

HOLY WAR IS CALLED

Millions of Moslems Are Exhorted to Battle Against Great Britain, Russia and France, Together with the Other Nations Allied with Them

"CONTINUOUS BATTLE" WAGED IN POLAND

Expected German Offensive Movement in Western Europe Has Not Developed—Reports Differ as to Results in Servian and Austrian Clash

At few times since the European war began nearly four months ago have reports from the various fields of battle, scattered from the North sea to the western fringe of Asia, been so incomplete and confusing as was the case today.

The situation in Russian Poland, at present the scene of a most important conflict, has become one of the most puzzling phases of the war. An official Austrian statement is to the effect that the fighting has assumed the character of a continuous battle.

Opposed to this are the unofficial statements from Petrograd, Paris and London that Germany has suffered the greatest reversal of the war. For nearly a week these claims have been made with the utmost confidence, yet the Russian war office deny word of decisive developments.

There is corresponding conflict concerning the campaign in Serbia. The Austrian war office asserts that the advance into Serbia is being pushed forward successfully and that the Serbs have been beaten in two engagements.

Fears of friction between European powers and the countries in South America over alleged violations of neutrality in southern waters have led the principal South American nations to ask the co-operation of the United States in negotiations with the nations at war looking toward the exclusion of belligerent warships from the waters of the two Americas.

ALL MOSLEMS ARE URGED TO WARFARE

Proclamation, Signed by Sultan and 28 Moslem Priests, Was Published Today, Calling for Battle with the Triple Entente.

Constantinople, via Sofia and London, 10:02 p. m., Nov. 27.—The proclamation of a holy war, announced 10 days ago, was published today. It is signed by the sultan and 28 Moslem priests, and calls upon the Moslem world to participate in a holy war against Great Britain, Russia, France, and allies of the entente powers.

CONTINUOUS BATTLE IN RUSSIAN POLAND

In Western Galicia Austrians Claim to Have Repulsed the Russian and in the Carpathians Marked Progress.

Berlin, via wireless to London, 8:15 a. m., Nov. 27.—An official report, issued in Vienna, says the fighting in Russian Poland has assumed the proportions of a continuous battle. In western Galicia our troops repulsed the Russian. Marked progress has been made in fighting in the Carpathians.

RUSSIAN VICTORY NOT CONFIRMED

Petrograd War Office Does Not Verify Other Dispatches Telling of Big Advantage Gained Near Lodz.

London, Nov. 27.—The Russian general staff is still withholding the details of the victory which all other dispatches from Petrograd say the Russians have won over the German forces that penetrated Poland.

Last night's official report simply says that the battle continues to develop to the advantage of the Russians and that the Germans are trying to extricate themselves from a position that is very unfavorable. The Germans, on the other hand, claim that they have inflicted heavy losses on the Russians between Lodz and Lwec.

The military authorities in Petrograd, assuming that the unofficial reports of a victory are true, express astonishment that the Germans should have attacked Lodz, for they say defeat there was inevitable. The Germans, who advanced from the north and south, these military observers add, doubtless intended to seize the railway between Skjerniewice and Piotrkow and interrupt communication between the northern and southern Russian armies, but that Grand Duke Nicholas, with the enormous number of men at his command, was able to sandwich them and direct his attacks from all points except due west.

It is said in Petrograd that one, if not two, German army corps, are almost completely enveloped and that they are making a desperate effort to fight their way out to the north. Already a large number of prisoners are reported to have passed through Warsaw. This is considered in London to confirm the unofficial reports, and the statement of Lord Kitchener in the house of lords yesterday that the reinforced Russian troops in this neighborhood have been able to check and defeat the Germans with "I believe, heavier losses than they ever sustained before."

The Russians are said to be continuing their advance through the Carpathians in western Galicia and against Cracow. They also are declared to be operating with success against the Turks in the Caucasus. Except the artillery fighting, the battle in the west remains virtually at a standstill, although in isolated attacks both sides claim to have made some progress.

WILSON DISAPPROVES OF BOMB THROWING

Sends Unofficial Communication to the American Representatives in Belligerent Countries Regarding Matter.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—President Wilson has communicated unofficially to the diplomatic representatives of the United States in the belligerent countries of Europe of his disapproval of the attacks by bombs from aircraft dropped on unfortified cities occupied by non-combatants.

