

WEATHER. Fair today. Tomorrow partly cloudy and warmer; light variable winds. Temperature for the past twenty-four hours: Highest, 58; lowest, 41. Full report on page 2.

TO CLOSE INQUIRY ON HALF AND HALF

Final Arguments Before the Joint Committee to Begin Tomorrow Morning.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE ASKED TO BE HEARD

Report of the Investigation. Therefore, May Not Be Ready for Filing Before January.

The closing arguments before the joint select committee of Congress investigating the fiscal relations between the United States and the District of Columbia will begin tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

Henry B. F. Macfarland, chairman of the joint citizens' committee, will be the first speaker in defense of the half-and-half plan.

The opening argument will be made by Mr. Macfarland, others will be heard before Mr. Noyes speaks, and following him the remaining addresses will be made.

May Ask for Time. District Commissioner Brownlow said yesterday that he might ask for time after he had heard the arguments presented.

The committee arranged yesterday to give W. D. Mackenzie, representing the Tax Reform Association, an hour, and also granted an hour to W. A. Kehoe, and a half hour each to C. L. Lancaster, A. B. Johnson and A. S. Trundle.

The public hearings before the committee began three weeks ago, and the committee sat for six hours each day with few exceptions.

Members of the committee said last night it is possible that their recommendations would be framed in time for submission to Congress when it convenes in December.

Desire for Definite Ratio. The desire of many of the citizens of the District for some fixed, definite ratio of contribution to the capital's expenses by the federal government has been made manifest.

Regard Plan as Not Practical. While the witnesses in favor of the half-and-half or some other fixed division have been willing to admit that the suggestion submitted by Senator Works, Commissioners Newman and Brownlow and former Senator Blackburn, providing that the federal government would pay all the expenses of the District, and the citizens would pay a reasonable amount of taxes into the federal Treasury, is ideal in theory, they have been unwilling to accept it as a practical plan.

FILIBUSTER LANDS CARGO. Lucy H. Leaves Two of Crew Behind on Mexican Shore.

CHURCHILL TO LEAVE FOR FRONT WEDNESDAY

SUBMARINES ARE DELAYED. Three at San Francisco Which Sailed From Honolulu October 29.

ITALIAN RESERVISTS SAIL. Sixteen Hundred Leave New York Bound for Naples.

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Ship Charles A. Luck With 20 Men Believed Lost on Great Lakes

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KILLED EXAMINING "UNLOADED" PISTOL

James Barrett Is Victim of Friend's Failure to Remember Lone Cartridge.

James Barrett, sixty years old, of 1342 F street northeast, an assistant engineer, was fatally injured last night by the accidental discharge of a revolver he was examining. He died while being hurried to the Casualty Hospital.

Forgot Lone Cartridge.

Kuik, a fireman, took a small automatic revolver to work with him from the Golden Eagle Hotel, New Jersey avenue and D street northwest, where he resides. It was pay day and he feared he might be held up on his way home.

DIED IN THE AMBULANCE.

Barrett fell to the floor and Kuik rushed to his side. Samuel S. Fort, an oiler, who was in another part of the brewery, heard the shot. He found Barrett lying on the floor. Fort telephoned to Casualty Hospital for the ambulance. Barrett was unconscious and died in the ambulance.

BELGIUM MUST PAY \$8,000,000 MONTHLY

BRUSSELS, November 13.—Gov. Gen. von Bissing has imposed upon Belgium a monthly war contribution of 40,000,000 francs (\$8,000,000) toward covering the needs of the army and the cost of administering occupied territories.

CALLS 10,000 MORE MEN FOR AFRICAN CAMPAIGN

CAPE TOWN, via London, November 13.—The government recruiting committee has called for another 10,000 men for service in German East Africa.

Expected to Take Staps Against Schmidt in Dynamite Case.

LOS ANGELES, November 13.—Ortie E. McManigal, star witness for the state in the McManigal dynamite conspiracy case, will take the stand next week in the murder trial of Matthew A. Schmidt, according to a statement today by District Attorney Thomas L. Whaley.

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Dr. Dernburg Thinks Mr. Wilson Will Insist on Compliance to Demands.

