

## Mackensen Seeks Destruction Of Roumanian Army Before Winter

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### But Apparently Only By A Miracle Can Roumania Escape The Fate of Belgium and Serbia

(By United Press)

London, Oct. 24.—Two powerful armies, one attacking from the east, and the other from the west, are threatening to crush Roumania before winter.

Hoping to prevent the escape of the Roumanian army and aiming at its complete destruction, the Russo-Roumanian army under Mackensen is advancing swiftly northward. His left wing has occupied Rasovo on the Danube, only eight miles from Cernavoda, and where is the only bridge by which the fleeing Roumanians can withdraw into Old Roumania.

According to the morning dispatches from Berlin the German-Turkish-Bulgar forces have already secured possession of nearly a third of the Constanza-Cernavoda and are pressing on toward Cernavoda itself.

Berlin claims that the Roumanians are falling back from Constanza in an effort to escape annihilation. Field Marshal Falkenhayn is reported to have resumed his offensive on the Roumanian western front.

The German war office states that Roumanian riots are probable when the people learn of the loss of their seaport.

### STILL RESISTING IS RUSSIAN CLAIM

Russian official dispatches, while admitting the German gains, claim that the Russo-Roumanian resistance is still stubborn.

A Bucharest wireless, via Rome, to London admits the loss of Constanza and says that the Kaiser telegraphed his congratulations to Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria.

### SERBS STILL ADVANCING

News reached here this morning by way of Paris that the Serbs, in their advance on Monastir, captured during the night a half mile of Bulgar-German trenches, inflicting heavy losses.

## Newspaper Men At Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill, N. C., Oct. 24.—A Winter Institute for the newspaper men of the state will be held at the University of North Carolina on December 7, 8 and 9. It is the purpose of this institute to bring together the newspaper men for consultation concerning the many problems that arise in their work, and for the study of questions affecting newspaper making and editing. It will be essentially an institute for study. With this end in view, the program committee is bringing to the University at this time some of the leading newspaper men of the country. Talcott Williams, former editor of the Philadelphia Press, and now director of the Pulitzer School of Journalism, will be one of the speakers. Another will be Don C. Setz, business manager of the New York World, who probably knows the business side of

## FEAR OF VILLA STIRS CHIHUAHUA

### REFUGEES INCLUDING DAUGHTERS OF GENERAL TREVINO ARRIVE IN JUAREZ

(By United Press)

El Paso, Oct. 24.—Bringing reports of Villa's presence outside the city, hundreds of refugees from Chihuahua streamed into Juarez last night and this morning.

According to the reports of these refugees Villa is west of the Chihuahua city and threatening immediate attack. It is believed, they state, that General Trevino, the De Facto officer in command at Chihuahua City will evacuate the town.

The refugees also confirm the reported defeat of De Facto troops by the bandits on Friday and Saturday at Palomas.

Thirty daughters of prominent Mexican families are among the refugees including General Trevino's family.

### REVIVAL AT CITY ROAD

The revival services at City Road Methodist church are attracting large crowds and give promise of large results.

Mr. Glenn preached a forceful sermon Monday night to a very attentive congregation. He spoke feelingly Tuesday morning on the subject of prayer.

Mr. Wyland is pleasing the people with his Gospel singing.

The services will continue thru the week. Morning services are at ten o'clock and evening services at 7:30.

newspaper making as well as any man in the United States. Two or three other speakers of the same degree of excellence will be secured. Ex-President William H. Taft will be at the University on the first day of the meeting, and will speak to the editors on the night of the seventh, when the sessions begin. A morning and afternoon program will be given on Friday December 8, a public meeting that night, and a concluding program on Saturday morning, thus giving all time to get home for Sunday. The executive committee of the State Press Association has general charge of the arrangements and program. The University will its guests while they are in attendance upon the institution. This will be the first winter institute of the kind to be held by Carolina newspaper men. In many of the states similar meetings have been held at the state university with great success—especially in Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin, Indiana, Texas, Washington, and other western states.

## Cotton To Reach Twenty Cents

(By United Press)

New York, Oct. 24.—July cotton sold today at 19.69, a gain of 23 points. December sold at 19.41, an advance of 22 points. Twenty cent cotton is indicated.

Bethlehem Steel, early war bride leader, reviving under the stimulus of war orders after years of torpor has made a spectacular advance from \$21 to the new high mark of \$625.

### RETURNED FROM WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan Lamb returned last night from their wedding trip and will make their home on Martin street.

The marriage of Mr. Lamb to Miss Blanche Ward of Gliden was solemnized last Thursday at the home of the bride's brother, Dr. Oscar Ward at Phoebus, Virginia.

## Hughes An Absolute Reactionary

(By George Creel)

The amazing fiction that Charles E. Hughes has a progressive type of mind is of a piece with the myth that he made New York a "great governor." Not even Reed Smoot is more iron in his standpatism. During his terms as Chief Executive of the Empire State, Mr. Hughes vetoed every law that sought to advance the public welfare. His crushing disapproval of the Two Cent passenger fare bill and the Coney Island five cent fare bill killed a movement of infinite promise. His veto of a measure giving equal pay for equal work saved money for employers at the expense of thousands of drudging women.

His veto of a teachers' pension bill set back a decent reform, and his message urging the legislature to refuse to ratify the income tax amendment put him on record as a protector of the rich, no matter at what cost.

As an associate justice of the Supreme court, he sat in 1412 cases, dissenting in 29 only. He concurred in the Standard Oil and Tobacco Trust decision, adding millions to the wealth of the Dukes and the Rockefellers, and also writing the word "reasonable" into the law. Time and again had Congress refused to furnish predatory corporations with this loophole.

