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ANOTHER DAY PASSES WITHOUT NEWS OF ANY MARKED SUCCESSES

Except That Fighting Continues Briskly in Poland There Is a Paucity of News.

The British Naval Bombardment Has Been Renewed in the Western Theatre.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Nov. 30.—Another day of battle between the Russians and the German allies in Poland has passed without news of a decisive result. The Berlin official statement tonight says there is nothing of importance to report from Poland, while the Russian government rests on its warning against over-optimism.

The facts, as gleaned from correspondents' dispatches, appear to be that three semi-independent engagements are progressing between Thorn on the north and Cracow on the south, in which both combatants have achieved local successes, without a distinct victory for either.

Some British military experts believe Field Marshal von Hindenburg's forces have been split into three units, one of which is almost enveloped, while the Russians have driven a wedge between the German army and its Austrian ally in the region of Cracow. They declare the Germans have consistently underestimated the qualities of their Muscovite opponents and have opposed them with a body composed almost wholly of second line troops, but now are rushing heavy reinforcements from the western line to avert a Polish Sedan. They express the opinion that the issue depends on whether these arrive in time.

Berlin reports the failure of the Russian attack on the fortifications east of Dzerzhmen, in East Prussia, with heavy losses, while unofficial messages from Petrograd describe an important Russian gain and the capture of ten miles of trenches north-east of Iod.

Advices from Holland report that railway traffic newspaper and posts in the Brussels region are entirely suspended, it is presumed for the purpose of suppressing news of a movement of German troops to the eastward.

The only development of the day in the western theatre was the renewal of the British naval bombardment of the German base at Zebrugge.

England was surprised at the announcement that King George had left last night on a visit to the British headquarters in France, where he is certain of an enthusiastic reception from the soldiers.

This was the fortieth birthday anniversary of Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, and the papers, except a few antagonistic to him, pay a tribute to his remarkable career. The seventieth birthday anniversary of the Queen Mother Alexandra will be celebrated tomorrow.

Dutch papers say the Germans have imposed an indemnity of \$1,000,000 monthly on Belgium for the duration of the war for the maintenance of the troops, and, in addition, \$75,000,000 as a war levy for neutrality violations.

Luxemburg reports that the Germans have paid a substantial sum for damages resulting from their occupation of the Grand Duchy.

Home of Confederate Leader to Be Sold

(By Associated Press.)
ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 30.—An order directing that the Gainesville, Ga., home of General Longstreet, the famous Confederate leader, be advertised for sale was signed here today by Federal Judge W. E. Newman. The property is now owned by Mrs. Helen D. Longstreet, the general's widow.

The court, however, directed the sheriff of Hall County, Georgia, to await further orders before selling the home, which is involved in litigation resulting from a bankruptcy petition filed by Mrs. Longstreet.

Emma Parcel Post Service.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Resumption of parcel post service between the United States and Germany and Austria-Hungary was announced by Postmaster General Barleson tonight. An order sent to call postmasters directed them until further notice to accept for mailing to the countries named all parcel which conform to the prescribed conditions of the international parcel post service.

John Battles of Lovel Land, Abbeville county, was in the city yesterday for a short while.

COTTON DEMAND INVESTIGATION

WORLD'S NEED AT PRESENT AND ESTIMATE FOR NEXT YEAR ASKED FOR

FOR BENEFIT OF COTTON RAISERS

Secretary Bryan Asked to Secure All Possible Information on This Subject.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The world's need for cotton at the present time and the estimated demand for next year is to be the subject of an investigation by state department officials. The treasury department tonight announced that Secretary McAdoo had requested Secretary Bryan to secure all possible information on this subject.

United States consuls have been instructed to make careful investigation. The reports from the consuls will be compiled here each month and probably will be made public for the use of cotton producers. The treasury statement says:

"Secretary McAdoo has requested Secretary Bryan to make an inquiry, through American consuls in all parts of the world, regarding the actual demand for cotton at this time and the calculated demand for 1915.

"Accurate information regarding cotton consumption will be valuable as it will give an intelligent idea as to the demand and will permit the formation of correct judgment as to the economic value of cotton. The secretary of state and the secretary of commerce are cooperating with the secretary of the treasury to get reliable information of this character, and the figures when received will be published. Reports by the consuls will be made beginning the first of December and on the first of each month following.

"In prosecuting this inquiry, Secretary Bryan has instructed all consuls by cable to make a careful investigation and report, beginning the first of December, and monthly thereafter, of statistics relating to the stocks of raw cotton and cotton goods in mills and warehouses compared with the same period last year; the present rate of cotton manufacture per month, together with the number of spindles engaged, and the number of persons employed; and information showing the comparative stocks of cotton goods and comparative estimate of cotton goods for delivery during 1915. The consuls in Egypt, India, China and Russia, have been instructed to report the most reliable estimates of the cotton yield for 1914."

