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## ALLIES SCORE VICTORY IN BALKAN OFFENSIVE

### Serbs Capture 25 Cannon and Many Prisoners and Have Bulgars In Full Retreat Toward Greek Frontier—British and French Both Made Important Gains Over Bulgars—Haig Reports Advance of 2000 Yards at Combles—Four German Aeroplanes Shot Down

Paris, Sept. 15.—Allied troops have scored the greatest victories against the Germans and Bulgarians since the Balkan offensive began, it was officially announced today.

The Serbs drove the Bulgars back ten miles in a hasty retreat on the allied left wing capturing Garnitchevo by a brilliant bayonet charge and the major part of the crest of Markanidge. Serbian cavalry pursued the retreating Bulgarians and captured the village of Okesu.

British troops have captured Matchoukevo and two heights north of the latter village. On the right bank of the Vardar the French captured Bulgarian trenches to a depth of 600 yards on a front of 1500 yards.

The Germans attacked in force east of Clery, but were checked with heavy losses.

South of the Somme, northeast of Berny-en-Santerre, a German grenade attack was checked.

Between the Oise and the Aisne, the French cleaned up a German trench, inflicting losses and taking prisoners. At Verdun the Germans twice unsuccessfully tried to reach the French lines east of the Meuse.

The Serbians captured 25 cannon and a large number of prisoners. The Bulgarians are still in retreat and fighting is continuing. The exact number of prisoners and the amount of booty taken has not been reported to the allied base at Salonika.

The Serbs won their greatest victory northwest of Lake Ostrovo, where Serbian successes were reported yesterday. After smashing Bulgarian trenches in the hilly region, the Serbians evidently poured through the breach in the Bulgarian line in force and threw back the defenders in disorderly retreat toward the Greek frontier.

The Anglo-French gains in the Vardar valley were made in the face of the most determined Bulgarian resistance.

### Break Third Line.

By Ed L. Keen.  
(United Press staff correspondent.)

London, Sept. 15.—British troops have broken the German third line in the great assault inaugurated this morning said a Reuter dispatch from Press headquarters at the British front this afternoon.

It is reported that the village of Elers, a mile and one-half northwest of Ginchy, has been captured.

The British are sweeping eastward toward the village of Merval, about two miles directly north of Combles, in a great movement that threatens to surround the Germans in Combles and effect their capture.

The greater part of Bouleaux wood, a mile northwest of Combles, has already been captured by General Haig's men.

The British advance according to fragmentary bulletins received here tonight is the greatest made by General Haig's men since the opening of the allied offensive.

The British are also reported to have reached the outskirts of the village of Martincaple, five miles from Bapaume.

Two Great Battles.  
London, Sept. 15.—Two of the greatest battles fought in Europe in sev-

eral weeks are now raging along the Somme front in northern France and along a 75 mile line in northern Greece.

Allied war offices this afternoon announced striking victories in both theaters.

British troops pushed out in a great blow north of the Somme this morning, advancing more than 2,000 yards on a front of about six miles, General Haig reported to the war office. The struggle is continuing and already large numbers of German prisoners have been brought in.

A few hours before this advance on the British right wing and center began, the British left wing struck last night southeast of Thiépval, German trenches were captured on a front of 1,000 yards including the strongly defended "Wanderwerk." At about the same time the French advanced to the edge of the village of Raucourt, further tightening the Anglo-French noose about the important town of Combles.

In the Balkans the greatest gains since the allied offensive began were announced in an official bulletin issued at Paris. The Serbians have driven the Bulgarians back 10 miles on the allied left wing, capturing two villages and the principal parts of the heights of Malkanidje. The French war office further announced the capture of Matchoukevo village and two heights to the north by the British and the capture of nearly a mile of Bulgarian trenches to a depth of six hundred yards by the French.

The German war office, for the first time since the allies took the offensive in Macedonia, admitted allied successes this afternoon. Berlin announced that the Serbs have captured the Malkanidje positions but claimed the repulse by the Germans of British soldiers who had gained a temporary success in the Vardar valley.

While the allies were winning successes on the Somme and in northern Greece, the Italians attacked and captured Austrian entrenchments east of Vallone, taking 2,117 prisoners and a large amount of booty, including machine guns and trench mortars, it was officially announced at Rome.

Pierce Fighting in Balkans.  
London, Sept. 15.—Field Marshal Mackensen, in supreme command of the Teutonic operations in the Balkans, has arrived on the German-Bulgar front to direct the defense against the new onslaughts of the allies.

A Salonika dispatch today reported that the German-Bulgar commanders are hastily regrouping their forces in Macedonia. Large bodies of troops are being concentrated in the Vardar valley to meet an expected Anglo-French offensive.

