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ALLIES RUSHING  
AID TO SERBIA  
ON TWO SIDES

British Leave Saloniki to Join French Forces, While Russia Prepares to Land Strong Forces in Bulgaria—Turks to Oppose Russians—Italy Hammers Away.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—The race for the road to Constantinople has reached an exciting stage. The Bulgarians are within a few miles of forming a junction with their Austro-German allies, while the French in small force already have joined the Serbians.

The French are not yet in sufficient numbers to assume an actual offensive in Macedonia, but the rapidity of the Bulgarian advance in that region already has diminished. Along the old Bulgarian frontier, from a point northeast of Vranja to the Rumanian border, the Serbians are yielding little ground.

Actual junction between the Bulgarians and their allies, which may be a matter of only a few hours, will soon show whether the Serbians are able to hold their mountain positions until the entente allies bring up strong forces.

## British to Assist

With Uskup in their possession, the Bulgarians now hold with strong forces the Nish-Saloniki railroad between Vranja and Uskup, a distance of about fifty miles. They have thus cut direct communication between Nish and Saloniki, leaving open only the uncertain means of transit over the Monastir-Prishtina lines.

A brigade of British troops leaves Saloniki today for Dorian (forty miles northwest of Saloniki), to prepare an advance on Strumitsa in conjunction with the French movement.

## Turks to Bulgaria

According to Paris advices, Russia has completed her preparations for the dispatch of strong forces to help Serbia.

Turkish troops will meet any effort Russia may make to land an army on the Black sea coast of Bulgaria, it is reported from Athens, and they already are being concentrated. Germans will have charge of the defense, another report states. The Athens report declares it is learned that the Bulgarians could not be counted upon to resist the Russians.

A Bucharest account of the crossing of the Danube by the Austrians in the vicinity of Orsova, near the Rumanian frontier, mentions the presence of a Russian battery with the Serbian forces and of a Russian steamer on the Danube, which is declared to have bombarded Orsova.

## Italy Hammers Away

Italy is still hammering away at the Austrian front, which is shaken, but unbroken. It is expected in London that the Italian offensive will at least prevent the Austrians from reinforcing their Balkan army.

Russia, by her stubborn defense of Riga and Dvinsk, and her continued offensive in Galicia, is keeping her opponents engaged busily along the whole eastern front. In the west there is evidence that the entente allies are again preparing for an offensive which may prevent the Germans from diverting any of their forces there.

RUSSIA TO OPEN  
BANKS IN AMERICA

PETROGRAD, Oct. 26.—The ministry of finance is developing a plan to establish a number of Russian savings banks in the United States to receive deposits from Russian nationals there. The first banks to be opened under the plan will be in New York and Chicago.

OREGON FEDERATION  
OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 26.—With more than 200 delegates present, the fifteenth annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs convened here today. The secretary, in her annual report, said that the number of clubs in the organization had increased from 98 to 117 during the year. New officers will be elected Thursday.

GERMAN AGENTS  
TO STAND TRIAL  
FOR CONSPIRACY

Fay and Associates Discharged in Police Court, Rearrested by Federal Officers for Conspiracy to Destroy American Ships—Chemical Works Also Object of Attack.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—Robert Fay, a lieutenant in the German army; Walter L. Scholz and Paul Daeche were arraigned in Weehawken, N. J., police court today on charges in connection with an alleged plot to blow up steamships sailing from New York with munitions for the allies. The three men were discharged by the court, but were immediately arrested by federal agents on charges of conspiracy sworn to by Chief Flynn of the secret service.

Fay, Scholz and Daeche were brought to New York in custody of the federal officers. They will be arraigned later before United States Commissioner Houghton on the complaint sworn to by Chief Flynn. The complaint charges that the three, in conjunction with Dr. Herbert Kienle, held in \$25,000 bail yesterday, and Max Breitling, still at liberty, conspired to commit an offense against the United States.

## Daeche Asks Delay

Daeche, arraigned later in Jersey City before United States Commissioner Carpenter, asked for delay in the preliminary examination, and his case was put over until November 3. Bail was fixed at \$25,000, in default of which he was locked up.

