

FALL WEATHER AIDS GERMAN SEA ACTIVITY

Short Days and Thick Weather on North Sea Improve Teuton Chances to Operate Submarines.

TRANSFER VESSELS

Unofficial Report Claims Kaiser's Troops Approach Dunkirk, Fortified Seaport of France.

BY HERBERT TEMPLE
European Manager of The International News Service.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—Hopes that had been raised high by the announcement of the British press bureau that the Germans in France had been driven back thirty miles were dashed today in an unofficial report that the Kaiser's troops were approaching Dunkirk, the great fortified seaport of France across the channel from England.

This report came in a Rotterdam dispatch from a correspondent of The Daily Mail, who said:

"A message just received from a German source reports that the Germans have crossed the Belgian border onto the coast of France and are now only a few miles from Dunkirk."

Press Bureau Silent.

It was stated at the press bureau that no official confirmation of this report could be given, but its transmission and publication were permitted.

News of the arrival of Admiral von Tirpitz, head of the navy, is taken here as confirmation of the theory that Germany intends to make an attack on England as soon as practicable. There are rumors that German submarines have been transported by rail to Belgium and that these will be put into the waters of the channel as soon as the Germans are in undisputed possession of the coast. A news agency dispatch from Berlin says:

"The shortening days and the thickening weather on the North Sea are steadily improving conditions for the operation of submarines and torpedo-boats. Marine experts expect that henceforth there will be intense activity throughout the North Sea."

Shell Lightship.

The Belgian lightship off Zee Brugge, the port of Bruges, has been shelled by a German battery from the shore, and the crew has been forced to flee. This is also confirmatory of the belief that the German intend to be active at the southern end of the North Sea.

WAGON WRECKED ON MAIN STREET

A large farm wagon loaded with oats, collapsed at Eighth and Main streets this morning. The front axle snapped and one front wheel gave way, leaving the wagon in a diagonal position, blocking the traffic on the north side of the street. The wrecked wagon cleared the car tracks by about a foot.

SMITH LOW BIDDER

After being unable to ascertain for what reason the Indiana Bridge company failed to secure complete plans for the construction of the Smith bridge, southeast of Richmond, the county commissioners gave the contract to Isaac Smith at \$2,000, and decided not to re-advertise for bids. The Indiana Bridge company bid only on the superstructure of the seventy-five foot span.

The temperature of the air in which they live effects the color of butterflies.



This picture shows one of the most remarkable of all the wonders of the German military equipment and preparedness. These German officers are having luncheon served on a tray in china cups and glasses, in the height of battle. This shelter is set amid the trenches, where shells are falling thickest. Guns and ammunition are no more important in modern, long drawn out war than is the soldier's food. The German kitchens keep right on the job, no matter what happens.

"Allie's" Dope

KARL ALLISON

WOLVERINES TAKE HEART.

A ray of hope entered into the gloomy Wolverine football camp today, when it became known that there was a small chance of Hughitt playing in the Harvard game. Saturday reports were to the effect that the star quarter-back would never again play because of his dislocated left elbow.

WAR ON FEDERALS.

Garry Herrmann stated today without reserve that no negotiations looking toward peace with the Federal league are under way. The report came from Chicago that Herrmann, acting as spokesman for the powers of organized baseball, has submitted a definite offer of peace to the Federals. The offer was said to have been made in New York last week to Charles Weeghman of the Chicago Federals.

WANTS JACKSON BOUT.

Tom Jones, manager of Jess Willard, will leave Chicago today for New York, and on Thursday will sail for London in the hope of clinching a twenty-round or finish championship battle between Larned and Jack Johnson.

BILLIARDISTS LEAVE.

Willie Hoppe and Melbourne Inman left Chicago Sunday for Montreal, where on Wednesday, they will start play in the third series of the International billiard match.

When a survey was made of the wilds of Bolivia, all longitude was figured by the aid of time signals sent by wireless from a station 120 miles from the base of the operations.

London Mobs Smash Shops of Germans

BY LEASED WIRE.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—After fighting for more than ten hours, heavy force of police were able early today to subdue a mob of 5,000 people who had attacked a number of German stores in Depot Ford. More than a score of prisoners were taken. Both women and men, were taken. The prisoners were arraigned before noon, and all but one woman were remanded in custody for future examination.

The rioting in south London broke out early last night, but was checked. After midnight it was renewed with more violence than ever. The police fought gallantly to protect the property owned by citizens of a hostile nation, but they found the rioters in an extremely dangerous frame of mind. Many were hurt in the clashes and had to be taken to hospitals for treatment.

The immediate cause of the outbreak was the arrival of 800 Belgians in the neighborhood. Dockworkers precipitated the trouble and soon High street, the center of the zone of disorder, was a mass of struggling humanity.

A handful of troops assisted the police in clearing the streets after the rioters had been quelled.

These were the first war riots in London.

WILL FIGHT FOR "TEACHER-MOTHERS"



Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw, one of the most active in the newly formed League for Civil Service Reform, which will enter a vigorous protest with the board of education of the city of New York against the ousting of teachers who have become mothers while in the service. The league will move for an amendment to the by-laws providing that teacher-mothers shall not be dismissed and, failing in this, they propose to carry the fight to the legislature.

