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## GREAT DRIVE OF ALLIES HAS BEGUN IN BALKANS

### French Strike First Blow, Capturing Railway Station of Doiran 38 Miles North of Salonika—Athens Reports Great Battle Raging—Attempt to Drive Teutons and Bulgarians Out of Serbia Begins—Russians Still Sweep Forward

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London, Aug. 11.—Indications that the long expected offensive of the allies in the Balkans may have begun were contained in dispatches received here this afternoon. By a sudden blow on the Doiran front, 38 miles north of Salonika, French troops have captured the railway station at Doiran, evacuated by the allies when they retreated from Serbia last fall. A statement from the French war office carried this announcement.

An Athens dispatch to the Central News about the same hour reported a great battle raging on the Balkan front. The allies have occupied not only the Doiran station but high ground adjacent, the dispatch said.

The British war office thus far has made no announcement of the beginning of the great drive expected to sweep the armies of the central empires out of Serbia. For several days advices from German sources, however, have reported increasing anxiety at Berlin over rumors that the allies' Balkan offensive was about to begin while the great triple offensive on the western, eastern and Italian fronts was under way.

The allies, Berlin reported, planned to squeeze the Austro-Germans and Bulgars by pressure on four fronts simultaneously, hoping at the same time to draw Rumania into the war against the Austro-Germans.

The news of the allied success in the Balkans followed announcement of new and sweeping successes by the Russians in their advance against Lemberg from the southwest.

The Slavs are crossing the Bistritza river three miles east of Stanislau and have made a rapid advance against the important city of Halitz, at the same time continuing their advance on the Sereth river further north with large captures in prisoners.

The western front has been comparatively quiet for the past 24 hours, though the British war office this afternoon announced slight additional gains northwest of Pozieres and near Bazentin-le-Petit. Some dispatches also announced further progress in the fighting around Goritz.

No important fighting has occurred on the Balkan front since last December, when the Anglo-French expeditionary forces under General Sarrail, retired from southern Serbia under heavy pressure by superior forces of Austro-Germans and Bulgars.

The fighting at Doiran officially announced today is the most important Balkan engagement since the allied retreat. Whether it marks the actual beginning of the offensive by the British, French and the re-equipped Serbian army is not yet definitely known.

Recent reports from Athens stated that a very large part of the Austro-German troops that defended the Balkan line had been withdrawn because of the pressure of allied troops on other fronts.

The Bulgars, it was reported, had taken over the defense of Serbia from an allied invasion. It was reported from Berlin two weeks ago that Field Marshal Von Mackensen, who directed the Austro-German Balkan campaign, had returned to the Russian front.

The exact number of Anglo-French

and Serbian troops concentrated on the Balkan is not known here. (Mail advices reaching the United States said the allies have 600,000 soldiers in Greece.)

### Sweep All Before Them.

Petrograd, Aug. 11.—Striking westward with amazing rapidity, the right wing of General Letichitsky's army has reached the city of Stanislau, south of Halitz whose fall is now regarded as a matter of but a few hours. The war office announced that bridges are being thrown across the Bistritza river, three miles east of Stanislau, preparatory to an advance on the city and also reported fresh victories on the Sereth river, 50 miles east of Lemberg, where several villages and woods were captured.

The town of Halitz, lying at the railway crossing of the Dniester and but 30 miles southeast of Lemberg has been described as the key to any operation against the Galician capital from the southwest.

It was expected that General Letichitsky would first take Stanislau and then move northward against Halitz. The Austrians were prepared for a most stubborn resistance at the Halitz bridgehead, where they expected to block the crossing of the Dniester and a further advance by the czar's troops against Lemberg.

### Made 20 Miles Yesterday.

Letichitsky evidently took the enemy by complete surprise, throwing a force across the Zlota Lipa river, northeast of Stanislau, he began a swift advance against Halitz on the north bank of the Dniester. The official statement issued yesterday placed the advance guards 30 miles from Halitz. Today's official statement, reported the Dniester reported south of Mariampol, which is directly north of Stanislau and only 10 miles from Halitz.

This unexpected maneuver not only is expected to force the immediate evacuation of Stanislau but it also endangers the position of a large Austro-German force south of the Dniester.

On the Sereth river front, despite desperate Austro-German counter attacks, General Sakharoff continued his advance yesterday. Besides capturing several villages and woods, the Russians reached a commanding ridge on the right bank. In the last week the Russians have captured 263 officers and 13,000 men on this front alone.

The advances continue on the whole front southeast of Halitz, the war office announced, the Russians having

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## HUGHES MAY VISIT SALEM WEDNESDAY

Portland, Ore., Aug. 11.—Candidate Hughes will speak twice in Portland next week, according to arrangements today by the republican committee in charge here. His principal address is to be in the armory at 8 p. m. A meeting for women voters only is planned for the afternoon.

