

ARTILLERY IN ACTION

Germans Also Make Infantry Attacks.

MAKING NO PROGRESS

Armies in France and Belgium Holding Their Positions.

London, Nov. 18.—Undeterred by wintry weather and floods the Germans still are making an effort to break down the allies' defense along the Franco-Belgian frontier.

Although the Berlin official report refers to the day as having been a quiet one there has been an almost continuous artillery duel, with occasional attacks, but apparently without either side making any progress.

The line from the coast to Nieupoort, which has been receiving less attention since the Germans began their attempt to get the British out of Ypres, again has been subjected to a bombardment which is described as a very violent one, while to the south of Dixmude the Germans have been trying, under fire from the allies' cannon, to build works to check the flood which compelled them to evacuate part of their trenches.

At other points the big guns have been busy again and Rheims has been subjected to another rain of shells.

Relieve Pressure on Verdun.

From the allies' point of view, probably the most important operations are those to the south of Verdun, where the French troops for some time have been trying further to relieve the pressure which the Germans have been exerting on the fortress.

They have succeeded at last, according to the French official communication, and besides making some progress on the heights of the Meuse they have advanced on St. Mihiel, the only point on the left bank of the Meuse which the Germans have been successful in holding.

Another big battle is developing in Poland between the Vistula and Warthe rivers, where the Russian advance has been met by large forces of Germans coming from Thorn. The German plan seems to be to attack the Russian center in the hope of drawing their wings from East Prussia and Cracow. In the former region the Russians report a further advance toward the Gumbinnen-Angerburg line in the north, but they have not been able to dislodge the Germans from the passages of the Mazurian lakes.

Russians Pursue Austrians.

In Galicia the troops of Emperor Nicholas are driving the Austrians southward and westward and have engaged their rear guards at Dukla, at the foot of the Carpathian mountains. The unofficial report that Cracow is burning has not been confirmed.

The Servians and Montenegrins continue to fall back before larger Austrian forces. It is stated from Berlin that the occupation of Belgrade apparently is imminent.

General Botha, commander of the Union of South Africa forces, again has been engaged with General De Wet's rebel commandoes, but the final result of the battle is not yet known. Apparently General De Wet, who gave the British so much trouble in the South African war before he finally was captured, is proving a thorn in the side of his old comrade, Botha, for although part of his commando has been captured, General De Wet seems to keep out of the hands of his pursuers.

DENIES USE OF DUMDUMS

British War Office Makes Similar Charge Against Germans.

London, Nov. 18.—The war office issued a statement denying German allegations that the British troops have used dumdum, or soft-nosed bullets, but maintaining that these kind of missiles have been used by the Germans.

"There is, however, clear evidence that Germany has not confined herself solely to the use of these objectionable ammunition," says the statement. "Her troops in both Togoland and France have been proved to have used bullets with a soft core and hard, thin envelope not entirely covering the core, which type of bullet is expressly prohibited by The Hague convention."

Steamer Sunk by Mine.

London, Nov. 18.—The Swedish steamer Andrew struck a mine in the North sea and sank. Eighteen survivors, including two women, after drifting about in boats for twelve hours, were rescued by a liner and landed at Hull.

Four Killed on Sydney.

London, Nov. 18.—Casualties on the Australian cruiser Sydney, which destroyed the German cruiser Emden in the Indian ocean, were four men killed and one officer and fourteen men wounded.

MAYOR HARRISON.

May Lead Grand March at Chicago Public Dance.



CHICAGO PLANS CITY DANCE

Social Welfare Experiment to Be Made Soon.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Chicago's latest experiment in social welfare work will have its first official test Dec. 2, when the first of the municipal dance halls will be opened. Mayor and Mrs. Harrison are expected to lead the grand march. Ten halls have been obtained and others will be added if the experiment is a success. Dances will not be given Saturday nights, church leaders fearing that it would keep sleepy persons from church the next day.

FRENCH SAY BATTLE TIDE FAVORS THEM

Fight in Flanders Seems to Be Drawing to Close.

