

TEUTONS REPORT PROGRESS ALONG SERBIAN FRONT

Capture of Obrenovatz Claimed—Bulgars Take Vranja—Allies Inform Greece That More Troops Are Coming—Bulgar Losses Heavy—Italy Declares War Upon Bulgaria.

BERLIN, Oct. 19.—The Austrian army, which is invading Serbia over the Save front along the northwestern border, apparently has its movement well under way, after meeting with determined opposition from the Serbians. Army headquarters today announced the capture of Obrenovatz. South of Belgrade, on the Danube front, the Austrians have made a further advance. The troops of General Von Gallwitz have occupied several points of strategic importance. The war office also announced that the Bulgarian army of invasion had captured the Serbian town of Vranja on the railroad between Saloniki and Nish.

More Allied Troops LONDON, Oct. 19.—The decision of the entente powers to send large reinforcements to the Balkan front is indicated in a dispatch from Athens today to the Exchange Telegraph company. It is said this decision has been communicated to the Greek government. This information was conveyed, the correspondent asserts, in the form of a friendly note from the British and Russian ministers at Athens to the Greek government, in which, the plans of the entente powers were outlined. The note is also said to have pointed out that the quadruple entente's interpretation of Greece's treaty obligations to Serbia apparently was not in conformity to that of the Greek government.

Bulgar Losses Heavy PARIS, Oct. 19.—Heavy losses for the Bulgarians in the fighting which preceded the capture by the allies of Strumitza is reported in a dispatch from Saloniki to Milan, as forwarded to the Havas News agency. It is asserted that entire battalions of Bulgarians were annihilated by the Franco-Serbian forces.

British as well as French troops, the dispatch says, took an important part in the engagement northwest of the Doiran; near the Vardar river, and at Valanovo, in the northeastern sector. At the latter point the Bulgarians made a counter-attack, but subsequently fled across the frontier, pursued by Serbians.

Italy Declares War LONDON, Oct. 19.—Italy has declared war against Bulgaria, but the question whether she will send troops to join the British and French forces in Serbia remains as obscure as the results of the fighting raging on Serbia's eastern frontier. The Austro-German armies which occupied Belgrade appear to have advanced more than fifteen miles south of the city, but the outcome of the fighting between Bulgarians and Serbians along the important Saloniki-Nish railway cannot be summed up so easily.

At two points, the northernmost of which is Vranja, the Bulgarians assert they have reached this railroad, while to the south the Serbians are reported to have driven back the invaders. Both Athens and Paris maintain that French troops have occupied Strumitza, in southwestern Bulgaria, but there are available no official reports relating to the struggle in this quarter, and none is expected.

GOVERNOR STOPS PUBLIC HANGINGS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Oct. 19.—Rather than permit another public hanging at Murphysboro, Ill., next Friday, it became known today, Governor Dunne will relieve, or possibly commute to life imprisonment the sentence of Elston Scott, a negro convicted of murdering his sister-in-law. Last Friday Joe Deberry, a negro, was hung at Murphysboro in the presence of 1000 spectators. The towns made a gala event of the hanging.

BRITAIN FACES CABINET CRISIS OVER BALKANS

Premier Asquith Taken Suddenly Ill—Sir Edward Carson Resigns—Conscription on Issue—Lloyd-George Losing Popularity—Reconstruction Regarded as Calamity.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—Premier Asquith has suddenly become ill. His stay of health will require withdrawal from public activities, at least for a few days.

Shortly before 1 o'clock the following bulletin was issued at Downing street: "The prime minister is suffering from an attack of gastro intestinal catarrh, which will necessitate a few days of complete rest."

Earlier in the day Mr. Asquith attended meetings of the war committee and the cabinet, both of them held in his official residence.

Face Cabinet Crisis

LONDON, Oct. 19.—Britain is waiting anxiously to learn whether the cabinet ministers will be able to compose their differences and continue the government without swapping horses in midstream. The military difficulties which confront the allies have taken a position of secondary importance for the time being.

The cabinet has been holding long and frequent meetings since the Balkan crisis developed. Both newspapers and politicians agree that vital differences of opinion have arisen over the conscription issue and the near east question. In the meantime party newspapers are carrying on a bitter debate and exchanging accusations of lack of patriotism and of placing party and private interests above those of the country.

