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KEEP ARMY OF THE KAISER BUSY

German Progress Through Serbia Slow, but Teuton Successes Are Reported From Various Battle Fronts

London, Oct. 26.—Obstacles strewn in the path of the Teutonic allies on other fronts are apparently responsible for the slowness with which they are pushing their way through Serbia.

These hindrances are in the form of the French drive in the Champagne, Russia's offensive, the Austrian losses in Galicia, and the renewed onslaught all along the Italian line. Because the entente powers are thus keeping Austria and Germany extremely engaged the central powers apparently are unable to spare men for a drive through to Constantinople.

The German official statement today claimed successes for the Germans on various fronts, but none was of such a nature as to mean widespread progress.

Meantime, heavy allied reinforcements are being sent from Saloniki into southern Serbia. Whether these include English forces has not been disclosed, but it is believed the British are coming up on the trail of the French already there.

Rumors that the Greek cabinet, under Premier Zaimis, has resigned were circulated today. It is believed that these stories resulted from a warning by former Premier Venizelos to Zaimis that the Venizelos party has the votes to oust the Zaimis party, which has been pursuing a policy Venizelos disapproved.

Meantime, Sir Edward Grey announced that the offer of the island of Cyprus to Greece had expired, as Greece had not seen fit to take up her arms in support of Serbia and the allied cause.

What the next step will be no one in authority would reveal today, but Athens dispatches suggested that a break between the allies and Greece may be in the air.

FUNSTON GIVEN TROOPS TO PROTECT AMERICAN LIVES

Washington, Oct. 26.—Secretary of War Garrison this afternoon authorized General Funston, in command of the United States border forces, to use any number of the 20,000 available to protect American lives and property at Douglas, Ariz. Garrison promised to replace any troops Funston might move.

CHAMBERLAIN INVITED TO CONFER WITH WILSON

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Oct. 26.—President Wilson today wired Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, chairman of the upper house military committee, that he would like to confer with him within a week if possible.

OFFER OF CYPRUS ISLE TO GREECE HAS Lapsed

(By United Press Leased Wire.) London, Oct. 26.—Speaking in the house of commons today, Sir Edward Grey, the foreign minister, said the allies' offer of the island of Cyprus to Greece for her participation in the war had lapsed, because Greece had not seen its way clear to helping Serbia.

GOMPERS TALKS WITH WILSON OF GERMAN'S PLOT

Washington, Oct. 26.—Concealing the real purpose of his visit behind the statement that it concerned labor legislation, President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, laid before President Wilson today details of the new gigantic plot of German agents to tie up munitions manufacture.

Asked point blank about the plot, Gompers answered: "I can not tell you anything further than that I talked with the president regarding legislation and labor matters."

From another source, however, it was learned that Gompers not only gave the president information regarding the plot of Robert Fay, German army man, but also told of widespread activities of pro-German agents to effect walk outs in large munitions plants.

Gompers said that labor in the coming congress will ask for legislation bearing on industrial education, conservation of human life and vocational training.

"The president listened closely," he said, "but did not comment aside from expressing appreciation for my laying these matters before him."

He showed the executive a mass of correspondence passing between labor organizations in the United States and Europe.

Gompers is leaving Saturday for San Francisco to attend the A. F. L. convention.

TRENCHES TAKEN FROM FRENCH BY GERMAN TROOPS

Berlin, Oct. 26.—"We have captured from the Serbians the northern slopes of Raca valley (south of Palanka), also Marcorac, Laole and Kucevo," said today's official announcement.

Concerning western front operations, the statement said that the Teutons took 1,000 feet of French positions north of Mesnil. Some French troops were made prisoner. Only one small trench was said to remain in the enemy's hands.

STEAMER COLORADA TOWED INTO PORT

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 26.—The steamer Colorado, afire yesterday near here, was towed in today by tugs which extinguished the blaze. Her upper structure was destroyed and part of the cargo was ruined.

AMERICAN EXPORTS FOR OCTOBER WEEK RECORD

Washington, Oct. 26.—American exports last week amounted to \$98,777,016, or \$70,609,402 above the imports. This constituted the most favorable trade balance for the third week of October in the history of the country.

KAISER AND GERARD DISCUSS GERMAN-U. S. SITUATION

Berlin, Oct. 26.—The whole German-American situation was discussed by American Ambassador Gerard and the Kaiser.

From Gerard's attitude afterward it was believed that the one-hour conference was very satisfactory. The ambassador mailed a report of it to President Wilson.

