

General Von Moltke Said To Have Resigned As Head of General Staff

Difference of Opinion Between Himself and the Kaiser the Cause--Hungarians Thinking of Seeking Peace With the Czar--Turkish Fleet Is Again in Active Operation.

AMSTERDAM, Via London, Dec. 12. (Central News Cable)—Following the blowing up of the bridge over the river between Demirkapu and Mirowee, all traffic from Salonika to Euskub was brought to a stop. Information has reached here, though not official, that Von Moltke has resigned as chief of the General Staff of the German army on account of a difference of opinion between himself and the Kaiser. Von Moltke insisted upon a plan of campaign whereby the Germans would concentrate their efforts in an attempt to break the Allied line at Voidin, forcing the British to retire in a northerly direction. The Kaiser insisted on driving them toward Calais which General Von Falkenhyn did with disastrous results.

HUNGARIANS ARE ANXIOUS TO MAKE PEACE WITH RUSSIANS

PETROGRAD, Dec. 12.—There is a popular semi-official opinion in Hungary in favor of making peace with Russia. Even the military men are urging that this be done and there is a possibility of this action being brought before official bodies and acted upon.

THE GERMAN CRUISER, DRESDEN, NOW OFF THE PATAGONIAN COAST

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Official reports from Valparaiso say that the German cruiser, Dresden, which succeeded in making its escape when the British fleet encountered and destroyed four German cruisers last Tuesday, has taken refuge in an inlet off the Patagonian coast. It is not known whether the British fleet will go to that point in search of her.

EAST COAST OF THE BLACK SEA BOMBARDED BY TURKS

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Dispatches received here today from Constantinople, say that the Turkish fleet this morning bombarded Batum and its environs on the eastern coast of the Black sea. More than a hundred Russians were killed and a large number were wounded.

GARDNER'S PLAN IS ABOLISHED KING PETER HELPING TROOPS

House Rules Committee Hands It a Solar Plexus Blow

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The House Rules Committee today voted down Representative Gardner's demand for a hearing on the resolution for an investigation into the country's defense.

The Democratic members were vigorously opposed to this action on the part of Representative Gardner, and every one of them voted against it.

WELL KNOWN MARINE ENGI- NEER DEAD

Southport, N. C., Dec. 12.—Following illness from pneumonia, which set in after an operation for appendicitis had been performed, Joseph C. Morse, a well known marine engineer of Southport, died last night, and the funeral was held this afternoon, services being conducted at the Methodist church here. The deceased was thirty-four years of age and is survived by his wife and one sister, Miss Lilly Morse, of Southport.

Mrs. E. G. Hargatt returned home to Washington, D. C., yesterday after visiting relatives in New Bern.

His Presence On the Firing Line is Inspir- ing

Paris, Dec. 12.—The inspiring presence and words of King Peter of Serbia, recently achieved by the Serbian army, says a dispatch from Nish to the Matin.

"Soldiers! Heroes! Your old king has come to die with you for the fatherland, for Serbia. Let us drive out the enemy!"

The words, says the Matin's dispatch, were pronounced by King Peter before the order for the general attack was given which resulted in the Austrians' defeat. According to the Nish dispatch, the king's exclamation had the effect of a train of gun powder and the unforgettable battle began before Topola, cradle of the Karageorgievitch dynasty, ten miles from Mount Oplenatz, where rest the ashes of the Serbian hero's royal family.

B. I. Ebron, of Croatan, was a visitor to New Bern yesterday.

Mrs. Hortense Lee, of Croatan, was a visitor to New Bern yesterday.

T. G. Hyman, left yesterday morning for a business visit to Winston,

STATE TO AID THE FARMERS

Will Furnish Them With Inoculation Material

James L. Burgess, agronomist and botanist of the State Department of Agriculture, has announced that the Division of Botany and Agronomy will distribute to the farmers of the State, during the winter and spring months, inoculation material for use on the English garden peas and Canadian field peas. The department will distribute this material at a cost of 50 cents an acre, and all those who wish to take advantage of the offer are advised to send in their orders at the first opportunity, and thus avoid the rush which will occur later on.

It is also announced that the Botany Division of the State Department of Agriculture will again clean tobacco seed for the farmers of the State, which work was inaugurated in 1910 and has grown until enough seed to plant 43,000 acres were cleaned last year. Tobacco growers are advised to take advantage of this offer to have their seed re-cleaned free of cost at once. Packages should be addressed to the Division of Botany, State Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C., and the name and address of the sender should be enclosed in the package.

BAKER BUYS COSTLY YACHT

Raleigh Man Well Known Here, Purchases Craft

New York, Dec. 12.—Mr. Ashby L. Baker, of Raleigh, is to do some cruising in North Carolina waters in the near future, as there has been a yacht purchased here for him.

The purchase for Mr. Baker was made by Mr. D. S. Paris, of Oriental, who spent several days in New York this week, coming here especially to purchase a yacht for Mr. Baker, who is the president of the Virginia Cotton Mills Company, whose plant is located at Swepsonville, in Alamance county.

