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WAR DECLARED BETWEEN TURKEY AND RUSSIA

GERMANS RENEW THEIR EFFORTS TO REACH PORTS ON ENGLISH CHANNEL

The Allies Have Brought Up Land and Sea Forces In An Endeavor to Check This Second Effort of The Germans to Establish Themselves on the French Coast.

ON THE WHOLE, IT APPEARS THAT THE SITUATION ON THIS MOST IMPORTANT BATTLE FRONT REMAINS MUCH AS IT WAS WHEN THE GERMANS CEASED THEIR HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE FOR REST.

(By Associated Press.)
Restored and with fresh reinforcements supporting them, the German troops who have been battling in Belgium and north of France are renewing their efforts to push their way through the French, British and Belgian lines to ports on the English Channel. Not only here, but in the Argonne region and the Woivre district, the fighting had been of the fiercest character. It is said the thundering of the guns of the British warships off Ostend can be heard on the English coast.

In all these engagements the dead and wounded are multiplying, but thousands are taking their places. The transport of the wounded into the zone of safety where they can receive proper attention is proving a problem that has not been solved; hospitals and surgeons are inadequate for the case of those who have fallen.

While the larger ships of the German navy remain under the protection of their harbors, the submarines continue active and another British cruiser has been sunk by one of these destructive boats. The official announcement of the sinking of the light cruiser Herminie in the Straits of Dover, gives no details, except that she was destroyed by a German submarine and that most of her officers and men were saved.

Because of the attack on her Black Sea coast towns by Turkish warships, Russia has instructed her ambassador at Constantinople to announce to the Sublime Porte the severance of diplomatic relations and the prospective departure from Constantinople. According to messages reaching Washington from the Turkish capital, war has been declared officially between Turkey and Russia, but this is hardly considered likely, as both Russia and Great Britain have demanded an explanation from the Porte of Turkey's action and are awaiting a reply.

Meanwhile some of the warships under the Turkish flag have destroyed a number of vessels of the Russian navy and it is reported from Constantinople by way of Rome that the Russian fleet has attacked the Turkish fleet in the Black Sea, off the Crimson coast.

Russian official reports claim progress in several districts on the East Prussian frontier; and the repulse of the Germans who had been endeavoring to break through the Russian center in the Bakalarzewo region.

at Rome, where one of the ministers, Signor Rubini, has resigned, and Premier Salandra is faced with the possibility of having to form a new ministry. The crisis has been brought about by the question as to what part Italy is to take in the European war.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—New German attempts to reach the French coast ports, Nieport to Arras, while results in progress at some points, have been generally ineffective. Near the coast their advance has been checked by an extension of the flooded area.

Today the battle raged with the fury that marked the opening of the last phase of this campaign, and even on the English coast the boom of the big naval guns which are bombarding the invaders' flank, could be distinctly heard.

The Allies have brought up land and sea forces in an endeavor to check this second effort of the Germans to establish themselves on the French coast from which they hope to menace England.

A Berlin official report today announced that the German troops had occupied Ramscapelle, on the railway and canal between Nieport and Dixmude, but the French official communication said they were driven out by a counter attack.

On the whole, therefore, it would appear that the situation on this most important battle front remains much as it was when the Germans, through exhaustion a few days ago, ceased their heavy artillery fire for rest. The French report tells of various advances and losses, but these usually, so far as distances are concerned, can be marked in feet or yards, and the advance made a few days ago by the British in Belgium of 1,200 yards was considered remarkable.

Throughout the great battle front there has been a repetition of attacks and counter attacks, with, at times, a pronounced waning of the lines. The Germans made a particularly violent attack east of Scissions on the Aisne, and, according to the German report, drove the French across the river.

Reports that Lille had been recaptured by the French and that Ostend had been evacuated by the Germans lacked confirmation tonight and were considered premature.

The East Prussian frontier is again the scene of a big battle. The German... (Continued on Page Four.)

STILL IN HANDS OF GOVERNOR

BOND ISSUE ACT AWAITING CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S VETO OR SIGNATURE

ACT NOT EFFECTIVE

Defect in Appropriation Act Prevents Borrowing Money for Twenty Days.

