

Biggest Battle of Galicia Now in Progress International Troubles Threatened if Conscription Passes

EVACUATION OF VILNA THOUGHT PROBABLE SOON

GERMAN FEAR ENVELOPMENT OF HIS ARMIES

German Occupy Radkouna After Stubborn Fight, But Are Driven Back in Battle for Derazona—Russians Take 2,000 Prisoners and Maxims After the Retreat—Capture of Ross Positions Announced.

United Press Service

PETROGRAD, Sept. 18.—The biggest battle for Vilna has begun. The Germans are making a heavy attack to the east of the city. Several detachments have reached the Novovilek Moloudechno railway, and are attempting to pierce the Russian line.

The communique has emphasized the fighting for Vilna as the greatest battle in the present Baltic-Galician conflict. It is not improbable that the czar will consider the evacuation of Vilna in a few days if the attacks threaten to envelope his armies there. It has been announced that to the southeast of Orny the German attempts to advance on the Vilna Lidia railway have been repulsed.

It is estimated that the enemy occupied Radkouna, South Datsliski, after a stubborn fight. In renewed fighting for Derazona we drove the enemy from the outstart. They retreated upon Rudakrasnovie, which we stormed, capturing 2,000 prisoners and four Maxims.

United Press Service

BERLIN, Sept. 18.—The capture of part of the Russian advance positions about the Drinsky bridgehead has been officially announced. The Russian front between Vilna and the Nemman River has been broken.

THIRD FIRE THIS WEEK BURNS SHED

DESERTED BUILDING DESTROYED—FLAMES DISCOVERED AT 3 A. M.—BELIEVED TRAMPS ARE RESPONSIBLE

The third fire in a week in this city broke out at 3 o'clock this morning, just twenty-four hours after the fire was discovered yesterday morning. A deserted building just slightly off Seventh and Main, was the scene of the blaze. The building was ruined.

The cause of the fire is unknown, but as was mentioned in the council meeting Monday night, the building was famous as a meeting place for tramps, and it is thought probable that some wanderer either dropped a match or smoked too near some inflammable material.

LOAN BELIEVED SURE IN SPITE OF ROCKEFELLER

LONDON BANKERS CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS

Oil King Physician Says United Press Interview Was Correct—Loss of the Title of Richest Man in the World to Morgan Has No Weight With Rockefeller, Who Is Against Anything to Continue War.

United Press Service

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Big bankers declare that they are confident of the success of the billion dollar loan, regardless of Rockefeller's interview with the United Press, in which he stated he would not take part.

United Press Service

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 18.—Dr. H. F. Bigger, for forty years Rockefeller's personal physician, was present when the United Press interview was obtained.

"The report of the interview is remarkably accurate," he said. "It tells clearly what I know is Rockefeller's firm attitude—he'll keep hands off of the war. The possibility that Mr. Morgan will take his title as the richest man in the world has absolutely no weight with Rockefeller. I know positively he is utterly opposed on principle to anything that might tend to continue the war."

United Press Service

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Spring Rice and Lord Reading met at Hotel Biltmore. It is assumed that financial heads are arranging a vital move regarding the loan of the allies. Many believe that commissioners and American bankers are deadlocked this morning. Reading sought the ambassador's aid for a compromise.

DUMBA'S BROTHER IS SECTION HAND

HE AND FELLOW AUSTRIANS CONDEMN LANSING FOR REQUESTING THAT ELDER DUMBA BE RECALLED

United Press Service

MISSOULA, Mont., Sept. 18.—With his brother, Dr. Constantin Dumba holding the highest diplomatic posts in the service of Austria, Alex Dumba is an ordinary, hard working section hand on the Northern Pacific railroad, it was learned today.

He has been in the United States for three years, and recently has been at St. Regis, near here.

Dumba was denied advantages given to his older brother, whose recall from the position of Washington envoy was recently asked by Secretary of State Lansing.

Murdered Millionaire Widow, and Witnesses of the Tragedy



Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols Edith Langfeldt

Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols, aged 60, who was left about \$2,000,000 on the death of her husband recently, was killed in her costly home in the Fifth avenue section of New York the other night by three masked burglars. They believed she kept in her room jewelry worth \$100,000 or more. They got about \$5,000 worth. Onnie Talas, a hall boy, has confessed to the New York police he let in the robbers and submitted to being gagged. Edith Langfeldt, the maid, was also gagged, but not until the robbers threatened to kill her.

BULLETINS

London—The British oiler Zeferino has been submerged. Four of the crew are missing.

San Diego—Bishop Conaty of the Catholic diocese of Los Angeles died suddenly at Coronado. He has been in poor health for some time.

Washington—Preparedness for war is an issue that may lead to a break between Wilson and Bryan, it is reported. It is feared that Bryan is awaiting a chance to assault Wilson's program if it doesn't meet his approval.

Washington—The Yaqui Indians killed an American at San Blas, the state department has learned. Communication with Vera Cruz has been suspended since Tuesday.

Hopes for Settlement

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 18.—Hopes for the settlement of the Arabic case is raised by the Berlin dispatches. Officials expect a disavowal from the Germans. Attention now is centered toward the British prize court's actions and the loan to the allies.

SMILE AND TEARS QUELL GANGSTERS

PRETTY GIRL'S SMILE THROUGH TEARS CHANGES INSULTS OF DOPE FIENDS TO APPLAUSE AND CONTRIBUTIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 18.—A pretty girl, arguing the cause of suffrage for women, quelled a mob of "dope" fiends on the edge of the underworld Wednesday night with a smile through tears.

