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## ROMANIANS DEFEATED WITH LOSS OF 15,000

Caught by Encircling Movement, and With One Pontoon Bridge Across Danube Destroyed, Sixteen Battalions Destroyed—Grand Duke Nicholas to Have Command in Balkans—Attempt Will Be to Crush Bulgaria—Allies Victorious at Dobrudja

Sofia, Oct. 5.—Bulgarian troops have enveloped and destroyed fifteen or sixteen Rumanian battalions (about 15,000 men) which crossed the Danube and invaded Bulgaria near Riahovo, said an official statement from the war office today.

The defeat suffered by the Rumanians is the greatest since the destruction of the Rumanian army at the fortress of Tutraikan, when 22,000 Rumanians were trapped and captured south of Danube.

The Rumanians were caught by an encircling movement and began to stream back across the river without offering stubborn opposition. Teutonic monitors had smashed some of the pontoon bridges over which the invaders crossed, thus interfering seriously with their retreat to the north bank.

Bulgarian artillery was trained on Rumanian transports that attempted to facilitate the retreat, adding to the confusion in the ranks of the enemy. The exact number of prisoners is not definitely known, but it is reported that large quantities of war material were brought in.

On the Dobrudja front, all Russo-Rumanian attacks were frustrated.

The German war office yesterday announced that the Rumanian force that crossed the Danube had retreated before a German-Bulgarian encircling movement.

If the Bulgarian statement is true, the Rumanians have suffered two most severe defeats on the Danube in the five weeks since they entered the war. When German and Bulgarian forces captured the Rumanian fortress of Tutraikan the Rumanian garrison was surrounded on the south bank and captured. Several hundred Rumanians, including a general and a number of other officers were drowned while attempting to swim the stream.

The Rumanians had occupied several Bulgarian villages before they were attacked by Bulgarian forces from Rustchuk and Tutraikan.

### To Crush Bulgaria.

London, Oct. 5.—The Grand Duke Nicholas, former commander in chief of the Russian armies, has been recalled from the scene of his triumphs in the Caucasus to command the Russo-Rumanian drive against Bulgaria, said a Stockholm dispatch received here today.

The grand duke will be given supreme command of all the Russian and Rumanian forces operating in Dobrudja and on the Danube. He may act as an adviser of the Rumanian commanders in Transylvania.

The Stockholm report, as yet unconfirmed, from Petrograd, aroused the greatest interest here because of the renewal of heavy fighting in the Balkans, both on the Rumanian frontier and in Macedonia. The arrival of the grand duke on the Rumanian border, it is believed, will be the signal for the opening of the double allied offensive to crush Bulgaria and close the Austro-German road to Constantinople.

Bucharest dispatches today reported distinct victories for the Russo-Rumanians in the new offensive in Dobrudja where the Teutonic center and right wing have been pressed back and also claimed further progress in Transylvania.

## Abe Martin



You have to be just about as careful when you place your kindness as you confidence these days. Haint it about time for th' chicken cuts o' liver t' take another jump?

### OREGON BIDDIES SPRINT

Corvallis, Ore., Oct. 5.—Cheers and cries of "atta girl!" come on you egg!" greeted the posting of a bulletin today showing that 10 hens from the Oregon Agricultural college here gained two places during the 47th week of the international egg laying contest at Storrs, Conn.

The Oregonian birds are now in third place. Rhode Island is leading with England second. Starting the 47th week in fifth place the Oregonians by a sudden burst of speed produced 48 eggs as against an average of 27 for all other teams.

If this sprint can be maintained the Oregonians may overcome the 153 egg lead which separates them from the leaders.

### SHIP SHORTAGE HITS LUMBER BUSINESS

South American Countries Want Oregon Lumber But Can't Get It

San Francisco, Oct. 5.—Stocks of North American lumber in South America are running low because of lack of ships to carry cargoes from the Pacific coast, according to Roger Simmons, of Washington, D. C., government expert, who has just returned from a ten years study of the subject of South American lumber conditions. He is here today to confer with lumbermen of California, Oregon and Washington.

"The Argentine consumes half a billion feet of lumber every year and three quarters of this comes from the United States and Canada," he said. "Chile and Peru, too, are in the market for huge quantities of North American lumber."

Simmons paid a tribute to South American business men as "brave and well educated and having high ethical business standards."

### Fairbanks Says West Is Solid for Hughes

San Francisco, Oct. 5.—Confident that California is solidly for Hughes, Charles Warren Fairbanks, republican vice presidential candidate, left this morning for Portland to campaign through the northwest. The Fairbanks party consists of Richard Fairbanks, Dr. R. P. Hatfield and Richard Lowther in addition to the candidate.