Special to The Intelligencer.
COLUMBIA, Oct. 31.—The house marked time all morning waiting for the governor to veto or sign the cotton bond issue act. It sent a committee to the chief executive asking him if he had any further matters to lay before the general assembly, and telling him that the house had cleared its calendar and was ready to adjourn. The governor told the house that he had no matters to lay before the general assembly just at present.

It appeared today that a defect in the general appropriation act, for the borrowing of money under the act by the State for 20 days. The line, "this act shall become effective immediately upon its approval by the governor," was not included in the act. As a result of its omission, the statute will apply which says that no act shall become effective within 20 days of its passage unless specifically specified in the act.

There is a possibility that the sinking fund commission may be able to borrow money on its own responsibility to meet the appropriations made at the special session, but this morning bankers refused to lend the State any money under the appropriation act within 20 days, after their attorneys discovered that the act would not be effective immediately.

The governor had not signed the bond issue bill tonight.

Five Passengers Robbed.
CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—Five passengers on the observation platform of the California Limited train of the Atchafalaya, Popoka and Santa Fe line were robbed tonight by two men who boarded the train in the yards. The robbers leaped from the platform when the train started.

Queen Mary of England Expresses Gratitude
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—The gratitude of Queen Mary of England for the part American women played in the dispatch of the relief steamer Red Cross to Europe is expressed in a letter made public tonight by the American Red Cross. It was sent to Mrs. Lewis Harcourt, of the American Women's War Relief Fund in London and signed by E. W. Wallington, the queen's private secretary.

Goes Home to Vote.
OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 31.—Secretary of State Bryan closed his Nebraska campaign in behalf of Democratic candidates with three speeches here tonight. He left for Lincoln, Neb., to vote.

GUNS THUNDER CONTINUOUSLY

Battle on the Yser Continues Fiercely—No Decisive Results Reached.

(By Associated Press.)
AMSTERDAM, Oct. 31.—(Via London, 10 p. m.)—The battle on the Yser continues fiercely, according to a Telegram dispatch from Sluis. During the night and forenoon the guns thundered continuously and yesterday there were severe bayonet attacks. No decisive result has been reached. The flooded fields are hampering the Germans.

On Thursday British aviators dropped three bombs in the midst of the German war materials at Lichtervelde (thirteen miles southwest of Burgos) inflicting great damage and killing three German soldiers.

THE LOAN FUND SEEMS ASSURED

PROGRESS MADE IN RAISING FUND AND COMMITTEES ACTIVELY AT WORK

EXCHANGES WILL BE OPENED SOON

Reports From St. Louis Said \$7,500,000 Promised There Had Been Subscribed.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Conferees today between American and English treasury officials and New York bankers resulted in no definite conclusions as to plans for restoring foreign exchange, but it is understood that a short term paper was agreed to be the best medium for the settlement of American obligations in Europe. The conference will be resumed next week.

It became apparent today that the reopening of the New York and Liverpool cotton exchanges has a direct bearing on the negotiations. The proposed \$135,000,000 cotton loan fund seemed tonight to be assured. It is expected to have a marked effect on the cotton market, but bankers are said to be anxious to see cotton exchanges reopened.

With New York and Liverpool in the market again it is felt here the cotton problem will be near solution. It was predicted tonight the exchanges would open soon after the reserve banks begin business November 16. It was believed the matter had reached a point where negotiations between committees of the exchanges would bring a definite decision.

An no representative of the New York cotton exchange has been present at the meetings here, the attitude of the federal reserve board and New York bankers probably would have an effect on the opening date. Sir George Paish has often expressed the belief that American cotton would be purchased in quantity by English manufacturers if they had assurance that the bottom price had been reached. A reopening of the exchanges and the \$135,000,000 pool are expected to furnish the bottom.

It was announced tonight that progress was being made in raising the loan fund and that clearing house committees in various cities were actively at work. Official reports from St. Louis said \$7,500,000 promised there had been subscribed.

Subscribe to Cotton Pool.
RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 31.—Richmond business men, in mass meeting today, subscribed \$558,500 as this city's share of the \$135,000,000 cotton pool. Of this sum the banks take \$250,000.

EXHAUSTED SURVIVORS CLINGING TO WRECKAGE

Acroplane Is Going to Try to Get Life Line to Hospital Ship

Rohilla.
(By Associated Press.)
WHITBY, England, Oct. 31.—(Via London, midnight)—At a late hour tonight it was estimated that between 30 and 40 exhausted survivors were still clinging to the wreckage of the British hospital ship Rohilla which crashed on the rocks near here early yesterday morning.

