

SERB CAPITAL
NISH CAPTURED
BY BULGARIANS

Three Days of Fighting Ends in Capture of Capital—More Than Half of Serbia Now in Possession of Invaders, Who Have Taken Lower Part of Country's Railroad System.

BERLIN, Nov. 6.—The capture of Nish, Serbia, by the Bulgarians was announced officially here today.

Capture of Varvarin, on the Morava river in Serbia, about 40 miles northwest of Nish, was announced today by the German foreign office. More than 3000 Serbians were taken prisoner.

The town of Kraljevo, 35 miles southwest of Kragujevac, also has been captured by the Germans, who are pursuing the Serbians to the east of that point.

Three Days of Battle
The Bulgarian conquest of Nish was effected after three days of heavy fighting. In these engagements the Bulgarians captured 350 Serbians and two cannon. Near Lukovo, the Bulgarians defeated the Serbians and in the vicinity of Sokobanja also they won a victory, taking more than 500 prisoners and six cannon. Bulgarian and German forces got in touch with each other near Krivivir.

More than half of Serbia is now in possession of the invaders who also have taken the lower part of the country's railroad system. The new junction effected between Austro-German and Bulgarian forces reported by Berlin today, completes the semi-circular wall of hostile armies about the retreating Serbians.

Second Largest City
With the exception of Belgrade, Nish is the largest city in Serbia. Soon after the outbreak of the war the capital was transferred from Belgrade to Nish. There the government remained until the city was threatened by the invaders. In the last month various towns have been mentioned as the temporary seat of the government.

There are no recent statistics of its population, which 20 years ago was 21,500.

MULTI-MILLIONAIRE
WIDENER IS DEAD

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 6.—P. A. R. Widener, widely known financier, died at his home at Elkins Park, near here, today.

Mr. Widener had been ill for some time. He was a dominant factor in the street railway systems of this city, New York, Chicago and other cities. He was 81 years old.

Death is believed to have been due to advanced age.

Mr. Widener started his business career here as a butcher. For more than twenty years he bore an active part in all the important political movements of the city. He was a candidate for mayor, but was defeated for the nomination by Mayor Stokely. He is said to have accumulated a fortune estimated at more than \$60,000,000.

RUMANIA SEIZES
ARMS FOR SERBIA

LONDON, Nov. 6.—Rumanian authorities have taken the necessary steps to bring into Rumanian harbors and disarm vessels flying the Russian flag which are loaded with arms and ammunition for Serbia, says a semi-official statement issued at Bucharest and received here by wireless from Berlin.

This action has been taken, it is announced, because of the Austro-German occupation of the Serbian bank of the Danube.

Russian men-of-war which fled into the Rumanian harbor of Giurgiu already have been disarmed and the crews, numbering 800, interned at Kustendie.

Dairymen at Canby are discussing a cheese factory.

And Lo! Medford Will Lead All the Rest for Debt if the Medynski Scheme Carries!

SHOWING INDEBTEDNESS OF OREGON CITIES AS COMPARED WITH MEDFORD IF MEDYNSKI SCHEME PASSES

Relative size of Medford's debt if Medynski bond scheme passes, with that of other cities.		Relative size of per capita indebtedness of Medford (if Medynski scheme carries) with other cities.	
Debt.		Per Capita Population.	
Medford.....	\$1,701,250	\$189	9,000
Eugene.....	1,333,530	133	10,000
Salem.....	1,133,562	75	15,000
Astoria.....	816,300	81	10,000
Baker.....	652,800	92	7,000
La Grande.....	598,000	119	5,000
Ashland.....	550,000	91	6,000
Klamath Falls.....	419,709	105	4,000
Grants Pass.....	410,812	102	4,000
Roseburg.....	311,655	62	5,000
Albany.....	306,119	61	5,000
The Dalles.....	243,500	48	5,000

MEDYNSKI PLAN
'LIFE AND DEATH
AFFAIR'—REAMES

Rebonding Proposal Fraught With Many Dangers, Declares Well-Known Attorney—Most Serious Blunder to Vote Bonds—Solution Offered a Dangerous One.

