Havemeyer, has been made defendant in a \$200,000 damage suit brought in the Supreme Court by William Bayard Blackwell, an attorney, one of the wealthiest residents of Morristown, N. J., who is known there and in Manhattan as a 'gentleman farmer.'

Mr. Blackwell asserts Mr. Meyer alienated the affections of his wife.

The fact that the action had been instituted came to light late yesterday afternoon, when Crocker & Wickes, attorneys at No. 5 Beekman Street, filed Mr. Meyer's answer. Investigation showed that the complaint had not been filed by Davis Symmes & Schreiber of No. 55 Liberty Street, counsel for Mr. Blackwell. Service was made, however, several days ago.

From the answer and information obtained regarding the complaint it appears that Blackwell and Meyer were neighbors during the summer the former residing at Ravenswood, on the New Vernon Road, and the latter at his country place, over yonder, not far away. They had been friends for years, and it was not until early in the summer that Mr. Blackwell believed he had ground for complaint.

Just when the alienation of Mrs. Blackwell's affections began the husband does not set forth in the papers, but he says his wife seemed to care for him between spring and the date the complaint was drawn, prior to which time they lived in the utmost harmony.

Mrs. Blackwell was Miss Beatrice Bogert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Thurston Bogert. The wedding was celebrated in January, 1902, at the Marble Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth St. The Rev. David J. Burrell officiated. It was a society event and was attended by Mrs. W. Bayard Cutting, Mrs. Abram S. Hewitt, Mrs. E. N. Taylor and others socially prominent.

Mr. Meyer married Miss Marie Natalie Foote, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foote, of Morristown, in 1907. Owing to the death of H. O. Havemeyer the wedding was not a large function. Miss Foote was considered one of the most beautiful women in New Jersey and has been much courted. Her family is socially prominent in New York.

Mrs. John Meyer, Sr., was the sister of the late Theodore A. Havemeyer. July 14, 1900, she was found dead from a gunshot wound in her home. The coroner entered a verdict of accidental shooting. In 1909 John Meyer remarried. His bride was Mrs. Bessie McDonough Shoobotham, daughter of Capt. William B. Shoobotham, of Ontario, Canada.

POSTMASTER AT SOUTHPORT DIES IN WASHINGTON.

Southport, N. C., Nov. 18.—Advices were received here today of the death of Howard C. Curtis, one of Southport's most prominent young citizens and postmaster of this town, having been one of the first Wilson appointees. He passed away at 2:30 o'clock this morning at the hospital in Washington, N. C., where he had been for treatment, death resulting from heart failure.

THE WEATHER.

The weather forecast for New Bern and vicinity is fair and warmer today. Light northeast winds.