

ALLIES FORCE A REAL OFFENSIVE

SUSTAINED ATTACK IN THE WEST DRIVES BACK GERMAN LINES.

TEUTONS LOSE 120,000 MEN

Von Hindenberg Still a Long Way From Dvinsk and Making Slow Progress—Turks Defeated in Mesopotamia.

London.—The great offensive on the western front has resumed its march into a battle for Dvinsk in the De Chabais, nine miles southeast of Ypres. The capture of this town, with its radiating railways, would bring into the foreground the possibility of the taking of Lille.

Both north and south of Ypres the British held high ground dominating the town of Dvinsk. Hill No. 7, the French call it, is the highest point of the front. The British and French official reports from Paris said merely that the great had been reached, but that presumably a further counter-attack is being made with final mastery of the important position at Dvinsk.

There is the usual speculation as to the shifting of German forces from the east to the west, although anything like reliable information is lacking. As against the report that some Prussian guards have been hurried west, there are rumors that Field Marshal Von Hindenberg still bent on taking Dvinsk, has been reinforced heavily. Moreover, the Austrians, judging from their new successes in the south, apparently, have received fresh troops.

While the Anglo-French troops in Artois apparently are now stonily engaged in consolidating the ground won and opposing the German counter-attacks, the battle for the German second line of defense in Champagne—the collapse of which would acutely menace the greater part of the German position in the west—is proceeding with the greatest stubbornness.

At several points the French troops have gained a footing in the second line and some of them even went right through, but encountering German reserves, were unable to maintain their progress. According to the German account these latter troops were captured or exterminated.

The Germans, however, admit the loss of Hill 191 to the north of Masnières, where the French are not far from the railway triangle, the possession of which has been of the greatest advantage to the Germans as one of the lines has been used for carrying supplies to the Artois army.

May Relieve Pressure on Russia.

It is believed here that besides the gain of ground both in Artois and Champagne and the improved position of the allies generally, the recent successful operations must soon relieve the pressure on Russia and perhaps prevent the Austro-Germans from sending any large force against Serbia.

In the offensive movement which has now lasted a week, the allies have gained about 100 square miles of territory and captured 100 cannon and machine guns. German losses in men are figured at 150,000.

Field Marshal Von Hindenberg, while he claims to have made some progress in his operations against Dvinsk is still a long way from that city. His troops to the southeast of Ypres, however, have had better success. They have broken through the Russian position and captured a thousand prisoners. It is believed that this is the first stroke in his latest blow against the Russian right, and that he intends to advance southeastward in the direction of Minsk and endeavor to cut off the Russians retreating from Baranovitch.

Slavs Driven Across River Sty.

South of the Prapat marshes in which Field Marshal Von Mackensen and his troops have struck, the Russians have been driven back across the river Sty, but along the Galician border they are still vigorously hammering at the Austro-German armies.

In London it is felt that Bulgaria has now abandoned any aggressive action she might have intended against Serbia, but an Athens dispatch says the situation is still considered serious and that Greece is going on with her preparations for eventualities.

The victory of the British over the Turks in Mesopotamia brings General Sir John Nixon's men within 100 miles of Bagdad. The news came unheeded to London, as the fighting in that quarter has been almost forgotten. Whether the British will try to push on to Bagdad is problematical, but is consensus of opinion here.

Submarine Bids Opened.

Washington.—Bids for building sixteen submarines authorized by the last congress were opened, the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, and the Electric Torpedo Boat Company, Quincy, Mass., submitting the lowest offer for the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, respectively. The San Francisco concern bid for five or more at \$10,000 each, the first to be completed in twelve months and two each month thereafter. The Massachusetts company bid for eight or more at \$25,000,

HURRICANE SWEEPS COAST

NEW ORLEANS AND DELTA COUNTRY SUFFERS GREAT LOSS

White Death List Grows Hourly As Bodies Are Taken From the Mass of Wreckage.

New Orleans.—Reports from scattered sections of the hurricane area in Louisiana and the Mississippi gulf coast gave 100 known dead, 100 reported dead and 100 missing. Hundreds of persons along the Mississippi and interior points are marooned in flooded sections. Helix vessels have been sent to assist them.

It is believed that the total casualties in Louisiana and Mississippi will not exceed 100. The property loss in the storm-stricken district is estimated at \$12,000,000. The territory for 100 miles south of New Orleans and 100 miles in both sides of the river is now a sea of brown water. The Mississippi coast from the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of Mexico is now a sea of brown water. The Mississippi coast from the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of Mexico is now a sea of brown water.

