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BULGARIANS TAKE FIVE TOWNS

Teuton Ally in the Balkans Rushes Southward in Greek Territory to Forestall the Allied Offensive Forming

Berlin, Aug. 22.—Bulgarian troops have captured five Greek villages and towns since the beginning of their general offensive against the allied forces in the Balkans said an official statement from the Bulgarian war office today.

The Bulgarian statement disclosed that the advance was begun because of the activities of the allies, who apparently were preparing for an offensive movement.

"On account of military operations of the allies in the Vardar valley, extending east of Struma and north of Tachino lake, our left wing began a general offensive on August 18," it was stated.

"Bulgarian troops advanced in the Struma valley and occupied the town of Demirhisar (46 miles northeast of Saloniki) and ten miles inside the Greek frontier, after an engagement near the town of Serres, we repulsed English and French forces on the right bank of the Struma and occupied the left bank between Butkova and the Tachino lakes. Detachments between the Struma and Mesta advanced in accordance with orders.

"In the Vardar valley English and French troops have attacked our positions for 10 days without success south and west of the town of Doiran, suffering heavy losses from our infantry and artillery fire.

"Our right wing, after a victory over the Serbians near Florina successfully pursued our plans. Yesterday we occupied the railway stations of Banitza and Ekshisu on the railroad from Saloniki to Florina and re-established railroad communication with Monastir. South of Presba lake (extreme northwestern Greece) we occupied the villages of Zuezdabollthea and Bresnitza, thus interrupting definitely the communications between Gortisha and Florina as well as Gortisha and Kosturkastoria."

Berlin, Aug. 22.—Bulgarian and German forces have defeated allied troops on both wings in the Balkans, capturing positions from both the Serbians and the French, it was officially announced this afternoon.

Serbian positions near Maika Nizeplanina were captured and the attack is progressing. The Serbs repeated their fruitless attempts to recapture Dzemaat Jeri, and were driven back suffering heavy losses.

In the fighting northeast of Saloniki, the French were driven across the Struma river between Butkova and Tabino and the Smiznica Planina ridge was captured.

SLAVS VICTORIOUS IN THE CAUCASUS

Petrograd, Aug. 22.—The Russians have made some progress in the Caucasus fighting west of Lake Van, and in the eastern Euphrates valley, it was officially claimed today. Many Persian irregulars were taken prisoners. The Turks were defeated in the region of Uchuc and Xalapassova.

The situation on the Austro-German front is unchanged.

E. F. Layton left this morning for Medford to spend several weeks.

HEAVY TRADING FEATURES THE DAY ON MARKET

New York, Aug. 22.—The public jumped into the bull market on the stock exchange to an extent not noted since the wild advance of the "war brides" several months ago and U. S. Steel again set a record, selling at 96 1/2, while advances of one to two points were made elsewhere. Commission houses were swamped under orders and sales for the opening hour were nearly 400,000 shares. Approximately one quarter of this trading was in steel common, the barometer of the market.

Railroad stocks joined in the upward movement, though their gains were not so marked as were the advances in steel and equipment stocks. Bethlehem advanced with a jump of 2 1/2.

Reading, another bell cow of Wall street, sold up 2 1/2 to 109 1/2. Erie jumped 2 1/2 to 39 1/2 on a floor rumor that Erie employes had promised not to join the nation-wide strike should one be called.

A shake-down by bear traders in the auto list sent Willys-Overland to a new low for the year at 45 1/2. Studebaker dropped 5 points to 126 and Maxwell at 83 1/2 was off 3 1/2 from its best price of the day.

Equipment stocks soared. Baldwin locomotives was up to 83 1/2.

U.S. BATTLE FLEETS IN BIG WAR GAME

Washington, Aug. 22.—At six o'clock this morning a fleet of United States battleships sailed out to sea from some point on the Atlantic coast to repel an invasion by an "enemy" fleet. The annual war game of the Atlantic fleet was under way. Admiral Helm commanded the defending, or "blue," and Admiral Mayo, the attacking or "red," fleet.

All the commissioned vessels on the Atlantic coast are taking part.

The battle will rage from Eastport, Maine, southward to Cape Hatteras. The attacking fleet this morning dashed landward from an unknown position 600 miles out to sea. An iron-clad censorship has been instituted by the navy. It will last until September 1, when the game ends.

