

RUMANIA JOINS WITH GREECE IN REFUSING TO TAKE PART IN WAR

Officially Declares the Government Intends Preserving Strictest Neutrality.

ITALY IS NEAR DECISION

Reported on Verge of Joining Allies in Balkans; Teutons Claim Headway.

Allied Troops Leave Saloniki, for Serbian Front.

London, Oct. 16.—Rumania has joined Greece in declining to enlarge the confederation in the near east by declaring officially that the Rumanian government intends to preserve strict neutrality. This step followed close on intimations from unofficial German sources that it was time that Bucharest gave more definite indications of Rumania's stand, in view of the latest developments in the Balkans. From a German source also comes a report that British and French ministers are leaving Athens. But this report is discredited here, and it is without any other confirmation.

Unofficial reports from Petrograd say the Germans appear to be on the defensive along the entire line, except that section near Dvinsk which, it is said, they have been ordered to capture at any cost.

Russians Make Offensive Attacks.

Berlin, however, officially reports Russian attacks not only before the front but at a number of other places, and adds that they have been repulsed. These attacks were all comprised within the army group of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, which is taken to mean that the Russians have assumed something in the nature of a general offensive along the front, of which Dvinsk forms a vital salient.

The western front from many isolated bomb attacks have occurred with varying fortunes. Italy is again officially reported to be on the verge of joining her allies in the Balkan campaign. While the French and British are still landing troops at Saloniki for the army which will be under the supreme command of General Serrail, the former commander-in-chief of the army of the Orient, the Germans announce that their forces continue to make headway against the Serbians, whose positions south of Semendria have been stormed.

Bulgarians Force Frontier.

The Bulgarians are said to have forced the frontier ridges at several points between Negotin and Strumika. That Bulgaria does not anticipate any hostile action on the part of Greece is indicated by advices from Bucharest that Greece has purchased large amounts of wheat from Rumania which will be permitted passage through Bulgarian territory.

Allied Troops Leave for Serbia.

Troops of the Entente Allies have left Saloniki for the Serbo-Bulgarian frontier, according to a news dispatch from Athens. The allied forces are said to have started Saturday for this Serbian front where the Bulgarians are reported to be making progress to their assault on the defenses of the Serbians.

In the western theatre of the war a vigorous counter attack delivered by the French in the Vosges enabled them to re-capture all the fortifications on the summit of Hartmanns-Wellerkopf, according to the latest official statement from Paris. The French also claim to have taken a small fort previously occupied by the Germans. An official statement from Berlin claims that a German attack, made with the object of improving the Teutonic positions on Hartmanns-Wellerkopf was entirely successful, the opposing forces suffering severe losses.

WILL PUT QUESTION TO GREY

Liberal Member to Inquire of Government's Attitude as to Dardanelles.

London, Oct. 15.—Upon the re-assembly of the House of Commons Tuesday Robert L. Outthwaite, Liberal member of parliament for Hanley, will ask Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary of state for foreign affairs, whether the Russian government still attaches the same importance to the Dardanelles operations as it did when the British ambassador in Petrograd stated that the operations had been undertaken at Russia's request for the purpose of drawing a Turkish force from the Caucasus. The question is designed to bring out if Lord Milner's suggestion of the evacuation of Gallipoli is still a definite official support. No evidence of such support is as yet apparent.

MINISTERS TO LEAVE

Russian and Italian Diplomats Prepare to Sail From Greece, is Report.

Amsterdam, (via London), Oct. 15.—According to a dispatch from Athens to the Cologne Gazette the ministers of Russia and Italy are preparing to depart for Greece. The families of the diplomats, the message adds, probably will leave the Grecian capital today on a warship bound for Italy.

TEUTON LOSSES HEAVY

Casualties So Far in Serbia Reported to Be 55,000 Men.

Paris, Oct. 16.—Austro-German losses in the campaign against Serbia up to Thursday evening, October 14, are estimated at 25,000 officers and men killed and 60,000 wounded, according to a dispatch received today by (Continued on Page Two).

GENERAL VILLA IS REPORTED KILLED

Arrested and Shot by His Own Men, Says One Report.

APPARENTLY CONFIRMED

Another Report Says He Was Shot in Fight That Broke Out in His Own Army—Division in Army Said to Have Resulted

MESSAGE DENIES THAT VILLA HAS BEEN SHOT

El Paso, Texas, Oct. 16.—A denial that General Francisco Villa, chief of the convention forces in Mexico, had been arrested and court-martialed by his generals came from Casas Grandes tonight in a message signed by Colonel Silva, Villa's secretary.

El Paso, Texas, Oct. 16.—Unconfirmed reports have been current here for the past twenty-four hours that General Francisco Villa, chief of the convention forces, in Mexico has been shot. One report, brought here Thursday by a Mexican arriving from Casas Grandes, but not circulated until late yesterday, was that Villa had been arrested by his own men at Casas Grandes and sentenced to death. This report received apparent confirmation from an American arrival who gave a railway employe as his source of information.

Another story was brought here today by a Mexican who said that Villa was shot late yesterday in a fight that broke out in his army. This version is that Villa demanded a forced loan from one of his comrades and on being refused, ordered him executed. Division in the army is said to have resulted, and in a fight that followed Villa was reported to have received a mortal wound.

SHOOTING NOT MENTIONED

In Messages to State Department From Casas Grandes.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Messages reaching the State Department early today from George C. Carothers, its special agent at Casas Grandes, made no mention of anything happening to General Villa.

EN ROUTE TO SONORA

Carranza Commander Notified Villa on His Way From Casas Grandes.

Douglas, Ariz., Oct. 16.—General P. Elias Calles, Carranza commander at Agua Prieta, said today he had been notified that General Villa was en route from Casas Grandes to Sonora. He believes his information is correct.