The purchase price of the vessel was \$30,000, and it is stated that Mr. Baker intends to use it for cruising in Pamlico Sound and its tributary waters.

KNIFE TO CURE BOY CRIMINAL

Court Consents to Opera- tion on Robber's Skull

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—Clarke L. Borton, a Germantown contractor decided today to risk his fourteen-year-old son's life in a surgical operation in an effort to cure the boy's criminal tendencies. Judge Gorman consented after sentencing the boy to the Glen Mills School for committing many robberies. The sentence was withdrawn, pending the operation.

The boy J. Willard Borton, is under observation in the psychopathic ward of the General Hospital. The operation will be performed early next week.

THE AUSTRIAN LOSSES HEAVY SAY SERVIANS

South of Belgrade They Lost Twelve Thousand Men

THEY MAY EVACUATE

Report Reaches Rome That Troops May Leave the Capital

Rome, Dec. 12. (Central News Cable)—The Serbian legation says that on December 9, 10,000 Austrians retreated from the field south of Belgrade, abandoning guns, horses and wagons. A further fierce combat resulted in a decisive defeat of the Austrians and they lost 12,000 men, including 5,000 prisoners. It is reported that they are preparing to evacuate Belgrade.

200 Germans Dead.

Amsterdam, Dec. 12.—Two hundred German soldiers were killed today, when a German troop train was blown up by the Allies at Gommernich. In addition to those killed, a large number were seriously wounded.

Wearing White Clothes.

Petrograd, Dec. 12.—German soldiers who are located in the mountain districts are now wearing white clothing, as this renders them less easily observed on snow clad landscapes.

Battle Progressing.

Petrograd, Dec. 12.—Moscov newspapers report that the battle is progressing in Bukovina. There is now only a march of two days between the Russians and the Austrians. The latter are occupying a fortified position in the neighborhood of Wygow. The Austrians have ordered all of the inhabitants to leave Redutau.

Nuns Flee.

Malta (via London), Dec. 12.—The steamer Caledonia, which arrived from Port Said today, had on board many members of religious orders, mostly French. Sixty-six nuns were landed here, but the remainder will proceed to France on the steamer.

A majority of the people were expelled from Palestine by the Turks while the others fled because of the war menace.

Turks Insulting.

Rome, Dec. 12.—An incident of considerable gravity has occurred at Hodeida, an Arabian seaport, one hundred miles northwest of Mecca. It appears from advices received here that the Turks on learning that G. A. Richardson, British consul, remained in town, tried to enter his house to arrest him.

Consul Richardson escaped to the Italian consulate, which the Turks besieged, although the Italian consul, Signor Cecchi, came to the defense of his colleague. Richardson was taken prisoner and dragged forcibly to a boat which then left for an unknown destination.

As British subjects in Turkey are under American protection, the United States embassy, it is stated, has been asked for information of the incident while Italy is inquiring about the alleged violation of her consulate.

EMPTY PRISON BY CHRISTMAS

Cole Blease Plans to Free Every Man Con- fined

Savannah, Dec. 12.—Governor Cole L. Blease of South Carolina, since 1911 has shown clemency to 1,430 men. Only 50 prisoners are left in the penitentiary. The Governor announces that he will give them their freedom as a Christmas gift.

The Governor's pardoning motto is, "Do Unto Others." He believes he has a God-given power to lighten the burdens of his fellow men, and he has exercised his prerogative to the limit. It is his purpose to begin the new year with the penitentiary clean. One hundred prisoners received pardons, paroles and commutations on Thanksgiving Day.

The Governor has given his reasons for every pardon he has granted, but he makes no apology therefor. He says the system he has established in South Carolina will certainly be followed by other Governors.

TWO HUNDRED NAVY AIR CRAFT ARE NEEDED

One Hundred for Active Service and Others for Reserve

SO SAYS BRISTOL

Chief of Aeronautical De- partment Recommends These Be Secured

Washington, Dec. 12.—Two hundred naval air craft—100 for active service and 100 to be held in reserve—are urgently needed by the United States navy in its plans for national defense, according to recommendations of Captain Mark L. Bristol, chief of the aeronautical bureau of the navy department, submitted today to the house naval committee.

It would require an appropriation of \$2,200,000 to bring the aeronautical branch of the navy up to the proper standard of efficiency, Captain Bristol told the committee.

Its purposes he described as follows:

"The air navy of the United States must consist of aeroplanes, semi-rigid, or non-rigid airships—the destroyer, cruiser and battleship of the air, respectively. The aeroplane will be used for scouting to discover the enemy's fleet, especially submarines and mines, and to attack the dirigibles and aeroplanes of the enemy. It is the torpedo boat of the air against the airship cruisers and battleships. Having discovered the submarines and mines, it directs the air cruisers to attack these craft and to countermine and at the same time protects the cruisers from the enemy's aircraft. The air cruisers also will lay mines, probably will be used to drop aerial torpedoes on the surface ships of the enemy and be utilized over land, for reconnaissance and dropping bombs.

