

Black Sea The Scene Of A Naval Encounter

Russian Fleet Returning From Sebastopol Meets Turkish Boats Goeben and Breslau and Puts them to Rout. The Goeben Fired.

Petrograd, Nov. 19.—An official dispatch issued tonight says: "On November 18, Wednesday, a division of the black sea fleet returning from a cruise to Sebastopol, near the coast of Anatolia, sighted twenty-five miles from Bosphorus light a Turkish detachment of warships consisting of the Goeben and Breslau. The Russian fleet immediately drew up in battle order, bringing the enemy to the starboard and opened fire at a distance of five miles. The first salvo of twelve inch guns from the flagship, Admiral Evstafy, struck the Goeben and caused an explosion amidships which set her afire. A series of explosions were seen in the hull of the Goeben which was slowly opened by the fire. The Germans fired salvos from their guns, directed exclusively at the flagship. The encounter continued fourteen minutes after the Goeben withdrew and disappeared in the fog. The Breslau took no part in the fight.

AMERICAN OFFICIALS ARE AWAITING WORD FROM TURKS

Washington, D. C., Nov. 19.—On "the intent" of the Turks at Smyrna in firing on the launch from the "Tennessee" depends the outcome of the episode. Not a word came today from the Ambassador Morgenthau. Acting secretary Lansing said that "inquiries" are being made by Morgenthau. He drew a distinction between "inquiry" and "investigation."

DEFINITE DETAILS ARE BEING EAGERLY AWAITED.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Definite details of the adventure of the cruiser Tennessee in the Gulf of Smyrna were eagerly awaited today by administration officials who remained confident that the affair promptly would be adjusted through channels of diplomacy.

Ambassador Morgenthau has been directed to inquire of the Turkish government why land forces had fired on the Tennessee's launch as it steamed from Vourla to Smyrna, to investigate conditions at an American consulate and the commanders of the Tennessee and her sister ship, North Carolina in nearby waters have instructions to make no move that might embarrass the Washington government.

President Wilson was determined that the United States should not become involved in trouble with Turkey, and confidence was expressed that if the Turkish officers had acted without authority of their government or the firing was unjustified by naval procedure that the port would apologize.

Secretary Daniels summed up his view of the incident by declaring he believed detailed reports would show that the firing was intended as a friendly warning to prevent the launch from entering mined waters. The Tennessee was today at Soto (Chios) in the Aegean Sea. Owing to slow communication, it was believed possible a day or two might elapse before Captain Decker could cable additional details.

Protection and friendship for American citizens in Turkey frequently have been pledged by the port, but since that time the United States has assumed charge of diplomatic interests of the allies with whom Turkey now is at war, resulting in conditions marked by delicate responsibilities.

THE KAISER WILL TRY TO SEIZE WARSAW.

Petrograd, Nov. 19.—The German advance in the east of the Vistula following the defeat of the Russians on the west bank of the river, fore-

MME. CAILLAUX



Paris, Nov. 19.—Joseph Caillaux, ex-Premier and ex-Finance Minister, who holds so important a place in the councils of the Parliamentary majority, with his wife, is on the high seas on the S. S. Perou, bound for Venezuela. Mme. Caillaux, it will be remembered, was the heroine of a sensational murder case some months ago when she was tried and acquitted of the killing of M. Gaston Calmette, editor of Figaro and her husband's bitter enemy. It has been hinted that Caillaux has gone into enforced exile. Bitter feeling against Caillaux was aroused by veiled statements uttered by his enemies to the effect that he had utilized his official status in a direction that caused him to be called, it is said, "Germany's greatest friend in France." Recently when M. and Mme. Caillaux were being driven through a boulevard in Paris they were recognized and stormed with cries of "Spy."

FOUR PERSONS WERE IN- STANTLY KILLED.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Nov. 19.—Four persons were instantly killed at Convoys, Ohio, thirty miles west of this city, when the Pennsylvania Flyer struck an automobile in which they were riding early. The victims were Durbin Leslie, mayor of Convoys, his wife and Dr. and Mrs. McHayes, parents of Mrs. Leslie.

CHAUTAUQUA GUARANTORS ARE TO MEET TONIGHT.

Every guarantor of the 1915 Chautauqua is urged to meet at the Chamber of Commerce rooms this evening at 8 o'clock. Matters of importance to be discussed and acted upon. The meeting will last only twenty minutes and each guarantor is urged to be on time.

casts the renewal of the Kaiser's attempt to seize Warsaw. The purpose of this new German campaign, it is believed here, is to compel the Russians to halt in their rapid and triumphant advances in East Prussia and against Odesa. The Czar's armies in Galicia now occupy two battle lines, one facing on Odesa, the other operating against the Austrian Carpathians. The Russian have captured the two most important passes over the mountains into Hungary.

THE WEATHER.

The weather forecast for New Bern and vicinity is fair today and cooler. Strong northeast shifting to northwest winds.

FEATURE DAY.