WILSON LOOKED ON VERMONT

But Had to Climb a Mountain in Order to Do It.

Williamstown, Mass., Nov. 27.—President Wilson qualified as a mountain climber here yesterday afternoon. With Francis Sayre, his son-in-law, and Professor Stockton, his brother-in-law, he went up Petersburg mountain, from the summit of which he could look into New York and Vermont.

The first part of the trip was made in a carriage and the remainder on foot. High up on the mountain the president passed John Donoghue, a mountain farmer, who gazed at him curiously and remarked, "You certainly do look like the president."

On his return, Mr. Wilson sat in front of an open fire and read poetry to his relatives. The president's Thanksgiving dinner last night consisted of a 40-pound turkey, brought from a nearby farm, some venison sent by an admirer, cranberry sauce, vegetables and pumpkin pie.

BLOW FROM INSIDE

British Battleship Bulwark Was Hurlled into Air and Then Sank Within Five Minutes, Carrying Down All But 14 Members of the Crew of Nearly 800 Men

OFFICIAL INQUIRY IN PRIVATE HELD

Disaster Occurred Near the Mouth of Thames River and Only 35 Miles from London—Admiralty Scouts Idea That the Ship Was Struck by German Submarine Missile

London, Nov. 27, 11:55 a. m.—Additional details concerning the loss of the battleship Bulwark and her entire crew of between 700 and 800 with the exception of fourteen men make the theory of the admiralty that she was blown up by an internal explosion more and more plausible.

The explosion occurred at 7:33 a. m., and the force of it was sufficient to shake violently houses in Sheerness and even in Southend, seven miles away and on the other side of the Medway. The people in those places fled into the street in alarm.

So terribly was the Bulwark rent that it was impossible to render her any assistance. Immediately after the explosion the vessel was blotted out by smoke and as the veil slowly lifted a handful of men were seen struggling in the water. Small craft rushed to their aid and picked them up. Some of the crew were badly mutilated.

A touch of the dramatic was added to the catastrophe by the fact that the band of the Bulwark was playing when the explosion came. The disaster occurred while the Bulwark was lying at anchorage off the naval port of Sheerness near the mouth of the Thames, but the officers of the port scout the public impression that the vessel was the victim of a German submarine. This seems to be supported by the absence of an upheaval in the water as the first lord of the admiralty explained.

Although only 15 years old and no longer on the first fighting list, the Bulwark still was a useful unit. The loss of the ship, however, was nothing compared with the heavy loss in trained officers and men, with whose relatives Mr. Churchill expressed in the House of Commons his deep sympathy and sorrow.

The Bulwark in her early career was quite a favored ship. For a long time she was the flagship of Admiral Charles Beberford in the Mediterranean. Bulwark Went Down in Five Minutes. An eye witness who was on a ship a short distance from the ill-fated Bulwark said yesterday:

"I was at breakfast at about 10 minutes to eight this morning when I heard an explosion and went on deck. My first impression was that the report was produced by the firing of a salute by one of the ships, but the noise was quite exceptional.

"When I got on deck I soon saw that something awful had happened. The water and the sky was obscured by dense volumes of smoke. We at once were ordered to the scene of the disaster to render what assistance we could. At first we could see nothing but when the smoke cleared we were horrified to find that the battleship Bulwark had gone. She seemed to have entirely vanished from sight, but a little later we detected a portion of the huge battleship showing about four feet above the water.

"We kept a vigilant lookout for the unfortunate crew, but saw only two men. I don't know whether the other boats rescued any one. One man we saw was dead. The disaster was the result of an accident."

Another eye witness said that when the explosion occurred a great volume of steam and smoke shot into the air. The ship seemed to split in two and then heeled over and sank. She disappeared in less than five minutes. The British battleship Bulwark, 15,000 tons displacement, was laid down in 1899 and completed in 1902. She was 411 feet long, 75 feet wide, and drew 25 feet of water. Her armament consisted of four 12-inch, twelve 6-inch guns, six 100-pounders, six 3-pounders and four submerged torpedo tubes. She had a complement of 750 men.