Will Drop Bill

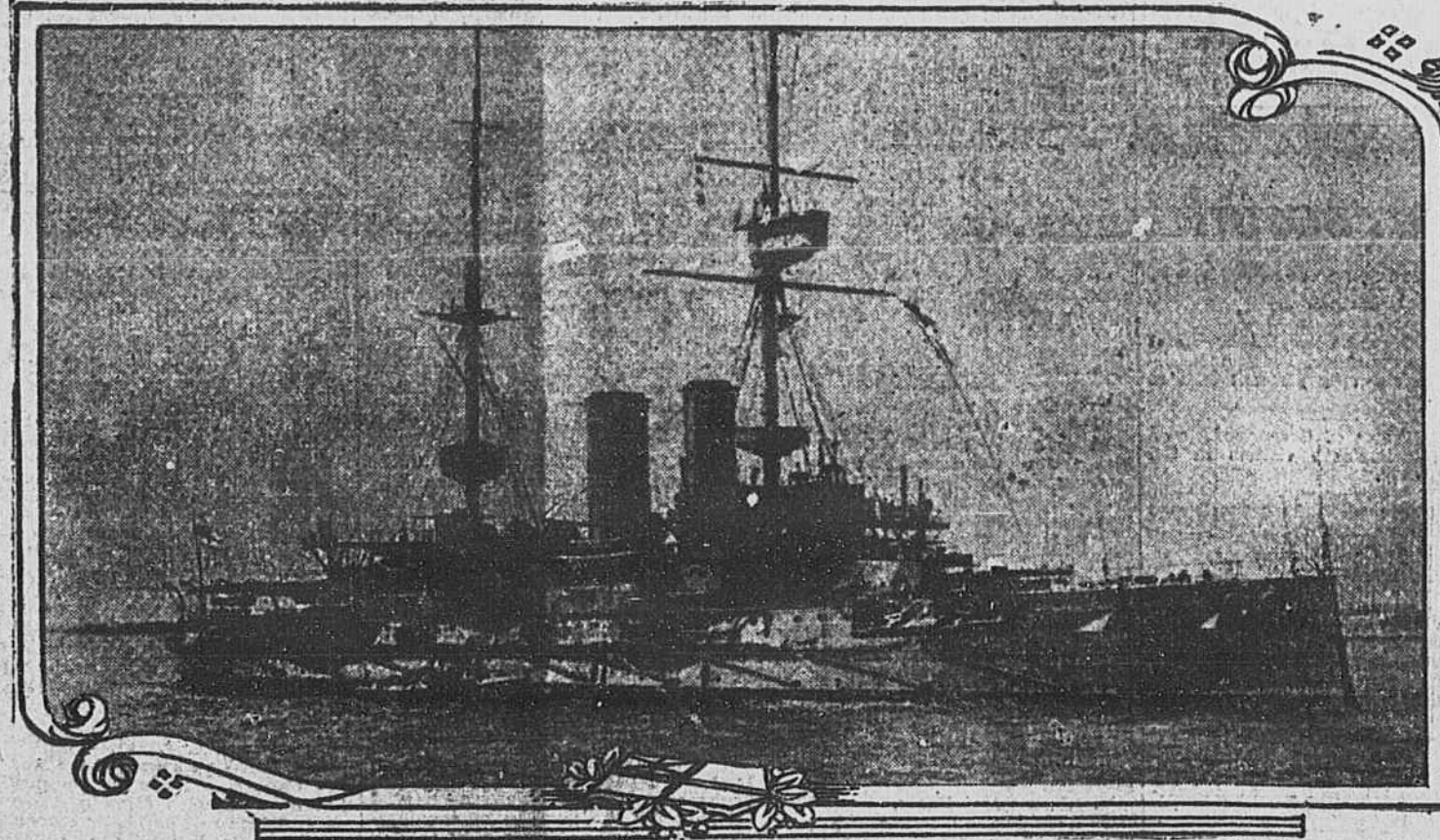
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—As a result of a conference today between the federal reserve board and Chairman Glass of the house currency committee, administration leaders in Congress will drop the bill to amend the Aldrich-Vreeland law so as to permit national banks to use 100 per cent of commercial paper instead of 30 per cent as a basis in the issue of emergency currency.

Justice McReynolds Delivers First Opinion

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Justice McReynolds today delivered his first opinion in the Supreme Court. The case decided arose over the title to certain land along the Tennessee-North Carolina boundary line. Although the court had recently held that the line was along Slick Rock Creek as claimed by North Carolina, which would place the land in that State, Justice McReynolds today held that title granted by Tennessee to land now held by the Smoky Mountain Land Company and adjudicated as valid, should remain undisturbed because of the rights of innocent parties accruing during years past.

