

GERMANS WIN VICTORY ALONG STOKHOD RIVER

Berlin Claims Russian Bridgehead Stormed—New Rumanian Line Is Penetrated at Several Points—Bad Weather on Somme Front Checks Slaughter Germans Repulsed.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—An Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says information received there indicates the Bulgarians are beginning the evacuation of Monastir. It is said the Bulgarian archives are being transported to Uskub.

German Victorious

BERLIN, Sept. 19.—Taking the offensive on the Stokhod river, the Germans yesterday stormed a strong Russian bridgehead and drove the Russians across the river, the war office announced today. More than 2500 Russians were captured, as well as seventeen machine guns.

The new line taken up by the reinforced Russian and Rumanian troops in eastern Rumania between the Danube and the Black sea has been penetrated at several points by the Teutonic forces, the war office announced today.

Bad Weather in France

LONDON, Sept. 19.—Bad weather has set in along the Somme front in northern France and the Anglo-French offensive has halted.

Both London and Paris reports a cessation of the heavy attacks by the British and French which during the last few days have won them many square miles of new ground, carried the British to within four miles of Bapaume, virtually pocketed Comblen and seriously weakened the hold of the Germans on Peronne and Chaunies.

Meanwhile the Germans have made a diversion of the Chamoigne district where they struck their heaviest blow a year ago in the offensive of the allies. Yesterday the artillery activity was followed by five successive attacks last night on the Russian troops in the sector between Souain and Somme-Py. The Russians checked each drive with artillery and machine gun fire, the French war office reports.

On Balkan Front

An interesting factor is developing in western Macedonia, where the French and Russians have driven the Bulgarians out of Florina and the adjacent districts. Monastir, in southwestern Serbia, is now threatened by the allied advance, and it is reported that the Bulgarians are evacuating the place, removing the Bulgarian archives to Uskub.

Military observers point to the possibility, in view of these developments, that the main thrust of the allies' Saloniki army may be directed from the Cerna valley, in which lie Florina and Monastir, towards Pripet. The Serbians are advancing also east of the Cerna and are reported by Paris today to have successfully withstood two Bulgarian counter-attacks.

Russian Statement

PETROGRAD, Sept. 19.—Stubborn fighting is in progress between Russian and Austro-German troops in the region of the River Narayuvka, in Galicia, says the official statement issued today. All the Teuton attacks, the statement adds, were repelled with heavy losses.

"In the Carpathians, in the region of Sibiani, and the Pnevna mountain, we carried several heights. The mountains are wrapped in white, for snow is falling.

BOHEMIAN DAM BURSTS CAUSING HEAVY LOSS

LONDON, Sept. 19.—Many lives have been lost and enormous damage has been caused near Gablon Bohemia, by the bursting of a dam in the valley at Weissendesse, according to a dispatch to Reuters from Amsterdam, quoting a telegram received from Gablon. The villages of Dessendorf, Tiefenbach, Tannwald, Schumburg, Schwarow, Grosshammer and Haratz are inundated. Ten bodies of victims have been recovered and identified.

BILLINGS NOT MAN ON ROOF DURING PARADE

Oakland Men Testifies That He Was Person Who Signalled Crowd on Afternoon of Explosion—Other Man on Roof With Him Was Photographer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 19.—Warren K. Billings, on trial here in the superior court on a charge of murder in connection with the ten deaths from the preparedness parade bomb July 22, was not the man with the suitcase seen on the roof of a building at 721 Market street during the parade, as charged by the prosecution, according to testimony introduced by the defense today after the prosecution had closed its case.

Al De Cassia of Oakland, Cal., an employe of a wall paper firm which recently removed from 717 Market street adjoining the building at 721, testified that it was he, not Billings who was on the roof and who called and signalled down to persons in the crowd on the sidewalk.

The witness testified he was on the roof of the building from 7:30 to 4:15 in the afternoon of the parade and explosion and that during nearly all that time there was another man on the roof with a camera that he took from a container similar in appearance to a suitcase. De Cassia said he was accompanied by W. P. Crump, also of Oakland.

Thomas Dodge, a jitney driver, testified that his automobile was standing in front of 721 Market street, and that there was no other machine there. The prosecution has contended that there was another machine there in which members of the alleged bomb conspiracy were carried.

