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WAR SITUATION UNCHANGED.

STRUGGLE IN WEST IN ARTOIS REGION CONTINUES.

German Reinforcement to Western Front to Join 600,000 Already on Scene—Berlin Reports Taking of French Trenches at Vimy.

Paris, Feb. 11.—The gigantic struggle between the Germans and the Allies in the Artois region continues with unabated fury. Artillery duels are continuing day and night, interspersed with infantry charges, the war office says, with neither side able to gain any material advantage.

STRUGGLE IN WEST.

GERMANS MAKING READY FOR BIG OFFENSIVE AGAINST ALLIES.

London, Feb. 9.—The concentration of German reinforcements along the western front is continuing ceaselessly. Today's dispatches estimate that six hundred thousand troops are already on the northern end of the German battle line.

FRANCE TRENCHES STORMED.

Berlin, Feb. 9.—The war office announced that the Germans have stormed and captured all the first line French trenches along an eight hundred yard front west of Vimy. The Germans admit the French made gains south of the Hoernne river.

BIG ZEPPELIN DESTROYED.

French Aeroplanes Shot Down Monster Air Ship in Belgium.

Amsterdam, Feb. 9.—A monster Zeppelin of the type that recently made a raid on Paris and London was shot down by pursuing French aeroplanes and the crew killed, according to dispatches received today. The battle occurred near Ligne, Belgium.

KAISER'S PEACE TERMS.

Germany Offers to Make Peace With Allies.

Berlin, Feb. 9.—Italian newspapers announced that the Kaiser had offered the restoration of Belgium, the recognition of Albert, the payment of an indemnity, the amount to be fixed later by treaty giving Belgium certain rights. Ostend and Antwerp are to become German seaports.

SERVIANS DEFEAT AUSTRIANS.

Corfu, Feb. 9.—The Austrian advance on Durazzo has been checked by the Serbians. The official report says that the fighting occurred on February 2, the Austrians leaving the ground covered with their dead and dying when they retreated.

PRESIDENT TO VISIT COLUMBIA?

Smith and Byrnes Urge Wilson to Include South Carolina Capital in Tour.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Senator E. D. Smith and Congressman Byrnes today called at the White House and strongly urged the president to visit South Carolina on his trip to the South. They reminded the president that the people of Columbia were really his people and would not be satisfied to have him visit other parts of the South and leave Columbia out. Upon this showing the president said that he would give the matter serious consideration and that he greatly appreciated the invitation which had been extended him.

LAMSON LOANED TO NAVAL MILITIA.

Torpedo Boat Destroyer Put at Service of South Carolina Bluejackets.

Columbia, Feb. 8.—Gov. Manning received a letter yesterday, announcing the loan by the United States navy of the torpedo boat destroyer Lamson to the South Carolina naval militia. The boat will be loaned under the following conditions:

1. The officers and men of the navy on board to be in charge of the vessel and to instruct the naval militia.
 2. The men of the naval militia are permitted to assemble on board for study, drill and instruction.
 3. The State is to assume responsibility for loss or damage to any chart, books, instruments, equipment or any part of the vessel.
 4. The captain of the ship is to be an officer of the navy and is authorized to put off the vessel any officer or enlisted man of the naval militia who disobeys his orders.
- The boat will be for the use of all divisions of the naval militia.

GIANT SUBMARINES COMPLETE.

GERMANY ANNOUNCES THE ENTRANCE OF THREE NEW UNDERWATER CRAFT IN CANAL.

Boats to Carry Crews of Sixty-five Persons Each and to Go Seven Thousand Miles Without Replenishing Supplies—Artillery Battle on Western Front—Dual Claim of Success in West—Air Raids Feature Day's Events.

The Hague, Feb. 10.—Three super-submarines, able to go seven thousand miles without replenishing their supply of fuel, carrying a crew of sixty men each, with seven torpedo tubes are just finished at Kiel, according to reports to the Dutch naval officials today.

GERMANS BATTER BELFORT.

Great Guns Turned Against Key of French Defenses.

