

BATTLE RAGING ON HUGE SCALE EASTERN FRONT

Central Powers Exerting Every Influence to Check Menacing Drives of Russians and Rumanians—Claim Advantage in Dobrudja—Serbs Continue to Advance in Macedonia.

BERLIN, Sept. 20.—Rumanian forces which invaded Transylvania through the Hartzok pass of the Transylvanian Alps, have been defeated and driven back over the pass, the war office announced today.

BERLIN, Sept. 20.—Stubborn and fluctuating battles are going on in the province of Dobrudja between Russo-Rumanian forces and German and Bulgarian troops, says today's German official statement. The Russians and Rumanians have hastily brought up reinforcements, the statement adds, and are defending their positions with great stubbornness.

Bulgars Driven Out.

PARIS, Sept. 20.—The last of the Bulgarians have been cleared out of Florina, near the western end of the Macedonian front, the war office announced today. After the occupation of the town by the entente forces Bulgarian soldiers held out for a time in several houses, resisting with savage energy. One hundred prisoners were taken in completing the capture of these positions.

The announcement says the Serbians have captured height 2625, the highest peak of the Kaimakalan range, after desperate fighting at close quarters. On the left wing the Bulgarians are still resisting on the heights north of Sisideri.

Great Battle Raging.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—Fighting on a huge scale is in progress along the eastern war front, whither the center of interest has shifted following the let-up in the heavy allied attacks along the Somme in the west.

Evidence is accumulating that the central powers are now devoting their main attention to the campaigns in the east, concentrating large forces against Rumania, notably under Field Marshal Von Mackensen in Dobrudja, and putting all possible available men in the field to stop the Russian march on Lemberg by way of Halicz and the menacing drives of the Russians and Rumanians in the Carpathians and Transylvania.

German Gain Advantage.

Both Berlin and Sofia report the development of a great battle on the line the Russians and Rumanians have taken up in Dobrudja to defend the railroad route into interior Rumania from Constantza, on the Black sea. The engagement, they declare, is turning in favor of the force of the central powers under Von Mackensen. Latest reports from the fighting in Galicia and Volhynia show the Teutonic forces on the offensive and claiming decided advantages over the Russian armies under General Brusiloff.

As has frequently been the case when decisive developments were lacking, Petrograd today is silent regarding the operations along the Rumanian front, reporting merely that there have been no important happenings.

Turkish troops which appear to have played an important part in stiffening the lines of the Teutonic allies in the east, have been successful in the recent fighting in Galicia, Constantinople announces today. A forty-eight hour battle with superior

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CUMMINGS NAMED FOR U. S. SENATOR

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 20.—Homer S. Cummings, vice-chairman of the democratic national committee, was nominated for United States senator here today. Morris B. Beardsley was selected to head the state ticket as the candidate for governor.

The resolutions praise President Wilson and his administration and point to national legislation as evidence of adherence to party pledges.

GREECE SENDS ULTIMATUM TO TEUTON ALLIES

Immediate Return of Greek Soldiers Taken Prisoners at Kavala Demanded of Germany and Bulgaria, According to Reports From Athens—German Account Differs.

ATHENS, Sept. 20.—There is reason to believe that the Greek government has sent an ultimatum to Germany and Bulgaria, expiring Wednesday night, demanding the immediate return of the soldiers taken prisoner at Kavala.

ATHENS, Sept. 12.—The diplomatic representatives of the entente powers continue their policy of not recognizing the existence of the new cabinet of Premier Kalogeropoulos by abstaining from paying a formal visit to the new minister.

King Constantine this morning discussed the question of furthering the hope of breaking the glacial negotiation of the entente and resuming the negotiations for the entrance into the war. A Renter dispatch from Athens under date of September 19 says: "It is learned on good authority that this morning's conference of Premier Kalogeropoulos and the foreign minister, with King Constantine resulted in a decision in principle for a departure from neutrality with a view to dissipating the entente's apparent distrust of the new cabinet.

German Version.

