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AMERICA QUIZZES BERLIN ON SINKING

VERDUN RING OF FORTS ALL FREED OF FOE

With Occupation of Vaux by French Chain of Defense Completed.

ENEMY HARD PRESSED

Evacuation of Stronghold by Germans the Result of Heavy Opposition.

Paris, Nov. 3.—The French occupied Fort Vaux last night—[illegible] after waiting for the cessation of great explosions inside the fort, the war office reported today. The [illegible] made by the Germans [illegible] caused death into the possession of the French without loss to them.

The Germans were on the fort, the statement says, as a result of the violent French bombardment and the gradual closing in of French troops. The remaining [illegible] the French into its position was [illegible] completed. The ring of Verdun forts is now reestablished and is in [illegible] by the French.

On the remainder of the front, the communiqué says, there were no [illegible] of importance.

Vaux Captured.

[illegible] troops [illegible] up their positions [illegible] The Bulgarians on the left bank of the river Struma in Greek Macedonia have [illegible] the village of Valia, says the official statement issued today by the French war department.

German Report.

Berlin, Nov. 3.—In addition to Bavarian positions in south Saillisel on the Somme front which were taken by the Germans early south last to the Thiaumont yesterday, the war office announced today.

Meanwhile, if the allies be advancing [illegible] against the [illegible] the Germans [illegible] would be [illegible] Bulgaria.

The statement reads:

Fighting [illegible] was generally with moderate [illegible] Isolated [illegible] in the Somme district were under as the January era.

"Hidden by fog [illegible] that had been taken by us were lost again yesterday [illegible] had to hand fighting.

"Hem [illegible] end of Ginchecourt and we are [illegible] business part of St. Pierre-Vaast wood [illegible]

"Today [illegible] covering the French fire against Fort Vaux decreased."

KILLED PLAYMATE YEARS AGO; RETURNS

Memphis, N. Y., Nov. 3.—Twenty-five years ago in an alternation with a playmate, H. C. Phipps threw a rock striking the other boy on the head killing him. The young assailant fled and for a quarter of a century has whereabouts had not been known. Yesterday Phipps came unexpectedly up in the authorities here. He had been in the west and [illegible] considerable wealth. His own father and brothers did not recognize him. He will stand trial.

TO ASK GERMANS TO PAROLE CHICAGOAN

Chicago, Nov. 3.—Frank Louis Schaul, [illegible] an instructor in French at the University of Chicago, who for a year and a half has been prisoner of war interned in the German camp at New Chapelle, Switzerland, may have an unexpected chance for freedom.

President Harry Pratt Judson of the University of Chicago, has written Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador to the United States, asking that he urge the German government to grant Mr. Schaul's parole to the United States.

ASSAULTED BY KIN OF BRIDE HE SLEW

Columbus, Ga., Nov. 3.—W. O. Bowden, aged 50, was in a critical condition today from stab wounds received in a fight with relatives of his 16-year-old bride of three months, whom he shot to death.

FOREMAN IMMUNE TO ADVANCES OF DESIGNING WIDOW

Chicago, Nov. 3.—Colonel Milton Foreman of the First cavalry, Illinois national guard, who calls himself the "official cupid of the regiment," has declared himself on the question of matrimony as applied to Colonel Foreman.

"I get dozens of letters from young women," said the colonel yesterday, "asking for a chance to marry some bright young trooper.

"Today I received a personal note from a woman who declares she is a young widow, of good looks and very lonely. She claims to yearn for me. I am afraid she will have to continue to yearn."

Ask Germany for Facts on Sub Tragedy

Berlin, Thursday, Nov. 2. (via London, Nov. 3, 4:16 a. m.)—Secretary Joseph C. Grew of the American embassy, who is acting as charge in the absence of Ambassador Gerard, was instructed today to ask the German government for information in regard to the sinking of the British steamship Rowanmore off Cape Clear on Oct. 28. No instructions have been received regarding the case of the British steamship Marina.