Hughes will probably be here next Wednesday, arriving early in the morning and going on a trip through the Willamette valley, delivering rear platform speeches, during the day.

## PORTLAND TO BUILD VESSELS FOR COAST

### New Company Organized to Build Ships for Trade On the Pacific

Portland, Ore., Aug. 1.—Vessels for Puget Sound, Mexico, Boston and California are to be built by a new company organized by George E. Hardy, former executive secretary of the Portland chamber of commerce, according to his plans announced today. Hardy resigned from the chamber for the purpose of superintending the new corporation's development.

While declining to reveal the identity of his financial backers, Hardy declared he was in communication with a well known ship builder of Norway. If his plans go through, this ship builder will leave Norway and build yards here. Hardy's idea is to build boats of Oregon pine and fir, and use them for carrying products of the northwest to the world.

## NUMBER OF DEAD 75 DAMAGE \$2,000,000

### Latest Estimates Give the Above As Being Approximately Correct

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 11.—The death list in Wednesday's flood disaster will be at least seventy-five, according to reports from rescue parties today.

Twenty-five more bodies have been recovered. Many of the militiamen and those accompanying them reported that they have been unable to reach many towns washed out. They are building new roads to get to them.

It may be several days before figures on all losses can be determined. Estimates of property loss in the three valleys were reduced today. It will probably not exceed \$2,000,000. The homeless number about 12,000.

## KANSAS WOMAN IS SURE SOME SCRAPPER

### Does Not Concede Defeat But Thinks It Probable, Will Back Rival

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 11.—This state's "fighting woman", Dr. Eva Harding, probably has been defeated in her race for the democratic congressional nomination.

"I believe Corwin has been nominated," Dr. Harding said today, "but I am not ready to admit my defeat until the official count is made Tuesday. The vote is too close for me to be beaten unofficially. Corwin claims the nomination by 192 votes."

The Kansas suffragette believes that if she has failed to get the nomination is due to the "short sightedness of the male voters."

If Rev. H. J. Corwin, Dr. Harding's opponent has won, she will support him, according to her statement today.

Dr. Harding has received telegrams and letters by the hundreds congratulating her on what her writers believed was her nomination.

The Woman's National Suffrage association wanted to know if she believed in woman suffrage and prohibition. Dr. Harding has belonged to the league since childhood.

"I wanted to write 'rats' across the slip of questions and send it back to the association," she said, "they might just as well have asked Susan B. Anthony if she believed in suffrage for women."

## MASTER BAKERS ASK CONGRESS FOR WHEAT EMBARGO

### Say Prices for Flour Will Go Higher Unless This Is Done

## IN SAN FRANCISCO FLOUR SELLS AT \$8.20 BARREL

### National Housewives League Warn Bakers "Something Will Drop"

Washington, Aug. 11.—Declaring that unless congress acts the price of bread will advance beyond the reach of the average consumer, the National Association of the Master Bakers today petitioned the house and senate to impose an embargo on wheat.

At the same time it was announced at the office of the Federal Trade commission that Vice Chairman Hurley who left for Chicago last night, had gone armed with authority to investigate the proposed increase in bread prices, agreed to by the Master Bakers association.

"The advance in the price of wheat 50 per cent within 30 days, is largely due to the war in Europe," said the master bakers' petition.

"It certainly is the part of wisdom to conserve such wheat supplies as we have. If no relief is afforded by the proper authorities, there will inevitably be a considerable increase in the cost of bread."

"In the name of 40,000,000 users of bakers bread, we ask an embargo thrown about the present supply so effective as to prevent any further advance."

The petitions were referred to committees without action. Hurley's Chicago trip was not primarily to investigate the bread price question, it was said at the commission office, but he has the authority to take it up while in Chicago, if the action of the master bakers materializes in double bread prices.

### Have Great Supplies.

Two government departments today said they are ready to meet any manipulation of wheat or flour—the department of justice and the federal trade commission. Congress probably also would be involved—as in the present gasoline investigation.

"If we find evidence of unfair methods and price boosting, either by complaint to us, or by our own information we shall get busy," said Commissioner Davies of the federal trade commission.

The wheat crop this year is expected to be 654,000,000 bushels. On the basis of 5.3 bushels per capita a year—the average consumption—with 75,000,000 bushels required for seed, the requirement would be about 620,000,000 bushels. This would leave 34,000,000 bushels for export.

Last year the crop was a record one—1,012,000,000 bushels. About 250,000,000 bushels were exported. The year before 333,000,000 bushels went abroad but the five year average is only 125,000,000 bushels. Experts predict that as Europe accustoms herself to the war, the demand upon this country will be less pressing.

