

## Reported Bulgaria May Sue for Separate Peace

### Kaiser Calls King and Diplomats Into Council

LONDON SAYS BULGARIANS ARE UNEASY  
Believing Kaiser Holds Bulgarian King and Crown Prince Hostages for the Safety of German Troops in Balkans—Loss of Bulgarian Army to Central Powers Would be Severe Blow to Kaiser's Cause.

United Press Service  
LONDON, Sept. 13.—It is reliably reported in London that Kaiser Wilhelm has issued a call for a conference in Berlin with the King of Bulgaria and the diplomats of Austria and Turkey. The conference has been called, according to the report, because Bulgaria threatens to seek a separate peace with the allies.

It is believed that the German emperor holds the king and crown prince of Bulgaria hostages for assurance that the German forces now in Bulgaria will not be abandoned to allied attacks.  
It is understood that Bulgaria, dissatisfied with the turn affairs in the Balkans have taken during the last few weeks, is ready to abandon the central powers and sue for a separate peace. This would be a severe blow to Austria and Germany, as it would leave the eastern frontier of Austria to be defended only by German and Austrian troops, every one of which is needed in the west to keep back the Russians.

#### AMERICAN MINERS AIDED IN CAPTURE OF GORIZIA

United Press Service  
ROME, Sept. 13.—Thanks to thousands of Italian-American miners who came back from the coal fields of Pennsylvania and Colorado, Italy took the stronghold of Gorizia from the Austrians.  
They hewed galleries through solid rock and tunneled a way for the advance of the Duke of Aosta and his troops. The question now is, can they blast a road to Trieste and Vienna? They believe they can.

## Will Ask for Transient Stock Taxes This Fall

A movement to secure for Klamath county taxes lawfully due it for grazing of transient stock has been started by Klamath Commercial Club. Already the club is busy securing data concerning the amount of such stock grazed on Klamath county land in 1916.  
The state law which provides that owners of livestock grazed in counties in which the owner does not reside are liable for a tax on this stock. This law has never been enforced in Klamath county, it is said, and as a result this county has lost no small amount of money each year.  
The law provides that either the county stock inspector or the county clerk shall provide the tax collector with information as to the amount of taxes due for transient stock during any year. However, no compensation for this work is provided, which

### HUGHES ELATED OVER RESULT OF MAINE ELECTION

COMPLETES FIRST STUMPING TRIP TODAY

Next Monday Republican Nominee Will Begin Second Tour After Votes in Middle West Territory—Will Discuss Same Issues Talked of on Western Trip—Resting at Bridgeton Until Monday.

United Press Service  
NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Charles E. Hughes, republican candidate for president, finished his first stumpng trip today. He is tired but enthusiastic, and greatly pleased with the results of the trip. He believes he has made many votes, especially in the West.

When he heard yesterday the results of the Maine election, which went republican by a comfortable majority, Mr. Hughes was much elated. Today the G. O. P. standard bearer is conferring with the republican national committeemen, planning for his second tour, which begins Monday, and which will keep him between the Rocky and Appalachian mountains most of the time.

In his second tour Hughes will discuss the same issues he took up on his extensive tour just completed. He left this afternoon for Bridgeton to rest until Monday.

Return From Funeral.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kilgore and Ivan Kilgore returned last evening from Ashland, where they attended the funeral of J. H. Herrin.

#### Publisher for Defense



Joseph H. Colt, president of the publishing house of Moffat, Yard & Co., has been elected chairman of the board of trustees of the American Defense Society.

### DECLARE CROWD CANNOT SEE A BOMB PLANTED

DEFENSE OF BOMB SUSPECT USES STATE'S WITNESSES

Try to Prove That Crowd Was So Dense During Preparedness Parade That No One Could Have Seen Billings Plant a Bomb—Defense Promises Several Sensational Surprises Before Trial is Over.

United Press Service  
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—The attorneys for Warren Billings, on trial here for murder when a bomb exploded during the preparedness parade, are using the witnesses for the prosecution to prove that it is impossible for people in a crowd to see any bomb planted because of the density of the crowd. Market street was lined with throngs when the bomb exploded.

This forenoon was devoted to examinations of witnesses who testified to picking up pieces of metal which the state later will show were pieces of the bomb it alleges Billings planted. The defense promises to spring several sensations before the trial is over, but will not reveal the nature of these.

### MAY ASK HELP OF LEGISLATURE

United Press Service  
NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Following rejection of arbitration by the street railways, Mayor John Puroy Mitchell is considering asking Governor Whitman to call a special session of the legislature to pass legislation that will end the street car strike.  
The strike threatens to spread to every unionized occupation in New York unless the street car men are given their demands.

