

Fighting Around Lodz Ends In Gigantic Success For Czar's Troops Says Report

Russians Claim to Have Won Conflict There—Germans Claim that Their Offensive Movement In Poland Is Normal But Concede Losses in the East. News From the War Centres Yesterday was Curtailed.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 4.—(Central News Cable)—Official reports say that the German fleet in the South Atlantic is preparing for battle.

GREAT BRITAIN SENDS 24,000 MEN TO EGYPT.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—Athens reports that England has landed 34,000 Canadian volunteers in Egypt. The Russian Invalid, states that 33,000 Russian officers have been killed, wounded or are prisoners. The German military authorities are taking measures to prevent a threatened famine overcomng the inhabitants of a part of Poland.

BATTLE AROUND LODZ SUCCESS FOR RUSSIANS.

Petrograd, Dec. 4.—The Bourse Gazette says tonight that the battle which has been raging around Lodz has ended in a gigantic success for the Czar's troops.

RUSSIANS MAKE ATTACK UPON CITY OF CRACOW.

Petrograd, Dec. 4.—An attack upon the outer defenses of Cracow is today reported. The Russians hold Wieliczka, and the enveloping movement upon Cracow is progressing so favorably that the city will soon be completely invested. A German attempt to turn the Russian left flank in the region of Lodz was successfully resisted. The enemy is being seriously threatened by a movement to the northwest from Lowitz.

GERMANS ACKNOWLEDGE LOSSES IN THE EAST.

London, (Via Wireless from Berlin) Dec. 4.—An official statement issued by the German war office says, "In the eastern theatre our losses have been heavy. Our offensive in Poland is normal."

REINFORCED GERMAN TROOPS MAKE VIGOROUS ATTACKS.

Paris, Dec. 4.—Attacks by reinforced Germans on Allies in Flanders met a vigorous counter offensive. Four hundred thousand fresh British troops reached France during last month. The English hold the line at the Yser, where the Germans are expected to center the main attack in their effort to reach the coast. The heavy cannonading of the past twenty four hours and the Germans continued massing the forces between Ostend and Ypres, is indicative of a general engagement, which is expected to follow these activities.

THE KAISER TO VISIT THE GERMAN-AUST-FRONT.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—It is officially announced that Kaiser Wilhelm is expected on Austro-German lines in southeastern front of Poland. He will visit the forces in Poland at the same time that operations in the northeastern theatre is unchanged.

ITALY MAY GET INTO THE GREAT STRUGGLE.

Rome, Dec. 4.—Many members of Parliament consider that the statement of Premier Salandra, in Parliament Thursday, in which he advised that Italy maintain her attitude of watchful and armed neutrality and made a reference to what he termed the just aspirations of Italy together with a demonstration by the members, means that Italy is now ready. Deputy Labriola, a prominent member, summarized his opinion of the sitting by saying that "one word from Salandra would have meant a

HAVE YOU A TAX STAMP? NO? WHY NOT?

NEW BERNIANS ARE IN A QUANDARY OVER NEW LAW.

New Bernians, as well as citizens of other cities and towns in the State are in a quandary as to what to do about securing war stamps to place on various documents, which come under the heading of "must be stamped." Up to the present time no one here has secured a supply of the stamps to sell, and there is absolutely "nothing doing" when it comes to a question of using them. United States Commissioner Charles B. Hill has written a letter to H. M. London, deputy collector in charge of the Internal Revenue office at Raleigh, inquiring about the stamps, and explaining the situation. Mr. London has notified the commissioner that as no one here has the stamps, that those who must use them will be compelled to get them from the Raleigh office. U. S. Deputy Marshal I. M. Tull, of Kinston, arrived in the city yesterday to assist, if possible, in solving the situation, and to straighten out the affairs, which have become so badly tangled.