Miss Mabel Vernon of Delaware, a delegate to the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, mounted a soap box, and her smile turned cries of "O, you chicken," to "Good for you, old girl, we're with you."

When Miss Vernon started to speak "dope" fiends and gangsters crowded around, applying insulting remarks to her. Tears sprang to her eyes at the insults, but she smiled through them, and went on. One by one the men took off their hats. Before she finished, "dope money" was rattling on the pavement at her feet to win votes for women.

SELL LANDS TO PEOPLE--HAWLEY

CONGRESSMAN SAYS OREGON-CALIFORNIA LAND GRANT SHOULD MAKE HOMES FOR PEOPLE

Congressman W. C. Hawley, discussing the Oregon-California railroad land grant before the conference at Salem, said in part:

The supreme court of the United States in its recent decision upon the land grant has said that the proviso requiring the railroad company to sell the lands is an enforceable covenant. I think the court, after having so decided, should have directed that the lands be sold, so far as the court could find warrant in the law for such a decree. But the court did not so order. It left the disposition of the lands under the proviso first to an act of congress, and if congress fails to act then, to further action by the courts.

Since the supreme court has decided that the proviso is an enforceable covenant, it has indicated to us the course of action to be taken, and that is to ask for the disposal of the lands to settlers, that they may be developed, as far as possible, and so remain on the tax rolls of the several counties in which they lie.

Congress gave this grant to promote the settlement and development of Oregon, by allowing the railroad to obtain a subsidy from the sale of the lands, which were to pass by lease into the possession of settlers. We are entitled to have this intention fully carried out, and in my judgment we should only ask for congress for legislation that will carry out the proviso as fully as possible. These lands should remain on the tax rolls of the several counties, that they may be improved and developed and so increase the number of homes for our people, the wealth of the people and the state, and contribute in taxes to the support of the counties in which the lands lie.

NOT TO ADVISE RECOGNITION OF CARRANZA CLAIM

PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS NO MAY

Charge American Soldiers Made Unproved on Carranza Followers Is Claim of Agent—Investigation Asked—Cavalry Troop Sent at Petition of Wealthy Mexicans as Patrol Against Bandits.

United Press Service

BROWNSVILLE, Sept. 18.—The wealthy Mexicans of San Jose, an exclusive Mexican village, have petitioned Colonel Bullard for a patrol to protect them from bandits. A troop of cavalry was dispatched. Officials on both sides are investigating yesterday's battles.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 18.—Investigation of the charges that American soldiers made an unprovoked attack upon the Carranza forces was formerly asked by the agent of Carranza at Blizeo Arrendondo.

United Press Service

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—A Pan-American conference has gathered to discuss Mexico. Carranza's proposal that the conference send representatives to the border to discuss international questions was the chief subject of the afternoon sessions.

The appointment of a commission to canvass Carranza's claim of recognition may result from the Pan-American conference.

The recognition of any candidate for the Mexican presidency won't be recommended at this meeting.

BLOW AT BALKAN MIGHT END WAR

SEAT OF OLD TROUBLE MAY BE KEY TO PEACE--ROAD INTO SERBIA WOULD LINK CENTRAL EMPIRE WITH ROUMANIA

United Press Service

BERLIN, Sept. 18.—A mighty blow against the Balkans may end the war before spring. By blasting a road through Serbia toward Bulgaria the Austro-Germans may settle the Balkan question and bring early peace.

A short march through northeastern Serbia would link the central empire with Roumania, already friendly.

Good Bye, Straw Hats

DAYTON, O., Sept. 18.—Forty thousand straw hats will go up in smoke tonight, when the retail merchant board will open the annual fall style show here. For the past week city and rural boys have been sneaking fathers' hats to the big pile.

300,000 MEN OF RAILWAY EMPLOY FIGHT MEASURE

SPECIAL MEETING OF SERVANTS TO BE CALLED

Several Ministers Have Threatened to Resign, Is Report, Unless Government Demands Conscription—People Suspect Motives of Advocates of Measure, Scouting Political Intrigue, Tenor of Comment.

United Press Service

LONDON, Sept. 18.—The executive committee of the Amalgamated Union Railway Servants, representing 300,000 men, have notified the government that any attempt at conscription will result in international troubles.

They have instructed their secretary to call a special meeting if the government introduces the conscription bill.

United Press Service

LONDON, Sept. 18.—It is reported that several ministers have threatened to resign unless the government demanded conscription. From the tenor of comment, the country is not against conscription, if the government believes it necessary, but the people suspect the motives of the advocates of conscription, scouting political intrigue.

CLASSES START AT UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON FRESHMEN DON GREEN HEADGEAR. STUDENT BODY OF COLLEGE IS OUT OF DEBT

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Sept. 18.—Classes opened informally Thursday at the University of Oregon, with an attendance of 610 so far, which is 15 per cent heavier than the registration at the same time last year. Many students are on the campus, but have not enrolled on account of the necessity of finding work first. By Monday the total is expected to reach 800.

College traditions were inaugurated when 100 freshmen were led by brayway upper classesmen toward the annual scramble for the green headgear. The week's initiations will be brought to a climax tonight, when the student body will entertain itself at a smokesless smoker.

Indications of a harder year for the incoming students developed when President Campbell announced that the standard of first year scholastic work had been raised 10 per cent, which means that unless there is more "grinding" a greater number of students will be discarded at the end of the semester.

For the first time in years the student body is entirely clear of indebtedness.

OUR WANT ADS ARE ALWAYS IN THE PUBLIC EYE. They are seen by the Millinery, the Tailor, the Barber, the Lawyer, the Clerk, the Cashier, the Landlord, the Experienced Journalist, and reach them all alike.