To the Editor:

I have not heretofore said anything publicly upon the Medynski plan. I would not do so now if I did not conscientiously feel that its adoption will involve the city in a serious financial crisis. I have thought the matter over carefully from both sides. I realize that a great many honest, conscientious people have come to the conclusion that the Medynski plan offers the only relief from the present embarrassing condition. I also appreciate that Mr. Medynski and his associates have given much time and a great deal of careful consideration in an honest effort to arrive at the best solution of the difficulty. However, the adoption of the plan seems to me to be fraught with such dangers as to amount almost to a life and death proposition to the city, and that it is a time when every patriotic citizen ought to speak.

Impossible to Replace Mains

The saddling of more than one million dollars' additional debt on the property of the city will put its bonded indebtedness so near its assessed valuation that the city would never be able to borrow any substantial amount of money for any improvement, however necessary. For instance, we have some thirty miles of more of wooden water mains, the larger portion of which will have to be replaced in the course of a few years. This is a matter to which I have given some consideration before the present question arose. If we vote this bond issue and had to replace the pipe line it would be impossible to procure the money to do it, and we would be again pumping water out of Bear creek.

There isn't the slightest doubt in the world but what the paving assessments are a legal charge and can be collected. Notwithstanding the Salem case, cited in the press, and which isn't much in point, there is a very serious legal question as to the validity of the assessments.

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SUNDAY CLOSING
LAW HELD INVALID

PORTLAND, Nov. 6.—Oregon's Sunday closing law, which has been on the statutes many years, but which no attempt has been made to enforce until a month ago, was declared invalid by the state circuit court here today. Dan Keillaker, groceryman, charged with violating the law, was found not guilty. The law was declared invalid on the grounds that it specified that certain lines of business should not be conducted on "the Lord's day." The court held this to be religious discrimination.

If the Medynski bonding and bankruptcy scheme carries, Medford will have a greater indebtedness by far than any city in Oregon outside Portland, a greater debt than the other four cities of Southern Oregon, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Ashland and Klamath Falls combined, a greater debt than Roseburg and Eugene combined, a greater debt than Salem, The Dalles and Albany combined, a greater debt than Baker, La Grande, The Dalles and Roseburg combined.

If the Medynski bonding scheme carries, the per capita debt for every man, woman and child in Medford will be \$189—a greater per capita indebtedness by far than in any other city in Oregon—greater than that of Salem and Grants Pass put together.

And this colossal debt, with 150 per cent additional in interest, must be paid by direct taxation upon the real and personal property in Medford, if the Medynski scheme carries.

What kind of a handicap is this to place upon the city?

PUT PATRIOTISM
ABOVE SELFISHNESS
SAYS WESTERLUND

To the People of Medford:

I have been a resident of Medford for 11 years. During that time I have planned and brought into being the largest commercial orchard in the county. Also, I have acquired property in Medford and have erected buildings thereon. This money was invested because of my faith in the future of the city.

I believe for the people of the city of Medford to adopt the Medynski plan would be disastrously calamitous. I have paid all of my paving assessments and under the Medynski plan I would get my money back. This is a time when every citizen of Medford should put patriotism for his home city above selfish purposes.

I appeal to one and all to vote against the Medynski plan.

J. A. WESTERLUND.

TWENTY PERISH
IN FIRE SWEEPING
BROOKLYN FACTORY

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—Twenty men and girls were killed and more than fifty others were injured according to police, in a fire that swept through a four-story wooden factory building on North Sixth street, in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn today.

Ambulances and physicians were rushed to the scene from all parts of Brooklyn and numerous temporary hospitals were established for the many persons injured in escaping from the burning building.

Firemen thought the fire started on the first floor of the building, as survivors reported that the stairways from the second to the first, and third to second floors were a mass of flames and all possibility of escape in that way was cut off. A majority of the 500 employees in the building were said to have been on the upper floors occupied by the Essex Shirt company and a cloak manufacturing concern. The Diamond Candy company occupied the two lower floors.

Fifteen bodies, nearly all girls, had been carried out of the building at 3 o'clock. Firemen said a number of other bodies were lying just inside window openings into the escapes and they estimated that the number of dead would be at least twenty. At this time part of the roof collapsed, interfering for a time with the recovery of bodies.

