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WEATHER AIDS SERBIANS IN CHECKING TEUTONS

Snows Cover the Mountains and Rains Make the Roads Quagmires—Allies Drive Bulgarians From Strumitza, But Latter Cut Railroad At Vranja—Serbians Continue Desperate Resistance and Make Advance of Teutons Both Costly and Slow

London, Oct. 18.—Bathed in the blood of defender and foe, Serbia continued today to be the center of war interest in Europe.

The allied forces, heading for relief of hard-pressed Serbia, moved northward in the Balkans. Simultaneously the Austro-Germans progressed southward in Serbia. The Serbians are meeting a determined resistance. The allies have not yet strongly opposed the Teutons. The weather is aiding the Serbians. Winters early blasts have conspired to check somewhat their enemy. Snows cover the mountains and rains have made the roads little more than quagmires at many points.

Strumitza, in Bulgaria has fallen before the allies. This gave them control of the very important Salonika-Rish railroad for fifty miles northward from Salonika and about a third of the way to Nish.

Reliable reports declare the Bulgarians have cut the railway at Vranja.

Allies Take Strumitza.

The capture of Strumitza followed repulse of 40,000 Bulgarians who were reported last week trying to cut the railroad between Haidovo and Vranja on the Serbian side of the Greek frontier. The allies, however, drove them eastward into Bulgaria, and dislodged them from Strumitza.

The Serbo-Franco-British allies are trying to extend their front sufficiently to reach Nish and to strike Sofia simultaneously.

Von Mackensen's line extends from Belgrade to Golubatz along a fifty-mile front. His forces are slowly but steadily repelling the brave band of Serbs, but he is in need of reinforcements. News that he had demanded reinforcements was received with encouragement here.

The Bulgarians are on the offensive at many points along the Serbian eastern frontier. Following in the footsteps of her ally, England, France has declared war against Bulgaria, stating that it is because that nation has aligned herself with the enemies of France.

Unconfirmed Athens dispatches said Greece and Rumania are gradually being drawn into the Balkan maelstrom, on the side of the allies.

Bulgarians Claim Gains.

The latest Bulgarian official statement, detailing operations of Friday and previously, told of rain, fog and snow, but claimed progress of Macedonia and on the western slopes of the great Balkan range. The central allies, too, were said to be progressing despite the climatic obstacles, and the desperate resistance of the Serb defenders.

The official Austrian report, received here early today said:

"Austrian-Hungarian and German battalions stormed yesterday in an encircling attack from the north and the west, the Serbian positions on the Avla mountains. Austrian troops advanced on both sides of the road from Belgrade to Grocka and captured the heights of Velky, Malmes and Pasuljase. Southwest of Semendria and the southeast of Pojarevac, the enemy was again repulsed by the Germans."

Concerning operations on the eastern front, the Petrograd official statement received here early today showed the Teutons on the offensive about Riga and Dvinsk. Elsewhere the Russians were continuing their offensive assaults. The Germans inflicted losses on the Russians in the Riga region, but otherwise the advantage inclined to the Slavs.

Despite their Strumitza victory, there is no pretense that the allies yet have a sufficient force to continue effective resistance. Considerable criticism, too, is heard regarding their delay in re-inforcing their sorely pressed ally, Serbia.

The Rome cabinet is understood to be split regarding joining in the Balkan movement, notwithstanding previous affirmative assurances. Chances of Greece joining the allies are deemed better; Rumania is silent, though reports leaning towards the quadruple entente.

CHARLTON TELLS OF KILLING OF HIS WIFE; LOVE FOR HER INTENSE

**She Had Fierce Temper,
Drank Like a Fish and
Swore Like a Pirate**

(By Alice Robe.)

Como, Italy, Oct. 18.—Trembling, almost in collapse, Porter Charlton, the youthful American, on trial for murder, today told the court here how his wildly passionate love for the handsome divorcee Mary Scott Castle, of California, ended in the Lake Como tragedy—how he battered her brains out, and then buried her body in a trunk in the waters of the lake.

How he met this fascinating woman of the world, 20 years his senior, and married her over his family's objections was bared to the crowd of ill-tempered, but curious, the little courtroom. He recounted, too, his intense love for her—a love so tragic, he said,

that he thought of nothing else—a passion so keen that it led to constant trouble.