Carson's Resignation

The resignation of Sir Edward Carson, attorney general, was the first proof of differences in the cabinet. The specific reason was withheld, as in the case of the retirement of Foreign Minister Delcasse of France.

Speaking in Dublin last night, John Redmond declared the position of the coalition government was precarious. "Any day we may be faced with another reconstruction," he said, "or with proposals which would end instantly the political truce and would rend the British people into contending factions."

Election a Calamity

The cabinet and the country as a whole would regard a general election non party lines as a calamity. If such a contest were fought on the question of conscription it might be expected to foment great bitterness and class dissension.

The anti-conscription newspapers are demanding that a fair trial be given to the plan of voluntary enlistment under the direction of the Earl of Derby before there is any further talk of a change.

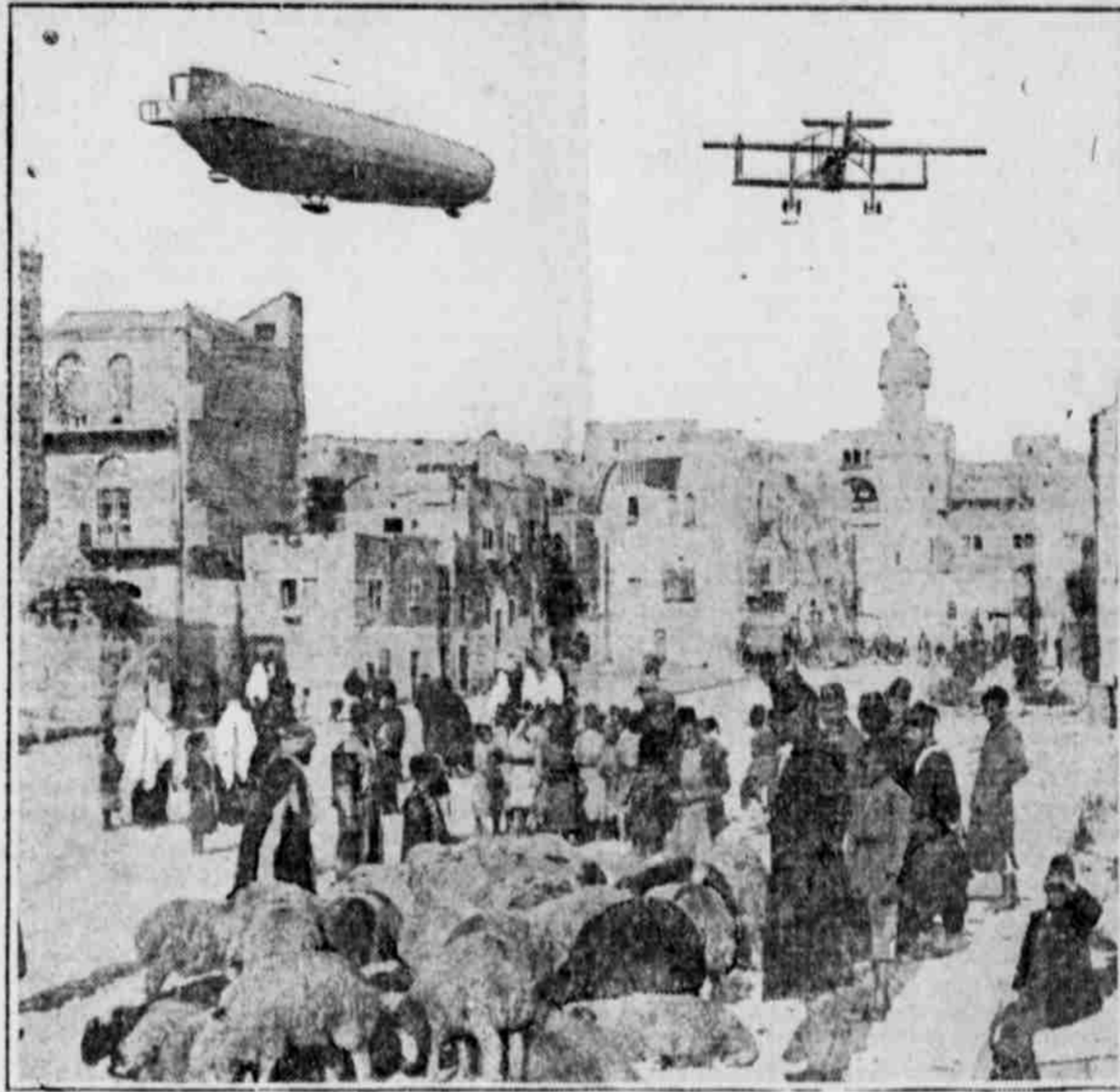
Much discussion is heard of the injection of fresh and younger blood into the cabinet. Only a few weeks ago David Lloyd George had a large following, but the anti-conscriptionists, virtually all of whom are in his own party, now seem to be lukewarm toward him.

