

ALLIES STRONGER, SAVS KITCHENER

French Said to Have Been Relieved Along 17 Additional Miles of Front.

ACTIVITY NOWHERE LAGS

Secretary for War Avers Germans Seem Almost to Have Shot Their Bolt and Advance in Russia Is Slowing Up.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Addressing the House of Lords today, Earl Kitchener said that the Cabinet was "near a practical solution" of the question of keeping up the supply of men and materials at the front.

"The Germans appear almost to have shot their bolt," he continued. "Their advance in Russia, which at one time averaged five miles a day, now has diminished to less than a mile a day."

Positions in West Strengthened.

Regarding military operations, the War Secretary said further: "For the last few months the front held by the allies in the west has been practically unchanged. This does not mean that there has been relaxation of active work on the part of the forces in the field, or the continuous local fighting which has taken place all along the line called for the display of incessant vigilance."

"As new armies have become trained and ready to take the field, considerable reinforcements have been sent out to join Field Marshal French's command. You will be glad to hear his opinion of these troops, communicated to me. He writes: 'The units appear to be thoroughly well officered and commanded. The equipment is in good order and efficient.'"

New Artillery Meets Test.

"Several units of artillery have been tested behind the firing line in the trenches and their good reports of them. Their shooting has been extremely good and they are quite fit to take their place in the line."

"These new divisions have had the opportunity of acquiring by experience in actual warfare that portion of the necessary training of soldiers which it was impossible to give them in this country and which, once acquired, will enable them effectively to take their place in line with the rest of the British army."

"With these additional reinforcements, amounting to 11 divisions (about 240,000 men), Sir John French has been able to extend his lines and take over from the French approximately 17 miles of additional front."

French Make Good Progress.

"Throughout the summer months the French have held their own against the extended line of the front and in some places, notably near Arras and in Alsace, have made substantial progress. In the struggles around Arras early in June they captured whole heights at Notre Dame de Lorette, as well as a number of strongly fortified positions around this high ground, thereby securing an area of great tactical importance. In Alsace, several dominating eminences have been wrested from the enemy and have been subsequently held in face of formidable counter-attacks. One particularly commanding summit, which overlooks the left bank of the Rhine in this quarter, and which had been the scene of continuous operations for many months, after changing hands many times rested finally in possession of our allies."

Earl Kitchener reviewed the operations in Turkey, telling of the surprise landing on August 6 at Suvla Bay. He continued: "An attack from the Anzac position after a series of hotly contested actions, was carried to the summit of Sari Bair and Chunuk Bair, dominating positions in this area. The arrival of transports and the disembarkation of troops in Suvla Bay was designed to enable troops to support this attack. Unfortunately, however, the advance from Suvla Bay was not developed ward was brought to a standstill after an advance of about two and one-half miles."

Recent Enlistments Fall Off.

"The provision of men under their strength during 1915 has caused anxious thought, which has been accentuated and rendered more pressing by the recent falling off in the numbers coming forward to enlist, although every effort has been made to obtain our requirements under the present system."

"I am sure we all fully realize that the strength of the armies we send out must be fully maintained to the very end. To fulfill this purpose, we shall require a large addition to the number of recruits joining. The problem of how to obtain an adequate supply of men and thus insure keeping the field force up to its full strength is engaging our close attention and will, I hope, soon receive a practical solution."

"Although there has been a falling off in the number of recruits, I do not draw from this fact any conclusion unfavorable to the resolution and spirit of the country. On the contrary, I think now, as I always have thought, that the manner in which our people have responded to the call of patriotism is magnificent, and I do not for one instant doubt that whatever services may prove necessary to bring this gigantic Premier Asquith, in the House of Commons, gave an exhaustive survey today of the financial situation.

Mr. Asquith asked whether a vote of credit, which finally passed and which brings the total to \$1,262,000,000 (\$6,310,000,000). The Premier had to deal with huge figures to explain the financing of the war, and warned his hearers that although the expenditure was now more than \$2,500,000,000 there was a likelihood of its increasing, owing to the advance to the allies and dominions, which had reached \$250,000,000 (\$1,250,000,000), and provision for munitions.

Since the war began nearly 3,000,000 men, he said, had enlisted in the army and navy. Besides, 800,000 persons were now engaged in the manufacture of munitions. But figures would have to be increased, and he appealed to the women to give their assistance, believing that they would make a "gigantic stride towards the solution of one of their most pressing problems."

