

ZOUAVES DRIVE GERMANS BACK WITH BAYONET

Desperate Charge Clears Wood After Incessant Fighting for Three Days. Allies' Lines Advanced.

Channel Fleet Again in Action Against Invaders' Positions on Coast—Kaiser's Generals Killed in Battle.

In the desperate fighting along the lines in western Flanders the infantry of the two armies is making attacks and counter-attacks, supported by their artillery, which continues its ceaseless bombardment.

A brilliant charge by French zouaves drove the Germans from their trenches in a wood, for the possession of which both sides had been battling desperately for three days. The German position was taken at the point of the bayonet, and heavy losses were inflicted upon the defenders, who held their ground with dogged determination.

This afternoon's official communication issued by the French War Office reported slight gains along the Dixmude-Ypres lines. Near the center the bombardment of Rheims by the German artillery has been resumed with great vigor. Further east, and especially in the Verdun field, further progress is announced.

In the meantime, the British fleet on the coast has resumed the bombardment of the German lines, which was interrupted when heavy fogs settled down along the Channel, making such operations not only difficult, but dangerous. The German positions in the neighborhood of Neuport are being shelled vigorously, and one troops train rushing reinforcements along the coast is reported to have been destroyed.

Along the center of the line the Germans, although outnumbered, are maintaining their positions through the superiority of their artillery. On the Meuse the French report further progress, and have taken a number of prisoners in the vicinity of St. Mihiel.

Marines from the United States cruiser Tennessee, attempting to land at Smyrna, were fired upon by the Turkish forts. The party was escorted by Captain Benton C. Decker to shore to pay his respects to customs officials, but was forced to return to the warship. Ambassador Morgenthau advised the Tennessee to leave Smyrna at once, and she is now at Chios, in the Aegean. Secretary Daniels confirmed the report of the incident.

The situation in Poland is now more favorable for the Germans than at any time since the retreat from Warsaw. The reorganized German center is now locked in a great battle with the Russian armies, one on each side of the Vistula. Separation of the Russian forces by the recent German offensive has given a decisive advantage to the Germans and opens the way to a new movement against Warsaw.

Serbia has sent an envoy to Petrograd to seek reinforcements against the Austrian invasion. The Serbian army has been reduced from 300,000 to 100,000 and fears are entertained that the Austrian conquest will open the Kaiser's pathway through the Balkans to Constantinople.

HUNTING COUNTERFEITERS

Spurious Five and Ten Dollar Notes Appearing in Cities. WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Counterfeit \$5 and \$10 notes, which recently have appeared in several cities, are occupying the attention of secret service men.

WIRELESS TICKER NEXT

After That Peter Cooper Hewitt Promises Telephone to Europe. NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—The inventor of the mercury vapor lamp, Peter Cooper Hewitt, today announced that he would shortly start a wireless ticker system in New York city.

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Police Directed to Enforce Law Forbidding Sale to Minors. Printed posters were sent by Director of Public Safety George D. Porter to all the police stations today calling the attention of the lieutenants to an act of Assembly of June 4, 1911, which forbids the sale of all firearms, jumpovers, cartridges and toy cannons to children under the age of 16 years.

THE WEATHER For Philadelphia and vicinity: Light tonight; Thursday increasing and warmer; light variable winds becoming westerly. For details, see last page.

"BOBS" BODY AT ASCOT

King George to Attend Late Marshal's Funeral. ASCOT, Eng., Nov. 18.—The body of Field Marshal Earl Roberts reached his home here this afternoon. It is understood that King George will attend the funeral services at St. Paul's, London.

EGG DEALERS INDICTED

Government to Stamp Out Traffic in Products Unfit for Food. WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Eleven indictments have been returned in Trenton, N. J., against dealers engaged in illegal traffic in eggs unfit for food in the campaign of the Department of Agriculture to stamp out the practice of selling "rotts and spoils."

OBsolete ELECTRIC PLANTS OPERATED, EXPERT TESTIFIES

Morse Tells Public Service Commission Systems Used by Philadelphia Company Rank as "Curiosities." HARRISBURG, Nov. 18.—The complaint of Morris L. Cooke, Director of Public Works, of Philadelphia, and others against the Philadelphia Electric Company, was resumed by the Public Service Commission this morning in the Senate caucus room on Capitol Hill.

Mr. Morse testified that he found certain plants of the old Southern and old Diamond "were so obsolete as to be real curiosities."

He described features of these plants at considerable length. Mr. Morse quoted figures from the United States census report whereupon Mr. Pennypacker interrupted him with "Do I understand the United States census report calls these plants obsolete or do your opinion?"

"It is a necessary inference," replied the witness, "as the reports show that such dynamos are out of use."

He then told of a list of printed questions which he presented. "The company did not deem it proper to give out such information."

The witness presented a memorandum showing that the true cost earnings of the Philadelphia company were \$114,377. In arriving at this conclusion the witness said due allowance had been made for the increased cost of labor as compared with the cost during the year in which the plants were being erected and developed.

He also brought out in the cross-examination that Mr. Morse has changed employment a number of times. After taking the witness up to his present place of employment with the steel and iron works the lawyer asked: "Have you ever had anything to do with the installation of large plants?"

