

THE AUSTRIAN TROOPS YESTERDAY WENT INTO BELGRADE, THE SERBIAN CAPITAL

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Amsterdam, Dec. 2.—(Central News Cable)—The Austrian troops occupied Belgrade, Servia, this morning. The attack on Belgrade was one of the first moves made by the Austrians at the opening of the war. Within a week after the beginning of hostilities, it was reported that the Serbian capital had fallen before the invaders. This, however, proved to be untrue and the attack on the city, has continued ever since.

THE GERMANS DRIVEN BACK ALONG THE VISTULA.

Petrograd, Dec. 2.—Unofficial reports say that in terrific fighting in Poland the Germans were driven back along the Vistula. The Russians hold Plock by sheer force. On the bloodiest day of the fighting in Poland, Friday, an entire Siberian corps stormed the Germans' trenches. The enemy made terrific resistance. Ammunition pouches were cast aside and the defenders fought with bayonets. Not a German was left alive when the Russians finally came into undisputed possession of one portion of the works.

THE TEUTONS REMOVING THEIR FORCES IN FLANDERS.

Amsterdam, Dec. 2.—There is absolute confirmation of the reports that the Germans are removing large forces of mobile troops and smaller guns from Flanders and France to Poland. One hundred and forty-eight machine guns and fifty thousand cavalry have passed through Herbstal en route to Poland. Eighteen large guns have been sent forward to Blakenberghe on the coast of Bruges,

indicating that the Kaiser is preparing to resist further attacks from the British and French war vessels on the coast.

THE GERMAN FLEET GETS READY TO FIGHT.

London, Dec. 2.—Germany's activity is arousing anticipation of a sea fight. An unconfirmed report says many German ships have left Kiel for the North Sea. Several destroyers are now in the harbor of Zeebrugge.

GERMANS RE-ESTABLISH FRONT ON WARTHA RIVER.

Paris, Dec. 2.—A dispatch from Petrograd says that the Germans, by a desperate effort, have succeeded in re-establishing their front between Strykow and Zdunskarola on the river Wartha.

FRENCH OFFICIALS PAY KING GEORGE A VISIT.

Paris, Dec. 2.—President Poincare, Premier Viviani and Field Marshal Joffre, yesterday visited the headquarters of the British army and conferred with King George. King result of this conference was not made public.

EIGHTY THOUSAND RUSSIANS ARE PRISONERS.

Berlin, Dec. 2.—In Northern Poland the battles in progress are taking their normal course. In Southern Poland the enemy's attacks have been repulsed. The eastern army has taken 80,000 Russian prisoners since November 1.

Four Children Burned To Death At Delgado

Home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McNeill Destroyed By Fire Early Yesterday Morning and the Occupants Lost Their Lives.

Wilmington, Dec. 2.—Four children of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McNeill, of Delgado, were burned to death early this morning when a fire of unknown origin destroyed their home at the junction of the turnpike and the Castle street road, in the center of the village, which is a suburb of Wilmington. The other members of the family escaped from the burning house barely in time to avoid a similar fate, one son having to jump from a second story window. The dead are: Miss Hannah McNeill, 21 years old. Wade McNeill, 14 years old. Adella McNeill, 11 years old. Walter McNeill, 8 years old. The fire evidently started in the kitchen in the rear of the home and when discovered at 1 o'clock by the fireman at the Delgado mill, situated about 200 yards away, had already made considerable progress. The residence was a two-story frame structure and five of the children, including the four burned and Willie McNeill, who escaped from the building by jumping, were sleeping downstairs. Mr. and Mrs. McNeill and three children were sleeping downstairs and when they awoke the flames had made such headway that they had barely time to escape. Willie McNeill, 20 years old, when he awoke found that the flames were sweeping through the structure but he made an effort to get his brother and sisters out, but the way of escape downstairs was cut off and there was

no way to escape except by jumping. He was unable to get them to do so, but saved himself with only a few injuries. The Wilmington fire department was notified immediately and at once set out for the scene of the fire with one of the chemical engines. They were unable to obtain a stream of water from the Delgado mill and at 2 o'clock the flames had been practically extinguished although the remains of none of the missing children had been found. Mr. McNeill came from Columbus county, near Whiteville four years ago and since that time has been an operator in the Delgado mill. Five of the children worked in the mill also. Mr. W. A. Woods, superintendent of the Delgado mill, arrived shortly after the fire had been discovered and at once took charge of the remaining members of the family, who were completely overcome by the shock and grief. He notified Dr. Houston Moore who rendered such assistance as he could in enabling the distressed family to recover from the shock. Mr. W. E. Yopp, the undertaker, and Mr. J. H. Mitchell were also notified and went at once to take charge of the remains of the burned persons. The news of the fire spread rapidly through the village and several hundred gathered around the burning residence, some coming from Lingo City. The tragedy has cast a pall of profound grief over the community, com-

AVIATOR NILES. He Has Invented New Aeroplane Maneuvers.