THREE CHILDREN DIED SUDDENLY

Medical Examiner Thinks Woburn Youngsters Obtained Poison at a Nearby Dump—They Had Been Eating Nuts.

Woburn, Mass., Nov. 27.—Three children, state wards, living with Miss Nora O'Hara, were stricken suddenly ill while eating nuts yesterday and died within a short time. They were Peter Krukas, aged 3; his brother, Anthony, aged 5; and Caroline, a sister, aged six.

Medical Examiner Kelleher expressed the opinion that death was due to poison which he thought the children may have found in a nearby dump. The children had not eaten other food. There were no signs of ptomaine poison disclosed in the preliminary examination and Dr. Kelleher said he did not believe the nuts had made the children sick.

FEDERAL EYE ON SIEGEL

Government Will Investigate to Find if Banker Merchant Used Mails Illegally.

New York, Nov. 27.—Assistant United States District Attorney Roger B. Wood, in charge of the criminal bureau, stated last Tuesday that the government is now looking into the case of Henry Siegel, former banker and merchant, four guilty Monday at Genesee, N. Y., of a misdemeanor. The federal authorities are investigating the circumstances with a possible view of instituting a prosecution for misuse of the mails.

DEFENDING WARSHIPS FROM SUBMARINES

To Place Heavy Armor on the Bottoms Would Necessitate Lightening of Armament Above and Would Slacken the Speed of the Vessel.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—While American navy officers have watched with critical eyes the deadly work of torpedoes fired from submarines and of contact with mines in the European war, nothing has developed as yet which indicates any radical change in battleship construction to offer greater defense against underwater attacks.

The problems presented are not new. They have been studied by naval constructors of every power since the Russian-Japanese war when many ships fell victim to mines and torpedoes. Proposals of many sorts have been discussed. Some have been adopted, but the theory of warship building still clings to concentration of offensive power in terms of larger guns, bigger and swifter ships and wider cruising radius, even at the expense of defensive armor.

The heavy losses sustained by the British navy by submarine attacks has brought up for renewed discussion the subject of arming the bottoms of warcraft. Recent issues of English service journals have noted a plan to cover the entire bottom of a battleship with four inches of armor plating. It was urged that the experiment be tried with an actual test with the explosion against her all of the most powerful modern torpedoes.

American naval experts believe there is little doubt of the result. They say four inches of armor would resist any known torpedo or mine successfully. To equip a ship in that way, however, the enormous weight of the armor would require a reduction in weight elsewhere and the only way it could be accomplished would be to reduce the size and number of guns, the thickness of surface armor, the weight of engines and coal capacity and because of this last, the size of the ships themselves. With armored bottoms battleships would become slow, heavy vessels of small cruising radius and their usefulness as instruments with which to strike swift, terrible blows at distant points before the enemy's coming had gone out, would be vanishing.

Cruisers and swift merchant vessels would take care only to keep out of range of their guns. The terrific power of the modern dreadnaught would be a thing of the past. It is not impossible, however, that some degree of protection for the bottoms of battle craft will be considered in future. Hereafter constructors have to reckon with an increasing number of watertight compartments to keep torpedoes ship afloat. The loss of the British battleship Audacious, one of the most modern fighting machines in the world, has shed new light on the subject. Details of that disaster are lacking but many believe the Audacious ran into a mine which sent her to the bottom. Her compartments kept her afloat until her crew was rescued, but one by one they gave way under the increasing pressure of the water and finally she went down.

Navy officers are unwilling as yet to predict what effect on naval construction that will have. They say it is a question of balance between offense and defense in battleship construction and the old axiom that the greatest defense is the highest quality for offensive work, still holds good. It appears certain, however, that in planning new ships, the subject of the armored bottom, or at least partial armor for the midship sections of the bottom, will be carefully weighed.

ALLEGED CROOK CAUGHT

Police Say Robert White Confessed to Postoffice Robbery.

