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SUCCESSFUL RAID OF AIR SHIPS

BY ALLIED AVIATORS CAUSED A GREAT RENEWAL OF PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN BRITAIN

London, Feb. 13.—The successful raid by British airships on the German positions in Belgium is creating public confidence that they may be able to check the threatened blockade of the British coast by the Germans. The raid was the greatest in the history of the war. Over thirty aeroplanes took part. Not a single machine was lost and only two slightly damaged. They covered a wide area, inflicting great damage at Middlekerke, Bruges, Ostend and Blankenburge. The German supply depots were badly damaged.

PROTEST FROM THE PORTE

MORE ON RUSSIA FOR SINKING A STEAMER

Constantinople, Feb. 13.—The porte has forwarded a protest to the neutral countries against Russia, on account of the sinking of the American steamer Washington, reported to have been sunk in the Black Sea by Russian warships.

SAMOAN ISLANDS SWEEPED

By an Earthquake and Tidal Wave Greater than that of 1889

Tutuila, Feb. 13.—An earthquake, hurricane and tidal wave swept the Samoan Islands Wednesday. Much damage is reported. It is not known how many lives were lost, but the islands are devastated.

DEMONSTRATION AND LECTURE

Tickets are now on sale for Miss Barrows' demonstration and lecture Saturday, Feb. 20th, at the Women's Club. The demonstration will begin at 9:30 in the morning and the lecture will be given at the regular club meeting, which begins at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Miss Barrows is secretary of the National Association of Home Economics, and teacher of cookery at Columbia University and Chautauqua, N. Y., and is an authority on the subject. The tickets are fifty cents and add one to both the demonstration and the lecture. Mrs. W. T. Gary, Chairman.

NEW SPRING SEED

Our new seeds for spring planting in both field and garden, are now in. We can furnish them in any quantity on short notice.

Bitting & Mathews, 410 N. Magnolia St., Ocala, Fla.

SAYS CONSEQUENCES MAY BE SERIOUS

STRONG PROTEST MADE BY GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE

Washington, Feb. 13.—The German ambassador, on instructions from Berlin today, urged Secretary Bryan to call Great Britain's attention to Germany's guarantee that the American steamship *Wilhelmina's* cargo will be used only for the civil population of Germany. He impressed upon Mr. Bryan the advisability of accepting the guarantee and suggested that serious consequences will follow an unfavorable decision of a prize court in the *Wilhelmina's* case. He stated that the United States is vitally concerned in the continuance of neutral trade and "should not acquiesce in any action by Great Britain designed to starve out the civil population of Germany."

The ambassador declared that if Great Britain upholds the seizure of the *Wilhelmina's* cargo that measures would be taken by Germany to retaliate which "would operate against the interests of the United States government." He said Germany was willing for consular agents of the United States to supervise the distribution of the cargo after it reaches its destination.

FLORIDA MAN AT THE FRONT

The New Republic for February 12, contains a good portrait of Major Dan Morgan Smith, of Chicago, with an extensive notice of the position he has taken on the wet or dry issue in Illinois. Major Smith is the eldest son of Dr. D. M. Smith of this city, and well known to many people here and in Hamilton county, where he passed his boyhood. He is a lawyer by profession, and is enthusiastic national guard man, holding the rank of major in the Illinois state troops. He is a chip off the old block, decided in his views and fearless in expressing them. Major Smith has for some years been general counsel for the Model License League of Illinois, but finding that organization was not acting fairly, he repudiated it and came out squarely for prohibition. The New Republic prefaces a report of an address made by Major Smith as follows:

"Columbus, O., Feb. 3.—Finding that though honest, he was mistaken; that the promoters of the Model License League really do not want saloon regulations; that regulation does not regulate; but Prohibition does prohibit, Major Dan Morgan Smith, of Chicago, for four years general counsel of the Model License League, last night came out squarely for local, county, state and national prohibition, in an address which he made last night before the Ohio Dry convention.

"It was the first speech Major Smith ever made for the drys. For several reasons, it was one of the most effective addresses ever made in behalf of prohibition, and marked an epoch in the fight against saloons, inasmuch as it exposed, from the viewpoint of the man who has been on the inside, the rottenness and insincerity of the advocates of regulation as opposed to prohibition."