Bordeaux, Nov. 18.—The bulletin of the armies of the republic thus sums up the military situation:

"The second great battle in Flanders seems to be drawing to a close. At the present, after a fierce struggle lasting seven days, the German effort appears to be broken. It has been, as with the preceding attempts, a massacre of dense columns of infantry led to the assault by newly appointed officers whose bravery does not compensate for inexperience.

"In the presence of such results it may be affirmed that the superior instruction and preparation of which the German infantry gave proof at the beginning of hostilities—qualities which greatly contributed to their successes in the month of August—have disappeared.

"Today, so far as direction of fighting, fire control and maintenance of contact between infantry and artillery are concerned, superiority has passed to our side.

"In a word, three months of war has tempered the French army and depreciated that of the Germans."

AUTOS MORE DEADLY THAN ARE ZEPPELINS.

New York, Nov. 18.—"Automobiles running without lights through the streets of darkened London kill more persons than bombs dropped from a raiding Zeppelin would," said Lord Richard Nevill of London, upon his arrival here aboard the steamship Transylvania. "There are many persons who believe that the darkening of the city is unnecessary," continued Lord Nevill. "On moonlight nights the enemy would not have the slightest difficulty in locating it."

WELCOMES ANY ASSISTANCE

Germany Will Appreciate Aid for Suffering Belgians.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Germany will welcome any assistance by Americans in relieving the Belgians, according to an announcement by Secretary Bryan after a conference with Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador here.

Mr. Bryan issued the following statement, which was delivered to him by the ambassador:

"The German government is doing everything possible to help the suffering population of Belgium and will welcome any assistance given by Americans."

German General Is Dead.

Berlin, Nov. 18.—Major General von Blankensee died Nov. 14 of wounds received in action, according to a statement issued here.

WAR WILL COST BRITAIN DEARLY

Expenses for One Year Are Figured at \$2,250,000,000.

LARGEST EMPIRE EVER SPENT

David Lloyd-George Says Government Proposes to Meet Debt With Big Loan—Also Proposes Doubling Income Tax and Increasing the Rate on Beer and Tea.

London, Nov. 18.—David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, in the house of commons estimated that the cost of one year of the war for this country would be £450,000,000 (\$2,250,000,000), the largest sum England has ever spent on a war, and more than twice what was spent in the four years' conflict in South Africa.

To pay this enormous bill the government has decided, he said, to raise a loan of £350,000,000 (\$1,750,000,000) which will be issued at 95, bear interest at the rate of 3½ per cent and be redeemable at par March 1, 1928.

The chancellor proposed, and the house unanimously supported him, that the income tax should be doubled, but only collected in one-third of the income this year, that an extra ½d (1 cent) a half pint should be levied on beer and extra 3d (6 cents) a pound on tea.

He explained that the expenditure on the British troops will be higher in proportion than that of any other country in the world, as the pay and the cost of the army and navy are greater, there are separate allowances to the men and their families and pensions are on a larger scale. Already 2,000,000 are serving and another 1,000,000 are in the course of enlistment.

"We are fighting," the chancellor said, "an enemy who cannot offer any terms that we can accept without a smashing defeat. Therefore, if there is any doubt about the length of the war, I, as chancellor of the exchequer, must assume the longer period."

VICTORIA CROSSES FOR NINE

Four Noncommissioned Officers Are Decorated for Bravery.

London, Nov. 18.—The Victoria cross has been conferred on Captain Francisco Grenfell of the Ninth Lancers for aiding and saving the guns of the British in Belgium Aug. 24; on Captain Douglas Reynolds of the artillery, who was wounded in a similar exploit; on Captain Theodore Wright of the engineers, who was mortally wounded while rescuing a wounded man; on Surgeon Harry Sherwood Rankin for attending men under fire after he had received wounds from which he died later; on Lieutenant Maurice Dease and on four noncommissioned officers.

GERMAN CRUISER INTERNED

Converted Warship Berlin Being Disarmed in Norwegian Port.

Christiania, Norway, Nov. 18.—It was officially announced here that the disarmament of the German converted cruiser Berlin, formerly a North German Lloyd liner of that name, which has put in at Trondhjem, a seaport of Norway, has been begun.

