

EVERY FARMER IS EXPECTED AT GRAIN MEETING

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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 called 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, paraphrasing in his 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 fuller 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.

On account of the slow cable communication from Constantinople, no message concerning the incident came from Ambassador Morgenthau. With the navy's message as the only basis for judgment President Wilson and administration officials were puzzled.

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RUSSIANS HAVE SUFFERED A CHECK

Possibly One of the Most Critical Battles of the Campaign

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Nov. 18.—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 \$4,377,025, approximately two millions less than the daily average of November, 1913, when trade was not affected by war. Exports were \$5,828,592, an increase of \$1,451,567 over the November average last year.

Cashier Indicted. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 18.—It became known today that the federal grand jury had 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.

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

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.

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 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.

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.

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 of the committee on expenditures in the postoffice department, none remain.

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 \$125,000,000 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 suitable methods of crop diversification 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.

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 and a considerable alarm was felt 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; Watta Martin and Frankvermay, commission merchants, \$2,500. The building was valued at between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

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 assemblies in Hampton Roads early in the new year.

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 Anguax Calientes convention, is marching on Mexico City. His army today reached Leon, the first important railroad center south of Aguas Calientes. General Pablo Gonzales' 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 Aguas Calientes, declared that he had been misunderstood, that he never intended to deliver the executive power to some man of his own selection.

GOTHAM HAS ANOTHER

Barrel Murder Mystery Stirred 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 before the warmth had left 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.

Hand Over Islands.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—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 all-armed 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.—Follicyholders 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.

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 at the closing prices of July 30.

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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 escaped by climbing through a skylight in 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 Giffords; Louis Haffin; Louis Fernandez; Walter Fisher; Waldro Drew and Clarence Parrott, all students.

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

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Venjremen 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.

JUSTICE MCKENNA 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 by drawing an exact outline of the location and not relying upon verbal descriptions of the line. The drawing, done by Justice McKenna, will be inserted into the printed opinion, which will be the first in a decade to be illustrated.

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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 Egan, assistant to the president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

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