### FRENCH GAIN THE OFFENSIVE AFTER 201 DAYS BATTLE

VERDUN FIGHT WILL GRADUALLY DIE OUT

Moving of Part of Germans From Verdun to Somme Front and Failure of Capture of Former Place Disheartens Kaiser's Soldiers, Many of Whom Are Said to Have Surrendered Through Sheer Dispair.

United Press Service  
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WITH THE FRENCH ARMY AT VERDUN, Sept. 9.—The Germans are now entirely on the defensive at Verdun.  
The great battle begun 201 days ago has now entered its third and final stage. The French are steadily winning back their lost positions. The battle will gradually die out like an extinct volcano.  
It has now been learned definitely that the Germans were forced to remove huge quantities of artillery and men from Verdun to the Somme front three weeks ago to meet the new Anglo-French offensive.

This had an immediate effect on the morale of the remaining men. In February they had been told they were to capture Verdun. At the end of July they were told it would be sufficient to simply dominate the situation there. But when they had been reduced in numbers to merely a defensive garrison after nearly seven months of fighting, their morale was so shattered that groups of prisoners have been surrendering, some of them going through Verdun singing the Marseillaise, French officers declare.

The seventh and last great German massed attack was made on both sides of the Meuse on July 10th. The French checked this blow immediately, and took the offensive. Ever since that time they have retained the initiative, capturing in their operations more than 10,000 prisoners, a score of cannon and a hundred machine guns. Fighting on the west bank of the Meuse has practically ceased. Hill 304 and Dead Man's Hill are now numbered among the glories of the past.

East of the river the Germans are concentrating for a final desperate struggle to retain the forts of Vaux and Daumont. Even on this sector their resistance has been immeasurably weakened. This fact I was able to ascertain personally Thursday and Friday, when the German bombardment let loose as a prelude to an attempt to recapture trenches captured by the French in the Vaux Chapitre and Chenois woods on Wednesday. This cannonading was incomparable to the terrific fire from the German guns that marked the early fighting around Verdun.

### MRS. HAMMER IS HEAD OF W. C. T. U.

OFFICERS OF LOCAL BRANCH OF TEMPERANCE ORGANIZATION ARE CHOSEN AT MEETING HELD YESTERDAY

Mrs. Thebe Hammer was elected president of the local branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union at the regular meeting yesterday at the home of Mrs. O. A. Stearns. Mrs. B. S. Grigsby was chosen secretary. Mrs. Stearns treasurer and Mrs. F. E. Boyd corresponding secretary.  
These officers will be installed at the next meeting of the union, and at that time a vice president will be appointed. The ensuing year's work also will be planned at this meeting.

### PLAN TEACHING OF MEXICANS BY AMERICANS

MEXICO ALSO WANTS AMERICAN SETTLERS

Joint Commission Expected to Report on Plan for Withdrawal of Troops and Reduction of Border Patrol Soon—General Bliss Will Tell of Border Conditions and Recommend Future Policy.

United Press Service  
NEW LONDON, Sept. 13.—The Mexican and American border commissioners are probing deep into the question of withdrawal of the American expedition from Mexico. General Bliss is expected here soon to tell the commissioners of conditions on the border and to recommend a future policy of patrolling the border.  
It is expected that within a few days the commission will report a plan for withdrawal of the American forces and a reduction in the size of the border patrol.

The Mexican members are preparing a plan for settling American farmers on Mexican soil and for providing American teachers for Mexican children. Both sides are agreed that no permanent prosperity can come to Mexico until the people of that republic are educated, and until employment is provided for the great mass of peons.  
The Mexican commissioners say the people of Mexico are closely watching developments in the program for a large American loan to Mexico. They say the Mexican middle class is strongly in favor of the loan, and appreciate the need of Mexico for capital to develop the country without exploiting its resources and its laborers.

### WILL SPEAK ON BEER MEASURES

REPRESENTATIVE OF DRY ELEMENT OF STATE WILL DISCUSS AMENDMENTS TO BE VOTED ON IN NOVEMBER

Curtis P. Coe of Portland will speak this evening at Houston's opera house on the proposed amendments to the Oregon dry law. He will discuss both the brewer's amendment and the amendment proposed by the temperance forces.  
The address will begin at 8 o'clock. It will be free.  
Coe is campaigning under the auspices of the dry forces of the state.

