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WEATHER PLAYS IMPORTANT PART

STORM AND SNOW IN WESTERN WAR ZONE MAKE ATTACKS DIFFICULT

REPORTS FROM EAST ARE BRIEF

Papers Print Forecast That Italy, Rumania, Greece and Bulgaria Will Join Allies.

(By Associated Press.)

Characteristic fighting is going on in northern France, where the village of La Boisselle, 20 miles northeast of Amiens, was taken from the French by the Germans and later recaptured by the French.

At this point there has been much work with the bayonet. A French ammunition depot blew up and part of the village was destroyed by fire. The Germans, taking advantage of this incident, attacked the French with the steel and drove them to positions beyond. In a fierce counter attack some hours later the French recaptured the position.

A French eyewitness with official authority gives some idea of the nature of fighting that has been going on in the west. He describes the fighting near Soissons 10 days ago as resulting favorably for the Allies but later the waters of the Aisne, swollen by the heavy storms, came over the banks, washed bridges away and prevented the Allies from sending reinforcements to points where the French troops were being hard pressed by the Germans. This resulted in a retirement of something like a mile and the establishment of a strong front in a good strategic position on the right bank of the river.

The long awaited decisive action in Russian Poland has not developed.

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PRESIDENT TALKS TO BE RESPECTED

British Cruiser Holds Up Vessel and Americans Forced to Show Passports.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Republican Leader Mann read to the house today this wireless message to him from Oswald F. Schuette, a former Washington correspondent, en route to Berlin on a Dutch liner:

"New Amsterdam held by British cruiser Caronia in sight of New York. American citizens forced to show passports to British officer."

Mr. Mann cited the protest of Secretary of State Hamilton Fish against the hovering of French war vessels near American ports.

"We are a neutral power and have some rights as a neutral and we ought to have our rights respected now," said Mr. Mann.

PETITION FOR AN EARLY HEARING

Unless Advanced Frank Case Will Not Be Taken Up for Nearly Eighteen Months.

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 18.—Counsel for both the State and defense in the case of Leo M. Frank, under sentence of death here for the murder of 14-year-old Mary Phagan, are expected to cooperate in efforts to have the United States supreme court advance for hearing Frank's appeal from Federal Judge Newman's decision denying a habeas corpus writ.

Attorney General Grice, of Georgia, said tonight that he had received assurances of aid from Louis Marshall, of New York, of counsel for the defense. Mr. Grice indicated that the advancement motion probably would filed within two weeks. The case docketed by the supreme court today, preparing the way for such action. Unless advanced, it would not be heard for nearly 18 months in the regular course of business.

SOME RAIN IN GEORGIA

VALDOSTA, Ga., Jan. 18.—Eight inches of rain fell in this city during the past 48 hours, according to the local weather bureau. Telephonic and telegraphic communications have been interrupted.

At Thomasville seven and a quarter inches of rain fell between Saturday and noon today. All streams in that section are reported rising.

PROPERTY LOSS OVER $60,000,000

IMPOSSIBLE TO STATE NUMBER OF LIVES LOST IN ITALY'S EARTHQUAKE

MANY PERSONS RESCUED ALIVE

Hope is Expressed That Others May Be Reached in Time to Save Them.

(By Associated Press.)

ROME, Jan. 18.—The uninjured in the earthquake zone gradually are regaining their composure and lending aid to volunteer workers in an endeavor to ameliorate conditions in their ruined towns.

Food supplies and clothing have been distributed nearly everywhere and huts are being constructed for temporary housing of the homeless.

Work in the ruins is being prosecuted with all possible speed. Many persons were rescued alive today in numerous towns from beneath the debris of fallen buildings where they had lain without food or water for six days. Hope is expressed that many others may be reached in time to save them. Nineteen were taken alive from the ruins at Avezzano today, six unhurt.

It still is impossible to state with accuracy the number of lives lost or do more than estimate the monetary damage. One unofficial estimate places the property loss at above $60,000,000.

Relief subscriptions are being raised throughout Italy and the people are responding generously. The king has returned to the stricken region. Queen Helena today sent a trainload of foodstuffs, and supplies to the ruined towns. Members of the royal family, high officials and leading legislators are engaged in relief work. Thomas Nelson Page, the American ambassador, was among those who went to the earthquake region today to distribute relief stores.