When the Greek seaport of Kavala was entered by German and Bulgarian troops the city was garrisoned by the fourth Greek army corps. According to an official statement issued by Berlin, the entire corps, consisting of 20,000 men, asked the German commander for food and shelter and protection against the entente forces. The statement said that to prevent any breach of neutrality the Greek soldiers would be transported to Germany, to be kept there as guests of the nation.

The German account of the affair differs radically from that given out at the allied capitals and from stories sent out from Athens. The number of soldiers transported to Germany, according to these versions, was less than a thousand, one account placing the total at 70 officers and 800 men. The remainder of the garrison is variously said to have been transported to Saloniki by the French authorities and to be encamped on the island of Thasos. A recent dispatch from Athens reported the arrival of some members of the Kavala garrison in the Greek capital, but no numbers were given.

Greece Aroused by Act.

The incident caused a profound sensation in Greece, and the action of the Germans was bitterly denounced by the pro-ally party. Immediately after Premier Kalogeropoulos took office news dispatches from Athens said he intended to demand the return of the Greek soldiers from Germany and that refusal of this demand would be the signal for the entry into the war of Greece on the side of the entente.

NIP AND TUCK RACE FOR LEAGUE PENNANT

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—A game and a half still separates Boston and Chicago today in the American league race, while Detroit is in the middle, half a game ahead of Chicago and a full game behind the leaders. Detroit and Boston have two more games at Detroit, and Chicago plays Philadelphia today and tomorrow. The percentages today are: Boston, .582; Detroit, .572; Chicago, .569.

In the National league Brooklyn is today two full games ahead of Philadelphia, having won from Cincinnati yesterday, while Philadelphia lost to Chicago. Boston is two and a half games behind Brooklyn and a half game below Philadelphia. Brooklyn's sixteen remaining games are at home, while three of Philadelphia's seventeen and eleven of Boston's twenty remaining games are abroad.

RUMOR VILLA HAS CAPTURED CHIHUAHUA CITY

Attack Reported Preceded by Mutiny of Garrison—Report Denied by Mexican Officials—Pershing Expects Villa to Cut Line of Communications to Juarez.

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 20.—Rumors were current here today that Chihuahua City was captured by Villa in a second attack last night. General Francisco Gonzales, commandant at Juarez, and Consul Garcia declared the reports without foundation.

According to reports, the attack was preceded by mutiny of a large part of the garrison. The bandits were said to occupy the municipal and federal palaces, the penitentiary and two fortified hills.

Consul Garcia and General Gonzales maintained although wire communication had been hampered, messages received early today indicated quiet in Chihuahua City.

To Cut Communications.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 20.—Belief that Francisco Villa will soon cut the Carranza line of communications between Chihuahua City and Juarez, if he has not already done so, was suggested by Major General Funston today after he had read a report on Villa's Chihuahua engagement received from Brigadier General Bell at El Paso.

Stories gathered by General Bell from persons reaching El Paso from the interior indicate that General Trevino's forces were driven out of Chihuahua City in Villa's Saturday attack and that they took position on a large hill outside the city from necessity and not from choice, as previous reports said. From this hill they succeeded by the use of artillery in dislodging the Villistas.

Details Withheld.

General Funston refused to give out all details of the Bell report for publication, but he said that it confirmed previous accounts of the battle and indicated even more serious conditions than were admitted by the Carranza forces.

General Bell's report said that Villa's force last Saturday was estimated at from 500 to 700 men. General Funston believes that this force has grown since the Chihuahua battle. He said that in this case the logical step for Villa to take would be the severing of the line of communications between Chihuahua and Juarez. This would give him control of the Mexico Northwestern railroad, and, the general added, the garrisons to the north would have to look out.

BRITAIN APOLOGIZES TO UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Great Britain today formally expressed to the United States regret for the action of a British destroyer in holding up and examining the Philippine steamer, Cebu, within the territorial waters of the Philippines.

DANCE FLIRTATION, ELOPEMENT, THEN MURDER IS STORY OF BRIDE OF MONTH



Mrs. Maurice Pettit.

