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GERMAN RAIDER DESTROYS MANY ENTENTE SHIPS

AT LEAST THIRTEEN VESSELS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN SUNK OR CAPTURED IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC.

LOSS TO ALLIES IS HEAVY

British Resume Offensive on the Western Front, Scoring Considerable Gains in Attacks on German Positions in France—Quiet Elsewhere.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—A German raider has been active in the South Atlantic ocean between the Azores and the South American coast, between November 30 and January 10, it was learned here today. The British steamship Tamar was sunk, the British steamships Ceres and Farnsby were captured and sent to the Germany, and the British steamships Clan Macleod and Clan Grant were sunk by the raider. The British steamship Ceres was bound with supplies for the Entente powers.

A Japanese steamer was captured by the raider and committed to land 150 men of the crews of various ships she had sunk in Pernambuco. Details concerning the British ship captured by the raider were not given. In this port sent adrift in the Indian with Pernambuco 150 men of the captured crews, leaving the officers and men of the captured ships on board and sailed away.

One hundred of the people in the boats were rescued by a passing steamer. Not including cargoes of the ships captured, the British losses will amount to one million dollars.

British Gain in France

British troops in France have taken the German lines said to be the strongest for good points. Northeast of Grandcourt they carried the German trenches on a front of a degree of the hundred yards in the deepest section, and withstood the counter attacks. Prisoners have been taken by the Australian troops in the Bapaume region. The British captured the village of Ancre, which they are still holding against the Germans who attempted to retake it. The British have captured 1,000 prisoners since the beginning of the Somme offensive.

GREECE YIELDS TO PRESSURE

LONDON, Jan. 18.—An Athens message says the ultimatum to Athens by France, Great Britain and Russia has been accepted by the Greek government. The ultimatum demanded the dismissal of the Greek ministry, the acceptance of the Allied demands and the return of the Greek troops from Thessaly.

ATHENS, Jan. 17.—The Greek government has accepted the demands of the Allies, it was learned here today. Premier Zaimis and his cabinet have resigned.

BERLIN, Jan. 17.—The Allies have given Greece until Friday to accept the demands, it is stated here from Athens.

THIRD BRITISH LOAN OF $250,000,000 TO BE FLOATED IN U. S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—[illegible] British loan, amounting to two hundred and fifty million dollars will be floated in the United States, Morgan & Company announced tonight. It will be the first such British loan to be offered in this country since the outbreak of the war.

HEAVY SHIPMENTS OF FRUITS PASSING INTO MEXICO FROM LAREDO

LAREDO, Texas, Jan. 17.—The movement of fruit from Mexico, which has really started, promises more than even the history of the business. Figures are unobtainable at present, but it is learned that the shipments of fruit going into Texas for points in Mexico have been the past three days.

FORMER GERMAN LINER IS SOLD BY BRITISH FOR NEARLY A MILLION

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The German liner Prinz Adalbert, captured by the British at the beginning of the war, was sold today for one hundred and fifty-two thousand pounds sterling in accordance of the prize court.

DENMARK SURRENDERS HER SOVEREIGNTY OVER WEST INDIAN ISLANDS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The Danish West Indies passed under the sovereignty of the United States today by the exchange of ratifications of treaties by Secretary Lansing and Minister Brun. The official transfer will take place within ninety days when the United States pays Denmark $25,000,000.

France, Entente Repeats Is Not Possible Until Teutonic Power is Shorn

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The entente through the British embassy today delivered a note to the State Department amplifying their reply to President Wilson's peace note. This explains in detail why the entente believes it impossible at the present to attain terms with essential guarantees for the future security. These terms, it is believed, that world peace may be insured by international treaties have already been made by recent history.

The note charges that German influence in Turkey resulted in abolition of institutions and more aggressive than were known under the Sultan Abdul Hamid and says it has been shown that Germany cannot be expected to respect treaty obligations. The note asserts that Belgium is not Germany's only victim and that the "war staffs of the central powers are well-content to horrify the world if at the same time they can terrorize it."