### HUNTERS LEAVE FOR DEER HUNT

DELAP AND LOW LEAVE TODAY WITH TEAM AND CAMP OUTFIT. OTHERS OF THE PARTY WILL LEAVE FRIDAY BY AUTO

Provided with plenty of food and an extensive array of camping equipment and guns and hunting knives, Deputy Sheriff Lloyd Low and Deputy County Clerk Charles DeLap left this forenoon with a team for the headwaters of the Umpqua River for a deer hunt. They expect to reach the place where they will camp by Friday afternoon or evening.  
Friday morning Chief of Police E. T. Baldwin, W. T. Shive, Ben Lewis and John Gartrell will leave by automobile to join Low and DeLap.

## Italians Join in Balkan Offensive

In University at 14



Theodore Stejman, 14-year-old son of Alfred Stejman, a merchant of San Diego, Calif., has registered as a student in the University of California. He is the youngest pupil ever to apply for admittance. He has fifty-six extra credits to his credit. The requirement is only forty-five. He attended grammar schools of San Diego up to the sixth grade, and then entered the San Diego Army and Navy Academy. When Stejman completes his seven-year medical course he will be 21 years old, a graduate physician at the age of the average junior class student at Berkeley.

### PITCHERS WILL VISIT KLAMATH

NOYES AND BIGBEE OF PORTLAND CLUB WILL HUNT DEER IN KLAMATH AT END OF BASEBALL SEASON

A hunting trip to Klamath county will be made at the close of the Pacific Coast League season by Wynn Noyes and Lyle Bigbee, pitchers on the Portland team, according to a letter received by Ray Watts, manager of the local ball club. Noyes is considered one of the best fingers on the Portland payroll, and is a lover of deer hunting.  
Bigbee killed one deer in Klamath county before joining Portland a few weeks ago. He told Noyes of the ease of killing a deer in this country, which caused Noyes to propose the hunting trip.

Agreement Reached  
KANSAS CITY, Sept. 13.—The miners, who had threatened to strike, and the operators reached an agreement this afternoon. It is believed the strike has been averted.

## Villa is Surrounded by Americans and Mexicans

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 13.—Officials of the Carranza government are authority for the statement that Carranzista forces have surrounded the place where General Villa is believed to be hiding.  
American troops under General Pershing are reported to be forming

AUSTRIANS EVACUATE TWO VALLEYS IN TRANSYLVANIA

Rumanians Stop Supplies to Austrian Army on the Danube by Capturing Orsova—French Predict Capture of Combes and Perrone Within Two Weeks—Berlin Admits Loss of Bouchavesnes.

United Press Service  
PARIS, Sept. 13.—The Italian army has joined in the allied offensive in the Balkans, and now is fighting near Butkodozuma, Greece.  
The Serbian forces continue to advance toward Kaltmatchalad.  
After occupying a position north of Covil, the French army in the Balkans has advanced south of Ostrovo Lake.  
The allies are directing a fierce bombardment at the Bulgarian positions on both banks of the Vardar River.

United Press Service  
BUCHAREST, Sept. 13.—The Austrians today began to evacuate the upper Maros and Alta valleys in Transylvania.  
Without meeting any resistance the Rumanians have captured Orsova, stopping supplies to the Austrian forces on the Danube.  
The Russian and Rumanian offensive around Dobruja is progressing successfully.

United Press Service  
PARIS, Sept. 13.—Last night the French captured Bouchavesnes and this morning by a determined charge captured the Boislabo farms, near the Perrone highway junction. These last German fortifications are between Combes and Perrone.  
The capture of both these towns by the French within a fortnight is predicted.

United Press Service  
PETROGRAD, Sept. 13.—Teuton attempts to assume the offensive in the Halitz fighting have signally failed.  
Repeated counters by the Germans and Austrians in the Carpathian mountains have been repulsed.  
A Russian fleet last night bombarded enemy travelers in the Irben straits.

United Press Service  
BERLIN, Sept. 13.—The French have penetrated the German line before Bouchavesnes. Elsewhere they have been turned back.  
Russian attacks on Bukovina have been repulsed.

Guardian Appointed.  
F. C. Markwardt, superintendent of the county infirmary, today was appointed by the county court as guardian of Robert Burns, an incompetent person. The appointment was made because Burns has a homestead, final proof on which has not been made.

Another Girl.  
Pearl Jean Wilson was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson. The new arrival weighs about 7 1/4 pounds.

one segment of the circle surrounding Villa and his army of 1,500 men.  
With the arrival here today of militia troops from Ohio, 39,000 American soldiers are now on the Mexican border. This is the biggest mobilization of the American army since the Civil War.