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WEATHER—FAIR

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HUN AIR RAID ON ENGLAND; TEUTONS TAKE ALEXANDRIA

ROUMANIAN TOWN HELD BY ENEMY

Forces of Field Marshal Von Mackensen and General Von Falkenhayn Continue Their March Towards Bucharest and Are About 45 Miles from Capital.

BERLIN CLAIMS VICTORY 17 MILES FROM MONASTIR—MAY BE NEW ENTENTE DRIVE IN FRANCE—ITALIANS UNDER HEAVY FIRE—DESPERATE SITUATION IN GERMANY.

The entire line of the Alt river in Roumania, running north and south through the country from the Transylvanian Alps to the Danube, is now in the hands of the Teutonic Allies. In all directions the invaders are continuing to make progress, with Bucharest, their main objective, daily coming nearer.

The southern and eastern drive in the Alt region has brought the Teutonic forces across the Topolog river, while to the south between Roehi De Vede and Valeni their line has been drawn considerably nearer the Roumanian capital. Alexandria, 47 miles southeast of Bucharest, has been taken by Field Marshal Von Mackensen's troops. Considering the swiftness of the advance of the Teutonic Allies through Wallachia comparatively few prisoners have been taken, although semi-official reports credit them with having captured considerable supplies of needed stores. Near Orsova 28 officers and 1,200 men were made prisoner, while in the Alt region, near Tigveni, ten additional officers and 400 men fell into the hands of the Teutons.

Big Battle Near Monastir.
In a big battle extending over a front of about 17 miles northwest and northeast of Monastir—between Trnova and Makovo—the Entente Allies, according to Berlin, have met with a severe defeat through the failure of an attack launched against the lines of the allies of the Central Powers. Aside from reports of the repulse of the Bulgarians by the Serbians and of continuous progress for the Italians west of Monastir the Entente Allied war office record no important engagement on the Macedonian front. In the Carnia centre of the Austro-Italian theatre, and east of Gorizia, the Austrians are vigorously shelling the Italians. On the Russian front there has been considerable activity by both the Russians and Germans at various points.

Comparative calm still prevails along the front in France, so far as infantry engagements are concerned. A Berlin semi-official despatch says there are indications that the Entente Allies contemplate fresh offensives.

New Entente Offensive?
Berlin, Nov. 27, by wire to the Associated Press, via Sayville.—Indications are accumulating, according to military opinion, that the Entente Allies contemplate an offensive at some new place on the western front either as a diversion to assist the campaign on the Somme or as a transfer of the principal attack to another point.

British cannon on Saturday bombarded German positions near Arras in a manner usually regarded as preliminary to an attack. The French have displayed similar activity in the St. Mihiel region, south of Verdun.

Germans Desperate.
Copenhagen, Nov. 27, via London, 2:00 p. m.—The Berlin correspondent of the Berlingske Tidende says the German government is considering favorably a proposal of Conservatives in the Reichstag that the universities and others of the higher schools in the empire be virtually closed, so that the teachers and scholars may be embraced in the plan for mobilization of civilians.

Paris, Nov. 27.—The communication issued by the war office tonight reads: "There was no event of importance during the course of the day."

Belgian communication: "In the afternoon a reciprocal bombardment occurred in the region of Dixmude; the Belgian batteries directed a successful and destructive fire against the enemy organizations. The artillery activity was particularly intense in the direction of Steenstrate and Heestings."

SUBMARINE EXPERT KILLED ACCIDENTALLY.

London, Nov. 27.—A coroner's jury today reached a finding of accidental death in the case of William Henry Jacques, who was killed by a train last week at High Barnet, a London suburb.

Mr. Jacques was formerly president of the Holland Submarine Company,

FLAMES RAGE IN SPRINGHILL MINE OF DOMINION COAL CO.

Hundreds of Miners Fighting Blaze—No Person Injured—Fire which Started on Cne Slope Three Years Ago Has Been Burning Since.

Springhill, N. S., Nov. 27.—A serious fire is in progress in the north slope of the Springhill coal mines, controlled by the Dominion Coal Co. Although several streams of water were being poured on the flames they were unchecked at a late hour tonight. No one has been injured.

It is nearly three years since a fire started in the Springhill mines. One that broke out in 1913, is still burning in one of the levels. This fire was confined to one section and as the section was bricked off the flames and smoke do not interfere with the operation of the mines.

The latest fire evidently started some time yesterday, for it was then it was first discovered.

Fire Fighters Busy.
An urgent call was issued for fire fighters among the miners, and hundreds quickly responded. Tonight a large and competent force was engaged in battling with the flames.