It was said at Washington on Tuesday that the American embassy at Berlin had been asked to make informal inquiries regarding the sinking by submarines of the Marina and Rowanmore, both of which had Americans on board. None of the Americans on the Rowanmore was lost. The latest available information regarding the Marina is that six of the fifty-two Americans on board were drowned.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 3.—If the agents of the German merchant submarine Deutschland will signify that she is available for carrying mail to Germany the postoffice department will be so notified in a formal communication from the German embassy.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, has asked the agents to inform him on the subject. The postoffice department already has declared its willingness to accept a proposal to establish a regular undersea mail service.

The embassy's plans for the establishment of this service are progressing. Notwithstanding statements made in New London yesterday by Dr. George Ahorns, an attache, who inferred that it was unlikely that the Deutschland would carry United States mail.

Embassy officials said today that none but official mail pouches were brought over on the Deutschland. Clerks were sorting this and many official dispatches were being deciphered.

INQUIRY STARTED ON EGG MONOPOLY

Federal and City Authorities at Chicago Investigating Alleged $7,000,000 Corner.

Chicago, Nov. 3.—Higher prices of food products, with particular reference to the alleged $7,000,000 egg corner which is said to have boosted the price of eggs to 45 cents a dozen and upward, were again investigated here today by federal and city authorities.

District Attorney Clyne was to be asked today to look into the egg question, while Clinton G. Colaugh, chief of the bureau of investigation, department of justice, was to hear further complaints of cooperative grocers that the National Wholesale Grocers' association is violating the Sherman anti-trust law.

Market conditions are to be investigated by delegates to the national conference on marketing and farm credits to be held here Dec. 4, according to officers of the conference.

Congressman Fred A. Britten today said he would introduce a bill in congress in December, providing for federal control of cold storage plants through the interstate commerce commission.

Hard coal at from $12 to $15 a ton by Jan. 1 and none in Chicago at any price before the winter is over is the prediction of Andrew T. Murphy, editor of the Black Diamond, and coal market authority. "The anthracite coal stock will be disposed of by Jan. 1," he said today. "Hard coal is going out of the hands of Chicago dealers twice as fast as it is coming in. A cold flurry will send prices to a spot which will mean that consumers will use soft coal."

Mr. Murphy said the European war was the indirect cause of the coal market situation.

Man Murdered; Hunt Slayer.

Janesville, Wis., Nov. 3.—The authorities today are seeking the slayer of an unidentified man whose body was found yesterday at the edge of Rock river, four miles north of Beloit. The victim was about 28 years old.

THE WAR TODAY

Fort Vaux is again in French hands and with Douaumont already regained the ring of defensive fortifications about Verdun has been reestablished.

The occupation of Fort Vaux, Paris, reports, was effected without loss to the French, who waited until explosions inside the fort had ceased before they advanced, unopposed, to take possession.

On the Somme front Berlin admits the loss by the Germans of portions of the village of Sailly-Saillisel, but announces the repulse of British attacks east of Guerecourt and of French advances upon the northern part of St. Pierre-Vaast wood.

Berlin claims further penetrations of Rumanian territory southeast of Rothenthurm pass and southwest of Predeal.

In Galicia the Russians attempted to regain ground southeast of Lemberg, along the Narayuvka but according to the German report their attack was repulsed.

Sofia announces the repulse of Serbian attacks along the Cerna river on the Macedonian front.

INVADERS OF RUMANIA ARE HURLED BACK

Bucharest Reports That the Austro-German Forces Are on Retreat.

ATTACK BULGAR PORT

Sofia Says Four Hostile Craft Bombarded Kustendje With No Success.

Bucharest, Nov. 3, (via London, 2:20 p. m.) The war office announced today that in the fighting along the Hungarian-Rumanian frontier the Rumanian forces had driven the Austrians and Germans across the border at Table Butzi. The Rumanians made an attack in Buzeu valley, occupying Mount Strind and Taturamio.

Berlin, Nov. 3 (by wireless to Sayville)—Austro-German forces have generated further into Rumania, in the districts southwest of Predeal and southeast of Rothenthurm pass, it was announced officially today. The statement follows:

"On the southern Transylvanian front Rumanian attacks were repulsed by our fire or in narrow fighting. Southwest of Predeal and southeast of Rothenthurm pass we made an advance, pursuing the enemy and captured more than 200 Rumanians."