Paris, Feb. 10.—German guns with a range of over twenty miles are battering Belfort fortress, the French keystone defense of the eastern frontier. French aviators are trying to locate the guns which are probably hidden in the Vosges mountains.

GERMAN RAIDER TOOK SIX.

Missing Ships Believed to Have Been Captured by Germans.

London, Feb. 10.—Six ships which are listed by Lloyds as missing are believed to have been victims of mysterious German raider that captured the Appam. They are the British Satrap, Tynemouth, Hummersea, Glenariff, the Italian Inisiativa, the Spanish Benlure. All have been missing since December.

French Repulse Germans.

Paris, Feb. 10.—The French repulsed several strong German night attacks in the vicinity of Lafolle. The great battle around Arras continues night and day. The French have captured German trenches west of Arras.

German Destroyer Trenches.

Berlin, Feb. 10 (Official).—The Germans captured additional trenches and recaptured the crater and twenty-two machine guns from the French, in the vicinity of Vimy and near Neuville.

German Aeroplane Raid.

Berlin, Feb. 10.—Considerable damage is reported to the British coast defenses at the mouth of the Thames by two German aeroplanes dropping bombs late yesterday afternoon. The aircraft returned safely.

Conscription Law in Effect.

London, Feb. 10.—The conscription law went into effect today. It is expected to add three hundred thousand men to the army.

Austrains Occupy Durazzo.

Cettinje, Feb. 10.—It is reported that the Austro-Hungarians are now occupying Durazzo unresisted.

French Raid Smyrna.

Athens, Feb. 10.—Two hundred Turkish soldiers were killed and many wounded, three military warehouses burned, and two ships sunk by French aviators attacking Smyrna Tuesday.

WANT TORRENS SYSTEM MADE LAW.

Farmers in Resolution Ask Senate to Pass Measure Already Sent by the House.

Columbia, Feb. 8.—At a meeting of about forty farmers and business men held here this afternoon resolutions were adopted asking the senate to pass the Torrens system of land registration, which has already passed the house. The meeting was attended by farmers from Pickens, Anderson, Oconee, Greenwood, Greenville and Marlboro counties and was presided over by E. J. Smith, of Anderson. The resolution was as follows:

"Resolved, That the general assembly is urged to pass at this session the bill instituting in this State the Torrens system of land registration." On motion of Mr. Glenn, of Anderson, the following resolution was also adopted:

"Resolved, further, That this meeting wishes to congratulate the people of this State that the time has come when matters of the people's business can be discussed without regard to factional politics."

The bill providing for the Torrens land system was made a special order in the senate for tomorrow morning.

ROON REPORTED CAPTURED.

GERMAN WARSHIP SAID TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN.

Story From Bermuda but No Confirmation of Dispatch Telling of Dramatic Sea Battle Between Drake and Roon.

New York, Feb. 9.—Advices received here today assert that the German warship Roon, alleged to be the captor of the Appam, has been captured by the British armored cruiser Drake after a three hour fight 100 miles east northeast of Bermuda, according to a story printed by the New York Evening Globe.

The capture of the Roon is said to have been followed by seizure of two merchantmen flying the German flag, one of which was armed.

The story is contained in a message which The Globe states it received in code from a reliable source in Bermuda. The message reads:

"Drake here today towing Roon. Took her 200 knots eastnortheast Bermuda, three hours running fight. Last Danforth 18 men. Her losses about one-third. Struck as we came aboard. Two merchantmen with her, one armed. Took both. Brought here. Seagrave on sighting Roon said: 'Please God, today I will average Craddock.' Roon badly knocked about by R. 2. Thirty-two officers and 719 men taken in the three prizes."

The Seagrave mentioned in the message is supposed to be Capt. Seagrave, who was with Admiral Craddock when the latter went down with the flagship, the Good Hope, which was sunk in an engagement with a German squadron off Chile.

There is no Danforth among the officers in the British navy list. R. Seagrave was in command of auxiliary cruiser Orama, which was part of Admiral Craddock's squadron in the battle off Chile.