The fighting on the whole of the al-

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA DRY AND WOMEN CAN VOTE

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 15.—British Columbia has gone dry. This was clearly indicated today in early returns from yesterday's voting. The prohibitionists are conceded a majority of 7,500 with 10,000 soldiers' ballots to be counted October 12. Vancouver and Victoria, both gave a big majority for prohibition. The dry law becomes effective next July. Woman suffrage carried by a vote of 4 to 1.

## BARK STAR OF CHILE REPORTED AGROUND

### Owners Say She Came Near Shore to Get Bearings But Is Safe

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—Reports that the bark Star of Chile was aground and in danger off Point Pedro, south of the Golden Gate, were denied today by officials of the Alaska Packers association, owners of the ship.

Officials said that, losing her way in the dense fog off the Heads, the bark came in close to Point Pedro to get her bearings, but that she did not go aground and had gone off shore again.

There are 200 men aboard the bark.

### Say She is in Danger

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—Out of the fog which enshrouds the sea off the Golden Gate came no word today solving the mystery surrounding the fate of the bark Star of Chile and the 200 men aboard her. The tug Fearless was searching the sea early today following reports that the bark had gone aground off Point Pedro, 25 miles south.

Neither the Alaska Packers association, owner of the vessel, nor the Red Stack Tug company, owner of the Fearless, has received any word.

Italian fishermen hurried to port last night with the report that the bark was in danger in the treacherous south currents three quarters of a mile off shore. The vessel carries no wireless and this was the only method of getting word of its plight ashore.

The Star of Chile is inbound from Bristol Bay, Alaska, with the season's pack. It is also carrying the 200 employees of the Bristol cannery.

## BILLINGS TRIAL IS WITHOUT INTEREST

### Witnesses Tell Little, and Lawyers Talk Much But Say Nothing

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—Both sides scored today during the trial of Warren K. Billings on charge of murder in connection with the preparedness parade bomb explosion.

Despite objections of Attorney McNutt, chief counsel for the defense, the state succeeded in interjecting testimony by Chief of Police White and Traffic Sergeant Goff showing that Billings had told widely divergent stories following his arrest. To offset this victory for the state, the defense succeeded in having barred evidence regarding dynamite said to have been cached near Tanforan by Billings.

A near sensation was sprung shortly before noon today when an attorney of the district attorney's office, carrying a suitcase filled with 76 sticks of dynamite, came striding down the aisle of the court room. This was the explosive alleged by the prosecution to have been cached at Tanforan.

Attorney McNutt immediately dashed the prosecution's hopes of placing this explosive in evidence by vigorously opposing its admission.

That the defense hopes to tear down the case of the prosecution by showing that Billings and Thomas Mooney, one of the four other persons indicted for murder, were shadowed by private detectives prior to the bomb explosion became apparent today.

## FROST IN NEBRASKA

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 15.—The first frost of the year visited Nebraska early today but corn was so far matured as to be out of danger. In several localities the frost was fairly heavy. In some sections slight damage to late corn may result, but this will be very slight as there was little late corn. The remainder of the corn crop will be benefited, it is said.

Nebraska has fewer sufferers are again smiling today, the first time for weeks.

## Stock Market Booms Prices Rule Higher

New York, Sept. 15.—The New York Evening Sun financial review today says: Although operations throughout the list today were in heavy volume, with further decided improvement in many parts of the list, there was not the furious buying which marked the greater

## CARRANZA CALLS FOR AN ELECTION OF CONGRESSMEN

### These to Form Constitutional Congress and to Meet October 25

## DECREE ASKS REVISION OF PLAN OF GUADALUPE

### Today Is Mexican "Fourth of July"—Officials Are Watchful

Mexico City, Sept. 15.—Mexico is about to resume her place among the republics of the western hemisphere after four years of revolutionary disturbances.

A decree issued by General Carranza on the eve of the celebration of the anniversary of Mexican independence prepares the way for the present de facto government to be replaced by a substantial constitutional government.

The decree calls for a revision of several articles of the Plan of Guadalupe, drawn up on December 12, 1914, and makes provision for the election of members of a national congress.

Another decree will be issued tomorrow, calling for the election of a constitutional congress on October 25. The first session of the new congress will be November 20, probably at Coyacan a suburb of Mexico City.

The decree issued last night provides that each state and territory shall elect a deputy to congress and a sub-deputy for every 70,000 inhabitants, and an additional deputy if the fraction above 70,000 exceeds two sevenths of that number. Any state or territory not having 70,000 inhabitants is entitled to elect a deputy and sub-deputy also.

The eligibility requirements are the same as those provided in the election of 1917. Those who opposed the constitutional government with arms will be ineligible to hold office.

