

RUSSIANS ON SOMME STOP GERMAN CHARGES

Is Part of Contingent Landed at Marseilles—Rains Halt Movements On Western Front—Serbians, French and Russian Troops Menace Bulgarian Base at Monastir, Less Than Eight Miles Away—Germans Report Repulse of Russian Attacks

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London, Sept. 19.—German and French commanders felt out the opposing lines with surprise attacks last night while a heavy rainstorm impeded operations on the great Somme battlefield. As a result sharp fighting occurred at points where there has been a lull for several weeks.

The Germans battered the Champagne front heavily in five attacks in force. Russian troops, part of the contingent landed at Marseilles, stopped every assault, the French war office announced, inflicting heavy losses on the Teutons.

The French struck northwest of Verdun. The German war office admitted that German trenches were penetrated on Dead Man's hill, the burial ground for thousands of the crown prince's troops in the unsuccessful attempt to take Verdun from the west bank of the Meuse.

The only activity on the Somme front occurred south of the river where the French war office this afternoon claimed a slight advance east of Berny. The German war office admitted the British gains east of Ginchy and near Combes reported by General Haig last night but announced the repulse of all French attacks.

In the Balkans the pursuit of the Bulgars who have evacuated practically all northwestern Greece is being held up partly by Bulgarian counter attacks and partly by the necessity of bringing up allied artillery. Serbians, French and Russian troops are now menacing the Bulgarian base at Monastir, now less than eight miles away.

The German war office announced fresh victories over the Russians on the eastern front and the capture of 2,542 more prisoners.

The German official statement reported the repulse of Russo-Rumanian attacks in the Carpathians, near Dorna Vatra, with heavy losses and also the repulse of Russian attacks southeast of Hatzeg.

Serbs Fight Like Demons.
London, Sept. 19.—Allied troops have crossed the Serbian frontier at two places and are advancing against the Bulgarian base at Monastir. Serbian soldiers are fighting on their native soil for the first time since their retreat through Albania last winter. They have captured a series of heights from the Bulgars at Kamachalan and have crossed the Serbo-Greek border north of Lake Ostrovo. French and Russian troops are engaged with the Bulgars near Kenale, on Serbian territory. Practically all the territory conquered by the Bulgarian right wing in the recent invasion of Greece has already been recaptured by the Serbs, French and Russians. The most savage fighting has occurred where Serbs and Bulgarians came in contact. Eager for revenge the Serbs are flinging themselves at the Bulgars with knives and bayonets. Desperate hand to hand fighting was reported northwest of Lake Ostrovo. The Bulgars have made almost no strong stand since their first strong defensive positions were wrecked by French and Serbian artillery. They have moved steadily northward in re-



When we see th' grocer put a quart o' oysters in a pint bucket we kind o' feel like givin' up. It's wonderful more people are not run down by auto th' way th' girls are dressin'.

SOMME IN CHARGES

Five State Conventions Meet in Sacramento This Afternoon

PROGRESSIVES WILL MAINTAIN THE PARTY

JOHNSON SLATED TO DOMINATE BOTH WINGS OF PARTY

Johnson Men To Be Chairmen of G. O. P. and Bull Moose Conventions

14,000 NATIONAL GUARDSMEN ON HIKE

Sham Campaign Is Giving the Troops An Abundance of Exercise

RED SOX DEFEAT DETROIT 3 TO 1

Corrals First of Three Games and Reaches Hard for Pennant

POKER GAME STARTS REVOLVER BATTLE

Quarrel Starts in Card Room But Ends in Fight On Street with Police

LAND DREADNAUGHTS' GREAT WAR MACHINES

So Successful That Great Fleets of Them May Be Feature of War Soon

ANOTHER ACCIDENT ON VANCOUVER BRIDGE
Vancouver, Wash., Sept. 19.—Six workers on the Washington-Oregon interstate bridge over the Columbia river were suffering today from broken bones and other injuries sustained when their scaffolding collapsed and they fell forty feet to rocky earth. Work on the bridge is not interfered with.

