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"OLD GLORY" WAS FIRED UPON BY LAND FORCES OF THE PORTE

LAUNCH FROM THE U. S. S. TENNESSEE TARGET OF THE GUNS

TURK GOVERNMENT ASKED TO EXPLAIN

President Wilson is Determined That War With Turkey Shall Not Result.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The United States government has directed Ambassador Henry Morgenthau at Constantinople to ask an explanation of the firing by Turkish land forces at a launch from the American cruiser Tennessee proceeding from Vourlah to the American consulate at Smyrna, Asia Minor.

Secretary Daniels simultaneously cabled the commander of the cruiser North Carolina, also in the Mediterranean, to take no action which might embarrass the American government and to await specific instructions from Washington.

These steps followed the receipt of a message from Captain Benton C. Decker, commander of the Tennessee, paraphrased in this statement from the navy department: "Captain B. C. Decker, in command of the Tennessee wired Secretary Daniels this morning that while proceeding from Vourlah to Smyrna to make official calls, a ship's boat was fired at. Decker was anxious for the safety of the consulate. The Tennessee proceeded to and left Vourlah at the request of the ambassador and is now at anchor in the harbor of Scio, (Chios) Greece, from which place Captain Decker's telegram was sent. Secretary Daniels wired for further information."

Although without definite details as to just what occurred high officials of the Washington government had no doubt that the incident, no matter where the responsibility lay, would be adjusted promptly through diplomatic channels. President Wilson is determined that under no circumstances shall the United States be involved in war with Turkey.

RUSSIANS HAVE SUFFERED A CHECK

Possibly One of the Most Critical Battles of the Campaign Now On.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Nov. 19.—A Petrograd dispatch to the Daily Telegraph says: "The battle now being fought in the northwest corner of Poland may be regarded as possibly the most critical yet fought in the Russian campaign and it looks as though the victorious Russian advance has suffered a check. It is evident the German counter attack has compelled the Russians to concentrate a considerable distance to the rear of the line reached by their right flank."

"One of the ablest critics in the Army Messenger says that a new phase of the war has opened which is likely to have a decisive influence on the whole campaign."

Exports Improving. WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Secretary McAdoo's daily reports from the country's ten leading ports indicated again today steady improvement in export trade. Exports yesterday were \$4,777,029, approximately two millions less than the daily average of November, 1913, when trade was not affected by war. Imports were \$5,898,593, an increase of \$1,769,195 over the November average last year.

Cashier Indicted. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 18.—It became known today that the Federal grand jury has indicted Christian Schaefer, former cashier of the United States National Bank of Pittsburgh, on charges of embezzlement of \$19,000 and making false reports to the comptroller of the currency. Schaefer was released on \$5,000 bail.

Marriage is Married. GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Nov. 18.—Fred C. Muckle, first baseman of the New York National League baseball club, was married last night to Miss Ethel Johnson of Tecumseh, Mich. Announcement of the wedding was made today.

DIVERSIFY CROPS AND CUT ACREAGE

IN ORDER TO ENJOY FULL BENEFITS OF COTTON LOAN FUND

RESERVE BOARD SOUNDS WARNING

Details of Workings of New Scheme Outlined in Statement by McAdoo.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Although the \$135,000,000 cotton loan fund has been completed, officials of the federal reserve board and the treasury department declared today that the South must introduce diversification of crops and a reduction of cotton acreage next year to get the full benefits from the fund and insure a material increase in the price of raw cotton for next year's crop. Secretary McAdoo in a statement tonight called this "the other pressing and important problem" with which the South must deal. He urged the raising of food products which he predicted will find a ready market, particularly if the European war persists. "The Southern farmer," said Mr. McAdoo, "therefore has an unusual opportunity now for changing existing methods and habits with certain profit and permanent benefit to himself." He suggested that the department of agriculture would gladly outline methods of crop diversification suitable to different localities, and added that bankers had an excellent opportunity to aid in this work by using their influence to direct the character of crops by imposing "proper conditions" upon advances to farmers.

"The farmers of the South," concluded the statement, "ought to wake up to the importance of crop diversification. There never before was a time when they could wake up with such certain profit to themselves. Members of the reserve board were inclined tonight to believe that conditions pointed to a decided reduction in cotton acreage." (Continued on page 4)

ATLANTIAN GOES TO THE FRONT

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Two more American Red Cross hospital units will start from New York for the Austro-Serbian battle fields on November 21 on the steamer Finland. The Kansas City Red Cross chapter will pay expenses of four of the nurses; the New Hampshire chapter two and President Hibben, of Princeton University, and George B. McClellan, one each. On the steamer "Kursk" which will sail from New York within the next two or three days for Archangel, Russia, one additional American Red Cross surgeon will be sent to join the two American hospital units already in Russia. He is Dr. Dean F. Wynn, of Atlanta, Ga., for the last two years assistant instructor in gynaecology in the Atlanta School of Medicine.

