

ANTWERP GETTING BACK TO NORMAL AFTER WEEKS OF TERROR AND PANIC

Antwerp.—Antwerp gradually is returning to normal conditions. About 150,000 of the city's 350,000 inhabitants, most of whom fled when the Germans occupied it, have returned to their homes.

Some bakeries, meat shops and grocery stores are opening in the poorer section of the city, and a few old women with dog carts are offering apples and vegetables in the once busy markets. The German flag flies from the tower of the cathedral of Notre Dame, but Belgian priests are reading mass as usual.

The streets virtually are deserted except for the gray German automobiles which dash along at mad speed carrying officers clad in smoke gray uniforms.

No War Tax Levied.

No tribute has been levied on the city as yet, except that the Germans have demanded supplies for their army. General von Huehne is governor general of the military government. Maj. Gen. von Bodenhausen, commander of the fortress of Antwerp, will be installed shortly as civil governor.

General von Huehne has given assurance that Belgians will not be forced to dig intrenchments or do other work for the Germans if they return to the Belgian cities. Every consideration is being shown the Belgians by the invaders, but this kindness makes the Belgians suspicious, as they believe, they say, that a trap is being laid.

Thousands of Natives Return.

Over twelve thousand Belgians returned to Antwerp, and probably half that number from Holland. All of the Holland border towns are filled with frantic Belgians, who move about anxiously seeking relatives and are afraid to return to their native land. The country about Antwerp is desolate.

It is estimated that about three hundred buildings were destroyed in Antwerp by bombs, most of these structures being residences. The Hotel de l'Europe and the Taverne Royale on La Place Verte were among 25 large buildings destroyed by fire caused by bombs.

La Mier and other leading business streets are untouched, but all the large business houses are still closed, despite the efforts of the Germans to restore normal conditions.

Argentine Consul Killed.

About sixty persons were killed during the bombardment of the city.

Theophile Lemaire, Argentine consul at Antwerp, was the most prominent victim. He was killed in the cellar of his home by a bomb which came through the roof and floors and struck him.

Consul Diederich and the American vice-consul, Harry Sherman, both narrowly escaped death during the bombardment. They lived on the south side of the city, where the shelling occurred. The operators of a Zeppelin dirigible balloon dropped a bomb within 200 feet of Mr. Sherman's home, and the house adjoining Mr. Diederich's residence was completely wrecked by a bomb.

FOES HIDDEN IN TRENCHES FIGHT DAY AND NIGHT

By KARL H. VON WIEGAND.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

St. Mihiel, France.—Fighting day and night from deep trenches whose wonderfully effective entanglements of barbed wire, steel sharp-pointed rods and sharp-pointed stakes almost touch, the thousands of men comprising the German left and the French opposing wing seldom see each other.

Probably never before has there been staged a battle so theatrically set as is the present. The line of battle runs wave-shaped for miles through dense forests, over and around high hills and across deep valleys traversed with fast-running streams of water.

The French stubbornly contest every attempt of the Germans to advance. Lines of trenches are extended a foot at a time. The thousands on each side dig themselves in like field moles. They cover their every movement. Even the guns are hidden and their location cannot be ascertained by the opposing forces, as their smokeless powder leaves no trace.

Visible to Aviators.

And in the open country the trenches are so constructed as to be invisible to an aviator unless he flies very low. When he does fly low he seldom returns to report. But there are always volunteers on both sides to attempt it. They go out and most of them are killed. A few are captured alive and they are treated with the consideration their daring demands.

The Germans have occupied St. Mihiel and are holding it and the territory adjoining, although they are still subjected to a heavy artillery fire. The children, however, play about the streets and the inhabitants go about their duties in an uncon-

cerned way. They express no curiosity. Familiarity with danger has in this case bred a feeling of utter contempt for it.

Now Seek Verdun Forts.

The reports that the Germans were making an assault in force on Toul and Nancy are erroneous. For the present their chief objective is the smaller line of forts along the Meuse line from Toul to Verdun. These are Troyon, Genecourt, Les Paroches, Camp de Romains, Lionville, Gironville and Jury-sous-les-Cotes. The first to fall was St. Mihiel, and several of the others are reported in difficulties. In addition, the bombardment of Verdun continues, and some of the outer works have already been reduced.

Aviator Escapes Death.

While passing through Vervinay I witnessed a daring piece of work by a French aviator. Under cover of a fog he had swooped down on the German trenches and had located a number of them before he was discovered. Although the German artillery fairly rained shrapnel around his fleeing plane he mounted almost straight up and finally escaped to his own lines.

I was able to spend on entire day in the German trenches which have been constructed to prevent the French armies with headquarters at Toul and Nancy attempting a flanking attack. In one of the trenches the soldiers had organized a singing society. The whole scene was wonderfully picturesque. A thick fog hid the French trenches 800 yards away. The ghost-like figures of the greenish gray-clad figures in the trenches were strangely silhouetted in the mist. Occasionally the thunder of the guns would punctuate the choruses. The singing was remarkable, as many of the soldiers had trained voices. Some stood at attention. Others had their hands tightly clasped in the attitude of prayer. They sang, "It's the Day of the Lord" and "My Vaterland; Beloved Vaterland," chiefly.

