

GERMANS STOP RETREAT OF RUSSIANS FROM VILNA

Vilna-Baranovitchi Railroad Now In Hands of Invaders-- Huge Forces of Russians Are Battling For Their Lives --France Reports Result of Great Artillery Offensive On West Front--Balkan States About To Be Involved In Great European War

war office statement today reported. Bavarian troops under Leopold, have crossed the Molzats at Dworacz.

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Sept. 21.—Bulgarian forces are concentrating on the Serbian frontier, according to dispatches received here today. Serbia has declared the Bulgarian frontier a closed war zone, and is preparing to meet the expected Bulgarian invasion.

Berlin, via London, Sept. 21.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg has cut the Vilna-Baranovitchi railroad over which the Russians hoped to retreat from Vilna, it was officially announced today. This move leaves the fleeing Slavs in a critical position, and promises to throw many of them into the grasp of the Germans.

The official statement did not make it clear whether the Vilna-Molodkiano line had also been cut. If it has, retreat by railroads from Vilna is cut off, and 300,000 Slavs must fight their way out over roads and through fields.

General von Eitzhorn, participating in the general plan to capture them, is pressing hard southeast of Novo Grodek. There the Slavs are fighting desperate rear guard actions.

No changes were reported today in the assault on the outer defenses of Dvinsk which has been proceeding vigorously.

Regarding the western front, the statement admitted that the Germans had retired from untenable blockhouses at Spignen near the Aisne-Marne canal, after having been pounded in a struggle lasting several days.

Clearing Way to Petrograd.

Berlin, via The Hague, Sept. 21.—The outer defenses of Dvinsk, blocking the German way to Petrograd, have been under heavy attack from German artillery for a day and a half.

Civilians have evacuated it, in fear that soon the mighty Teuton machine will crash down upon it, as it has done with every town in its path. The struggle for the bridgehead before the city is about to begin.

Only meagre reports come from the Vilna region, where two big German armies have set a human trap for the fleeing Slavs.

Reports from Field Marshal von Hindenburg that the Bavarians are closing in and are about to capture huge Slav forces aroused enthusiasm here, but no official indications of how the development is succeeding have been forwarded.

Reports that the Bavarians had cut the last line of retreat were without confirmation. Meantime military circles believed that, while large number of Russian prisoners may be taken, the main Russian army will probably escape.

It was admitted that repeated counter attacks have delayed Field Marshal von Mackensen's progress east of Pinsk.

Berlin Bulletins.

Berlin, by wireless to Tuckerton, N. J., Sept. 21.—A British aviator was killed and his observer taken prisoner when a German biplane brought down their machine west of St. Quentin, according to official announcement today.

Berlin, via London, Sept. 21.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg's right wing has arrived east of Lida, an important railway junction south of Vilna, the

NEUTRAL VESSELS WILL BE UNHARMED BY SUBMARINES

Evidence Accumulates That Germany Seeks No More Trouble

Washington, Sept. 21.—Further evidence that Germany intends to steer clear of trouble with neutral ships reached the state department today in the form of a request for plainer marking of these vessels.

"The department is in receipt of a communication from the German ambassador to the effect that he is advised by his government," said a statement, "that merchant vessels which desire to show their neutral allegiance by painting their national colors on the side, often make the mistake of having these distinctive signs so small that they cannot be made out from a distance.

"The German government suggests, therefore, that the foregoing be brought to the attention of American ship owners in their own interests."

Bryan to See Wilson.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Former Secretary of State Bryan will see President Wilson at noon tomorrow, it was announced today at the White House.

This announcement was regarded as significant in view of Bryan's plan to go to Europe on a peace mission soon. This will be Bryan's first call upon the president since resigning from the cabinet. The appointment seemingly disposed of talk of a "break" between them, friends said.

VILLA'S ARMY IS FALLING BACK TO AMERICAN LINE

Heavy American Forces Moved to El Paso To Meet Emergency

Washington, Sept. 21.—General Pershing, in command at El Paso, wired the war department today that 5,000 to 7,000 Villistas in Juarez were falling back toward the border.

President Wilson and Acting Secretary of War Breckinridge conferred over the dispatch soon after its receipt. Pershing reported that there was "a general movement of Villistas toward border points."

Pershing's dispatch created the impression among officials here that General Carranza's forces have routed the Villistas generally.

Following receipt of this word, the war department ordered a regiment of infantry and detachments of field artillery, 1,600 men in all, from Texas City to El Paso.

This move gives General Funston nearly 17,000 men there, while there are nearly 6,000 at Brownsville.

Labor Favors Carranza.