He spoke at length of the woman's furious jealousy. He attributed the temporary unsentiment of his reason to the constant intensity of his wife's passions.

Married in America, they went on their honeymoon to the villa overlooking Lake Como, he said, but his wife's alcoholic intemperance and her savage abuse made constant trouble.

At last, he declared, she was about to leave him.

"She covered me with insults," Charlton said. "She swore like a woman of the streets."

"I could not but think that another man would love her."

"Something broke in my brain. Stopping, I seized the wooden railing. What happened next I do not remember."

"What happened next I do not remember. When I awoke, I understood something terrible must have happened. I jumped from bed and saw my wife across the threshold. Immediately I remembered the scene, and threw myself on her body, imploring her to answer me."

Then he told of hurling the trunk into the lake and finally his flight back to America where he was recaptured and brought back to Italy.

"I understood what I had done," he choked. "I was filled with horror. I had destroyed the woman for whom I loved."

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MODERN WIZARDS MEET --EDISON AND BURBANK

Sacramento, Cal., Oct. 18.—Two of the world's greatest wonder workers met for the first time today when Thomas A. Edison, the electrical wizard of the east clasped hands with Luther Burbank, the "plant wizard" of the west at the Southern Pacific depot in this city.

Edison, who is en route to the exposition, arrived here on the Fast Mail train at 11:45 today. Burbank came from Santa Rosa last night to meet the great inventor.

Edison was standing on the rear platform of his private car as the train pulled into Sacramento. When the train stopped his secretary helped him off the steps and presented Burbank. Edison, being quite deaf, held his hand to his right ear as the secretary introduced Burbank's name. Then the invent-

or's face broke into a radiant smile. He first sized up the "plant wizard" from hat to shoes and then extending his hand said:

"Luther Burbank! Well, well! It is indeed a pleasure to meet you."

Impatient camera men interrupted further greetings for Edison's time in Sacramento was very limited.

When Edison was made to understand that pictures were wanted he mentioned to Burbank and said:

"Come on, come on, they want to 'shoot' us."

SECRETARY ADVOCATES WELL-BALANCED FLEET

Utility of Battleships, Aeroplanes and Submarines Subject of Report

Washington, Oct. 18.—The utility of battleships, submarines, aeroplanes and dirigibles will be the subject of a separate report from the Secretary of the Navy Daniels to congress, distinct from the national defense program, it was learned today.

In the last session of congress there was a strong tendency to favor development of submarines and aircraft, to the exclusion of the giant battleships and Secretary Daniels recently expressed the opinion that the spectacular operations of the under-sea boats had had the tendency of making perhaps a too strong sentiment for them. He suggested America should have a well-balanced fleet with the big boats still predominant.

The naval advisory board committee on aeroplanes will submit to President Wilson after its annual meeting Thursday a report on military aircraft developments abroad and some of the remarkable developments in America.

The United States is the only aeroplane which practically sails itself. The aviator only turns the crank and steers the vessel.

BRITISH ACTION MAY EMBARRASS AMERICA

Some How Johnny Bull Manages To Do the Wrong Thing at the Right Time

Washington, Oct. 18.—State department officials indicated today that no American action will be taken regarding the German complaint that a British patrol boat, displaying the American flag, killed members of a German submarine seeking rescue after their vessel had been sunk following its shelling by the British steamer Nicolson.

The report that the patrol used the American flag until just before it attacked the submarine offered the only international question. But the right of warships to use the flag of a neutral as a ruse, whether in attacking or in flight, has been recognized and established for more than a hundred years.

Killing of the Germans as they were trying to escape does not place any duty upon the United States to protest to Great Britain according to the state department's attitude. This alleged barbarity was held to be on the same international legal footing as the alleged German atrocities in Belgium, against which the United States never lodged complaint.

The net of the British, however, may make difficult the American demand that German submarines exercise visit and search before sinking merchantmen.

Secretary Lansing said the affidavits filed in the case through the German embassy had not been called to his attention yet.