ASHLAND Laying Mineral Water Main.—ASHLAND, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—More than 50,000 feet of pipe are being laid in the main which will convey mineral waters to the depot and parks of this city. A pavilion of colossal proportions is under construction at the depot terminal. The pipe is of peculiar construction, of material that will withstand action of the mineral waters, and is being laid inside of wooden conduits. The work is scheduled to be completed by October 1.

AMERICA'S FOREMOST FINANCIER AND HEAD OF ALLIES' LOAN COMMISSION.



J. P. MORGAN AND LORD READING, SNAPPED ON SHIPBOARD ON LATTER'S ARRIVAL.

STAFF IS EXECUTED

Villa Punishes 14 of Urbina's Aides With Death.

STRATEGY SHOWS TREASON

Penalty Meted Out Summarily, and American Says He Saw Men Taken From House Singly, Never to Return Alive.

EL PARO, Sept. 15.—Fourteen staff officers of general Urbina's force were executed with Urbina as the result of the visit of General Villa to Urbina's ranch at Las Nieves last week, according to an American who arrived here today and who said he had accompanied General Villa on the trip.

"General Villa," said the American, "at Jimenez put one of his own operations in charge of the telegraph lines which run from Parral to the Las Nieves ranch. At Parral and Santa Barbara he put other operators."

"A message was then sent Urbina as follows, supposedly from one of the operators loyal to Urbina: 'Villa and his staff are on their way to your ranch. Bermujillo en route to Las Nieves. Interview you. How will you receive him?'"

"Urbina replied that he would welcome Villa with bullets. 'Villa then ordered General Roldan to march to the ranch, although he arrived early Friday and surrounded the ranch house, whereupon Urbina and his staff opened fire from the windows, and whereupon Fierro sent a bullet through Urbina's right arm and Urbina surrendered and his staff followed suit."

"Villa took charge of Urbina and reprimanded him for treason and told him he would have to die. It had been Urbina's plan to send Urbina to Chihuahua for execution as an example, but he turned him over to General Fierro."

"Urbina 'Taken to Chihuahua.' 'Fierro minutes later Fierro returned and reported he had taken Urbina to Chihuahua.'"

"Fourteen of Urbina's officers were caught in the ranch house. I did not see them executed, but every little while Fierro would take one of the officers from the house and return shortly with a small piece of rope with which the officer's hands had been tied."

"In Parral and Jimenez several of Urbina's officers were caught and executed, I understood. 'I cannot say whether Villa recovered the Urbina loot. Villa talked with Urbina. I believe he found out where Urbina's men had buried a good deal of it.'"

PARACHUTE FAILS TO OPEN

Balloonist Falls 1000 Feet and Lives, but Cannot Recover.

PUEBLO, Colo., Sept. 15.—Frank Clay, of Kansas City, a balloonist, who fell 1000 feet when his parachute failed to open after an ascension from the State Fair grounds today, lies unconscious at a Pueblo hospital. Physicians declare there is no hope for recovery.

Escaped Man's Aide Sentenced.—GRANTS PASS, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Joe Colling, who was awaiting trial on the charge of attempted assault on a 5-year-old girl, and who assisted John Austin Hooper in his escape a few weeks ago, was sentenced by Judge

CALLING OF THE CIRCUIT COURT TODAY TO FROM THREE TO TEN YEARS IN THE PENITENTIARY AFTER COLLIER HAD PLEADED GUILTY TO THE CHARGE OF ASSISTING A PRISONER TO ESCAPE.

LOAN IS THOUGHT ASSURED

New York. These financiers, who constitute a formidable array of financial power, have not been invited to take part in the loan and were inclined today to feel hurt.

"In many cases," said a spokesman for this group, "the name of the firm is German and the officers all American, descendants of Germans, but born and reared in this country. These men are good Americans and they feel hurt that they are not permitted to share in councils of so vital interest to their country."

NO LAWS VIOLATED BY LOAN

Administration Views Proposal as Purely Private Transaction.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Secretary Lansing made it plain to inquirers today that no violations of domestic or international law were involved in the proposed flotation by the allies of a large loan in this country.