Washington, Sept. 21.—President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, has been authorized by the federation executive council to draft a resolution for presentation to President Wilson "urging recognition of the Carranza government as an authoritative expression of the Mexican peoples best interests for self government."

The council's action followed a recent visit of a representative of the Mexican Federation of Labor, who said that body was for Carranza.

BULGARIA MOBILIZES AND BALKANS WILL ENTER WAR

Washington, Sept. 21.—Bulgaria has ordered mobilization of her army.

This announcement this afternoon was based on a message received yesterday by Minister Paenaretoff from Bulgaria.

The reason assigned for this order was that it was "in the interest of armed neutrality."

It is believed this action will be followed by mobilization throughout the Balkans.

AMMUNITION SUPPLY OF GERMANS SHORT

By J. W. T. Mason. (Written for the United Press.)

New York, Sept. 21.—Exhaustion of the Germans' artillery ammunition is the reason operations against the Russians are indecisive.

The Teuton advance has slowed down from a run to a shuffle, and their large operations now result in only minor advantages. All of Field Marshal von Hindenburg's strategy has been unable to overcome the Dvina defenses which are infantile compared to the Vistula defenses. The capture of Vilna apparently exhausted the Germans more than did the taking of Warsaw.

From the Riga operations to the Galician struggle, lack of Teutonic vigor is apparent. Highly important Russian positions have fallen, but with the way theoretically cleared, the Teutons now seem to be getting into deeper difficulties.

This condition is not due to the fact that the czar is now commanding not to a repetition of Russian ammunition. It is due to the Teuton inability to establish a decisive superiority in munitions.

The Slavs lost theirs by capture, graft and inefficiency. The Teutons blew theirs up in the unprecedented operations in the past five months.

This has given the Russians the advantage. Absence of artillery ammunition necessitates close range fighting, and equalizes the casualties. The czar, however, can afford to lose more men than the Germans can. Hence the Germans must proceed cautiously.

NOT A CONVICT IF ON PAROLE-RULING OF SUPREME COURT

Law Prohibits Sale of Liquor Only to Convicts Inside Walls of Pen

JUDGE KELLY REVERSED IN CASE OF JOE PERRY

Conviction for Bigamy of Man Who Married Salem Girl Is Affirmed

As soon as a prisoner is released from the Oregon State penitentiary on parole he ceases to be a convict according to the ruling of the supreme court this morning in an opinion handed down in the case of the State of Oregon against Joe Perry, a resident of Salem. This case, appealed from the decision of Judge Percy R. Kelly, of the circuit court of this county by the defendant and Justice Eakin in his opinion reversed the ruling of Judge Kelly. Justice Moore and Justice Harris concurred in the opinion of Justice Eakin and Justice Bean dissented.

Perry was indicted by the grand jury in this county and convicted of furnishing liquor to a convict, namely, David Snyder, who was then out on parole and in business in this city. The defendant offered to prove at the trial that he did not know that Snyder was a convict but this testimony was refused and an exception taken. Justice Eakin in his opinion upheld the ruling of the lower court that lack of knowledge is no defense. District Attorney King, for the state, contended that the act prohibiting the giving of intoxicating liquor to a convict applied to every convict in the state whether in the pen or out on parole. This title of the act says "in" the pen and the supreme court up held the contention of Attorney Roy F. Shields, for the defendant and appellant, that nowhere is the subject enlarged upon neither can the title be enlarged to cover convicts not actually confined within the walls of the pen.

With this contention Justice Eakin closed his opinion reversing the decision of Judge Kelly in the circuit court and holding that the statute applies only to convicts "in" the penitentiary.

The decision of Judge L. T. Harris, of the circuit court of Lane county, was upheld in the case of the state against John A. Locke, the Oregon Electric conductor who was convicted of bigamy when it was shown in the circuit court that he married one Nellie Gilmore, in Salem, and lived with her in Eugene, while he had a wife living in Portland. Locke was convicted in the circuit court of Lane county by the jury and appealed because Judge Harris denied the motion for a directed verdict of acquittal. The defendant's attorney took exception to the ruling and appealed to the supreme court and the affirming opinion was written by Justice Benson with Eakin and Chief Justice Moore concurring.

It was brought out at the trial that John A. Locke was married to Jesse A. Locke in 1897 and lived with her as his wife and that she was not divorced at the time he married Nellie Gilmore, March 25, 1914. The defendant maintained that he secured a decree of divorce from Jesse A. Locke in Clackamas county but this decree was set aside when it appeared that Mrs. Locke No. 1 had not been notified of the suit and given a chance to answer the complaint, although she was residing in the county court, county school superintendent and the county clerk and that the boundaries can only be changed by a referendum vote of the people of the district.