One complaint from the newspapers is that a cabinet of twenty-two members is too cumbersome a body to manage the affairs of the government.

CARRANZA PARTY STARTS FOR TORREON

LAREDO, Tex., Oct. 19.—Venustiano Carranza and party left San Pedro de las Colonias early today for Torreon, where the party is to spend three days, and where General Obregon is in personal touch with his army, ready to begin active operations against the remnants of Villa's troops in Chihuahua. The reception of Carranza and his party at San Pedro de las Colonias was unusually enthusiastic. Hundreds of little girls bearing bouquets joined in the reception of Carranza. Torreon should be reached some time today.

CLOUD OF WAR ECLIPSES STAR OF BETHLEHEM.



The holy land has become a military camp. According to Jerusalem dispatches, which tell of armed airships flying over the birthplace of the Prince of Peace, of troops manning towers daily on the Mount of Olives, and English, French and Russian convents turned into barracks for the Sultan's soldiers. This picture shows how a military aeroplane and a war dirigible would look flying over the public square in Bethlehem, before the Church of the Nativity.

BLOOD HOUNDS ON TRAIL OF SLAYER OF POLICEMAN

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 19.—In the wake of two hounds that followed a trail leading into the foothills surrounding Pasadena, more than 100 police officers, cowboys and deputies were in pursuit today of Harry Duncan, alleged automobile thief and slayer, at whose house Police Sergeant J. S. Toolen was shot to death shortly before dawn.

Toolen had gone to Duncan's home in South Pasadena with Patrolman W. B. White to arrest the man in connection with other arrests previously made for automobile thefts. Two shots were fired from the head of the stairs while White was talking to Duncan's mother. One bullet struck Toolen in the chin. The other penetrated his heart and his body lay on the porch of the Duncan house until reinforcements, summoned by White, reached the place.

Two more shots were fired at White from a window. He emptied his revolver in reply. Meanwhile Duncan escaped through a rear door and followed the course of the Arroyo Seco toward the hills.

Mrs. Harry Duncan and her two-year-old baby were at Central police station awaiting word of the man hunt.

Nearly 100 patrolmen, motorcycle patrolmen, deputy sheriffs, assisted by cowboys from a moving-picture plant, promptly took up the chase under the direction of George Hume, assistant chief of police.

STEWART WINNER OF RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 19.—Sergeant James S. Stewart, Massachusetts National Guard, today won the National individual championship the first event of the National Rifle tournament being held at the state camp grounds here. His score was 315 points out of a possible 325. Private T. B. Crawley, U. S. Marine corps, was second with 315, and Private S. W. Pearson, Oregon National Guard, third, with 311. Stewart, although his score was the same as that of Crawley, was awarded the championship because he hit the bulls eye a greater number of times consecutively. The event concluded today is regarded as the most important individual rifle competition in the United States.

IDEAL DAY GREETS JERSEY VOTERS UPON SUFFRAGE

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 19.—An ideal autumn day throughout the state brought voters to the polls in unexpected numbers today to cast their ballots on the proposed constitutional amendment to give the women the vote.

At 1 p. m. the larger proportion of the registered vote than had been anticipated had been cast in the chief cities and reports from the suburbs and rural communities likewise were that the voting was heavy. Up to that hour the election had been orderly.

Leaders of workers for and against the suffrage amendment were both claiming victory early this afternoon. The count will begin, in cities of more than five thousand inhabitants at 9 o'clock tonight. In communities of less than 5000 inhabitants the polls will close and the count begin at 7 o'clock. The earliest returns were expected before 8 o'clock.

