

FRENCH WIN DRIVE NORTH OF SOMME

Brilliant Advance Made in Capture of Bouchavesnes, Near Combles, Which Is Isolated and in Danger—Foch Now Enabled to Strike at Peronne From North—Entente Offensive Develops in Macedonia—Bulgars Continue Invasion.

LONDON, Sept. 13.—Instead of resting on the ground won in yesterday's great attack north of the Somme, the French continued their thrust last night, capturing the village of Bouchavesnes, and a wooded area nearby.

Bouchavesnes lies east of the Baucque-Peronne road, cut in yesterday's drive, and its capture with adjacent territory apparently assures French possession of this main highway to Peronne.

Combles Cut Off.

Combles is now cut off from the south and in a dangerous salient, while General Foch is in a favorable position for a stroke from the north at Peronne, which appears seriously threatened by the new French advance, one of the most important made in any single operation since the Somme offensive began.

The British, who hold the lines northwest of Combles, are maintaining a firm grip on Ginehy, but as yet apparently have made no attempt to gain further ground to the east, London today reporting the general situation unchanged.

On Macedonian Front.

PARIS, Sept. 13.—Notwithstanding the stout resistance of the Tentician allies, the Serbian troops on the Macedonian front have made important progress at various points, it is announced by the war office. Violent fighting is in progress in the vicinity of Lake Ostrovo, where the Serbians have gained considerable ground.

Italian troops are in action on this front in the Struma region, the official announcement discloses.

ATHENS, Sept. 13.—

French and Serbian troops have taken the offensive on the western end of the Macedonian front. They have captured the town of Sorovitz, near Florina.

British Inactive.

LONDON, Sept. 13.—The British troops, which took the offensive recently on the Macedonian front, forcing a passage of the Struma river and capturing villages, have made no further efforts to advance.

"Except for patrol encounters east of the river, there have been no developments on our Struma front," says an official report issued today.

"On our Doiran front both our own and the enemy's artillery have been active."

Italians Advancing.

ROME, Sept. 13.—Italian troops in Macedonia have driven back Bulgarian detachments near Lake Batkovo, the war office announced today. The statement says:

"Saloniki front: On Monday and Tuesday in the district west of Kutlovo lake our columns had skirmishes with Bulgarian detachments, which were driven in beyond the Demir-Hissar-Doiran railway lines."

BLEASE DEFEATED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 13.—Governor Richard I. Manning has been renominated for governor of South Carolina over former Governor Cole L. Blease, according to nearly complete unofficial returns from yesterday's democratic runoff primary compiled here today.

ARBITRATION REJECTED BY TRAFFIC CHIEFS

Interborough and New York Railways Formally Reject Public Service Commission's Recommendations and Decline to Meet Employees—Arbitration Agreed to by Men.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—The Interborough Rapid Transit Company and the New York Railways Company formally rejected today the public service commission's recommendation for a strike settlement made yesterday. The two companies, controlling the subway, elevated and "Green Car" surface lines, declined to hold further conferences with representatives of the union and announced that it is their intention to continue to operate their lines on the present basis.

Brooklyn detectives, it was disclosed today, are investigating a reported plot to damage property of the Interborough with an explosive. A cylindrical package was found by a track walker near the Borough hall subway station in Brooklyn late last night. It contained, according to the bureau of combustibles, dynamite of the powerful kind, generally used in undersea operations.

Reasons for Rejection.

The formal rejection, presented by Richard R. Rogers, general counsel to the two companies, read:

"The Interborough Rapid Transit Company respectfully represents to the commission that it cannot arbitrate its rights to enter into agreements with 10,306 of its employees out of 11,800 when the employees who have signed are content with those agreements and are endeavoring to carry them out in good faith."

The agreements referred to are the "master and servant" contracts which bind the men not to ask for wage increases or betterment in working conditions for two years. The distribution of the contracts among the Interborough and "Green Car" employees forced the strike, the union leaders claim.

Employees Willing.

Following the reply of the traction companies, the strikers, through William B. Fitzgerald, general organizer of the Amalgamated association of Electric and Street Railway Employees, informed the commission that strikers could not accede to the request of the commission to bring the strike to an immediate conclusion, in view of the stand taken by the traction companies. He accepted in behalf of the union the recommendation that the questions at issue be submitted to arbitration.

But few surface cars were operated today and passengers were forced to use the subways and elevated roads, where the congestion was extreme.

There was little or no violence during the night, largely due to the fact that policemen were stationed on roof tops where attacks had been made on elevated trains.

