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CZAR'S POSITION
MUCH BETTER
ON BATTLE LINE

In Center and South Russians Score Heavily, But Situation Much Less Favorable in North—Greece Rapidly Mobilizing—Heavy Fighting on Western Front.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The position of the Russians from Vilna to the Galician frontier appears to have been improved greatly, three distinct victories having been recorded almost simultaneously at widely scattered points on the eastern front. This achievement has mitigated to some extent the uneasiness felt in England as to the attitude of Bulgaria.

In the far north the situation is less favorable for the Russians. They are resisting Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's men with characteristic stubbornness, but the admission that fighting is proceeding at Smolensk, three miles from Novo Alexandrovsk, indicates that the approaches to the latter town are in the hands of the Germans, and that the fate of Dvinsk is in doubt.

Russians Score Heavily

East of Vilna, north of Pinsk and in the vicinity of Lutsk the Russians have scored heavily. The Germans characterize their reverses east of Vilna—that is, at the Vileika railway junction—as of a temporary character, notwithstanding their losses of guns and prisoners. Near Pinsk, Field Marshal Von Mackensen was thrown back in an engagement that has shaken his grip on the city. Further south the Russians, now holding Lutsk, are pressing their advantage and seem to be assuming the dominance of the southern end of the line in a manner recalling the fighting of last spring.

Athens states that mobilization is proceeding today and that thousands of men are already in uniform. It is predicted that within a few days a majority of the reservists will have joined the colors.

Zebrugge Shelled Again

Zebrugge, on the Belgian coast, where the Germans are supposed to have a submarine base, was again bombarded today by British warships. Three vessels brought their heavy guns into play in the attack.

The violent artillery combat on the western fighting front is being continued. The Germans are responding to the French fire in some sections by the use of asphyxiating shells, according to the French official statement, which also reports the repulse of a German attack near Manhoff.

There has been relative calm in the Dardanelles campaign during the past week, the Paris office states. Only minor operations have been conducted.

London reports the sinking of the Holland-American line freighter Emdijk, of 4815 tons, presumably in the continuation of the German submarine campaign against freighters, which recently has been vigorously resumed. The Emdijk's crew was landed.

Bulgarian reservists in Moscow are reported in dispatches from that city to have refused to respond to the call to the colors, objecting to the idea of any attack upon Serbia.

TERRAZAS ESCAPES
MEXICAN PRISON

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 25.—After being held hostage for about 18 months Louis Terrazas, Jr., son of General Luis Terrazas, together with his son, Guillermo Terrazas, have escaped from Chihuahua City and are enroute to the border overland, according to official Villa advices today. Three guards at the Chihuahua jail are reported to have been shot on suspicion of complicity in the escape.

After the immigration of the Terrazas family to the United States, abandoning their ranch, which included vast areas in the state of Chihuahua, Luis Terrazas was caught and held hostage for the political inactivity of the family in the United States and for a ransom of \$500,000 demanded of General Terrazas, on a threat to kill his son.

UNITED STATES
AGAIN DEMANDS
DUMBA'S RECALL

Ambassador Penfield at Vienna Instructed to Make Clear to Austrian Government That the United States Must Insist Upon Retirement of Obnoxious Envoy.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Ambassador Penfield at Vienna has been instructed to make clear to the Austrian government informally that the United States must insist on the recall of Dr. Dumba, the Austrian ambassador here, and that his departure "on leave on absence" would not be satisfactory.

From messages exchanged between Ambassador Penfield and the state department it is apparent that the Austrian government misunderstood the desires of the United States.

It was intimated at first to Ambassador Penfield that the Austrian government might recall Dr. Dumba on leave of absence and might desire safe conduct for him. Dr. Dumba himself telegraphed for such safe conduct a few days ago, informing the state department that he had been granted leave of absence. No action was taken on his request, but it was forwarded to Ambassador Penfield.

Instructions sent to Mr. Penfield were not disclosed but he had been authorized to make it clear that Dr. Dumba's usefulness as the Austrian ambassador to the United States has ceased, and if given merely "leave of absence" he would nevertheless still remain accredited.

