

SERIOUS EFFECTS OF WAR PASSING

U. S. Officials Believe Crisis in Business in This Country Has Been Met

ARMIES' NEEDS HELP SITUATION

Orders for Military Clothing, Harness and the Like Have Flooded Factories in Some Districts—New Banking System a Factor

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TO REPAIR DAMAGED CRUISER

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Nov. 17.—The British cruiser Glasgow, which came into this port yesterday after a trip from the Chilean coast where, on November 1, she was damaged in an encounter with the German squadron, is to undergo repairs here.

DENY STATEMENT THAT NO FRENCH GUNS WERE AT REIMS CATHEDRAL

Reims, Nov. 17, via The Hague and London, 11.15 A. M.—The Wolff Bureau has been authorized to give denial to a statement attributed to M. Landrieux, priest of the Cathedral at Reims, to the effect that there never has been any French batteries in the neighborhood of the cathedral, or a French observation post on the building.

A general review of the situation in the eastern arena, information given out in Berlin indicates that the latest German victories are such that the advance of the Russians has been rendered more difficult.

News reaching here from Vienna is to the effect that all along the Galician border the military activity leads German observers to suppose that the Austrians also have taken the offensive.

BRITISH REPORT ON WAR SITUATION

Continued From First Page. The Germans have gained some ground, but they have not captured Ypres.

Wednesday, the eleventh, was another day of desperate fighting. As our trenches to the north and south of the road from Menin to Ypres.

ATTACKERS MET BY FRONTAL FIRE

As the attackers surged forward they were met by our frontal fire and, since they were moving diagonally across part of our front, they were also attacked on the flank by artillery, rifles and machine guns.

EFFORT CHECKED IN SOUTH

A simultaneous effort made to the south, a part of the same operation, although not carried out by the guard corps, failed entirely, for when the attacking infantry massed in the woods close to our line, our guns opened on them with such effect that they did not push the assault home.

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London, Nov. 17, 2.22 P. M.—Germany's remarkable persistent offensive in blizzard-swept Flanders in the west and the stability of her hasty defense along her eastern frontier were issues the outcome of which still was undecided to-day in the great European war.

In Flanders the allied line refuses to yield, while in the east the Russians continue to push forward. The battle line in France seems for the time being forgotten and the actions there probably will continue to be of a sporadic nature until the allies in Flanders prove conclusively that they cannot be battered in or until the Germans by some mighty effort prove that they can.

A month of futile fighting, entailing losses the extent of which perhaps will never be fully known, has not convinced German leaders that the French coast towns are unobtainable, and while snow and rain and wind and cold have during the past few days so tried the troops as markedly to reduce their fighting capacity, there is nothing to show that the invaders will not try again.

How valiantly the Germans have been meeting death in what to date has been a hopeless task is recounted by the British army's official flier, who, describing the recent fighting around Ypres, said: "Their dogged perseverance claims our whole-hearted admiration."

SITUATION AT OTHER POINTS

Reports that Craew was in flames after a Russian onslaught; that the populace of both east Prussia and Silesia was fleeing, and that the Servians had been driven further into their own country by the Austrians.

RUSSIAN ADVANCE MAY NOT YET BE CHECKED BY VICTORIES OF GERMANS

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LIGHTS OUT IN LONDON ARE CAUSE OF MANY MISHAPS

Correspondence of the Associated Press, London, Nov. 17.—The lowered lights order issued to hide London from marauding airships has now been extended to the whole country but the restrictions in the provincial cities are not as rigid as those prevailing in the capital.

One of the peculiar features of the order is a clause providing that the curtains of passenger train coaches must be drawn while trains are traveling at night. The authorities evidently believe that such trains might act as guides to the enemy's airships which could follow them into the cities for which they happened to be bound.

Here in London the majority of the population apparently is beginning to be resentful instead of appreciative of the precautions taken by the police.

Now that the short days have begun when artificial lights are necessary as early as 4 o'clock, the discomforts of a darkened city are increased. Three persons have been killed on the streets at night during the past week.

GERMAN CRUISER BERLIN IS REPORTED CAPTURED

Christiana, Norway, Nov. 17, by Way of London, 4.30 P. M.—It was officially announced here to-day that the disarmament of the German cruiser Berlin, which has put in at Trondhjem, a seaport of Norway, has been commenced.

The Berlin appeared off Trondhjem which is on the northwestern coast of Norway and well outside of the North Sea yesterday. It was then reported that she was endeavoring to escape from the North Sea to act as a commerce raider in the Atlantic.

