

A DEFENSIVE BATTLE.

GERMANS FIGHTING TO CHECK BRITISH ADVANCE.

Military Experts Admit That German Have Lost Initiative on West But They are Sacrificing Men to Disarrange British Plans.

Although German military writers admit that the Germans can hardly regain the initiative on the western front, the Germans are doing their utmost to keep the British from enjoying the full advantages of their gains in Flanders, launching attack after attack to disarrange the British plans. They used the same tactics before the drive last week, and they failed then. It is too early to ascertain what a repetition of these efforts have had, but Gen. Haig reports that five violent attacks resulted. In failure for the Teutons. With a map showing the entire German Flanders line hanging in the balance it is no surprise expressed that the Germans are fighting desperately to hold the important Lille-Ostend railroad.

While the British press demands reprisals for the air raids, the French are taking retaliatory action. They bombarded German cities one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five miles back of the lines.

SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENTS.

German Air Raiders Killed Ten Civilians in London.

London, Oct. 2.—Ten persons were killed and 38 hurt in last night's air raid. The public is rapidly becoming accustomed to these onslaughts. Within five minutes after the warning was given last night the streets were practically deserted. Street buses quickly pulled to the curbs, the passengers alighted and sought safety in nearby buildings.

SEARCH FOR TRAITORS.

Some of the I. W. W. Conspirators in Army.

Chicago, Oct. 2.—The search for several of the men indicted as the result of the grand jury investigation of the Industrial Workers of the World has been extended to army cantonments. It is learned that several of the men sought are in National Army. These men went into the army without claiming exemption. Officials believe that this move is significant.

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS REVOLT.

Commanding General in Turkestan Assaulted and Beaten.

Petrograd, Oct. 2.—A revolutionary movement is in progress in Turkestan. Gen. Cherkess, the commander of the district, was assaulted and beaten.

GERMANS BOMB HOSPITAL.

Three Nurses and Number of Wounded Soldiers Killed.

British Headquarters in France and Belgium, Oct. 2.—A German aviator dropped a bomb on a hospital behind the British lines. Three British nurses and a number of wounded soldiers were killed.

POWER FOR PRESIDENT.

CONGRESS TO GRANT AUTHORITY FOR EMERGENCIES.

Lewis Will Introduce Bill Making Legal Any Action President Takes After Congress Adjourns.

Washington, Oct. 1.—After a call at the White House today, Senator Lewis said he would propose passage of a bill giving the president full power to do anything during the forthcoming recess of congress that may be called for by any sudden emergency.

"I told the president," said the senator, "that we would get the war revenue bill passed finally this week, pass the soldiers' insurance bill next week and adjourn by the end of the following week. The president is anxious that the insurance bill pass, that the families of soldiers can have security and the soldiers have peace of mind.

"I think it would be wisdom for congress to pass a law giving the president full power to do anything in the recess of congress that may be called for by any sudden emergency, whether from international complications or home price-fixing of commodities for war necessity. This would prevent calling congress before the regular December meeting and also give immediate legality to any action, however unexpected.

"The president himself deeply appreciates the generous course of congress towards him, particularly in its refusal to hamper him in any way in any of his executive functions or of intruding party opposition or personal politics against necessary measures. The president is satisfied with our war situation and our readiness for action, and has full confidence in American success everywhere."

COTTON GINNERS' REPORT.

Less Than Two and a Half Million Bales Ginned.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Cotton ginned prior to Sept. 25 totalled 2,498,000 bales. South Carolina ginned 233,000 bales.

COTTON CROP CONDITION.

Government Report Shows Heavy Decline Since Last Report.

Washington, Oct. 2.—The cotton crop condition is reported by the bureau as 60.4 and estimated to be 12,047,000.

Deterioration in cotton during September caused a loss of 452,000 bales of the prospective production and a decline of seven and four-tenths per cent in condition, the census bureau announced.

In South Carolina the condition is 67.

MUST BE A SUCCESS.

Failure of the Liberty Loan Would be a Disaster.

Indianapolis, Oct. 2.—In a liberty loan address here today Secretary McAdoo said that the failure of any loan the United States may offer would be a greater disaster than the loss of a great battle.

RAID ON LONDON.

GERMANS CONTINUE MURDER OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

Biggest Raid Ever Attempted Occurred Monday Night When Four Groups of Airplanes Attacked London.