ELECTION BETS CHANGE
New York, Sept. 19.—Betting on the presidential election is more active today than at any time during the campaign. One wager of \$10,000 on Hughes at 2 to 1 was reported. Wilson money is more plentiful today though, than for the past few weeks and odds on Hughes are wavering at 8 to 5.

New Braunfels, Texas, Sept. 19.—The 14,000 national guardsmen engaged in the 85 mile hike from Fort Sam Houston to Austin, today resumed their northward march despite the fact they had just emerged from one of the most terrific battles ever fought on Texas soil.

When the 10,000 men under Brigadier General Henry A. Greene approached this town late yesterday they found it held by 4,000 men under Brigadier General S. L. Richardson, which had marched by a more direct route. There ensued a sham battle that for noise and excitement was near the real thing. Artillery, machine gun and rifle fire echoed through the town for hours. General Funston, who witnessed the maneuvers with his staff, pronounced them a technical success.

Greene's column left for Hunter, ten miles north, today, following a route south of the Katy railroad. Richardson's men started for the same place, marching north of the railroad. At Hunter the two columns will unite and tomorrow will hike together to Blanco, 12 miles beyond.

John W. Stetson, of Alameda, and Percy W. Long, of San Francisco, two staunch Johnson men, will control the state convention of progressives. "The progressive party is to continue in California," said Long this morning. "A new state central committee will be named. It is probable that the convention will follow the action of the national progressive committee and endorse Hughes for president. I do not know just what the plans are, as there are so few delegates yet in the city."

A dark horse from southern California is to be chosen chairman of the democratic state convention, according to rumor. The delegates from the south arrived at noon.

The democratic slate calls, it is said, for the choosing of C. K. Cushing, of San Francisco, for the chairmanship of the new state central committee. This committee will probably be reduced in number from 200 to 200.

George S. Patton, democratic nominee for United States senator, arrived from Chico this morning and will address the state convention this afternoon.

San Francisco, Sept. 19.—The list of dead from the latest outbreak in the Latin quarter may today total three or four. O. H. Ratto, advertising manager of L'Italian Daily News and Jose Diaz are both near death in local hospitals. The trouble which occurred last night was the result of a dispute over gambling and the ensuing pistol battle resulted in the killing of Pietro Ducenz and the wounding of Policeman Harry Smith, as well as Ratto and Diaz.

A quarrel between Diaz, Jose Rodriguez and Alfonso Lopez was the cause of the trouble. Ducenz, acting as peace-maker was shot during the argument in an Italian rooming house. Immediately afterwards the three Mexicans ran into the street, shooting at any one seeking to stop them. A squad of police appeared and a revolver battle with the Mexicans followed, in which Smith and Diaz were shot by direct fire and Ratto, who ran from his office to ascertain the trouble was struck when he unwittingly ran into the line of fire.

Rodriguez alleged today that Lopez had robbed him after luring him to the rooming house. He admitted they were playing poker.

Perhaps. "What are these tracks in the soft asphalt?" "Somebody's impressions of our city. I s'pose."

NORTHERN MEXICO IS AGAIN HOT BED OF REVOLUTION

Carranza Garrison at Chihuahua Whipped by One-Fourth Its Number

ONE THOUSAND TROOPS DESERT TO JOIN BANDIT

General Trevino Says Troops From the South Can Be Depended On

By Webb Miller.
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El Paso, Texas, Sept. 19.—With six automobile loads of ammunition captured from the arsenal in the attack on Chihuahua City Saturday and with more than a thousand recruits from the Carranza ranks added to his forces, Pancho Villa today is reported fleeing back into the fastnesses of Santa Clara canyon, entering it by the east mouth.