DENIES ASSAULT

Cecil Rhodes, colored, today entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of assault and battery on Iano Thomas, colored, an extra member of the police department. It is said by Rhodes that Thomas dared him to give him a "slapping" and he met the dare.

GET DIVORCES

Treva Z. Evans was today granted a divorce from Walter Evans in circuit court. The plaintiff charged cruel and inhuman treatment. Mrs. Evans was given the custody of a three-year-old child.

Ethel Patterson, colored, was granted a divorce from her husband William H. Patterson on grounds of infidelity.

WRITER IS DEAD

BY LEASED WIRE.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—Monsignor Robert Hugh Benson, former private chaplain to Pope Pius X and one of the ablest writers of the Roman Catholic church, died today at Salzburg, aged 43. He was a son of the late Archbishop Benson.

KICKS WRONG DOOR.

Harry Grimes ended a long debauch Sunday by trying to kick in the door of a house occupied by a woman friend of his and was arrested. He drew a fine of \$25 and costs.

HENDRICKS BIDS LOW.

W. F. Hendricks today agreed to accept the contract for the construction of a transformer house at the city plant for the estimated cost, \$723, and the board ordered the contract given to him. He was the lowest of three bidders, all of whom submitted bids over the estimate.

Japan's efforts to encourage the cultivation of cotton in Formosa have so far ended in failure.

AUCTION OF ROUTES RAISES OBJECTIONS BY RURAL CARRIERS

Beck Says Immediate Operation of Burleson's Proposal Unlikely, Because of Efficient Work Here.

That Postmaster General Burleson did not intend to put into operation soon the much agitated plan of placing rural route deliveries on contract, but that he spoke of it as a future possibility unless the civil service department of the United States changes its policy, is the belief of Postmaster Beck.

The reasons can be seen in reviewing the history of rural routes, said Mr. Beck. In the establishment of the plan, the efficiency of the carriers was not questioned as the salary was \$300 a year. As rural service grew and the office had a salary attached to it, the qualifications became rigid and a more educated class of men was employed. Under the civil service laws, however, the men who started years ago without passing any examinations or filling any qualifications, cannot be released.

The Richmond office does not suffer from this condition, according to Mr. Beck, who says that almost all Richmond post office employees are above the average in intelligence and desire to better the service.

Mr. Beck believes that the postmaster general has taken up the contract rural service plan more to bring the civil service department to take a stand for the elimination of "weaklings" from the department, than with any intention of operating it in the near future.

The announcement that Burleson was contemplating such an action brought a storm of protest from rural route carriers who saw possibilities of their salaries being cut from \$1,200 a year to \$600 or \$700 a year.

BEST SOIL FOR RYE

Rye does not withdraw from the soil an unusual amount of plant food. It, however, is able to a greater extent than most crops to draw its food from the natural resources of the soil. It does not, therefore, equally require rich soil or application of manure or fertilizers. This being the case, it is often put on rather poor soil and naturally it leaves that soil in a very low condition of fertility. This is not, however, because it has taken more nitrogen, phosphoric and potash, etc., than other crops, but because it has taken what is needed of these out of a stock already slender.

FODDER FOR SHEEP

The average 100 pounds of sheep will consume about four pounds of fodder corn or millet daily. Fodder corn is a heavier producer than millet, but from two of the latter to three or four tons of the former are reasonably safe yields to expect per acre. The amount required for generous feeding of the flock may easily be determined. It is better to buy the other fellow's stock in order to dispose of the feed than to be short of feed and be forced to sell one's stock.

The ostrich has the distinction of laying the largest egg. The egg, which weighs about three pounds, is considered equal in contents to twenty-four hen eggs.

European pattern umbrellas were exported from Japan to the value of \$560,000 during the first four months of 1914 or just double the amount is a like period in 1912.

Insects in the Philippines show distinct appetites for insulating material, as is proved by the ravages of ants and cockroaches on insulated wire and similar substances.

U. S. MARINES LAND AT PORT AU PRINCE TO UPHOLD ORDERS

BY LEASED WIRE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Confirmation of the landing of a force of 100 marines from the gunboat Tacoma at Port Au Prince, Haiti, was contained in a wireless to the navy department today.

The Tacoma was summoned from Cape Hayti last night from Port Au Prince by a wireless message stating that rebels had attacked the city and that American marines were needed to preserve order.

The Tacoma hurried to the Haitian capital. The marines were landed early today.

TWO REFUGEE TRAINS CRASH NEAR HAVRE

BY LEASED WIRE.

HAVRE, France, Oct. 19.—Two trains carrying refugees south from the zone of fighting along the coast, collided in a heavy fog near Boulogne early today. The first report of the disaster received here stated that thirty-two women and children had been killed and more than eighty injured.

START DRAMA STUDY

Organization of the local branch of the Drama League of America will be perfected tonight at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium. The chief purpose of the new society is to secure the production of high class plays in Richmond theatres. Mrs. A. Starr Best of Chicago, will speak on the general work of the league.

Checks were received recently by old law firms in Morristown, N. J., and their successors paying 10 per cent dividend in a bankruptcy case forty years ago. Some of the lawyers have been puzzled about who should receive the dividend.

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