

# RUMANIANS FALL BACK FROM DANUBE

TEUTONIC ALLIES CROSSING DANUBE ON MANY PONTOON BRIDGES.

## FRENCH GAINING IN SOMME

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London.—Aside from the continued progress of the Teutonic Allies in the Dobruja region of Rumania and fresh gains by the French and British in the Somme region of France, there is little if any change in the situation in any of the various theaters of the war.

The Rumanians and Russians in Dobruja are still in retreat before the German, Bulgarian and Turkish troops who are now endeavoring to make their way across the Danube at various points on pontoon bridges, according to the Sofia War Office.

On the Transylvania front the Russians and Rumanians apparently are operating successfully against the Teutonic Allies near the junction of Bukovina, Transylvania and Rumania, and to the south near Campulung and in the Jiu Valley have gained successes over them. In the fighting in the Jiu Valley the Rumanians are declared by Bucharest to have captured two Howitzer batteries which latter were turned against the Austro-Germans. According to Berlin the Teutons have made additional gains south of Kronstadt and in the direction of Campulung.

Following up their advantage of Saturday the British captured another German trench Sunday northeast of Les Boeufs in the Somme region.

## BORDER CONTROL CHARGES DENIED; INCIDENT CLOSED.

Administration Officials Relieved to Receive News; Alleged Author of Criticism Says He Did Not Authorize Statement.

Washington.—What promised to be a new source of serious friction between the United States and the de facto government of Mexico apparently was cleared away through formal repudiation by Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican Ambassador designate, of a statement issued here under the name of Luis Cabrera, assailing the American government for permitting aid to reach Villa and other bandits from his side of the border.

Mr. Arredondo went to the state department with the explanation that the statement was put out by an employee of the Mexican news bureau, the de facto government's semi-official publicity agency, without the knowledge or consent of either the Embassy or Mr. Cabrera. This was accepted by the department and the incident was closed.

## INVASION OF BRITISH ISLES IS POSSIBLE.

London.—Field Marshal Viscount French, commander-in-chief of the armies in the United Kingdom, addressing the volunteers at Derby, said that an invasion of the British Isles was not a mere supposition, but a possibility. This they must be prepared to meet.

## PROMINENT RAILROAD FINANCIER DEAD.

Chicago.—Charles Wilcox Hotchkiss well known in financial and railroad circles is dead at Battle Creek, Mich., of organic heart disease. He was 53 years old. He was chairman of the board of directors of the Virginian Railroad.

## NORTH CAROLINA CAVALRYMAN KILLED.

El Paso, Texas.—Private Lee Furtic of Troop A North Carolina Cavalry, was killed in his tent while writing a letter, by the accidental discharge of his pistol. He enlisted at Mount Island, N. C.

## M. E. CHURCH SOUTH NOT TO BARGAIN AWAY INHERITANCES.

Atlanta.—The Bishops of Southern Methodist Episcopal church, in "view of some things that have been said and repeated on public platforms and public prints," issued statement setting forth position of the church on question of uniting with two other Methodist bodies, in which it declared that "we are not ready to bargain away any of the great inheritances and glorious memories of other years for any consideration."

## KOERBER TO SUCCEED AS AUSTRIAN PREMIER.

Vienna, via London.—It may be accepted as certain that Dr. von Koerber, now Austrian Hungarian minister of finance, will succeed the late Count Karl Stuerghk as premier. Dr. von Koerber was received by the emperor and went to Budapest to confer with Count Tisza. Should Dr. von Koerber accept, his successor in the financial ministry probably will be Dr. von Spitzmueller, now minister of commerce.

# SINK 11 STEAMERS IN ENGLISH CHANNEL

GERMAN TORPEDO BOAT SQUADRON STAGE RAID.—DO MUCH DAMAGE.

## RETURN SAFELY TO BASE

Flotilla Reaches German Waters After a Raid Through the Straits of Dover in the Line Folkestone, Boulogne in English Channel.

Berlin, via London.—At least 11 out-post steamers and two or three torpedo boat destroyers or torpedo-boats were sunk or damaged by a German torpedo-boat squadron in the English Channel between Folkestone and Boulogne, according to an official communication issued here.

The communication says: "Parts of our torpedo forces moved from a German bay Thursday night, through the straits of Dover and Calais to the line of Folkestone-Boulogne in the English Channel.

"According to the report of Commander Michaelson at least 11 out-post steamers and two or three destroyers or torpedo-boats were sunk, partially or totally, near hostile ports. Some members of the crews who were saved were captured.

"Several other guarding vessels and at least two destroyers were heavily damaged by torpedoes and artillery fire. Also the English post steamer Queen was sunk south of Folkestone, the crew having time to leave the ship.