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Great crowds assembled along the waterfront here to see the wreckage. The ferry landing at the foot of Canal street was wrecked and the ferries badly damaged. Three hundred persons were at the landing when the collapse came. Four of them were hurt. The others hurried to the Louisville & Nashville depot where they remained until help came.

The Poydras street ferry was dashed against the shore and wrecked but all on board escaped.

The big dry dock on the Algiers side of the river was blown across and into Napoleon avenue. A United States revenue cutter was in this dry dock.

Velocity of 130 Miles Per Hour.

The maximum velocity of the wind, according to the local weather bureau was between 120 and 130 miles an hour.

For more than seven hours the hurricane swept over the city at a rate of more than sixty miles an hour. The lowest mark registered by the barometer was 28.11 at 5:30, which according to local weather bureau officials, is the lowest mark ever registered in the United States.

Police and fire departments were kept busy responding to calls for assistance and investigating reports of collapsed buildings. Two hundred 5000 women were removed by the police in automobiles and police vehicles from a cigar factory threatened with destruction. Just before midnight they were housed in the criminal court building until the storm abated.

Numerous school buildings and churches were destroyed or badly damaged by the wind. Approximately 8000 telephones were rendered useless and trolley service was suspended after 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Lake Pontchartrain rose between twelve and fifteen feet sending water over the sea wall at Westend and Spanish fort and flooding Milneburg street. Limited trolley service was begun shortly after midnight but the streets were so littered with debris that the company an hour later withdrew the few cars which attempted to traverse the regular routes.

Communication with Louisiana points on the gulf was cut off but last reports were that the inhabitants had fled to high ground further inland before the storm broke.

Officials of railroad and telegraph companies stated it will be several days before normal service between New Orleans and the outside world can be restored.

According to news from shipping interests at Passcroule, one of the steamships swept ashore at Gulfport is the British steamship Birchwood of 1,800 tons from Algiers on her last passage.

ENGLISH DISSATISFIED WITH LOAN

Thinks American Financiers Get Too Big a Rake Off.

London.—Asserting that American bankers naturally prefer a loan with some \$10,000,000 profit to the importation of gold which brings no profit, the Manchester Guardian declares editorially "there is no reason, however, why the government should indulge in what has every appearance of being a blunder as costly politically as financially." Insisting that the loan would be invalid unless approved by parliament, the Guardian adds: "Seldom has a financial transaction been imposed upon the British people which cried out so loud for justification."

More Mexican Bandits Nabbed.

Brownsville.—Announcement that five Mexican-American bandits, one of them wounded and all of them chased across the Rio Grande by American troops, have been arrested on the Mexican side of the river, was made by Brig. Gen. A. P. Nafarrete, Carranza commander at Matamoros. At the same time he said he is investigating the reported gathering of 600 Mexicans forming near Progreso crossing with the apparent intention of invading the American territory.

BULGARIA MUST DECIDE QUICKLY

RUSSIA TAKES STEPS TO END THE HORSEPLAY IN THE BALKANS.

GERMAN OFFICERS MUST GO

In Twenty-four Hours, or the Russian Minister Will Do So According To Terms of the Ultimatum.

Petrograd.—The Russian minister has been ordered to leave Sofia unless within twenty-four hours the Bulgarian government openly breaks with Austria and Germany and sends away the Austrian and German military officers now in Bulgaria.

The news agency gives the following note which the minister at Sofia has been ordered to hand to M. Radoslavoff, the Bulgarian premier.

"The events which are taking place in Bulgaria at this moment give evidence of a definite decision of King Ferdinand's government to place the fate of its country in the hands of Germany."

"The presence of German and Austrian officers at the ministry of war and on the staff of the army, the concentration of troops in the zone bordering Serbia, and the extensive financial support accorded from our enemies by the Sofia cabinet no longer leave any doubt as to the object of the military preparedness of Bulgaria."

"The powers of the entente who have heard the realization of the aspirations of the Bulgarian people, have on many occasions warned M. Radoslavoff that any hostile act against Serbia would be considered as directed against themselves. The assurances given by the head of the Bulgarian cabinet in reply to these warnings are contradicted by the facts."

"The representative of Russia which is bound to Bulgaria by the imperishable memory of her liberation from the Turkish yoke, can not sanction by his presence preparations for fratricidal aggression against a slav and allied people. The Russian minister, therefore, has received orders to leave Bulgaria with all the staff of the legation and consulates if the Bulgarian government does not within twenty-four hours openly break with the enemies of the Slav cause and of Russia and does not at once proceed to send away officers belonging to armies of states which are at war with the powers of the entente."