BELGIAN REFUGEE COLONIES MAY COME TO UNITED STATES

Washington, Nov. 17.—While President Wilson has decided not to appoint an all-American central committee to take charge of Belgian relief measures, he is considering the advisability of forming a committee in an indirect way. He may write to some one suggesting the organization of such a committee. The President does not desire to take any official action on the question.

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ORDERS CENSUS OF TREES IN THE CITY

Continued From First Page. The cost of that work should be borne by the property owners and that the expense of planting should average not more than \$3.50 a tree, including the cost of the tree. After that, he said, the property owner would have no further expense in connection with the trees, as the City would pay for trimming and spraying them.

Replying to queries from the Commissioners, Mr. McFarland, who really is the father of the Pennsylvania tree trimming act, declared that the tree commission could not remove or replace a tree without first giving notice to the affected property owners and permitting them to make protests, if they had any.

Asphalted streets, he said, do not afford street lighting was discussed in connection with the care of trees and it was hinted that the City now is working toward the abolition of all suspended arc lights and the installation in lieu thereof of the light standards.

To the Mayor was referred the petition of seventy-five business and professional men for the establishment of a Detective Bureau with Joseph Ibach, one of the present City Detectives, as the Captain or Chief.

The author of the petition is unknown to the Commissioners, they said. Spencer C. Gilbert is the first signer of the paper. Only recently Detective Ibach succeeded in recovering valuable items that had been stolen from the Gilbert home; apprehended the thieves, and later returned to accept a reward which Mr. Gilbert tendered him for his "good services."

Praise for Detective Ibach. The petition states that the Harrisburg detectives have within the last three years recovered stolen property valued at \$32,025.78, that Detective Ibach during that time alone made 277 arrests and he assisted in arresting 137 others. He has devoted to duty, the petition continues, an average of fifty hours a day, and during the last three years has been absent from duty but twenty days, on five of which he was detailed out of the city. On eleven he was confined to the house through an accident or illness. He had a vacation of four days.

A resolution introduced by Commissioner Lynch provides for making arrears to the Paxton street bridge, over the Pennsylvania railroad, the expense to be met out of \$2,151.68 to be transferred from the unexpended balance of the fund from which the Dock street bridge construction work was paid for.

Action on the resolution under which it is proposed the City shall take over the ground on the west side of Front street, between Kolker and Maclay, was deferred for another week. It is planned for the City to accept deeds for the ground in return for the payment of paving assessments which had been levied against the property owners. These assessments cover only the paving on the west side of the street, the property owners on the east side of the highway having already paid their portion.

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BIG DAM IS DYNAMITED

Fifteen-Foot Wall of Water is Liberated Mysteriously in Creek Near Goldsboro

Goldsboro, Nov. 17.—With a roar that was heard for miles the Hess mill dam in a creek, one and a half miles above this borough, was blown open with dynamite about 10.45 o'clock Sunday night, liberating a wall of water fifteen feet high that swept down the creek and into the Susquehanna river without doing much damage. The dam is about two hundred feet wide at the breast.

Who planted the explosive is not known, but it is thought that it was the act of some one who had sustained damage from the water during time of a flood. This dam has burst on several occasions.

Jacob Wentz is the miller. Hearing the explosion he dressed hurriedly and investigated. A gaping hole in the breast of the dam more than twenty feet wide, through which the water was surging, told the story. The large spillage was opened, thereby relieving the pressure, and after several hours the level of the water had fallen to such an extent that danger of the dam being washed away was removed. The breach in the dam will be repaired and an investigation will be made by local authorities.

COUNTY SUPERVISORS TO MEET

Road Building Will Be a Topic of Discussion Here on Thursday. The Dauphin County Supervisors Association will meet in the Court House on Thursday, morning and afternoon, at which times talks will be given and discussions had on road building and maintenance, drainage questions and the duties of the supervisors in general.

After organization in the morning an address will be made by J. D. Messer, president of the association. Officers will be elected, John C. Nissley, one of the newly elected Representatives in the Legislature from the second Dauphin district, will make the address of welcome, and Frank B. Bosch, of the Central Construction & Supply Company, will give a talk on good roads.

J. W. Hunter, first deputy to State Highway Commissioner Bigelow, will open the afternoon session with a talk upon township highways. He will be followed by M. S. Brinzer who will discuss the split-log drag and its possibilities. J. B. Rowe and S. H. Grove will make addresses on road building, and after committees are appointed, District Attorney M. E. Stroup will define the duties of the township supervisors.

