

TURKEY DELAYS STORY OF FIRING

Although Navy Department Continues to Secure Explanation of Firing Upon American Boat by Turkish Forts at Smyrna. Nothing Secured

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Although the navy department continued every effort to get a further report in connection with the firing upon the cruiser Tennessee's launch by the Turkish forts at Smyrna, nothing had been secured early today from Captain Decker or from Ambassador Morgenthau.

As nearly a week was taken in getting the last message through to the state department from the ambassador at Constantinople, little information is expected from him before Captain Decker is heard from. Yesterday Captain Decker got through his first report of the incident within a few hours.

Secretary Daniels said today he would not decide whether the North Carolina and Tennessee would remain in Turkish waters until all of the facts were known concerning the firing at Smyrna. Some naval officers have urged that the cruisers be withdrawn.

Officials believe, however, that missionary interests for which the cruisers were dispatched to Turkish waters might insist that the vessels be retained as a moral force, making for the protection of the American missions and interests.

JAPANESE DENY LOOTING CHINESE

TOKIO, Nov. 19.—The following official statement has been made to the Associated Press concerning the charges made in China that the Japanese army has been guilty of pillage and the dishonoring of Chinese women.

"An investigation concerning alleged acts of brutality imputed to our expeditionary forces at Kiao Chow shows that they are distorted versions of requisitions legitimately made by armies in course of war. The report that our soldiers have committed acts of brutality toward Chinese women is without foundation.

"If Chinese have been wounded or killed it is because they attacked a detachment of Japanese troops who were in a state of legitimate defense.

The statement concludes: "The strictest discipline is enforced in the Japanese army. There has been no brutality and no pillage. The truth will serve only to establish the glory of our arms."

NICARAGUA VOLCANO BELCHES FORTH ASHES

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Volcanic ash from the belching crater of Cerro Negro in Nicaragua is said to have fallen an inch deep in and about the city of Leon, and has been blown 25 miles to the decks of ships in Corinto harbor, Commander Ziegemeir of the cruiser ever reported today to the navy department. During the early part of the month, the report stated, two columns of smoke arose from the crater, and at night the burning lava mingling with the smoke resulted in a "fountain-like appearance."

Cerro Negro is in the neighborhood of several active volcanoes but this is the first eruption.

FOUR KILLED WHEN TRAIN SMASHES AUTO

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Nov. 19.—Four persons were instantly killed at Conroy, Ohio, 30 miles east of here, when the Pennsylvania Flyer struck an automobile in which they were riding early today. The victims were Durbin Leslie, mayor of Conroy, his wife, and Dr. and Mrs. Dehayes, parents of Mrs. Leslie.

PLOT TO RESTORE MANCHUS FAILS

President of China Petitioned to Replace Emperor on Throne—Twenty Manchus Executed—Imperial Family Claims Ignorance.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—A special cablegram to the Chicago Daily News from Peking, China, today says: "Sun Yu Jen, an old-time scholar and official, petitioned Yuan Shi Kai last Monday to replace the emperor on the throne with Yuan Shi Kai, retaining the regency. The emperor impeached Sun Yu Jen, who was arrested yesterday.

"The propaganda, which has been proceeding for some time with the object of bringing about the restoration of the Manchus, has culminated in the arrest of many prominent officials of the old regime.

"Yesterday and today many Manchus were arrested, twenty being executed. The members of the imperial family claim to be in ignorance of the movements. The former emperor sent a letter to Yuan Shi Kai urging that the movement must prove abortive, and saying that he is unwilling to have China plunged into new strife. It is believed that Yuan Shi Kai forced the emperor to send the letter.

"Reinforcements are coming into Peking and it is believed that the government will be able to dominate the situation."

RUSSIAN DEFEAT DUE TO CAVALRY

THE HAGUE, Nov. 19, via London, 6:11 a. m.—A Russian staff officer passing through here has this to say as to the cause of the present German success in Poland:

"The Russian army in Poland maintains three times as many cavalrymen as the Germans. This cavalry swarmed after the retreating Germans and when the Germans suddenly stopped the Russian cavalry was dashed to pieces like migrating birds flying against a rock.