DARING ROBBERY OF RENTON BANK

SATLE, Wn., Oct. 19.—Two men entered the Citizen's Bank of Renton, at Renton, a manufacturing town six miles south of Seattle at 1:40 o'clock this afternoon, while only one person, a woman, was in the bank lobby. One of the men went to the cashier's cage, pointed a large pistol at the cashier, R. W. Gilman, and said "give me that money or I'll kill you. Give it to me quick."

Cashier Gilman did not parley with the man, but pushed out the money, between \$2000 and \$2500 in gold and currency. The robber seized the money, and, with his companion, ran down the street two blocks to where a large automobile was standing, with the chauffeur evidently waiting for the robbers. The machine tore away at full speed in the direction of Seattle, the thieves firing a few shots as they went.

Word of the robbery was telephoned in every direction.

STEAMER ALIPPO OF WILSON LINE IS SUNK LONDON, Oct. 19.—The steamship Aleppo of the Wilson line has been sunk. Reports say that the crew was saved.

SIX KILLED IN TRAIN COLLISION IN OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Oct. 19.—Six persons are dead, two fatally injured and about eight others more or less injured as the result of a head-on collision between Rock Island and southbound passenger train No. 11 and a northbound freight train, which occurred at 2 o'clock this morning at the Agawam curve, 12 miles south of Chickasha.

The trains were traveling 30 miles an hour and as a result of the impact the passenger engine was left on top of the freight engine and four cars of cattle were piled over and under them. The heavy steel mail car jumped clear over the engines and rolled thirty feet to one side.

There were four mail clerks in the mail car that was hurled 30 feet from the track. Two were injured while two escaped unhurt.

After the wreck three live cattle were seen standing on the top of the wreckage which was piled up about 30 feet in the air.

DESPERATE FIGHTING BULGAR FRONTIER

PARIS, Oct. 19.—A message from Nish says desperate fighting continues along the Bulgarian frontier in the valley of the Vlasina. Serbian troops south of Semendria, on the Danube front, have been obliged to retire, the correspondent adds, in consequence of the retreat of the forces defending the Belgrade district.

British and French troops continue to disembark at Saloniki.

The number of these troops is so large that it is impossible to forward them all promptly by rail to Serbia.

WANTS KING GEORGE TO COMMAND ARMY LONDON, Oct. 19.—Seton Robert Bercford, a former army officer and a brother of Lord Deedes, in addressing a street meeting in London today, suggested that King George dissolve parliament forthwith and assume command of the armies in the field. His suggestion was put in the form of a resolution, which was adopted by the meeting.

WRECK A TRAIN SLAY AMERICANS

Inspired by Race Hatred, as Well as Desire for Loot, Twenty Mexicans Hold Up and Rob Texas Train—Uniformed Soldiers Targets for Bullets—Trestle Burned.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Oct. 19.—Inspired by race hatred as well as desire for loot, twenty Mexicans who claimed to be followers of Luis De La Rosa, leader of the so-called Texas revolution, held up and robbed a train near Olmito, seven miles north of here last night. As a result three men are dead, another is probably fatally wounded and four others are seriously hurt. The bandits are believed to have escaped into Mexico.

The scene of the robbery was three miles from the Rio Grande. The Mexicans as they fired at the train crew and passengers shouted: "Viva Pizano, viva Carranza!" Pizano was a co-leader with De La Rosa.

List of Those Killed CORPORAL M'BEE, Third United States cavalry, shot.

ENGINEER H. H. KENDALL, pinned beneath engine. Unidentified young Mexican passenger, shot by Americans for aiding robbers.

The robbery was the boldest piece of work by bandits since their raids began three months ago.

The bandits removed the spikes from a rail and lying concealed in the nearby brush, jerked this rail from under the nose of the engine with a long heavy wire. The engine, baggage, mail and express cars jumped the track. Few passengers were aboard. The robbery was conducted by five or six Mexicans in khaki uniforms, while outside the train some fifteen or twenty more Mexicans kept up a constant fire, apparently shooting either above or beneath the train.

Trestle is Burned After the robbery the Mexicans burned a trestle north of the wreck, preventing prompt arrival of United States soldiers from San Benito to take up pursuit. The troops had to leave their train and hike a mile to reach the wreck.

The hold-up occurred on the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico line, the only railroad entering the lower Rio Grande valley.