The blaze broke out in the pipe bore of the north slope and spread with a great degree of rapidity. The extent of the conflagration is not yet known but it is hoped that the flames will soon be extinguished.

At a late hour the fire was still burning unchecked by several streams of water.

DID LAPLAND HIT GERMAN SUBMARINE?

Passengers on White Star Liner Think Ship Might Have Struck U-Boat.

New York, Nov. 27.—Passengers who arrived here today on the White Star Line steamer Lapland from Liverpool said they were awakened early yesterday by a shock such as might be produced by the ship striking some submerged object. The impact was so severe, some of the passengers said, that they were thrown from their berths.

Wireless advices received the day previous giving warning that belligerent submarines were suspected to be in the travelled sea lanes, caused some of the passengers to believe the Lapland had rammed one of the "U" boats. C. H. R. Young, an attaché of the American state department, returning from an official trip to England and France, said he was positive the liner struck either a derelict or a submarine.

Captain John Bradshaw, master of the Lapland, was reticent on the subject. Other officers of the ship said the shock, if any, might have been caused by a heavy wave hitting the vessel.

ANOTHER HUN AIR ATTACK ON ENGLAND

No Reports of Casualties or Damage Have Been Received at London.

Bulletin—London, Nov. 28.—Another air raid of the northeastern coast of England took place last night. The official statement says: "Hostile aircraft crossed the northeastern coast Monday night. Bombs, it is reported have been dropped in several places in the northern counties, but no reports of casualties or damage have yet been received."

More Aerial Fighting.
London, Nov. 27.—The official communication from general headquarters in France issued this afternoon reads: "Today our artillery dispersed enemy infantry west of Poulux and bombed enemy trenches in the Ypres area."

Yesterday, in spite of indifferent weather, our airplanes co-operated successfully with our artillery and also bombed several points of military importance. Two of our machines are missing."

RECENT ADVANCE IN N. S.
The miners in the extensive mines of the Dominion Coal Company in Cape Breton and Springhill and those of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., in Pictou and elsewhere recently announced a series of advances and bonuses.

ROUMANIA MAY ESCAPE FROM PREDICAMENT

Utter Lack of German Claim of Large Captures of Prisoners Gives British Hope That Forces of King Charles May Get Away.

CONDITION OF ROADS HINDERS PROGRESS OF TEUTONIC ARMIES BEYOND THE ALTA—VON FALKENHAYN'S SUCCESSFUL STRATEGIC CAMPAIGN IN WALLACHIA.

New York, Nov. 27.—A news agency despatch from London today says: "News from German sources caused a renewal of hope here today that Roumania may, after all, extricate herself from the precarious position in which her Wallachian forces have been placed by Von Falkenhayn's concededly brilliant strategic campaign."

"Of prime basis for this hope was the utter lack, in all the German official reports, of any claims of large captures of prisoners or war munitions. If the Roumanian army had been trapped by the encircling movement around Orsova and Turnu Severin, reaching over Craiova, it was regarded as certain the Berlin official reports would have chronicled big captures of men and supplies. Furthermore, it is known here that the Roumanians succeeded in removing their artillery from Craiova before that city fell into the hands of the enemy."

Germans Delayed.
"One other source of hope was the report from German correspondents at Von Falkenhayn's headquarters that further progress beyond the Alta was delayed because of the conditions of the roads."

"Both of these bits of news led military experts here to reconstruct a story of an orderly retreat of the Roumanian forces from the angle, on which two arms of the Teutonic forces are now exerting pressure. There was no disposition, however, to disguise the fact that Roumania is still perilously placed."

Berlin's Version.
Berlin, Nov. 27, via Sayville.—The war office announced tonight that the whole line of the Alt river in Roumania is in the hands of the Teutonic troops. The statement follows: "On the western and eastern fronts there is nothing important to report. In Roumania the whole Alt river line is in our hands."

"On the Monastir Plain and mountains and in the Cerna bend the Entente forces suffered a severe defeat by the failure of a great attack from Trnova, northwest of Monastir, to Makovo."

The sector of the Euboea front in Macedonia, between Trnova and Makovo is about seventeen miles long, running approximately east and west a few miles north of Monastir.

Roumanians Retire.
Bucharest, Nov. 27, via London.—The text of the Roumanian statement says: "Northern and northwestern fronts: On the frontier of West Moldavia there was no change."

"On the frontier of North Wallachia there has been an artillery bombardment at Table Butz, in the Provova Valley, and in the region of Dragoslavele."

"On the western front the left wing of the enemy attacked yesterday but was repulsed. Our troops retired from the Alt and from the Topolog a little towards the east. In the direction of Swardoss there have been violent engagements."