PLOT TO CURTAIL CANADA'S FOOD SUPPLY

SARNIA, Ont., Sept. 19.—It was learned here today that agents of the Canadian government and private detectives are investigating what is alleged to be a plot to curtail Canada's winter food supply.

More than fifty canning factories in Ontario are operating under heavy guards. It is understood that even stricter methods of protection are being considered.

Investigation of a fire which destroyed a large canning factory here last Thursday night is said to have shown that the fire started from the outside. A revised estimate of the loss of property and products is \$200,000. An investigation is being made of a fire which destroyed the St. Thomas Dehydration company's plant at St. Thomas Saturday night. The loss was about \$50,000.

NEW YORKERS HOLD PARTY PRIMARIES

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—A contest between Governor Whitman and Samuel Seabury, the democratic candidate for nomination for governor, to obtain the progressive nomination for that office was the most interesting feature of the New York state primaries today. It was expected that not more than 20,000 of the 46,000 enrolled progressives would take part in the primaries. Both candidates asserted that they would win the progressive nomination.

PROMOTE PERSHING TO MAJOR GENERAL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—J. J. Pershing, commander of the American punitive expedition in Mexico, and ranking brigadier of the army, probably will be made a major general, a vacancy in that grade having been created by the death yesterday of Major General Mills. A successor to General Mills as chief of the bureau of militia affairs has not been named.

SHONTS SPURNS EFFORTS TO AVERT GENERAL STRIKE

Committee of Business Interests Informed That There Is No Trolley Strike—700,000 Union Men in New York Voting to Go Out in Sympathy on Thursday Evening.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—An effort by a committee representing business interests to settle the city's transit strike and avert a general sympathetic labor strike failed today when Theodore P. Shontz, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit company, refused to consider a plan suggested by the committee to re-open negotiations with the street car employes.

Mr. Shontz informed the committee which went to his office from a conference with Mayor John P. Mitchell, that "there is no strike on the Interborough." He asserted that the company was "handling the situation without difficulty, thanks to our 11,000 loyal men."

Make Another Effort
In view of Mr. Shontz' attitude the committee explained, announcement of suggestions made to him was withheld. It was further stated that the committee would not put its plan before the union leaders but that a meeting of business interests would be held tomorrow in the hope of evolving some new means of bringing about an adjustment before Friday, the day set for calling a general strike.

Mayor Mitchell called into conference with him today representatives of the chamber of commerce and merchants' association to try to avert the threatened strike of 700,000 workers in this city in sympathy with the street railway employes. The mayor has received warning from the labor leaders that unless he and the committee of business men settle the car men's strike by Thursday night a general walk out of virtually all the labor unions in this city and vicinity will be ordered.

Strike of 700,000 Impends
Representatives of about thirty union united in calling upon their organization to strike if settlement with the transit companies was not forthcoming. The unions asked to take this action include 2000 members of the United Hebrew trades, 8500 stationary engineers and firemen, 28,000 longshoremen, 20,000 subway builders, 1200 master mates and pilots, 2000 teamsters, 3000 tidewater boatmen and 15,000 machinists.
Members of the United Hebrew trades, longshoremen and boatmen already have voted to strike, it is announced.

PROTEST CARRANZA MINING DECREE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—American corporations having idle mines in Mexico today appealed to the state department to protest against a new mining decree reported under consideration by General Carranza which they declared might operate to confiscate their property. The department had not received official information on the subject but is making inquiries at Mexico City. Carranza, the mine owners say, proposes to increase to a confiscatory rate, taxes on developed mines in specified districts now closed because of unsettled conditions which are not put into operation within sixty days. The ostensible purpose, it is said, is to give employment to idle Mexicans.

PROHI CANDIDATES STUMPING NEVADA

RENO, Nev., Sept. 19.—Members of the prohibition coast to coast campaigners party invaded Nevada today for two meetings. They passed through here this morning from Sacramento on their way to Carson City for an afternoon meeting and planned to return here for a meeting tonight. Tomorrow the party will return to California.

"HEY! LOOK WHAT I'VE FOUND!"



FOUR MEMBERS OF SWINDLING RING TO ESCAPE TRIAL

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—Four members of the alleged \$1,000,000 band of blackmailers may escape prosecution, federal officials admitted today as they awaited the preliminary hearing set for 2 p. m. of the seven prisoners set for 2 p. m. of the seven prisoners taken in the fashionable apartment hotel raid.