The English people desire peace as much as Americans, the note says, but do not believe that any peace would be durable unless based on the sacrifice of the entente cause. An enduring peace, the note says, can be expected only if existing causes of international unrest are removed or weakened, the aggressive aims of the central powers should fall into disrepute among their own people, or, finally, that behind international law and treaties there be arrangements for preventing or limiting hostilities. Some form of international sanction should be devised, the note continues, that would give pause to the hot-headed statesman. The entente remembers these conditions will not obtain but believes they are in general harmony with President Wilson's views.

Regulars Can Now Protect The Border Says Funston

That troops of the national guard, who have been tramping their border beats for six months and more, will soon be withdrawn is indicated by a statement given out by Gen. Funston yesterday in Columbus, New Mexico, on his return from a visit to Gen. Pershing's base across the frontier. In this statement, according to an Associated Press dispatch received last night by the Caller the commander of the southern department is reported to have said that the menace of raids by Mexican bandits had diminished to such an extent that forces of the regular army are now sufficient for protective purposes.

While nothing was said directly as to the withdrawal of the militiamen it is recognized that Gen. Funston's opinion will bear great weight with the war department and that in natural sequence the various state organizations will soon be moving homeward for demobilization.

The dispatch referred to follows:

COLUMBUS, N. M., Jan. 17.—Gen. Funston, who returned here tonight from a visit to Gen. Pershing's headquarters in Mexico, expressed the opinion that the menace of border raids had been reduced to such an extent that the regulars are now sufficient for protective purposes.

AMERICAN-TRAINED EXPERT HELPING TO GUIDE BRITISH FATE

NEW PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRADE LEARNED BUSINESS IN DETROIT.

CHOCK FULL OF "PEP"

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Americans in new experience in what Lloyd-George was looking for when he cast off traditions and appointed Sir Albert Stanley as Minister of Commerce and President of the Board of Trade in his new cabinet.

Sir Albert, who almost speaks with English, but he wants to show Americans as a man can well be brought up as a lad in Detroit. Michigan, he first took up the German street railways and practically made the management of that city's system. Then became president of the New Jersey Public Service Corporation and successfully operated it under the Public Service Commission, which is similar to the United States Navy Department, where he served under Secretary Daniels and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt.

This checked twenty-five years of city street railway experience helped the life of Albert Stanley. He came to which he was first engaged in Detroit and Duffield school in Detroit and finished with his attorneys in order to England to put his American training to practical use in the business world here, bringing manners of rush hour system of surface and underground traffic in London—the greatest in the world—known as the London Combined Underground and Surface Railways Operation London. He title came to him later and now the greatest honor has come. He first made of American business methods into the United Kingdom.

Sir Albert was in his office at the Board of Trade when a representative of the Associated Press called by appointment to learn something of his American experience. The Board of Trade is a huge establishment in Whitehall, immediately opposite the Foreign Office, with Sir Albert's office 300 miles from to Downing Street, where the new Prime Minister, Lloyd-George, imparts his strenuous personality to all the branches of the new regime.

Sir Albert's long life in America has given him the look of an American business man. He speaks like a man from the middle West—with a constant strain of good nature and good humor, particularly when he recalls the hard knocks he received while he was gaining his American experience.

"American experience is a great asset

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NATION WILL PAY TRIBUTE AT BIER OF ITS NAVAL HERO

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S FUNERAL SERVICES TO BE HELD IN ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL.

CONGRESS WILL RECESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Admiral Dewey's funeral services will take place here on Friday, it was learned today. The services will be held in the rotunda of the Capitol with great ceremonial in the nation's affection for the hero of the dead of its hero.

All standing army and navy of Dewey will be ordered here and Congress will be in recess. All government departments will be closed and flags on the American government buildings and naval stations throughout the world will be at half-mast.

STORE BURGARLIZED

PORT LAVACA, Tex., Jan. 17.—The Hogan Tate Goods Store was burglarized Monday night and goods worth of money, gone and everything from the safe. It is thought that safe blowers made the haul.

VILLISTAS ADVANCE ON CHIHUAHUA CITY REPORTED REPULSED

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 17.—Villista advancing toward Chihuahua City have been defeated and turned back to Bar Anchos, it was reported in Juarez tonight.

CONFEDERATE VETERAN DIES

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 17.—Anderson J. Harwood, 87 years old, who died of the state Confederate Home was buried in the State Cemetery. He was born in Tennessee in 1829 and was a member of Company B, Sixth Alabama Regiment, Gordon's Brigade, Army of Virginia, and came to Texas in 1866. He was admitted to the Confederate Home September 1906.