THOUSANDS OF BARRELS POTATOES IN PAMLICO

FARMERS DOWN IN THAT SECTION NOT WORRIED OVER "HARD TIMES"

Pamlico county, which adjoins Craven, bids fair to become one of the greatest sweet potato growing sections of the State, in fact it might be said that it already has this distinction. Investigation made at the local office of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company whose line enters that county, shows that during the past fifteen days, more than one hundred car loads of sweet potatoes have been shipped out of that county to cities and towns in all parts of the United States. One might think that this had about exhausted the supply, but such is not the case and the railway people have made preparations and have in fact obligated to carry one hundred and fifty carloads of the tubers away between the present time and December 24th. In addition to the thousands of barrels shipped by freight, many boat loads of the potatoes have been brought to New Bern and other ports and disposed of.

W. B. Pugh returned last night from a business visit to Kinston.

SLANDERED WOMAN.

In Consequence Nash County Man Is Jailed.

Rocky Mount, Dec. 4.—A sentence of three months in the Nash County jail was put on T. J. Lamm, of this city, for slander of several young women of Nash county several weeks ago. The case was tried in the Recorder's Court at Nashville shortly after the young man was arrested and a sentence of nine months was imposed upon him. He appealed the case to the Superior Court for a second hearing, with the result that the sentence was reduced to three months instead of nine as at first named.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING READY FOR OCCUPANCY

WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE CITY WITHIN DAY OR TWO.

The contractor who has had in charge of the work of erecting the new twenty thousand dollar building which will be used as an addition to the New Bern public schools, white, has completed his work, and the architect, Frank Thompson, of Raleigh, is expected to arrive in the City to-day, and to accept the building, if it is, as desired. If the building is accepted, an there is every reason to believe that it will be, it will probably be possible for the grades, which are to be located there, to move in some time during the approaching week. This building will prove of inestimable worth to the city. For the past two years the number of pupils attending the school has increased so rapidly that it has been necessary at times to refuse them admittance to the school, and even now several of the grades are doubled up in the class rooms in the old buildings. The opening up of the new building will make it possible to give these grades ample room, and to furnish room for any new pupils who will enter between now, and the end of the term.

"COUNTY PROGRESS DAY" TO BE OBSERVED HERE

INTERESTING MEETING AT THE COURT HOUSE AT 12 O'CLOCK.

Today will be known as "County Progress Day" in Craven county and appropriate exercises have been prepared for the occasion. At noon those who are interested in the work and progress and development of the county, will gather at the court house where a number of addresses will be made by men who are well and favorably known all over the State.

The following program has been arranged for the occasion:

"The Teacher and Social Service"—G. O. Marshall, Vaneoboro.

"The Need of a Farm Demonstration Agent"—M. D. Lane, Fort Barnwell.

"The Need of a Better Road System"—J. D. Williams, 7th Township.

"Do We Need a County Fair?"—Clyde Eby.

"The County School Commencement"—S. M. Brinson.

"Do We Need a Whole-Time County Health Officer?"—Dr. R. Duffy and C. D. Bradham.

"The Development of Our Agricultural Sections"—D. P. Whitford, Askin.

"Closer Co-Operation of All Church and Sunday School Forces"—Dr. J. N. H. Summerell.

"Campaign for Tick Eradication"—Dr. J. E. Turlington and G. T. Richardson.

"The Duties and Responsibilities of the School Committeeman"—R. A. Nunn.

"The Need of Co-Operation Between County and Town"—W. R. Pate and B. B. Hurst.

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RAILWAY EXTENSION TALK IS IN THE AIR

PROPOSED ADDITION TO SEVERAL ROADS BEING DISCUSSED.