Hugh Frayne, state organizer of the American Federation of Labor, announced today that between 12,000 and 20,000 men will take part in the parade and demonstration tomorrow.

ALLEGED RUSSIANS KILL PRISONERS

BERLIN, Sept. 13.—"Russian methods of warfare are described by several eye witnesses," says an Overseas News agency dispatch. "An Austrian sergeant major who escaped from the Russians, reports that soldiers of the 22nd and 23rd Siberian rifles told him three German infantrymen who were captured were taken behind the lines and stabbed on command of Russian officers. A non-commissioned officer of the Cossacks said a Russian order had been issued to kill prisoners."

Three Russian soldiers of the Fifth Turkoman rifles who are now prisoners say the commander of their company repeatedly ordered them not to take Germans as prisoners but to kill them. A special order issued in August says:

"Comrades, when we attack, everyone shall keep in mind that Austrians may be taken prisoner, but that Germans as far as possible, shall be killed."

GREECE LIKELY TO ENTER WAR WITH ENTENTE

Retirement of Zaimis Ministry Preclude to Nations Joining Belligerents—Bulgarian Occupation of Grecian Territory Makes Policy of Neutrality Impossible Longer.

ATHENS, Sept. 13.—The belief is entertained in the entente capitals that the retirement of the Zaimis ministry is preliminary to the entrance of Greece in the war with the allies. Recent dispatches from Berlin and Vienna show that there also it is regarded as probable Greece will soon abandon neutrality and join the entente powers.

The precise cause which led to the resignation of the ministry have not been disclosed on account of the exceptionally rigid censorship. A London dispatch yesterday said M. Zaimis had complained that internal incidents were preventing him from dealing with the external situation. It is believed in London that his resignation was due to the fact that he accepted the premiership on the understanding that he was to maintain neutrality and in view of the Bulgarian occupation of Greek territory had found this impossible.

Retirement Unexpected.

Up to the time of the first dispatch announcing that M. Zaimis had presented his resignation, his retirement was unexpected, for it was understood the premier had assumed dictatorial powers and was in an exceptionally strong position. Political affairs reached a crisis after the Bulgarians invaded northeastern Greece and the followers of former Premier Venizelos served warning on King Constantine that he must abandon the advisers who it was said had misled him and influenced him in favor of Germany. At the same time M. Venizelos expressed confidence in M. Zaimis, whom he asked the king to support and it was understood an agreement had been reached under which the Zaimis ministry was to continue in power with the strong support of the Venizelos party.

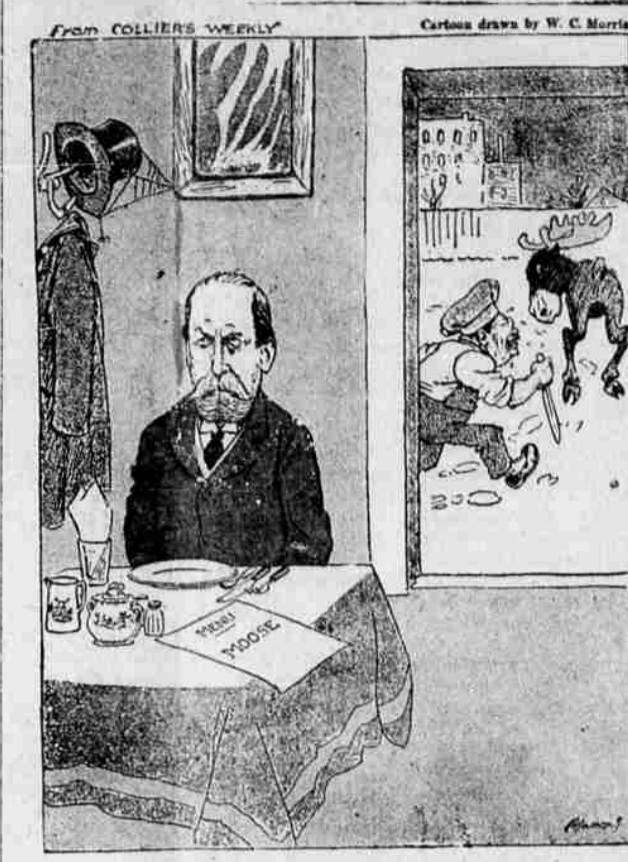
Armed Neutrality Over.

After the fall of the Venizelos cabinet last October, on account of the king's disagreement with its policy favoring intervention in the war with the allies M. Zaimis was called on to form a cabinet. He announced a policy of armed neutrality. The cabinet resigned in November, but in June M. Zaimis was again placed at the head of the government. Although advocating neutrality he was regarded as having a predisposition toward the entente.