The Berlin appeared off Trondhjem, which is on the northwestern coast of Norway, and well outside of the North sea. It was then reported that it was endeavoring to escape from the North sea to act as a commerce raider in the Atlantic, much as the cruiser Emden did in the Indian ocean.

WAR TO AID SUGAR TRADE

Manufacture of Product From Beets Will Be Stimulated.

San Francisco, Nov. 18.—The European war will be a big help to the American beet sugar manufacturing industry, according to a statement given out here following a meeting of the United States Sugar Manufacturing association.

The European output for 1914-1915 will be about 5,500,000 tons instead of the estimated 8,000,000 tons, the statement said.

LOAN BANK ROBBED OF GEMS

Two Bandits Bind Proprietor, Clerk and Two Customers.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Jewels variously estimated to be valued at \$25,000 to \$50,000 were stolen from a North side loan bank by two robbers, who bound the proprietor, a clerk and two customers, looted the safe and escaped.

While one of the thieves guarded the four men the second took a suitcase, drew up in front of the safe, sat down and filled the case with gems.

Admits Slaying of Trio.

Great Bend, Kan., Nov. 18.—Thomas White, twenty-one years old, pleaded guilty to the murder of Lee Morgan, a farmer; Miss Mayme McQuillan, Morgan's housekeeper, and Clarence McGugin, his hired man, a month ago, and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

WILLIAM G. M'ADOO.

President Congratulates Him on Opening of Reserve Banks.



WASHINGTON HAS NO INFORMATION

Turkish Forts Fire on an American Naval Launch.

London, Nov. 18.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Athens says:

"A launch from the United States cruiser Tennessee, which was entering the Gulf of Smyrna to arrange for the cruiser to come into the harbor, was fired upon by the forts and compelled to return to the Tennessee.

"The commander of the Tennessee informed the port authorities that he had orders from his government to enter the harbor of Smyrna and had decided to do so."

Washington, Nov. 18.—Officials here refused to credit or to be alarmed by the dispatch saying the cruiser Tennessee's launch had been fired upon by the Turkish forts at Smyrna.

Officials regarded it as highly improbable that anything had occurred which could not be adjusted readily by exchanges between the Turkish and American governments.

URGES BIG RESERVE FORCE

Army of Philippines Sees Necessity for One Million Men.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—A move to strengthen the national defense with a veteran reserve army was advanced by a resolution adopted by the Army of the Philippines, which adjourned its fourteenth annual convention after electing Brigadier General Jacob H. Smith of Portsmouth, O., commander-in-chief, to succeed Colonel John C. Loper of Des Moines, Ia.

The veteran reserve force, as contemplated by the resolution, would make approximately 1,000,000 trained men available to the government in the event of war.

It would include officers and enlisted men within the military age limit who have had military service in the United States army, navy, marine corps, United States volunteers, national guard and American citizens with experience in any foreign army.

LORD ROBERTS TO BE BURIED AT ST. PAUL'S.

London, Nov. 18.—The funeral of Lord Roberts will be public and will take place at St. Paul's cathedral on Thursday, it was announced. Interment will be at St. Paul's. Lord Kitchener, Winston Churchill and other cabinet ministers, as well as members of both houses of parliament, will attend the services.

WIFE INDICTED FOR CRIME

Accused of Slaying Her Husband With Lodge Sword.

Minneapolis, Nov. 18.—Testimony of Mrs. W. H. Harris, Ada Willis, Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Wright and Fred Crisman, occupants of apartments in the Lowenhaupt flats, with the story of policemen who investigated the case, caused a Hennepin county grand jury to return a murder indictment against Mrs. Charlotte Sharpless.

So far as is known no new facts were divulged in connection with the murder of Leaming Sharpless, the Omaha railroad engineer, who was stabbed through the back with a lodge sword last Saturday.

The case against Mrs. Sharpless is said to have been strengthened by the finding of blood stained garments in the closet of the room in which Mrs. Sharpless declares she was asleep when the murder was committed.

SEES CLEAR AND BRIGHT FUTURE

President Wilson Sums Up View of Business Prospects.