Not before in many years has there been so much talk of railway extension work in this part of the State as there is at present. Chief among the topics being discussed is the rumored extension of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company's line to Cape Lookout, where the harbor of refuge is to be built. When the contract for the erection of the big sea wall at that place has been definitely awarded, it will mean that hundreds of carloads of supplies must be carried there, and transportation by rail is said to be the best method. Being the nearest railroad to that point, the Norfolk Southern Railroad would of course be the logical carrier. During the past few weeks the officials of the road, and the officials of several other great carrying lines, including the Pennsylvania Railway Company, are known to have paid a visit to that section. Just what they did there or why they went is a matter for the public to speculate upon, and draw their own conclusion. When interviewed on the subject, they would give out nothing further than statements that they were looking over the company's property. Many are of the opinion that these visits portend the construction of a line to the Cape. Rumors of the extension of the line from Charlotte further South are also believed here to be true, but nothing definite has been given out in regard to the matter from the local office. While the extension of the railroad is being talked a great deal, the extension of the track running from the former site of the West Box Company to the Eastern Carolina Fair grounds, is also being discussed. The work of extending this track to the Union Passenger Station, a distance of half a mile or more, will begin about January 1st, and the operation of trolley cars to the Fair grounds and Glenburnie Park will begin during the Spring. This work will cause an expenditure of several thousand dollars.

ELKS TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THEIR DEAD

ANNUAL MEMORIAL EXERCISES TO BE HELD TOMORROW.

The annual Memorial Day exercises will be held by the New Bern Lodge, B. P. O. E. to-morrow afternoon in the Club rooms in the Elks Temple. As the principal speaker on this occasion the lodge has secured Hon. R. W. Turner, of Elizabeth City, one of the best known attorneys in Eastern North Carolina. Mr. Turner will probably arrive in the city this afternoon in order to be on hand for the exercises. Heretofore the Memorial exercises have been held in one of the theatres, where a larger number of people could be accommodated. However, there are many New Bernians who have never seen the interior of the Elks Club rooms, and they will be given an opportunity to pay them a visit. An appropriate program has been arranged for the occasion.

BALTIMORE EXCHANGE OPENS TODAY.

Baltimore, Dec. 4.—In accordance with a decision of the governing committee, the local stock exchange will open tomorrow for the unrestricted trading in stocks and bonds.

SENSATIONAL RAID MADE ON STILL NEAR VANCEBORO

Revenue Officers Swoop Down On Plant, Find Two Hundred Gallon Still and Paraphernalia.

WAS ON THE PROPERTY OF LEN LAUGHINGHOUSE.

Supposed Operators Made a Quick Get Away When The Officers Arrived.

One of the most sensational raids in the history of Craven county took place yesterday afternoon four miles from the little town of Vaneoboro when United States Deputy Collector I. M. Tull of Kinston and Deputy Marshal Ange and Deputy Sheriffs Bayliss and Oden of this city, swooped down on an illicit distilling plant and found a still with a capacity of two hundred gallons.

The officers left this city early in the day and proceeded to the home of Len Laughinghouse where they were informed the still was in operation. Arriving at the scene they began a search for the plant and quickly located it. The revenue men at once started out in search for the operators. Going towards Laughinghouse's home they saw his two sons make for the tall timber. It would have been possible for the officers to have shot the fleeing men but they did not want to kill them and they succeeded in escaping. The father of the boys was found at home but as there was no warrant for his arrest, he was not taken into custody.

Returning to the still the officers cut and slashed this into hundreds of pieces, poured out all of the beer and so disfigured the plant that it will be impossible to ever operate it again. Len Laughinghouse is reputed to be a blockader and in fact has just finished serving a six months sentence for illicit distilling. The people of the Vaneoboro section are anxious to break up the violations of the Internal Revenue law in that section and are assisting the officers in every possible way in their work.

ONE GUNMAN DEAD; THREE ARE WOUNDED

ALL THIS THE RESULT OF A FIGHT IN TOLEDO, OHIO.

Toledo, O., Dec. 4.—One Louisville gunman is dead three others hiding in the underworld section of the city, a Toledo man is in a hospital with perhaps fatal wounds, and his wife is held by the police as a coroner's witness, as the result of a shooting which took place in the residence section last night.