DECLARES PRESIDENT HAS SINGLE-TRACK MIND

Discusses Germany's "Wise Giving In" on Submarine Issue—Cites American Motives.

BERLIN, November 12, via London. November 13 delayed in transmission. The article, written by Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, ex-secretary of the colonies, on the note to Great Britain, reviewing in general America's relations to Germany and Great Britain, occupies the entire first page of the Tagblatt. It is written in the friendly spirit toward President Wilson.

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THINKING OF GREAT POSSIBILITIES.

GERMANS, ANXIOUS TO END WAR, WILL STRIKE AT EGYPT, IS CLAIM

Special Cablegram to The Star. LONDON, November 13.—The Times gives prominence to a dispatch from Lausanne, purporting to be based on trustworthy information, to the effect that the German rulers and military commanders are increasingly alarmed over the prospects for a successful completion of the war.

The effects of attrition are beginning to tell so severely, the dispatch says, "that they are desperately anxious to end the war either by a patched-up peace or by some desperate coup de main. They probably are contemplating the latter rather than the former, and according to the information, they are concentrating their energy at the moment on an attack on Egypt. They intend by means of a light railway across the desert to make a dash for the Suez Canal, believing that the British are unprepared and unable to prepare in time. They recognize that the attack otherwise is hopeless, as no light railway can carry the huge force of men and guns necessary to succeed. But they intend to strike within the month, relying on English slowness for the success of the attack."

TEUTON DIPLOMATS FACING INDICTMENT

Evidence of Their Violation of Laws Against Conspiracy Is Piling Up. Special Dispatch to The Star. NEW YORK, November 13.—So acute has grown the situation with relation to the Teuton propagandists that William J. Flynn, chief of the United States secret service, and H. Snowden Marshall, United States district attorney for this district, were summoned to Washington today to confer with the authorities there as to their next move.

An excellent authority it was learned that the government officials here have amassed a considerable amount of evidence against three high officials in the Teuton diplomatic corps. So important is this evidence that a star-chamber conference was deemed advisable before taking any positive action.

The evidence in the case of at least one of these diplomats is alleged to be sufficient to cause his indictment for violation of this country's statutes with respect to conspiracies.

Some Indictments Possible. Just what the next move will be will depend on the verdict of Secretary of State Lansing, with whom the secret service head and the United States district attorney will confer.

Those well informed with respect to the activities of the United States secret service and the agents of the Department of Justice in the running down of Teuton agents in this country look forward to the indictment of a prominent German-American shipping man, who is known to the United States authorities as the "bagman."

It is said that it has been his duty to furnish the spies of the central powers with the wherewithal to do their work before American line, and other employees of this German steamship line, under indictment for technical violations of the customs regulations, is called. In reality these men are charged with secretly furnishing German commerce destroyers with supplies while cruising in the north and south Atlantic.

ARTILLERY AND GRENADE FIGHTING IN THE WEST

LONDON, November 13.—In France and Belgium military operations are of a minor nature, Paris reporting only artillery activity and grenade fighting while Berlin passes over the western front without comment in its official statement.

GERMANS LOSE GROUND IN VICINITY OF RIGA

LONDON, November 13.—From the German side, there is lack of reports of operations on the eastern front, the latest Petrograd statement, however, indicated that the Teutons were losing ground in the neighborhood of Riga, and apparently had little chance, at least of immediate success, in forcing their way either to Riga or Dvinsk.

ITALY WILL MAKE USE OF INTERNED GERMAN SHIPS

MILAN, Italy, November 13.—A Genoa dispatch to the Secolo says the Italian government has decided to find out and use German liners which are interned in Italian ports. Three or four of the vessels at Genoa alone have a total tonnage of 22,000.

EAT LUNCH AT ROADSIDE

President Wilson, His Fiancee and Her Mother on Motor Trip in Maryland.

President Wilson, his fiancee, Mrs. Norman Galt, and her mother, Mrs. W. H. Bolling, yesterday ate a roadside picnic lunch together in the course of a 150-mile automobile ride which took them through Baltimore, Westminster and many small towns and villages in Maryland. They returned after dark and had dinner together at the White House.

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MRS. WILLIAM G. HADD DIES. Wife of Former Official of Post Office Department Bureau.