John W. Sword of Pineville, Ky., a former United States soldier, said that he and three soldiers occupied a corner seat in the front end of the smoking car. The other three, McBe, Brishear and Laymon were in uniform but Sword was not. He said there was a lurch and the four men pitched forward. As the train came to a stop he noticed five or six Mexicans crowding into the rear end of the coach next to the first class day coach. The Mexicans came forward with guns drawn and firing. The first firing was directed at the United States army uniforms worn by the companions of Sword. Two of the soldiers were shot at the first fire and Laymon was hit as he dived for the front door. The soldiers were regular passengers without their arms. The Mexicans grow bold and noisy when the passengers failed to shoot at them.

After the Gringos In the smoking compartment in addition to Sword and the three soldiers, were Doctors McCain and Wallis, District Attorney John I. Kleiber of Brownsville, R. Wright, a traveling man of Houston, and P. M. Sauer, a traveling man of San Antonio. A recent purchase of books for the library includes four volumes of

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MILLION IN STOLEN HIDES AT JUAREZ

EL PASO, Texas, Oct. 19.—Beef and hides, the products of confiscated cattle, valued at \$1,000,000, are awaiting exportation in Juarez, according to reports received by American custom officials here. Pending advice from Washington upon the question of closing the port, inspectors are permitting examination of all hides for American brands.

OUTLINE PLANS FOR PROPOSED SUGAR FACTORY

Commercial Club Told by Utah-Oregon Officials That Company is Financed and Investment Awaits Only Signing of Required Agreements—Company Agrees to Pay Freight.

The proposal of the Oregon-Utah Sugar company to build and operate a \$600,000 sugar factory in the Rogue River valley was outlined by Messrs. Alex Nibley and F. S. Brumwell, field managers, to the members of the Medford Commercial club at the banquet given in St. Mark's hall Monday evening. A hundred members of the club were present and the remarks of the speakers greeted with applause. The company has been financed and all that remains is the signing up of 5000 acres to be planted to sugar beets to secure the investment.

Nibley's Proposal

"We have come here to stay," said Mr. Nibley, "if you will let us. We have the money, you have the land, all we ask is that you grow the beets. We will furnish the seed, we will inspect the land, we will have experts to assist the growers in cultivating the crop, and we are prepared to do what has never been done for the Utah grower, we will absorb the freight. No matter where the beets are grown we will pay \$5 per ton on the cars, instead of at the factory. As to the location of the site this is a matter that has not been decided. It will depend upon the center of the acreage. It is a straight business proposition with us. If the largest proportion of acreage is signed up in one district the factory will go in that district, for it is to our interest to have the freight charges to the factory as low as possible.

"When the factory is built we will have a credit as high as \$400,000 with which to operate. After the first factory is a success we will start a second. The announcement by Secretary McAdoo that the dollar tariff on sugar will be retained should be good news to the people of Oregon for it means that the beet sugar industry will be protected. It means that sugar can be shipped to the state of Washington for example from Oregon instead of Utah. We have come here to stay. We're in dead earnest. We need your help. Will you help us?"

Seed is Awaiting

Mr. Brumwell said he had made a tour of the valley during the day and that some of the experimental beets went as high as from 30 to 35 tons per acre. The average he said would be about 15 but with proper care would be increased from 25 to 40 per cent the second year. Regarding importing labor he said none would be imported if local labor was found sufficient, but when the local market was exhausted, they would naturally go elsewhere.

"A beet sugar factory" said he, "means hard work, it also means prosperity. We ask for nothing but beets. If you won't grow them we will have to go where they will. Because of the war the beet sugar need is very scarce. Many factories in Colorado and other states will be closed because of this. But we have the

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DYNAMITE EXPLOSION KILLS SEVEN AT BUTTE

BUTTE, Mont., Oct. 19.—A wagon load of dynamite to be used for blasting blew up as it was being hauled into the yard of the Granite Mountain mine of the North Butte company on Butte hill today, and at least seven men were killed and five seriously injured, one of whom will die. A number of buildings in the vicinity of the explosion were destroyed. Most of the men killed were at work in the buildings of the mine. Among the dead are: JAMES BLOW, RICHARD GRINDLE, ED LACY, JAMES BROWN and three others. Four of these men were blown to atoms and it is impossible that their bodies will be identified.