At Avezzano all the dogs had been killed because they had been prowling in the debris among the bodies of the dead. At several places wolves have come down out of the mountains and parties have been formed to hunt down and exterminate them.

Twenty-One Men Drown

Only Six Saved From Crew of Twenty-Seven of British Steamer When Ship Was Wrecked.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Twenty-one men of the crew of 27 of the British steamer Penarth were drowned today when the ship was wrecked on Sheeringham Shoal during a heavy gale. A trawler picked up six survivors. The Penarth was of 1,959 tons and was bound from the River Plate to Hull with grain.

Another British steamer, the George Royle, also is believed to have been wrecked in the same locality, but the fate of her crew is not known. The flare of rocket signals was observed at Cromer, but the steamer disappeared before a lifeboat could reach the scene. Later one of the Royle's small boats came ashore.

Another Badly Damaged.

VIGO, Spain, Jan. 18.—The British steamer Highland Glen, bound for Buenos Ayres with passengers, ran on a rock in the bay today and was badly damaged. She proceeded for port under full speed, but the water gained so rapidly it was necessary to beach her.

The Highland Glen is of 1,473 tons register and was built in 1901. She belongs to the Nelson Steam Navigation Company of London.

Backs Buggy From Bridge Into Creek

(By Associated Press.)

CLINTON, N. C., Jan. 18.—The bodies of Mrs. Emerson Davis and little nephew, Willie Hope, were recovered from Six Runs Creek, two miles from here, late today.

Late yesterday afternoon a mule backed a buggy containing four people from a bridge over the creek. A little daughter of Mrs. Davis rescued her sister, Mrs. Mary Hope, by fishing her from the stream with a pole, after floating to the bank and climbing out.

The mule became frightened while crossing the bridge, which is said to have had no side railings.

Photo of the Pope As He Sat in the Sistine Chapel During the Earthquake.

When Rome was shaken by the earthquake of January 13, Pope Benedict XV was saying mass in the Sistine chapel, the most famous chapel of St. Peter's. He is said to have given a splendid exhibition of courage and calmness. He did not allow the terrifying occurrence to interrupt his prayer. It is reported that the Swiss guard gave no such exhibition of courage, but fled, as did many others who were present in St. Peter's.

The Pope issued orders that soon brought those about him to complete presence of mind. He afterward ordered a solemn high mass in the Cathedral and also gave instructions that an immediate investigation made to determine what damage if any, had been done to St. Peter's.

This potograph shows the Pope during the ceremony held regularly in the Sistine chapel. It is, incidentally, the first photograph published of the benew Pope in the chapel.

The State Militia Will Be Reorganized Immediately

(By Associated Press.)

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 18.—After a conference here tonight with Governor-elect Manning who will be inaugurated tomorrow, Adjutant General Moore announced that the South Carolina national guard would be reorganized immediately. It was recently disbanded by Governor Blease, who resigned shortly afterward. Governor-elect Manning, Adjutant General Moore indicated, would approve the reorganization.

"I was assured by Mr. Manning that he would do whatever is necessary for the reestablishment of the militia," said General Moore.

General Moore said that it would be necessary to act quickly in the matter of reorganization if it were to be completed by February 8, the date set for the beginning of the inspection of the national guard.

Only Slight Decreases

Foreign Trade Good For Year 1914 Despite Demoralization in Early Stages of the War.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.— Only slight decreases in foreign trade transactions of the United States are shown for the year 1914 despite demoralization in early stages of the war. That the falling off in total was not greater is attributed largely to increased exports to meet Europe's extraordinary demand for foodstuffs and other supplies since merchant fleets have resumed operations.

A summary of trade movements in 1914, issued by the department of commerce tonight, showed that exports were $2,114,257,539 as compared with $2,484,18,282 in 10913 and imports $1,789,022,426 against $1,792,596,480 in 1913.

The department also announced that during the month of December last a favorable trade balance of $131,863,077 was achieved by the United States Exports in December totalled $246,266,074 and imports $114,402,970 against $194,711,170 and $138,080,520, respectively, in November.

Of the December imports, 60.5 per cent, entered free of duty as against 64 per cent in December, 1913, and 58 per cent in December, 1912.

Marked Improvement In Trade Conditions

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.— J. P. Morgan today told President Wilson that there had been a marked improvement in general trade conditions as affecting international exchange and that increases in exports to Europe had decreased greatly American indebtedness to Europe.

