

### MEXICANS TRAIN MOUNTED GUNS UPON AMERICANS

VERA CRUZ, Oct. 16.—Evident preparations on the part of a small detachment of men under General Aguilar for an attack last night on the American outposts around Vera Cruz have resulted in the strengthening of the American lines.

Some 200 Mexicans are in a position about half a mile from the American outposts and they have two mounted guns trained on the American soldiers. Their warlike activity is attributed in Vera Cruz to over-indulgence in liquor obtained at a house just beyond the American lines, but their boasts that they were about to inaugurate an attack that ultimately would drive the Americans out of this port, are taken more or less seriously on account of the persistency of the reports that Aguilar will not be able to restrain himself much longer, and that the impatience of his men to enter Vera Cruz is rendering his control over them doubtful.

Aguilar's force is estimated at between 4000 and 6000 men, with several pieces of artillery. It is reported in Vera Cruz that Aguilar has made a wager that he will take breakfast in this city next Sunday.

### 40,000 PRISONERS TAKEN, ANTWERP ASSERTS GERMANS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—The German embassy received today the following official wireless report from Berlin:

"Official headquarters report that near Antwerp between 40,000 prisoners were taken; that among the war booty are 500 cannon, 4000 tons of grain and plenty of wool, metal and cattle. The harbor works are undamaged.

"The French attacks near Albert have been repulsed.

"The Russian advance in East Prussia has failed. The Russian attack with eight army corps from Warsaw and Ivanogrod have been repulsed."

The dispatch follows:

"The Germans have advanced from Audenarde toward Courtrai. The enemy occupies a line of defense from Meroin, Armentiers to Givenchy.

"To the west of La Bassée he is in contact with our troops between that locality and Arras. A violent combat took place northwest of Lens to Vermelles in our favor. We have taken Hannescamps, southwest of Arras."

### U'REN CONFIDENT OF HIS ELECTION

W. S. U'Ren, independent candidate for governor, addressed a small sized crowd on Haymarket square Thursday eve and gave the seductive promise that if elected he would clip the taxes until they would not bother. He also promised to see that taxes were paid on mortgages, a form of property value now without the pale of



W. S. U'Ren

taxation through artful dodging by mortgage holders. Mr. U'Ren holds that he will receive the labor vote, the prohibition vote and the single tax vote, and that this assures him of election in a three-cornered race. He is highly confident of victory in November. Mr. U'Ren is well known in this section. He is father of the initiative and referendum and numerous other measures.

### MORSE ACCUSED OF CONSPIRACY IN HUDSON STEAMERS

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—A suit against Charles W. Morse and the Hudson Navigation company, charging conspiracy, was filed in the federal court today by the Manhattan Navigation company. The action is brought under the Sherman anti-trust law, and the defendant's methods in operating boats on the Hudson river are alleged to have been pursued for the purpose of accomplishing the plaintiff's ruin. Damages of \$1,050,000 are asked.

Mr. Morse is president of the Hudson Navigation company and one of its principal steamers bear his name. The company maintains a passenger and freight service between this city, Albany and Troy. The Manhattan Navigation company operates two steamers between this city and Albany.

In its petition the Manhattan company charges the defendants with having pursued for four years methods calculated to bring about the plaintiff's financial ruin. The Manhattan company asserts that it has been damaged to the extent of \$300,000. Inasmuch as the suit is brought under the Sherman law, the amount of damages sought is three times the amount alleged to have been sustained.

### LONG DROUGHT IN EASTERN STATES BROKEN BY RAIN

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 16.—Rain which began falling in Connecticut last night will materially check if it does not extinguish the many fires in the woodlands of the state, some of which were growing to serious proportions. It will bring the much needed "damp" to keep the tobacco crop at its best condition, and breaks a drought of about six weeks.

BOSTON, Oct. 16.—Smoke shrouded Boston awake today the welcome sight of a light rain, which aroused hopes that the long drought would be broken and that the numerous forest and peat bog fires in the state would be quenched. In the last seven weeks a quarter of an inch of rain has fallen here. Late crops in many parts of the state were seriously damaged and reservoirs, wells and springs have been depleted.