The conference occurred at Potsdam, and Gerard was accompanied by Foreign Secretary von Jagow.

UNCLE SAM TO PROBE PLOT

Government Takes Charge of Investigation Following the Arrest and Confession of Former German Officers

New York, Oct. 26.—The federal government today took complete charge of the gigantic bomb plot, in which Robert Fay, former German army lieutenant, confessed he planned to blow up ships bound from America to allied ports.

Fay and his brother-in-law, Walter Scholtz, were turned over to federal authorities on representations of Chief Flynn of the United States secret service.

"The government's interests will be best served if the court turns them over to us immediately," Flynn told Magistrate Rander at Weehawken. "The matter is one of grave importance."

The men were to be arraigned this afternoon before a United States commissioner in New York.

Attorneys for Paul Daeche, another alleged conspirator, refused to waive his rights. He will have a hearing before the federal district court of New Jersey.

The court proceedings lasted only a few minutes. Flynn served Fay and Scholtz with warrants charging violation of the federal statutes in attempts to destroy ships at sea. They were then taken to New York.

New York, Oct. 26.—Police and secret service men drew their net tighter today in the most recent German anti-shiping plot, in which five men already are either held or sought. They intimated they had merely scratched the surface and that further arrests might be expected at any time.

The most startling overnight development was the search for Max Breitung, a relative of Edward N. Breitung, millionaire shipping and mining man and purchaser of the Dacia, which later France seized doubting the validity of its transfer to the American flag under war time conditions. What part he played in the plot to which Robert Fay, former...

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AUSTRO-GERMAN DRIVE THROUGH SERBIA PROGRESSES STEADILY

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Amsterdam, Oct. 26.—Accompanied by incessant fighting, the Austro-German drive in Serbia progresses steadily, according to official report from Vienna.

Southeast of Palanka, 18 miles south of Semendria, the Germans stormed all the Serbian positions, despite a bitter defense, and occupied Petrovac, 18 miles east of Palanka.

In the northeastern tip of the country the Austro-Germans have crossed the Danube near Orsova and advanced into the mountains east of the river at the narrows of Klisura. Unofficial Bucharest messages said the Serbian troops had withdrawn from the Danube neighborhood and that the Austrians had crossed the river across the island of Odakale.

Fifty steamers and lighters, laden with munitions, were said to be assembled at Orsova ready to make free passage through Bulgaria to the aid of Turkey.

Valjevo, 25 miles from the Save river, and 30 miles east of Drina, is in Austrian hands. Their cavalry

DECISION IN THE JEWETT MINE CASE

Federal Judge Bean Holds That There Was No Conspiracy, and Rules for C. Schmidt and Associates

Portland, Oct. 26.—Judge Bean, in the federal court late yesterday, decided in favor of the defendants in the case of Joseph Healey and others against Claus Schmidt and others, which involved the ownership of the Jewett mine near Grants Pass, in Josephine county.

The California heirs to the estate of Benjamin Healey, which included the Jewett mine, brought suit against Claus Schmidt, the administrator, and other Grants Pass people, alleging a conspiracy to keep them from possession of the mine. The answer of the defendants was that no conspiracy existed and Judge Bean held in their favor.

The decision of the federal court settles a case that has tied up the Jewett mine, located on Mount Baldy, just west of Grants Pass, for many months. The mine was sold to Claus Schmidt by the administrator, Schmidt having claims amounting to several thousands of dollars against it for merchandise and for laborers' claims transferred to him. The sale price was \$14,000, and the heirs sought to have this set aside, alleging conspiracy, maintaining that the value of the mine was many times the sale price. The interests of Mr. Schmidt and the other defendants were looked after by Attorneys O. S. Blanchard of this city and Thos. Green of Portland, and Mr. Blanchard was notified by wire Monday evening of the decision favoring his clients.

The Jewett mine has been in the charge of a caretaker for several years pending the outcome of the litigation, but now it is expected that it will again become one of the producing properties of the district. Being on the slope of Baldy within a couple of miles of the city, the Jewett mine is of especial interest to the people of the locality. It has produced a great deal of gold, and experts are confident that it will continue to be a paying property.

VILLA'S ARMY TO ATTACK TOWN NEAR ARIZONA BORDER

Columbus, N. M., Oct. 26.—Twelve thousand Villistas appeared near Agua Prieta, one mile from Douglas, Ariz., today, and made preparations for an attack. Agua Prieta is Carranza's headquarters in Sonora. It is in command of General Calles.

