

Germans Occupy City Of Ostend

JUST WHAT ITS STRATEGICAL VALUE WILL BE IS A MATTER OF CONJECTURE.

OPINION IS DIVIDED AS TO WHAT PART ENGLISH NAVY WILL PLAY.

By Associated Press. LONDON, Oct. 17.—German forces, as was predicted, have occupied Ostend near the sea while German right wing and the allies left wing, are struggling in the latest phase of what was once the battle of the Aisne.

Reports reaching London say that German imagination has been fired by taking of Ostend and the cry now is not only "On to Calais" but "On to Boulogne."

What progress if any, the Germans, have made since they entered Ostend Thursday is not known here, but their next objective apparently is Dunkirk. Opinion in England seems to differ as to what part the British fleet would play should the battle continue to skirt the coast line.

Reports that British dreadnoughts would back up the French, British and Belgian forces from Straits of Dover seemed to originate from German sources.

London papers generally depreciate the importance of German occupation of the Belgian coast pointing out that the British mine field prevents the enemy bringing ships to operate from the none too spacious harbor of Ostend. The fact remains however that as the fighting gets geographically nearer to England, the public hereofore discussing and speculating on the Zeppelin raid is bound to ask itself what will come next?

It is unquestionably true, if Germany is able to engineer submarine attacks from a base further away, Ostend if held by the invaders, certainly would be of some strategic value.

The allied left wing is holding its own. At some points it is moving forward having occupied Laventie, driving the Germans back in the direction of Lille.

One report had it that the Germans had been driven out of Lille but has not been confirmed. The presence of Uhlans has been reported recently within forty miles of Calais but a glance at the map in the region of the cavalry classics of the last few days, which for a time extended as far west as Hazebrouck shows that notwithstanding the German claims of victory the allies have made steady progress. Laventie (CONTINUED ON PAGE THREE.)

Will Grant All Demands

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT YIELDS IN CONNECTION WITH EVACUATION OF VERA CRUZ.

By Associated Press. VERA CRUZ, Oct. 17.—John R. Silliman, President Wilson's personal representative in Mexico, before leaving here this morning for Mexico City, reported to the state department at Washington that Gen. Aguilar had promised to grant all the demands of the United States in connection with the evacuation of Vera Cruz. The general disclaimed responsibility for the hostile demonstration made in front of the American lines on Thursday.

Five Men Are Wounded By The Mexicans

A CIVILIAN AND FOUR UNITED STATES CAVALRYMEN ARE HURT.

THE STORM OF BULLETS RAGED FOR OVER SIX HOURS TODAY.

By Associated Press. NACO, Arizona, Oct. 17.—Five men, a civilian and four soldiers of the United States cavalry were wounded today by Mexican bullets that flew far over the international boundary during an attack by Gov. Maytorena's troops on the Carranza garrison of Naco, Sonora. One of the soldiers was shot through the head while on duty at a railroad embankment, 400 yards from the boundary. He is still alive. The civilian, a carpenter employed by a railroad, was shot through the right lung while traversing the side walk on the American side. The storm of bullets that resulted in the wounding of the five men (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT.)

REPUBLICAN RALLY AT GRAFTON

GOVERNOR HATFIELD MADE MANY VOTES FOR THE CANDIDATES.

L. M. DAVIS AND GEORGE M. BOWERS ADDRESSED THE MEETING.

TAYLOR COUNTY COURT HOUSE WAS FILLED TO OVERFLOWING.

GRAFTON, W. Va., Oct. 17.—Governor H. D. Hatfield drew one of the largest crowds that was ever out to a political meeting when he spoke here last night in the court house. The court room was packed and standing room only was at a premium, many people being turned away because they could not get in the building. The governor spoke at Flemington in the afternoon to a rousing meeting and was accompanied by the Flemington band to Grafton. The Grafton band was also out last night to furnish music for the crowd. The governor spoke for two hours, covering every issue of the national and state campaign. Those who heard the governor were convinced that he is a walking encyclopedia of statistics upon state matters. The governor made a strong appeal to the voters to support L. M. Davis for the senate and Dr. Sinsel for the house of delegates, stating that it was necessary to elect a Republican legislature to carry out the progressive platform of the Republican party.