"Meanwhile the main body of the Russians, 1,600,000 men, whose absolute purpose is to bear the Austrians decisively, is proceeding unmolested to attack Cracow, leaving a smaller detachment to besiege Przemysl.

"Thereafter," the officer concluded, "the Russians do not intend to attempt to cross the Carpathians, but following the Oder river, will make their main attack on Germany by way of Oppeln, Breslau and Glogau."

SUSPECTS CONFESS TO STAGE ROBBERY

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 19.—Three men arrested last night after the Deer Park automobile stage had been held up and the driver, Albert Schmetzky, and another man shot, confessed today in the office of the prosecuting attorney that they held up the stage and did the shooting. They gave their names as J. E. Riley, Norman Garfield and Frank Smith. They are being held on charges of highway robbery. Schmetzky, who was wounded, perhaps fatally, is still alive.

MIDDLE WEST IN COLD WAVE'S GRASP

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 19.—The first severe cold of the season struck this vicinity last night. The local weather bureau reported the temperature two degrees above zero this morning. At Sioux City, Iowa, it was reported two above. A light snow, the first of the winter, fell last night.

LABOR SITUATION IN WASHINGTON IS GRAVE

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 19.—The Seattle Central Labor union last night at the suggestion of State Labor Commissioner E. W. Olson, who said that the unemployed situation was becoming grave, passed a resolution calling upon the unions of the state to reduce the hours of their workday so as to provide work for the unemployed in their respective crafts.

LAST RITES PAID LORD ROBERTS

Military Funeral for Veteran. Takes Place During Cold Rain—Streets Thronged by Hundreds of Thousands Interned Alongside Heroes.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—The body of Field Marshal Lord Roberts, borne on a gun carriage, moved slowly today through the streets of London to its last place in St. Paul's Cathedral. The streets were lined with troops while hundreds of thousands of civilians stood with bared heads in a cold rain as the funeral cortege went by.

The cortege reached St. Paul's at noon, where services were held before a reverent throng, including King George. The body will be interred alongside the remains of Wellington, Nelson, Wolsey and other famous Britons.

Lord Roberts died from natural causes last week at the headquarters of the British army in France. He was 82 years old. The body was returned to England yesterday and last night it lay in his residence at Ascot, where brief services, attended by Lady Roberts and her daughters, were held. The funeral service was extremely brief.

It is recalled today that just 62 years ago the body of the Duke of Wellington was interred in St. Paul's Cathedral.

It required more than an hour for the military escort to pass. The three bridges over the Thames commanding the route of march along the Victoria embankment were massed with crowds, but it was with great difficulty that they could see the procession in the avenue below because of the rain and heavy fog.

STRIKE GERMANS FROM HONOR LEGION

BORDEAUX, Nov. 19, via Paris, 4:50 p. m.—President Poincare issued a decree today striking from the role of the Legion of Honor the names of all Germans thereon.

"When the French government bestows the decoration of the Legion of Honor upon foreigners," the decree reads, "it does not do so merely in recognition of individual merit, but also as a mark of homage to the nation to which the foreigners thus decorated belong."

President Poincare asserts that the Germans in conducting war are systematically violating all the rules of international laws by acts of cruelty and barbarism without precedent in the history of humanity which have excited against Germany the universal conscience.

POSTPONE OPENING OF STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The officials of the stock exchange announced this afternoon that because of unforeseen difficulties the plan to re-open the exchange for dealings in bonds has been indefinitely postponed.

Earlier in the day it was officially stated that trading in this class of securities would be resumed on Saturday, subject to minimum prices.

Soon after this announcement was made officials of the exchange received inquiries from various parts of the country, some of which stated that the proposed opening did not allow sufficient time for bond houses and other dealers in these securities to make adequate arrangements.

It also was intimated that pressure had been brought upon the exchange by prominent banking interests, which are said to have declared that domestic and financial conditions were not yet sufficiently stable to permit the resumption of such operations with safety.