In his opinion Justice Burnett held that if the district is a municipal corporation as it claims, its charter must be the general laws of the state. This same charter then would establish the county district boundary board and authorize this body to shape the district as it saw fit. As to the claims of "gerrymandering," the supreme court did not consider this as applying to the interpretation of the law in this case. The district complained that the boundary board took part of its territory and applied it to other districts but when the case came up in the circuit court the boundary board demurred to the complaint and the judge sustained the demurrer and the suit was dismissed.

The war of the chinese tongs between the Bow Leung tong and the Hop Sing tong in Portland came up for a review this morning when Justice Harris wrote an opinion reversing the lower court which convicted Louis Hing of manslaughter and remanded the case for retrial. Louis Hing was convicted of killing one Lam Pong during the tong war in Portland. McBride and Moore concurred.

A physician or medical company, so called, has no right to advertise its remedies to cure private diseases according to an opinion handed down by Justice Benson affirming the ruling of

STATE CONTROL FOR WATER POWER FAVORED

Western Conference Opened In Portland Today Opposes Ferris Bill

Portland, Or., Sept. 21.—With the advocates of state control in a strong majority, the three day session of the Western States Water Power conference began here today.

Opposition to the administration water power measure, known as the Ferris bill, was heard on every hand. The Ferris bill was declared by many delegates to be fundamentally wrong, as it is claimed it takes away from the state's control of their own waters, and gives them absolutely nothing in return.

Clyde C. Dawson, of Denver, was invited to deliver the keynote address of the conference today is firmly committed to the policy of state control.

Senator Walsh of Montana, Clay Tallman, commissioner of the general land office and personal representative of Secretary of the Interior Lane at the conference, Chief Forester Graves and O. C. Merrill, chief engineer of the forestry bureau are expected to be the leading supporters of the administration policy of federal control on the floor.

Governor Lister of Washington declared today he believed the only agreement of any value to the west would be some form of amendment to the Ferris bill.

"I do not believe in giving away our power sites," said the governor. "When a power site is in the hands of a corporation for development that site, really the property of the people, is heavily capitalized and the consumer who buys current. The logical remedy for high power rates is to keep in the hands of the people that most valuable of all hydro-electric assets, the power site. Undoubtedly a form of lease that will protect the investor and yet keep title in the hands of the people can be made."

INCREASED TAXES FOR GREAT BRITISH DEFICIT

Unprecedented Situation Must Be Met Is Explanation of Treasury Officials

London, Sept. 21.—Increase of 40 per cent in the income tax, and other drastic levies to meet the greatest deficit Great Britain has ever faced were proposed in the government's budget introduced in parliament today by Chancellor of Exchequer McKenna.

"This is an unprecedented situation," he said, "and it has resulted in placing unprecedented burdens upon the nation. Consequently I appeal to you for approval of these measures however drastic they may seem, as necessary to the economic life of the nation."

He estimated the annual revenue at only \$1,360,000,000, as against an expenditure of \$7,950,000,000.

"Taxation must be on a scale never before imposed by the British nation," the chancellor said. "At the end of the year we will face a dead weight debt of 2,200,000,000 pounds sterling (over \$10,000,000,000). It will not cripple our resources but every section of the nation must contribute and make the greatest sacrifice."

The navy, he said, is costing more than \$900,000,000 annually while the army cost runs over \$3,500,000,000. "External advances," that is, aid to the allies, amount to \$2,100,000,000.

Among the proposed taxes was an ad valorem import duty of 33 1/3 per cent on imported automobiles, watches, motorcycles and a long list of luxuries.

Taxes on beer and spirits were not changed, but duties on these and coffee were increased 50 per cent, providing a means for raising a vast amount of money, because of the universal consumption of these commodities. Rates on patent medicines were doubled.

The duty on gasoline and motor spirits was increased six cents a gallon. This is expected to be a source of considerable revenue.

Inland telephone rates were increased fifty per cent.

The new taxes will go deep into the pocketbooks of persons with incomes over \$50,000 a year, for they propose to take \$12,345.

Half penny postage is abolished by the measure.

The new taxes are expected to produce more than half a billion dollars.

Great Foreign Loan Is Fully Agreed On and Will Be Closed

New York, Sept. 21.—The gigantic loan sought from American bankers by the allies will undoubtedly be consummated this week, it was learned today on unquestionable authority. The terms will be:

A loan of \$600,000,000 to \$800,000,000. The interest will be five per cent. Bonds will be sold the public at par. Underwriters will make about two per cent.

The bonds probably will be for a five years term, convertible then into twenty year bonds backed by both Great Britain and France.

Reports of a serious hitch in negotiations are ridiculed today by conferees.