"In the channel near the Farnel Lightship there was a striking active traffic by hospital ships.

"Our torpedo-boats safely returned to German waters without any loss."

## FORCE OF 11,000 TROOPS NOW GARRISON CHIHUAHUA CITY.

Five Aeroplanes and Two Aviators Ready For Use Against Villa.—Railroad Bridges and Tracks Torn Up By Bandits.

El Paso, Texas.—Chihuahua City is now garrisoned by a force of 11,000 men, according to a Carranza official who arrived here from that city. He said General Maycotte recently arrived at Chihuahua City from Torreon bringing five aeroplanes, two English aviators and a force of Carranza troops for use against Villa.

An ore train was burned, railroad bridges were destroyed and the track of the Mexican Central Railroad cut by bandits near Artis.

The American also brought a report that Villa's troops were planning to attack Parral, Jiminez, Santa Rosalia and Torreon soon.

Bandits under the command of Villa are operating trains on the western division of the Mexico Northwestern Railroad, between Santa Ysabel and San Antonio, a report received by government agents here stated. Villa, according to the same source, now has approximately 4,000 men, some of whom are not armed.

## LETTERS MAY GO BY AIR, NEW YORK TO CHICAGO.

Buffalo, N. Y.—The United States Army, Navy and Postoffice Departments are vitally interested in a proposed non-stop mail-carrying flight between Chicago and New York to be attempted by Victor Carlstrom, American aerial pathfinder.

The Army and Navy Departments will take official cognizance of the flight because Carlstrom will use a Curtiss biplane like those being tried out by the Army aerial corps.

## LIQUOR ADS IN PAPERS SOLD AGENTS FINED.

Jackson, Miss.—Two local news agents, charged with selling copies of a Chicago newspaper containing a liquor advertisement were fined \$50 each by the police judge here, but the fines were remitted on the promise of the agent that in the future they would delete such advertisements before offering the papers for sale.

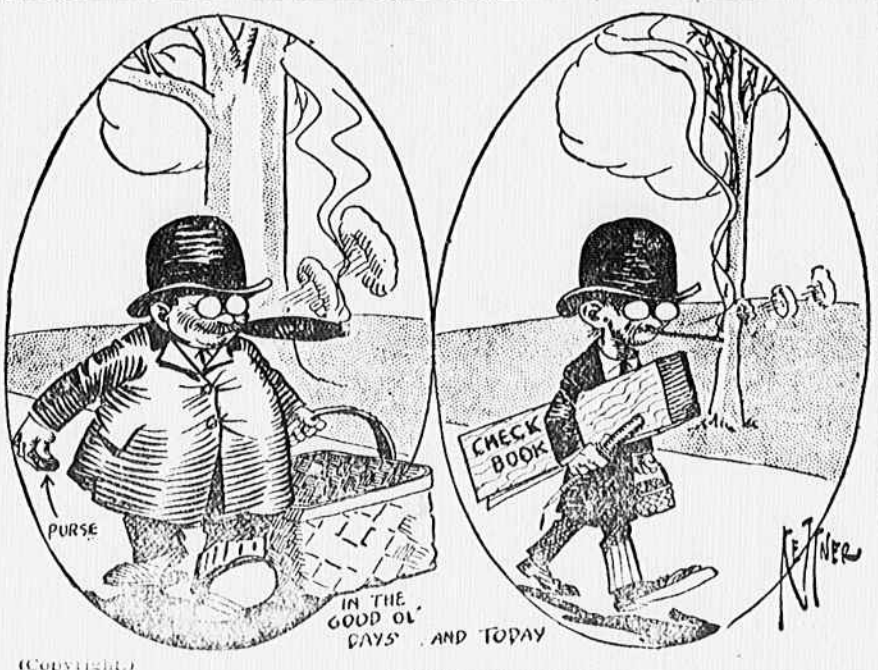
## VILLA GETTING ARMS FROM U. S. IS CLAIM.

Atlantic City, N. J.—Reports that arms and ammunition had been smuggled into Mexico from the United States and instance of the Mexican representatives that the United States Government take steps to check the assistance they declare Villa and other bandits are receiving from persons on this side of the border featured the discussions of the Mexican-American Joint Commission at the close of the month's conference.

## \$1,000,000 TO PREPARE TROOPS CAMPS IN WINTER.

San Antonio, Texas.—More than a million dollars has been made available by the War Department for providing winter quarters for troops on the border. Southern department headquarters was advised to this effect and ordered to proceed with work at once. Cantonments are to be erected for troops of the regular army engaged in border duty and provision has been made for framing and flooring the tents of national guard troops.