Port is Bombarded.

Sofia, Nov. 3 (via London, Nov. 3, 9.05 a. m.)—Kustendje, a Rumanian seaport, was bombarded by four hostile ships, but no damage was caused and there were no casualties. Bulgar coast batteries forced the enemy craft to retire, the Bulgarian office adds. The statement follows:

Bulgar Report.

"Macedonian front: Enemy detachments which penetrated north of Lake Malik were pursued eastward by our troops. At the bend of the Cerna we repulsed weak attacks. At the foot of Belasschitza and on the Struma front there has been slight artillery activity. During Saturday, Oct. 31, in the Struma valley the enemy suffered heavy losses in the sector between Ghiristos and Doiraili-Djuma. We found 500 unburied dead, many fresh graves and a large quantity of equipment scattered about.

"On the Aegean coast one of the enemy's monitors unsuccessfully bombarded our positions at Orfano.

"Rumanian front: Unchanged. Four hostile warships bombarded Kustendje causing no casualties or damage. Our coast batteries forced these ships to retire. On the Danube near Rustchuk and Butchtoff there has been reciprocal artillery fire."

CARLSTROM ENDS TRIP WITH MAIL

Aviator Reaches New York City in Flight From Chicago This Morning—Stopped Twice.

New York, Nov. 3.—Victor Carlstrom, who left Chicago yesterday for New York in a New York Times mail carrying aeroplane, descended on Governor's island today, ending his flight at 8.38½ a. m. His journey was interrupted by stops yesterday at Erie, Pa., and Hammondsport, N. Y.

The flight from Hammondsport where the aviator resumed his trip at 6.35 a. m. today was without incident.

A letter from Mayor Thompson of Chicago addressed to President Wilson, was given to a special messenger, who started at once for Long Branch, N. J. A representative of the New York postoffice met Carlstrom at Governor's island and received the bag of mail brought by air post.

The aviator was greeted upon his descent by Major General Leonard Wood, U. S. A., and Augustus Post and Alan R. Hawley of the Aero club of America.

Borah Much Improved.

Chicago, Nov. 3.—United States Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, who was taken ill at Fond Du Lac, Wis., while campaigning, arrived in Chicago today much improved in health. He said he expected to resume his tour after a day's rest.

HUGHES IS CALLED HOPE IN A FOG BY AUTHOR OF NOTE

New York, Nov. 3.—Samuel Hopkins Adams, the well known author, has declared himself for President Wilson, after waiting in vain for Mr. Hughes to answer the questions which Mr. Adams and 35 other famous authors put to the republican candidate early in the campaign. He does this on the ground that there is nothing positive in the Hughes campaign and that the republican candidate at the best represents "a hope in a fog."

"When the Frost is on the Pumpkin and the Fodder's in the Shock."

Tomorrow Is to Mark End of Campaign

Long Branch, N. J., Nov. 3.—President Wilson returned here this afternoon from New York where he spoke yesterday. The president will deliver his last speech of the campaign here tomorrow afternoon at a celebration of "Old Home Day," inviting neighbors from New Jersey.

On Tuesday the president will motor to Princeton, his former home, to vote. Tuesday night he will receive the returns at Shadow Lawn. Special arrangements have been made for furnishing him with the news promptly as possible.

Sandy Hook, N. J., Nov. 3.—The government yacht Mayflower, carrying President and Mrs. Wilson, arrived here today from New York City. They were taken ashore in a launch and shortly before 10 o'clock departed in an automobile for Long Branch, N. J.

BANKS HAVE MOST MONEY IN HISTORY

Report Shows Total Resources Are $14,111,000,000, or $216,000,000 More Than Ever Before.

Washington, Nov. 3.—Reports of national banks' condition on Sept. 12, the controller of the currency announced today, show total resources of $14,411,000,000, or $216,000,000 greater than ever before in the nation's history. This was an increase of $485,000,000 over June 30, last, and $2,144,000,000 over Sept. 2, 1915. The previous high water mark was on May 1, last.

Total deposits amounted to $11,363,000,000, or $227,000,000 greater than ever before. The increase was $485,000,000 over June 30, and $2,123,000,000 over Sept. 2, 1915.