HOLLAND'S QUEEN HAS NARROW ESCAPE

In Automobile Collision With Her Daughter--Speaks to Parliament

The Hague, Sept. 21.—Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland, and the six year old Princess Juliana Louise, narrowly escaped death or serious injury today when their automobile crashed head on into another car, wrecking both.

Both the queen and princess were slightly bruised. Occupants of the other car were seriously injured and had to be sent to a hospital.

The queen and her daughter were returning from the opening of parliament where the queen made an address.

The princess was applauded when she told parliament that the government will introduce a bill eliminating the present inroads to woman suffrage.

She announced also that parliament will be asked to vote credits for an increased navy and for special defense of the Indian colonies.

Bills for state insurance and for reorganization of the taxation system will be supported by the government.

The princess leaped as the cars crashed, but the queen remained seated and was showered with glass.

She was calm, and alighted unassisted, instructing her chauffeur to summon physicians to attend the others.

The accident occurred near parliament. Members were excited over a report that the queen had been seriously hurt, until a statement was made from the rostrum that she had escaped.

PACKERS COMPLAIN TO THE GOVERNMENT

Protest Is Made On Ground That England Cripples American Commerce

Washington, Sept. 21.—Representatives of big Chicago packers today orally complained to Acting Secretary of State Polk against Great Britain's crippling of American commerce. A written complaint will be submitted later.

Legal aspects of the recent British prize court decision confiscating millions of dollars worth of American meats were discussed, as well as general remedies. Another conference with importers and shippers will be held later when definite steps will be determined upon as a basis for future diplomatic protests.

The state department is also studying charges that British distributors of rubber and other raw products are black listing and boycotting American manufacturers who refuse to sign agreements curbing American export trade among Great Britain's customers.

Linked with subjects of trade interference, there was an unconfirmed rumor that the hitch in the allies' half million dollar loan negotiation has been due to federal obstacles. The failure of financiers to consult the government concerning these negotiations was deemed significant in view of this report.

BASEBALL TODAY

National League.	
Brooklyn-Pittsburg game postponed.	
Boston	R. H. E.
Cincinnati	4 14 0
Harris and Whaling; Lear, Dale and Wingo.	
New York	R. H. E.
Chicago	5 13 2
Perritt, Tesreau and Dooin; Vang, Wright and Bresnahan.	
Philadelphia	R. H. E.
St. Louis	8 12 1
McQuillen and Barras; Oak and Snyder, Roche.	
American League.	
First game	R. H. E.
St. Louis	0 3 3
New York	3 9 3
Koob and Leary; Pich and Nunn-makers.	
Cleveland-Boston game postponed, wet grounds.	
Detroit	R. H. E.
Philadelphia	7 7 5
Loudermill, Oldham and Stange; Bush, Bressler, Knowlson, Nabors and McAvoy, Lapp.	
Chicago	R. H. E.
Washington	1 7 2
Faber and Schalk; Johnson and Williams.	
Second game	R. H. E.
St. Louis	5 10 3
New York	3 7 0

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Will Entertain Visitors

Preparations are being made by Cheleketa Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F., to entertain a large number of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs at the regular meeting tomorrow night, at which time a program will be given, followed by a banquet.

The special program for the evening is the presentation of a Past Grand Master jewel to Past Grand Master George H. Burnett, and a Past Grand Chief Patriarch jewel to Past Grand Chief Patriarch Thos. P. Ryan.

Among the prominent Odd Fellows of the state who are expected to attend are the following Past Grand Masters: W. H. Hobson, of Stayton, A. W. Bowers, of Albany, J. K. Wetherford of Albany, J. H. Nelson of McMinnville, William Galloway of Salem, and J. A. Mills of Salem. Other men prominent in lodge circles to attend are Grand Master John F. Hall, of Marshfield, Deputy Grand Master Henry S. Westbrook of Portland and Grand Secretary E. E. Sharon of Portland.

Past Grand Master Dr. W. T. Williamson of Portland, formerly a resident of this city, and who is still a member of Cheleketa Lodge No. 1, and also a member of Rebekah lodge No. 1, will deliver the presentation address. Many Odd Fellows from the surrounding towns have signified their intentions of attending the exercises.

Carl Palmer, of Salem, was a Dallas business visitor the latter part of last week.

THE WEATHER

BUSINESS IS BETTER BOYS LOOSEN UP

Oregon: Tonight, partly cloudy and occasional threat, ending, Wednesday generally fair; westerly winds.

Abe Martin

"How t' Disguise Elderberries For Family Use," is th' title o' th' latest effort from th' pen o' Miss Fawn Lippincott. Th' boss fighter allus loses by a nose.