H. CHANDLER EGAN SECRETLY DIVORCED

CHICAGO, Sept. 13.—Friends of H. Chandler Egan, former western, national and intercollegiate golf champion, learned today that he was secretly divorced last July. Mrs. Egan, whose home is in Chicago, obtained the decree. Incompetibility was given as the cause. Mrs. Egan obtained the custody of their daughter.

Egan lives at Medford, Or.



A Dinner Provokingly Delayed

BULGARIANS WIN FURTHER GAINS IN RUMANIAN DRIVE

BERLIN, Sept. 13.—The Bulgarian army which is invading eastern Rumania has made further gains, says the official announcement made yesterday at Sofia, which follows:

"Our troops are continuing to advance in Dobrudja.

"On the Macedonian front near Ostrovo lake there was activity by patrols, as well as artillery fighting.

"Two Italian companies with machine guns and one squadron of cavalry advanced in the direction of Batkova, near the Struma river, and Dzumbe. We made a counter attack and dispersed them. Thirty Italians were captured. This was our first encounter with Italian troops.

"In an encounter in the Struma valley, near Nevoynen and Kardziko, on September 10, the enemy lost seven officers and about 100 men killed. We captured many rifles and a quantity of ammunition. We took prisoner two Scotch officers and more than 100 British soldiers.

"A hostile fleet is cruising off the Aegean coast. Our hydroaeroplanes made a successful attack on enemy warships in the harbor of Kavala."

BOMB PIECES SHOWN IN EXHIBITS BILLINGS TRIAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—An entire basketful of pieces of steel, brass shavings, empty cartridge shells, nails, screws, nuts, bolts and other pieces of metal, some of which had been removed from the torn bodies of the San Francisco preparedness parade bomb explosion victims, formed today one of the exhibits in the courtroom of Superior Judge Frank H. Dunne when the trial of Warren K. Billings, charged with having planted the bomb, was resumed. As on the two preceding days of the trial, the courtroom was crowded to its capacity, it being understood that the prosecution might reveal some of its promised sensational evidence.

Billings was the only one of the five persons charged with complicity in the explosion who was present today, the court having yesterday ordered Thos. J. Mooney and his wife, Rena; Edward Nolan and Israel Weinberg excluded.

Judge Dunne yesterday refused to admit the pieces of the exploded bomb into evidence, but ruled that they might be exhibited for purposes of identification.

BRIDGE CONTRACTORS ASSUME FULL BLAME

OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 13.—The St. Lawrence Bridge company has notified the Canadian government that it accepts full responsibility for the fall of the Quebec bridge span and gave notice that it would undertake to replace the span and complete the bridge as soon as possible.

With steel scarce it is believed it will take two years to construct a new span.

PULITZER'S SON PARALYSIS VICTIM

BAR HARBOR, Me., Sept. 13.—Joseph Pulitzer, Jr., the New York publisher, and his family were quarantined today at the Pulitzer summer estate here because of infantile paralysis. Mr. Pulitzer's son, Ralph, 10 years old, who recently returned from a summer camp in another state, has contracted the disease, it was announced.

WILSON PLANS FOR EMERGENCY AT WAR'S CLOSE

Constructive Program Outlined to Meet Commercial Needs of Nation Which May Result From End of European Conflict—Tariff Revision by Commission Included.

(By GILSON GARDNER.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—President Wilson is about to announce plans on which he has been at work for meeting the commercial needs which may result from the close of the war and for general governmental aid to business. It is expected, he intends to use his influence to secure the following legislative and executive program:

1. A revision of the tariff along lines recommended by the non-partisan tariff commission to meet the altered commercial needs created by the revised tariffs of warring powers and the pressure likely to be applied by new commercial alliances. The president's tariff policy admits a reasonable amount of protection and due consideration of revenue.

Extend Credit System.

2. Organization and extension to foreign countries of the credit machinery of the United States, of which the federal reserve system is the present nucleus. The United States has become the great lending and owning nation of the world, and this pre-eminence involves dangers and responsibilities which must be met by legislative and executive action.

3. Organization of American industries by means of cartels, or federal incorporation, for the purpose of more successfully competing in the foreign markets of the world. This policy, now urged by the federal trade commission, involves a departure from the Sherman law's sweeping ban on all co-operative organization. The president's idea is that size shall not be regarded as a menace and that regulation shall curb improper practices in domestic markets, while combination enables the business men of the United States to get their share of the world's trade.