Photo by American Press Association.

THE WAR WON'T END SOON

Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.—There is not the slightest fact upon which the hope for an early ending of the European war can be based. President Wilson was told today. The information was brought to him by two American diplomats who have seen the struggle.

The gas freight boat Daisy arrived in port yesterday morning from Oriental with a cargo of cotton and oysters.

ANTI-GERMAN MOBS RIOTING AT VALPARAISO

THE TEUTON CONSULATE STONED—TROOPS CALLED OUT TO QUELL DISTURBANCE.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 2.—Anti-German mobs are reported to be rioting at Valparaiso. Crowds which today swarmed in the streets, stoned the German consulate and other buildings. Troops were called out and several wounded before order was restored. Tariffs raised on the railway lines into Valparaiso owned by German interests, added to charges that Chile has violated her neutrality, roused the people to the highest pitch. Cars were stoned and partially wrecked. German buildings, including a bank and the consulate were attacked. Ships are said to have been seized by Germans in Chilean waters.

ing so quickly and suddenly, making it the more appalling. Mr. and Mrs. McNeill have a host of friends who will sympathize with them in their bereavement. The loss will be between \$1,500 and \$2,000 which is covered by insurance. The houses on either side were saved by the efforts of the people of the village who formed a bucket brigade and worked heroically in putting out the flames. They had the fire under control when the fire department arrived with the chemical engine.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY EXTENSION TALK

Report From Charlotte Says That The System Is Aiming For Points Further South.

BELIEVED HERE THAT THE RUMORS ARE TRUE.

The Officials Not Giving Out Any Information But Are Making No Denials.

Charlotte, Dec. 2.—Is the Norfolk Southern to press south of Charlotte in order to get an outlet on the South Atlantic or at some gulf port? This question is again being asked, but no answer returned, for the manifest reason that those who have the knowledge will not talk and those who are not on the inside and cognizant of future plans, are not in a position to know these things. However here are various speculative guesses being indulged in as the following from a Sanford paper will show: "A local railroad man who claims to have inside information says the authorities of the Norfolk Southern are laying plans to extend the road from Charlotte through Georgia and Florida and make it a trunk line. They are trying to purchase two or three small railroads in these States and if they succeed in getting hold of these properties the missing link will be connected up as was done in this State when the Aberdeen & Asheboro, Glendon & Gulf, Raleigh & Western roads were purchased by the Norfolk Southern. It has been understood all along that the Norfolk Southern would not stop at Charlotte, but what direction it would take after leaving that city was not known. This road reaches the coast at two points, Beaufort and the port of Norfolk, and traverses a fine farming section, and should it be extended through Georgia and to the Florida coast it would become one of the great trunk lines of the South. Lee is the only county in the South that is touched by the Norfolk Southern and the three principal trunk lines south of the Potomac."

Several Things Evident. Just what is under cover is something of extreme interest to Charlotte people. Several things are self-evident. One of these is that the Norfolk Southern was never intended to stop in Charlotte. The proverbial "wayfaring man" would never assert such a proposition. The promoters of the Norfolk Southern road as it is now constituted, purposed developing a great system out of a number of jointed links by connecting them up and building them from section to section. The first unit in this development plan was the acquisition of the several short lines between Raleigh and Charlotte and the extension of the road into the Queen city. This has been accomplished and those in charge are waiting the clearing of the muddled waters for another extension. This it is believed will carry the road through the highly fertile and wonderfully commercially developed section of the upper Piedmont, say into Atlanta, and then the third step will be to carry the system to some deep-water South Atlantic port, such as Brunswick, Ga., or some Gulf port where the Panama canal trade can be tapped. Charlotte First Stop. Charlotte was selected for the first stopping place and every energy is now being directed by those in control of the system to develop the system and build up the supporting territory in order to pave the way for the second step. This will doubtless come a few years hence when the financial waters have cleared a little and the part of the system already under operation will justify the extension. Those who are in charge of the Norfolk Southern are building on a

LADY MARLBOROUGH. Latest Photo of Duchess Now Visiting United States.