R. F. Citakales, Jr. of Starr was among those spending yesterday in the city.

British Battleship Was Blown Up Right in Mouth of the Thames.



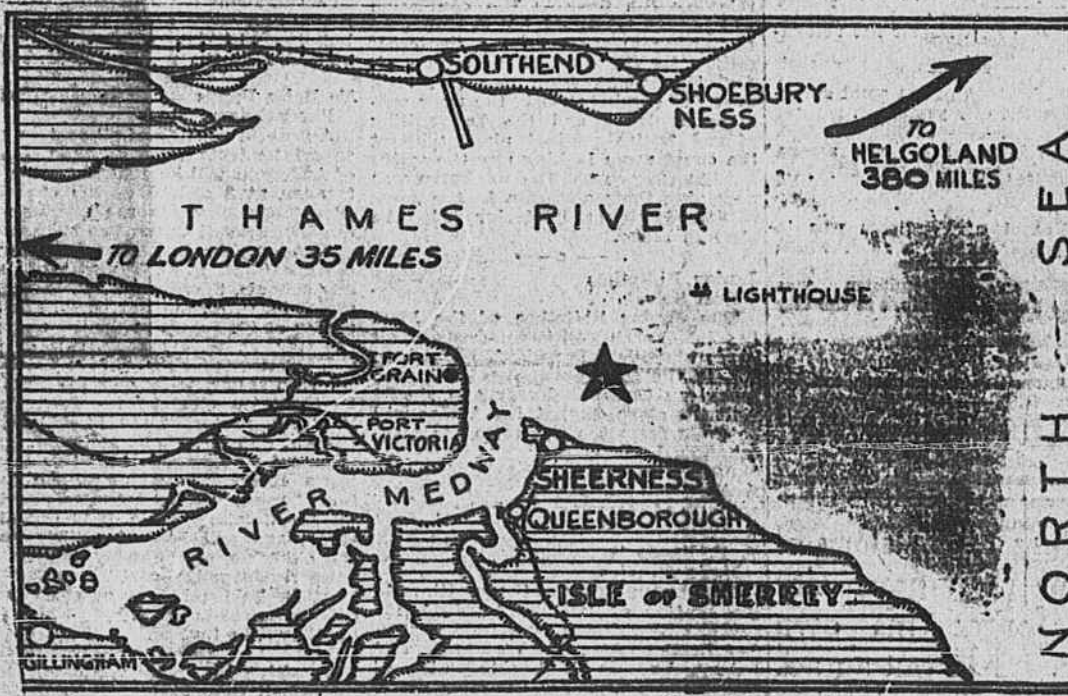
If the suspicion of the British people that a German submarine blew up the battleship Bulwark proves correct it was the most daring exploit of the war. For the ship was supposed to be safe in a British harbor only 25 miles below London. The mouth of the Thames is said to have been mined at the beginning of the war, and the channels left were said to be known only to the admiralty.

A submarine would have found it necessary to travel only 400 miles from her base at Heligoland or Cuxhaven to have reached the mouth of the Thames. Some of them have been found in the English Channel, which is farther off. Then the sinking of the Audacious at the north of Ireland proved how far they could go from their base. The Germans have been more and more daring in their handling of submarines as the war has grown. Captain Weddigen, who sank the Hogue, Gressy, and Aboukir, had to travel 200 miles from his base, which up to that time was considered an impossible feat for a submarine.

Since no British harbor is more safely mined than that at the mouth of the Thames, in order to protect London, the proof that a German submarine sank the Bulwark will prove a great shock to the people of England.

The admiralty insisted that the explosion was in the magazine of the ship, but the public suspected that a

German submarine had reached across from Cuxhaven or Heligoland and sent a torpedo into the vessel in the British harbor. The Bulwark was one of the older battleships of the navy, but was powerful enough to have met any vessel of the German fleet had she been given a chance.



Mine Adrift In Pathway Of All Vessels Entering New York Harbor

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—A mine with five contact points extending from it is about six miles west of Fire Island Light, according to Captain Davies, of the steamship Etowah, in today's report from London. Captain Davies said that he passed the mine about ten o'clock this morning while his ship was bound for New York.

The spot where the mine is said to be adrift lies in the pathway traveled by all trans-Atlantic vessels leaving and entering New York harbor. How the mine happened to be there, or by what agencies it was set adrift, whether its presence was accidental

or by design were problems to be cleared later. The possibility that it had been placed adrift in the belief that it might eventually find lodgment against the side of a warship caused some speculation. The only warships seen recently near New York harbor have flown the British flag. For some time British warships patrolled the doorway to the harbor, passing and re-passing the spot where Captain Davies said the mine was adrift.