Portland Livestock Market
PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 19.—Cattle—Receipts 29; steady.
Hogs—Receipts, 805; 5 cents higher. Prime light, \$7.40@7.55; medium, \$7.20@7.30; smooth heavy, \$6.90@7.10; rough heavy, \$6.50@6.80.
Sheep—Steady.

VILLA WINNER WITHOUT A SHOT

Carranza's Troops Surrender to Villa and Hostilities Not Likely to Occur, as Rank and File of Mexican Army Friendly to Northern Chief.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Two thousand Carranza troops voluntarily surrendered to General Villa when he took Leon, and other garrisons all along the line are changing allegiance to the northern chief as he marched toward Mexico City, according to advices received today.

American Consular Agent Carothers with Villa, reported there had been no fighting since the southward movement began and ventured his opinion that there would be no hostilities because the rank and file of the constitutional army seemed to favor Villa.

Leon was taken yesterday without the firing of a shot and other reports tell of the occupation of Irapuato and Guajuato also without resistance.

No report was received here of the alleged censorship by Villa of the telegraphic conferences between General Gutierrez and General Gonzalez but it was thought in official quarters that Villa had ordered all telegraphic communication with the troops south of him to cease so that the enemy would be unable to learn of the oncoming of his forces.

The general expectation in official circles today was that General Villa would reach Mexico City without much difficulty, fighting perhaps one battle as his troops clashed with those of Obregon or Gonzalez near the capital.

RUSSIAN PROGRESS IN TURK TERRITORY

PETROGRAD, Nov. 19.—An official communication issued by the general staff of the Caucasian army, dated November 17, states that Turkish reinforcements have been sent to the frontier of the province of Batum, where some skirmishes have taken place. The statement continues:

"In the valley of the Oltisu, a column of Russians attacked and dispersed the enemy in the direction of Erzerum.

"On November 15, the Russian troops took by assault the town of Duth, an important point on the road of communication in the valley of the Euphrates.

"On all other points there is no change."

GARRANZA FORCES FLEE FROM VILLA

AGUAS CALIENTES, Cal., 18. (delayed.)—General Villa's forces have driven the Carranza troops into Queretaro. The Carranza forces occupied the town without resistance. Villa's trains have approached within 15 miles of Queretaro but the main group is concentrating at Irapuato. All the Carranza garrisons have retired before the sweep of Villa's men but are reported as fortifying Queretaro in preparation to give argument to Villa's advance. There is little probability of a battle for four or five days.

LAST AMERICANS LEAVE SWITZERLAND

BERNE, Switzerland, Nov. 19, via Paris, 1:59 p. m.—About two hundred Americans, the last party of stranded tourists prevented by the war from returning home, departed from Switzerland today for Genoa, whence they will sail for New York November 21 on the steamer Kroonland. With them went a considerable number of emigrants. Their departure was arranged by American Consular officials.

NIGHT ATTACK BEATS GERMANS

Brilliant Charge by British Troops and French Soldiers Forces Evacuation of Belgian Town—Increased Activity in Artillery Fire.

PARIS, Nov. 18, 11:18 p. m.—A brilliant attack by British troops and French soldiers caused the Germans to evacuate Schoorbakke, Belgium, which is practically surrounded by the water from the broken dykes, according to news reaching here from the battle front.

Because of the flood only two roads were open to the town and one of these the British approached in two armored automobiles. It was a night attack. Meanwhile the bluejackets, who had made rafts, crossed the water and took the Germans in the rear, forcing them to flee by the one road still left open. The Germans abandoned many guns, ammunition and stores, and their dead and wounded.

The text of the official communication follows:

"On the north yesterday was marked by a renewal of activity on the part of the enemy's artillery, particularly between the sea coast and the Lys. There were no infantry attacks in this region.

"Between the Oise and the Aisne, the operations in the vicinity of Tracy-Le-Val had a termination favorable for our troops. It will be remembered that we took possession of this village several days ago. The day before yesterday the Germans endeavored to re-capture it. After having captured our first trenches they succeeded in making their way as far as the central square of the village. Here, however, a vigorous counter attack delivered by our Algerian contingents drove the enemy back, wrested from him all the ground we had lost, and inflicted on him heavy losses.