Admiral Knight, aboard the battleship Pennsylvania, is umpire and is keeping in touch with both fleets by radio.

Admiral Mayo's object is to elude the defending fleet and land traps on the coast for a march inland.

ALLIED ARMY IN GENERAL ADVANCE

British Force Way to Within 1000 Yards of Fortified Town of Thiepval—French Take Important Junctions

London, Aug. 22.—British troops advanced on a half-mile front north of the Somme last night and established themselves at the highway junction outside Mouquet farm, northwest of Pozieres, General Haig reported this afternoon. Other detachments moved forward on the right to the Pozieres-Miramont road.

In the Leisig redoubt salient, northwest of Pozieres, the British extended their gains to within 1,000 yards of Thiepval, taking one hundred prisoners.

At Guillemont the Germans are still resisting most obstinately, despite heavy losses from British artillery.

Paris, Aug. 22.—French troops advanced their lines on both sides of the river Somme last night making progress toward Clerly on the north bank and capturing some trench elements south west of Estrees and east of Sayecourt, it was officially announced today.

Northwest of Soissons a French surprise attack drove the Germans near a trench on the Vingre plateau. A French air squadron hurled 79 bombs at the railway stations at Noyons and Tergnier. A French pilot brought down an albatross machine near Nestes. In the same region a French squadron drove back four German biplanes attempting a raid over the French lines.

In the fighting north of the Somme the French captured two more German cannon south of Guillemont, making a total of eight captured there.

STEEL PRICE ROCKETS AGAIN

New York, Aug. 22.—The common stock of the U. S. Steel corporation again established a new high record shortly after the opening of the stock exchange today, when sales were made at 95 1/2, the fraction being a gain over yesterday's record price. Strength also was shown in some of the rails, reflecting apparently the belief that a railway strike will be avoided.

TARIFF IS HIT AGAIN BY HUGHES

European War Is All That Saved Wrecking of American Industry by Underwood Tariff, says Candidate

Fresno, Cal., Aug. 22.—Swinging back east today on the return lap of his trans-continental tour, Presidential Candidate Hughes spread the gospel of a republican protective tariff through the San Joaquin valley in 14 speeches.

At Exeter Hughes spied an old friend in the audience.

"Well, well, my old friend, Bishop," he shouted, gleefully, as he leaned over the rear rail of his car to shake hands. "This is the first time I've seen you in 26 years."

Some one in the crowd volunteered the information that Exeter was the first town in the country to ratify Hughes' nomination on June 14.

Hughes' one sentence pledge of service at Kingsburg was: "I tell you if I am put in a place of great responsibility, the highest place that any one can occupy, I shall devote myself to your service and the building up of American enterprise."

Bakersfield, Aug. 22.—Charles E. Hughes, republican presidential nominee, started a little more than three weeks ago to make a 10,000 mile campaign trip. But he has already covered nearly all of that mileage and just began to hit the trail back across the continent.

Speaking at several California towns today on his way to Sacramento and Reno, the candidate dwelt particularly on his charge of democratic inefficiency in tariff legislation. His managers declare that he has found this a popular theme with his audiences. Preparedness, too, they declare, is also a subject of deep interest on the Pacific coast, judging from the volume of applause with which Governor Hughes' statements on this issue have been received.

Twelve thousand persons packed Shrine auditorium to the doors and thronged in the streets outside, unable to gain admittance when Hughes spoke at Los Angeles last night. Democratic tariff ideas were attacked by Hughes, and he asserted that only the European war prevented them from

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SIX ALLIES SEND TROOPS FOR NEW BALKAN OFFENSIVE

Athens, Aug. 22.—Russian troops have landed at Saloniki to join in the allied offensive. Despatches from Saloniki today reported that allied transports arrived with the Russians, as the first Italian contingent was disembarking.

For the first time since the beginning of the war, the troops of six allied nations will be fighting side by side. Serbians, Montenegrins, French and British already are engaged on the Balkan front, and the Italians and Slavs probably will be seen in action within a short time.

London, Aug. 22.—Greek and Bulgarian forces have clashed in the region of Serres and fighting has been going on since Monday morning, said an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Athens today. A number of Greeks have been killed. The Greek commander is summoning all neighboring reserves.