Orama escaped and later in company with the cruisers Glasgow and Southampton, sank the German cruiser Drakenstein off the coast of Juan Fernandez Island. After the capture of the Roon, Capt. Seagrave fought a battle with the German armed merchant ship Orama off the coast of Chile.

The Orama was last reported at Callao in June, 1915. For several days reports have been current in maritime circles here that the German commerce raider had been either sunk or captured by the British. The British consulate, however, has received no official confirmation.

ONLY PRIVATE ADVICES.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The British embassy today received advices from British agents in New York that a man living on Staten island, whose name was not transmitted, had received a private dispatch from Bermuda, saying the British cruiser Drake had taken the German cruiser Roon and some German merchant ships.

The embassy had no further advices.

NOT AT HAMILTON.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Feb. 9.—If a battle has taken place between the British armored cruiser Drake and the German cruiser Roon off Bermuda, nothing is known here of the occurrence. Numerous inquiries have failed to confirm the report that the Drake attacked and captured the Roon. These vessels have not reached this port, and, so far as can be learned, no advices have been received at Hamilton to indicate that the Drake has taken a prize into any other Bermuda port.

Roon Capture Not Confirmed.

London, Feb. 10.—Nothing is known at the admiralty about the reported capture of the German raider Roon and two merchantmen near Bermuda.

HANS SCHMIDT TO DIE.

Priest to Be Executed for Murder of Girl.

Albany, Feb. 10.—Hans Schmidt, an unfrocked priest and slayer of Anna Aumuller, will be electrocuted at Sing Sing the week beginning next Monday. Expected about five Monday morning. Governor refused to interfere.

AN AMERICAN STEAMER TAKEN.

London, Feb. 7 (Delayed by Censor).—The American steamer Corning, New Orleans to Gothenburg, with a cargo of naphtha and petroleum, has been taken into Kirkwall.

The Norwegian steamer Alstad, Galveston and Norfolk for Aarhus, taken into Kirkwall, January 29, has been released.

RHETT TO HEAD TRADE BODY.

CHARLESTON MAN REGARDED AS NEXT PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Secretaries Garrison and Daniels to Speak on Subject of National Defense.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Wholesale inaccuracies in government export statistics were admitted today by Secretary Redfield, of the department of commerce, in a speech before the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. He said, however, that by an order issued February 1 he had remedied the situation so far as was in his power, and that the gross errors of the past, caused by refusal of shippers to give the government facts and by antiquated laws, would not be repeated.

The secretary referred to a charge made a month ago by officials of the Chamber that the percentage of errors in departmental reports was so great it was impossible even for experts to estimate it; that single cargoes running into thousands of dollars in value left American ports without being recorded and that the published export figures for 1914 fell far short of the actual exports. He said this probably understated the case. There was but slight inaccuracy in import statistics, he added, as returns on imports were more fully under government control.

"Such errors as have existed in recording exports," said he, "are probably understated. The business of compiling figures of \$5,000,000,000 a year, under a law of 1820, is not a simple matter. The errors have been caused wholly by shippers who were unwilling to state the facts. I welcome your cooperation. You are my witnesses that there are no closed doors in the department of commerce. So long as I have anything to do with that department, if there is anything of concealment, I will show it up."

Secretary Redfield has an unannounced program on the war's progress. Dr. Wellington Koo, the Chinese minister, who declared that in China the greatest of world markets awaited the American business man, and Senator Fletcher of Florida, who spoke of the work facing the Pan-American international high commission.

An afternoon session was devoted to consideration of committee reports on Federal trade, immigration, a national budget, vocational education, foreign relations and statistics. Approval was voted of a recommendation that the federal government cooperate financially with the States in vocational training at a maximum expenditure of \$7,200,000 a year.

Five new directors were chosen as follows:

S. B. Anderson, Memphis; Edward A. Filene, Boston; W. L. Clause, Pittsburgh; E. W. McCormick, New Brunswick, N. J.; and R. A. O. McCormick, Baltimore. The directors will meet probably tomorrow to elect officers. R. G. Rhett, of Charleston, S. C., is regarded as the probable successor to John H. Fahey, the retiring president.