WEATHER FORECAST.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—East Texas: Thursday and Friday, partly cloudy, somewhat warmer.

West Texas: Thursday and Friday, generally fair.

HOUSE BROADENS SCOPE OF LEAK INVESTIGATION

COMMITTEE EMPOWERED TO EMPLOY COUNSEL AND EXPERT STOCK EXCHANGE ACCOUNTANTS AND GIVEN MORE TIME.

MEMBER FLAYS LAWSON

Republican Representative Brands Boston Man as a Wall Street "Tout" and Assails the Entire Proceedings as a "Colossal Farce."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Empowered to employ counsel and expert stock exchange accountants and given thirty days longer to report, the House committee on rules today halted temporarily its sixth inquiry to consider what lawyers should be employed to direct the lost-breeches inquiry. There will be no public session of the committee tomorrow and probably not until the new plans are perfected by counsel.

A score or more of witnesses were on hand when the hearing was postponed.

The Democratic action avoiding counsel followed a statement on the floor by Democratic members of the committee that they were being embarrassed by accusations by the disciples of Lawson of some government officials. Chairman Rules was absent during the closing debate but both Democratic and Republican members of the committee asserted their faith in him and denied that Mr. Henry would withdraw from the inquiry. No conclusion was reached as to who the counsel would be in directing the investigation.

Representative Fuller, Republican, assailed the inquiry as a "colossal farce" and denounced Lawson as a Wall Street tout. He said Congress ought to throw out Lawson's evidence as "worthless as damned goods."

DEATH OF WOMAN IN BROWNSVILLE HOTEL BEING INVESTIGATED

AUTOPSY IS ORDERED ON BODY OF MRS. J. W. PELLISHER, FOUND DEAD TUESDAY.

MAY BE FROM THIS CITY

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Jan. 17.—Justice of the Peace H. J. Kirk tonight ordered an autopsy on the body of Mrs. J. W. Pellisher, of Corpus Christi, whose dead body was found in her room in a local hotel last night.

Nothing is known here of the Pellisher, but a letter found in her pocket indicated that she was the wife of J. W. Pellisher of Corpus Christi.

The woman was found dead by City Marshal Linton, when he visited her room following the filing of a complaint against her by another lodger in the same room.

No inquest is being held yesterday or Tuesday by the name of Pellisher is known in Corpus Christi. Neither city or county officials had ever heard of such a woman and no such name is mentioned in the city or telephone directories.

PHARMACY BOARD MEETS

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 17.—The State Board of Pharmacy was in session in Austin today and examined forty applicants for licenses. The board consists of H. L. Carleton, of Taylor, president; W. H. Cousins of Dallas, H. V. Schumann of New Braunfels, John A. Weeks of Kilgore, A. W. Griffith of Austin and R. H. Walker of Cuero, secretary.

BENSON NOW RANKING OFFICER U. S. NAVY WILL SUCCEED DEWEY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Admiral William Benson today became ranking naval officer and probably will succeed Admiral Dewey as president of the general board. Admiral Benson was next in rank to Dewey.

RUSSIANS IN AUSTRIA ADOPTS GERMAN POLICY TOWARD THE BELGIANS

BERLIN, Jan. 17.—The Cologne Gazette says all men between the ages of fifteen and forty years in occupied Austrian territory have been deported to Russia, according to Russian prisoners.

FAST TRAIN DERAILED

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 17.—Records to the Seaboard Air Line headquarters here said its Florida-Cuba special southbound was derailed two hours early today by three cars being derailed at Hoffman, N. C. No one was hurt, it was said.

U. S. Recognizes French Rights In Land of the Moor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The French protectorate over Morocco was recognized by the United States today in a note handed Ambassador Jusserand by Secretary of State Lansing. This action was taken, the note says, notwithstanding the present war, in order to meet the wishes of the French government and people for whom the government and people of the United States entertain traditional and sincere friendship.

The negotiations have been under way since France and Spain partitioned Morocco in 1912.