Deposits in central reserve bank cities from May 1 last to Sept. 12 showed a reduction of $218,000,000, while in other reserve cities there was an increase of $151,000,000 and in country banks an increase of $294,000,000.

"This," says the controller, "is indicative of the healthy, progressive effect of the federal reserve act in decentralizing and distributing the money of the country."

Loans and discounts were $7,859,000,000, the largest amount ever reported.

HUGHES CAMPAIGN WILL CLOSE TODAY

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 3.—Charles E. Hughes will end his travels as a presidential candidate today. He left Albany at 8.15 a. m. for New York City, spending the day campaigning down the Hudson river valley. Today's journey was the windup of four campaign trips which have carried him approximately 25,000 miles through 33 states.

SHACKLETON ON WAY TO GIVE AID

Antarctic Explorer Arrives at New Orleans on Way to San Francisco to Start on Rescue Trip.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 3.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, the antarctic explorer, arrived here today on the steamer Parisiana from Colon and departed several hours later for San Francisco, on his way to rescue the 10 members of the Shackleton party on the west side of the antarctic continent. The explorer said he expected to sail from San Francisco for Wellington, New Zealand, Nov. 8, going thence to Dunedin, where he and a rescue expedition will sail for the antarctic on the Aurora.

Sir Ernest said that after the rescue is accomplished he planned to return to England and enter the war.

ADD MORE TO DEMO CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Supplemental Contributions Amounting to $304,446.50 Given Since Oct. 25 Report Shows.

Washington, Nov. 3.—Supplemental contributions to the democratic national campaign fund amounting to $304,446.50 since Oct. 25, were filed today with the clerk of the house by Treasurer Marsh of the democratic national committee. The largest individual contributions were Cleveland H. Dodge of New York $29,000, and Edward L. Doheney, $25,000.

ITALIAN DIRIGIBLE RAIDS AUSTRO PORT

Rome, Nov. 3.—An Italian dirigible airship on the night of Nov. 1, says an official statement, dropped 17 bombs on fortifications and warships in the roadstead of San Ulstro in Sebenico bay. The dirigible returned unharmed despite an intense fire from the Austrian coast batteries.

San Pietro is a town on the island of Brazza, the largest of the Dalmatian islands, in the Adriatic sea about 110 miles southeast of Trieste.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Partly cloudy and continued warm tonight, probably with rain, Saturday, fair and colder.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 47. Highest yesterday, 64. Lowest last night, 40.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 4 miles per hour.

Precipitation, none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 52; at 7 a. m., 48; at 3 p. m. today, 38.

Stage of water, 4 feet; a fall of .1 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

1,820 Vessels Sunk During War to Nov. 1

New York, Nov. 3.—Eighteen hundred and twenty merchant ships with an aggregate gross tonage of approximately 3,328,580 have been sunk by belligerent nations during 27 months of war ending Nov. 1, according to figures compiled from cable dispatches and mail advices published here today by the Journal of Commerce.

The losses during October were larger than for any one of the preceding five months, according to the statistics, amounting to 127 vessels of a total of 227,116 tons gross. The October rate of destruction was considerably in excess of the monthly average throughout the war period and British shipping sustained losses nearly equal to those of August and September combined.

Norway lost the largest number of ships, 56, according to the statistics, but their gross tonnage was only 57,333 as compared to Great Britain's total loss of 115,546 gross tonnage of 38 vessels destroyed. A table showing the total shipping losses since the war began estimates those of the entente allies at about seventy-five per cent and those of neutrals at nearly eighteen per cent with Teutonic losses less than seven per cent.

Escapes Fire by Sheet Rope.

Chicago, Nov. 3.—Deggety Hippard, making a rope of bed sheets, escaped from the fourth floor of a rooming house in West Erie street which caught fire today. Others, nearly fainting from the smoke, were brought down on fire ladders. The fire damage was $2,000.

Deaf Mutes Sentenced.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 3.—Joseph Castelli and Frank Veteri, deaf mutes, whose homes were in Brooklyn, convicted of killing Annie Castelli, wife of the former, in a rooming house here last Easter Sunday, were sentenced today to be hanged on March 15 next.