BODY OF LORD ROBERTS AT HOME

Remains Placed in Room Where Great Soldier Held Family Prayer.

ASCOT, England, Nov. 18.—Covered with the union jack and with his sword and service hat resting upon it, the coffin containing the body of Field Marshal Lord Roberts was placed today in the small room in his residence here in which the great soldier was wont to conduct family prayers. The body arrived from Folkestone by special train. The ceremony which followed was simple in the extreme. The coffin was borne to his home by employees of his estate. There a brief service attended by Lady Roberts and her daughters and a few privileged friends was conducted by the rector of Ascot.

A New Light Breaks Upon Dark And Mysterious Realm of Czar

At One Mighty Stroke Strong Drink is Removed From One Hundred and Fifty Million Souls And One-Sixth of the Habitable Globe—Results Noted Already.

(By Associated Press.) PETROGRAD, Nov. 18.—Actual and complete prohibition is in force today throughout the entire Russian empire and not a drop of vodka, whiskey, brandy, gin or any other strong drink is obtainable from one end to the other of an area populated by 150,000,000 people and comprising one sixth of the habitable globe. In every foot of Russian territory the word prohibition is taken literally. It does not mean a partially successful attempt to curtail liquor consumption, resulting in drinking in secret places, abuse of medical licenses and general evasion and subterfuge. It does mean that a vast population who consumed \$1,000,000,000 worth of vodka a year, whose ordinary condition has been described by Russian themselves as ranging from a slight degree of stimulation upward, has been lifted almost in one day to sobriety. On that day when the mobilization began policemen visited every public place where vodka is sold, locked up

the supply of the liquor, which is almost pure alcohol, and placed on the shop the imperial seal. Since the manufacture and sale of vodka is a government monopoly, it is not difficult to enforce prohibition and from the day the shops were closed drunkenness vanished. The results already are seen in the peasantry. They are beginning to look like a different race. Marks of sun-burn, the pinched looks of illness, improper nourishment have gone from their faces. Their clothes are cleaner and both men and women appear more neatly and better dressed. Homes of the poor, formerly destitute, now present something like order and thrift.

In Petrograd and Moscow the effect is fairly startling. On holidays inebriates always filled the police stations and often lay about in the streets. Today unattended women may pass at night through portions of these cities where it formerly was dangerous for men. Minor crimes and misdemeanors have almost vanished.

EFFECTS OF RECENT ELECTION ON CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 18.—Effects of the recent elections on the personnel of congressional committees was shown today in an unofficial list naming members who will not be in sixty-fourth congress. Several of the committees lost some of their most active members. Of the Democrats on the committee on expenditures in the protific department none remain. Committee chairman who will not appear in the next Congress include: Rep. Ohio, elections committee, No. 1, Goldie, New York, elections committee No. 2, Guider, North Carolina, expenditures in the postoffice department, Graham, Illinois, expenditures in the interior department, Rothbard, Pennsylvania, expenditures in the department of commerce, De-

Gerhili, New York, industrial arts and exhibitions. Chairmanship vacancies were created by elevation to the Senate of Representative Underwood, ways and means, expenditures in the department of justice, and Hardwick, Georgia, weights and measures. Of the 14 Democrats on the ways and means committee six will not return to Congress. One-third of the 21 members of the appropriations committee will be missing in the next congress, one-fourth of the judiciary, one-third of the banking and currency, including all five members ranking next to the chairman, while the foreign affairs, Indian, maritime commerce, military and public lands committees all lost one-third of their membership. Some of the smaller committees lost half.

WINSTON-SALEM HAS BIG FIRES

Loss Last Night Was \$100,000 and That of the Night Before \$85,000.

(By Associated Press.) GREENSBORO, N. C., Nov. 18.—Fire at Winston-Salem, N. C., tonight destroyed a five-story building occupied by the Carolina Paper Box Company and other firms and did damage estimated at over \$100,000. The fire was in the manufacturing district an considerable alarm was sounded for a time. The estimated losses are: Carolina Ice and Coal Company \$45,000; Carolina Paper Box Company \$15,000; Cloth Products Company \$5,000; Watts Martin and Frankverny, commission merchants, \$2,500. The building was valued at between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Nov. 18.—Fire which originated in the Casper building, a four-story structure occupying most of a block on the main business street of the city, late last night destroyed the Casper building and several other structures, doing damage estimated today at more than \$85,000. The fire is believed to have originated from a defective motor.

PANAMA PARADE

Plans For Fete Go Forward Despite the War.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Plans for the international naval parade through the Panama Canal to San Francisco which is to mark formal opening of the canal, are going ahead despite the fact because of the war most of the great maritime powers may have to recall their acceptance of invitations to participate. The state department has just asked governments that have accepted for information as to vessels that will be assigned to join the fleet when it assembles in Hampton Roads early in the new year.