FIELDS ARE CHOKED WITH BODIES OF SLAIN SOLDIERS

By LUCIEN ARTHUR JONES.

Dunkirk.—I am writing this dispatch to the sound of heavy rifle firing in the streets of this town. A German Taube just now was flying above us and receiving its customary salute of bullets. It finally disappeared in the direction of Ostend without doing or receiving any damage.

This is the second aerial call the Germans have paid Dunkirk today. About nine o'clock this morning a Taube hovered over the town for a considerable period. The aviator paid dearly for his temerity, for his machine was badly damaged by shot and he was forced to descend outside the town, only to find himself and the machine immediately captured.

The Taube has been led in triumph through the streets of the town.

Naval Guns Repulse Germans.

It now appears certain that the Germans have been shelled out of their positions at Ostend. Small parties, however, were reported to be in the town itself this morning.

The bombardment by the British and French naval guns of the German right wing resulted in clearing the coast from Nieuport to Ostend of the enemy for a distance of several miles.

In the interior the Germans are reported to be demoralized and the reply of their artillery for once is sadly ineffectual.

Splendid work has been done here by the British Red Cross detachment, which formerly was at Ghent in charge of Dr. Hector Munroe.

German Dead Cover Field.

A member of the staff has told me that the fields in the neighborhood of Furness and Dixmude were choked with German dead. So desperate has the fighting been that the Germans left in a hurry without a thought of burying their dead or assisting their wounded.

While he was in Dixmude a German shell struck the house in which were resting 27 Belgians and not one of them escaped death.

Wolf Packs Attack Soldiers.

Rome.—A dispatch from Cetinje says: "A close watch at night is necessary at the military camps, not only because of the fear of the enemy, but on account of the dread of wolves, which, when the first snow covered the mountain tops, began to descend and wander in rapacious bands attacking the living if they cannot find dead."

Read Only German Poets.

London.—The Berlin Vorwaerts announces that a boycott is to be placed on foreign poets. Among the first to be boycotted are D'Annunzio and Maeterlinck. It has been discovered that neither is a man of any particular genius.

COURT HOUSE IS RAZED AT NIGHT

Faction Desiring New Court House Tears Down New Structure While the Town Slumbers

LEE COUNTY IS AROUSED

Those Opposing New Court House Threaten Injunction To Halt Contractor's Work

Fort Myers.—In spite of efforts to prevent the erection of the proposed new court house by seeking an injunction restraining the contractor from beginning work, the old building was razed to the ground during the night by a large force of workmen and Lee county is now without a county office building.

The situation growing out of the intention of the Board of county commissioners to have a new court house erected is interesting. Attorneys C. F. Johnson and W. F. Parry, representing citizens, left for Bartow to sue out an injunction against the commissioners and the contractor, the latter just having been awarded the contract calling for the erection of a \$100,000 building.

Despite the strong opposition which developed when the talk of a new court house was commenced, there is comparatively little opposition now, and when the people see the old building completely razed and the need for a new building, there will be no opposition, the commissioners believe.

FLORIDA'S SHIPPING IMPROVED.

Railroad and Steamship Freight is Gradually Improving, Asserts Steamship Official.

Jacksonville.—General freight traffic in Florida and elsewhere has increased to nearly its normal status, according to H. C. Avery. When war was first declared three months ago, there was a decided slump in the freight business that was felt by both railroad and steamship lines. Slowly by degrees the local freight began to move, but foreign shipping was dead, as no goods would be received for foreign consignees. Since Great Britain's announcement to this country that she would not consider cotton as a contraband of war, providing it was shipped in neutral vessels, there has been a decided jump in cotton shipping.

GIFTS FOR WAR ORPHANS.

St. Augustine Citizens Are Donating Liberally Toward Christmas Ship For Europeans.

St. Augustine.—That St. Augustine will be most creditably represented in the gifts shipped from New York for war-torn Europe on the Christmas ship is made evident by the number of articles received at the chamber of commerce.

So many have been the responses to the requests made here that it has been necessary to ask the public to leave the gifts at the chamber of commerce only between the hours of 4 and 5 o'clock. Toys, clothing, money and other articles are being received in quantities and the shipment from here will be a large one. Local church and charitable organizations are behind the work and are meeting with all possible encouragement.

PLANS FLORAL PARADE.

Gainesville Preparing For Great Event On November 16, Celebrating Ladies' Day.