# EFFECT OF THE HIGH COST OF LIVING



## VILLA AGAIN IS MANAGED

SKIRMISHING BETWEEN BANDIT'S ADVANCE TROOPS AND GARRISON SOLDIERS.

Reported That Chihuahua City Has Fallen.—Carranza Consul Denies Report.—8,000 Men Are Sent to Reinforce the Garrison.

San Antonio, Texas.—Persistent reports of the fall of Chihuahua City to the Villa forces, which have been current here, have not been confirmed in advices to Southern department headquarters of the United States Army. Major General Punston, questioned regarding the reports, said that so far as he knew they were not true.

Washington.—Mexican Consul Gardia at El Paso, Texas, telegraphed the Mexican Embassy here that he had been advised by General Trevino of the arrival at Chihuahua of troop trains bringing about 8,000 men under General Maycotte to reinforce the garrison.

An earlier message from the Consul said he had just received information from General Trevino denying that he intended to evacuate Chihuahua and declaring he did not fear an attack.

Chihuahua City, Mexico.—Skirmishing between General Carlos Ozuena's advanced forces and those of Francisco Villa continued, although the general engagement is being delayed by General Trevino until all of his troops have been placed in strategic positions in Western Chihuahua.

The excitement caused by the approach of the Villa forces has been quieted and the concentration of 8,000 troops here has restored the feeling of security among the inhabitants.

Two military trains carrying a part of General Maycotte's command from Torreon arrived here.

General Trevino authorized the Associated Press to make an official denial of the rumors that he was preparing to evacuate the city. He characterized these rumors as "malicious inventions."

General Trevino stated that the situation in the field and in Chihuahua City was entirely satisfactory.

"Any fear that Chihuahua City will be captured by bandits is simply absurd," he said.

## TWO BATTLESHIPS EXPECTED TO BE BUILT IN SOUTH.

Navy Department Opens Bids For Constructing Colorado, Maryland, Washington and West Virginia.

Washington.—Bids for the four new battleships Colorado, Maryland, Washington and West Virginia were opened at the Navy Department and indications were that the construction of two would be awarded to the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co., and that the other two would be built by the Fore Shipbuilding Company, of Quincy, Mass.

While all of the tenders show the heavy increase in prices during the abnormal conditions of the shipbuilding industry, they were within the Department's limit of cost, and it is virtually certain that the Government itself will not construct any of these craft or of the 20 destroyers for which offers also were received.

## NEW \$300,000,000 LOAN TO BRITISH ANNOUNCED.

New York.—Official announcement was made by J. P. Morgan & Co. that a new British loan by American bankers, aggregating \$300,000,000 had been arranged. It will bear interest at 5 1/2 per cent and is payable in two installments, one of three years and one of five years.

## ALLIES DOMINATE RAW MATERIALS ESSENTIAL IN U. S.

Washington.—Domination by the Allied Nations of the world's raw materials which are essential to American manufactures has been proved conclusively to officials here by the completion of a comprehensive summary of British trade policies as to imports into this country. As a result the recent Paris Economic Conference of the Entente Powers is regarded here with far greater disquiet than before.

## SMASH GERMAN LINES

SWITCH POSITION FROM SOMME REGION TO NORTH AND NORTHWEST.

Preceded by Violent Bombardment Such as Marked the Great Attack and Counter Attacks When Verdun Was the Focal Point.

London.—Switching their offensive from the Somme region in France—possibly as a counter to the advance of the Teutonic Allies in the Dobruja region of Rumania—the French have smashed the German line north and northeast of Verdun over a front of four and one-third miles, penetrating it along its entire length, in the center gaining a distance of nearly two miles.

When night fell, the village and Fort of Douaumont, in the center, were in the hands of the French, while on their left wing the Frenchmen had pushed beyond Thiaumont and captured the Haudremont quarry and taken up positions along the Bras and Damloup front. On their right wing considerable progress also has been made from Douaumont to Damloup. More than 3,600 prisoners and quantities of war material were captured by the French.

In the Dobruja region of Rumania, the Germans, Bulgarians and Turks are giving no rest to the Russians and Rumanians who continue in retreat along the entire front from the Black Sea to the Danube River.

## SANTO DOMINGO GENERAL SLAIN; AMERICANS KILLED.

Engagement Fought Between U. S. Troops and Native Forces When Arrest of Rebel Leader is Attempted. Santo Domingo.—In an engagement between American troops and rebel forces Gen. Bamou Batista was killed. Several Americans also are reported killed, including two officers and one American officer was wounded.