## Villa at Chihuahua

Juarez, Mexico, Sept. 15.—(Via El Paso)—Extraordinary precautions were taken to prevent revolutionary uprising here on the occasion of the celebration of national independence day today.

Carranza troops are guarding each street and civilians found carrying arms were arrested. Only persons registered and known to the officials will be allowed to hear the reading of "grito," (the Mexican declaration of independence).

Villista bandits are pillaging in the outskirts of Chihuahua City. It was reported to the military authorities here. The people fear that Villa will make good his threat to attack the city on independence day.

## THINK IT FORECASTS TROOPS WITHDRAWAL

### Inquiry As To Cars Needed to Transport Troops Stir the Border

By Webb C. Miller  
(United Press staff correspondent.)

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 15.—That tentative plans are under way for withdrawal of the national guard from the border was revealed today when telegrams from Washington reached every guard commander asking how many tourist and stock cars would be necessary to transport troops back to their respective state mobilization camps.

Guard officers today are making up reports of the number of cars needed to carry each organization.

As the report of receipt of telegrams spread over the militia camps here it caused a buzz of excitement among officers who believe it forecasts an early withdrawal of the guardsmen.

Army officials at headquarters, however, pointed out that the actual withdrawal may be weeks or months distant as this is only the first move. After the homeward movement begins it will consume several weeks as the transportation to their home states of one hundred thousand troops, with limited trackage, is a huge problem.

## KAISER'S NEPHEW KILLED

Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, L. I., Sept. 15.—Prince Frederick Wilhelm of Hesse, a nephew of Kaiser Wilhelm, was killed in the fighting near Carn Osmann, in the Balkans, it was officially announced today.

Prince Frederick Wilhelm was 23 years old and a member of the non-reigning branch of the royal house of Hesse. He had been wounded earlier in the war.

## BIG FELLOWS REAP RICH HARVEST IN BOOMING MARKET

### Morgan, Rockefeller and Dupont Gather In Many Millions

## SMALL DEALERS MAKE TREMENDOUS WINNINGS

### Money Mad Speculators Dressed In Rubbers Jam Gambling Resort

New York, Sept. 15.—The Morgan, Rockefeller and Dupont groups of financiers have reaped millions in increased valuation of their holdings in the present boom on the stock exchange, according to estimates in Wall street today. Steel, oil and motor stocks have been leaders in the wild rush of speculation which recorded one million shares day after another and sent prices to new high records on many successive days.

The boom started in the "Morgan group" and it is common talk on the street that a bullish sentiment was desired in order to facilitate the flotation of the recent British loan. As the upward movement was getting well under way, Maine election returns were injected into the situation and a similar movement followed, described as similar to the boom which started when first returns indicated McKinley's election in 1896.

United States Steel went to a record at 107 a share yesterday, a figure which was duplicated today; General Motors shot upward at a \$50 a day rate to \$750 a share and was but slightly under that figure today.

Standard Stocks Rocketed.  
On the curb the various Standard Oil stocks have been successfully rocketing. Standard Oil of Indiana, Ohio Oil and Prairie Oil and Gas selling up nearly a hundred points during the course of the movement. These three groups represent in order, the interests of Morgan, Dupont and Rockefeller.

International Mercantile Marine, another Morgan interest, which, with United States Steel, form the two greatest mergers ever made in this country, has been another of the leaders in the present movement, common selling from 50 cents to \$50.75 and preferred from \$3 to \$125.25 in little more than a year.

Identified with the Dupont interests are two other groups known as the Kaufman and the Chatham-Phoenix bank groups. General Motors, Chevrolet Motors and United Motors by their advances, have enriched these men by millions. Almost unnoticed General Motors new stock appeared on the curb market, selling for future deliveries "when issued" and jumped from \$125 to \$160 a share.

Little Fellows Are winners.  
It is on the curb that the little fellows have reaped windfalls into thousands during the present movement. The game of the small speculator there has been riding the upward market by purchase of low priced copper stocks. One example of inflation in this list is furnished by United Verde Extension par value 50 cents, which sold at less than \$2 a share recently and had jumped today to \$45.

Wild guesses were enacted on the curb today as "war brides" continued to advance. It poured down rain during the morning, but trading did not even hesitate for an instant. Dressed in rubber coats and hats, curb brokers dashed from group to group in the street, signaling and shouting orders to their men leaning out of windows. The crowd jammed the street from curb to curb and shouting of the brokers could be heard blocks away.

Garbed for the bad weather the brokers appeared to be dressed for a carnival. Men representing different houses wore various colored rubber hats. Blue, red, yellow and orange hats bobbed about in the crowd, while, with a wild gesticulating the brokers transmitted orders to their offices.

Numerous instances of "bombardment" of elevated trains by milk bottles, stones and other handy missiles were reported today. No one was injured. One shot was fired, the bullet lodging in the woodwork of the car.

