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## MOST PICTURESQUE BATTLE EVER FOUGHT

### GERMANY SENDS MANY THOUSANDS REINFORCEMENTS

#### Will Aid Right Wing in Trying to Force Its Way Through Most Important Territory in Northern Belgium—Immense Armies Continue to Hammer Each Other in Both East and West.

### THE TROOPS OF FIVE NATIONS ARE FIGHTING

#### Situation Along North Sea Coast Appears to Have Changed But Little in Last Few Days—Both Sides Claim Success in a Battle in Which There Were so Many Victims That the Germans Asked for a Truce to Bury Their Dead.

(By Associated Press.)  
The situation along the North Sea coast and for many miles to the south, appears to have changed little in the last few days. A continuation of the great battle that has been in progress since the Germans essayed their advance on the coast toward French seaports, is reported in official dispatches and apparently the fire of the opposing forces is becoming more desperate than ever, with charges and counter charges on both sides.  
Germany is said to have sent many thousands of reinforcements to the front and it is thought that the British and French warships continue to pour shells into the German ranks and the Germans are guarding points along the coast to be ready for a possible British landing. A German submarine has been sunk off the Dutch coast by the British destroyer Badger. The official announcement of this incident gives no details but says the Badger's bow was damaged when she rammed the submarine which is believed to have been attempting a torpedo attack.

Berlin officially reports that German forces have crossed the Yser canal, where for several days past the Belgians had offered strong opposition. Berlin also reports that German troops are advancing east of Ypres and southeast of Lille. There has been very severe fighting for a long time past in this vicinity.

In the eastern theatre Russia, according to official reports from Petrograd, is pressing hard the Austrian armies and Germans, which are reported in retreat. It is evident the campaign in the east is being waged furiously, for most of the accounts agree that the armies are in the closest contact and are coming to hand to hand fighting at many points. All the fighting, however, is being done in Poland and Galicia, while seemingly east France is quiet.

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### HARDEST ENGAGEMENT SINCE WAR BEGAN IS ON FROM COAST TO ARRAS

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Oct. 26. (11:46 p. m.)—The hardest engagement since the war began is on from the coast down to Arras. The principal scene of conflict is in the valleys of the Somme and the Lys, where the German troops throw themselves in masses against the Allies. For the most part British troops are engaged here.

Each side is suffering heavily. The British have lost 150,000 men. The German losses are not known, but it is thought that the German army is being broken up. The German forces are being driven back to the sea.

### Red Cross Arrives

#### Carrying 154 American Nurses and Doctors for European Battle Fields.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—The steamer Red Cross, which sailed from New York early in September with 154 American nurses and doctors for European battle fields, reached port today with four members of her crew confined in the brig for fighting.

### Indian Troops Still At Foot of Mountains

(By Associated Press.)  
NAGO, AZI, Oct. 24.—Although a truce was declared yesterday between Governor Maytorena of Sonora, attacking the Mexican town of Naco, and General Hill's besieging Carranza troops, Maytorena's Yaqui Indians are reported still at the foot of the mountains south of here, although they had promised to withdraw.

### ANOTHER CONFERENCE HELD SATURDAY

#### Secretary McAdoo Will Leave Opening of Reserve Banks to the Board.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Treasury officials today conferred again with Sir George Paish and Basil B. Clark, Great Britain's financial representatives, over the foreign exchange problem. Several prominent New York bankers were present at the conference, which after a long discussion adjourned until Friday.

It was announced that no formal action had been taken. More information is needed to guide the conference.

### Return Trip Takes on Campaign Atmosphere

(By Associated Press.)  
CUMBERLAND, Md., Oct. 24.—Returning from Pittsburgh to Washington today through Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland, President Wilson was forced to give a campaign address to the trip by crowds which cleared until he appeared on the platform of his car. The President spoke briefly at McKeesport, Bradock, Pennsylvania, Conellsville, Penn., and other towns but did not touch on politics. He expressed pleasure at the news of the adjournment of Congress.

### Plan General Attack On November First

(By Associated Press.)  
SEATTLE, WASH., Oct. 24.—The Japanese liner Awa Maru brings news that the Japanese and British navies in the Gulf of Tonkin are preparing for a general attack on November 1, the Japanese emperor's birthday anniversary. The British troops consist of 300 South Wales borderers and several hundred Indian soldiers. Steamship sailings between Japan and Australia have been cancelled.

### NO RELIEF FOR COTTON STATES

#### CONGRESS HAS ADJOURNED AFTER BEING IN SESSION NINETEEN MONTHS

### CLARK THANKS ALL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—After being in continuous session since the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson, a period of nearly 19 months, the 63rd congress adjourned its second session today after prolonged efforts to procure cotton relief legislation finally collapsed. Leaders in this movement agreed to adjourn only on condition that pending cotton measures would have right of way when congress reconvenes December 7.

Not more than 50 members of the house and less than a quorum of the senate were present when the gavel fell on adjournment without date.

Clark thanks members. As the allotted hands of the house clock drew near 3, and the senate was winding up executive business, Speaker Clark arose at his desk and, facing the scattered attendance on the floor, said:

"This is the longest and most laborious session that congress ever has known. I congratulate you most heartily on being able to adjourn at last. I wish to thank every member of this house and senate. Republican, progressive, independent—for uniform courtesy shown to the speaker. Now, in the language of Thy Tim: God bless us every one."