SHOT PROMINENT MAN, EXHONERATED BY JURY

W. B. CARHART RELEASED FROM CUSTODY LAST EVENING

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 2.—W. B. Carhart, president of the Carhart Shoe Manufacturing Company, last night shot and instantly killed James R. Callaway, a prominent business man in the Carhart residence. According to the story: Mrs. Carhart at the Capital City told the police, Callaway was a member of a party last night with Mr. and Callaway departed early. Upon arriving home, Mrs. Carhart discovered the man in her son's room. Carhart entered the room and found Callaway, who was mistaken for a burglar by Carhart when he fired the fatal shot. This afternoon the coroner's jury held that the shooting was justifiable homicide and released Carhart. This practically brings the case to a close. The gas freight boat Wave, left yesterday morning for Morehead City with a cargo of merchandise.

very broad and firm foundation—moving slow and developing as they go—and such growth is the kind that always brings lasting results. Charlotte affords an admirable resting place for between stages of development for the reason that it is the most important center in the Piedmont and taps the highly productive field of the textile area of this section.

According to those who are in a position to guess at such big things—applying the rule of economic conditions to development already in hand—the next step of the Norfolk Southern will be to skirt the upper border of the Piedmont section, striking for access into Atlanta, where connection will probably be made with the A. B. & A. road of which Mr. E. T. Lamb, formerly president of the Norfolk Southern, is the head. This system is said to be controlled by interests that also control the Norfolk Southern and hence the community of interest established. This road could furnish trackage into Brunswick, Ga., where deep water is reached, or could afford communication on into the Gulf States proper.

Of course it is to be understood that nothing immediate is contemplated. Several years will probably have to elapse before any overt action is taken but in the meantime, there will arise many features that will tend to strengthen this aim of those in charge of this system. That Charlotte is immensely interested is evident for this city will be one of the main points along the new line. This Piedmont territory is said to be the richest on the line of the Southern on account of the number of manufacturing establishments found in this section. Hence the desire of the new system to get into this field and obtain a share of the heavy traffic.

GREAT REVIVAL AT TABERNACLE COMES TO END

After Two and One Half Weeks One of The Greatest Meetings of The Year Is Concluded.

EIGHTEEN ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCH ARE MADE.

Real Religious Awakening Has Been Brought About By Rev. Callaway And Assistants.

With last night's service the Revival at the Tabernacle Baptist church closed. The meeting has run for two and one half weeks during which time tireless efforts have been put forth in the interest of the cause of Christianity in this community and the results have been marvelous. While there has only been eighteen additions to the church during the meeting this is considered one of the greatest revivals in the history of the Tabernacle Baptist church. It has been a real religious awakening in this city and the christians have been thoroughly awakened and are determined as never before to dedicate their lives to the service of their Savior. Mr. Callaway has proven himself to be a humble yet fearless minister of the Gospel. He has condemned sin fearlessly and without compromise and has appointed the sinner to Jesus as his only means of escape. The Gospel messages of this gifted minister will have a lasting effect upon the community at large. At the close of last night's service Mr. Callaway in a very appropriate manner highly complimented the membership of the Tabernacle church for their loyalty during the meeting. He stated that he had heard so much about this people until he really expected to find a loyal, consecrated band of workers, but that after he had been privileged to work with them during this meeting that they had even surpassed his expectations, and he predicted that within five years the Tabernacle would be one of the largest, as they are now one of the most influential churches in the State. He spoke in the very highest terms of the present pastor, Rev. R. W. Thiot, and said that he expected great things to be accomplished under the efficient leadership of Mr. Thiot.

James W. Jelks, the singing evangelist, who has been an important factor in this revival campaign as leader of the music, was next to express his appreciation of the loyalty of the congregations that have attended the meeting. He was loud in his praise of the splendid choir who has stood so nobly by him during this campaign and also of the kind hospitality of the membership. Mr. Jelks stated that he had fallen in love with New Bern and that he would like to make New Bern his home were it not for the inconveniences that would be subjected to, and from the general remarks of both the preacher and the singer, they had been extraordinarily favorably impressed with New Bern and her people. Mr. Callaway and Mr. Jelks leave on tomorrow morning for their home in Macon. Mr. Callaway is pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church of that city and Mr. Jelks has Macon as his headquarters and travels over the country leading singing in evangelistic campaigns.

Five thousand negroes in this mob. New York, Dec. 2.—Five thousand negroes today attacked 150 policemen, following an attempt by patrolmen to arrest Samuel Reeves, a negro soldier. The gas freight boat Silver Spray, arrived in port yesterday morning from Bay River for a cargo of merchandise.