"I have not," was the reply. Mr. Morse testified that in his inspection of the Philadelphia plants, so far as he has been permitted to inspect the operations of small plants in other words of the Philadelphia Electric Company was too big a proposition for him.

CROW'S "OPEN DOOR" POLICY

Republican Chairman Wants Straying Moose Back in Fold. UNIONTOWN, Pa., Nov. 18.—Republican State Chairman W. E. Crow today gave a dinner given in his honor last night by the Young Men's Republican Club announced the "open-door" policy of the Organization toward Bull Moose who strayed from the fold and wished to return.

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COMMUTERS INVITE RAILROAD OFFICIALS TO MASS MEETING

Reading's President Asked to Hear Protests of His Neighbors Against Passenger Rate Increase. Theodore Voorhees, president of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company, and two other officials were invited by letter this morning to attend the mass meeting at Oak Lane Friday night, when residents from all towns along the main line of the Reading will unite in protest against the proposed passenger fare increase, which the Pennsylvania, Reading and Baltimore and Ohio Railroads plan to put into operation December 1.

Headed Mr. Voorhees, William M. McCormick, assistant general passenger agent, and C. A. Beach, superintendent of the New York division, were invited. All three are residents of the suburbs near Oak Lane.

The letters announced that the officials, if they attended the meeting, might expect to be asked to answer a number of questions regarding the cause of the increase, its justification and the necessity for some of the particular changes proposed.

The letters were signed by Edwin M. Abbott, president of the Oak Lane Improvement Association, who is arranging the mass-meeting. Yesterday 5000 circulars were sent out inviting citizens from Melrose, Elkins Park, Jenkintown, Wynocte, Fern Rock, Tabor and nearby towns to be present and lend their support to the protest campaign.

Den Sir: On behalf of the citizens of Oak Lane, Melrose, Elkins Park, Jenkintown, Wynocte, Fern Rock, Tabor and vicinity, I have been instructed to invite you to attend a mass-meeting to be held at the library in Oak Lane, at the corner of 12th street and Oak Lane, on Friday evening, November 20, at 8 o'clock. Most of those who will be present will be your neighbors; some of them your friends.

We desire to have a frank talk with regard to the causes for the increase in railroad fares to our several stations, and for the discontinuance of the 20 and 100 trip tickets, round-trip tickets and the limitation of strip tickets to the purchaser.

Another important resolution on home economics was adopted. The committee was headed by Mrs. A. E. Hart, of Wyoming. Mrs. Hart was voted an appropriation of \$100 to assist in getting this subject before the public. It was also decided that there has been a vast change in methods of living, that the women of the country are becoming more and more dependent on the purchase of ready-made goods.

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NATION IS ON EVE OF GREATEST ERA, DECLARES WILSON

President Paints Glowing Prosperity Picture on Country's Emancipation From Monopoly. WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—In a letter teeming with optimism and addressed to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, President Wilson predicts the dawn of the long-heralded era of prosperity when all classes will forget animosities of the past and join hands to revivify the nation's dormant commerce.

The occasion for Mr. Wilson's important document was a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury announcing that with the opening of 12 Federal reserve banks Wall street's control of the nation's business had been smashed.

"A new day has dawned for the beloved country whose lasting prosperity and happiness we so earnestly desire," the President states in conclusion. With the dawn of the new era of prosperity, Mr. Wilson declares, the problems of railroads will be met and dealt with in a spirit of candor and justice. He calls attention to the question of the credit of railroads caused by doubt concerning their earning capacity, and in view of the recent rate hearings before the Interstate Commerce Commission it was construed by many that the President favored some of the demands made by the transportation corporations.

Hopes of better times are held out by Mr. Wilson to business and labor. He declared the Democratic party has completed its program of business legislation, placing all capable men on a basis of equal opportunity.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is considering the request of the Eastern trunk line railroads that they be permitted to put into effect the full 5 per cent rate advance which was refused by the commission in its recent decision. Circumstantial reports current in financial circles here for the last few days have been that the commission was divided on the question and that the request of the railroads was likely to be refused.

Neither at the White House nor the Interstate Commerce Commission could any expression of opinion be obtained on the possible effect of the President's statement on the decision of the commission.

JAPAN'S ENVOY LEAVES POST IN TURKISH CAPITAL

Believed Mikado Intends Extending War Operations. ROME, Nov. 18.—The Japanese Ambassador left Constantinople last night. Turkey's proclamations declaring war against the Powers of the Triple Entente named only England, France and Russia, and there was no technical action on the part of Turkey which made necessary the departure of the representative of the Mikado from the Turkish capital. His leaving is undoubtedly on instructions from Tokio rather than as the result of representations from the Porte, and is indicative of an intention on the part of Japan to extend its activities against the enemies of the European Powers with which she has allied herself.