At times the wreck was completely submerged by heavy seas that throughout the day prevented lifeboats reaching the vessel.

All efforts to establish connections with the shore by means of rockets failed.

A number of persons who jumped or were swept overboard from the wreckage tried to swim ashore. Most of them were drowned, but a few succeeded, aided by men who waded out and hauled them to land.

ADM'T: BLOWING UP HIS OWN HOME

HIS SLEEPING WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN PERISH IN THE BLAZE.

ENLISTED IN ARMY

Says He Committed the Crime to Be Free to go Away With Another Woman.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. LOUIS, Oct. 31.—A written confession that he blew up his home with dynamite, killing his sleeping wife and four small children, was given to the police here today by Scott Stone, a United States army recruit arrested yesterday at Jefferson barracks. Stone's farm house at Tolono, Ill., was burned September 28 last. Mrs. Stone and four children, the oldest aged five, perishing in the blaze.

Stone asserted he committed the crime to be free to go away with a woman whom he knew only as Lucille. Sixteen days after the destruction of his home and family, Stone enlisted in the army under an assumed name. He was arrested yesterday at the request of the State's attorney of Champaign county, Illinois.

According to the confession Stone and his family on the night of September 27 went to bed at 8 o'clock all sleeping in the same room, the three older children slept at the foot of the bed, and the youngest child beside his mother.

Stone said: "I slept until 10 o'clock when I felt my wild roving nature overcoming me. Between 1 and 2 o'clock I got out of bed and went to the barn where I had hidden ten sticks of dynamite in the wheat bin. I had bought the dynamite in Tolono and the percussion caps in Champaign. I put the dynamite on a table in the kitchen and ran 18 feet of fuse from it to the back door. I then went out doors and lit the fuse. After the explosion I began calling for help."

Stone said that townspeople arrived and helped him carry out his furniture.

A detective asked: "Did you tell any of these people that your family was burning up in that house?"

Stone replied in the affirmative. "I thought my family would be better off in heaven," Stone said in conclusion.

"What do you mean by that?" he was asked. Stone replied: "With my spending money and time on the other woman I didn't think I was treating my family right, and I decided they would be better off dead."

Stone's arrest was due to the story of a woman who told the State's attorney of Champaign county that Stone wanted her to go west with him. According to his story, Stone met the woman the day after the fire.

The inquest on the deaths of his family failed to develop evidence of crime but Stone was kept under secret surveillance.

In his confession Stone said he dreaded entering the room where his victims were and misdirected rescuers so they did not search that part of the house until too late.

ITALIAN CABINET HAS RESIGNED

King Reserved Decision and Invites Leading Statesmen to Confer With Him.
(By Associated Press.)
ROME, Oct. 31.—The members of the cabinet presented their resignations to the king tonight. The king reserved decision and invited the presidents of the senate and chamber of deputies and leading statesmen to confer with him on the situation.

RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR AND HIS STAFF HAVE LEFT CONSTANTINOPLE

The Prediction Is Made That Turkey's Declaration Of War On England And France Will Follow That on Russia, But Advices Indicate She Hopes to Confine War to Russia.

WITH THE SEVERING OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TRIPLE ENTENTE AND THE PORTE, THE AMERICAN EMBASSY WILL TAKE CHARGE OF BRITISH AND FRENCH INTERESTS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—War has been declared at Constantinople between Turkey and Russia, according to a private message transmitted today through the courtesy of the American embassy.

The American ambassador has not advised Washington of the declaration of war, but officials tonight thought his message either had been delayed or that he was awaiting formal notification by the Ottoman government.

The private message, addressed to a New York business man, was dated 5 p. m. yesterday and reached here a few minutes after a lengthy dispatch from Ambassador Morgenthau describing events in Constantinople up to noon yesterday.

Mr. Morgenthau said that early yesterday the Russian ambassador received instructions to demand his passports as the result of the Turkish bombardment of Russian seaports. The Russian envoy attempted to see the Grand Vizier but failed. During the morning, however, the Turkish minister of finance called on the French ambassador, informing him the bombardment had occurred without the previous knowledge of the Ottoman government. He blamed German officers in the Turkish navy. This explanation did not alter the purpose of the Russian ambassador to leave and the French and British ambassadors made preparations to leave Constantinople together today.

