

## FORECAST

Tonight and Wednesday Fair  
Slowly Rising Temperature.Forty-sixth Year.  
Daily—Eleventh Year.BRITISH MAKE  
PROGRESS IN  
NEW OFFENSIVEBRITISH TAKE  
4,000 PRISONERS  
ANCRE ATTACK

**British Keep Up Pressure in Somme and Ancre Salients—Germans Repulsed in Champagne—Russians Holding Own in Carpathians—Teutons Redoubling Efforts.**

LONDON, Nov. 14.—With important ground on a five mile front already won from the Germans on the northern edge of the Somme region and in the Ancre brook in northern France, the British are fighting on in their new offensive. Already they have taken more than 4000 prisoners and the number is reported increasing considerably. London officially confirms the news of the capture of Beaumont-Hamel, north of the Ancre, one of the strongest points in the German defensive line in this region. British troops stormed this heavily fortified position and further south advanced to the edge of Beaucourt-Sur-Ancre.

Apparently the British are not relaxing their pressure, now that they have succeeded in materially sharpening the salient in the German lines by their advance up the Ancre valley, as London reports the battle continuing. Miramont on the Albert-Bapaume railway and ultimately Achiet-le-Grand, an important railway junction point northwest of Bapaume seemingly are the British objectives.

## Germans Repulsed.

Paris reports German activity in the Champagne region, where an attack on the French lines near Auberive is declared to have been repulsed.

On the eastern front, in the Carpathians, the Russians appear to be holding their own, Petrograd reporting the repulse of Austro-German attacks in this region.

## British Storm Towns.

LONDON, Nov. 14.—The number of prisoners taken by the British in the fighting on the Ancre sector of the Somme front is now over 4,000, according to an official statement issued by the war office today.

The capture of Beaumont-Hamel which was reported unofficially yesterday, is announced in today's statement.

## The announcement follows:

"We stormed the heavily fortified village of Beaumont-Hamel and advanced to the outskirts of Beaucourt-Sur-Ancre. The number of prisoners is increasing considerably. Over 4000 have passed through collecting stations since yesterday morning. The fighting continues."

BERLIN, Nov. 14.—The stubborn defense made by the Germans of the positions near the River Ancre, which were attacked yesterday by the British, caused the defenders to suffer important losses, the war office announced today. The capture by the British of Beaumont-Hamel and St. Pierre Divion, with the latter at connecting lines, is reported.

## Germans Attack Romania.

LONDON, Nov. 14.—Redoubled efforts are being made by the Austrians and Germans against Romania, Reuter's Bucharest correspondent reports.

Powerful Teutonic reinforcements have been sent to the region of Orsova on the Danube in Hungary, near the Romanian border.

Fighting also is especially severe at two points in the Carpathians; at

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WILSON URGED TO  
VISIT WEST COASTNORWAY BOAT FIRES  
ON GERMAN VESSEL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—President Wilson is being strongly urged to make a western trip before the convening of congress. The idea is being supported by many who are advising the president that he should in that way recognize the support which the western states gave in his re-election.

Many telegrams are on the president's desk inviting him to a Thanksgiving day celebration in Denver. His plans are indefinite as yet, and none of his official family knows what he will do about the proposed trip.

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COPENHAGEN, Nov. 14.—The Nuremblad says that a Norwegian torpedo boat has fired upon a German steamer which refused to stop when passing Stavanger.

The Norwegian fired a shot at the rigging, the newspaper says, then boarded the steamer and dismantled her wireless.

Since the beginning of the war foreign ships have not been permitted to carry wireless installation when in Norwegian waters.

SECOND MEMBER WESLEYAN  
FOOTBALL TEAM DIES

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 14.—Harold Hinman, who died of typhoid fever at a fraternity home in University place this morning, is the second of the Nebraska Wesleyan university football team to die of typhoid in the last ten days.

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1916

## WEATHER

Maximum Yesterday 48;  
Minimum Today 19.

NO. 202

## THE SHIVER OF DOUBT

NO CHANGE MADE  
CALIFORNIA VOTE  
OFFICIAL COUNTSTEFANSSON SAFE;  
TO STAY ANOTHER  
WINTER IN NORTHDEMAND RELEASE  
AMERICAN SCOUTS  
IN JAIL AT JUAREZ

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—The completed election count for California will not show a difference of more than ten votes one way or the other from figures already given out on the presidency. Sydney M. Van Wyk, Jr., chairman of the democratic campaign committee, announced here late today. Mr. Van Wyk based his assertion on examination of returns from all counties in which the county clerks have completed their work.

British Losses Light.

The British losses were unusually light owing largely to the unexpectedly feeble character of the German machine gun fire at Beaumont-Hamel and St. Pierre Divion. For some days the sector attacked today and the area behind have been subjected to successive bombardments which rose to a record pitch yesterday and resulted in the demolition of a large part of the defenses.

A large part of the garrison accepted the large deluge of shells as part of the regular bombardment and did not realize the attack was upon them until too late.

## French Make Advance.

The British advance north of Beaumont-Hamel was held up on a front about 1,000 yards west of Serre. The French captured some German trenches and passed eastward toward the village. Suddenly machine guns and infantry snipers, scattered in great profusion in the craters and other shelters, began firing in the backs of the attacking troops and necessitated their withdrawal. North of Serre the British gained ground, but owing to the failure of the advance immediately south the position is subjected to an enfilading fire from higher ground in the neighborhood of the village.