SHERLIFF IS CHOSEN CHAIRMAN OF STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HILLSBORO MAN ELECTED AS SUCCESSOR OF LATE PAUL WAPLES

KIRK REMAINS SECRETARY

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 17.—V. L. Sheriff, Hillsboro was elected chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Paul Waples of Fort Worth. The selection of Mr. Sheriff was unanimous, no other nominations being presented to the executive committee, which met here in called session. M. M. Sheriff, who was in the city, accepted the chairmanship with thanks and immediately qualified. He announced the reappointment of Charles I. Kirk as secretary.

John B. Cox of Stephenville was elected a member of the committee from the Twenty-sixth District to succeed E. B. Hendricks of Brownwood, who resigned to accept the appointment from the Governor as Assistant Attorney General in the court of Criminal Appeal to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of [illegible] Hedgepeth.

The new chairman has for a number of years been active in politics and is regarded as one of the most prominent and popular democrats of the Democratic party in Texas. He was not a member of the State Executive Committee.

Yesterday's meeting of the committee was presided over by Secretary Charles I. Kirk. Henry McHaley of Greenville held the proxy of J. T. Yates who was absent on account of serious illness.

Arrangements were made for taking care of a deficit of $436.

Following adjournment the members of the committee witnessed the inauguration of Governor Ferguson and Lieutenant Governor Hobby. They also attended the inaugural ball and reception last night.

The following resolutions on the death of Mr. Waples was adopted:

"Paul Waples was a patriot; the faculties of his mind and the energies of his body were consecrated to the service of his country. Above her good, he had no thought beyond her future he had no view.

"Paul Waples was a leader of men. His calm insight, his lofty visions, the logic of his mind, stored with treasures gathered in a busy but thoughtful life, compelled others to follow where he led. He believed in the brotherhood of man and he always practiced what he preached. He trod a high road of wholesome hope and not of despair and kept company of his own self-respect, therefore be it

"Resolved, By the State Democratic Executive Committee that we are saddened by the tragic death of our chairman, the Hon. Paul Waples, and we express the common knowledge of all when we give testimony to the quality of his mind and the generosity of his soul and, while we will miss him, we can never forget the tenderness of his personal presence when here nor the splendor of his deeds and works which will live after him."

TODAY'S CALENDAR.

Local forecast for today: Rain and slightly warmer. Gentle to moderate north to east winds.

AT THE THEATRES.

AMUSE—Pauline Frederick in "Ashes of Embers" a Paramount.

REX—"The Prodigal Daughter" and two other reels.

LYRIC—Gillies Bryce Company presents the tabloid musical comedy—"The Thoroughbred."

TODAY'S LOCAL CALENDAR

Weekly luncheon Rotary Club Nueces Hotel 12:15 o'clock.

Meeting Corpus Christi High School Alumni Association at High School Auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock.

Weekly meeting Commercial Club directors tonight at 8 o'clock.

ANOTHER GREAT GASSER BROUGHT IN SIX MILES WESTWARD OF PORTLAND

STRIKE MADE AT DEPTH OF FOURTEEN HUNDRED FEET, DRILLERS HAVING BEGUN OPERATIONS ONLY TWO WEEKS AGO.

HUGE FLOW FROM BORE CAN BE EASILY CURBED

Product Is Said to Be Perfectly Dry With no Signs of the Salt Water that Has Appeared in Other Wells of the White Point Field—Southern Gas Company Owns this Latest Strike, Which Is On the Siedemann Property.

Another big gas well has been brought in in the Corpus Christi section, the Southern Gas Company Wednesday morning uncorking a well six miles west of Portland, that from all reports is the best gasser yet brought in around Corpus Christi, not only from the standpoint of volume, as the fact that the gas is perfectly dry, unmixed with salt water as in at least two of the other wells of the field.

The remarkable feature of the latest gasser is that it was brought in within two weeks after the company had started drilling operations and that the gas is dry. It is said that the gas was brought in at a depth of 1,400 feet, though no official statement in this respect was forthcoming.

This was the first well of the Southern Gas Company, who have leased the Siedermann property of approximately 2,000 acres. The lease is about one mile from White Point proper and about 150 yards from the east line of the Gulf Production Company lease of White Point. C. L. Witherspoon of Corsicana had the contract for drilling the well.

So tremendous was the strike of the gas that when the blow-out occurred workmen took to the nearby brush, the gas shooting into the air 200 feet. Later the well was choked by a rock. It is said that there will be no trouble whatever in controlling the well.