Mr. Morgan mentioned the credit of $12,000,000 recently established by the Russian government in the United States through Mr. Morgan's banking firm and explained that there was to be no direct loan of money to the Russian government. On leaving the White House he said the arrangements for the credit loan would go forward.

New Record For Cotton

Price Goes Above 9 Cents for July Delivery—Demand Active and Offerings Readily Absorbed.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Cotton went to above 9 cents a pound here today for July delivery, a new high record for the season.

Cotton for delivery in other active months was up generally from 30 to 36 points above Saturday's closing. That was about $8 a bale more than low prices of last month. Demand was active and despite heavy sales all offerings were readily absorbed.

Buyers were encouraged by reports of continued firmness in the southern spot markets and continuance of heavy export movement.

Four cotton exchange memberships were sold at auction today. The first two brought $10,000 each, the others $10,200 and $10,300. The last previous sale was $9,250.

$1,500,000 FIRE AT TRENTON, N. Y.

Destroys Insulated Wire Department of John A. Roebling's Sons Co.

(By Associated Press.)

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 18.—Fire destroyed the insulated wire department of the John A Roebling's Sons Company.

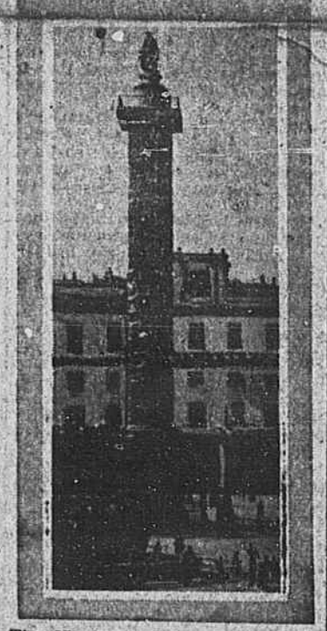
The work performed by the plant destroyed will be taken care of in other shops.

The flames spread to a residential district and destroyed a dozen or more dwellings from which the occupants previously had removed their household goods. The totaly damage it is estimated, will reach $1,500,000.

Fire companies from Camden, Princeton and Bordentown responded to the call for assistance and late tonight the fire was under control.

James W. Bennett, chief of the Trenton fire department, was seriously injured when a wall collapsed.

Marcus Aurelius Column Damaged in Earthquake



The Marcus Aurelius column, one of the famous points of interest in Rome, was among the landmarks damaged by the earthquake of January 13. The column is one of the great attractions of Rome, and is well known to Americans who visit Italy. The statue is situated in the Piazza Colonna. It is a doric column, extremely imposing, and was erected by Marcus Aurelius in 161-180 A. D. The statue is composed of 28 blocks of marble, its its bas relief depicting the victory the emperor won in Germany. The top of the monument is reached by climbing 190 steps. On the summit is a mediaeval statue of St. Paul, placed there by Pope Sixtus V. The total height of the monument is 137 1-2 feet.

Uses Bible on Which Jefferson Davis Swore

(By Associated Press.)

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 18.—Charles Henderson was inaugurated governor of Alabama at noon today, swearing allegiance on the same Bible on which Jefferson Davis swore fidelity as president of the Confederate States of America.

A parade in which the entire State militia participated was reviewed by the incoming and outgoing governors.

Kills His Daughter And Then Himself

(By Associated Press.)

SPRINGFIELD, Tenn., Jan. 18.—Frank P. Johnson, a prominent resident of this place, shot and killed his daughter, Lucy, and then himself today.

"IF CHRIST CAME TO WASHINGTON"

"BILLY" SUNDAY TALKS TO PEOPLE AND OFFICIALS AT NATION'S CAPITAL

CLARK PRESIDES OVER MEETING

Praises the Lord for a President Who Bows His Knees in Submission to God.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—"Billy" Sunday, the revivalist, visited Washington today, called at the White House and later talked to some five thousand people about "if Christ came to Washington." Members of the cabinet, congressmen, diplomats and government officials were in the big audience that listened to the picturesque sermon of the baseball evangelist, who climbed on a table and warned his hearers that "God must be served."

Champ Clark presided over the meeting and Secretary Bryan, Attorney General Gregory, Secretary Lane and J. P. Tumulty, secretary to the president, sat on the platform. A number of senators were present and Speaker Clark remarked as he introduced the preacher that a "quorum of the house was on hand."