In addition to the charge of conspiracy, covering cases of the other prisoners and Breitling, Daeche also was charged with having and concealing a high explosive for the purpose of blowing up a ship in the jurisdiction of the United States. United States Marshal Kavanaugh, who preferred the charges, did not go into details concerning the additional charge.

## After Chemical Works

Chief Flynn announced today that he was in possession of information which showed that Fay had told a man named Veig that the proper way to stop the shipment of munitions to the allies was to blow up the chemical works. He explained that it was useless to try to blow up shell and powder works because those plants could make repairs easily, and the worst damage that could be done then would delay them only a week or so. If the chemical plants were attacked they would be at the foundryhead and repairs could not be quickly made.

According to the chief, Fay asserted that when he left Holland for America on the steamer Rotterdam he carried a letter to a high official, but on the first day out he destroyed it, fearing he might be searched and the letter found.

It is expected that through train service from Coos Bay to Eugene will begin the public May 1, 1916.

## A Trumpet Call at the Dardanelles



This striking photograph shows a trumpeter and a flag bearer of the French expeditionary force at the Dardanelles, sounding a call at night and dipping the flag, through which you can see the Turkish moon!

LONE AMERICAN  
REPELS ATTACKS  
OF BORDER BANDITS

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Oct. 26.—San Robertson, president of the San Benito & Rio Grande Valley railway, fought twice with Mexican bandits eighteen miles east of San Benito yesterday afternoon, the first time alone and the second time with the assistance of a 14-year-old Mexican boy. Robertson reached San Benito this morning with a bullet hole through the shoulder of his coat and with the heel of one shoe shot off.

Several weeks ago he was attacked by bandits near San Benito and a hole was shot through his hat. Robertson said that late yesterday afternoon he was near San Pedro ranch, east of San Benito, traveling in an automobile with a load of hardware for a hotel which is being constructed on the gulf coast. Robertson lost some of the hardware, and, leaving the automobile near the roadside, started back to find the packages. Returning to the automobile, he discovered five Mexicans there. They opened fire on him and he returned the fire from behind a tree. Robertson saw one man fall and after he had driven the Mexicans away found three pools of blood.

ASK PRESIDENT  
TO SAVE REMNANTS  
OF ARMENIANS

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 26.—A plea to President Wilson to do everything in his power to save the remnants of the Armenian and other non-Mohammedan races in Turkey was made by the National Council of the Congregational Churches at a meeting held this noon at the request of the business committee of the body. A resolution on this subject, adopted by the council, reads:

"Resolved, that the National Council of Congregational Churches of the United States, assembled, profoundly moved by the unquestionable evidence of unprecedented atrocities committed upon the non-Mohammedan population of Turkey by order of the central government, raises its voice in protest and urges upon the president to do all in his power to save the remnants of those stricken races and to secure in this endeavor the co-operation of all neutral nations."

The council also adopted a resolution urging that in the ordination of candidates for the ministry the ordaining bodies insist that the candidate shall have passed a full course in theological instruction.

The Finnish Brotherhood society of Astoria will erect a \$10,000 garage.

FRENCH REPULSE  
COUNTER ATTACKS  
IN CHAMPAGNE

PARIS, Oct. 26.—Fighting has continued in the Champagne district and at La Courtine, with limited fluctuations, according to the announcement made by the French war office this afternoon. The stubborn French resistance and the offensive activity of the French troops checked the counter-attacks of the Germans.

The text of the communication follows: "The close fighting in the Champagne district has continued in the center of the position known as La Courtine, and the fluctuations of the tide of battle have been held to a limited area. The stubborn resistance of our troops and their immediate return to the offensive were successful in breaking the counter-attacks of the enemy."

"A lively attack to the northeast of Massiges made us master of a German trench close to the positions recently conquered by us."

"Army of the Orient: During the day of October 23 Bulgarian forces attacked the French forces in the region of Strumitsa, along the entire front. They were completely repulsed. The information, according to which French forces have been repulsed on the right bank of the Vardar river, is erroneous."