Mrs. Regina Klipper, a divorcee of Philadelphia, the government's chief witness, arrived early in the day, under guard of federal agents, to appear against the alleged blackmailers, Hinton G. Clabaugh of the United States department of justice said he was confident that Mrs. Klipper would identify Edward Donahue, Henry Russell and Mrs. Helen Evers as directors of the organization.

The case against the others under arrest, Clabaugh said, "is doubtful, I am satisfied, however, of the guilt of the first three."

Russell, Donahue and Mrs. Evers are held under bail of \$25,000 each. The others under arrest are James Christian, James Bland, Mrs. Donahue and Mrs. Frances Allen, alias Chapman. The bonds of these four were fixed at \$5000 each.

Mrs. Klipper is the sole woman of the scores believed to be victims of the syndicate who is willing to tell how she was fleeced. She declares she was placed in a compromising position in a New York hotel by members of the band last January, blackmailed out of a sum reported to be less than \$1000 and some jewelry, and later kidnaped and held prisoner in Montreal when she threatened prosecution.

DISCUSS CLOSING MEXICAN BANKS

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 19.—The Mexican members of the Joint Mexican-American commission admitted to the American representatives today that the order leading to the closing of the national bank of London & Mexico in Mexico City was in large measure retaliatory. The order provided that the banks must show a metallic reserve sufficient to cover the issue of bank notes, dollar for dollar.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—A new war loan by the Russian government is proposed, according to a Renter dispatch from Petrograd today.

CAR SHORTAGE IS CAUSED BY NATION'S GREAT PROSPERITY

SALEM, Or., Sept. 19.—Increased business throughout the country, car congestion on the Atlantic seaboard and inability to promptly obtain new equipment were the principal reasons given here by William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific Railroad company, to the Oregon public service commission for the shortage on the company's lines.

Accompanied by Vice-President W. R. Scott and other officials, Mr. Sproule conferred with the commission relative to the car shortage today, as it is possible that he will not be able to attend the hearing in Portland on September 20. Mr. Sproule told the commission that during May, June, July and August the number of loaded cars on the company's system were 45,000 greater than during the same period last year. During May, June and July, 9418 more cars were loaded in Oregon than during the corresponding period last year, and of this number 8200 represented the increase in the lumber.

"We are trying to make a general distribution of cars on an equitable basis," he said. He held out no hope for an immediate relief of the situation.

Vice-President Scott told the commission that the car shortage in California was four times as great as in Oregon.

Commissioner Miller said that a pooling arrangement between railroad lines might avert a future car shortage and Mr. Sproule said he was in sympathy with a movement inaugurated in this direction by the American Railroad association.

SAM HILL RETURNS FROM CIRCLING GLOBE

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 19.—After circling the world since June 15, Samuel Hill, railway magnate and apostle of good highways, returned to Portland today. Mr. Hill was called to Siberia by the Russian government to devise a way for expediting the transportation of war munitions over the Trans-Siberian railroad, but he refused to commit himself today as to what steps are being taken in this direction.

He crossed the Pacific in going to Siberia and returned by way of New York. On his way home Mr. Hill was the guest of King Albert of Belgium, an intimate acquaintance.

HUGHES DENIES ANY CREDIT DUE TO PRESIDENT

Democratic Party Characterized as "Party of Broken Promises Which Now Presents Extravagant Claims"—Program of Legislation a Failure—Even Child Labor Law Derided.

PEORIA, Ill., Sept. 19.—Charles E. Hughes, opening his second presidential campaign trip in an address here today before the republican state convention, characterized the democratic party as a "party of broken promises, which now presents extravagant claims."

The nominee took up point after point, touched on in President Wilson's speech of acceptance, and declared "the claims made therein were extravagant and that nothing of the sort had been accomplished."

Record of Broken Promises
"Our opponents present a record of broken promises. They promise to reduce the cost of living. They have not touched it.

"They promised to prevent waste and extravagance. They have been more extravagant in the recent congress, as I am informed on unimpeachable authority, than any preceding congress.

"Our opponents promised to apply the principles of the merit system. They have betrayed the merit system. "Our opponents promised to reduce useless offices. Instead they have appointed useless offices.