Feel like trying a Scotch highball (any other kind if you do not like the Scotch) then try one at Johnny's Place. 22-tf

RUSSIANS HAD TO RECEDE

PRESSURE OF GERMAN REINFORCEMENTS TOO POWERFUL IN EAST PRUSSIA

Petrograd, Feb. 13.—Gloom pervades the Russian capital today. Despite the announcement that the Russians retired from East Prussia for the purpose of choosing their own battleground, the public is showing uneasiness over the fact that the Russians were driven back eighty miles.

The Russian general staff declares it is following out plans perfected in the early part of the war. The semi-circular formation of the Russian forces recently extended from the Mazurian Lakes to Tilsit, therefore it changed its position without altering its general shape. One end of the crescent rests in the province of Plock while the other end is in the province of Kovno.

The Russian offensive is progressing north of the Vistula in the Mlawasierpe district of Poland. That the Germans are being pushed back from Buzra, is the official report, but the public believes much is left unsaid in the reports.

BOSTON CHOIR BOYS

Engaged in a Quarrel with a Fatal Ending

Boston, Feb. 13.—Wright Edmundson, aged fourteen, stabbed John Goodwin, aged fifteen, to death last night. Both were choir boys at St. John Evangelical church. Edmundson confessed.

OPEN DAY AND NIGHT

Merchant's Cafe, A. C. L. depot corner. Meats a la carte and lunches at any hour.—Adv. tf

FOR SALE

Membership tickets for the Woman's Exchange are on sale at the Court Pharmacy, or phone 445. Price of ticket, fifty cents. 9-6t

OAK AND PINE WOOD

First class wood, any length, quick delivery. Call phone 3M, four rings. J. M. Potter. 18-6t

Miss Afleck is pleased to announce that Mrs. Allegood is now buying her spring stock and will be present at the wholesale openings this week. None of the best styles of the millinery markets are shown until this opening and she will be prepared to serve the trade with the most up to the minute ideas to be had in town by the local opening, March 4th-5th. 9-3t

We make a specialty of the kind and quality of service which all people want in everything they buy from a drug store. Gerig's. 9-tf

On Saturday and Monday, 17 pounds of sugar for \$1, with one dollar's worth of other groceries, for cash. Smith Grocery Co. Phone 434. tf

SHORT AND SWEET

BERLIN CLAIMS SUCCESS IN ALL OF GERMANY'S BATTLES

Berlin, Feb. 13.—The French attacks in the Vosges have been repulsed.

The Russian offensive in East Prussia has broken down and the Germans are advancing.

The activity of the allies' aviators on the Belgian coast is admitted, but little damage has been done.

ALFRED AYER

Under a reproduction of his smiling features, the current issue of Dixie prints the following brief biography of Marion county's popular and efficient tax assessor:

Alfred Ayer left a South Carolina military school when just sixteen years old and joined Maxey Gregg's regiment, that was being reorganized at Richmond, Va., and was appointed drill-master. In the winter of 1861, at Suffolk, Va., he contracted inflammatory rheumatism in the right foot and was discharged. After limping on crutches for eight months he joined Hunter's company. About that time the secretary of war appointed ten drill-masters "cadets," with rank and pay of lieutenant, and he got one of the appointments, but was soon promoted to lieutenant of regulars and assigned to Company I, First South Carolina Regular Artillery.

He was in the battle of Maurice and James Island, and in Fort Sumter when the night attack was made on it. His command covered Hardee's retreat all the way from Charleston to Bentonville, N. C., and made a stand at Averyboro, N. C., holding Sherman's advance in check all day; his brigade was entirely surrounded, but cut through and made a forced march for Bentonville, leaving the dead and wounded on the field. In both officers and men, the loss was severe. He received a slight flesh wound in the left leg. He took command of his company and went into the battle of Bentonville with typhoid fever under protest of the surgeon. After the battle he was sent to the hospital at Salisbury, S. C., where the doctors said he would die, but the noble women "who were never known to give up the ship as long as there was life," nursed him back to life.

When he returned to his old home in Barnwell, S. C., he found houses, barns, fences, a thousand bushels of corn and fifteen hundred bales of cotton all in ashes, and with starvation and reconstruction staring him in the face.

In 1874 he sold the farm and sawmill and came to Marion county, Fla., where he married Mrs. L. P. Belsler, also from South Carolina, and made fine orange and lemon groves on the island in Lake Weir, which the freeze of '94-'95 wiped out.