OPENING OF RESERVE BANKS

Chief Executive Writes Letter to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo Congratulating Him Upon Establishment of New Financial System—President Declares Monopoly Will Slowly Be Eradicated.

Washington, Nov. 18.—"A future clear and bright, with promise of the best things," was the way President Wilson summed up his view of business prospects in a letter to Secretary McAdoo of the treasury department, congratulating him upon the opening of the new federal reserve banking system. "Fundamental wrongs once righted, as they may now easily and quickly be," wrote the president, "all differences will clear away."

"We are all in the same boat, though apparently we had forgot it. We know the port for which we are bound. We have, and shall have, more and more as our new understandings ripen, a common discipline of patriotic purpose. We shall advance and advance together with a new cordiality of the spirited co-operation. It is an inspiring prospect."

Mr. Wilson referred to the new tariff law, the new currency law, the labor provisions of the new anti-trust law as the means through which "the soil has everywhere been laid bare out of which monopoly slowly is to be eradicated."

He added that "undoubtedly the means by which credit has been set free is at the heart of all these things, is the keystone of the whole structure."

Referring to the "opportunities" of the currency law the president said "the war which has involved the whole of the heart of Europe has made it necessary that the United States should mobilize its resources in the most effective way possible."

He spoke of the difficulty of marketing the cotton crop of the country and added that "no doubt, in the light of the new day with its new understandings, the problems of the railroads also will be met and dealt with in a spirit of candor and justice."

The president's letter was in reply to one from Secretary McAdoo announcing the opening of the reserve banks.

AUTO LEAPS FROM ROAD

Minneapolis Manufacturer Killed and Brother Injured.

Minneapolis, Nov. 18.—Returning to his home in Minneapolis from his farm at Glen Lake, Charles H. Scott, vice president and treasurer of the Strong-Scott Manufacturing company, was instantly killed when his automobile leaped from the Hopkins road near the Minikahda club.

W. J. Scott, brother of the dead man, was seriously injured. The machine was running at a high speed and a defective steering gear is given as the cause of the fatality.

The machine turned completely over. Charles H. Scott was caught under the wind shield and his neck was broken. W. J. Scott was pinned under the tonneau.

KILLED BY WOUNDED DEER

Hunter Plunges Into Lake After Animal and Loses Life.

Antigo, Wis., Nov. 18.—That a fight with a wounded deer ended in the death of David Gibson was revealed when the body of the hunter was found in the waters of Sawyer lake near here.

Gibson was hunting with his brother and wounded a large deer, which plunged into the lake. Gibson followed in an attempt to take the wounded animal.

His brother heard him call for help, but before he could find him in the dark he had been killed.

TWO GIRLS KILLED BY TRAIN

Third of Trio Walking Along Tracks Is Injured Mortally.

New York, Nov. 18.—Three young women walking arm in arm along the Long Island railroad tracks near Laurel Hill on their way home from factory work after dark were struck by a fast moving train and two of them were killed instantly. The third was mortally injured. The whistling of a high wind in the cut through which they were walking is believed to have prevented them hearing the train.

THAW BRIBE CASE UPHELD

Conviction of John N. Anhut Affirmed by Court of Appeals.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 18.—The judgment convicting John N. Anhut of attempting to bribe Dr. John W. Russell, former superintendent of the state hospital for the insane at Matteawan, to bring about the release of Harry K. Thaw, was affirmed by the court of appeals.

TRAINMEN MAY CALL STRIKE

Cotton Belt Road Employees Are Taking Vote on Proposed Walkout.

St. Louis, Nov. 18.—A vote to decide whether the trainmen of the St. Louis Southwestern railway (Cotton Belt) shall call a strike is being taken again, according to a statement made here by an official of the Order of Railway Conductors.

The Cotton Belt trainmen voted to call a strike several months ago, but were prevented by a court injunction issued at the request of several trainmen.

The trainmen are demanding the reinstatement of a conductor discharged, the company says, for intoxication.

IS THREE WEEKS OVERDUE

British Steamer Carries Meat Cargo Worth \$1,000,000.