Mr. Morgenthau made no mention in his dispatch of demands by the allied powers upon the Porte, and it is presumed the ultimatum, reported from London, was delivered late yesterday, promptly rejected, and diplomatic relations with the allies severed. This is borne out by the private message filed at 5 p. m. The prediction is made that declarations of war on England and France would immediately follow that on Russia.

Advices received here under date of Thursday indicated that Turkey still hoped to confine her belligerency to war with Russia.

The government received no word today as to the probable attitude of Roumania and Bulgaria. A belated message under date of September 29, from Sofia, however, spoke of a speech by the King proclaiming Bulgaria's intention to remain neutral.

On the authority of a prominent diplomat it was learned that a Rustom Bey, the Turkish ambassador, before his departure from Washington week ago, told a prominent peace advocate that Turkey would not engage within a month, attacking Russia on the Caucasian frontier and Great Britain in Egypt.

With the severing of diplomatic relations between the triple entente and the Porte, the American embassy will take charge of British and French interests while the Italian embassy already has taken over Russian affairs.

Davisboro, Georgia, Reported Burning

(By Associated Press.)
MAON, Ga., Nov. 1.—The town of Davisboro, Ga., in Washington county, was reported burning at an early hour this morning. The Macon fire department has sent aid. The fire started in a big cotton warehouse in which 7,000 bales of cotton were stored. The fire is reported beyond control.

Secretary Receives Food at Rotterdam

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Oct. 31. (10:30 p. m.)—The secretary of the American legation at The Hague today received at Rotterdam food sent by the American relief committee, according to a Reuter dispatch. The supplies were at once trans-shipped for Antwerp and Brussels.

Negroes Driven to Hills.
CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., Oct. 31.—One negro has been killed and several driven into the hills of Logan county, with the admonition never to return, according to reports reaching here tonight from Logan, W. Va. where a bitter political campaign is drawing to a close. At Williamson, in Mingo county, a newspaper office has been attacked.

Rebels Renowned.
GUAYACIL, Ecuador, Oct. 31.—A rebel band of about 300 men attacked Esmeraldas today. They were repulsed by the government garrison after six hours of fighting, and left 100 dead and wounded. The government force sustained few losses, and a government detachment is in pursuit of the rebels.

Reports Indicate a Sweeping Democratic Victory Tuesday

Statement Issued by Democratic National and Congressional Committees Predicts a Majority of 100 in House and an Increased Majority in the Senate.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—An official pre-election statement, issued jointly tonight by the Democratic national and Congressional committees, predicts a Democratic majority of approximately 100 in the house of representatives and an increased majority in the senate as the outcome of next Tuesday's elections. The statement says in part: "Reports from all parts of the country indicate a sweeping Democratic victory Tuesday. The programme of progressive legislation enacted by Congress under the leadership of President Wilson has made a profound impression.

"Democratic sentiment is particularly strong west of the Mississippi. This is illustrated in the former Republican state of Montana, where the vote for Congressman Evans and Stout in the primaries exceeded the combined vote of all other parties. Gains are confidently expected in Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Minnesota and other western states.

"In the east our reports are particularly gratifying. In the first New Jersey district and other districts in the east now represented by Republicans, prospects for Democratic successes are exceptionally good. Making allowance for the fact that quite a number of Democrats in the 63rd Congress represent strong Republican districts, which, under normal conditions, we could not hope to win, it is difficult to see how the democratic party will fall to organize the next house with approximately one hundred majority.

"Our majority in the Senate will be increased by the elections of senators in Connecticut, New York, Ohio, Kansas and Illinois, all of which are now represented by Republicans. Stevens in New Hampshire, Johnson in South Dakota, Furcolo in North Dakota, Moyle in Utah, Phelan in California, Hastings in Wisconsin, have fine chances of success. Falmer in Pennsylvania, and Connolly in Iowa appear to be gaining strength rapidly and our latest reports from these two states are very reassuring.

"The most striking feature of the reports received is the tremendous popularity of President Wilson."

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King Albert of Belgium, Under Fire in a Battle, Writes Message Appealing for Help for His People During the Coming Winter.

(By Associated Press.)
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"Despite all that can be done, the suffering in the coming winter will be terrible, but the burden we must bear will be lightened if my people can be aided the people of Belgium, with its frightful consequences of disease and violence.

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