MELLEN TELLS  
OF SAVING JOB  
WITH MORGAN

Evidence Presented by Government in New Haven Case Gives Railroad Chief Chance to Explain How He Kept From Being Ousted—Morgan Confessed Used as Door Mat.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—Evidence presented by the government today at the trial of the eleven New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad directors to prove the steps alleged to have been taken by the New Haven to prevent New England traffic from passing over any other route than the New Haven, furnished Charles S. Mellen an opportunity to tell the jury how he saved himself from being ousted as second vice-president of the road by the late J. P. Morgan.

Trouble had arisen between the New York Central and the New Haven over traffic and C. P. Clark, then president of the New Haven, told Mr. Mellen that Mr. Morgan, who was a director of both roads, thought he had fomented it and should be retired.

"As I always did," said the witness, "I marched down to Mr. Morgan's office. I told him what Mr. Clark had said, and he said: 'That is correct.' I said he was the kind of a man that would hear both sides, and he said, 'Certainly, certainly.' Then I explained the situation to him, and Mr. Morgan said: 'I never understood it before, Mr. Mellen. I have been misinformed. I have been used as a door-mat. Good day.'"

ALL SERBIAN PORTS  
ON DANUBE TAKEN

BERLIN, Oct. 26 (by wireless to Sayville).—"All Serbian ports on the Danube have been occupied," says the Overseas News agency. "Piriot (near the Bulgarian frontier, to the east of Nish) has been surrounded from all sides and must surrender shortly, inasmuch as the supply of ammunition and food in the city is insufficient."

"All Bulgaria is jubilant over the capture of Uskup. The Bulgarian press condemns the British attack on Dedesghatch."

CANADIAN STEAMER  
VICTIM OF TORPEDO

MONTREAL, Oct. 26.—The steamer Donnacona has been torpedoed and sunk. No mention is made as to the safety of the crew. The Donnacona was of about 3000 tons and until recently was engaged in grain and freight carrying between the head of the lakes and Montreal, when she was transferred to the ocean as a freight carrier. The Donnacona was owned by the Canadian Steamship Lines, Ltd.

FINAL BATTLE  
MEXICAN WAR  
DUE IN SONORA

Conditions Are Rapidly Improving Throughout Country — Douglas Asks Protection Pending Expected Clash Between Villa and Carranza Forces Through United States.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Conditions throughout Mexico continued to show improvement today, according to official telegrams from various places. The only sections where Villa and Carranza forces still are contending are the states of Sonora and Lower California. The state department summary of conditions follows:

The department is informed that when the Villa advance guard of six hundred reached Fronteras, on the railway south of Agua Prieta, in the state of Sonora, about 160 deserted and endeavored to join the forces of General Calles, who sent out a train to pick them up. It is reported that some fighting took place between the deserters and loyal Villa troops, but that the result is not yet known. The reason given by the men for deserting is said to have been because they had not been informed of the recognition of the Carranza government.

## Optimistic Reports

On account of the impossibility of receiving railway shipments of fuel, the American copper mine at Cananea has ceased operations, and practically all Americans as well as many Mexicans are leaving Cananea for Arizona.

Tampico and Vera Cruz are quiet. The department has received no recent advices from Mexico City, but it is understood that the city has improved telegraphic and railway communication.

On behalf of the citizens of Douglas, Arizona, Senator Ashquist today asked the state and war departments for proper protection of the city by American troops in the event of an engagement between Carranza and Villa forces.

## Serious Fighting Expected

The fight, which is expected to be a serious one, is likely to take place at any time when Carranza troops, after being transported through American territory have passed over the Mexican border.

Senator Ashquist said he had the promise of the war department to dispatch a sufficient number of troops to the city. He informed officials that without protection it was feared that there was even a possibility that Villa troops might make an attempt at looting. Secretary Garrison wired General Funston to make any disposition of his troops he found necessary to protect American interests along the border at that point.