The wounded man is Harry C. Plummer, until about a year ago a saloon keeper at Louisville, Ky. His wife is said to have fired the shot which killed the unidentified man.

The police theory is that the shooting is the result of an infraction of underworld rules and that the four Louisville men came here to wreak vengeance.

J. A. Street returned last night from a business visit to Raleigh.

BANK ROBBED

\$1,800 Stolen From S. C. Depository.

Wilmington, Dec. 4.—A special from Nichols, S. C., says the Bank of Nichols was robbed early today by parties who blew the safe, secured \$1,800 and escaped. The interior of the building was damaged by the explosion to the extent of \$1,500. Bloodhounds were secured from Columbia, S. C., but failed to follow the trail.

An unnamed negro is reported to have stated that soon after the explosion was heard at 3 o'clock he saw five men running along the railroad track southward. The dispatch says two men were arrested at Mullins, S. C., and one at Pee Dee, S. C., and are being held for examination. Their names are not given.

THE CALLAWAY FAMILY DON'T WANT A PROBE

Indicate That They Don't Care For an Investigation of Shooting of Atlanta Clubman.

POLICE, HOWEVER, GOING AHEAD WITH WORK.

Mystery Surrounds Slaying And Authorities Are Determined To Ferret It Out If Possible.

Atlanta, December 4.—(Special) Although Chief of Detectives Newport Lanford insisted today that his department will continue the investigation of the death of James P. Callaway, who was shot by W. B. Carhart in the Carhart apartment at No. 850 Peachtree street, developments of the day indicate that the case will shortly be dropped and that the probe will cease.

Members of the Callaway family indicated that they are satisfied with the verdict of the coroner's jury, which exonerated Carhart and accepted his story that he thought Callaway was a burglar, and Major Frank Callaway, before he left for La Grange to attend his brother's funeral refused to discuss the case at all.

Detectives Put On Case.

Chief Lanford detailed Detectives John Starnes and Pat Campbell on the case, and declared that he had given them instructions to probe the mystery thoroughly.

Chief Lanford and the two detectives refused to disclose along what line their investigation would be conducted or whether they have yet obtained any information that might indicate the killing was not accidental. It is known, however, that they are dissatisfied with the finding of the coroner's jury that exonerated Carhart after hearing only three witnesses.

They declare also that they are not satisfied with the explanation—or rather the lack of explanation—of Callaway's presence in the apartment, of how he entered, and of Carhart's failure to recognize him before the shots were fired.

Gather New Evidence.

Detectives Starnes and Campbell said they expected to confer with Major Frank Callaway, the dead man's brother, during the day, and this conference is expected largely to determine the line along which the detectives will work. They probably will ask Major Callaway to explain the remarks he is alleged to have made to a policeman shortly after the shooting, which indicated a suspicion that the shooting was accidental. Major Callaway has refused either to affirm or deny the assertion of the policeman that he made this remark.

Starnes and Campbell were busy today gathering the loose ends of evidence they obtained in their investigation Wednesday.

"This is a serious matter," said Chief Lanford, "and we are proceeding carefully. There are so many mysterious phases to this shooting and so much that has not been explained satisfactorily, that we think there ought to be a thorough investigation."

Puzzling Phases Remain.

The problem presented by Callaway's entrance to the Carhart home, how he got there and what he was doing there, remain to the police the most puzzling features of the shooting. At the inquest Carhart testified that he knew of no way that Callaway could have entered his home; that all the doors and windows were locked, he supposed, and showed no signs of having been tampered with. Detectives Starnes and Campbell it is intimated, will devote a large part of their investigation to solving this mysterious feature of the case.

MASSACHUSETTS MAN A SUICIDE.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 4.—F. W. Tibbets, of Peabody, Mass., committed suicide on board of the Clyde Line steamer, Arapahoe, which arrived here today.