"In the Argonne we have maintained our position. Along the rest of the front there is nothing new to report."

WOMAN KILLED BY HAMMER BLOW

AURORA, Ill., Nov. 19.—A woman found unconscious in the yard of the Free Methodist church last night with her skull crushed by a blow from a pipe wrench, was identified today as Miss Jennie Miller, 55 years old, the daughter of a former mayor of Aurora. Physicians say she cannot live. Miss Miller's handbag, containing money and valuable jewelry was not found. Authorities investigating the case hold a theory of robbery.

LEVY OF OLD MEN FOR AUSTRIAN ARMY

VENICE, via Paris, Nov. 19, 12:15 a. m.—The new levy from the landsturm of the years 1870 to 1890 was begun in Vienna Monday and will continue daily until the list is exhausted. Four commissions are sitting and about 3200 men are passed daily for entrance to the army.

RUSSIANS SAY ADVANCE FEINT

Germans' March Toward Warsaw Regarded as Effort to Draw Russian Troops From Advance Upon Cracow and Relieve Pressure.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 19, via London, 1:45 p. m.—The German advance in considerable force along the narrow battle front on the west bank of the River Vistula is regarded by Russian military observers as a feint at the city of Warsaw, the intention of which is to draw Russian troops from their advance upon Cracow, and distract attention from the efforts of the Germans to establish a strongly fortified defensive line from Kalisz to Cracow.

This plan also is calculated by the military authorities to relieve the German troops in East Prussia now giving way along the entire line by rendering a Russian further advance untenable. Despite this German demonstration, the converging lines of the Russian advance on the Austrian fortress of Cracow are steadily progressing, the Russians say, having now reached within 25 miles of that point.

The Austrians are stubbornly contesting the Russian offensive and are taking advantage of every creek and hillock in any way available for defense, but the Russian columns in South Poland already have traversed the last river between them and the fortress of Cracow.

The Russian troops form two fronts, one facing Cracow and the other facing the Carpathian mountains where yesterday they re-occupied the approaches to two of the most important passes into Hungary.

LEADVILLE TENDERLOIN DESTROYED BY FIRE

LEADVILLE, Colo., Nov. 19.—The Leadville tenderloin district, famous for its saloons and dance halls in the pioneer days of violence and riotous celebration of sudden wealth, was swept away by fire early today. The damage was not heavy, as most of the buildings were flimsy wooden shacks which had stood since the boom days following the discovery of silver in the hills.

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RUSSIAN CENTER MEETS DEFEAT

Berlin Celebrates Victory, But Authentic Information Meagre—Invasions of East Prussia and Galicia Continue—Turk Advance Checked.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—Germany's new attack on the Russian army in the center of the eastern battle line stood out conspicuously today as of chief immediate importance in the European war. The sudden assault of the Germans in Russian Poland, from which territory they were described recently as being driven in disorder, has lent a new aspect to this campaign, which for Germany is no less important than the conflict in France and Belgium.

Russian military officials admit a reverse in this territory and Berlin is celebrating a great victory, but the meagerness of authentic information from the front makes it impossible to determine the extent of importance of the German successes. Meanwhile Russia is proceeding with her other two adventures in her three fold campaign. Her troops to the north, Petrograd announces, are penetrating steadily into East Prussia, while to the south they are closing in on Cracow, Galicia, in an attempt to crush the Austrians.

The sound of cannonading was reported off the coast of Sweden, in the Baltic Sea. It was thought possible that the main Russian fleet, which recently set out from Helsingfors, Finland, might have engaged the Germans.

The general staff of the Russian army which invaded Turkey, announces that the advance of the Turks has been checked, and that their troops, which have been successfully pursuing the Russian advance guards, are now in retreat.

Austria apparently has the upper hand in her war with Serbia. Reports from Vienna state that the pursuit of the enemy is being carried further and that the Serbian retreat at places is attended with heavy losses. Unofficial German advices state that Russia had sent troops to assist the Serbians, but the authenticity of this report was in doubt, since such a movement of forces would involve a long sea voyage around the continent of Europe or the invasion of Bulgaria or Rumania, neutral countries.

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