De Facto government troops from Chihuahua have abandoned the chase of the "fox of the Sierras" in the meantime new troops from Monterey and other points south are being rushed north to take up the trail of the bandits. General Trevino, Carranza commander at Chihuahua City fears to use the men recruited from northern Mexico against Villa, as they invariably desert to him at the first opportunity.

Military men here do not underestimate the importance of Villa's attack on Chihuahua City and declare that all American residents, in the early fighting of the bandit leader. They point out that the city is the strongest military fortress in the north and that it was defended by heavy artillery and a garrison of 7,000 men. Despite this strength Villa, after openly boasting he would attack the city "independence day" made good his threat, entered the town, released prisoners and withdrew carrying away ammunition and supplies and taking with him more than a thousand deserters from the Carranza garrison.

Scores of refugees from Chihuahua City arrived in Juarez last night, bringing first hand accounts of the attack and confirming meager reports that the Villistas overran the city and left it at their leisure.

Only two civilian residents of the city were injured and none of the American residents. In the early fighting the Villistas herded all civilians who appeared on the streets into a vacant building and kept them inside while the fighting was in progress.

All incoming refugees from the south declare that a large number of de facto troops deserted and marched away with Villa with their arms and ammunition. Before beginning the retreat, six auto-mobiles, commanded by the bandits, were backed up to the arsenal and loaded with ammunition. Four hundred Carranza mutineers guarded them on the march out.

Most of the 1,200 political prisoners in the penitentiary were released by the Villistas.

General Gonzales has reinforced the Juarez garrison with men and artillery. The Carranza officials frankly admit their fears of an attack upon Juarez by Villa's forces.

HOLLAND GIVES NOTICE

The Hague, Sept. 19.—Queen Wilhelmina struck a warlike note in her speech at the opening session of parliament today. She told parliament that important steps to strengthen the Dutch forces to resist any attack on the country's neutrality are being taken and that the supply of war materials and munitions is growing. She warned belligerents on both sides that Holland is prepared to resist such an attack.

"We will fulfill the duties that international law imposes upon neutrals," said the queen. "At the same time we have strongly decided to defend our independence against whomever assaults it."

Chicago, Sept. 19.—"I shall work until every dollar is paid, and then I, too, shall die."

That was what Mrs. Joseph Tuma said today after she had recovered from the shock of hearing that her husband had committed suicide yesterday when a run on his private bank had brought him near financial ruin.

Tuma had a loan of \$60,000 out and failure to collect it, made it impossible for him to pay his depositors, who had become alarmed by the failure of several private banks. He made vain attempts to borrow \$12,000 to tide over the emergency.

"For years Joseph had worked as a clerk in a bank and then 12 years ago we started one of our own," said his widow. "Year in and year out we worked hard—and now it is for nothing. Joseph wanted so much to leave his mark in the world."

"And now they say Joseph has killed himself. Poor Joseph. Well, the people shall be paid. And then I shall join him. We worked together too long to remain separated."

REPORT OF HEALTH BUREAU SHOWS LOW DEATH RATE

Only 13.5 Persons Out of 1,000 Died in United States in 1915

THIS FIXES AVERAGE OF LIFE AT 74 YEARS

Decrease in Mortality Rate in Ten Years One-Sixth—Sanitation Did It

Washington, Sept. 19.—Only 13.5 persons out of every 1,000 in the United States died during 1915, according to figures by the United States bureau today. This constitutes the lowest mortality rate ever recorded in this country.

"The widespread awakening of the people throughout the United States," said the bureau "together with the great progress in medicine and sanitation has resulted in the saving of 170,000 lives during the year over 1905, a decade ago."

The decrease in the mortality rate during the decade is 16.7 per cent, or almost one-sixth the report said.

The most striking decrease during the period was registered in Rhode Island, 16.9 per cent. New York follows with a falling off of 14.6 per cent; New Jersey, 14.3; Massachusetts, 12.7; Indiana, 8 per cent. Michigan showed a slight increase of 4.5 of 1 per cent.

