

IT MAY take two to make a quarrel, but only one is needed to begin it.

The Topeka State Journal.

WEATHER forecast for Kansas: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; colder Wednesday and in the western part of the state tonight.

HOME EDITION

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PRISREND FALLS; MONASTIR HAS BEEN EVACUATED

Last Serbian Strongholds Now in Possession of Enemy.

Central Powers Have at Last Completed Their Campaign.

OTHER FRONTS ARE ACTIVE

British Make Successful Air Attacks on Belgian Coast.

Russians Crush German Attacks in North Poland.

Berlin, Nov. 30.—The capture of Prisrend, in western Serbia, near the Albanian border, was announced today by the war office.

MONASTIR IS EVACUATED.

London, Nov. 30.—Monastir in southwestern Serbia has been evacuated. Serbian troops, having accomplished their purpose of delaying the enemy's advance until the civil population of the town had time to escape, have now left the city, and, according to reports, are retiring in good order. Bulgarian occupation of the town is apparently a matter of only a few hours.

Though the Austro-German and Bulgarian campaign against Serbia is described by the Central Powers as finished, and though practically the whole of Serbia is in their possession, they have not accomplished, according to the general belief here, the more important aim of crushing the Serbian army. Though defeated in the conflict against overwhelming odds, the Serbian forces are still unbroken, and are reported to be reorganizing on the Albanian and Montenegrin frontiers.

Campaign at Standstill.

Either bitter winter weather has retarded the central powers in their proposed new enterprise against the Russian frontiers, or the rapid developing Rumanian campaign has caused them to abandon it. In any event their campaign has recently come to a standstill.

Other fronts have in the last 48 hours have shown generally revived activity. Sir John French, commander in chief of the British forces in France and Belgium, reports successful British air attacks on German positions along the Belgian coast and on other parts of the German western front, involving destruction of a German submarine over the Belgian coast, and raids on an aerodrome and ammunition factory behind the German lines.

French troops in the Souchez district drove the Germans from a crater made by a successful mine explosion, recorded in the German communication of Saturday. The varying fortunes which have attended General Townsend's Mesopotamian expedition have not been recorded here in sufficient detail to make the situation clear. From the statement it does not appear that there has been any further fighting since the British advance upon the battlefield of Ctesiphon, but the British troops have again fallen back to the Tigris, having been outnumbered by the Turks, and are now occupying more easily defended positions in the rear of their former line.

Russ Make Gains.

On the North Polish front, after crushing German attacks, the Russians have made local gains in the neighborhood of Iloukist, occupying in eastern suburb of the town and advancing to the German trenches south of this point.

Battle Raging Around Goritz.

Rome, Nov. 30.—In the face of the most desperate Austrian counter attacks, the war office reports today that the Italians continue to gain ground in their fight for Goritz. At one point north of the town, it is admitted the Austrians had the better of the struggle for a time. They had been heavily reinforced and were making a series of fierce rushes, capturing a number of Italian trenches. The Italians counter-charged irresistibly and recovered the position after fierce hand to hand fighting.

North of Mont San Michele, the capture of important Austrian trenches is reported officially.

BELGIAN COAST RAKED

German Positions From Zebrugg to Ostend Shelled by Warships.

London, Nov. 30.—German positions on the Belgian coast from Zebrugg to Ostend were bombarded for two hours this morning by a British squadron, according to a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam.

20 DEAD IN EXPLOSION

Others Are Reported Hurt in Dupont Powder Mill Blast.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 30.—At least 20 men are reported killed and a number wounded in a powder explosion in the Dupont powder plant here today.

GREEK THORN STILL PRICKS; ATHENS WAITS ALLIES' WORD

Athens, Nov. 29.—(Via Paris, Nov. 30).—Final solution of negotiations of the entente powers with the Greek government has been further delayed tonight pending reply of the allies to the Greek proposal to permit the reserve general staff to define the military features of the allies' requirements in Macedonia.

KITCHENER AGAIN HOME; SIR JOHN FRENCH HAS AN INTERVIEW WITH ASQUITH

London, Nov. 30.—Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, the secretary for war, returned to London today from his trip to the Near East. Field Marshal Sir John French, commander of the British forces on the western front, was in London yesterday and conferred with Premier Asquith.

So far as the public knows, Field Marshal French has not been in London since he paid a secret visit to the British capital late in January. He conferred with the British and French war ministers at Calais on July 6.

Earl Kitchener, British secretary of war, was in Paris, yesterday. There have been reports that a movement was on foot to place General Joffre, the French leader, in supreme command of the British and French forces on the western front, but London has denied there was any foundation for them.

CAN'T RUN BOATS

Shippers' Plea for Trunk Lines Is Turned Down.

Commerce Board Refuses Re-hearing of Canal Act.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Applications for a rehearing of the case involving the right of trunk line railroads to continue their interest and operation of steamers on the great lakes, despite the prohibition in the Panama canal act were denied today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The applications were made by shippers attorneys, as the railroad declined to ask re-hearing.

The commission's order requiring the railroads to give up their steamers is effective December 15.