4. Development by the federal trade commission of a uniform system of accounting and cost keeping for the use of private business.

Extending Transportation.

5. Developing and improving transportation facilities on land and water. For the latter purposes the new law authorizing the government to purchase \$50,000,000 worth of shipping and put the vessels into commercial service is the first step. The second step is the extension of federal aid on a large scale to the railroads of the United States. This aid is to be worked out along lines recommended by the special joint committee recently created by congress at the instance of Senator Newlands, and the lines most likely to be followed, in the judgment of President Wilson, are (a) the elimination of the present system of regulation by state commissions with their varying regulations and placing the whole railway system under the control of the federal interstate commerce commission; (b) refinancing the roads in such a way that the abuses of frozen finance may be corrected, but at the same time money provided for adequately providing improvements and extensions.

These policies are regarded as supplemental to the enactments in the interest of labor which have characterized the recent congress.

ELECTION RIOTS AT CHICAGO PRIMARIES

CHICAGO, Sept. 13.—Police were called to quell disputes at the polls in several wards at today's primary election. One arrest was made of a man who was reported to have attempted to vote under another name. Fist fights and a stabbing among workers for rival democratic factions were reported at several precincts in the eighteenth ward.

A heavy vote was cast in nearly every republican ward in the city during the early hours, while the vote in most of the democratic strongholds was lighter than expected.

COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Tomorrow is Community and School Day and Record Attendance Expected—Exhibit Most Complete—Baseball and Athletic Events—Racing Program Provided.

- * School and Community Day.
- * Baseball commencing at 12 o'clock.
- * Barbecue, free, at 12:30 o'clock.
- * Relay race, Ashland, Appleton, Grants Pass and Medford represented, for championship of Southern Oregon.
- * All Jackson county schools represented with a varied assortment of events included in such meets—lasting for three hours.

Jackson county's big fair opens tomorrow. It is a community and school day and the record attendance is expected. In many ways, it will be the big day of the fair.

In spite of the moving of the women's and children's exhibits up-town the exhibit building at the fair is already crowded and there is the certainty of a large number of exhibits yet to come in. The large number of exhibits may be attributed in large part to the district plan put in operation by D. M. Lowe. The county was divided into ten districts. All of these have sent in large collections of grain, vegetables and fruits with the exception of the Phoenix district. The collection from this district is expected to be put in place early tomorrow morning.

Fruit Exhibits Large.

The fruit exhibits are the largest and best in the history of the fair. It has already been necessary to take two of the sections of the machinery department for the display of the rows of tempting fruits.

Where only six entries of grain collections were received last year, 30 are now in place. One of the most interesting exhibits of grains is that of the Sperry wheat. This grain was evolved after ten years of experiments by an expert of the Sperry Flour Mills Company. Last year the grain was divided among many sections. D. M. Lowe of Ashland received 15 pounds. From this 15 pounds he raised 21 bushels of wheat at the rate of 44 bushels to the acre. The wheat was sown on light, dry land and during the hot spells was not in least affected. The 21 bushels will be distributed for an experimental purpose over the valley.

Live stock is coming in rapidly. Most of the horse stalls are filled, as are the sheep pig pens. At 1 o'clock this afternoon coops of chickens were entered. Livestock entries are 50 per cent larger than last year.

Barbecue Tomorrow.

Entries for the races and the bucking horses are almost all on hand and the buckaroos with boots, loud shirts and high hats are much in evidence.

Preparations for the big barbecue tomorrow noon are nearly completed. Serving tables have been erected and everything is in readiness to build the fire and put the beef on the spit.

The Yawter-Davis building is resounding to the sounds of hammer and saw as the booths of local merchants are being put in shape for display. Several are already completed. The stage for the style show has been erected. During the program of about an hour and a half in duration

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RUMANIAN GENERAL KILLED IN FLIGHT

BERLIN, Sept. 13.—According to reports from Sofia, says an Overseas News agency announcement today, General Bessarabescu, commander of the recently captured Rumanian fortress of Turtutui, attempted to escape in a boat after the fall of the last fortification. The boat was sunk by Bulgarian artillery and the general was drowned.

"CLOSE-UP" OF SOLDIERS IN ACTION ON SOMME FRONT IN FRANCE



Here's a "Close-Up" Picture of the Men Who Are Battling on the Somme Front in Europe. They are British Soldiers Prepared for a Gas Attack, Each Being Provided With Gas Helmets. The Picture Was Taken During a British Advance, While the Machine Gunners Were in Action.