With addresses tomorrow on national defense by Secretaries Garrison and Daniels, consideration of resolutions and election of officers the convention will close. President Wilson will address the annual dinner tomorrow night.

Mr. Rhett Next in Line.

Washington, Feb. 9.—It is believed by the well-informed membership of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, now in annual session here, that R. Goodwyn Rhett, of Charleston, chairman of the executive committee, will be elected president of the National Chamber for the ensuing year.

DEMAND ON AUSTRIA.

Submarine Attack on Petrolite Made Occasion for Sharp Note.

Washington, Feb. 10.—In a note on the way to Vienna the United States demands an apology for a submarine attack on the Standard Oil steamer Petrolite in the Mediterranean several weeks ago. The note also demands reparation. The vessel was flying the American flag and was shelled without warning. The submarine crew boarded the Petrolite and seized supplies.

Aged Woman Burned.

Mobile, Feb. 10.—Anna Galvin, aged eighty, a widow, was burned to death this morning when her clothing caught from a grate.

SENATE FAVORS BEER.

WOULD ALLOW PERSONS TO PURCHASE FIVE DOZEN BOTTLES PER MONTH.

Appropriation Bill Read and Sent to Committee to be Reported on Monday—Would Give Warehouse Commissioner Power to Insure Farm Property.

Columbia, Feb. 10.—Last night the senate amended the gallon-a-month bill and, by a vote of 22 to 19, adopted the Hughes amendment allowing five dozen pint bottles of beer to the individual each month. In the morning the gallon-a-month law was reduced to two quarts of liquor for the same period by the adoption of the Carlisle amendment.

The vote last night was as follows: Those voting for five dozen bottles of beer: Beamguard, Beattie, Earle, E. C. Epps, Evans, Goodwin, Johnson, Laney, Lee, Manning, Mullins, O'Dell, Padgett, Patterson, Sharp, Sinkler, Stackey, Stuckey, Verner, Wightman, John F. Williams and D. Reece Williams—22.

Those voting against allowing five dozen bottles of beer were: Banks, Black, Brice, Carlisle, Christensen, DuRant, Ginn, Gross, Harvey, Alan Johnstone, Kitchin, Lide, McCown, Nicholson, Nickles, Richardson, Shepard, Spigner and Walker—19.

Hughes, voting "aye" and R. D. Epps "nay" were paired.

The appropriation bill was read in the senate for the first time last night and referred to the finance committee, which promised to report it back to the upper body Monday.

The amendment to the tax commission bill providing for a board of review and putting back to \$2,500 the annual salary of the chairman, was adopted by the senate. Those sections of the original act, inadvertently left out last session, were put back into the measure by the adoption of the amendments last night.

The house last night killed the West bill regulating the sale of soft drinks in the State.

After a considerable debate, the Moore bill requiring cotton gins to connect with sewerage systems when possible was refused passage by the house at the night session by a vote of 54 to 49.

Last night the house passed to third reading the bill looking to the extension of the high school aid to the city graded schools that would accept children from out of the city and not charge them fees.

The committee on agriculture presented the companion bill to that offered the senate by Mr. Manning authorizing the warehouse commissioner to undertake the insurance on farm property.

Columbia, Feb. 10.—The Liles bill making it mandatory on the presiding judge to sentence to the chain-gang on conviction for the illicit selling of liquor, after being amended, passed third reading in the senate today and was ordered sent to the house for concurrence in the amendment. The amendment makes it optional on the judge to either assess a fine or give a straight chain-gang sentence for storing or transporting liquor. The original bill already has passed the house.

The joint resolution authorizing J. M. Graham of Columbia to sue the State for alleged damages accruing from the abolishment of the hosiery mill at the State penitentiary passed the senate this morning and was ordered for ratification.