The right of a government to demand the recall of an ambassador because of his personal acts is unquestionable under international law, and according to officials, if the Austrian government persisted in refusing to recall Dr. Dumba, passports could be handed to him. There is no indication as yet that this will be necessary, the delay in the Austrian government's decision, it is said, being due to difficulties in cable transmission.

THIRTY KILLED IN
BATTLE IN STREET
CANANEA, MEXICO

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Thirty persons are reported to have been killed when thousands of shots were fired in the streets of Cananea, Mex., Thursday afternoon. No foreigners appear to have been among the killed. Thirty American women are reported fleeing in automobiles from Cananea to the border.

"The Carranza forces which arrived at Cananea at noon on the 23d," said a state department announcement today, based on official dispatches, "evacuated the town at 7 o'clock in the evening of the same day. It is also reported that during the afternoon thousands of shots were fired in the streets and that thirty persons were killed. Thirty American women have left Cananea in automobiles for the border.

"The department has been informed that General Maytorena of the Villa forces intends to send a garrison to Cananea."

LAST OF REFUGES
COME FROM TORREON

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 25.—The last of the foreign refugees from around Turreon arrived today. With them came Consul Coen of Durango and Consular Agent Williams of Turreon. According to their reports, General Villa is superintending the destruction of the railroad north of Turreon. A number of foreigners were reported as refusing to obey the advice of the state department and are remaining in Mexico.

THE EAGLE SCREAMS ON THE TEXAS BORDER



This business-like picture shows how today the United States artillery is patrolling the Rio Grande in full sight of the Mexican side.

GERMANS NEAR
DVINSK IN RUSH
TOWARDS RIGA

PETROGRAD, via London, Sept. 25.—The most important operations now in progress along the Russian front are entering about three points—Baranovichi, Molodechno and Dvinsk. The struggle brought on by the new German movement against Dvinsk has been under way for several days. The Germans are making a determined attack in the Dvina river region and have pushed their lines to within a day's march of Dvinsk.

The city itself is not yet within the direct sphere of military action, although its situation is regarded by Russian officers as "extremely nervous."

The invaders are pushing forward on both sides of the high road between Alexandrovsk and Dvinsk, and in the vicinity of Lakes Drevyatsa and Obsole, 20 miles south of Dvinsk.

This success of the Germans is offset by Russian victories further to the south, along Oginski canal and the Sty and Stokhod rivers, from which the Teutonic forces have been cleared. The Russians report that many prisoners have been taken there.

More important still was the recapture of Lutsk, a strong position regarded as the key to the entire field of operations in the southwest. Four thousand prisoners are said to have been captured in this action.

The railway junction at Baranovichi is under heavy attack, the Germans having forced the Shara river and progressed as far as Mysehaika, where they encountered a large body of Russians. The battle is raging within cannon shot of Baranovichi.

45,000 AUSTRIANS
PRISONERS OF WAR

PETROGRAD, Sept. 25.—Between September 2 and September 20 forty five thousand Austrian prisoners, including ten thousand sick or wounded, passed through Kiev on the way to Moscow and Voronezh.

X-RAY A CURE
TUBERCULOSIS
SAYS PHYSICIAN

Remedy Evolved by Dr. Gibson of Denver Places Dreaded Scourge Among Relatively Non-Fatal Diseases—X-Rays, Ozone and Static Electricity Now Common.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 25.—Physicians who have spent years in the study of tuberculosis declared today at the closing of the seventh annual meeting of the American Association of Clinical Research at the Hahnemann Medical college, that the cure evolved by Dr. Jefferson D. Gibson of Denver, Colo., retiring president of the association, is one that in ten years ought to place tuberculosis among the relatively non-fatal diseases.

Dr. Gibson mentioned the cure in his address opening the meeting on Thursday and described it in detail in a paper at today's session. It provides a cure by adding X-rays, ozone and static electricity to the climate and dietetic treatment now common in tuberculosis hospitals. By this method, he claims, the presence of the disease can be detected in healthy, robust persons even before the well known symptoms begin to form and cures be effected in advanced cases in remarkably short time.