A dance hall flirtation, an elopement, a month's married life, then a ghastly death is the story the Chicago police tell of Mrs. Kathryn Keiser Pettit, 18-year-old bride of John Maurice Pettit, who they said fled from her home hurriedly just before her body was found in a pool of blood. Her throat was cut from ear to ear; the head almost severed from the trunk. Jealousy, the police believe, may have caused the murder.

Pettit was a widower when he met Miss Keiser at a dance. Courtship and elopement followed.

CAR SHORTAGE CLOSES MILLS OF EASTERN OREGON

BAKER, Ore., Sept. 20.—A car shortage in Baker and other western Oregon towns threatens, according to the statements of lumber men here today to cause the closing down before the end of the week of several mills.

The Oregon Lumber Company, W. H. Eccles Lumber Company and the Baker, White Pine Company report that they are unable to obtain cars. They have sent urgent messages to the officers of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company to attempt to relieve the shortage.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 20.—

Operating Vice-President W. R. Scott, of the Southern Pacific railroad system, offered no hope of early relief from the acute car shortage on the Pacific coast at the opening session here today of the Oregon public service commission's inquiry into the cause of the shortage and the probable remedies for relief. He said everything possible was being done, but sufficient cars were not obtainable.

REPORTER WRITES STORY OF SUICIDE THEN TAKES POISON

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 20.—Harry Howland, a reporter on a morning newspaper, who took poison last night while at his desk and died in a few minutes, wrote the story of his proposed suicide a week ago. The copy, found after his death, told how "after writing the story of his own death by suicide," he had shot and killing himself outside the newspaper building. He had evidently taken poison because unable to fulfill his expectation of borrowing a revolver, as he planned when writing his story.

The weapon he used to end his life was borrowed from () on the pretext Howland had been assigned on a story in a remote part of the city, where frequent holdups have been committed.

A blank to be filled in with the time was left in the story, as well as one for the name of the lender of the revolver. Howland gave the details of his life and named the members of his family. At the close he wrote "thirty."

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Esther M. Howland of Denver, two sisters and two brothers.

Grief over the death of his wife and baby a year ago in Kansas City is ascribed as the basis for his act.

EFFORTS TO AVERT 700,000 STRIKE IN GOTHAM FAIL

Mayor Mitchell, as Last Effort, to Make Personal Appeal to Theodore Shonts to Recede From His Refusal to Deal With Strikers—Attempts to Operate Creates Rioting.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—All other efforts to prevent the threatened general strike of 700,000 trade unionists in sympathy with the striking car men, having thus far failed, Mayor Mitchell decided today to make a personal appeal to Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company and the New York street railways, to recede from his reiterated intention of refusing to deal with the strikers.

Mr. Shonts' position, necessary the traction head says, because of a threat to strike by loyal employes in event of the recognition of the unions, balked the attempt of the public service commission and a citizen committee to bring about an amicable adjustment.

As there appeared little chance of a change in the traction company's policy, the mayor attended for a conference with Mr. Shonts later today. The mayor, it was learned from an official source, expects to propose a new basis of settlement to avert the impending general walk out.

700,000 to Strike.

Labor leaders aver that the proposed general walk out Thursday will involve about 700,000 workers in all trades.

The attempt to operate the surface cars last night resulted in the worst rioting since the strike began, but the officials of the transit companies say the service in the day time is improving steadily.

During the forenoon attacks on surface cars continued intermittently. The last 24 hours have witnessed the most extended disturbances of the strike, police reports today showing the arrests of 20 men declared to be former employees. Fifteen of these are accused of felony in attacks on trains and cars.

Nightly Bombardments.

Throughout the night elevated trains, together with subway trains at points where they run on elevated structures, were subjected to almost ceaseless bombardments of bottles and bricks, car windows being shattered and a number of passengers injured.

Today there were several attacks by strikers and sympathizers on surface cars and police reserves were repeatedly called out.

With the arrival here today of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, to attend the funeral of Seth Low, it was learned that the business interests, which are endeavoring to avert a sympathetic strike, had invited Mr. Gompers to attend their meeting with labor directors tomorrow.