"Paramount" Picture at The Star Theatre.

That much talked of Paramount feature picture "The Patchwork Girl of Oz" in five reels is to be shown at the Star both at matinee and evening performances. This picture was recently played to standing room only at the Strand theatre, New York City, the finest theatre in the world. Motion picture critics say that the scenic settings are the most wonderful ever made. The costuming was pronounced the most beautiful and elaborate ever seen in any picture. In addition to this remarkable photo extravaganza, the Star has Mary Pickford, the world's most popular motion-picture actress in a beautiful romance entitled "Sweetheart Days." It is needless to say that seats will be at a premium at the Star to-night and those desiring to avoid the rush, had better go early.

Mrs. Alexander Stewart, of Washington, D. C., who has been spending a few days in the city visiting relatives, left last evening for Beaufort to spend a few days.

NEW YORK MAN SENTENCED TO DIE AS A GERMAN SPY

Joseph Ullmann, Furrier at No. 18 West Twentieth Street, Convicted in London.

GRANTED A STAY THAT HE MAY PROVE HIS CLAIM.

No Record of His Birth Here, but Doctor Swears to Ullmann's American Birth.

New York, Nov. 19.—Joseph Ullmann, a wealthy furrier with offices at No. 18 West Twentieth Street, this city, is under sentence of death in London as a German spy. He claims citizenship and American birth and the English authorities have granted a two-week's stay of his death sentence to give him an opportunity to prove his claims.

Extraordinary efforts are being made in this city under the direction made in this city under the direction of former Coroner James Winterbottom to obtain the proof necessary to save Ullmann from death.

Can't Find Birth Record.

When his friends searched the office of the Register of Records of the Department of Health they could find no record of the birth of Joseph Ullmann in this city. His brother, Charles Ullmann, then appealed to Dr. Henry Griswold, of No. 70 West Forty-eighth Street, the family physician of Ullmann's parents, for an affidavit to prove that his brother Joseph was American born, on the ground that Dr. Griswold had been the attending physician at Ullmann's birth.

Dr. Griswold had been seen by Charles Ullmann before as to the birth certificate of his brother and had been forced to tell the anxious inquirer that there had been a failure to file a report of Joseph Ullmann's birth at the time.

Dr. Griswold said to a reporter over the telephone last night: "I have known Joseph Ullmann all his life, and although I am now seventy years old, I am certain my mind is sufficiently clear to recall that I was the attending physician at his birth. I have made affidavit accordingly and will do all in my power on Ullmann's behalf, because I knew his father, and I knew him certainly to be American."

When the stay was granted Ullmann in England the State Department in Washington was notified and is itself making inquiries. If the result supports Ullmann's claim immediate steps will be taken from Washington to secure his reprieve and ultimate freedom.

Only Way to Get a Birth Record.

The only way to overcome the absence of a birth certificate as a proof of birth will be, Dr. Shirley W. Wynne, Assistant Register of Records, has informed Mr. Winterbottom and Ullmann's brother Charlie to present the affidavit of Dr. Griswold and two additional affidavits by citizens of the United States to the effect that they knew Ullmann's father and mother and Ullmann at the time of his birth.

When these additional affidavits have been secured an application will be made to the Corporation Counsel and to the Commissioner of Health to allow at this belated time a birth certificate of Joseph Ullmann to be recorded. Without such a certificate on file there can be no proof of citizenship such as would be acceptable by the English courts.

Dr. Winterbottom has applied at the office of the Register of Records to have such a birth certificate filed and expects to add to the affidavit of Dr. Griswold to-day, the two additional affidavits necessary.

TELLS ABOUT WAR.

Under the auspices of the Belgian Relief Committee Mr. A. Y. Chapman of Knoxville, Tenn., who is visiting his daughter Mrs. Richard N. Duffy, gave a very interesting lecture on conditions existing in war-ridden Europe.

Mrs. Chapman has recently returned from France where she was when the war was declared and her account of the fighting and other incidents was intensely interesting.

LENOIR COUNTY MAN'S WILL IS FILED

MRS. GEORGE DUNN OF THIS CITY ONE OF BENEFICIARIES.

Kinston, Nov. 19.—The last will and testament of the late John Fields, Jr., was filed in the clerk of the court's office yesterday morning, with the widow, Mrs. Bettie Z. Fields named as executrix. With the will was attached a codicil recently written which changed slightly the terms of the will and added a few minor bequests to servants of the family.

To the widow was given a fourth interest in the personal property and also of the real estate during her widowhood with a provision that she can sell it to her son, Wheeler Martin Fields, who, it is expressly stated in the will, the testator wished and desired should own and continue to carry on his large farming interests at the homestead. Each of the two daughters, Miss Lillian Fields and Mrs. George Dunn is to receive one fourth of the personal property and also one fourth of the real estate, the latter to be bought by Wheeler Martin Fields as a fixed price of \$6,000 for each heir's share. In the will the consideration was fixed at \$7,500 for each of the daughters' share of the real estate, but this was changed to \$6,000 in the codicil.