VILLA CONFISCATES  
SMELTER PLANT  
NEAR CHIHUAHUA

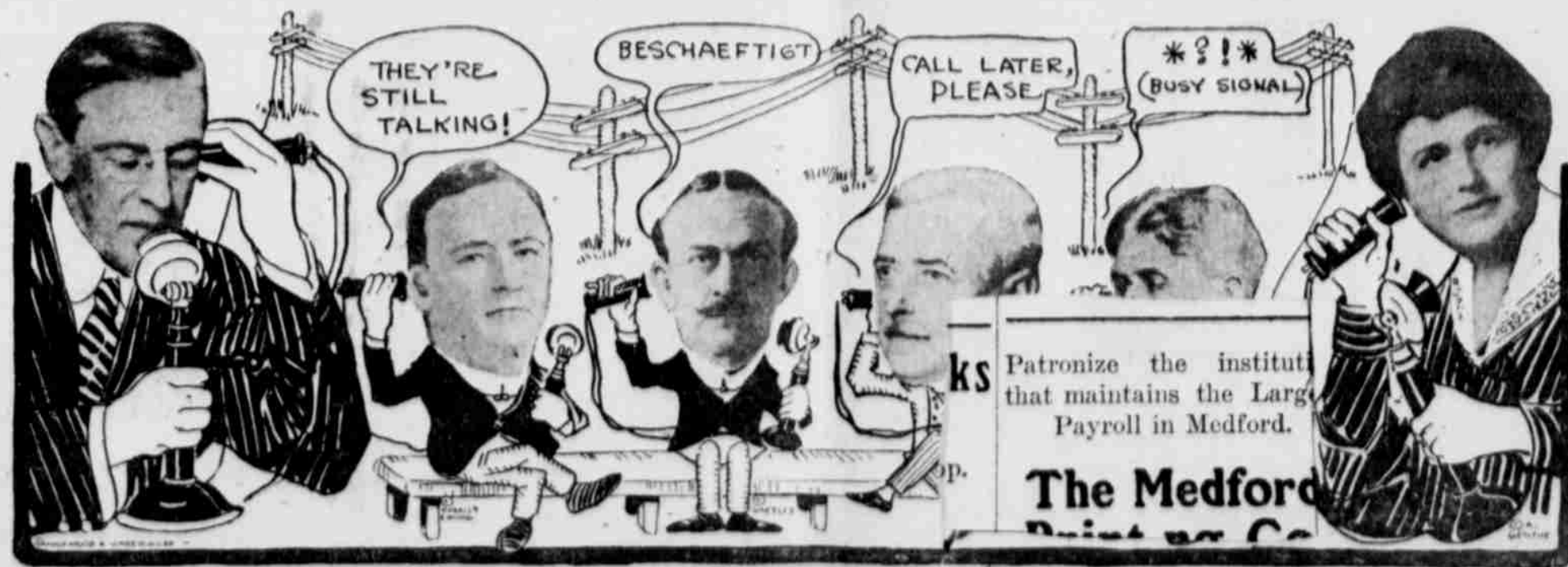
EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 26.—Confiscation of the Chihuahua plant of the American Smelting & Refining company by the Villa state government of Chihuahua was announced today by C. L. Baker, legal representative of the corporation.

"There are 2000 tons of fuel at the plant," said Baker. "My advices are that the Villa government is about to operate the plant."

Recently General Villa denied that he had ordered the smelter or any other foreign-owned property confiscated. Governor Avila of Chihuahua state later announced that the smelter plant had not been confiscated.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—At the main office of the American Smelting & Refining company in this city it was stated today that word had been received that the Villa faction had taken possession of the smelting plants owned by the company in Chihuahua for the purpose of reducing the gold and silver ores required by that faction. It is not believed the Villa faction intends to confiscate the American Smelting company's property, it was stated.

## Busy Signal For Them Now, With Cupid at the Switchboard!



WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—"buzza-z-z-z! That's what you hear if you try to telephone President Wilson these days! As plans for their wedding day go on the president and Mrs. Galt find a hundred and one things to talk about—oftimes over the telephone. It's rumored, but not proved, that the president has had a private wire connected between the white house and the residence of his lady love. So while Cupid works the switchboard, Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Ambassador von Bernstorff, Secretary of State Lansing and Secretary of the Army Garrison—officials who must talk with the president daily—fume and fret as they get the busy signal."