TWO KILLED IN SANTA FE WRECK

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 20.—One, and possibly two, persons were killed and at least eight were injured early today in the derailment of the westbound Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad "California limited," one mile east of Kingman, Ariz., according to a report to Santa Fe headquarters here.

Engineer R. W. Goshorn was killed and Fireman H. A. Osborn of Needles, Cal., was missing and reported as probably killed. Four or five passengers, two cooks and two waiters were injured.

The limited was derailed at 1:45 a. m., the engine, dining car and one sleeping car leaving the track. The engine came to a stop eighty feet clear of the track. The cause of the derailment has not been determined.

Doctors and nurses were sent from Kingman and Needles, and a wrecking train cleared the track ready for the train to continue on its way at 7:30 a. m.

The train left Chicago Sunday night.

SENATOR STONE DEFENDS 8 HOUR RAILROAD LAW

Hughes Lines Up With Morgan and Wall Street Against Rights of Labor in Attacks Upon President and Congress for Averting Impending National Calamity of Rail Strike.

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—"A word about the so-called eight-hour law as related to railroad operatives," by William J. Stone, United States senator from Missouri, was issued by the western national democratic headquarters here today. Accompanying the statement was an assertion that Senator Stone was representing the thought of the administration on the subject. The statement said in part: "Messrs. Hughes, Roosevelt, Root, Lodge, Penrose, Crane, Pierpont Morgan, George W. Perkins and that entire genus, maintain that the president and congress surrendered to force and thereby discredited public authority and weakened the foundations of our governmental institutions.

Charge Is False.

"One weakness about this charge is that it is false. Nobody threatened the president or congress; nobody demanded anything of them. There was no controversy between the government and the railroad employes, nor between the government and the railroad magnates. The controversy was purely industrial, waged between several hundred thousand men who actually operate trains on the one hand and the managers of the railroads on the other.

"The trouble had reached a point so acute that these hundreds of thousands of men were on the verge of a strike; they were about to quit work and thus leave the entire railroad transportation of the country tied up for an indefinite period."

The statement then points out that while the crisis existed senators and representatives and members of the administration were receiving communications from all sections of the country, indicating that "the public sentiment almost universally favored any reasonable means of averting this catastrophe."

Strike Effects Disastrous.

The senator pointed out the possible effects of a strike on the fruit growers of the far west, on feeders of livestock, farmers shipping grain on contracts, manufacturers of steel and textiles under contract to be shipped, on the fuel supply of the country and on the mining and timber industries and their allied interests and dependents.

"The fact is," he continued, "the very threat of this nation-wide lock-up caused a jump in the prices of food, coal and all the necessities of life and industry, and it is worthy of note that when the danger passed prices went back to normal.

"These are the things the president faced and such the calamity he braved, patiently, patriotically sought to avert. Who blames him? Mr. Hughes says he should have investigated the questions at issue before acting. They seem to think that although the house was on fire, the president should have inquired into the cause of the fire before putting it out, instead of first putting it out and then investigating the cause.

Sides With Wall Street.

"I can understand this argument when made by men like J. Pierpont Morgan, George W. Perkins and others of that type, but I am amazed that Justice Hughes should adopt it. I am amazed that he would ally himself with Wall Street."

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SCANDANAVIAN NATIONS UNITED FOR NEUTRALITY

LONDON, Sept. 20.—King Haakon of Norway, speaking at a dinner given to the Swedish and Danish ministers of state in Christiania, declared that the Scandinavian nations were united in their desire to remain neutral, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. The dinner at which the king spoke was given in connection with a series of conferences which are being held at the Norwegian capital by the Scandinavian ministers of state.



\$6,000,000 U. S. BATTLESHIP A T OTAL WRECK AFTER STORM

...The picture shows the U. S. S. Memphis, a wreck, high and dry on coral reefs in Santo Domingo bay, where the ship was dashed by a heavy

storm. Rocks cut through the bottom like razor blades. It is said the battleship, which cost \$6,000,000, cannot be salvaged. The Memphis was formerly the Tennessee.