HE SPENT \$8,000 TO LOSE

What It Cost Ambassador Gerard to Run for U. S. Senator. Ambassador Gerard at Berlin to-day filed his report showing that he had spent \$8,000 of his unsuccessful candidacy for Senator from New York. Of that amount he contributed \$5,000 to the Democratic State Committee and \$3,000 to the New York County Democratic Committee.

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THE SITUATION IN MEXICO

Gutierrez Hardly Will Be Installed Until Both Carranza and Villa Have Left the Country. By Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Secretary Bryan announced to-day the receipt of a message from American Consul Silliman at Mexico City, saying the newspapers there had published the text of a telegram from General Gutierrez approving the conditions set by General Carranza for his own retirement.

Mr. Silliman reported that a telegram from General Carranza to General Gonzalez, which was transmitted to General Gutierrez, stating the willingness of the first chief to deliver the executive power under certain conditions, also were published. Mr. Silliman's dispatch made no mention of just what the conditions were.

Secretary Bryan said he had no advice from any other source to show what stipulations finally had been agreed upon but that there has been discussion in previous dispatches of the wish of Carranza that he and General Villa leave Mexico.

When the Cabinet met it considered these latest phases of the situation. The feeling of officials was that an understanding had been reached which would bring peace.

A. F. L. RESOLUTION CHANGED

So As to Urge Unaffiliated Unions to Join the Federation. Philadelphia, Nov. 17.—The resolution which Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, attacked in convention yesterday as a declaration of war on the railroad brotherhoods and other unaffiliated unions, and which was recommended to the committee on organization, was again reported to-day in modified form and indicated that three be appointed to the executive council to organize unaffiliated unions in those organizations which refuse to affiliate with the federation. The resolution was amended so as to instruct the executive council to "invite and urge" all unaffiliated national and international unions to join the federation.

The amendments to the modified resolution were defeated. One provided that a committee of three be appointed to visit unaffiliated unions and to offer sought to insert in the resolution that only eligible unions be invited.

RETAIN VERA CRUZ CUSTOMS

U. S. Will Hold Money Pending Stable Government in Mexico. Washington, Nov. 17.—The United States will hold the several million dollars in customs collected at Vera Cruz until a stable government is established in Mexico and will not turn it over to the French bondholders.

President Wilson said to-day the money would be delivered to neither faction in Mexico under present conditions and indicated that only a government recognized by the United States would receive the money. He feels that responsibility for which faction gets control of Vera Cruz after its evacuation by American troops does not rest with the United States.

DROP BELOW THE RECORD

Sixteen Bicycle Teams Still Riding in Six-Day Race. New York, Nov. 17.—Sixteen bicycle teams were still riding to new records in the six-day race at Madison Square Garden to-day. One of these led in a cluster at 686 miles at 8 o'clock this morning. Four followed a lap behind; two more trailed the leaders three laps and even the tail enders had tallied 686 miles, 4 miles and seven laps more than the previous record.

For the first time since the third hour of the race, the leading teams dropped below the record this morning. At 11 o'clock the nine leaders were bunched with a score of 743 miles. The record for the thirty-fifth hour was 743 miles and 5 laps, made in 1913.

BIICYCLIST HURT IN COLLISION

Charles Shorge's Ear Almost Torn From Head When He Strikes Auto. Charles Shorge, 25 years old, 526 Munch street, was knocked from his bicycle at Forster and Great streets last evening when he collided with an automobile, said to have been driven by Paul Porter.

His right ear was almost torn from his head and he suffered a severe laceration of the face. He was taken to the Harrisburg hospital for treatment and later taken to his home.

TO-DAY'S CABINET MEETING TOPICS

Washington, Nov. 17.—Foreign affairs and domestic business conditions were the chief topics at to-day's Cabinet meeting. Latest news from Mexico, Secretary Bryan said, gave promise of early peace there. Secretary Redfield said official reports showed a large increase in exports and that business generally throughout the country was steadily improving. Secretary McAdoo reported on the opening of the new Federal Reserve system.

COTTON LOAN FUND NOT ABANDONED

Washington, Nov. 17.—Secretary McAdoo reiterated to-day that the \$135,000,000 cotton loan fund has not been abandoned and characterized predictions that it was likely to fail as "amazingly undoubtably from certain selfish interests opposed to the fund."

Giving Proper Credit. Two Philadelphians were talking of the fortunes of a third denizen of that city when one said: "His first lucky strike was in eggs. He bought 10,000 dozen at a low figure, put them in cold storage and sold them at a profit of more than 300 per cent. That was the cornerstone of his great fortune." "AB!" exclaimed the other. "The hens laid it!"—Harper's Magazine.