London, Nov. 18.—Grave fears are expressed for the safety of the British liner La Correntina, which has not been heard of since she left Buenos Ayres for Liverpool Oct. 5. The steamer is three weeks overdue. She carried a cargo of meat worth \$1,000,000.

The liner was armed for defense and one rumor suggests that she has been in action with the German armed liner Kronprinz Wilhelm and that both vessels were sunk.

LOSS BY FIRE IS \$2,000,000

Six Persons Hurt Fighting Flames Which Destroy Elevator.

Galveston, Tex., Nov. 18.—A loss of approximately \$2,000,000 and injury to half a dozen firemen was caused by fire which destroyed the Sunset elevator here. The building was leased by the J. Rosenbaum Grain company of Chicago. The loss is covered by insurance.

The elevator handled a large part of the grain shipped abroad from Galveston this season. About 800,000 bushels of wheat is said to have been in the structure.

COST OF FIGHTING PLAGUE

Work of Eradicating Foot and Mouth Disease Expensive.

Washington, Nov. 18.—To date the federal and state governments have spent approximately \$750,000 in the campaign against the live stock foot and mouth disease epidemic. Of this amount \$400,000 has been borne by the federal government, almost exhausting the available funds of the department of agriculture.

An emergency appropriation of probably \$200,000 will be asked of congress.

WILSON'S MESSAGE FIRST

Cabinet Officers' Recommendations Will Wait.

Washington, Nov. 18.—At the cabinet meeting it was decided that the annual reports of the various cabinet officers this year should not be made public until after President Wilson had read his annual address to congress in December.

The president's communication to congress will be brief and the departmental reports will be in the nature of detailed supplements.

GRAIN AND PROVISION PRICES

Duluth Wheat and Flax.

Duluth, Nov. 18.—Wheat—On track and to arrive, No. 1 hard, \$1.18½; No. 1 Northern, \$1.17½; No. 2 Northern, \$1.14½. Flax—On track and to arrive, \$1.45½.

South St. Paul Live Stock.

South St. Paul, Nov. 18.—Cattle—Steers, \$5.00@8.75; cows and heifers, \$4.60@7.25; calves, \$5.00@9.75; stockers and feeders, \$4.75@6.50. Hogs—\$7.30@7.40. Sheep—Lambs, \$5.00@8.50; wethers, \$5.25@6.25; ewes, \$3.00@5.25.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Wheat—Dec., \$1.14½; May, \$1.21½. Corn—Dec., 67½c; May, 71c. Oats—Dec., 49½c; May, 53½c. Pork—Jan., \$18.70; May, \$19.12. Butter—Creameries, 32c. Eggs—20@29c. Poultry—Springs, 11½c; fowls, 11c; turkeys, 15½c.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Cattle—Beeves, \$6.00@10.80; steers, \$5.60@9.20; cows and heifers, \$3.75@9.40; calves, \$7.50@11.25. Hogs—Light, \$7.30@7.75; mixed, \$7.30@7.80; heavy, \$7.25@7.80; rough, \$7.25@7.40; pigs, \$4.00@6.25. Sheep—Native, \$5.60@6.35; yearlings, \$6.50@7.50.

Minneapolis Grain.

Minneapolis, Nov. 18.—Wheat—Dec., \$1.13½; May, \$1.18½. Cash close on track: No. 1 hard, \$1.18½; No. 1 Northern, \$1.15½@1.17½; No. 2 Northern, \$1.11½@1.15½; No. 3 Northern, \$1.06½@1.13½; No. 3 yellow corn, \$8@8.25; No. 3 white oats, 45½@46c; flax, \$1.45½.

St. Paul Hay.

St. Paul, Nov. 18.—Hay—Choice timothy, \$15.00; No. 1 timothy, \$13.50@14.25; No. 1 clover mixed, \$11.00@11.50; No. 1 mixed, different grasses, \$10.00@10.75; No. 1 mixed, timothy and wild, \$10.50@11.50; choice upland, \$13.00; No. 1 upland, \$11.50@12.25; No. 1 midland, \$7.50@8.25; No. 1 alfalfa, \$15.60@16.75.