"The west is solid for Hughes," said Fairbanks today. "Everywhere I have visited in the wake of his campaign tour, it seems a certainty that Hughes will win by a decisive majority. For that reason, I am giving more attention to urging upon the people the necessity of making the republican victory complete by electing republicans to both houses of congress."

### Wheat Makes Record for Season In Chicago

Chicago, Oct. 5.—December wheat went to 100 1/2 today, the record for the season. May wheat opened higher, but declined on liberal selling. Unfavorable reports from Argentine continues, but are counteracted by the feeling that they are somewhat exaggerated.

December was later down 1 1/4 at \$1.59 7/8; May down half cent to \$1.58 3/4.

Corn made fair gains on good buying. December up 3/8 at 76 3/8; May up 3/8 at 78 1/2.

Oats fell slightly on liberal offerings. December was down 1/8 at 49 1/8; May down 1/4 at 52 1/8.

## SAY SEPARATE PEACE TERMS DISCUSSED BY GERMANY AND RUSSIA

By Carl W. Ackerman  
(United Press staff correspondent)  
The Hague, Sept. 16.—(By mail.)—Despite official denials that Russia and Germany recently discussed a separate peace, I have learned from recent visits to Warsaw, Copenhagen and The Hague that some sort of a conference did take place.

At present, however, there is little prospect that Russia will desert the allies. Russia's intervention in the war has changed the situation entirely from the czar's standpoint.

The report that a peace meeting was held at Kovno was published recently in the New York Current, one of the best in former newspapers of Holland. The Current article has not been published in any legitimate country. It is understood here though it created a sensation in Holland and the neutral Scandinavian countries.

Immediately following its publication the Russian legation here issued a denial. A similar denial was telegraphed from Berlin, but regardless of this fact, officials in Scandinavian countries believe a great deal of the Current article is true.

## DEALERS PREDICT TWO DOLLAR WHEAT BY JANUARY FIRST

Say Northwestern Farmers Are Unit In Holding for This Price

### NORTHWEST MAY HAVE TO IMPORT SEED WHEAT

Potatoes \$1.45 a Bushel In Chicago Against 48 Cents Last Year

Chicago, Oct. 5.—Two dollars for wheat was predicted by Chicago grain men today before the first of January. Prices today, both cash and futures, ranged about ten cents lower than the record price established in January, 1915, immediately following the outbreak of the European war.

The heavy decrease in this year's crop, coupled with discouraging conditions in Argentine and the demand of the allies for available Australian and Canadian wheat were pointed to as factors in the present high price. It was stated today at the board of trade that the northwest has practically no wheat of seed quality, and that good seed wheat was now selling at from four to seven dollars a bushel.

The importation of Canadian wheat for seed purposes is being seriously discussed and agricultural experts are canvassing the question whether or not the Canadian wheat will be found adapted to the United States cultivation.

Dealers in cash wheat say that the northwest farmers are practically all adhering to the decision not to sell wheat at less than \$2.00 a bushel while the receipts of grain from other primary shipping points are extremely light. December wheat has reached \$1.59 3/4, as against \$1.06 a year ago. May is \$1.58 1/8 against \$1.07 1/8 a year ago. Cash wheat is selling around \$1.65 depending on the grade, while the millers are eagerly snapping up all available milling wheat.

Produce Follows Wheat  
As a result of wheat conditions, millers say, flour continues its steady rise. Special brands were quoted today in Chicago at \$9.10 a barrel wholesale. Millers say that if the wheat advance continues, flour prices will have to keep the pace.

Members of the board of trade today said the present high prices could not be blamed on speculation. They said that were it not for open trading on the boards of trade, big elevator men long ago would have cornered the supply and wheat would have been much higher than at present.

Produce prices are trailing close behind grain. Potatoes are \$1.45 a bushel as compared to 48 cents a year ago. Eggs, butter, poultry and produce and other supplies are up correspondingly in most cases. Dealers blame bad weather for the potato shortage and say the hot summer damaged potato and accounts for high egg prices. With poor crops the heavy demand of warring countries for food and dealers said lower prices were not to be expected this winter unless an embargo is established to keep foodstuffs in this country.