The socialist party headquarters here today announced a campaign for municipal ownership of all transportation lines in the city, with a series of meetings to threaten out all sides to the issue.

There were many cross currents born of realizing sales, bear pressure and new buying. Stocks which had not been so active were taken up with good results, while interest in standard rails was more pronounced, particularly in Union Pacific, which moved up to a new high record for the year. Many sharp advances were recorded among the so-called specialties and in some of the equipment shares. United States Steel and other steel issues were in demand on all recessions; also the coppers, especially Anaconda and American Smelting and American Can and the railway equipment securities.

In the late dealings prices as a rule were strong under the lead of Union Pacific, New York Central and the steels.

## FIRE UNDER CONTROL

San Jose, Cal., Sept. 15.—For the first time since the battle was started Sunday, fire fighters early this morning expressed a hope that the forest fire in the Santa Cruz mountain district is under control and will soon burn itself out without causing further damage. The famous California redwoods are safe, as are the ranch houses on the O'Neal, Letcher, Rolph and Deering ranches.

Back firing in adobe canyon proved effective finally, in keeping the blaze from crossing to Black mountain.

## ILLINOIS CANDIDATES GET BIG MAJORITY

### Lowden's 107,000, Dunne's 70,000—McCormick Is An Easy Winner

Chicago, Sept. 15.—With only 344 down state precincts missing from Wednesday's primary, indications today were that former Congressman Frank O. Lowden, republican, for governor, will have a plurality of 107,000 over Morton D. Hull, his nearest opponent. The vote gave Lowden, 306,884; Smith, 72,524; and Hull, 108,750.

With 844 precincts missing, Governor Dunne, democrat, for governor, received 129,624 votes, a plurality of about 70,000 votes over William Brinton, Roger Sullivan entry. Traynor's vote was 18,750.

Latest returns indicate that Medill McCormick is an easy winner for the republican nomination for congressman at large. Former Senator William E. Mason is still leading over B. M. Chipperfield and is believed a winner, though Chipperfield continues to out down Mason's Cook county plurality with a heavy poll of 34,480.

James R. Mann, republican leader in the house, was re-nomination for congressman over Rev. M. P. Boynton, 14,800 to 3,480.

Charles Martin, democrat, for congressman in the Fourth district, was the only interloper who broke the charmed circle of sitting congressmen in the 25 districts of Illinois. He defeated Congressman James T. McDermott for the Democratic nomination.

A report that several passengers had been overlooked in their staterooms and suffocated was denied today by officers. They declared a careful check had been made and every person accounted for.

The special train from Eugene to convey passengers to Seattle is due to arrive early this afternoon. Its appearance is eagerly awaited by the passengers saved from the floating furnace. Many went to the beach this morning to view the wreck. The Congress lies a short distance off shore. Some of the castaways wore ill fitting garments, donated by sympathetic townspeople. Their own were burned. A large number were senile and lying in berths disrobed when stewards spread the fire alarm. "I never saw so many babies and little toddlers aboard ship before," said Mrs. D. K. Smith, of Seattle. "This added to the danger, but nearly everybody was composed. Some were hysterical but most laughed and joked."

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Mrs. S. B. Sorenson, of San Francisco, said: "Everybody behaved splendidly. A steward came to my stateroom and asked me to come on deck immediately. When we got into the corridor he rushed me through a wall of smoke, putting his hand over my nose and mouth so I wouldn't breathe it."

H. L. Peck, of Los Angeles, an official of the Pacific Electric company, was en route to Seattle to visit his brother. He praised the crew for its coolness. He said all the baggage that could be saved was piled in the bow and lowered to lifeboats after all passengers were off.

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## LINER CONGRESS ON COOS BAY SPIT A RED HOT WRECK

### Fire Started When She Was Thirty Miles Off Shore at One o'Clock

## WON RACE WITH DEATH BY NARROWEST MARGIN

### All of Her 453 Passengers Saved—5,000 Barrels of Oil in Tanks Burns

### CONGRESS' PASSENGERS

Eugene, Or., Sept. 15.—A special train to carry passengers from the burned liner Congress to Seattle left here at 7:30 a. m. today for Marshfield. It is due to arrive there about 12:30 p. m.

Southern Pacific officials said that the passengers would not reach Portland before tomorrow morning. A second special is being made up for the crew. It will follow that of the passengers.

Marshfield, Ore., Sept. 15.—Officers of the burned liner Congress were unable to tell today how the fire started. They agreed it originated in cargo under the second, steegeard, aft. Smoke curling up from the hold gave the first warning.

There is nothing left of the crack steamer but its metal parts—steel hull, smokestacks and masts. Smoke was still drifting from the blackened shell at noon.

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