The senate's adjournment probably was the most unrepresentative in its history. Democratic leaders and a few Republicans were sitting behind closed doors conferring nominations when word came that the house had passed the adjournment resolution.

Majority Leader Kern at once moved to open the doors. When this was ordered the doorkeeper set the clock ahead and Senator Swanson of Virginia, presiding in the absence of the vice president, and President Pro Tempore Clark announced that the senate was adjourned. The few remaining senators hurried from the chamber.

Extraordinary Session. In announcing abandonment of their filibuster for cotton legislation, after a conference with other Southern senators and representatives, Senator Smith of Georgia and Representative Henry of Texas said it was apparent no quorum could be procured and further obstructive tactics might injure chances of ultimate success.

Representative Henry predicted congress would be convened in extraordinary session by the middle of November, when the fight could be resumed. Senator Smith introduced a bill for a \$250,000,000 government bond issue to pay cotton and declared:

"We have done all we could for the suffering people of the South. We have had our day in court for this session and I would have no excuse for further filibustering at this time. I shall feel I have done my duty by simply voting against the adjournment resolution."

### POLICEWOMEN

Mayor Griffith Names Three Women to do Police Duty During State Fair.

(By Associated Press.)  
COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 24.—Acting upon petition of the Columbia Equal Suffrage League, Mayor Griffith today named three police-women for duty during the fair.

### China Is Protesting

#### Against Presence of Japanese Forces in China—Restrain Soldiers From Overt Acts.

(By Associated Press.)  
PEKING, Oct. 24.—Hostile incidents between the Chinese and Japanese continue. China is protesting against the presence of Japanese forces in China but restrains its soldiers from overt acts.

### Recess Pending the Arrival of Delegates

(By Associated Press.)  
MEXICO CITY, Oct. 24.—An unofficial report here today said the Aguas Calientes convention has recessed temporarily pending arrival of the Zapata delegates. Apparently reliable reports indicate the convention has issued orders to several military men and that this action is looked upon as offensive by Carranza, who instructed all chiefs to recognize no orders unless issued by himself.

### KEENLY INTERESTED IN THE DISCUSSIONS

#### Carranza Has Indicated an Unwillingness to Abide by Decision of Convention.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—With the arrival at the Aguas Calientes national convention tomorrow or Monday of twenty-eight Zapata delegates, the question of the retirement of General Carranza as first chief of the Mexican Constitutionists will be taken up. This was reported in official advices to the American government today.

As Carranza has indicated an unwillingness to abide by the decision of the convention, American administration officials are keenly interested in the discussions.

A new complication in the Mexican situation arose tonight in a statement issued by Rafael Zubaran, head of the Carranza agency here, declaring "the Mexican customs hereafter neither will admit nor acknowledge the validity or authorization of any of the acts of Francisco Urdquil in the official capacity of Mexican consul general in New York."

### Son Born to Queen Victoria of Spain

(By Associated Press.)  
MADRID, Oct. 24.—(Via Paris—11:40 a. m.)—A son was born this morning to Queen Victoria of Spain.

### Pressing Armies Of Enemy in Retreat

(By Associated Press.)  
PETROGRAD, Oct. 24.—An official communication issued by Russian general headquarters tonight says: "Our troops beyond the Vistula are pressing the armies of the enemy in retreat. North of the Elbe river the Germans are offering only feeble resistance. They have been driven back as far as Skierlawice."

## MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE BOARD APPROVE PLAN

#### After Weeks of Negotiation Between Bankers and Members of the Federal Reserve Board a Plan is Agreed on by Which a Fund of \$135,000,000 Will Be Raised to Extend Aid to Cotton Producers.

### LOANS MADE ON COTTON AT 6 CENTS A POUND

#### New York Bankers Agree to Subscribe \$50,000,000 Provided Cities in New Cotton Producing States Will Take That Amount. The Remaining \$85,000,000 to Be Provided By Cotton States.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—After weeks of negotiation between bankers and Federal reserve board members a tentative agreement was reached tonight when the board virtually approved a plan by which a fund of \$135,000,000 will be raised to care for the surplus cotton crop and extend aid to cotton producers. The plan is slightly different from that originally proposed, but loans will be made on cotton at 6 cents a pound bearing interest of not more than 3 per cent. The reserve board will have direct supervision of the fund but probably will operate through a committee of bankers and business men.

### WANT ASSURANCES THAT COTTON SHIPMENTS WILL NOT BE DETAINED

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Senators from the cotton states today asked Acting Secretary of State Lansing to obtain assurances from the belligerent nations of Europe that shipments of cotton from the United States either to neutral or belligerent countries would not be detained or seized.

### 5,000 Drowned; 30,000 Killed and Wounded

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Oct. 25.—(2:05 a. m.)—The Sunday Observer prints a dispatch from the department of Pas de Calais, France, saying that the cutting of the dykes southeast of Dixmude drowned many Germans. Some estimates place the German losses there at 5,000 drowned besides 30,000 killed and wounded. This may give some hint, the dispatch adds, of what is meant when it is declared fighting in this region is the most desperate of the war.

### Annual Meeting of League Adjourns

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—The annual meeting of the Federal League adjourned tonight. "We spent the greater part of the day discussing financial and legal matters of a private nature," President Gilmore said afterwards. "I can say positively the Federal League will continue its course with assurance given us today as to substantial financial backing. The League's strength remains as last season but it is most desirable to make a change the executive committee will attend to that."