Some officials here believe the railroads will apply to the courts for an injunction to restrain the commission from enforcing the order until it can be settled on its merits. This is believed to be the reason for the failure of the railroads to ask for a re-opening of the case.

The railroads involved include the Pennsylvania, New York Central, Rutland, Erie, Grand Trunk, Lehigh Valley and the Lackawanna. The Lehigh Valley was granted re-hearing on the contention that its rail lines ended at the Great Lakes and there could be no competition between its steamers and its rail lines.

TO GO AFTER THEM

State Will Investigate Factories in Kansas.

Safety First Campaign Has Not Been Followed Out.

Investigations of the state factory inspectors have developed that there are a number of factory owners in Kansas who have failed to safeguard properly their machinery, despite orders from the department, and as a result that nothing has been done. As an example, in one case we found that 39 orders had been issued against plants and that none of them had been complied with. We are going to see that the law is obeyed in such factories."

Mr. Knapp pointed out that the department has conducted an aggressive "safety first" campaign among the industrial plants of the state and that only a few employers have shown a willful disposition to disregard orders given them. Cases are being worked up against these, he said, and they have been notified that unless the required safeguards are installed the various county attorneys will be instructed to prosecute.

"It has been a practice of some factory owners," he said, "to promise to take steps to safeguard their employees, at each annual visit of the state inspector. However, in some cases year after year, inspectors have found that nothing has been done. As an example, in one case we found that 39 orders had been issued against plants and that none of them had been complied with. We are going to see that the law is obeyed in such factories."

MAKES UP COMMITTEES

House Ways and Means Body Prepares for Congress Opening.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Democrats of the house ways and means committee met again today to assign members to committees in continuation of the work of organization of the coming session of congress.

It probably will take several days before the assignments can be worked out.

President's Address to Congress Deals Mostly With Preparedness.

Washington, Nov. 30.—President Wilson's address to congress went to the public printer today. The message which is comparatively brief will be read by the president at a joint session of the two houses of congress a week from today. It deals primarily with national preparedness, other questions on which the president hopes to see legislation being left for treatment in other addresses to be read to congress after their Christmas holidays.

Minneapolis Bank Robbed by Day.

Minneapolis, Nov. 29.—Three armed bandits entered the Camden Park State bank on Washington avenue, North, drove three employees into a vault, herded a small group of customers in to the street, gathered up \$1,500, and escaped in a stolen delivery wagon, after overloading a package containing \$4,500. No trace of the men has been found.

MONTENEGRO NOW SEPARATE PEACE? FORD RAPS CRITICS

Teutonic Allies Plan to Crush Mountain Kingdom.

London Paper Sees Kaiser in Italio-Austrian Game.

Motor Manufacturer Denies That He Is Pro-German.

Says He Is Pro-British if War Can Be Stopped.

HIS HOPE LIES IN ENGLAND

Millionaire Declares John Bull Put Curb on Militarism.

Time to Stop War Is Now, Before Decisive Victory Is Won.

London, Nov. 30.—The Pall Mall Gazette, associating Emperor William's trip to Vienna with reports that Germany is willing to enter upon peace negotiations, ventures the opinion that, as already suggested, the emperor's trip to the Austrian capital may represent a fresh attempt to bring about conclusion of a separate peace between Austria and Italy. It says: "Some features of Italy's attitude may lend encouragement to such an enterprise. The government at Rome, for reasons never disclosed, has refrained from declaring war on Germany, and has shown no particular eagerness to co-operate with the allies."

Vienna, Nov. 30.—Austria has launched a tremendous campaign against Montenegro.

The offensive, undertaken by the Austrian forces along the Montenegrin northern frontier early in November, was on a small scale, designed only to check flank attacks on the troops engaged in the drive into Serbia from Vicsgrad, the war office explained today.

Northern Serbia having been subdued, it is declared officially that Montenegro is to be completely overrun.

Operations began on the mountain kingdom's northeastern frontier, from the San Jak of Novibazar. The Austrians are reported to have already crossed the river Lim, which parallels the frontier about ten miles to the eastward in the San Jak.

The border is marked by a rugged mountain chain between the Lim and the Chebatina. In this natural fastness, the Montenegrins are strongly entrenched, and it is recognized that it will take desperate fighting to dislodge them.

To Shell Them Out.

Heavy guns are being brought up as rapidly as the country's natural difficulties permit and the defile defenders will be systematically shelled from their position, trench by trench, enabling the Austrians to advance in the path of their own artillery fire with a minimum of short range encounters.

The weather in the mountains is already terrible. The defiles are deep with snowdrifts, the rocks are ice-coated and fierce blizzards sweep the region. The Teutonic view is that the Montenegrins are not so well prepared and will suffer more from winter campaigning than will the Austrians. There will be no suspension of the invasion, therefore, on account of the weather.

French Armies Inactive.

Paris, Nov. 30.—"There is nothing of importance to add to the communication of last night, the war office announced this afternoon.

ADMITS BIG DOPE THEFT

Kansas City Engraver Believed to Have Supplied Underworld.