London, Oct. 1.—The strongest air attack yet attempted on London and the coast towns by the Germans was carried out tonight by four groups of hostile airplanes. Some of the machines got through to London and bombed the southwest district.

A terrific barrage was sent up from the defense guns and the roar of battle lasted intermittently for two and a half hours.

The Germans bombed coast towns as they passed over and proceeded toward London. Two of the groups succeeded in getting a number of machines through the sky barrage. Numerous bombs were dropped on the southwestern district, which is thickly populated with the homes of the upper and middle classes. The fire from the defending guns was longer and louder than ever before. A rain of shrapnel fell in all sections of the town and the streets were virtually deserted save for a few police.

The weather was perfect for air operations as there was a bright full moon, with no clouds or wind. The people of London expected a raid and were awaiting for signals. Soon after 7 o'clock motors of the volunteer corps sped through the streets blowing their sirens and displaying an illuminated sign. "Take cover." Telephone exchanges notified their subscribers and other measures were put into execution to inform the populace of the pending air raid.

Many theatres continued their performances, notwithstanding the raids. At the conclusion of the performance in one of the leading London theatres tonight, the manager came to the stage and invited the audience and stage hands to vote on the question of continuing the night performances. All voted in favor of carrying them out as usual.

BUYING LIBERTY BONDS.

Treasury Officials are Elated Over Enthusiastic Reception of Loan.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Treasury officials are elated at the returns which are pouring in indicating that the appeal for the second Liberty Bond issue is being enthusiastically received. Although the returns show that the public welcomes the opportunity to help officials recognize that it will require a substantial drive to make the campaign a success.

Suffragettes Get Bruised Up in a Free-for-all Fight.

Washington, Oct. 4.—Seventeen women suffragettes are in the work house suffering from bruises as a result of a free-for-all fight when the authorities tried to take one of the suffragettes to a hospital without announcing the destination, and the crowd tried to rescue her. The negro female prisoners aided the officers.

HUNTING FOR TRAITORS.

ANTI-WAR AGITATORS DIRECTED BY GROUP OF MEN.

Government Has Tons of Damaging Documents Which Will Cause Many Arrests.

Washington, Oct. 1.—The great harvest of indictments returned at Chicago, it was authoritatively stated tonight, is but a fraction of what the government will reap as the result of its nationwide raid on Industrial Workers of the World offices September 5.

Only those regarded by the government as the chief figures in the alleged conspiracy to thwart the government in its war plans have been indicted. Tons of documents seized in the raid have yet to be studied, their disclosures catalogued and arranged for use in further proceedings. This work is now going on in approximately 60 towns and cities from coast to coast.

In obtaining indictments against 166 alleged ring leaders of the conspiracy the department of justice has simply skimmed the cream of the investigation. Documents in its possession are understood to show extensive and far-reaching minor plans, confined to particular localities and designed to affect local situations, through which those named in the indictments and many others are believed by the authorities to have sought to hamper the government by methods, some of which have not yet been disclosed to the public.

Contrary to general belief, no direct connection has been shown thus far by the alleged leaders of the conspiracy and the huge German corruption fund believed to have been operating in this country since America's entry into the war. Many indications point strongly to the connection which officials hope to establish but none, it is reported, is absolutely confirmatory.

This development has led officials to believe that the full scope of the conspiracy's operation has not yet been revealed. So far as determined there was no master spy, no single controlling head which directed the activities of the anti-war workers. A group of fairly generous proportions, the evidence indicates, has been in charge of the entire program of propaganda and outrages from the spreading of alleged seditious literature to the burning of crops and the arming of farmers and others to resist the draft law.

The likelihood of another general investigation by a single federal grand jury into the scope of the entire conspiracy is remote, in the opinion of officials but indications are that a number of grand juries sitting at New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, Cleveland and other cities in the East and Middle West will consider local phases of the situation.

Preparations for the trials of the 166 persons indicted at Chicago are yet to be made. The immense amount of work involved in the preparation of evidence will involve considerable time.

Various phases of the investigation today were discussed at conference attended by Attorney General Gregory, Assistant Attorney General Fitts, who

GAME WARDEN LITIGATION.

ATTORNEY GENERAL DOCKETS CASE IN LEXINGTON.

Attorneys for Game Warden Say Richard is County Fixed by the Statute.