"On the southern front there has been an artillery bombardment all along the Danube."

ANOTHER DISPUTE BETWEEN U. S. AND ENTENTE ALLIES

Washington Expected to Act as Result of Great Britain and Allies Refusing to Grant Safe Conduct for New Austrian Ambassador to United States.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Another controversy between the American government and the Entente Allies is in prospect as a result of the refusal of the British government to grant safe conduct to Count Tarnowski, the newly appointed Austro-Hungarian ambassador to the United States.

In the absence of official advices on the subject officials of the state department were not in a position today to discuss it formally or to forecast the course the government is likely to pursue. It was made evident, however, that the unfavorable action of the British foreign office on the notice of the intention of the new ambassador to cross the Atlantic to his post came as an unpleasant surprise. It had not been doubted here that Great Britain would be the last power to deny the privileged character of a diplomatic officer on such a voyage.

U. S. Disappointed.
Aside from the belief that England would not desire to arouse adverse feeling in the United States by inter-

ference with the ancient and generally unquestioned right of a neutral government to receive an ambassador or ministers, officials had counted upon Great Britain's record in the Mason-Sidell case to prevent such an action as reported in today's cable despatches.

The fact is recognized that in protesting against the removal of the confederate commissioners from the steamship Trent the British government was mainly concerned with the violation of the protection afforded by the British flag under which the Trent sailed, and it is said that it was on that account the United States repudiated the action of its naval commander.

There is an absence of any precedent exactly fitting this case that requires the department to be very careful in assuming ground and the text of the note handed to Ambassador Page will be awaited before a decision as to the course to be followed is reached.

DISTRESS CALL FROM STEAMER THIS MORNING

Bulletin—Halifax, Nov. 28.—According to a wireless despatch from Sable Island this morning, the steamer Amerique is sending out "S. O. S." calls. These messages have been picked up by the wireless operators on duty at the island. Nothing can be ascertained here as to the reason for the calls.

SCHOONER ARTHUR J. PARKER AND CREW LOST
Special to The Standard.
Halifax, Nov. 27.—The schooner Arthur J. Parker, owned by F. K. Warren, of Halifax, and bound to this port with a cargo of phosphate for the fertilizer works, is believed to have been lost, and only a slight hope exists that her crew may have been picked up. The Arthur J. Parker was on her way from Boston and had gone into Liverpool, N. S., which port she left on November 11 for Halifax.

Captain Joseph Evans was the master of the Arthur J. Parker and Duncan Conrod was mate. The officers and crew belonged to Liverpool.

ST. PIERRE STEAMER ASHORE

Halifax, Nov. 17.—The steamer Pro Patria, (French) is ashore at Flat Point near Cranberry Head C. B. The steamer has some passengers aboard. Tugs are being sent to her assistance.

SIR SAM WISHES KEMP SUCCESS

Lindsay, Ont., Nov. 27.—"I feel it is a duty I owe to my constituents to give them an insight into the past and my purposes as to the future," said Lieut.-Gen. Sir Sam Hughes today, according to an interview in the Daily Warrier.

Continuing Sir Sam said: "I intend taking a trip to the south, possibly to Virginia, and will be absent a week or two, but on my return I will address a public meeting in Lindsay."

What are Hon. Mr. Kemp's chances in his election to the position of minister of militia?

General Huthers—"I wish him success. Hon. Mr. Kemp will be unopposed in his election, that is, as far as I am concerned."

CROTHERS WINS A VICTORY

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Nov. 27.—Hon. T. W. Crothers has drawn first blood under the cost of living legislation. Last week he was informed by a retailer that two wholesale bread bakers had refused to sell him bread unless he kept up the price to the figure they placed upon it for retail. The Minister of Labor at once wrote the wholesaler stating that he would not permit this and threatening criminal action if they persisted.

Today he was informed by the retailer that the wholesale firms had notified him he could have all the bread he wanted and he could sell it at any price he liked.

Italians Are Bombarded.
Rome, via London, Nov. 27.—The Austro-Hungarian guns have been shelling the Italian lines on the Carnia front, the war office announced today. In the Trentino heavy rains have hampered operations along the greater part of the lines. The official statement says:

"Enemy movements in the mountain region north of the Ledro Valley and in the Assa Valley were hampered by our artillery fire. On the rest of the Trentino front torrential rains have interfered with operations."

"On the Carnia front on Saturday there were violent enemy bombardments of our positions at the head of the Degano, Butand Chiarzo valleys. Some shells fell in Palucza and Paularo without doing damage."

"In retaliation our batteries shelled