L. M. Davis, candidate for the senate, was called upon and addressed the audience for several minutes, as did Geo. M. Bowers, candidate for congress in the Second district. The Republicans were well pleased with the enthusiasm shown during the rally and the opinion was generally expressed that the governor had made many votes for the ticket.

Girl Goes To Her Wounded Lover

WHEN PARENTS REFUSE HER MONEY FOR TRIP TO AUSTRIA SHE PAWNS TRINKETS.

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Frederick Henkel, whose sister, Marie, fled from home here yesterday with borrowed money to go to the bedside of her wounded lover in Austria, caught a fast train in pursuit today. "Are you going to bring her back?" he was asked. "No; I'm going to help her," he replied.

Miss Henkel, aged 22 years, met Count Willie Feodor Hinez von Zagred while touring Europe with her mother last summer. A few days ago she received a letter full of endearments and mentioning that the writer had been seriously wounded in a brush with a regiment of Cosacks. Send me something to remind me of you," the young count, who is an Austrian officer, concluded his letter.

Miss Henkel determined to appear in person as a reply, but her parents would not supply the funds. Yesterday she pawned some trinkets and her girl friends made contributions and she found herself with money enough for passage to New York, a steamer ticket to Genoa, \$25 for passage from Genoa to Trieste, and \$5 for meals and incidentals.

Her friends, knowing that \$5 will not go far on a dining car, provided her with a supply of sandwiches, pickles, minced ham and other delicacies. She boarded a Nickel Plate train for New York last night. She was seen at Ashtabula, Ohio, today in the day coach, where she said that nothing could stop her from going to her sweetheart.

Brother Frederick carries with him plenty of money so that his sister will be able to travel first-class.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

THE 1914 TAXES WILL BE READY FOR PAYMENT MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1914. A DISCOUNT OF 2% PER CENT. WILL BE ALLOWED IF PAID ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 30, 1914. INTEREST CHARGED ON ALL UNPAID TAXES AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1914. J. R. MILLER, Treasurer.

The New Haven Must Divest Vast Holdings

DISINTEGRATION OF GREAT SYSTEM DESCRIBED IN DECREE.

FORCED TO SHEAR ITSELF OF ROADS UNDER ITS DOMINATION.

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—The disintegration of the great railway trolley and steamship transportation monopoly, built up in New England during the past 12 years by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Co., is described in detail by the decree filed today with the Federal court by Attorney General Gregory in the government dissolution suit. Briefly the railroad trust must shear itself of vast holdings of trolley and steamship lines and must part with certain railroads brought under its domination, including the Boston and Maine forever and by public auction if necessary.

Titanic Battle Is Being Waged On French Frontier

Sen. Thomas Files Protest

ALLEGES THAT FRENCH CRUISER FORCIBLY SEARCHED AN AMERICAN SHIP.

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 17.—Protests against a forcible search of the American ship "Metapan" by the French cruiser "Conde" in Mexican waters was filed in the senate today by Senator Thomas. A letter was submitted by the senator from R. W. Patterson, a passenger on the Metapan, who said officers of the Conde forced five Germans on the vessel to sign parole agreements binding them not to fight against the allies in the European war.

GERMAN TROOPS FROM ANTWERP ARE REINFORCING ARMY ON RIGHT.

ALLIES ARE STUBBORNLY DEFENDING THEIR STRONG POSITIONS.

GEN. JOFFRE REPORTS THAT HE CONTINUES TO GAIN GROUND.

By Associated Press. LONDON, Oct. 17.—Within one hundred miles of London the most critical battle, viewed from the effect on the immediate fortunes of the opposing armies, that has marked this colossal campaign is at present being and flowing along a line stretching through Belgium and further eastward on the French department of the north.

The Germans have prepared for a renewal of their vigorous offensive by joining their victorious troops from Antwerp to the main army. Much more is published in the British newspapers of German reinforcements than of accessions to the ranks of the allied armies.

Meantime the German offensive is meeting just as strenuous an offensive from the allied left which remains the most important position as it has been throughout the campaign.