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### RECENT FIGHTING FAVORS ALLIES

LONDON, Oct. 16, 7:30 a. m.—"The severe fighting of the last few days has been in the northwest of France mainly," says the correspondent of the Express, "and has resulted strongly in favor of the allies. Unless the Germans bring heavy reinforcements, there is little danger of their reaching a channel port.

"Albert and Arras are in the hands of the French, but are still being bombarded. One French army corps has captured 26 field guns. The Germans are continually receiving reinforcements of guns and men, but the allies are also strengthening their lines.

"Between Roye and Lassigny the battle is still undecided. Many of the towns have been reduced to ruins and none of the civil population remains.

"The splendid service on the French railways has been a heavy asset for the allies, enabling them to move troops rapidly and smoothly whenever needed."

### ITALIAN BADLY INJURED BY DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

An Italian whose name is not known had an almost miraculous escape from death yesterday afternoon when he was blown up in a dynamite explosion while attempting to tamp a hole. The accident occurred on the Siskiyou division of the Pacific highway where the man is employed on the powder gang. His face was badly mutilated and the right side of his skull fractured. According to the physician in attendance it is probable that he will lose the sight of his right eye. Shortly after the accident the injured man was brought to this city. Despite the deep gashes in his head and face his chances for recovery are good. Dr. Porter is in attendance.

### EDEN PRECINCT

A. N. Pace and daughter of North Talent, were in Talent Monday afternoon.

Mrs. G. A. Morse was in Talent trading Monday afternoon.

L. A. Mount and wife of Dunsmuir, Cal., are over in the valley visiting Mrs. Mount's father, Z. Webster, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Carey were guests at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Anderson Sunday.

John Graffes left for Klamath county last Wednesday to attend to business.

Mrs. Wm. Fern of Fern valley, went to Ashland Monday of this week to undergo an operation at the hands of Dr. Swedenburg.

Mrs. Rinehart, Mrs. George McClain and Mrs. Macie Wright were visiting relatives in North Talent Sunday.

Mrs. G. A. Hover has been up from California on a visit and will return in a few days.

Fred Kapp, one of Talent's most prosperous farmers, is having a fine bungalow built upon his most excellent farm and garden place just south of town. The bungalow is to be modern in every sense of the word. The stone work is one of the most beautiful pieces of the kind, to be found in any dwelling in the valley.

The ladies of the Christian Aid of Phoenix gave a surprise birthday party to Mrs. George Hover last Tuesday. All had a pleasant time.

The paving is moving along toward Phoenix from the south.

### PEASANT WOMEN BLOCK KAISER'S ARMY

LONDON, Oct. 16, 2:55 p. m.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company from Petrograd says:

"To the local peasantry, among them many girls, is attributed in part of the failure of the German attempts to cross the Vistula during the recent fighting. The girls aided the Russian soldiers by digging trenches.

"On the initiative of an English club here, a movement is on foot to raise a detachment of recruits for the British army. Many Lancashire men employed in cotton mills have volunteered."

### POINCARÉ TO SPEAK TO GLASGOW STUDENTS

BORDEAUX, Oct. 16, 1:05 p. m.—President Poincaré has accepted an invitation of the students of Glasgow university to be their next lord rector. This is the first time this honor has been conferred on a foreign statesman.

The Paris statement says that Russians have repulsed German attacks on Warsaw and Ivanogrod, in Russian Poland, and that a battle is being fought south of Przemysl.

### FREE VIOLET PLANTS AT LIBRARY SATURDAY

The Medford Rose Society announces that there will be a free distribution of violet plants at the public library next Saturday.

This is part of a campaign for civic beautification launched by the club, which is broadening its activities to cover all lines of floral beautification.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 16.—More than an inch of rain fell in Pennsylvania in the last 24 hours, breaking a drought which had continued 53 days. Farming was seriously affected by the dry spell, and coal mining was carried on under difficulties because of the lack of water to operate machinery. Railroads in the interior of the state were also handicapped in some places water having had to be carried many miles for locomotives.

### GERMAN SPY ARRESTED AMONG BELGIAN REFUGEES

DOVER, via London, Oct. 16, 4:35 a. m.—A German spy in a Belgian uniform and with a Red Cross badge in his possession was arrested last night among the Belgian refugees. He was taken to Dover castle and was followed all the way by a hostile crowd.

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