GOZMAN HAS ANOTHER

Barrel Murder Mystery Hits East Siders.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—A mystery similar to the famous East Side barrel murder some months ago, today confronted local police. They are searching for a clue to the murder of Luigi Macaluso, aged 22, who was shot through the heart, his body stuffed into a barrel, carried to a lonely street under the Queensboro Bridge and left there to be found early today and dashed away. The body, Macaluso lived in that section of Manhattan's East side best known to the police as the home of gangsters and gunmen. He himself had served a sentence for carrying a pistol and detectives seeking to unravel the mystery of his death thought it due to a feud between rival gangs.

Two men unloaded the barrel from a truck, rolled it to the sidewalk and stood it on end. Then they leaped back on their truck, whipped the horses and dashed away.

A woman who had seen the action of the men went to the barrel and looked in. She saw the body which had been stuffed into it, and hastily called the police.

Hand Over Islands.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—A Morning Post dispatch from Sydney, N. S. W., says Japan has notified Great Britain of her readiness to hand over German islands in the Pacific now occupied by the Japanese to Australia which will send forces to occupy them until the war is ended, when their ultimate disposition will be decided.

Metropolitan Life May Mutualize

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—Policyholders of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, more than 10,000,000 in number, will be given an opportunity to authorize mutualization of that company at a meeting here December 28, according to an announcement today. Directors of the company already have unanimously approved the plan, and holders of more than 90 per cent of the stock are said also to have agreed to it. The Metropolitan now is a stock corporation with a capital of \$2,000,000 and surplus estimated at \$40,000,000.

STOCK EXCHANGES RESUME BUSINESS.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—The Chicago stock exchange will resume business Monday morning. Trading will be permitted in all listed and unlisted stocks and bonds on the closing prices of July 30.

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VILLA IS MOVING ON MEXICO CITY

SITUATION REPORTED AS SERIOUS BY CONSUL SILLIMAN

OLD FIGHTER IS WELL EQUIPED

Advance Guard Is Now Within Two Hundred Miles of the Capital.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—General Francisco Villa, commanding troops under control of the August Calles convention, is marching on Mexico City. His army today reached Leon, the first important railroad center south of August Calles. General Pablo Gonzalez Carranza forces are at Queretaro and Irapuato, where the first important clash probably will occur.

These facts were reported today by George C. Carrothers, American consular agent, accompanying General Villa. Carrothers declared Villa was well equipped for the march. American Consul Silliman telegraphed that conditions were far more serious in Mexico City than at any time since the parleys for peace began. He regards actual hostilities as inevitable, though some generals still are trying to patch up differences.

General Carranza, according to messages from Mr. Silliman and Leon Canova, special agent at August Calles, declared that he had been understood, that he never intended to deliver the executive power to some man of his own selection. Officials here tonight believed General Eulio Gutierrez, chosen provisional president by the convention, had ordered a general attack on Carranza garrisons. Gutierrez controls (Continued on page 4)

NO DECISIVE RESULT YET IN STRUGGLE OF NATIONS

JUSTICE MCKANNA A DRAFTSMAN.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—After deciding in favor of North Carolina in the boundary controversy between the State and Tennessee, the supreme court today determined to prevent further disputes by drawing an exact outline of the location and not relying upon verbal descriptions of Justice McKenna, will be inserted into the printed opinion, which will be the first in a decade to be illustrated. The court has given the States 40 days in which to name commissioners to mark the boundary line as established. Should the States be unable to agree upon officers, the court will select them.

WILSON PREPARING ANNUAL MESSAGE

Thoroughly Live Topics Expected to Be Discussed in December.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—President Wilson today began work on his usual message to Congress which he will deliver in person at the opening of the regular session in December. While the message has not yet taken definite shape Mr. Wilson is expected to discuss Philippine independence, conservation, the Mexican question, government ownership of merchant marine and the effect of the European war on the United States. Since the adjournment of Congress the President has not conferred with the leaders regarding the programme for the next session, but will see them within the next two weeks.

TERRIFIC BATTLE AROUND SOLDAU REPORTED FROM RUSSIAN CAPITAL

GERMANS BLOW UP PART OF A CITY

British Naval Losses Now Amount to More Than Eight Thousand Men.

(By Associated Press.) While all along the fighting lines in France and Belgium and in East Prussia, Russian Poland and Galicia fierce fighting continues and engagements have been won and lost at various places, nowhere has a decisive result been achieved. In the west the same ding-dong fighting that has been proceeding for weeks along the entrenched lines that extends from the North sea to the Swiss frontier is being waged—here an artillery duel, there an infantry attack—with lines, however, remaining but slightly changed. In the east the battling is more in the nature of field operations. Here claims of victories are made by both the Teuton allies and the Russians and the Russians admit at least one defeat, near Bzouze, Poland.