In his paper today Dr. Gibson said:

Emancipate the Race
"It might seem that I have allowed my enthusiasm to run away with me in studying this cure, but I think a feeling of gratification, at least, is justified when I say that out of 757 cases thus treated, there have been only 61 deaths. I wish to state now with emphasis that the X-ray will finally bring about the emancipation of the human race from this dreadful scourge. In a few years when the method is better developed it will be a disgrace for a physician to allow a case of tuberculosis of any kind to progress to an advanced stage, because the X-rays even now find the incipient tendencies, even before the symptoms form."

The following officers were elected:

President, Dr. Coleman, New York; first vice-president, Dr. William B. Snow, New York; second vice-president, Dr. Leon T. Ashcraft, Philadelphia.

FOOD CONDITIONS IS
SERIOUS IN PETROGRAD

BERLIN, Sept. 25.—The Overseas News agency gave out the following dispatch:

"Information has been received from Petrograd picturing conditions there as serious. Facilities for taking food supplies to the capital are inadequate and only 153 cars of wheat and flour reached the city in August, as compared with 2132 in May. The bakeries are shutting down, and as the supplies of food on hand are sufficient for only one week a famine threatens. Sugar, salt, tobacco and petrol are unobtainable. There is only enough fuel for military hospitals, and private families have to do without."

RAILROAD LAND
OPERATORS PUT
UNDER ARREST

Three San Francisco Attorneys Under Arrest Under Blanket Federal Indictment Charging Eighteen Operators With Using Mails to Defraud—Induced Persons to File on Land.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25.—Three San Francisco attorneys were arrested today under a blanket federal indictment charging eighteen California and Oregon attorneys and land agents with using the mails to forward a fraudulent scheme. The alleged fraud consisted in inducing persons to file on alternate sections of land along the Southern Pacific railroad from the southern state line of Oregon to Eugene, Or.

The transactions mentioned in the indictments were conducted by the Oregon Realty company and other firms during 1912 and 1913.

Indictments were returned against some of the men in Oregon courts more than a year ago, federal officers said, but extradition from California was refused. J. W. Logan and J. E. Connors were convicted at Portland on similar offenses a year ago and given a short jail sentence.

Nicholson, when arrested today, said his indictment was due to personal hostility on the part of C. L. Reames, United States district attorney at Portland, who furnished the federal grand jury here with much of the evidence.

The men arrested are Franklin P. Bull, Norman B. Cook and W. A. S. Nicholson, all San Francisco attorneys. Bail bonds were fixed at \$2000 each.

The indictments alleged that clients were induced to file on the land by means of statements that their claims would be recognized within six months, no matter what course pending litigation took.

Took in \$400,000

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 25.—Federal officials in Portland claim that a clique of California operators, whose arrests under a secret blanket indictment began today, have taken in approximately \$400,000 as a result of the alleged frauds.

The present prosecutions are the outgrowth of what is known as the Minard and Logan cases, involving Oregon men. The two men, upon whom convictions were obtained, were sent to McNeil's island prison.

Most of the Californians involved are residents of San Francisco and Los Angeles. No Portland men are included in the blanket indictment, it is understood.

The method of the clique, according to the United States district attorney's office, involved a so-called option to buy timber on the land at \$3000 to \$4000 a claim filed upon. The operators generally gave the impression that they represented the railroad and explained that they used this method to obtain possession of the timber on the grant lands. A fee of \$150 was charged for locating. In some instances, it is alleged, four or five persons were located upon the same section.

BEGGING A BILLION FOR BULLETS AND BREAD



This is the first photo of the Anglo-French credit commission in session at the Hotel Biltmore, New York. The members are, left to right: Sir Henry B. Smith (British), Octave Homberg (French), Baron Reading (British), Sir Edward Holden (British), Ernest Mallet (French), Basil N. Blackett (British).

EIGHT SHOT IN
AKRON STREET RIOT

AKRON, O., Sept. 25.—Eight men were shot in a street fight here early today. Paul Harkins, 19, a rubber worker, is under arrest, charged with shooting to kill, and Harry Douglass is being held for carrying concealed weapons.

The police claim Harkins, Douglass and another man engaged in a loud argument which developed into a free-for-all fight, attracting a crowd. Harkins, the officers say, fired twice into the crowd. Several men fell and Harkins fled, but was soon captured by a squad of police, who fought their way into the basement of a house where Harkins had barricaded himself.

John Justice, 45, was the most seriously wounded. He lost an eye and has a bullet in his head.