Schmidt Murder Trial Continued For Week

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 18.—One week's continuance in the murder trial of M. A. Schmidt, alleged McNamara accomplice, was granted today by Judge Frank R. Willis on account of the death of Charles H. Fairall, chief counsel for the defense. A postponement of 30 days was asked. District Attorney T. L. Woolwine objected to this on the ground that it would cost the county too much to provide for prosecution witnesses who have been brought here from the east.

That another lawyer, either from Los Angeles or San Francisco will be employed to replace Fairall was admitted today by John Harriman, a member of the defense legal staff. He would not indicate, however, just when the choice would be made. The identity of the attorney under consideration for the position is carefully shielded.

VILLISTAS DEFEATED

Galveston, Texas, Oct. 18.—Villistas suffered a heavy defeat at Tepic Saturday, said a cablegram to Carranzas from Mexico today. Eight thousand Carranzistas were reported invading Sonora.

BOMBARDS SWISS TOWN

Neuchâtel, Switzerland, Oct. 18.—Crossing the Swiss frontier after a flight over France, a German aviator today threw bombs on Lachenaz de Ponds and Bonnaz both Swiss towns, wounding three persons and doing heavy damage.

CARRANZA TO BE RECOGNIZED AS RULER OF MEXICO

Secretary Lansing to Deliver Note to Carranza Representative Today

EMBARGO ON SHIPMENT OF ARMS TO "REBELS"

Huerta May Be Turned Over to Carranza For Trial For Murder of Madero

Washington, Oct. 18.—The final step in the recognition of General Carranza as provisional president of Mexico was taken today. The Pan-American conference met. In advance, they agreed a note should be delivered to Eliseo Arredondo, Carranza's representative here, by the Secretary of State Lansing, to be followed by similar notes from the other conference countries.

Other South and Central American republics, not in the conference, will extend recognition by sending new credentials to their diplomats already in Mexico City.

This afternoon's conference was to be the last. Arredondo was slated to appear officially before the conference and to receive the recognition notification.

Immediate re-establishment of the embargo on arms shipments across the border to "rebels" was planned. President Wilson had the proclamation drafted. He expects to issue it late today.

With Carranza recognized, both official and unofficial relations between the Americans and Villa, Zapata and other "rebel" chieftains ceases. Likewise does the agreement between Villa and General Hugh Scott, chief of the United States army staff for a neutral zone along the border. However, toward Sonora was expected to prevent any differences as to this zone.

Meanwhile, the plight of Victoriano Huerta, one time Mexican dictator, was more serious. Carranza is expected to demand that he be extradited from El Paso where he is held an American prisoner charged with violation of American neutrality by fomenting a revolution from this side. Probably, he will be turned over to Carranza if America is convinced of Carranza's good faith to try him, not as a political prisoner, but as the alleged murderer of President Madero.

STOCK MARKET FIRM

New York, Oct. 18.—The stock market opened higher.

Abe Martin



Mr. Dudley Tanager took in the Fayette County Fair today, renewing many old acquaintances and making a number of new ones. It seems like when a couple of chums get ready to settle down they also marry girls that can't see one another with a periscope.

THE WEATHER

WE'RE GOING TO GET IN THIS YET!



LOWER ASSESSMENT CAUSE OF HIGHER CITY TAX FOR 1915

As Property Values Shrink Needs of City Tax Budget Cause Increase

WILL CAUSE ADVANCE OF AT LEAST .5 MILLS

Budget Will Be Presented For Approval of City Council Tonight

The city councilmen are due to wield their pruning knives tonight at the regular meeting of the city council to trim the city budget for 1915 to fit the pocket books of the tax payers and also to conform to the tax payers' ideas of economy. The council has been meeting in executive session frequently for the last two weeks to prepare the 1915 budget, and after the most rigid economy they totaled the amount only to find that on account of the reduction in property valuation the tentative budget would call for a 15.01 mill tax. The councilmen then began another course of pruning and it is expected that the taxes will be reduced to 14.5 or 14.6 in the budget as it is finally presented to the council for their approval tonight.

Public to Have a Say.

The taxpayers have a say, however, and a public meeting will be called before the amount is finally determined. The reason for the apparent increase in the tax for next year is the decrease in property valuation from last year. In 1914 the property valuation for the city of Salem was \$12,463,094. Of this sum the corporation tax was \$1,800,834. The corporation tax is established by the state tax commission and the amount has not been fixed for this year and it is expected that it will be a slight decrease from last year's amount.