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## RAILROADS FEAR DECISION WILL RATTLE DRY BONES

Skeletons Long Buried in Railroad's Grave Yards May Be Dug Up

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR POLITICS TO BE SHOWN

Roads Will Put Up Bitter Fight to Prevent Ghost Walking

Washington, Oct. 5.—A parade of political ghosts not rivaled in the history of the country may result if the supreme court upholds the district court action of yesterday ordering President Milton H. Smith of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, to answer interstate commerce commission questions as to his road's political activities. Federal experts admitted this today.

Skeletons of the railroad family that have lain undisturbed for years may be brought to light. Charges of political string pulling by railroads throughout the country—particularly with reference to the eight hour law, but also with reference to campaign contributions—have been made unofficially as recently as the present campaign. In the Louisville and Nashville case, it is reported that if Smith is made by the supreme court to answer all of the commission's questions, the Goebel case which disrupted Kentucky politics for years will again be brought into the limelight with perhaps other cases to follow.

The effect of the district court's decision was to give the commission power to examine all railway finances, including political contributions. This power never has been admitted by the railroads and a further bitter fight is expected before the question is decided.

If the decision is sustained, it will give the commission power to determine just how millions of dollars that have figured in state and national politics were spent—if they were spent, as alleged—by the railroads. That other railroads against which charges have been made will be hauled up to answer was considered about certain. Government investigators have accumulated masses of evidence tending to show political activities of other roads and have run into the stone wall of "refusals to answer."

### Stock Market Strong Prices Still Climb

New York, Oct. 5.—Railroad shares which started upward yesterday in the market's 23d consecutive million share day were strong again at the opening of the stock exchange today, leaders in this group of the stock list showing initial advances of one half to two points.

One specialty after another was hauled forward, gains ranging up to 6 1/2 points.

Cuban American sugar jumped 6 1/2 to 200 on announcement of heavy purchase of sugar by the allies. Cuban cane made a new high at 67 1/4, up 2 and American beet sold to a record price at 99 1/4 at noon.

International agricultural corporation came into play with publication of a favorable annual statement, preferred

### MT. LASSEN ACTIVE

Redding, Cal., Oct. 5.—For the second time in two days, Mt. Lassen, California's volcano, showed signs of activity today. A small blowout yesterday was followed early today by a manifestation of greater magnitude. Although today's disturbance was far from being a big eruption, smoke appeared to be issuing from the northern part of the crater. A stiff wind blew these smoke clouds southward. The smoke eruption showed no abatement after it had been in progress for an hour.

## HUGHES WILL MAKE MANY SHORT TALKS

His Itinerary Mapped Out—Makes Start from New York Monday

New York, Oct. 5.—Thirty-six stops with an average of from three to five speeches on each stop are on the program for the third western tour of Governor Hughes. The complete itinerary, announced today follows:

Leave New York Monday for Newark where at noon a speech will be made. Hughes returns to New York by automobile and will register; October 9, Philadelphia; October 10, Hagerstown, Md., and Baltimore; October 11, Clarksburg, Parkersburg, Huntington, Charleston, W. Va.; October 12, Elkhartsville, Prestonsburg, Paintsville, Louisa, Ashland, Louisville, Ky.; October 13, Springfield, Joplin, Mo.; October 14, Falls City, Beatrice, Fairbury, York, Lincoln, Neb.; October 15 (Sunday), rest at Lincoln; October 16, Hastings, Grand Island, Columbus, Fremont, Omaha, Neb.; October 17, Mitchell, Sioux Falls, Yankton, S. D.; October 18, Rapid City, Pierre, S. D.; October 19, Great Falls, Minn.; October 20, Youngstown, Ohio; arrive New York Friday, October 20, at 2 p. m.

### Crowd to See Gates Will Break Records

Boston, Mass., Oct. 5.—The greatest out of town crowd ever to visit Boston for a world's series was predicted here today by hotel managers. Thousands of reservations for rooms continue to pour into Boston and it is estimated that between 25,000 and 30,000 persons will be seeking hotel accommodations by Saturday.

It was announced today that it will be impossible for Jack Barry to start in the first against the Dodgers Saturday. He still has two fingers of his injured hand bound in tape. Harold Janvria will be at second. The Red Sox will go to Worcester, Mass., this afternoon where they will play a game for the benefit of a fund for erection of a monument to John Gaffney, a former umpire.

### Some Big Bets

New York, Oct. 5.—The first big bet on the world's series was reported today when E. E. Smathers, former owner of Dan Patch, bet \$20,000 to \$14,000 the Red Sox would clean up. Smathers also is reported to have bet \$80,000 against \$50,000 the Giants would win the National league flag next year.

jumping four and a half to 50 1/2 and common 3 3/8 at 19 3/8.