REBONDING PLAN
SPELLS DISASTER
STATE MERCHANTS

To the People of Medford:

As among the pioneer merchants of the city of Medford, it has been a matter of pride with us to live in a city that has in the last quarter of a century increased in population from one to ten thousand. During all those years we have been willing taxpayers and have at all times endeavored to keep faith in public matters with the people of our adopted city. We have been and are paying our assessments from time to time. We are willing to go even further and see the city assume some portion of the unpaid paving obligations. In our judgment, for the good people of Medford to adopt the Medynski plan spells disaster in every respect. We cannot expect capitalists to invest their money in a debt-ridden city. The city will be so encumbered with all of its various obligations that it will be unable to hold out any inducement to any factory, cannery, saw mill or other enterprise.

Our appeal is to vote against the Medynski plan.

HUTCHISON & LUMSDEN.

CARRANZA FORCES
CONCENTRATE FOR
DECISIVE BATTLE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—Carranza forces to the north and south of Villa's retreating army are concentrating for a blow which the de facto leaders hope will end the strife in northern Mexico. Major General Funston reported today that General Obregon, Carranza's chief commander, would arrive at Douglas, Ariz., tomorrow, to begin organizing a campaign.

Villa intends going toward Hermosillo and already is moving toward Villa Verde.

General Funston has been informed that Villa demanded and received \$25,000 in gold from the Cananea Copper company, with ten tons of flour and other supplies, and has called on the Montezuma Copper company and the El Tigre company for \$25,000 each. The last two companies, American concerns, refused to comply, and Villa stated that unless they did he would destroy their property. The Montezuma company has a plant valued at upwards of a million dollars.

General Villa told the Cananea Cattle company that he proposed to take its entire herd of 30,000 cattle for use of his army.

WORKS HARDSHIP
UPON MERCHANTS
DECLARES MANN

To the People of Medford:

Five years ago I came to Medford and invested all I had in the mercantile business. I was attracted to the city because of its energetic, splendid citizenship and its progressive spirit. Shortly after I came business depression set in all over the United States, with the result that none of us have succeeded as we expected. The merchants of Medford have about all the burdens they can bear. For the city of Medford to assume the entire paving debt would be a procedure without precedent so far as my knowledge goes. I do not own any business property in Medford but am paying rent on the basis of the street improvements already existing. There is no just reason why the merchants of Medford should be taxed on their merchandise for the payment of unpaid assessments.

JOHN C. MANN.

CONFLICTING CLAIMS
OF VICTORY ALONG
RUSSIAN FRONT

BERLIN, Nov. 6.—The Austro-German forces in Galicia are said by the war office today to have won a further victory over the Russians in the fighting along the Stripa river. The Russians were thrown back to their old positions on the east bank of the river. In the recent fighting there fifty officers and 6000 Russians have been captured.

The army of General Von Linsingen captured further Russian positions northeast of Rudka. Russian attempts to break through the German lines on the Polish front were futile.

PARIS, Nov. 6.—A fresh German attack against the French position at Lacourtine has resulted in failure, according to announcement made this afternoon by the French war office.

LONDON, Nov. 6.—The fortunes of war are showing the customary fluctuations along the eastern front. Vienna asserts that the Russian thrust along the Stripa has been repulsed completely, 2000 men being captured. Petrograd asserts that the attack of the invaders west of Dynsk was beaten back with 1000 of their dead left on the field. In the defense of Riga the Russian troops are now assisted by warships, which have been shelling German positions at Schlick.

BONDING MAKES
MEDFORD FOOL
OREGON FAMILY

Attorney Gus Newbury Discusses Legal Phases—Opposes Medynski Scheme, as It Throttles Enterprise and Imposes Staggering Taxation, Killing Progress of City.

To the Editor:

One hears much curbstone talk among the citizens of Medford to the effect that the Hancock bonding act, under which the paving in Medford was authorized, was not constitutional, and that therefore the paving assessments could not be collected. In order to set at rest this talk about the constitutionality of this act, the attention of the people who live this as a reason for supporting the Medynski plan is directed to the case of Ladd vs. Gambell, 35 Oregon, page 304, in which the supreme court of Oregon decided that the law was constitutional.