The Secretary explained that the attitude of the Washington government in regard to the loan was not different from had long ago been announced, that its expression of disapproval of loans as "inconsistent with the spirit of neutrality" has been occasioned by a direct request for advice by American bankers concerning loans in general, and that the Administration voiced its opposition chiefly to loans by popular subscription or those which would take large sums of gold from the United States.

So far as State Department officials are able to observe, however, the new loan is essentially what is known as a "credit loan" to pay for obligations incurred, or about to be incurred, for the purchase of supplies. Such a loan is viewed as a private commercial transaction not differing from the traffic in contraband or other war supplies, over which a neutral government is not obligated to exercise any control.

Only in the event that the matter is directly brought to the attention of the Washington government for advice is there likely to be any formal expression of opinion in the present instance.

SALMON FISHING IN ROGUE RESUMES.—GOLD BEACH, Or., Sept. 15.—Salmon fishing has been resumed on Rogue River after a closed period of 10 days and fishermen are making large catches, some of the boats taking more than 100 chinook in a night. Few fish are finding their way to the upper river.

Explosion Tire Deafens Man.—SANTA ROSA, Cal., Sept. 15.—An automobile tire which exploded within an inch of Frank Westone's ear probably deafened him for life today.

RECOGNITION TO BE GIVEN CARRANZA

Wilson Believed to Have Decided on Step as Solution of Mexican Tangle.

CONSULS BEING WARNED

Reprisals on American Agents in Villa Territory Feared When Announcement Is Made—Resentment Is Shown.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—(Special.)—President Wilson has decided to recognize General Venustiano Carranza as the executive head of the Mexican government and expects the arrangement to be completed within two months. This was learned today through a public man in authority who has had every opportunity to know the President's position.

It is also learned that a majority of the Latin-American diplomats who will confer with Secretary Lansing in New York Saturday on the Mexican situation are persuaded that the President's course is the only satisfactory solution of the Mexican problem. It is expected, therefore, that the plan will be approved by the Pan-American conference and that steps will immediately be taken to put it into effect.

Consuls Permitted to Leave.—Indications that Carranza is to be recognized were strengthened today by the announcement that the State Department has advised all American Consular representatives in the northern part of Villa's territory that they may return to the United States at once and to advise American citizens resident in Villa's territory to do likewise. Warning has been given that all Consuls, Consular Agents and private citizens who remain in Villa's territory do so at their own risk.

The reason for this order is generally understood to be the fear that Villa will be unable to restrain his troops when the announcement of Carranza's recognition is made, and that Americans will be attacked in reprisal for the action of their Government.

Villa Territory Affected.—The notifications have extended to Consuls in Torreon, Chihuahua, Hermosillo, Guaymas, Nogales and Juarez, all of which are in territory controlled by Villa. It is expected that before another week or two most of the Americans will have withdrawn, as stated in telegrams to the department tonight indicated a general exodus.

At the Villa Washington agency news of the Department's action was received with unfeigned surprise and resentment. Enrique C. Llorente, Villa's representative, announced that he had addressed a communication to the State Department expressing surprise and inquiring as to the intention of the United States.

Renewed denunciations by the Yaqui Indians were rumored in State Department dispatches today. A marauding band was said to have crossed the Yaqui River near Chumamopax, invading the property of the Richardson Construction Company on September 12. No details had been received.

STATE WALNUT SURVEY ON

Experts Gathering Data on Yields, Pests and Diseases.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—A flying survey of the walnut industry of Oregon and the present condition of the walnut crop is being made by two well-known walnut specialists of the state, Fred Groner, of Hillsboro, and Professor C. I. Lewis, of the Agricultural College horticultural department.

They will visit and inspect the walnut groves and also consult with the growers to obtain reliable first-hand information as to the acreage, yield and quality of the walnut crop. Information as to pests, insects and diseases will be gathered as far as possible.

FIRE ORIGIN IS SOUGHT

Grays Harbor Beach Resort Burnings to Be Investigated.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—County officials are expected to begin a rigid investigation here immediately of the many recent fires of apparent incendiary origin, the last of which resulted in the destruction of

TURKISH TROPHIES CIGARETTES advertisement. Includes images of cigarette packs and promotional text: "Smokers of TURKISH TROPHIES Cigarettes fifteen years ago are smokers of TURKISH TROPHIES Cigarettes today!"