Columbia, Oct. 2.—The case to determine the right of Wade Hampton Gibbs to the office of State game warden may be heard in Lexington county at the November term of court of common pleas. Both say they are anxious that final disposition be made of the case at the earliest possible convenience. Lexington, an adjoining county, was designated yesterday by Thos. H. Peeples, attorney general. Judge Hayne F. Rice will preside. The supreme court remanded the case to the circuit court several days ago. The order from the office of the attorney general yesterday read:

"Original jurisdiction by the supreme court in the above entitled action having been refused and the case having been remanded to the circuit court by the supreme court for trial with all convenient speed in order that in the event either of the parties desires to appeal the question can be settled by the supreme court at its present session, you will please take notice that the above entitled action has been docketed for trial in Lexington county. The court of common pleas for Lexington county will convene on the second Monday in November."

Weston & Aycock and R. Beverley Herbert, attorneys for W. H. Gibbs, do not accept the order of the attorney general docketing the case in Lexington as final. They take the position that in the first place the statute provides that the trial shall be in the county in which the defendant resides, and that, secondly, the order of the supreme court running "State of South Carolina, Richland County," fixes the county in which the case is to be docketed in additional power to that of the statute. Steps will be taken to bring this about.

TO TEST LAW.

Supreme Court Asked to Render Decision on Constitutionality of Draft Law.

Washington, Oct. 2.—The supreme court has been asked on motion by Solicitor General Davis to pass on the constitutionality of the draft law at the earliest possible moment. Four cases have been appealed. Mr. Davis asked that they be given joint hearings. He stated that he wanted the ruling to aid the government in prosecutions. The motion was taken under advisement.

Senate Again Postpones Action.

Washington, Oct. 4.—The senate privileges and elections committee again postponed action on the petition requesting the expulsion of Senator LaFollette.

directed the work of federal officers making the raid and the preparation of evidence for the grand jury, and A. Bruce Bielaski, chief of the department's bureau of investigation.

ITALIANS SCARE GERMANS.

SUCCESS OF GEN CADORNA'S DRIVE BRINGS REINFORCEMENT.

Austrian Troops Being Rushed From France and Galicia to the Italian Front.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Alarmed by Italian successes on the Bainsizza plateau, Germany is withdrawing large forces of Austrian troops from France, Galicia and Buckovina and rushing them to the Italian front. Official Rome dispatches say the second phase of the great battle is about to open.

HELP WIN THE WAR.

Heads of Families in Sumter County Asked to Join the Food Saving Campaign.

Columbia, Oct. 2.—There are 9,056 families in Sumter county. The United States government is calling upon each and every one of these families to aid in winning the war by saving food. Every family—meaning men, women and children, white and black—is urged to conserve the food supply because the last ounce may win the war.

During the week of October 21 to 23 a great nation-wide campaign is to be launched by Herbert Hoover, national food administrator when all Americans will be asked to join in the food saving movement. Hundreds of thousands of workers will be in the field to sign up those who want to support the government. There is nothing compulsory about the movement. It is simply a patriotic appeal to every man that loves Democracy. The minimum number of pledges expected from Sumter county is 6,000. The campaign manager for the county will have many assistants in the field and an effort will be made to reach every home.

Beautiful window cards, showing that the family is a member of the food administration, will be presented to those signing the pledge cards.

Get behind the movement and help win the war. One slice of bread saved a day means just that much more food for the boys who are being sent to the battle for Democracy in Europe.

INVESTIGATING JUDGE COHALAN

New York State Senate Asks Secretary Lansing for Facts.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 2.—The New York senate today adopted a resolution calling on Secretary of State Lansing to transmit to Gov. Whitman any information not incompatible with the public welfare tending to throw light on the alleged participation of State Supreme Court Justice Cohalan in German activities.

Two Taxes on Business and Professional Men.

Washington, Oct. 4.—A section of the war tax bill just discovered places two taxes on business and professional men with incomes of more than \$6,000, and those receiving that salary must pay war profits tax of 5 per cent, besides the 2 per cent surtax.



We beg to announce the arrival of car load of Mules for Saturday if the railroads do their part, surely to arrive by Monday, Oct. 8th.

We have just unloaded a mixed car of Horses and Mules ready for inspection. Come and see us.



A car load of Hackney Buggies and Hackney Wagons for next week.

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