Individual Contracts

Further, about 90 per cent of the people, before whose property the paving was constructed, appeared before the city recorder and entered into a contract agreeing to pay the paving assessments in ten annual installments, and therefore whatever irregularity, if any there might have been in any of the proceedings, are entirely waived by the solemnity of this contract obligation on the part of the parties who signed the contract plan. The paving obligation is therefore placed upon the same footing that an agreement to pay a grocery bill is placed and can be enforced against the property with equal ease.

The only consideration that should actuate any voters at the election on Tuesday is, What will be the best interests of the city? and a voters' selfish interest and what he might expect to receive as a rebate should not prompt him in his vote; for if it does, "the nickel close to his eye will obscure the quarter out at the end of his nose."

Scores Capital Away

Placing an additional bonded indebtedness of half a million, making the total bonded indebtedness something like \$1,700,000, will certainly not be any recommendation to any moneyed interests contemplating an investment in the city of Medford. The tax rate will be 6 per cent. If the best sugar industry should sign up sufficient acreage and this Medynski plan should carry, do you think this industry would expend \$800,000?

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EXPOSITION CLOSES
ON DECEMBER 4

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6.—In response to rumors that the Panama-Pacific exposition was to continue after December 4, the official closing date, President C. C. Moore made a definite announcement today that the exposition would not remain open after that date.

KITCHENER OFF
TO LEAD BRITISH
IN THE BALKANS

Secretary of War Entrusted With Important Mission in Near East—Resignation Only Delayed—Will Determine by Personal Inspection Proper Policy.

LONDON, Nov. 6.—The Post says that Earl Kitchener, secretary of war, has been entrusted with an important mission to the near east, and already has departed from London.

The policy of the British government in respect of both the Dardanelles expedition and the Serbian campaign has been subjected to severe criticism in England, and if the statement of the Post is correct, the war secretary presumably has been sent to the near east to determine by personal inspection the proper policy for Great Britain or to supervise some movement of importance already decided upon.

"It is generally believed," says the Post, "that Earl Kitchener's business will necessitate a stay so prolonged that it will be necessary to fill his place at the war office before long. It is true that he has not resigned, but the importance of his present errand makes it certain that his resignation is only delayed."

"The suggestion has been made that Lord Haldane be brought back to the war office, but this is probably unfounded."

Reiteration of the report that Earl Kitchener had placed his resignation as secretary of state for war in the hands of the king, has brought forth an official report to the contrary. According to the Daily Graphic, Earl Kitchener saw the king Thursday night, as was announced yesterday, at the king's own request.

The Graphic, urging the government not to delay the disclosure of the actual facts, suggests that Lord Derby, who is now in charge of British recruiting, would make an excellent war minister.

HARVARD DEFEATS
PRINCETON 10-6

PRINCETON, N. J., Nov. 6.—Harvard won its fourth straight football victory from Princeton today. The score was 10 to 6. Harvard scored a touchdown with goal, and a field goal. Princeton's score was made on two field goals.

The game dragged at times, especially when Harvard had the ball. The crimson players appeared uncertain of their signals and frequently delayed the game while getting together on the next play. However, they put up a good mechanical game and had the power to score. Princeton lacked the punch to put the ball over when she got into the Harvard territory.

The weather was fine and a great crowd saw the contest.

OBREGON TO ENDEAVOR
TO OUST VILLA FROM SONORA

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Nov. 6.—General Alvaro Obregon, Carranza's principal military commander, reached Agua Prieta today to prosecute a campaign to drive Villa out of Sonora.

The general and staff arrived in Douglas from El Paso aboard a special car which was switched across the border.

Football Scores

Harvard 10, Princeton 6.
Yale 6, Brown 3.
Virginia 35, Vanderbilt 10.
Cornell 34, Michigan 7.
Army 9, Notre Dame 7.
Washington and Jefferson 9, University of Pittsburgh 17.
Carnegie Tech. 27, Case 6.
Navy 16, Bucknell 3.
Nebraska 29, Nebraska Wesleyan 9.
Dartmouth 7, University of Pennsylvania 3.
First period, Washington 19, California 0.
First period, Oregon Aggies 7, Idaho 0.
Missouri 6, Northwestern 24.
Carleton 23, Holy Cross 21.
John Hopkins 23, Gettysburg 7.
Michigan Aggies 68, Marquette 6.
Iowa 13, Purdue 19.
Columbia 17, Connecticut Aggies 4.