From the news received during the past few days from the Balkans it is considered certain that King Ferdinand and Premier Radoslavoff have made their choice and are only awaiting the completion of mobilization to strike at Serbia and assist the Austro-Germans to open the road to Constantinople, which has been anxiously waiting for many weeks for promised aid from the central powers.

Greece, it is believed, will live up to her treaty with Serbia and come to her assistance if she is attacked by her neighbor, but the attitude of Romania, which remains only a partly mobilized spectator, is a matter of uncertainty.

PORTER CHARLTON'S TRIAL BEGINS

American Must Answer For Exorcise at Como, Italy.

Rome.—The tragedy of a gentle and unsophisticated youth wedded to a brilliant, witty and world-weary woman twenty years his senior will be unfolded in all its heart-breaking details this week at Como where the trial of the American, Porter Charlton, began on Tuesday. It is more than five years ago, in the summer of 1910, that Italian fishermen, casting their nets in beautiful Lake Como, drew to the surface a boat containing the hattered body of Mrs. Mary Scott Castle Porter, who had been leading a gay life with her immature husband in a villa on the hillside.

There were theories that the husband had been murdered, too, until he was arrested several days later as he stepped off a steamship in Hoboken, N. J., and candidly described the crime to the New York police. He fought extradition three years and has been in jail at Como nearly as long.

Big Bond Issue Settled

New York.—The agreement between the Anglo-American commercial commission and the American bankers with whom they have been conferring over the proposed credit loan to Great Britain and France, has resulted in the formation of a definite plan, it was officially announced here for the establishment of a \$500,000,000 loan issue on five-year 5 per cent joint British and French bonds payable jointly by the two nations upon which the big loan will be a first lien.

The bonds will be issued to the public at 98, thus yielding approximately 1/2 per cent to the investor and the nation-wide syndicate of bankers which will subscribe to the loan at 96. Formation of the syndicate has been left to J. P. Morgan & Co. The bonds will be issued in denominations as low as \$100 and subscribers thereto may pay for them by installment. At maturity these bonds will be repayable in cash or convertible into 4 1/2 per cent joint Anglo-French bonds re-

BULGARIA FORCED TO DECIDE



After successfully quibbling and dickered with both sides for a year, King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, himself a German, was forced to an abrupt decision by Russia's ultimatum.

BIGGEST BATTLE SHIP AFLOAT

WILL FLY BANNER OF THE STARS AND STRIPES.

President Wilson and Navy Department To Recommend These Monsters to Congress.

Washington.—Super-battle cruisers, bigger, faster and more heavily armed than any war craft now afloat or building and which will cost \$18,000,000 each to construct and equip, will be recommended to congress as a part of the navy building program for next year. Decision on this step was reached at a conference between President Wilson, Secretary Daniels and Representative Padgett, chairman of the house naval affairs committee.

Just how many of the new type ships will be asked for this winter has not been determined, Secretary Daniels said, after the conference.

THREE AUTOLOADS OF REPEATERS

Were Used In Indianapolis Elections Last Fall.

Indianapolis.—Three auto loads with repeaters were hauled about the city during the election of November 2, 1912, and voted in a number of precincts, according to Nelson Hughes, who testified in the trial of Mayor Joseph E. Bell, charged with election conspiracy.

Hughes, who was indicted with Mayor Bell, and pleaded guilty, is the same man who testified in the Terre Haute election case in federal court after pleading guilty that he registered a dog as a legal voter.

Before Hughes took the stand Theodore Porttens, former sheriff and a candidate for re-election last November, denied that Mayor Bell had given him \$5,000 in \$1 and \$2 bills or any other sum of money to be used by Porttens in his campaign for the democratic candidate.

Hughes told of going out with Hugh (Goochie) Stella, another co-defendant, and three automobile loads of repeaters. He related how the machines were driven over the city, stopping on side streets away from the polling places and the men going to the polls singly. In some precincts, the witness said, all the men except the chauffeurs voted, while in others only three or four got to vote.

"KANSAS CYCLONE" ON COAST

Plays Havoc In Sixty Seconds at Morgan City, La.

Morgan City, La.—One killed, twelve injured, is the toll of "a Kansas cyclone" that invaded this city and in sixty seconds razed twelve dwellings and a store building, besides great wrecking of the shingle sheds of Brownell Dress Lumber Company.

The cyclone probably formed on the gulf a few miles from here and was traveling in a northeasterly direction. When it struck the northern part of the city it created a panic among the women and children. Lumber was flying in all directions and the sky was black with missiles.

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