In 1897 he was elected to the legislature, leading the ticket. He was then elected tax assessor, and has held the position for sixteen years. In the November election he received the highest vote that was cast in the county.

He was always active in the U. C. V.'s camp, and at the Lakeland reunion was elected general of the Second Brigade, U. C. V.

He is the eldest son of General L. M. Ayer, who was a member of Congress, and is yet remembered and loved by many old South Carolinians now living in Florida. He is one of the noble old veterans of the loved but lost cause, and is honored and esteemed by all who know him.

VIGOROUS ATTACK ON VERDUN

FIERCE OFFENSIVE TAKEN BY THE GERMANS BUT ALL ASSAULTS REPULSED BY THE FRENCH

Paris, Feb. 13.—The Germans are taking a vigorous offensive in the region of Verdun, but all attacks on the French trenches have been repulsed. German aeroplanes flew over Verdun, but their bombs did no damage.

The Germans are violently bombarding Nieuport and Ypres, and great artillery activity is manifest on both sides in the Champagne region. The French drove the Germans from the high spur north of Harmanweiler Kopf, inflicting severe losses.

AT THE CHURCHES TOMORROW

Presbyterian
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Dr. McMillan of Gainesville.

Baptist
(Rev. Bunyan Stephens, Pastor)
9:30 a. m.—Sunday School.
11 a. m.—Morning service.
Preaching by the pastor.
Subject, "A Glorious Church."
6:30 p. m.—B. Y. P. U.
7:30 p. m.—Evening service.
A hearty welcome awaits you.

Methodist
(Rev. J. M. Gross, Pastor)
9:30 a. m.—Sunday School.
11 a. m.—Preaching.
Subject, Leaning on Bruised Reeds.
2:30 p. m.—Junior League.
3:30 p. m.—Senior League.
7:30 p. m.—Preaching.
Subject, "Preciousness of the Word of the Lord."

All cordially invited. Strangers always welcome.

East Broadway Church
Disciples of Christ
(Roy B. Bowers, Minister)
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Sermon, "Seven Reasons Why You Should Join this Church."
7:30 p. m.—Lecture, "The Signs of the Times," continued.

Men's Class of Religious Investigation
This class stands for constructive Christianity, independent thought, charity for opinion. Undenominational. Meets every Sunday at the East Broadway church at 10 a. m. Also monthly meetings with prepared program.

CONFESSED HIS CRIME
Slayer of Hazel Weinstein Paid the Penalty on the Scaffold
Chicago, Feb. 13.—Roswell Smith was hanged here today for the murder, four years ago, of Hazel Weinstein, whom he lured into a vacant building and choked to death. Smith confessed before he died.

Toilet articles of every description at the Court Pharmacy. 5-6t

PORTE MAY EAT HUMBLE PIE

MAY ASK PARDON FOR INSULTING THE GREEK MINISTER

Athens, Feb. 13.—Greece has demanded an apology from Turkey for the action of Turkish secret police in Constantinople, alleging that they insulted the Greek minister. It is believed that Turkey will comply with the request.

RAILROAD ON THE RACK

SOUTHERN PACIFIC MUST SHINE ON ITS OWN SIDE

Washington, Feb. 13.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today notified the Southern Pacific Railway that the commission will order it to dispose of the Pacific Mail Steamship Line, unless the railroad agrees not to operate vessels beyond Balboa in the Panama canal zone. The railroad is allowed sixty days to amend its petition for permission to operate a water line under the Panama canal act.

WILL MAKE "DAYLIGHT" TRIP

The Calumet Baking Powder demonstrating crew who have been working in Ocala for the past few days will avail themselves of the opportunity to see the beauties of Silver Springs and the Oklawaha river tomorrow on the "Daylight" route launch "Silver Springs." The party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. DeLong, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wilson, Mrs. Essie Beckham, Mrs. Gertrude Brown, Misses Minnie Cotton, Maude Hutches, Eula Etheridge, Louis Etheridge and Annie Laurie Fitzgerald.

Miss Cotton is demonstrating the good qualities of the Calumet products at the Carn-Thomas store today.

BODY RIDDLED WITH BULLETS

Murder of a Prominent Kentucky Citizen by a Kentucky Mob

Irvine, Ky., Feb. 13.—Ten masked men went to the home of William Underwood, a leading citizen of this city, this morning, called him to the door and riddled his body with bullets. A posse with bloodhounds is searching for the murderers.

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