Sunday spoke for an hour with tremendous energy. He declared that he believed he "would not have to leave the corporate limits of Washington to find people who would vote to crucify Jesus Christ if he walked up Pennsylvania avenue today."

"Christ is already in Washington," he asserted. "He sees every false vote that you cast here. His judgment of you or me is not based on what he reads in the Congressional Record."

As the assemblage arose to hear the preacher's final prayer, he thanked God for "a president in the White House who bows his knees in submission to God."

The president was unable to attend the meeting. His daughter, Margaret Wilson, and Miss Helen Bones, the president's cousin, were present.

LEGISLATURE INVITES BRYAN

(By Associated Press.)

COLUMBIA, Jan. 18.—The South Carolina house of representatives tonight unanimously passed a resolution inviting Secretary of State William J. Bryan to address the house Thursday. Invitation was extended by a committee.

NEW PRESIDENT RULES MEXICO

ANOTHER CHANGE IS MADE IN COUNTRY'S GOVERNMENT

MARTIAL LAW RULES CAPITAL

Ex-President Gutierrez Suddenly Leaves City For Reasons Unknown.

(By Associated Press.)

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 18.—Gen. Roque Gonzales Garza was named provisional president of Mexico by the convention in session here over which he has presided.

Martial law has been declared by Gen. Garza and the city is being patrolled by mounted police.

In electing Garza the convention declared itself to be supreme and until a new president is elected has assumed all the legislative, executive and judicial powers.

Villa Hurrying to Capital.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—General Francisco Villa, commander-in-chief of the forces controlled by the convention in session at Mexico City, was due to reach the capital tonight to assist Colonel Roque Gonzales Garza, selected by the convention as temporary executive to succeed General Eulalio Gutierrez.

This information reached the state department today with advices saying that while the capital was "well protected and policed," there had been some executions for disorders and the populace was uneasy.

Gutierrez's reasons for departure have not yet been explained to the state department, but the belief prevails here that with the 3,000 troops accompanying him from Mexico City and Generals Blanco and Robles, he is endeavoring either to join General Obregon and the Carranza element or intends to set up an independent faction.

Light was thrown on the conduct of Gutierrez tonight by receipt in Vera Cruz of copies of letters said to have been exchanged between General Gutierrez and Generals Obregon and Candido Aguilar, dated January 7, approximately the time when Gutierrez announced to the convention that he was working on plans for the pacification of Mexico. Briefly his plan was said to be to unite with Obregon and Aguilar in deposing Villa from control of the convention forces. Eliseo Arredondo, head of the Carranza agency here, made public the text of the correspondence.

The letter purporting to have been signed by Gutierrez reads:

"Generals Alvaro Obregon and Candido Aguilar wherever they may be:

"My Dear Colleagues: By virtue of a decision reached between Generals Jose L. Robles, minister of war; Lucio Blanco, minister of the interior; Eugenio Beneavides, sub-secretary of war, and myself, we believe it patriotic and honest to address you to point out the convenience of your suspending your advance towards this capital while we are formulating a plan of campaign that we intend to pursue against General Francisco Villa, whom we always have intended to separate entirely from the conventionalist army and from all the public matters of our country.

"For your information, I must tell you that delegates have arrived here from the states of Tamaulipas, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon and San Luis Potosi and have stated that the forces operating in those states are willing to support the attitude which this government may assume against Villa and that few followers will second his

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Abandon Search For Bodies of Yacht Victims

(By Associated Press.)

NEWBERN, N. C., Jan. 18.—Search for the bodies of the three persons who perished when the yacht Julia was destroyed in Pamlico Sound Friday by an explosion and fire has been abandoned. This became known today with the arrival here of the revenue cutter Pamlico, which has been aiding the search. Mrs. J. W. Murray, of Burlingtton, N. C., the only survivor was brought here by the cutter.

Cotton Arrives Safely.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The Cologne Gazette of last Friday, a copy of which has been received here, announced the steamers Denver and Greenfriar, loaded with American cotton which had been stopped by British warships, have arrived safely in Bremen and were discharging.

Will Pitch for Brooklyn.

PALESTINE, Texas, Jan. 18.—Jack Coombs, former pitcher for the Philadelphia Americans, announced that he had signed a contract here today with the Brooklyn National League team.