He concurred in the Danbury Hatters' case, assessing the triple penalty against a lot of aged workers. He wrote the opinion in the Minnesota rate cases, robbing state railroad commissions of power, and giving railroads new and tremendous powers of extortion. He concurred in the Weyerhauser land case and the Utah land case, two infamous decisions against the people and for the corporations.

Taft the great reactionary, appointed Hughes to the Supreme bench. Is anyone fool enough to believe that Taft did not know what he was getting? Behind him today in his candidacy is every force of greed and rapacity, every Tory and every reactionary. Is it sensible to believe that they are buying a pig in a poke?

## ILLITERACY IS DISAPPEARING

### REPORT SOON TO BE ISSUED BY STATE BUREAU OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

One of the most interesting and significant reports which the State Bureau of Community Service will issue at an early date will be a compilation of figures showing the reduction of illiteracy in North Carolina since the 1910 Government census as gleaned from reports from four counties.

Executive Secretary W. C. Crosby, by recently made investigation in a number of counties, in each case making a personal tour in order to get first hand information on the subject. He secured from the Bureau of the Census the names and addresses of each and every individual unable to read and write in 1910 and started out on a house to house canvass to find out whether they had bettered their condition during the past six year period. He was confident that owing to the better school facilities available, longer terms, higher grade teachers and over and above all this, the better educational spirit prevailing that many of those unable to read and write in 1910 had bettered their condition.

The following sketch of the visit to Pasquotank will be of interest:

"In every case, Mr. Crosby discovered, that the reports made in the census bureau in 1910 were correct. Since that time the day schools have cut into the percentage, slicing it in half. Almost without an exception, those persons reported as illiterates between the ages of ten and sixteen have learned to read and write, while compulsory school attendance, effectively enforced has prevented new crops of illiterates.

"In Salem township, Mr. Crosby found that while the census of 1910 credited this township with eighty-eight illiterates, there are now only twenty-three who are not able to read and write while forty-seven of the eight-eight have learned. The illiterates, it is estimated are now people over forty years of age whose illiteracy in the ten to sixteen year old class has been entirely wiped out.

"This average holds for the five townships of the county. Elizabeth City has not yet been canvassed. The high school senior class of the town volunteered to check up the list of illiterates and the check will be sent into the bureau of community service when complete."

South Carolina is making a somewhat similar effort along the line of eliminating illiteracy and Wednesday, November 15 has been set aside as "No Illiteracy Day." There is a South Carolina School Improvement Association which has for its aim, "By 1920 not one illiterate in the State." Kentucky taught 40,000 men and women to read in two years and 18 other States are undertaking the same campaign.

### ATTENDING MARRIAGE OF MISS NINA BANKS

Miss Mattie Banks is in Raleigh to attend the marriage of her sister, Miss Nina Banks, to Dr. Donald Williams of Tarboro on Wednesday of this week.

The wedding will take place at the home of Misses Bank's sister, Mrs. W. F. Young, on Hillsboro st. The bride is well known in Elizabeth City, spending her summer vacation here frequently with her sister, after teaching during the school term at Tarboro. Dr. and Mrs. Williams will make their home at Tarboro.

WANTED—Boy or young man, a city reporter and advertising solicitor. Apply at office between 6 and 7 this evening or tomorrow morning between 7 and 8.

## COTTON GIN GOES UP IN SMOKE

### BIG BLAZE ATTRACTS CROWDS TO SCENE OF FIRE LAST EVENING

The gin of the Elizabeth City Oil and Fertilizer Company, recently consolidated with the Eastern Cotton Oil Company of Hertford, was totally destroyed by fire Monday night. The loss is estimated in the neighborhood of \$8,000, which was partially covered by insurance.

The gin house was a wooden frame between the Elizabeth City Cotton Mill plant and the Norfolk Southern depot. A passer-by fifteen minutes before the alarm was turned on saw no sign of anything wrong but by the time that the fire department reached the scene the building was wrapped in flames and there was no possibility of saving it. The value of the building and machinery is estimated at about \$5000 and that of the cotton and cotton seed on hand was somewhat less. Part of the cotton and seed were saved. The loss is covered in part by insurance of \$3000 on the building and about \$2000 on the cotton and seed on hand.

A box car on the railroad siding loaded with cotton seed was also burned, though part of its contents were saved.

The oil mill belonging to the same company is located at a distance from the gin, beyond the cotton and hosiery mills, and was not endangered.

The alarm turned in when the streets were crowded with theatre goers returning home attracted a big crowd to the blaze which was one of the most spectacular seen here for a number of years.

## Library For Employees

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 24.—Mr. Marsden J. Perry, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Norfolk Southern, having in mind the welfare and pleasure of his employees has founded the Norfolk Southern Railroad Library beginning with thirteen hundred volumes, which will be materially increased from time to time. The library is located in Room 220, Terminal Building Norfolk, Virginia, and is under the supervision of a competent Librarian.

The volumes in this library are from the pens of our best authors, including standard work of an educational nature.

The privileges of this library are open to all employees of the Norfolk Southern and through them to the dependent members of their families.

An elaborate catalogue, classifying the different works, as well as showing the titles and authors, and including too the Rules and Regulations under which the books may be obtained from the Librarian, has been sent to all employees.

### "THE MOMENT BEFORE" AT THE ALKRAMA

Pauline Frederick, noted for her screen characterizations of fascinating and alluring women, as well as for her realistic portrayals of sweet innocent girlhood, adds another personal achievement to her remarkable photoplay repertoire in the Famous Players Film Company's picturization of Israel Zangwill's powerful drama, "The Moment Before," at the Alkrama tonight. With bold strokes of color and action, and the tender touch of sympathy the elements of the original drama have been faithfully and vividly preserved, and indeed enhanced, in this unique screen offering. adv