Lowiston, Me., Nov. 27.—A man, giving his name as Robert White, aged about 40, was arrested by the Lowiston police yesterday on the charge of robbing a stage alleged to have been stolen from the postoffice at Turin, 30 miles from here, early Tuesday morning. He is detained at Auburn jail and will be taken to Portland Friday by John S. P. H. Wilson, United States marshal. The police state that White has made a confession and insists that he had no complicity.

WELL DRESSED, BUT STARTING

Miss Kingsley of Providence Was Found in Boston.

Boston, Nov. 27.—A well-dressed young woman, who gave her name as Miss Kingsley of 1002 Broad street, Providence, was found in a dead condition near the Patrick Collins monument in the Foreway early yesterday. Taken to a hospital, it was found that she was suffering from hemorrhage and doctors said she was on the verge of starvation.

STRUCK TREE; TWO ARE DEAD

In Automobile Fatality at Needham, Mass., Two Others Escape

FATHER AND SON WERE VICTIMS

They Died at Newton Hospital, Where They Were Soon Taken

ASK CO-OPERATION OF UNITED STATES

South American Countries Wish to Exclude Warships of Belligerents from Waters of the Americas.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—The United States has been asked by the principal nations of South America to cooperate with them in negotiations with the belligerent powers of Europe to bring about the exclusion of all belligerent warships from the waters of the two Americas and safeguard the trade of Pan-American countries with each other.

BRYAN SATISFIED WITH EXPLANATION

That Turkish Forts Fired Three Shots, One of Them a Ball, at U. S. Launch in Order to Head Boat Off from Danger.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—The Turkish commander of the forts at Smyrna lays all the responsibility for the firing upon the cruiser Tennessee's launch to the helmsman of the launch, who, it is said, did not heed the warnings of the presence of mines.

LUTHER—SPRINGER

Thanksgiving Day Wedding Occurred in Northfield.

Northfield, Nov. 27.—A Thanksgiving day wedding took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock when Miss Evelyn Corinne Springer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard P. Springer, of Northfield Falls, became the bride of E. Ernest Luther, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Luther of Boston. The ceremony was performed by Rev. William Shaw.

TWO SHOT DURING RIOT

After Arrest of Alleged Coal Thiefs at Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 27.—Two persons were shot in a riot which followed the arrest of two women on the charge of stealing coal from cars in the Black Rock yards of the New York Central railroad last night. Mrs. Veronica Woloz was wounded in the leg and Andrew Rutz has a bullet in his back that may cause his death. Two railroad detectives made the arrests. One of the prisoners escaped and her screams as she ran through the yards drew a crowd of about 1,000, which attacked the detectives. These officers then used their revolvers. The detectives were arrested by the police and are held on an open charge.

LOAN GREATLY OVER-SUBSCRIBED

Great Britain Had No Difficulty Raising \$1,750,000,000.

London, 2:45 p. m., Nov. 27.—The loan of £200,000,000 raised by Great Britain in the form of 2½ per cent. war bonds, which had already been greatly over-subscribed.

DICK CROKER MARRIED

Bride Is Proud of Her Indian Blood—Will Live in Ireland

New York, Nov. 27.—Dick Croker, one-time "big chief" of Tammany Hall, was married in the city of Nathan Straus here yesterday. His bride, Miss Bula Ben-ton Edmondson, the daughter of a Cherokee Indian, is 33 years of age. Mr. Croker is 73 years of age. A large crowd assembled at the Straus home when it became known that the announced plans of a church wedding had been changed at the last moment.

Mr. and Mrs. Croker left yesterday afternoon for Palm Beach, Fla., to spend their honeymoon at Mr. Croker's winter home. In April they will go to Mr. Croker's estate in Ireland. The bride was given away by her uncle, W. W. Hastings, who for 15 years has been attorney for the Cherokee and who recently was elected to Congress from Oklahoma. The bridesmaids were Miss Frances Fite, a senior at Vassar, who comes from Muskogee, Okla., Miss Isabel Brown of Dayton, O., and Miss Willa Townsend of Memphis, Tenn. Monsignor Henry A. Brann, rector of St. Agnes' church, performed the ceremony. The groom's gift to the bride was a pearl dog collar. Croker was attended by Thomas E. Smith, who has long been secretary of Tammany hall.