The 34,000,000 export margin this year has excited speculators, the department men said, causing them to forget that 75,000,000 bushels of last year's crop are left in the hands of farmers—who were unable to dispose of it and 75,000,000 bushels more are in elevators and warehouses.

### Women Give Warning.

New York, Aug. 11.—First steps in a nation wide protest against the proposal of the bakers of the country to raise the price of bread, were made here today by the National Housewives' League when instructions were sent to the league officers in every state in the union to investigate local conditions and arouse public sentiment against the proposed action.

"Bread is the food of the rich and poor alike and any increase in price is going to result in hardships which we will not permit without a protest," said Mrs. Julian Heath, president of the league which includes 700,000 members.

Preparations for our campaign are being rushed and if the bakers persist in carrying out their threat they will bear from us."

### Up 40 Cents in Six Days

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—The housewife who bought a fifty pound sack of flour today paid \$2.05 for it—ten cents more than she paid last Saturday.

An advance of 20 cents a barrel was announced today by local millers, as the result of the government crop report showing a heavy decline in wheat production from last year, making a total advance of 40 cents in six days. The best family grades of flour retailed at \$8.20 a barrel today.

Millers declared that the latest prices are not by any means the top and they predict further advances soon un-

## WILSON TO VISIT COAST

Washington, Aug. 11.—Between September 15 and October 1, President Wilson plans to start a trans-continental campaign tour, including probably many of the cities on the Hughes' itinerary. He will go as far as San Francisco, it was learned today, after Senator Phelps had called at the White House to arrange several of the speaking engagements.

## SOLDIER BOYS ARE ANGUISHING FOR PAY

### Have Not Been Paid for Seven Weeks and Many Are Broke

Headquarters Washington National Guard, Calexico, Cal., Aug. 11.—Northwestern troopers of the Oregon and Washington militia who, day by day are learning to be better soldiers, are also learning what it is to be poor. And many agree that it's what Sherman said war was.

Many guardsmen for the first time in their lives feel the pangs of poverty. The military camps here are "broke" because their pay is still tangled in red tape. Uncle Sam owes them for two months work, lacking just eight days.

Financial straits are producing some queer results at the camps here. Some far sighted troopers, with their last few dollars invested in tobacco are using "smokes" of any description as legal tender. A nickel cigar will do the work of a dime almost anywhere within the military realm.

The continued presence of the wolf at the door is getting on the soldiers' nerves. Colonel William Ingles, commander of the Second Infantry, Washington National Guard, is understood to have dispatched a protest to the war department.

Company F, Washington Infantry, units along the border when school opens. Fifty men will be released under an order from Major General Bell so they may return to the University of Washington when it reopens. Members of this company have been tabbed "school boys," "master minds," and "idiotates" by their comrades.

## STORMS HAVE BROKEN HOT WAVE IN EAST

### Illinois Drenched by Near Cloudbursts—Weather Will Be Cooler

Chicago, Aug. 11.—Reports of heavy property damage and loss of stock in floods caused by rains which fell all last night throughout Illinois, Iowa and parts of the middle west were received here today. It is estimated that the

The hardest hit places were at La Salle, Springfield and Tiskilwa, Ill., where severe washouts on the Rock Island railroad were reported. Telegraph and telephone communication was cut off at several places. Parts of Chicago were wrapped in darkness last night when power wires were struck by electrical disturbances. Nearly half an inch of water fell in the first fifteen minutes of the cloudburst.

The weather bureau declared today the storm broke the heat wave and that from now it will be cooler.

### THE BABY ELK

San Diego, Cal., Aug. 11.—O. B. Stough, 98 years of age, was initiated into the local lodge of Elks last night, making him the oldest member of the order in the world.

less the rising cost of the raw grain is checked.

## Women Politicians Have Real Ladylike Scrap Over Proposal to Back Hughes

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 11.—A perfectly ladylike scrap was on today in the Woman's party conference over the organization's policy in the coming campaign. Virtually all leaders are in favor of adopting a ringing declaration against President Wilson and democratic congressmen for failing to pass the Susan B. Anthony federal suffrage amendment. But the plan of some of the leaders also to endorse Charles E. Hughes and back him with the Woman's party's \$500,000 campaign fund was strongly opposed by delegates not wishing to antagonize the prohibition and socialist parties with platforms favoring national equal suffrage.

"Why should we pick out one man or one party for our undivided allegiance?" asked Miss Alice Paul, Mrs. Harriet Stanton Black also favors the policy of being against President Wilson but not for any particular presidential candidate. Mrs. Dora Phelps Buell and Miss Anne Martin responded in the affirmative. "We've got a man in the White House whom we wish to

put out. But we've got to put some one in his place."