This well is but a short distance from the Witherspoon well, brought in during September 1915, and from which gas used for fuel in drilling of the Southern Gas Company test was obtained.

The Southern Gas Company is a San Antonio concern, M. W. Hogan of Fort Worth, being the president. It has been reported that the Texas Company is backing the concern but it has never been other than rumor so far as known locally. It is said that the company was organized for the purpose of bringing in gas wells to supply Corpus Christi and San Antonio, but thus far the company has not made public its plans, other than to say that they were to get gas and that they would probably sink several wells.

Gas in the White Point section, which is less than ten miles from Corpus Christi, as the crow flies, was first found in November, 1914, when the White Point Oil and Gas Company, composed principally of Corpus Christi business men, brought in a well that was the marvel of gas men of the United States, the flow being estimated at from 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 cubic feet daily. So tremendous was the flow that the derrick was blown away and shortly after the well caved in. Today a vast crater of some 600 feet in width and length and 400 feet deep marks the spot where the well was once located.

Shortly after the well was brought in the property of the local company was leased to the Gaffey Petroleum Company, for a cash consideration of $65,000 and the usual royalty.

The Gaffey Company immediately started operations and early in 1915 brought in another big gasser, which vomited gas, water and rocks for weeks, finally catching fire and burning for many weeks, the fire at nights being visible from points within an eighty mile radius of Corpus Christi. This well was also lost.

The Gulf Production Company, the prospecting subsidiary concern of the Gaffey Company, last summer brought in another gasser and from which they are now securing gas used in their drilling operations.

The big outstanding feature of the situation at White Point at the present time is this:

There are three natural gas wells within ten miles of Corpus Christi, the three producing each day sufficient gas to supply Corpus Christi for a period of at least three months, yet Corpus Christi is without natural gas and is paying $1.25 per thousand cubic feet for the manufactured product.

COL. NAT THURSTON OF 74TH NEW YORK, IS DEAD AT McALLEN

COMMANDER OF CRACK REGIMENT FALLS VICTIM OF APOPLEXY

WAS ILL BUT BRIEF WHILE

McALLEN, Texas, Jan. 17.—Nathaniel H. Thurston, colonel commanding the Seventy-fourth New York Infantry, died at headquarters regimental camp at McAllen at 11 o'clock last night. He was apparently in his usual health yesterday. He dined at the officers' mess and remained for a visit with the officers of that regiment. Shortly after returning to his headquarters he was stricken with apoplexy, dying within a few minutes thereafter. Brief funeral services were held at the camp this afternoon and the body was escorted to the station by the entire brigade. The funeral will take place at Colonel Thurston's home in New York City.

Colonel Thurston was one of the best known National Guard officers in the country and was for thirty-nine years connected with National Guards of New York. He was assigned to the command of the Seventy-fourth two days before the regiment left Buffalo for the border.

Colonel Thurston was taken ill the latter part of August and was home for several weeks on furlough, resuming command of his regiment upon his return to the border. He felt and expressed to brother officers a short time ago that border service would undermine his health and a year of border service would result in his death.

Colonel Johnston has reconsidered his resignation of several weeks since as commander of the Twelfth New York Infantry and returned yesterday to take command of the regiment.

Major Kehr is temporarily commanding the Seventy-fourth New York Regiment. It is generally expected Major George H. White, now connected with the Twelfth New York Regiment, and formerly lieutenant colonel of the Seventy-fourth, will be chosen colonel of the Seventy-fourth.

FOR MURDER OF WOMAN SOLDIER IS PLACED ON TRIAL AT LAREDO

LAREDO, Texas, Jan. 17.—The trial of Private W. A. Hamilton of the Motorcycle Company of the Ninth Infantry, charged with the killing of a negress, Winnie Johnson, in the restricted district on the afternoon of December 17 will be called in the district court tomorrow morning, when a special venire of fifty men have been ordered to appear from which to select a jury.

Natural Gas for Corpus Christi

An abundance of natural gas is at the very doors of Corpus Christi. How shall this great store of fuel serve the people of this city?

Your opinion on the natural gas question is invited by the Caller.

Spread the idea, talk about it, hook for it, join the movement—work for it and Corpus Christi will soon have natural gas.