Latest Bulletins

New York, Nov. 3.—Andres G. Garcia, inspector general of consulates for the Mexican government, now in New York, today received a telegram from the Mexican consul at El Paso denying the report that Villa had captured Parral.

London, Nov. 3.—A Rome dispatch to the Wireless Press says the first day of the new Italian offensive cost the Austrians the loss of 15,000 men.

Minneapolis, Nov. 3.—Three persons were killed and a fourth injured when an automobile driven by E. C. Nelson of St. Paul plunged down an embankment on the West River drive here early today. The dead are Mabel Sigstad, 22, and Ida Sigstad, 18, both of Minneapolis, and Frederick Braut of St. Paul.

FRENCH GIVE WAY TO KEEP WORLD PEACE

Differences Must Be Settled by Law Instead of by Force Is Belief.

FAVOR ORGANIZATION

Paris Body Adopts Resolution Advocating Society to Prevent Wars.

Paris, Nov. 3.—A lasting international peace can be made possible only by the foundation of a society of nations whose guiding principle shall be the settlement of difference by law and not by force, declares a resolution adopted by the congress of the League of Rights of Man, in session here. The resolution says:

"This society shall be based upon the recommendation of the right of nations great and small to independence upon the institution of compulsory arbitration compatible to all international differences without exception and reserve and upon the organizer of the international forces capable of pressing by appropriation penalties all attempts at revolt or aggression.

"To insure lasting peace in the future the treaty must not contain germs of war or revenge. It shall consecrate the right of peoples to dispose of their own destinies and shall not provide for the dismemberment of states or annexations of territory against the will of the population. On the contrary it shall annul annexations exposed by force such as that of Alsace-Lorraine.

"It shall create an economic regime under and which certain temporary measures applied as penalties shall guarantee to each people exercise of its legitimate activities without permitting the existence of any aggressive organization for economic conquest.

"Justice requires that the future peace treaty shall provide penalties against the responsible authors of war and punishment to those who wage war in defiance of the law of nations; that states who are aggressors shall make reparation apropportunate to the enormous damage done; and finally a system of guarantees which without infringing the principles involved, shall preclude annexation, shall preclude annexation, of declarations made by entente statesmen, expresses hope that to give the world an earnest desire that the world will desire to submit all their conflicts to arbitration and form a system among themselves as the first outline of a future congress of nations welcoming the admission thereto of all states, small and great who shall bind themselves to retain the principles of the pact and respect the rights of each by forces of all.

UNION OFFICIAL IS HELD FOR SUB PLOT

New York, Nov. 3.—Michael J. Herlihy, financial secretary of the local carmen's union and four other men were arrested today charged with bringing dynamite into this city and with conspiring to blow up the Lenox avenue subway station at One Hundred and Tenth street, on Oct. 24. One of the men is said to have confessed.

Detectives said that evidence obtained indicated that attempts were to have been made to blow up the subway station at 59th street and Broadway this morning and the city hall station at a later time.

Herlihy is 31 years old. The other men accused are George Pollok, a former elevated railway guard, Lawrence Kulle and James A. Murns, former subway guards, and Thomas J. McGuire, a chauffeur.

The dynamite explosion on Oct. 24 injured four persons. The bomb went off just two minutes after a train carrying passengers left the station.

Kansas Deep In Politics.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 3.—More than 800 political meetings will be held in this state tomorrow and Monday in a spectacular windup of the national and state campaigns of all parties.

THESE GIRLS MUST KNOW HOW TO COOK OR LOSE A FORTUNE

New York, Nov. 3.—The will of Mrs. Maria Zinszer, filed here for probate, leaves $10,000 to each of three granddaughters on condition that she can cook an acceptable meal before her 21st birthday. If any of the girls fail her share reverts to the residuary estate which is left to three sons.

The three presumptive heirs are daughters of Dr. Hans Zinszer of Columbia university.

They are Miss Helen Zinszer of Bryn Mawr college, Miss Peggy Zinszer of Smith college, and 9-year-old Margaret Zinszer of New York. A fourth sister, Miss Ellen Zinszer, received $10,000 last year after she had met a similar test.