"Our opponents promised that the rights of American citizens should be maintained throughout the world, their rights with respect to life and property. They have shamelessly failed to perform that promise.

"Acts are facts and extravagant claims cannot deceive the intelligent electorate.

Denies Opposition Merit

"The opposition claim they have clarified the anti-trust law by definition. I may say here and now that they have done nothing of the sort. They claim to have recuperated the merchant marine. They have done nothing of the sort.

"The federal reserve act as introduced by the administration and presented to congress was a wholly unworkable bill. It was finally worked out by students and others until it emerged in the definite form, but that system as it is contains dangerous possibilities of inflation.

"Our opponents claim to have emancipated child labor. As a matter of fact, they have not emancipated child labor. If our opponents are genuinely devoted to the interests of children, let them act in states under their control and there would be no child labor problem in the United States."

LOWEST DEATH RATE IN COUNTRY'S HISTORY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—The lowest death rate in the country's history is shown in preliminary vital statistics for the year 1915, made public today by the census bureau. The rate 15.5 per 1000 is based on reports from twenty-five states and forty-one cities, with a total population of about 67,000,000. In 1914 the percentage of deaths was 13.6, the lowest recorded up to that time. There has been a steady decrease. The average rate during the period of 1901-1905 was 16.2.

BOSTON INCREASES LEAD BY DEFEATING DETROIT

DETROIT, Sept. 19.—Boston increased its lead in the American league race today by winning the first game of a three-game series from Detroit, 2 to 1. Daus's wildness in the first inning and timely hitting gave the visitors the victory. Detroit could not hit Mays with men on base.

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Boston 3 11 0
Detroit 1 9 2
Batteries—Mays and Thomas; Daus, James, Boland and Stange, Baker.

NO PROTECTION FROM MONOPOLY OF ANTHRACITE

Attorney General Files Brief in Supreme Court in Appeal Asking Dissolution of Reading Company, Which in Time Will Control Entire Output of Anthracite.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Attorney General Gregory today filed a brief in the supreme court in his appeal from the decision of a federal district court in Pennsylvania refusing the government's plea for dissolution under the Sherman anti-trust act and the commodities clause of the railroad rate act of the Reading company, called the "backbone of the alleged monopoly of anthracite."

History of Illegality
The combination, the brief says, has a history permeated with illegality and characterized by a deliberate purpose to drive others from the field resulting in increased prices out of proportion to increased production costs.

The government contends in its brief that the Reading holding company (the Reading company) through its subsidiaries, Reading Coal company and Reading Railway company, controls the production, transportation and sale of anthracite coal from lands in the Schuylkill region tributary to the lines of Reading Railway company and that this control was acquired and is maintained by other than normal methods of industrial development.

Absolute Monopoly

"At the current rate of mining," the brief says, "the coal areas of the companies, thus leagued and combined together, according to the generally accepted calculations of geologists and mining engineers will outlast by many years those of any competitor. In time, therefore, this combination if not dissolved, will own or control every ton of commercially available anthracite known to exist and whilst in almost every other branch of industry it is at least possible for a monopoly to be broken by the influx of fresh capital attracted by high profits, against a monopoly of anthracite, the supply of which is limited, there can be no such protection—only the law can afford relief."

GOVERNOR PROTECTS NEGRO EVANGELIST

SALEM, Or., Sept. 19.—Governor James Withycombe today sent Sheriff William Esch to Silverton, Or., with instructions that he take precautions against any further movement to deport James E. Fray, negro evangelist, who has been holding revival meetings at that town. Fray recently was escorted from town by citizens, who charged that his sermons were obscene. A charge of vagrancy against him was dismissed in court, and he now wants to return and baptize his converts, but he fears violence.

SUBMARINES SINK TWO BRITISH STEAMERS

LONDON, Sept. 19.—The loss of the steamers Dewa and Lord Tredegar is announced by Lloyd's.

The Lord Tredegar passed Gibraltar on September 8 on her way to Port Said and Indian ports from New York. She measured 2347 tons.
The Dewa, a vessel of 1381 tons gross, was last reported as having left Hartland on July 19 for Avonmouth.

MOSQUITO BITE KILLS STANFORD FRESHMAN

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Sept. 19.—Hal W. Ganon, a freshman from Portland, Or., died today at the Pentecostal hospital, San Mateo, from blood poisoning originating in a mosquito bite.