Robert's Bros. advertisement for curtains and linens. Text: "YOU CAN DO BETTER FOR LESS ON THIRD STREET". Store opens daily at 8:30 A.M. On Saturdays 9:00 A.M. Store closes daily at 5:30 P.M. On Saturdays 6:00 P.M. Home phone A 2112. The Most in Value—The Best in Quality.

New Curtains in Scrim and Marquisette advertisement. Text: "At \$1.50 to \$3.50 Pair". Complete Stock of Linens. From the best mills we have selected a most complete stock of Linens suitable for all sorts of fancy work—the low prices will please you as much as the fine qualities—select now.

Men's Coat Style Eadon Cloth Shirts advertisement. Text: "Special Purchase and Sale of Men's Coat Style Eadon Cloth Shirts". With French Cuffs and Separate Soft Collar to Match: 49c. Guaranteed \$1.25 Shirt. A Saving Opportunity Not Met With Every Day and One That Few Men Can Well Afford to Overlook.

the Essex Hotel at Cohasset Beach last night. This hotel was closed a week ago by its manager, F. R. Archer, who holds to the belief that the blaze was incendiary. The fire is the fourth large one that Grays Harbor beaches have suffered this year. The total damage done by these blazes is estimated at \$100,000. The first of these was nine months ago, when the Pacific Beach Hotel was destroyed. The other two were the burning of the business district of McClips about a month ago. There is strong evidence that three recent fires in Aberdeen, several in Houliam and one in Montesano were incendiary.

Majestic advertisement for The Song of Hate. Text: "Majestic Washington at Park Street. Today, Tomorrow and Saturday The ILLUSTRIOUS JOMELLI. In New Songs Every Day. Also William Fox's Big Production The Song of Hate. Based on Sardou's La Tosca. Presented by Betty Nansen, Dorothy Bernard and Arthur Hoops. This is Miss Nansen's Last Appearance in Motion Pictures. Special, the Astoria Regatta."

A-K Tablets advertisement. Text: "A-K Tablets For Various Forms of Headache. 'It is necessary in order to treat headaches properly to understand the cause which produces the affection.' says Dr. J. W. Ray of Stockton, Ala. 'Continuing headache gives rise to it, and we must remember that headache is to be treated according to the same rule. We must not only be particular to give a remedy intended to counteract the cause which produces the headache, but we must also give a remedy to relieve the pain until the cause of this trouble has been removed. To answer this purpose Anti-kamnia Tablets will be found a most convenient and satisfactory remedy. One tablet every one to three hours gives comfort and rest in the most severe cases of headache, neuralgia and particularly the headaches of women.'"

A Splendid New Line of Men's Gray and Brown Flannel Shirts \$1.25. A shirt that will please the most particular shoppers in quality, fit and finish. They are custom made of fine quality flannel in military style and two-buttoned pockets. All sizes light and dark gray and in brown color; ask unsurpassed value at \$1.25.

Yells Screams LAUGHS Are Greeting THE MIX-UP the 4-reel feature with CHARLIE CHAPLIN Today Till Saturday

NATIONAL THEATRE 2:15 to 5 P. M. and 7 to 11:45 P. M.

Also Frank Rich Co. in On the Great White Way All Matinee Seats, 10c. Entire Balcony 10c; at Night 20c

When we have a patient subject to regular attacks of sick headache, we should caution him to keep his bowels regular, for which nothing is better than "A-Cidols," and when he feels the least sign of an impending attack, he should take two A-K Tablets to carry a few Anti-kamnia Tablets, so as to have them ready for instant use. These tablets are prompt in action, and can be depended on to produce relief in a very few minutes. Ask for A-K Tablets. Anti-kamnia Tablets can be obtained at all druggists.

"The Birth of a Nation" advertisement. Text: "The Birth of a Nation! The Last Week! DON'T WAIT TIL TOO LATE Griffith's \$500,000 Masterpiece Adapted From The Clansman Accompanied by 12-piece Augmented Orchestra Daily Matinee, 2 P. M., 25c, 50c Every Evening, 8 P. M., 50c, 75c Last 3 Rows of Balcony, 25c ALL SEATS RESERVED Three Hours of Gripping, Appealing, Blood-Tingling, Soul-Stirring Interest."