"Everywhere our ground has been held and at some points ground has been gained," is the latest official report from Gen. Joffre, commander in chief of the French army, on the operations in this particular field.

"The British war information bureau (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR.)

WAR BULLETINS

Russians Sow Mines. PETROGRAD, Oct. 17.—The Russian government announces that because of the presence of German submarines in the Gulf of Finland and the sowing of mines in Russian waters by the enemy, it has been compelled in turn to have recourse to similar measures. Consequently certain zones of Russian waters especially those near the Gulf of Riga and Finland must be considered as dangerous.

Relief Committee Arrested. LONDON, Oct. 17.—According to reports received here from Berlin, telegraphs a correspondent at the Hague, "German police have entered the British consulate in Berlin where the British relief committee has been working in co-operation with the American embassy and arrested every one on the premises. No explanation of this course was given. Mr. Weston, secretary of the committee, and his assistants will be held in custody until the end of the war."



Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia—Unsettled tonight and Sunday; probably rain.

FOR RENT.

Eleven room house, corner Pierpont Ave. and Quincy St. will repair to suit tenants. Excellent location for ROOMING HOUSE. Dr. C. H. Neill, Jacobs Bldg.

COMMISSIONERS HAVE ORDERED A HEARING

Official Statements For Today

VIENNA, Austria, Oct. 16.—Via Amsterdam and London, Oct. 17.—It was announced officially in Vienna today that the fighting continues yesterday along the entire battle front from Stry and Sambor to the mouth of the river San, southeast of Przemysl.

In Marmaros-Seiget, Hungary, the enemy has been pursued by Austrian detachments which have occupied Pals. In the valley of Vistrica, the Russians are retiring. Our troops have followed them to Zielona.

The river Vistrica and the town of Zielona are in Galicia, close to the Hungarian frontier.

FRENCH. PARIS, Oct. 17.—The official (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT.)

COUNTY COURT WILL DETERMINE VALIDITY OF CERTAIN REGISTRATION WORK.

ACTION IS TAKEN AFTER VIGOROUS PROTEST WAS MADE.

The county commissioners have ordered a hearing on Oct. 26, at which time they will determine whether or not a large number of names which have been placed upon the registration books are legal voters at the precincts at which they are registered.

This action was taken by the court after attorneys E. F. Morgan and M. Earl Morgan, chairman of the Republican county executive committee, appeared before the body and entered a protest against such means of registration as the Democrats have used in a number of precincts in the city.

It is said that large numbers of negroes employed in the good road work of the county have been registered as legal voters when they have only been in the state since last spring. In other places it is alleged that the lists have been padded with fictitious names and about 100 fraudulent votes will be cast in the two precincts in the old Second ward.

The county clerk is today issuing summons ordering the men alleged to be illegal voters to appear before the court on Oct. 26 and at that time an investigation will be made into their citizenship, after which the court will decide upon their right to vote.

Revenue Bill Up For Final Disposition

VOTING ON ALL AMENDMENTS STARTED THIS AFTERNOON.

VOTE ON MEASURE WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE ADJOURNMENT TONIGHT.

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 17.—The war revenue bill was up for final disposition in the senate today. Under the agreement reached in the senate voting was called for beginning at three o'clock and all amendments to the bill and the final vote on the measure itself before adjournment tonight.

The Rev. John S. Robinson, who was in attendance at the M. E. conference, will leave for his work at Providence, R. I., next Tuesday. He was appointed to St. Andrew's church there by Bishop Hamilton, of Boston.

ALL PARTIES CONSIDERING BUYING OR RENTING THE BEAUTIFUL NEW HOUSE ON THE HILL NEAR OWEN'S BOTTLE WORKS SHOULD GO AND SEE SAME AT ONCE. 7 ROOMS AND BATH. LARGE CELLAR. PLUMBED AND WIRED. RENT \$18. SALE \$3,400. LOT 100x150. A. B. KNIGHT

PREPARATIONS BEING MADE FOR BIG BATTLE

Principal's Association Holds Meeting

THE SESSIONS WERE HELD AT THE MILLER SCHOOL TODAY.

A SPLENDID PROGRAM WAS PREPARED AND CARRIED OUT.