Among cities of 100,000 or more inhabitants, the tendency was still greater toward reduction. Newark, N. J., showed a decrease of 20.9 per cent; New York City, 26.8; Los Angeles, 25; Jersey City, 24.9; Pittsburg, 23.9; St. Louis, 22.9; Denver, 22.7; Paterson, N. J., 21.4; San Francisco, 21.7.

Minneapolis showed an increased death rate of 12.7 per cent during the decade; Detroit 4 per cent; St. Paul, 7; Toledo, 7.7; Albany, 8.7; and Omaha, 6.1.

Deaths by States Reporting. The death rate per 1,000 by states, included in the 1915 registration was: California, 13.7; Colorado, 11.3; Connecticut, 14.9; Indiana, 12.7; Kansas, 16.1; Kentucky, 12.3; Maine, 15.6; Maryland, 15.8; Massachusetts, 14.5; Michigan, 13.4; Minnesota, 10.1; Missouri, 12; Montana, 11.4; New Hampshire, 16.1; New Jersey, 13.8; New York, 14.6; Ohio, 13; Pennsylvania, 13.8; Utah, 9.9; Virginia, 14.2; Washington, 8.1; Wisconsin, 10.8.

SPRINGER'S BODY FOUND ON RIVER BANK

Skeleton Found Proves To Be That of Missing Hotel Clerk of Salem

The skeleton of the body found last Friday in the underbrush of the Williamette five miles north of the city is evidently that of Irvin Springer, former night clerk of the Marion hotel, according to those who are in a position to know.

Irvin Springer, a son of Peter Springer of this city, night clerk of the Marion hotel, disappeared on the night of January 8, 1915, and notwithstanding the fact that the father had done everything to locate him, no word had been received to indicate whether he was dead or living.

Last Friday a skeleton with part of the clothing clinging to it was found by some of those looking for the body of Leland Hendricks near the banks of the river in Polk county where it had evidently been washed during the freshet of last February. The remains were taken charge of by the coroner of Polk county for an inquest.

Identified by Keys. In the pockets were found a bunch of keys and on the suggestion that they might possibly have been those of young Springer they were brought to the Marion hotel. One proved to be a pass key that was made especially for the locks of the Marion, unlocking the doors into all rooms. This pass key was in the possession of Springer when he disappeared. Other keys were those for the Marion cash register, for the cigar room and for the storage room, all of which were in Springer's possession when he disappeared. All of the 10 keys found in the clothing of the skeleton were those in the possession of Springer and no other person. Besides the identification by the keys found in the clothing, Peter Springer, the father, went to Dallas this morning and from an examination of the clothing, and especially a tie that had been presented to his son shortly before his disappearance, is convinced that the remains are those of his son. The clothing had retained much of its color, notwithstanding it had been in the water more than a year, and the tie was also easily identified.

Tooth Will Identify Him. Another means of identification will be from the filling of the teeth. Shortly before young Springer disappeared, Dr. Mark Skiff had filled three of his front teeth in such a way that they would be easily identified. Dr. Skiff

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ROSEBURG SCHOOLS MAY HAVE A STRIKE

Roseburg, Or., Sept. 19.—Roseburg high school was in a turmoil today, with students threatening a strike as protest against the removal of Dr. C. H. Cleaves, a popular instructor. City Superintendent Hamlin was hissed by the students when he sought to address them.

ANOTHER FOREST FIRE

San Bernardino, Cal., Sept. 19.—Another truckload of men left here today for the scene of the forest fire raging in Horse Thief canyon on the desert side of the Cajon Pass. Safety were expressed for the safety of the Santa Fe railroad lines running through the scene of the fire. A number of ranchers' homes are believed endangered.

A section crew from Summit has been fighting the fire since midnight, aided by several rangers.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Wednesday fair, northerly winds.