Special Dispatch to The Star. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., November 13.—Mrs. William G. Hadd died last night at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hadd, in this city. Mr. Hadd was superintendent of the cost-keeping department of the bureau of the fourth assistant postmaster general at Washington, D. C., from last November until the middle of August, when he was transferred to the Chicago post office in the same position.

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Slower Progress Made by Invaders in Mountain Regions—Bulgar Enveloping Movement May Fail.

FRENCH FORCES NEARING VELES; TAKE TOWNS ON VARDAR RIVER

Shoumadians Can and Will Hold Out, Officers Say of Peoples Who Are Putting Up a Most Terrible Resistance.

5,000,000 KILLED IN WAR, IS CLAIM.

BASEL, Switzerland, November 13.—Col. Heussler, a Swiss military statistician, calculates the total losses in killed in the present war at 5,000,000.

LONDON, November 13.—Chief interest in military operations continues to center upon the Balkans. Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces, fighting their way step by step from the north, are gradually eating into the ground over which lies the Serbian line of retreat. The Serbians, fighting as they are now, in the mountain regions, however, seem to be holding the invaders to slower progress.

In southern Serbia increasing resistance by the Serbian forces opposing the Bulgarians and the increasing activity of the Franco-British forces give hope to military observers in the allied capitals that the enveloping operations by which the Serbians seemed likely to be cut off from retreat may not after all succeed. Allied operations around the Vardar river were reported to be bringing results helpful to the Serbians, particularly in the neighborhood of Veles.

A dispatch from Saloniki, Greece, to Reuter's Telegram Company says: "French attacks on the Bulgarian positions continue to be successful and an important French force now is within a mile and a quarter of Veles, all around which town French cavalry detachments are active.

"The French have occupied several villages on the right bank of the Vardar river." The Anglo-French forces have occupied hill number 350, between Radvovo and Strumitsa and dominating the left side of the pass through which runs the Dojpan-Strumitsa railway. They also have taken hill number 516, on the opposite side of the same pass, putting the pass completely in the power of the Anglo-French troops.

In the Cerna river sector the French already hold Dibrista, Kamentol and Memeu. Yesterday they captured Sirkovo and Clausevika, south of Cicevo, inflicting heavy losses on the Bulgarians and doubling the territory occupied in this sector. By this action the French extended their line to within a few miles of the Serbian positions commanding the Babuna defile and cut off an important Bulgarian force in the neighborhood of Phares.

Serbia Will Hold Out, Is Claim. "Serbia can and will hold out." That is the message brought from the north by officers who have reached Monastir, according to George Renwick, a noted war correspondent. He says, in describing the Serbian fight, "One object of my acquaintance tells me that he had a long talk with Gen. Putnik a few days ago, and that he found the veteran hopeful as to the Serbian situation.

"The old guard of Serbia has continued its most marvelous defensive tactics. Prisoners who have been taken admit that on the various battlefields of Europe they have experienced nothing of quite such an extraordinary nature of the stubborn way in which the men of Morava have slowed down the German advance. Between Palianka and Kragujevats it has not all been a question of retreat. An officer present at the action of the Shoumadian division, a brilliant little battle in which the German force was made aware once more of the fighting qualities of Col. Tzetic's men.

"On the hill before the town the division took up a good position. The colonel, though the orders were to retreat, knew the spirit of his men and determined at least one of them should be allowed to tackle the invader, so the order was given to advance and attack.

Serbians Make Advance. "It was magnificent, my officer friend told me, to see the light in the men's eyes as they heard the wail when they came to the mountain barrier of Babuna, held by 5,000 Serbians. The Bulgars began the attack by a successful assault on Izvor, and when that was accomplished the enemy held the left bank of the Babuna river, while the Serbs clung to the right. At this time the Bulgarians were probably 15,000 strong and another slight advance forced the Serbs, whose total force was not more than 1,000, into retreat in the direction of Abdilpassa Hahn.

"The enemy then brought up reinforcements amounting to 5,000 men, and November 2 a drive toward Korset, on the right, was attempted. The Serbs saw the move in good time and were ready to meet it. A desperate action took place and the Bulgarians were driven back on the run, leaving 250 dead on the field.

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