PANAMA CANAL AND OTHER POSSESSIONS WEAKLY PROTECTED

General W. W. Wotherpoon Declares U. S. Army Inadequate for Safety. Need 500,000 Men. WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—That the Panama Canal and the foreign possessions of the United States are weakly protected against attack by any first-class military power, because of the present inadequate strength of the army, is the opinion expressed by General W. W. Wotherpoon, chief of staff of the army, in his annual report to the Secretary of War, made public today. General Wotherpoon, recognized as one of the master minds in the country's military affairs, suggests pointedly that it would be impossible to retain our possessions against the operations of any military power unless an army of sufficient size be provided.

NATIONAL GRANGE STRIKES AT BUYING OF SENATE SEATS

Resolution Attacking Corruption of Voters Greeted With Enthusiasm at Wilmington Convention. WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 18.—A resolution declaring that in the recent campaigns and elections money was improperly used to procure the nomination and election of certain United States Senators, and calling upon the Senate to refuse a seat to anyone who had been elected through the use of corruption funds, was received with enthusiasm by the members of the National Grange, in session in this city and was the subject of much discussion today.

The resolution was offered late last night on H. Hayland, of Idaho. It calls upon Congress to pass a law which would compel a man elected to Congress to make a complete statement of his expenditures. The resolution was at once referred, but there is little doubt that it will be passed later in the session.

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JAMES SPEAR, JR., MARRIES ACTRESS; SURPRISES FRIENDS

Miss Helen Moyer, of "The Follies" Company, Becomes Bride of Head of Stove and Heating Firm. James Spear, Jr., head of the James Spear Stove and Heating Company, of 1823 Market street, and a former member of the Delaware River Club, married Miss Helen Moyer, an actress in New York, today.

Mr. Spear was divorced from his first wife two years ago. Mr. Spear went to New York yesterday. The wedding was somewhat in the nature of a surprise to his friends.

Relatives of Mr. Spear, at his home at Wallingford, verified this afternoon the report that he had been married. They were not sure whether the ceremony took place this morning or last night. Miss Moyer at present is playing in "The Follies."

GIRL HELD FOR THEFT, SAYS SHE TOOK POISON BY ERROR

Rhoda Frederickson, Accused of Shoplifting, May Not Recover. Rhoda Frederickson, of 124 S. Susquehanna avenue, is in the Women's Homeopathic Hospital suffering from poison, which she says she took in mistake for headache powder. It is feared that she will not recover.

Last December the Detective Bureau was asked to watch the department stores for two shoplifters who were giving trouble. May Beebe was arrested and held under \$500, which she forfeited. Through her the detectives learned that Rhoda Frederickson was her companion.

TEN PERISH IN FLAMES

Inmates and Guards at Florida Reform School Lose Lives in Fire, PENSACOLA, Fla., Nov. 18.—Eight inmates and two guards lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the Florida State Reform School, at Marianna.

KILLS KAISER'S CRITIC

German Resents Englishman's Uncomplimentary Appellation. CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—John S. Strouble, an aged German, sat on the edge of his bed early today reading a German newspaper's accounts of the fighting in Flanders. John Heffron, an Englishman, and Peter Linsey, a Swede, roomers in the same house, dropped in and took chairs.

ORN FUND MOUNTS SLOWLY AS APPEAL IS AGAIN SOUNDED

\$75,000 Available to Stock Second Belgian Mercy Ship Six Days Before Sailing—\$110,000 Required. With a sureress that spells victory, the Belgian relief fund to stock the Orm, Philadelphia's second food ship for Belgium's starving victims, continues to increase. Though a record of \$6000 a day for the next five days must be made, the committee does not doubt the required \$110,000 will be obtained.

This morning's mail brought numerous small contributions, some from persons who could ill afford to give their mite, and as the day progressed men received larger sums. The Orm sails next Wednesday on the trip that spells life for many needy women and children in Belgium.

If this ship is to carry a full cargo, or 300 tons more than the never-to-be-forgotten Thelma, \$35,000 must be contributed within the next five days. The committee announced that something over \$75,000 has been received, not including this morning's contributions.

Large checks are most needed now to bring the fund up to its necessary figure on time. Time is essential, and while small contributions go a long way in helping and are just as much appreciated as large ones, the committee has drawn \$25 to \$5000 would bring joy to those who are devoting their days and nights in order to send the Orm away on schedule time.

WIDOW WHO GRIEVED FOR HUSBAND ENDS HER LIFE

Mrs. Rose Kuhner Leaves Note Bemoaning Property to Friend. Mrs. Rose Kuhner, a widow, whose husband died four weeks ago, committed suicide today by inhaling illuminating gas in the kitchen of her home, 169 North Hope street.

Mrs. Kuhner grieved over the death of her husband, Hugo Kuhner, who was well known as an athlete in German societies and in fact was falling ill. She was nearly blind. Recently Mrs. Mary Henry lived with her to assist with the housekeeping. While Mrs. Henry was away, Mrs. Kuhner turned on all the gas jets of the stove, the police say, and lay face down on top of it, inhaling the fumes.

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SHOT AT FLAG FAILS TO STIR U. S. OFFICIALS

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TRENON MAN BADLY HURT

TRENTON, Nov. 18.—Matthew Snyder, 55 years old, of this city, foreman at the convict road camp at Rocky Hill, is in a critical condition as the result of having his head and body injured in a stone crusher. He was placing a belt on the machine when his foot slipped.