The property valuation for the city of Salem as fixed by County Assessor Ben West for 1915 is \$10,660,980. Add to this the corporation tax of last year, \$1,300,354 and the amount upon which the city might base its taxes is \$11,961,334, or a decrease of \$500,265 from last year's property valuation. Again if the property valuation of the corporations operating within the city is decreased over last year by the tax commission it is possible that the city will be obliged to base its tax levy upon about \$900,000 less than last year and this will account for the necessary increase in taxes over last year's levy of 14.2 mills.

Must Raise \$185,000.

It is estimated by the committee on accounts and current expenses that it will be necessary to raise approximately \$185,000 to run the city's business for the coming year. This is a slight increase over last year due to increases in the street department of about \$400 and in the fire department of about \$2,600 made in the interests of increased efficiency. There is also an increase of \$3,000 to the incidental fund of the city which is, however, only temporary. This is relative to the foreclosing of liens of the city on paying in the Oaks addition and also for a few other odd lots about the town. In the Oaks addition a number of the property owners have defaulted in their payment tax and it will be necessary for the city to pay the taxes due the county in order to foreclose and secure a clear title to the property. As soon as the title is secured through the courts those lots will be sold at a price high enough to reimburse the city for all expenses and the \$3,000 will be paid back.

Ask More for Firemen.

The amount appropriated for the fire department last year was \$12,300 this year \$15,400 is asked which will allow for some needed repairs and the employment of regular firemen instead of the call men. Chief Hutton explains that when a call is turned in at night and all of the call men are at the station he has enough men to man the engines, but when the call comes during one of the three meal hours all of the equipment is short handed. One destructive fire, it is argued, would entail losses far in excess of the extra money asked. The increase in the street department is sought to cover sweeping, cleaning, construction and resurfacing of streets and the construction of new bridges.

The sum of \$7,000 is asked for new sewers which is the same as the amount appropriated last year. The light bill for 1914 was \$16,500 and for the coming year under the new contract will call for \$15,435 which is a decrease of \$1,065. In making its budget for the coming year the committee have cut down every item to the bare necessities within the range of efficiency but it is evident that a further trimming is due the tentative budget as proposed.

How comes it that that resourceful publishing house at Indianapolis finds no more new talent in Indiana? Is the lead exhausted?

FIGHTING IS RED HOT ALONG THE TRENCHES

Heavy Artillery Fire Feature of the Day, French Claim Slight Advantage

Paris, Oct. 18.—French artillery continued today to shell many parts of the German western front. In the northern section the artillery and infantry struggle around Bois-en-hache was turned to the French advantage. Today's official statement told of repulse of three German attacks there.

Further south, to the north of Verdun and Lihons, continual trench fighting and successful bombardment of German works was reported. German attempts to occupy pits which exploded mines made between the lines, were repulsed. Violent trench fighting was reported at Nomeny, while at Epy, Grebecy, Balcourt and Blamont Station, artillery made quick work of the Teutons.

Advices today indicated the Germans are trying to break the Belgian section of the west front.

Heavy damage, it is believed, was done by the French aerial bombardment of Troves in Rhinish Prussia, in retaliation for Zeppelin raids on London.

TEUTONS CLAIM TO BE MAKING GAINS

Claim They Are Progressing On All Fronts and That Bulgarians Are Winning

Berlin, via London, Oct. 18.—Progress for the Teutons on every front was claimed in today's official statement.

In the west the French were held back, in the east, the Germans progressed in their offensive about Tigris; while in the Serbian operations, through snow, fog and rain, the Austro-Germans and their Bulgarian allies pushed their onward way against stubborn resistance.

British efforts to capture Teuton trenches northeast of Vermeles, as well as French efforts at Tahure and Leintrey have been repeatedly repulsed. At Schatzmannelle the enemy was unable to recapture a single foot of ground. German aviators dropped sixty bombs on Belfort.

On the eastern front, we made good progress, south of Riga. West of the city, we captured two miles of the enemy's trenches; in the region of Smorczyn we repulsed repeated attacks. The army of Prince Leopold broke down Russian assaults on both sides of the Ljapochitski-Baranowitchi railroad, the statement said.