Gainesville.—A sufficient number of automobile owners and business firms have agreed to enter decorated cars and floats in the floral parade on Ladies' day, November 19, to promise this one of the great days of the fair. Several of the liveliest firms in Gainesville have agreed to put in floats in keeping with dignity of the day and have entered heartily into the double purpose of complimenting the ladies and getting some valuable advertisement for themselves. These merchants have manifested a pardonable pride in the city and county, and have already secured the promise of ladies to assist them in planning and decorating their floats. Some novel designs will be seen in the automobile section of the parade.

More factories for Jacksonville is the plan which the Jacksonville board of trade means to launch in an effective manner within the next few months. On the return of President Charles H. Mann from a recent northern trip this idea was favored by him and before the end of next week it will be seen what can be done toward this end.

NEW ORLEANS IS CHOSEN.

By Rotarians For 1915 National Meeting—Jacksonville Entertaining Rotary Clubs.

Jacksonville.—Delegates from eighteen Rotary clubs south of the Potomac and east of the Mississippi, with International President Frank L. Mulholland, of Toledo, O., in session here for their first annual get-together meeting, chose New Orleans for the 1915 meeting place, banqueted and saw Jacksonville from all viewpoints during the day, and agreed that this city is all right.

Jacksonville, with its usual modesty, voted Tampa the best city in the south, outside the limits of Duval county, and Tampa was awarded the handsome \$1,000 Rotary loving cup, which was the prize to the city making the best showing in a five-minute speech.

Peter O. Knight, of the Cigar city, did the talking for Tampa, and that he came up to the expectations of the reputation he has for effective speaking is but putting it mildly.

Of course the points counted were from a Rotary standpoint, and probably the most convincing argument produced by Mr. Knight was the forty-three members of the Tampa Rotary club, the largest representation from any city in the south, except Jacksonville, which had a 98 per cent. attendance of her ninety-four members.

STATE-NEWS NOTES.

A majority of the bonds voted on in Ocala were defeated by a close vote. The bonds calling for public buildings, street paving and extension of water plant were defeated. The bonds for sewerage, calling for an expenditure of \$100,000, won by thirty-five votes. Another election will be held for bonds to enlarge the electric light plant.

Word has been received at Miami of the appointment of H. P. Branning, of this city, to succeed the late Judge Bethel, judge of the circuit court. Governor Trammell wired the announcement of the appointment. Judge Branning was among a number of aspirants for the position. The appointment is to fill the unexpired term of Judge Bethel, who last week passed away, following a long illness.

In the auditorium of Rollins college the conference of the Young Men's Christian association of the Florida colleges and universities was opened under most auspicious circumstances. Delegations and in most cases, large ones, were present from each of the institutions of the state, and in addition to a large number of visitors from the town and surrounding country gathered to begin this important work.

By adopting the report of the joint committee designated to investigate the proposition the board of port commissioners has refused to loan the city of Jacksonville the \$125,000 asked. The matter was brought up at the last meeting of the board and it was referred to the finance and legal committees for investigation and report.

About fifteen years ago the total shipment of grapefruit and oranges from Osceola county did not exceed 20,000 boxes. So far as can be estimated this year's crop will reach 300,000 boxes—an increase of 1,000 per cent in fifteen years. At this time also a great many young groves are just coming into bearing which can be counted on to make the citrus industry of the county double its present value within a few years.

Owing to disturbed financial conditions the customers of the Jefferson County State bank, of Monticello, have been steadily withdrawing their deposits. Therefore, in order to protect all creditors and depositors, D. A. Finlayson, president of the bank, notified Hon. W. V. Knott, comptroller, on arriving at Monticello that it would be best for him to take charge of the bank provided by law and hold it until he could make an investigation of its affairs. The comptroller hopes that he will not be forced to ask for a receiver, and that he can, with the full and hearty co-operation of the stockholders, creditors and depositors, be able to make arrangements for the speedy reopening of the bank.

The Pensacola city commissioners, by a unanimous vote, ordered fourteen police officers dropped from the department. This terminated the discussion which has been before the commissioners for the past month and was a compromise between the commissioners, each of whom had a different opinion on how the city should retrench. The commissioners also reduced the salaries of the chief and a number of others who are heads of departments. The saving by these changes will amount to twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars for the year. No action was taken as to which of the officers will be dismissed and whether or not the chief of police or police commissioner will select those who are to be dismissed.

THE CHARM OF MOTHERHOOD

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The experience of Motherhood is a trying one to most women and marks distinctly an epoch in their lives. Not one woman in a hundred is prepared or understands how to properly care for herself. Of course nearly every woman nowadays has medical treatment at such times, but many approach the experience with an organism unfitted for the trial of strength, and when it is over her system has received a shock from which it is hard to recover. Following right upon this comes the nervous strain of caring for the child, and a distinct change in the mother results.

There is nothing more charming than a happy and healthy mother of children, and indeed child-birth under the right conditions need be no hazard to health or beauty. The unexplainable thing is that, with all the evidence of shattered nerves and broken health resulting from an unprepared condition, and with ample time in which to prepare, women will persist in going blindly to the trial.

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