The personal property was valued at \$8,000, and out of this all obligations were to be settled and the bequests made to the servants.

NEW BERN DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY MEET

MOST INTERESTING GATHER-
ING TOOK PLACE YESTER-
DAY AFTERNOON.

(Contributed.)

The United Daughters of the Confederacy held a most interesting meeting with the President Mrs. John Hollister yesterday and in spite of the inclement weather a large number attended. The treasurer, Mrs. A. J. Mitchell reported a very good balance on hand our outstanding liabilities and all pledges paid. Quite a discussion was held concerning the Old Soldier's Home in Raleigh and particularly the room sustained by this local chapter and it was voted to add further comforts to this room although the two soldiers occupying this room made no requests when called upon by our delegates when in Raleigh attending the U. D. C. convention. It was further decided to send these old veterans a nice box of delicacies a little later on and the chapter will also ask the other chapters unite with the State President to co-operate with us in forming plans for the benefit of all the Home Soldiers.

Mrs. Hollister read an article from the "Confederate Veteran" by Miss Stevens, Pres-General of the United Daughters of the Confederacy detailing the work accomplished by the U. D. C.

Another article which gave a sketch of Mrs. Nuriwether Gridley, the founder of the Daughters of the Confederacy and who recently passed away at the age of 83 years in her home in Nashville, Tenn.

This was the time for the annual election of officers and the old officers were re-elected by acclamation. President Mrs. Thomas Hollister, 1st. Vice-President Mrs. Chas. Duffy, 2nd. Vice-President Mrs. W. P. M. Bryan, Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. K. Hollowell, Treasurer, Mrs. A. J. Mitchell. The offices of Corresponding Secretary and Historian being made vacant. Those places were filled by Mrs. W. M. Newell and Mrs. B. E. Moore, respectively. After adjournment a social hour was enjoyed during which time the President served dainty refreshments.

DEVOTIONAL MEETING THIS AFTERNOON.

The devotional meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Centenary church will be held in the church parlors Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

J. W. BIDDLE'S CONDITION IS IMPROVING.

The friends of J. W. Biddle will be pleased to learn that his condition last night was reported as being improved.

REVOLUTION IN MEXICO NOW SEEMS INEVITABLE

Villa's Seasoned Veterans Are Hurrying Southward On Way To Mexico City.

GENERAL OBREGON HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT.

Declare That Northern Forces Have Violated Armistice Silliman's Opinion.

Washington, Nov. 19.—With Villa's seasoned veterans hurrying southward on their way to Mexico City, and Obregon's artillery, loyal to Carranza, proceeding northward for a defensive campaign, administration officials today had dispatches from American representatives indicating actual hostilities in the southern republic appeared inevitable.

Unofficial reports related that General Obregon in a statement issued at Mexico City declared:

"The northern forces have violated every armistice and promise made to us. I consider that all efforts, made to settle the present trouble without resort to arms, useless."

Consular Agent Carothers reported Villa's army has taken the city of Leon without firing a shot. Other reports asserted 6,000 Carranza troops at Trapatu had surrendered unconditionally. Trapatu was one of the points where, according to dispatches from Carothers the first clash in the renewal of civil war was to have occurred.

Consul Silliman, reporting from Mexico City, said he regarded actual hostilities as inevitable although some of the generals persisted in their efforts to restore peace. Mr. Silliman added that conditions in the capital were more serious than they had been since peace parleys were inaugurated between the Aguas Calientes convention and Carranza.

Official reports were awaited today from Arizona, where six persons on the American side of the border were said to have been wounded by stray bullets during fighting between the Carranza garrison and Villa's investing forces. An American customs inspector and a trooper of the Tenth Cavalry were among those who were hit.

IN POLICE COURT.

Two Cases Before The Mayor Yesterday.

Ronne Jones, colored, was arraigned before Mayor Bangert at Police Court yesterday afternoon on a warrant charging him with being disorderly. Jones' wife was the prosecuting witness, and she stated that during the last few days he has been treating her very bad. She stated that he would whip her every night. After hearing the evidence the Mayor fined the defendant twenty dollars and taxed him with the cost, and in case he fails to pay the fine he was to serve fifty days on the county roads. But after that she did not want him sent to the roads, all she wanted was for her husband to keep away from her, the fine was suspended.

William Jordon, colored, was taxed with the cost for being disorderly.

INCREASED BUSINESS AT LOCAL POSTOFFICE

LARGE NUMBER OF PARCEL
POST PACKAGES ARE BE-
ING HANDLED.

Another evidence that Christmas is near at hand, is the increased business in the parcel post branch of the local post-office. During the last few weeks, the number of packages being received daily by this department has greatly increased, and if the increase continues at the present rate, it will be necessary to employ extra clerks during the first part of December.

The people are beginning to realize more fully the necessity of packing the articles more securely, and insuring the packages. An article may be insured with absolute safety for twenty-five dollars for the full fee of five cents.