Kansas City, Nov. 30.—Frank J. Berry, an engraver, the police say, has confessed to stealing \$5,000 worth of opiates from John Wyeth & Bro., chemists. Three thousand dollars worth of the "dope" was recovered. Officials believe Berry has been supplying the underworld with cocaine, heroin and morphine.

Employing Lithographers in Session.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 30.—The National Association of Employing Lithographers began the annual convention here today.

BRITISH CASUALTIES SINCE WAR BEGAN TOTAL 600,000

London, Nov. 30.—British casualty lists published during November total 1,232 officers, 45,184 non-commissioned officers and men in all fields of war, bringing the total since the beginning of hostilities up to apparently 600,000.

Heavy as were the losses in killed, wounded and missing for the present month they were much lighter than in October, when the names of 3,110 officers and 71,187 non-commissioned officers and men were included in the lists.

A statement issued in London October 29, gave the British casualties for the beginning of the war to October 9 as 493,294. The total among officers in that period was 21,293, and among other ranks 472,001.

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REEL VERSUS REAL

Movie Crowd Catches Three Stickup Men After Battle.

Smoke House and Dance Hall Robbed; Two Wounded.

Franklin, Kan., Nov. 30.—After witnessing the thrills of a "movie" chase, on the screen of a theater here Monday night, the audience was quickly turned out into the street to take up a real chase, which, fraught with many of the exciting incidents of a film drama, resulted in the capture of three daring holdup men.

The men, armed with pistols, forced the proprietor of a pool hall to give up the money in his till. As the men left the place word was quickly passed to the moving picture show next door, and at a word from the manager the audience poured out, the men starting in pursuit of the robbers.

A battle with the robbers took place when they were overtaken and two of them were wounded. The third then gave up. None of the pursuers was hurt.

The three prisoners were identified as three men who yesterday morning robbed the proprietor of a dance hall here, securing \$250. They were taken to the county jail at Girard, late Monday night.

TWO PIONEERS DEAD

Pittsburg Mine Owner and Prominent Marysville Woman Gone.

Marysville, Kan., Nov. 30.—Mrs. Harriet J. Munson, an old settler in this community, died Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Theo Hammett. Funeral services were held today at the Hammett home. Mrs. Munson was 88 years old.

Widely Known Coal Operator Dies.

Pittsburg, Kan., Nov. 30.—John S. Hodges, widely known as a coal operator, died here this morning, aged 65 years. Mr. Hodges was a pioneer mine owner in the Kansas field. He was prominent in politics for many years.

OPEN COAST TERMINALS

Railroads Take Action to Relieve Freight Congestion at Docks.

Pittsburg, Nov. 30.—Announcement by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad yesterday of an embargo on steel products for export passing through the New York terminal will not seriously affect this district. Only about 25 cars a day are being shipped to that point, while some 80 cars make up the steel trains for Philadelphia and Baltimore. Much of this freight, railroad officials said, was for foreign ports other than those in Europe. Reports from other railroads leading to the east indicate that every precaution is being taken to prevent added congestion at Atlantic terminals.

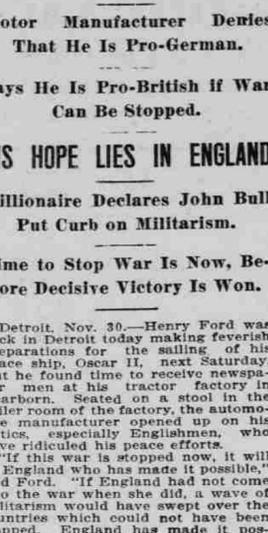
Major Too Busy to Go.

Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 30.—Governor Elliott W. Major of Missouri has declined an invitation to join the Henry Ford peace party on its trip to Europe. He telegraphed to Mr. Ford his good wishes for the success of the undertaking. Pressure of official business, Governor Major said, made it impossible for him to go.

Ship Is Paid For.

New York, Nov. 30.—Henry Ford's [Continued on Page Six.]

YES, SANTA CLAUS WILL COME FROM THERE THIS YEAR



STANLEY

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WAS THE WHOLE THING

Hugh Fisher Acts as Judge, Prosecutor and Attorney for Defense.

In an emergency, there are a lot of things Hugh Fisher, judge of the court of Topeka can do and get away with. This morning Judge Fisher prosecuted, defended, found guilty and bound over Crosby Chiles and Nathan Chiles on charges of drawing a razor, or similar weapon, on D. B. Gilbert, an expressman, and separating him from \$27.

When the preliminary hearing of the Chiles brothers came up this morning there was no one on hand from the county attorney's office to prosecute them. Hugh Fisher, of his own accord, Garver and W. E. Atchison were busy in the district court steering bootleggers, who were falling over themselves to plead guilty, toward the railing in front of the judge's bench. Fisher called the case, prosecuted the men, then defended them, then arguing as he himself as to their guilt or innocence, decided that they knew too much about Gilbert's \$27 and bound them over to the district court.

The alleged "hidup" took place at Sixth and Golden avenues.