Washington, Oct. 26.—Fearing a bombardment by General Villa, residents of Agua Prieta today fled across the border to Douglas, Ariz., according to state department advice.

Officials fear that trains moving 5,000 Carranzistas from Eagle Pass might be attacked by raiders, so American soldiers are patrolling the railroad.

The state department received an appeal from the mayor of Douglas for protection from bullets across the border in the impending battle. Deflection of several Villa generals to Carranza was officially announced.

BATTLE AGAINST BOOZE IS NOW ON IN STATE OF OHIO

Cleveland, Oct. 26.—Ohio is in the throes of the greatest fight in its history over the prohibition question. A week from today the state will vote on it.

For months the subject has been agitated and debated and the state canvassed. The greatest "dry" orators in the country, including former Secretary of State Bryan and former Congressman R. P. Hobson, have voluntarily stamped the state.

Churches flaunt "Vote Ohio Dry" banners; saloon windows and billboards point out the "Evils of Prohibition."

Last year the Buckeye state went wet by 85,000, because of the heavy majority for liquor in Cincinnati and Cleveland. Without these, however, the state would probably go dry. Prohibition workers are trying to roll up enough majority in the rural districts to overcome the majority of the cities.

While there are a few wet meetings, the saloonkeepers, for the most part, jingle a few dollars, wink slyly, pour a free libation—and suggest that this is the fourth attempt to make Ohio dry.

AUSTRIAN FORCES DEFEATING RUSSIANS

Amsterdam, Oct. 26.—Austrian forces are defeating the Russians west of Czartorysk, according to the official statement from Vienna early today. The Slavs were again driven across the Stry and 1,000 prisoners were taken.

TRIESTE BOMBARDED BY ITALIAN AVIATORS

Amsterdam, Oct. 26.—Italian aviators bombarded Trieste Sunday, killing two and wounding twelve, according to an official report from Vienna today.

BREAK MAY OCCUR BETWEEN GREECE AND THE ALLIES

London, Oct. 26.—The Central News today hinted that a diplomatic break between Greece and the allies is a possibility if Greece interferes with allied operations in the Balkans.

A note the allies' representatives handed to Zaimis contained this intimation, an Athens message to the Central News said.

PAY VILLA TO LEAVE MEXICO

President Carranza Said to Be Willing to Give Rebel Leader Big Sum to Quit Country Till Peace Reigns

El Paso, Oct. 26.—General Carranza is trying to buy off his ancient enemy, General Villa, and his revolution, it was learned today from those close to the new chief executive. Having been recognized by the powers, Carranza believes that to end internal warfare justifies any means. Carranza will offer Villa \$250,000 to leave Mexico immediately, will assure him of amnesty later and permit him to return and reside in Mexico in safety.

Then he will offer Hipolito Villa and other leaders a liberal sum if they follow him. It is said Carranza will not hesitate to spend \$1,000,000 in this way.

FOOD FOR GERMAN CITIZENS AND WAR PRISONERS PROBLEM

Copenhagen, Oct. 26.—With Germany reported facing a food crisis, representatives of all parties of the reichstag will meet tomorrow with Chancellor von Bethman-Hollweg to discuss the difficult problem of feeding Germany and her prisoners, according to confidential information today from Berlin. This news was taken to indicate an extremely serious situation, particularly in view of allied reports of food riots in German cities coupled with the German admission that the government has taken over the problem of distribution and price regulation.

VON HINDENBERG AGAIN ADVANCING ON RUSSIAN SOIL

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville, Oct. 26.—Driving across the Illuxt district, Field Marshal von Hindenberg has recaptured the Kasimirshika farm, today's official announcement said. To the southward Prince Leopold's Bavarians repulsed the Russians east of Baranovichi and south of Vygonovskoye lake.

General von Linsingen stormed Russian positions east of Kolki and west of Czartorysk, repulsed a Slavic counter-attack and took 1,500 prisoners.

PROBE CAUSE OF FIRE IN UNION BOX FACTORY

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Pittsburg, Oct. 26.—Federal, state and county officials began investigations today to determine responsibility in the Union Box company fire yesterday, which cost 13 lives. They wanted to know who was supposed to enforce safety precautions at the plant, and who failed to turn in a fire alarm promptly. Old rotten fire hose was blamed for part of the tragedy, for it delayed the firemen's work.

GERMAN SPY COURT-MARTIALED

London, Oct. 26.—A German spy, with a forged American passport, has been court-martialed here.