Petrograd says that here the Germans forced back the Muscovite troops and gained a foothold near Lencyza and Orloff.

All along the East Prussian frontier, however, Petrograd declares the Russians have made successive advances and claims that in Galicia they have captured the passes of the Carpathian Mountains through which the Austrians would be forced to wend their way back into Austria in case of a decisive defeat. According to Berlin the Russians were forced to retreat near Soldau. From Petrograd, however, comes the statement that a "terrific battle of unexampled violence has been proceeding for four days around Soldau, the Russians endeavoring to avenge their former reverse at this place, throwing themselves upon the Germans with indescribable fury and carrying position after position by assault, despite the infernal fire of the Germans."

In the latest official statements of the French war office it is announced that in the region of St. Mihiel the Germans have blown up the western (Continued on page 4)

Ten Persons Are Burned to Death in Florida School

Two Officers and Eight Students of Reform Institution at Marianna Die While Would-Be Rescuers Toil in Vain at Doors That Had Been Locked.

MARIANNA, Fla., Nov. 18.—Ten persons were burned to death here early today when fire destroyed the main building of the Florida Reform school, an institution maintained by the State for the training of youths. Approximately 100 students occupied the roof and then making their way down the sides of the three-story building on fire escapes. The dead include two officers of the institution and eight students. All of the latter were under 17 years of age. The list follows: Bennett Evans, instructor in carpentry; Charles Evans, guard; Earl Morris; Joseph Weatherbee; Clifford Gifford; Louis Haffin; Louis Fernandez; Walter Fisher; Walter Drew and Clarence Parrott, all students. According to a statement telegraphed Governor Park Trammell, of Florida, by Acting Superintendent William Bell, all the fire escape doors in the section of the building where the deaths occurred were locked and the keys were on the first floor when the fire was discovered. Governor Trammell has telegraphed President W. H. Milton, of the board of directors of the school, asking what would have.

Rescue parties were formed and ascending the fire escapes vainly tried to batter open the window gratings with axes. Their efforts wore futile and soon the floor collapsed carrying the imprisoned victims with it to a scorching furnace of fire below.

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JURORS HAD TO BE IMMUNE FROM WOMAN'S WILES IN TRYING THIS CASE

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Veniremen had to profess insensibility to feminine charms today to qualify as jurors to try Louis J. Weigle, a wealthy broker charged with flirting with Miss Mary McKinney, a stenographer, in a suburban train. Members of many women's clubs are supporting Miss McKinney's prosecution and the case has attracted special attention because Weigle under the name of "John Jones" was acquitted of the offense once. He was brought to trial again at the insistence of club women. Vincent Jacobowaky, 22 years old, was excused for cause. "Could you give the defendant a fair trial?" he was asked. "No," was the reply. "Why?" "Because I've seen a photograph of

the complaining witnesses, he returned. "Did your wife ever complain of being flirted with?" counsel asked one venireman.

"She did not," was the emphatic reply. She can take care of herself. "A sensible woman," commented counsel. A department store manager declared he could reach a fair verdict despite the pluckitude of the complaining witness. "Do you mean you could listen to the testimony of pretty women and then treat them like dummies?" "Sure, I could treat pretty women like dummies," he answered. "I do it lots of times." The jury when completed contained ten married men, a widower and a bachelor. Testimony will be completed tomorrow.

JUDGE PRITCHARD AN ARBITRATOR

Will Help Settle Differences Between Railway Managers and Employees.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Six arbitrators to settle the differences between managers and employees of 98 western railroads were named here today by Judge William L. Chambers, United States commissioner of mediation. They will begin here on November 30 a three months session to hear evidence in the case, regarded as one of the most important ever presented for settlement under the Newlands arbitration act. The arbitrators are: Charles Nagel, of St. Louis, former secretary of commerce and labor; Jeter C. Pritchard, of Asheville, N. C., presiding judge of the United States court of appeals of the fourth circuit; H. E. Bryan, vice president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad; W. L. Park, vice president of the Illinois Central Railroad; F. A. Burgess, assistant grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; Timothy Shea, assistant to the president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

Mr. Nagel and Judge Pritchard were chosen by the federal board of mediation after the other four arbitrators had failed to agree on two neutral members of the board of arbitration in the fifteen days allotted to them. No Cause For Alarm. WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—To reassure consumers who fear a meat men because of the livestock foot and mouth disease the department of agriculture issued a statement tonight explaining that if properly cooked even the meat of an infected animal was not dangerous.

"Windjammer" Towed In.

BEAUFORT, N. C., Nov. 18.—The schooner Henry W. Crump, of Boston, abandoned waterlogged off Cape Lookout Lightship was towed into Lookout Cove today and much of her cargo of ties may be saved. Her crew was rescued yesterday.