This despatch is as yet unconfirmed from other sources, though Bulgarian forces are known to have advanced to a position a few miles north of Serres, 40 miles northeast of Saloniki. The last official despatches reported the French forces attacking this Bulgar detachment at Barakli. On the whole front the allies are attacking the Bulgarian lines, the engagement developing into a series of battles.

In the center the allies have pressed forward in the Doiran lake region in a preliminary movement toward Strumnitza in southwestern Bulgaria. Montenegrin troops are fighting beside the Serbs on the allies' right wing. A small Montenegrin detachment repulsed a Bulgarian cavalry attack near Florina on Sunday. Official despatches to the French war office report that the battle is continuing in this region, and that the Bulgarians have occupied both Serres and Batice. On the right the Bulgars are within a few hours march of the Greek port of Kavala and already may have entered the city.

Increasing activity of the pro-war party in Roumania was reported today, through Berlin despatches repeated that Germany is not uneasy over the present situation in the Balkans.

The Greek government has thus far taken no decisive steps to counterbalance the Bulgarian invasion.

IMMIGRATION BILL HAS NO CHANCE TO PASS

Washington, Aug. 22.—President Wilson let it be known to callers today that he will veto the immigration bill again if it comes to him for signature.

A short time later, the senate voted 32 to 23 to consider at once the revenue bill. This is believed to mean the immigration bill will go over until December.

BRITISH CABINET NOT IN MOVIES

London, Aug. 22.—The British cabinet wont appear in the movies after all, Premier Asquith announced today. Mrs. Asquith, wife of the premier, conceived the idea of filming the ministers, the proceeds to go to war charity.

ARMY BILL PASSED AFTER MODIFYING

Washington, Aug. 22.—The house today adopted without a roll call the army appropriation bill, as re-introduced by Chairman Hay.

It is the same bill vetoed by President Wilson, save for the elimination of the section exempting retired army officers from the provisions of the articles of war. It was to this section the president objected.

DIRECTORS OF ROADS TO DECIDE

Railroad Presidents Fail to Reach Decision and Have Put Issue Up to Men Whose Investments Are Involved

Washington, Aug. 22.—Indications of a split in the ranks of the "big eight" railroad executives, formulating a reply to President Wilson's strike plan, was seen this afternoon. It was learned several of the big chiefs are holding out firmly for acceptance of President Wilson's proposals, while a bare majority is firmly opposed.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The greatest industrial struggle in the history of the country hangs in the balance today.

The question of acceptance or rejection of the proposals made by President Wilson in an effort to avert a strike that would tie up the railroads of the country, has now been passed to the men whose money is invested in the great arteries of the nation's trade.

As the situation stands this afternoon, the employes have put their demands for an eight-hour day and time and a half overtime in the hands of President Wilson. He has put it up to the heads of the great railway systems and they, in turn, have passed it on to the directors.

After an all-night session, the committee of "big barons," appointed by the two score railway executives, failed to reach any decision early today. They then wired their directors and upon the reply from the money powers behind the country's transportation systems largely rests the final result.

In the meantime the high salaried railroad executives continued to wrestle with the various negotiations. Counting the salaries and expenses of the various railroad heads and union heads, the negotiations are costing between \$25,000 and \$30,000 a day, it is estimated.

There is no doubt that a division exists among the railroad presidents. Against one faction, which favors

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NEW REVOLUTIONARY PARTY IN MEXICO

El Paso, Aug. 22.—Declaring De Facto President Carranza the worst enemy of Mexico and that his rule could result only in factional tyranny, Manuel Bonilla, former minister of the interior under Madero, made the first public statement in behalf of the new revolutionary party of Legalistas here today. Bonilla said that efforts were under way to unite all Mexican factions against Carranza.

Meantime United States secret service men here are watching closely the activities of the new party.

"The Maderista faction of which I am a member has cast aside all differences," Bonilla said. "Several of the factions have united in a common effort to free Mexico from international troubles. Some of the saner elements of the Carranza party have already joined us. We will endeavor not to isolate the neutrality of the country, which is sheltering us now."

Bonilla has just returned from New York where he was enlisting aid for the revolutionists.

GIRL TROOPERS ARE TRAINING FOR STRIKES



Photo by American Press Association. Persons injured in riots incident to strikes will receive first aid treatment from "girl troopers" of the Women's League For Self Defense. In the accompanying illustration is shown William Russell of the Seventh regiment, New York, teaching the girl troopers the use of the wireless in a camp at Staten Island, New York.