The Center of Importance Has Been Transferred to Eastern War Theatre

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Nov. 30.—via The Hague to London, Nov. 30, 10:55 p. m.—The east gradually is coming into its own. These familiar with conditions have recognized for three weeks that the center of importance has been transferred to the eastern war theatre. The departure of Emperor William to the eastern front, General von Hindenburg's appointment as a field marshal and the publication of appreciative telegrams to the eastern commanders have directed attention to the fact that events in Poland are of far greater importance of those in Flanders and along the Aisne.

The presence of Emperor William at Field Marshal von Hindenburg's headquarters is interpreted here as indicating that everything is thought to be going well. The emperor has conferred the Order of Merit on General Mackensen for his victory at Lovitz in the following telegram: "The Ninth army corps, under your safe and tested leadership, again has fought with unrivalled brilliancy in a hard but successful battle. Your achievements in the past days will stand in history as shining examples of fortitude, endurance and valor. Communicate this to our splendid troops with my personal thanks, to which I wish to give tangible form by conferring on you the Order of Merit. God be with you and our standards in the future."

German Fleet In South Atlantic; Powerful British Fleet Nearby

(By Associated Press.)
MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Nov. 30.—The recent reports that the German fleet is now in the South Atlantic appear to have been confirmed here today. It is also rumored that a powerful British fleet is nearby.

Interruption of British shipping and the outfitting of German merchant ships with supplies were accepted here as confirmatory of reports of the approach of the German fleet, which is now believed to be off the mouth of the River Plata.

Warships Patrolling The Atlantic Between New York and Panama

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—At least 12 British warships are now patrolling the Atlantic between New York and the Panama Canal, sweeping the seas with their wireless, crowding ordinary commercial radars from the air, and keeping close check on all forms of shipping, according to wireless operators on the steamship Ancon that arrived here today from Cristobal.

The wireless activity of these war vessels, the operators said, is causing great inconvenience to the commercial work of American vessels, as the high-powered waves of the warships are heard continually in utter disregard of commercial business.

WOULD OPPOSE INVESTIGATION

PRESIDENT WILL NOT SEEK TO MOLD OPINION OF CONGRESS ON RESOLUTIONS

THE PRESIDENT'S POSITION CLEAR

This is no Time to Agitate Question of Preparedness of United States for War.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—While President Wilson is not expected to mould the position of Congress on Representative Gardner's resolution for an investigation of the military strength of the United States, officials close to the White House said tonight he would oppose the investigation if asked for an opinion. The president is understood to think that such an inquiry is untimely and would not disclose any information not already in hand.

The President's position was made clear tonight by administration officials after it became known he had written Mr. Gardner a letter saying he was ready to discuss the question with him at any time. Mr. Gardner will be at the White House tomorrow to make an engagement for an interview within the next few days.

The position of the administration toward the Gardner resolution, outlined tonight, is that this is no time to agitate the question of preparedness of the United States for war. The President hopes the nation may play an important part in bringing the present European war to a close, and his advisers believe suggestions for peace would come with bad grace from a country in the throes of a discussion of possible war.

Another reason administration leaders give for opposing the Gardner resolution is that in his speech in the House supporting the movement, Mr. Gardner attacked Germany and they think the adoption of the resolution would make it appear that the action was directed principally against that nation.

When the resolution was first introduced the President characterized the proposed investigation as "pleasant mental exercise" and said the results achieved would depend entirely on the character of the commission making it.

Administration leaders said tonight the President realizes the importance of military lessons taught by the present war and takes the position that everything possible should be learned by the United States, though he does not regard the present as a time for military discussion in Congress.

Need More Men For American Warships

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The need of 240 additional officers and about 4,600 men to equip American warships was explained today by the house naval affairs committee by Rear Admiral Blue, chief of the navigation bureau of the navy department.

Referring to the fact that the department still was purchasing hydrographic charts from the British government, the admiral said the United States was issuing more and more charts each year, and that ultimately charting by the United States would be as complete as that of any other nation.

Increase in Appropriations.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Appropriations of \$104,194,512 to carry the army through the coming year are proposed in estimates the war department has just completed for submission to Congress. This is an increase of \$3,195,300 over the current year's appropriations.

Protests Against the German Bombardment

(By Associated Press.)
AMSTERDAM, via London, Nov. 30.—(7:15 p. m.)—The Tild says the chamber of commerce of Antwerp has sent to the American consul at Dunkirk with a request that he forward it to Washington, a protest against the German bombardment of that place. The protest declares several women and children have been killed, that houses have been set on fire and that the city is not being used for military purposes by the Allies, not a single soldier being there.

Stanley Crawford.
Mr. Haskell Crawford and Miss Alice Stanton of near Boston were happily married Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Crawford is a very handsome young man, about 20 years of age, which leaves his bride only 18 years of age. We wish the young couple much joy and success in life.