American woolen advanced 3 1/2 to 52 1/4 and Pittsburgh coal was up 1 7/8 at 37 3/4. Rails continued strong.

## PERSHING WILL STAY UNTIL PROPERTY AND LIFE ARE BOTH SAFE

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 5.—There will be no withdrawal of American troops from Mexico, as a result of General Carranza's insistence on this point in the discussions of the American and Mexican commissioners in session here.

General Pershing's column will not return to American soil until foreign life and property is assured of safety south of the Rio Grande. There have been no intimations here that Carranza would recall his commissioners if the matter of troop withdrawal is not immediately settled, but in the face of admissions that the first chief is insisting upon General Pershing's early withdrawal this authoritative statement of the American position was made today. The American commissioners believe there is much to be discussed and settled before the matter of troop withdrawal is taken up. Changes that will bring safety to American and other foreign life and property involve almost innumerable questions which must be frankly discussed. The American commissioners are acting in the capacity of advisors, in one sense to the Mexicans. They are insisting

that Mexico must realize that as a nation she cannot live to herself alone. The rights of foreign powers with investments in Mexico must be recognized. While endeavoring to avoid giving the impression of interference in Mexican internal affairs, the obligations of the government authorities under international law are being pointed out.

### Must Guarantee Safety

The matter of withdrawal of American troops crops up repeatedly in the conference, but it is acknowledged the discussions for the past two days have been more along the line of Mexico's position as a nation. Not only American but all foreign rights have been presented by the American commissioners as subjects which must be given consideration in Mexico. The situation has reached the point where it involved lengthy discussion of every phase of Mexican life, of economic problems and national viewpoint towards other powers.

The Mexicans are anxious that the

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## PRESIDENT GETS GREAT OVATION ON REACHING OMAHA

150,000 Nebraskans Gather From All Parts of State to Hear Him

### LINE OF MARCH JAMMED LONG BEFORE PARADE

Route From Depot to Club Room a Continuous Roar of Cheering

By Robert J. Bender.  
(United Press staff correspondent.)

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 5.—Fired by a spectacular reception from 150,000 Nebraskans, President Wilson today made his first campaign appeal to the west. Speaking to the 300 members of the Omaha Commercial club at a noon day luncheon here, the president challenged criticism of his business legislation and defined its purposes.

He is in a happy mood. His route from the station to the club had been lined with thousands of people who cheered continuously. His entrance to the banquet room resulted in an ovation lasting five minutes.

At the president's table were many prominent Nebraska democrats, including Governor J. B. McDonald, Senator Hitchcock and Mayor Dahlman. Just before luncheon was concluded ice cream was served in the form of white doves of peace carrying American flags. The crowd mingled laughter with cheers in an outburst of approval.

In introducing the president, J. A. Sunderland, president of the Omaha Commercial club, expressed appreciation that the celebration of Nebraska's fiftieth anniversary as a state of the Union, had succeeded in bringing the president away from his official duties.

"The President Talks"  
"I notice, however old the records of this part of the country may be, nothing really got started until 50 years ago," the president began. "Since that time this part of the country has started many things."

"It is useful to make new beginnings—to break traditions to meet the conditions arising when shackles of the past have been broken off."

"There are many circumstances that make one feel the present state of the world is beyond measure tragic. It is, however, going to do America a great service. It is going to make every American obliged to realize he lives in a new age—full of prospects and prophecy."

"The time has come when America has had thrust upon her the necessity to participate in world trade. For decades we've got to serve the world. It alters every political question, every domestic question—and those who insist upon doing new things in the old way are going to be left at the tail end of the procession."

"Heretofore it has been thought necessary by those who wished to exploit the world. Hereafter it must be done to gain the confidence of the world. The ideals of America are to be put to the test. It is a pity not to be young these days."

"I want you to know that in my conception it matters not who does these things providing you see to it that they are done. Certain things that have recently been accomplished by legislation have been accomplished with these things in mind. In respect to our commercial policy I have always been impressed with how much attention the United States paid to herself and how little she studied the markets of the world."

On his way to the reviewing stand the president passed through three miles of the main streets of Omaha. It was estimated fully 300,000 people packed the thoroughfares and accorded him the greatest ovation since he took office. The president was forced to stand in his car throughout the journey. Every building fairly burst with people leaning out of windows and shouting welcome.

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## THE WEATHER

Oregon: Fair tonight and Friday; light frost early; light rain tonight; variable winds.

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