The names of the American officers killed are given as Capt. William Low and Atwood, Lieutenant Morrison was wounded.

The American commander attempted to arrest General Batista, who resisted and ordered an attack on the American forces. Fighting continued for a considerable time and the rebels were eventually defeated. The engagement took place opposite Santo Domingo City and caused somewhat of a panic in the Capital. Reinforcements were sent there to aid American troops in maintaining order. The number of killed and wounded in the fight is at present not known.

## FORD PUTS WOMEN ON SAME PAY BASIS AS MEN.

Long Branch, N. J.—Henry Ford, the automobile manufacturer, announced after a conference with President Wilson that as the result of an "inspiring talk" he had with the President two weeks ago, he had established the women workers in his plant upon the same pay basis as the men.

Mr. Ford authorized the following statement: "I had the pleasure to inform President Wilson that I had established the women workers of my plant at Detroit and in the branch factories in other cities upon a pay equality with the men workers. I took this step following my conference with the President more than two weeks ago and I did so because of the inspiring talk I had had with Mr. Wilson on the forward movement among woman-kind. This principle is now in operation and I look forward with complete confidence to its vindication."

## CARRANZA PLANS TO LEAVE MEXICO, ENEMIES REPORT.

Washington.—Charges that General Carranza is preparing to leave Mexico are being freely made by his political opponents in Mexico City. They are based upon his decision to leave his Capital for Queretaro and the fact that Mrs. Carranza already has crossed the border into the United States, accompanied by the wife of her husband's War Minister and chief supporter, General Obregon.

# COTTON GINNED TO OCTOBER 18TH

GOVERNMENT REPORT PLACES THE AMOUNT AT 7,291,733 BALES.

## FIGURES GIVEN BY STATES

Census Bureau's Cotton Statistics Show More Than 1915 But Less Than 1914.—Texas Shows Increase. Report of 1915 and 1916.

Washington.—Cotton ginned prior to October 18 was 7,291,733 bales, compared with 5,708,730 for 1915 and 7,610,747, the Census Bureau announced. Round bales included were 133,659 and Sea Island 64,931.

The number of bales ginned, by States, and last year's ginning to the same date, follow:

State.	1916	1915
Alabama	292,815	556,086
Arkansas	669,827	283,423
California	6,532	4,272
Florida	32,845	32,165
Georgia	1,216,762	1,178,045
Louisiana	320,082	223,063
Mississippi	446,171	421,663
North Carolina	253,523	264,935
Oklahoma	489,782	66,255
South Carolina	508,589	581,667
Tennessee	172,216	79,353
Texas	2,845,440	2,001,416
All other states	35,329	16,387

Distribution of Sea Island by states is Florida 21,009; Georgia 43,565 and South Carolina 357.

## RUMANIANS BLOW UP BIG BRIDGE OVER DANUBE RIVER.

Strong Effort to Check Advancing Teutonic Allies From Dobruja.

London.—Except for the announcement that the Rumanians before their retreat from Tchernavoda blew up the big bridge spanning the Danube River, thereby placing an obstacle in the way of the advance of the Teutonic Allies from Dobruja into old Rumania, little fresh knowledge of the real situation in that sector of the war has been vouchsafed by any of the war chancelleries.

Petrograd asserts the force of the violent blows which Field Marshal von Mackensen had been delivered in his rapid drive northward in Dobruja has slackened somewhat although Berlin says the Teutonic Allies still are making progress against the Rumanians and Russians.

Along the Transylvania front the Rumanians and Austro-Germans are still engaged in hard fighting. Berlin reports that in the Trotus Valley, south of Paroitz and on the roads to Sinaya and Campulung, the Central Powers have met with further successes. On the other hand, Bucharest asserts that the Austro-Germans have been driven from the entire western front of Moldavia, northern Rumania, suffering heavy casualties and that in the Uzul and Oituz Valleys the Rumanians arms also have been successful.

## NEUTRALITY BREACH BY U. S. WARSHIPS HINTED BY BRITISH.

London.—Some utterances of the feeling that the activity of American warships in rescuing passengers from the vessels sunk by the German submarine U-53 off the American coast amounted to a breach of neutrality were made in the House of Lords by Baron Beresford and Baron Sydenham.

Lord Beresford is recognized as the spokesman for the Navy in the House of Lords and Lord Sydenham's varied activities has included the authorship of books on naval affairs. Similar opinions have been expressed by some of the newspapers and public men as well as by naval officers and the matter was brought up for discussion by requests for information from Foreign Secretary Grey, regarding the American policy and possible action by the British Government.