The tenth meeting of the Monongahela Valley Principals' Association was held in this city today the sessions being held in the Miller school building in the Fourth ward.

Two sessions were held, one at ten o'clock the other at 1:30 o'clock. Twenty principals representing Clarksburg, Grafton, Mannington, Morgantown and intermediate points were present and participated on the program.

A splendid program was prepared and carried out by the committee composed of Profs. G. H. Colebank, W. A. Husted and W. E. Buckley.

The morning session was presided over by Superintendent Joseph Rosier. Following two beautiful musical selections by the pupils of the Miller school under the direction of Miss Carol Powell, teacher of music in that school, several splendid talks were given along lines of interest to the association.

Mr. Rosier gave a brief talk after (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR.)

Heavy Rain On Battlefield

SOLDIERS ARE ENCOUNTERING MORE HARDSHIPS ON THE FRONTIER.

By Associated Press. PARIS, Oct. 17.—A steady downpour of rain last night has drenched the field of battle.

The discomforts of the troops has been added to by rain and difficulties of operations have increased. With the resumption of fighting in the center, important developments are expected. This is on the allies' left wing.

The brevity of official communications is being commented on in Paris today and the fact that fighting has been going on as usual is making the people of the city ask if the present comparative silence is not the lull preceding the storm.

TRAWLER SUNK.

By Associated Press. LONDON, Oct. 17.—The steam trawler, Ajax, out of Grimsby, has been blown up in the North sea by a German mine. Nine members of the crew lost their lives.

NOT GUILTY. B. G. Williams was before United States Commissioner John W. Mason, Jr., on charge of illicit selling. After hearing the evidence Mr. Williams was acquitted.

HOW THE FIRST DISTRICT SUFFERS

The most important single industry in the First Congressional district is the manufacture of iron and steel. Probably 10,000 to 12,000 men are employed in various manufacturing plants in the First district, all of them either directly or indirectly interested in the iron and steel market.

Previous to January 31, 1913, the iron, steel and tin plate plants in the First district had been running with remarkable thoroughness and regularity. Orders were plentiful, business was good, and all were working to their fullest capacity; 100% employment was the general rule.

Since January 31, 1913, the iron and steel business has steadily depressed, each month has been worse than the month preceding, the average of employment does not exceed 65%, and today the average is less than 50%. The month of October touches the low point for the entire year.

The following is a careful estimate of the operations of the iron and steel plants in the First district, made by one of the leading manufacturers:

- Wheeling Iron and Steel plants, employing 2,500 men, 65% of capacity.
- Whitaker-Glessner plants, employing in West Virginia and Ohio, 2,000 men, 75% of capacity.
- La Belle plants, employing in West Virginia and Ohio, 3,000 men, 50% of capacity.
- Riverside plant in West Virginia, employing 4,000 men, since April 1st, has not worked at all.
- Wheeling Mould and Foundry, employing 600 men and boys, 55% of the capacity.
- Follansbee Sheet and Tin Plate plant, at Follansbee, W. Va., employing 800 men, 80% of capacity.
- Phillips Sheet and Tin Plate Company, at Steubenville, and Clarksburg, 1,500 men, 50% of the capacity.
- Northwood Glass Company, employing 500 men and boys, average from January 1st to October 1st, about 75% of capacity, with prospects for a considerable reduction in October. The average for the past two months, being less than 70% of the capacity.
- La Belle tin plant of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, employing in full capacity, 600 men, averaged from January 1st to October 1st, about 60% of capacity. The mill closed down September 28th and is now entirely idle in every department; with no prospects of starting again.
- Bellaire steel plant of the National Steel Company, employing in full about 1,000 men, average from January 1st to October 1st, about 50% of the capacity. Now less than 50%.

These figures are the estimate carefully compiled from January 1st to October 1st by a leading manufacturer. Employment today is worse than it was in January, and the average of employment for October is from 10 to 15% below the figures given above.

In other words, in the First Congressional district, in the iron and steel business alone, from 4,000 to 6,000 men have been thrown idle, and the remainder are working on short time. What a price the First Congressional district is paying for the Underwood-Simmons free trade fallacy?