The efforts of Miss Alice Carpenter of the Roosevelt Woman's league, and Elizabeth Bead of the Hughes' Woman's Alliance to obtain passage of resolutions pledging the Woman's party support to the republican nominee seemed bound to fail. Miss Alice Paul, founder of the party and the conference, said that while all voting women must hope for Hughes' election the Woman's party would be more powerful in this campaign if non-partisan and independent.

"By showing the republicans we can defeat the democrats with our votes in the 12 suffrage states," said Miss Paul, "we would also show the republicans that we are powerful enough to endanger their chances of re-election if they refuse to adopt the Anthony amendment. Fear is a greater weapon in politics than gratitude."

The opposition to the endorsement of Hughes, led by Miss Paul, was a preliminary skirmish in the appointment of the resolutions committee.

## DAWN PEEPED INTO WINDOW AND ALSO INTO WOMAN'S LIFE

### Blind for 62 Years Surgeons Give To Her the Miracle of Light

## "THIS IS DAY, THAT A BIRD AND THOSE ARE FLOWERS"

### Were Her Words of Greeting to Sight—Greatest Sight to Come—Her Boy

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—Dawn peeped in the window of the St. Francis hospital this morning and found a woman awaiting.

A bird chirped on the window sill. "So this is day," mused the woman. "And that is a bird—oh I know it—and those are flowers. It is all just as I dreamed it would be."

"Yes," repeated the nurse, "this is day and that is a bird and those are flowers."

The woman was Mrs. Mary Josephine O'Farrell and today she saw daylight for the first time since she was a year old. She has been blind for 62 years. Doctors Aaron and S. L. Green last night performed the operation that brought light out of darkness. All night she restlessly awaited day so that she might enjoy the many things of which she has heard and visualized in her years of darkness. For several days she must be most careful, nurses say, and guard against strain. She will be allowed to glance about her but a few times each day until she gradually becomes accustomed to the light.

"And what is the most beautiful thing you hope to see now?" she was asked.

"It is my boy," she answered. "My great big boy. And he is coming to see me this afternoon. And I am going to look at him. I know how he looks before I see him though, but oh! how I have wanted to really see him."

Mrs. O'Farrell's son is F. J. O'Farrell, a druggist of Santa Clara. He is 38 years of age.

"I have not yet seen much," said Mrs. O'Farrell today. "But we signless ones draw many pictures from what is read to us and described to us. In a way, we see and I find so far that the ideas we gather in the dark are not greatly different from those in real life."

losses will run into the thousands of dollars. At Rockford, Ill., and districts nearby, houses were demolished and blown away by the high wind. Street car service was abandoned in the afternoon when the power plant was put out of commission.

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### PRESIDENT JUST NOW IS AN EARLY RISER

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Since the arrival of the hot season President Wilson has been arising at 5. He can work better in the morning than after the summer sun has got in its worst work, he says.

### THE WEATHER

Oregon: Fair night and Saturday, cooler Sunday interior west portion; windy mostly northerly.

## MEDIATION BOARD MUST GET MOVE ON EARLY TOMORROW

### Brotherhoods Say It Must Submit Proposition at That Time

## LEADERS SAY FAILURE TO AGREE MEANS STRIKE

### Unless Terms Are Agreed To Will Touch Match To the Dynamite

New York, Aug. 11.—The Federal Board of Mediation and Conciliation and representatives of trainmen brotherhoods, including 400,000 railroad men of the country agree to delay to submitting any final proposition looking toward a settlement of demands made by the men until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Following several conferences held during the morning, President Stone of the engineer's brotherhood indicated strongly that prompt action must be taken by the board, but members of the board declared they were not ready to report at present.

Mediator G. W. W. Hangar then announced that postponement of submission of any immediate proposition be granted.

"We ask that we be given until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning to make our report," Hangar said.

Upon the brotherhood representatives agreeing to this, President Garretson of the conductors declared there was nothing to do now but wait for the decision tomorrow.

### Must Have Quick Action

New York, Aug. 11.—The Federal Board of Mediation and Conciliation has only until tomorrow to present its final proposition intended to avert a strike of 400,000 railroad men on 225 railroads of the United States. The big four brotherhoods served this notice on the board this afternoon.

"We must have immediate action," said Stone. "Carrying a strike vote around in your pocket is like carrying a stick of dynamite. You can never tell what is going to happen. This controversy has dragged along so that our men are growing impatient. If it had not been for the earnest plea of the brotherhood presidents, this controversy would not have been submitted to the mediators. But our plea to give the government officers a chance to see what they could do, finally prevailed."

When asked whether he thought an attempt would be made to arbitrate the difficulties Stone shook his head and said:

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A sack of peanuts is th' only thing left that's sellin' at th' ole price. Folks that love at first sight are generally sorry they didn't look around a little more.