DEATH OF GEORGE MCINTOSH

Patre Young Man Died of Tuberculosis Last Evening.

George McIntosh, aged 24, passed away at his home, 93 Elmwood avenue, last evening shortly after 8 o'clock. Mr. McIntosh had been in failing health for some time, but not until recently was his condition serious enough to confine him to his bed. Besides his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, with whom he made his home, he leaves a brother, James McIntosh of this city. A second brother, Alexander McIntosh, died three years ago.

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Mrs. John W. Sexton Had Undergone Operation.

Mrs. Eliza Kelly Sexton of Montpelier, wife of John W. Sexton, died at the Hinton hospital last evening after a long illness and following an operation for a knotted intestine. She was born in Moretown 51 years ago, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kelley. Besides her husband she leaves one daughter, Gertrude; two sisters, Mrs. John Hannon of Charlestown, Mass., and Miss Jennie Sexton of Boston; and four brothers, John E. James S. and Thomas Sexton, all of Moretown, and Michael of Middlesex. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

TALK OF THE TOWN

G. W. Warden, a member of the firm of Warden Bros., monument retailers, left last night for his home in Batavia, N. Y., after spending several days in the Barry granite belt.

Charles Bishop of Washington street left early this morning for Springfield, where he will join a party of hunters. Mr. Bishop is taking a week's vacation from his duties in the Central Vermont freight office.

Frank E. Dodge, who was called to Barre by the death of his father, Albert F. Dodge, left today for St. Louis, Mo., where he is employed as a chemist by the Barrett Manufacturing Co. While in the city Mr. Dodge visited his mother and his brother, G. J. Dodge, of Elm street.

Norman Murray of Greenfield, who recently conducted the Berry stable on Prospect street now owned by Johnstone Campbell, was a visitor in the city today. Mr. Murray is recovering from a serious illness and has deferred a trip into the Canadian Northwest, which he proposed to make some time ago.

TOP OF HOTEL BURNED OFF

Building at Northfield Was Partially Destroyed This Morning

CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS NOT KNOWN

Former Ellis Boardinghouse Was Occupied by Stonecutters

Northfield, Nov. 27.—The Westside hotel, formerly the Ellis boardinghouse, located on Pearl street, was badly damaged early this morning by a fire which broke out at 2 o'clock and burned until the third story and roof were destroyed and the second story was partially destroyed. The cause of the fire is not known. The flames apparently started in one of the chambers on the second floor of the structure.

The building was used by granite cutters. It was owned by A. and M. Ellaway and P. P. Paine and was insured for \$5,000 in the agency of H. W. Orser & Co. The property is located on the south side of the river, away from the business section of the village.

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The deceased was born in Scotland and came to Barre in his boyhood. He learned the stonecutters' trade and for several years he was an employe of Marr & Gordon. Eighteen months ago he was compelled to give up his work by an illness which later developed into tuberculosis. Mr. McIntosh was a member of the granite-cutters' association and also belonged to Clan Gordon, No. 12, O. S. C., among his fellow workers. He was generally liked and many will mourn his untimely passing.

Funeral services will be held at the house Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Edgar Crossland, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, where the deceased was an attendant, will be the officiating clergyman and the interment will be made in the family lot at Elmwood cemetery.

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DIED OF POLIOMYELITIS

Ernest Roberts of Newbury Was Victim Others Quarantined.

Newbury, Nov. 27.—Ernest Roberts, son of Victor Roberts, living on Wallace hill about three miles from Wells River, died this morning of infantile paralysis. Some eight or ten other persons have been placed under quarantine. Mr. Roberts is driver of the school team to this village.

NEW GRANITE FIRM IN MONTPELLIER

The Standard Granite Co., a new firm, has commenced granite manufacturing in a shed near Granite street in Montpelier. The members of the firm are Messrs. Orsen Bailey, Calvin and Stewart.

QUICK WEDDING AT HEADING PARSONAGE

Orvis Persons and Luella Carpenter were quietly married at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon at the Heading parsonage by Rev. E. F. Newell. Both of these young people are well known in Barre and their many friends extend to them their best wishes. The couple, after a short wedding trip, will reside at South Barre at the well-known Persons' farm.

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