Aircraft Necessary.

"The uses to which aircraft can be put in war will be better known after the European war. It seems that the air navy will be just as an essential part of the country's fighting force as the battleships and submarines. The front of our fleet in action has now become a vertical plant, with submarines and mines beneath the surface, battleships, cruisers and destroyers on the surface and air craft in the air. To be successful against any enemy, the country must have command of the air the same as command of the sea."

Detect Mines and Submarines

"Any nation that has suitable aircraft could detect submarines," he added. "The aeroplanes can see submarines and mines very plainly, guide the dirigible to them, which can descend close to the water, drop high explosives to countermine the mines or destroy the submarines. We can pick up the mines at their usual depth, even follow the anchor line of the mine down to a considerable depth below the mine. The submarine, if it comes to the surface, would be attacked by the surface craft. The submarine could dive deep only for a limited time but must come up and show the periscope to get its bearings. A bomb dropped upon it should not be arranged to explode until beneath the water. I say, 200 pounds of high explosive, it would disturb the submarine not submerged more than 30 or 40 feet even to the extent of disabling it, or it might destroy the periscope. The periscope is often discovered by the wash it makes. One could see a submarine 50 to 100 feet in clear water.

POKER JOINT RAIDED.

Wilmington Police After The Gamblers.

More than a peck of poker chips, tables, cards, dice and other paraphernalia, enough to make Justice Harri's office look like a cyclone-ridden gambling dive, were seized this morning and brought into court, the stuff having been found on the third floor of the building occupied by the Riverside Restaurant.

The officers out this afternoon to make a number of arrests, including, it is said, some which will be quite sensational.

The affidavit was signed by Mr. H. Mack Godwin and the papers placed in the hands of Constable John Davis for execution. No arrests having yet been made no names were made public.—Wilmington Dispatch.

WAR STRICKEN PEOPLE WANTED IN THE SOUTH

Healthy Farmer of Belgium and Other Sections Will Find Welcome Here

GOOD OPPORTUNITY

Meeting Held Yesterday at Washington for Discus- sion of Subject

Washington, Dec. 12.—The thriving, healthy farmers of Belgium, Alsace-Lorraine, and other war-stricken sections of Europe are wanted by the South. Taking time by the forelock, in anticipation of the rush of immigrants of the Agricultural type, a monster meeting was held here today of delegates from many Southern States, editors, railroad men, bankers, real estate and business men, who responded to the call of Senator Duncan U. Fletcher of Florida.

Hon. William B. Wilson, Secretary of Labor, welcomed the visitors and opened the meeting with a stirring talk on the opportunities of the rural sections of this country to obtain settlers and farm hands. The Department of Labor has been making extensive investigations into conditions of labor, and is aiding all worthy moves for the assimilation of the floods of immigration in the sections where families are needed and where thrift and usefulness in American citizenship can best be achieved.

The meeting, which opened this forenoon in the Southern building, was called by Senator Fletcher last month. The delegates who attended were told of the tentative plans that had been developed, of offering inducements to the agriculturally inclined immigrants now out of work in centers of large population, to settle on Southern farms, and to care for the distribution of the herds of foreigners who will probably quit the blood-soaked farms of Europe to settle in America.

The meeting was an enthusiastic one, and words of encouragement were said by delegates from many sections of the South. Before the convention disbanded, the immigration policy of the Southern States will have been established, and a plan of financing desirable agricultural settlers will be adopted.

The federal government is taking great interest in the meeting, for the subject of immigration is one of the most important questions now before Congress, and the labor conditions in the congested cities are such that the powers of the Department of Labor are being exerted to solve the question of more practical distribution of foreign workmen.

"WAR TALK" BY REV. VON MILLER

Jacksonville Pastor to Be Heard at Baptist Church Tuesday

Much interest is being manifested by citizens of New Bern in the lecture to be delivered Tuesday evening of this week by Rev. R. M. Von Miller. "War Talk" is engaged in daily by all classes and first-hand information is at a premium wherever it is given out. Mr. Von Miller's experiences and observations during three months in the heart of the European war zone well equip him and it is expected that he will have some very startling things to relate. It will be interesting indeed to hear him tell of the bombardment of the Liege forts, his three imprisonments, the loss of his possessions etc. He was in Germany, Holland, Belgium and England from August to November.

The lecture is not for the benefit of the First Baptist Church, where it will be delivered; but Mr. Von Miller himself has suggested that half of the proceeds of the free will offering to be received be sent to aid the suffering Belgians.

It is hoped that all in the city who are at all interested in the condition of the peoples of Europe and who are studying the war will be present Tuesday to hear Mr. Von Miller. The pastors are asked to announce the lecture from their pulpits today and also in their Sunday schools.