## Clear Out Germans.

A number of isolated pockets are being cleared of Germans in the intervening ground between Beaumont-Hamel and Beaucourt-Sur-Ancre. The British are firmly established on the western outskirts of the latter hamlet. The remaining fragments of the old German line immediately south of the Ancre which were "pinched out" by the German flank pivoting

Later reports from the company offices were that none were killed, but ten were injured, some seriously. Those hurt were being brought to this city.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 14.—Eight persons were reported killed today in a head-on collision between cars of the Evansville & Eastern interurban line near Yanketown, Warren county. A relief carrying doctors and nurses has gone to the scene from this city.

EVANSVILLE, Nov. 14.—Fifteen persons were hurt, four probably fatally, when two Evansville and Eastern interurban cars met in head-on collision near Yanketown, Warren county, today.

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CANCEL PROPOSED  
RATE INCREASESCALLEZ LEADER  
AGAINST VILLA

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Cancellation of proposed general increases in freight rates by trans-continent railroads on traffic to and from the Pacific coast and the intermountain country and the cost was authorized today by the interstate commerce commission. Notice was given of a compromise between carriers and shippers for a maximum increase of 10 cents per 100 pounds on carload shipments and 25 cents per 100 pounds on less than carload traffic to coast points.

The proposed increases amounted in some instances to several hundred per cent and were suspended by the commission several months ago after extensive hearings here in which shippers vigorously protested. The great bulk of the traffic to points concerned is involved. The commission of the same time canceled hearings set for November and December in Chicago, Salt Lake, San Francisco, Portland and Spokane.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Secretary Lansing's reports from border officials say Villa's forces operating around Chihuahua City are withdrawing and that more Carranza troops were being sent there. The disputes failed to indicate where the Villa's were moving, pointing out merely that the movement seemed to insure added safety for that district.

No word has been received from Parral, which was reported to have been captured by Villa's.

MIDDLE WEST IN  
GRIP COLD WAVE,  
ADVANCING EAST

Rising Temperatures Reported in the West—Southern California Shivering With Cold—Below Zero in Montana—Sixteen Above in Chicago—Vermont Under Ten Inches Snow.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The cold wave from the Rocky mountain region continued to move eastward today and freezing temperatures had extended southward to the Mexican border, where the troops were feeling their effect. The coldest place today was Lander, Wyo., where it was 10 degrees below zero.

The advancing cold was being felt throughout the middle west and practically all states east of the Mississippi river, but it seemed to be losing its intensity as it moved eastward.

The temperature today had moderated somewhat in the north Rocky mountain region, but was much below season average in all western districts. El Paso, Tex., reported 22 degrees; San Antonio, 28; Del Rio, 30; Corpus Christi, 31, and Brownsville, 38.

At Chicago 16 degrees was reported, while St. Paul reported 6; St. Louis 16 and Omaha 4.

## Oregon Temperature Rising.

PORLAND, Ore., Nov. 14.—Portland's temperature today was on the rise and registered 32 degrees above zero at dawn, instead of 28 as yesterday. Weather bureau officials said the cold spell would soon be over and that a slowly rising temperature was expected throughout Oregon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—The United States weather bureau here promised a let-up today of the severe frosts which have gripped the state for the last two nights. A "light frost" was predicted, however, for tonight in exposed places. No report of severe damage have been received, although the temperature dropped to 16 degrees above zero in Paseo Rojas, ranging from that upward to 44 degrees, which caused citizens of San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Bakersfield to shiver with the cold.

## Democrats Control Senate.

It has been charged by democrats that negroes were colonized from the south in states where the republicans triumphed by small majorities.

If contests are brought they will have to be initiated in the new senate, as each legislative body is the judge of its own members. The democrats will control the new senate by a majority of twelve votes.

## Republicans Welcome Investigation.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—"The republican national committee will welcome the fullest investigation of every penny spent by it," Chairman William H. Wilcox of the committee said here today when informed of the steps for senatorial investigation announced at Washington. He said that no charges or information as to alleged misuse of funds in the campaign had been sent to any officials in Washington by the republican committee.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The department of justice announced that its investigation will proceed in various states despite the fact that the elections are over, and said that prosecutions were to follow where the law has been violated.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The government thermometer in Pocatello, Idaho, registered 10 above. In Spokane the lowest temperature last night was 14 above.

## Warmer in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 14.—A cold spell which has overspread Puget sound for several days, with bright skies and a temperature of 20 above zero in Seattle in the coldest November days in this city in thirteen years. The weather continues clear and cold, with slight fall of snow unmelted on the ground.

## SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 14.

Temperatures above zero in Montana indicated that the cold wave is passing. Helena reported the lowest temperature in the state—8 above zero. Billings reported 10 above and Bozeman 16.

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BRANCH NEW YORK  
BANK IN RUSSIASALVATION ARMY  
HEAD RECOVERS

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—The American invasion in the foreign financial field took another step today when the announcement that the National City bank had obtained authority from the Russian government to establish a branch in Petrograd. The branch is to be opened at once. It will be the second foreign bank in the Russian capital. As an outcome of the war in Europe, financial and trade relations between Russia and the United States have greatly advanced.

## NEW YORK, Nov. 14.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—After an illness of several weeks, during which "tearless prayer" was offered for her in Salvation Army circles throughout the country, Evangeline C. Booth, commander of the Salvation Army in the United States, is reported today as well on the road to recovery. It is announced that she would be able to resume work within a few days.