## NO PAPER SHORTAGE REPORTED IN GERMANY AT PRESENT.

Berlin.—The threatened paper famine which months ago caused cries of distress among the publishers, appears now to be a thing of the past. Claiming a shortage of labor and high wages the manufacturers have sharply advanced prices since the outbreak of the war and the publishers several months ago reduced the number of pages to save expenses. The government inaugurated a propaganda for the economical use of paper.

## TROOPS REMAIN LONG AS VILLA SHOWS HIMSELF.

Washington.—Villistas activity near Chihuahua had the effect of convincing officials here that no thought should be given soon to removal of guardsmen from border patrol duty or withdrawal of General Pershing's column from Mexico. Fear was felt that if Villa should succeed in his apparent movement to Chihuahua, he might find it easy to get control later of northern Mexico. The entire Mexican situation was regarded as serious.

# RE-ELECT KIRVEN FOR THIRD TERM

STATE FAIR SOCIETY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTS OFFICERS

## REPORTS ARE ENCOURAGING

History of the Organization Has Been Compiled and Published.—Several Vacancies Filled.

Columbia.—J. N. Kirven, who has been directing the leadership of the State Agricultural and Mechanical society into progressive channels during the last two years, was unanimously reelected president of this organization. A. B. Langley of Columbia, member of the executive committee from the Seventh congressional district, was made vice president. He succeeded Ben F. Taylor in this office. S. J. Sumner of St. Matthews was named a member of the executive committee from the Seventh congressional district to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of Mr. Langley. The secretary and treasurer will be elected by the executive committee at its midyear meeting next February. The remaining six members of the executive committee were retained. These are: First district, Benjamin McInnis, M. D., Charleston; Second, R. B. Watson, Ridge Spring; Third, T. J. Kinard, Ninety-Six; Fourth, John D. W. Watts, Laurens; Fifth, B. H. Boykin, Boykin; Sixth, W. H. Williams, Darlington.

At the outset of the year the condition financially and otherwise it had ever been," adding, "And we now have on the best fair we have ever held." In substantiation of his claims, a comparison of the attendance records of one year ago with those of this season was made. "The attendance last year was the largest we ever had. On Monday of the present fair the figures exceeded those of the corresponding day of last year by 23 per cent; Tuesday they were 11 per cent in excess of that day one year ago; while Wednesday they were 30 per cent."

Another interesting feature of the annual meeting was the report of the committee, appointed several years ago, to prepare and publish a complete history of the society. W. A. Clark, chairman of the committee, explained that 300 copies of this 330 page history had been issued from the presses and were now being distributed. Collaborators with Mr. Clark in the task of providing a permanent record of the society were W. G. Hinson of James Island and D. P. Duncan of Union.

In assembling data necessary for the publication of the volume, the committee has collected copies of able addresses on agricultural subjects in ante-bellum days. The society desires to preserve these also and an appropriation of \$50 was ordered to defray clerical expenses in pressing this work.

Thirteen life members elected were: G. S. Boynton, Cline; M. S. ... H. P. B. Jervis, E. E. Smith and M. H. Wyman, Columbia; H. D. ... Ridge Spring; S. J. Derriek ... berry; J. P. Kligo, Darlington; Smoak, St. Matthews; G. ... Hartsville; A. Hart Kohn, ... J. W. Razor, Donalds, and Dr. ... Newberry.

## Barringer Heads Mayors

Columbia.—W. R. Barringer of Florence was elected president of the South Carolina Mayors' association. The next meeting will be held in Charleston, at a time to be designated by the executive committee.

Mayor T. T. Hayde could not remain for the second day of the convention. He left a letter to the mayors, expressing his regrets that he could not leave, and extending to the association a hearty invitation to meet in the city by the sea. On Monday Mayor Barringer the acceptance was unanimous.

## Architects in Session

Columbia.—The South Carolina Association of Architects was organized with the South Carolina chapter of the American Institute of Architects. This makes the South Carolina chapter of the American Institute of Architects the largest in the south. E. D. Sompayrac was elected president; D. C. Barbot of Charleston, vice president; N. G. Walker of Rock Hill, secretary-treasurer, and the executive committee will consist of these officers and A. W. Todd of Charleston, and George E. LeFaye of Columbia.

## Engine Kills Little Child

Charleston.—Report has been received here of a distressing accident at Ruffin, near Walterboro, where an Atlantic Coast Line engine ran over and killed the 2 1/2 year old son of the Rev. J. B. Bell of Bethel church. The child ran upon the tracks, falling under a moving engine. A flagman made a heroic but vain effort to rescue the child, narrowly escaping injury to himself. Although living several hours after the accident, the little fellow, horribly mangled, had no chance for recovery.