Concerning the Serbian operations, the statement declared that southeast of Pojarevac, the Teutons captured Bocevac, 30 miles south of the frontier, registering an important advance, and likewise took Mount Crisne.

To the eastward, the Bulgarians occupied the heights of Muelin, Percin and Babinszuts.

South of Belgrade, the statement continued, "we are advancing against Cretkevoroob, Vroen and Maeva region and the enemy is retiring."

Mistaken For a Deer Is Killed Instantly

Grants Pass, Or., Oct. 18.—J. L. Myers, of Grants Pass, a former mayor of the city, was shot and instantly killed while hunting in Cow Creek canyon, three miles above Anchor, late Sunday afternoon. Myers was mistaken for a deer by James Manuel, with whom he left Grants Pass Sunday morning for a hunt. He was shot through the head. The body will have to be packed eight miles over a trail before it can be shipped to this city.

Myers was about 45 years old, a native of Vambill county, the family being among the pioneers of that district. He leaves a wife and three children.

EMPIRE ENDANGERED BY BULGARIA'S ACTS

By J. W. T. Mason.

(Written for the United Press.)
New York, Oct. 18.—The blackest week Great Britain has faced since the beginning of the war is causing the circulation of rumors from Berlin that tentative peace is under consideration. London, however, denied these reports, and expressed the belief that Germany will soon be suing for peace because of the danger of a momentary collapse.

Though it is impossible to tell the basis for the renewed peace talk, the entrance of Bulgaria, and the opening of the Teutonic campaign in the Balkans are factors which may shorten the war. These have caused a profound

CONCRETE BRIDGE PLANNED BY STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Proposed Structure to Cross at Salem to Cost About \$235,000

LOW ROAD GRADE AND DIRECT LIFT PLANNED

Seventy Per Cent of Original Cost Would Remain Within Two Counties

Proposing a structure which will utilize as far as possible local materials and local labor, but which will provide a bridge heavy enough to accommodate interurban traffic for years to come, Assistant Engineer H. W. Holmes, head of the bridge department of the state highway engineers' office, presented his plans to the Marion county court this afternoon for a bridge across the Willamette river at this city. The structure as proposed will be of the overhead reinforced concrete type with the deck hung from the arches instead of being placed above them. This will enable the engineers to construct a bridge at a particularly low grade across the river and will eliminate the climb which is a feature of the present steel bridge. It will consist of four concrete arch spans 151 feet from center to center of the piers; one movable span 120 feet long across the river channel; five concrete arch spans 74 feet long and an earth filled approach.

In general, it may be said that the type of structure as proposed is the result of an effort to develop a design that would not only prove economical and practical from a construction standpoint but would, at the same time, present a pleasing appearance from an aesthetic viewpoint, with the desirable features of utilizing, as far as possible, available local materials and local labor. It is safe to say that 70 per cent of the cost of the entire structure will remain within the counties involved, was the statement of Mr. Holmes in outlining his proposed plan before the county court this afternoon.

The bridge as planned will cost approximately \$235,000, which is a liberal estimate and any alterations that might be made will tend to reduce the cost. The estimate given covers every possible expense and provides for any of the approved types of movable spans across the channel. The type of movable span proposed is the Strauss direct lift type which has proven satisfactory in the past and harmonizes with the design of the structure.

The bridge deck is 31 feet wide from curb to curb and has two six-foot walks at the sides and is 1150 feet over all with the concrete approaches but exclusive of the dirt filled approaches. It will bear the addition of a street car track and the attendant increased traffic and at the same time provide for plenty of room for the bridge department as proposed. The plan of the bridge department was submitted to the county court this afternoon and taken under advisement by this body pending the report of the engineers who are making a physical examination of the bridge at present across the river. The present steel structure was condemned in 1912 and has been considered dangerous for years in favor of the erection of a new structure. It is necessary, however, that the Polk county court be won over before the bridge can be erected jointly by the two counties. The Polk county court last year appeared to be favorable to a new structure and the attendant expense to the county, but this year it is rumored that Judge Tent has had a change of heart and if the bridge is not provided for this year it is stated that it will be due to the stand of our neighboring county court.

PRESIDENT IS A SINGER

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