CONDUCTORS VOTE ON STRIKE.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 8.—Conductors of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad are taking a referendum vote this week by order of the general adjustment committee of the Order of Railroad Conductors to determine whether or not they shall strike in protest against a new audit system installed by the road. The vote followed several weeks of negotiations between the committee and railroad officials.

President Kenly tonight issued a statement to the conductors explaining that the new system did not imply doubt as to the honesty of the conductors but was put in force merely as a business proposition. Attention was also called in the statement to the promise that should the system not work out satisfactorily after a 60 days' trial, it would be abolished.

Vice President Western Union Dead.

New York, Feb. 10.—Belvidere Brooks, vice president and general manager of the Western Union Telegraph company, died suddenly at his home today.

ONE KILLED, ONE WOUNDED.

THEODORE UPTON RUNS AMUCK ON GREER ROAD.

Lafoy Mims is Slain—Waddell Shot Through Shoulder—No Explanation of Mill Employee's Strange Conduct.

Spartanburg, Feb. 7.—Theodore H. Upton, an employe of the Appalachia mill, near Greer, who ran amuck on the highway leading from Greer to the mill early Sunday morning, killing Lafoy Mims of Greenville county and wounding A. B. Waddell of Greer, is in jail here awaiting an investigation of his strange conduct. Upton is a married man and is said to have several children residing at Appalachia. Sunday night he appeared on the highway and shot out from Greer, with a gun in his hand, demanding of those who met what right they had on the road. He first encountered A. B. Waddell, against whose stomach he thrust his gun, which Waddell pulled from his hand, but later turned it to Upton, to have him again covered, and this time he shot in the shoulder. Frightened, he put off for an officer, but before he had gone far Upton came upon three men, Lafoy Mims, John Walker and Cliff Brown. He demanded of these that they throw up their hands, which they did, but in spite of their disposition to surrender Upton fired upon Mims, shooting him through the heart and killing him instantly.

In so far as has been developed by the police Upton had nothing against Mims and it is possible that he did not know him. After the killing Upton remained at the spot, having thrown his gun away in the meantime, and was there when the officers came to take him in charge.

The inquest held today failed to throw any light upon the motives of Upton. The case is regarded as one of the strangest in the criminal affairs of the county.

RAILWAY AIDED SOUTH.

Southern Paid out for Operating Expenses of Railroads.

Washington, Feb. 9.—For every dollar which the South paid to Southern Railway company for transportation during December, 1915, the company paid to individuals and industries located in the South for labor, material, supplies, and other purposes, \$1.17, the being due to the large amounts expended for construction purposes.

The total amount disbursed by the company during December for labor, material, supplies, and other purposes was \$5,861,516 of which \$5,082,687 or 86.71 percent was paid to individuals and industries located in the South, this being \$743,408 in excess of the total moneys paid by the South for transportation, according to figures announced by Comptroller A. H. Plant.

The expenditures by the company during December for improvements to its roadway and structures amounted to \$649,626.68 as against \$845,504.46 during December, 1914, and \$192,512.45 during December, 1913.

During the six months ending with December the expenditures for improvements to roadway and structures were \$3,437,391.40 as against \$4,436,265.17 for the same period in 1914 and \$1,482,653.23 during the same period in 1913.

MEDICAL COLLEGE RECOGNIZED.

South Carolina's State Institution for Doctors Admitted to Class A of National Association.

Charleston, Feb. 8.—The Medical College of South Carolina was today admitted to membership in Class A of the Association of American Medical Colleges by the executive council of the body in session at Chicago. The announcement came in a telegram from Dr. Robert Wilson, dean of the college, who is attending the convention. Last year the college was admitted in Class B, and this year its application was made to be raised to Class A, the highest in the association. A new building and several new professorships, added since the last application, were cited as the basis for the promotion of the college to the highest rank.

Only four colleges in the South are in Class A. They are at Richmond, Atlanta, Tulane and Charleston. That the recent inspection of the standard of this college resulted satisfactorily is a source of gratification. The new class in which the college has been placed requires a number of professors who devote their entire time to their work.