PRESIDENT AND PARTY SLIP SECRETLY AWAY

He Goes Motoring With Two Cousins and Mrs. Galt.

Stop at Inn at Harper's Ferry Where They Are Served Old Fashioned Southern Dinner With "Poor Man's Pudding".

Washington, Oct. 16.—President Wilson took a holiday today and with Mrs. Norman Galt, his fiancée, and his cousins, Misses Lucy and Mary Smith, of New Orleans, motored to Harper's Ferry, W. Va., for lunch. Tonight the party attended a theatre here. The motorists left this morning without telling even White House officials where they were going. It was raining and the roads were muddy, but the holiday makers were not to be discouraged and noon found them at Harper's Ferry, 72 miles away. At an inn overlooking the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers the President registered, writing "Woodrow Wilson and party." The inn is kept by a negro family and the President and Mrs. Galt, both of whom were born in Virginia, ordered an old-fashioned Southern dinner which was served in the public dining room where there were 20 other guests. The President asked particularly for apple pie for desert, but was given "poor man's pudding." He paid for the dinner himself, and tipped the waitress. The news that the President was in the vicinity had preceded him on the return trip, and at Fredericksburg, Rockville and other towns, many people waited to get a glimpse of Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Galt. The party reached the White House shortly after 8 o'clock.

HARD FIGHTING ON ALL BATTLEFRONTS

25,000 Teutons Are Reported Killed in Serbian Campaign

SUMMARY OF WAR NEWS

Bulgarian Ports on Aegean Sea Blockaded—Germans Repulse British Attack in West—Australia Much Exerted.

Hard fighting has been in progress on all the important battle fronts, the latest official reports show, not the least desperate engagements having been fought in Serbia where Berlin declares the Teutonic invasion is making further progress.

Field Marshal von Mackensen, directing the Serbian drive, reports the storming of Vranova mountain, south of Semendria, and Smoljinao village, east of Pozarevac, while Bulgarian troops, pressing on the Serbian border to the south, are declared to have forced frontier passes at several points and to have taken the eastern forts of Zagacar, some five miles over the border in Serbia and about 40 miles north-east of Nish.

Special dispatches from Nish estimate the Teutonic losses in the Serbian campaign up to Thursday night, last, as 25,000 killed and 60,000 wounded. It is declared in these advices that a German army which attempted to turn the Serbian right wing at Semendria was driven back into the marshes of the Danube near the Zembrandra fortress. Heavy reinforcements for the Germans in the Pozarevac section are reported on the way.

Great Britain's declaration of war on Bulgaria has been followed by a declaration of blockade of the Bulgarian ports on the Aegean sea. The seaports affected include Dedeagatch, Porto Lagos, Maronia and Mecl. Neutral vessels were given 48 hours to leave the blockaded area. On the western front, the Germans record the repulse of a British attack northeast of Vermelles and the blocking of French assaults in the Champagne district, notably east of Aubepois where the French are declared to have lost more than 600 prisoners and three machine guns. German troops are also declared to have improved their positions on Hartmanns-Wellerkopf in the Vosges and to have foiled a French attempt to re-take positions south of Leintry. Paris reports the repulse of German attacks north of Reillon in Lorraine, and between the Lingne and the Schratzmannle in the Vosges. Berlin's account of operations in the east is confined entirely to the recording of repulses of Russian attacks west of Dvinsk and at other points toward the northern end of the line, and in the region of Smorgen.

Australia is apparently much exercised over the suggestion made recently in the house of lords that the Dardanelles enterprise be abandoned. A Sydney newspaper is quoted as declaring that such a decision would be "evidence of gross incompetence somewhere, for which hardly any punishment would be too great."

The sinking of a Russian coal schooner by a German aeroplane in the Gulf of Riga is announced in Berlin newspapers.

MEXICAN MURDERER OF BRITISH RANCHER AND AMERICAN DEAD

General Fierro, Second in Command of Villa Army, Drowned.

El Paso, Texas, Oct. 16.—Official announcement was made today at Juarez of the death of General Rudolf Fierro, second in command of the Villa army, who was killed in the battle of Torreón, where William Benton, a British ranchman, and Anton Bush, an American, at Juarez about two years ago. The announcement stated merely that Fierro was drowned while fording a lake near Villa Ahumada.

Fierro, whose career was stained with innumerable murders, was one of the most picturesque leaders produced by the Mexican revolution. He was formerly a railroad brakeman, and later turned bandit, robbing an express train at Lampasas, Mexico. When the revolution broke out, Fierro joined Villa and won the latter's esteem at the battles of Torreón and Zacatecas. Subsequently he became known as Villa's "right hand man."

One of Fierro's exploits as reported from the battlefield, was the shooting of more than 300 prisoners taken in battle. He was a large man physically, alert, cunning and apparently insensitively difficult and many were badly injured after they had been extricated from the half submerged car. It was necessary for the survivors to crawl up the sides of the car, using the window ledges and seats as the rungs of a ladder and many fell repeatedly after almost achieving success. Nearly all became unconscious from loss of blood or shock on finally reaching safety.

FOUR MEN KILLED AND FOUR INJURED IN GAS EXPLOSION.

Occurred in Bi-Product Plant of Coal Company, Near Birmingham, Ala.

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 16.—Four men were killed and four injured in a gas explosion in the bi-product plant of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company, at Fairfield, near here tonight. The dead are J. L. Donnelly, L. J. Wright, Perry Poor, and Bernhart, all employes. The explosion occurred in a valve of a 42-inch gas main. The cause is not known. Birmingham fire companies, assisting in fighting the fire that followed the explosion and first aid corps and numerous physicians from the company's various plants, were on the scene within a few minutes. Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 16.—Fifteen touchdowns and ten goals netted Vanderbilt a score of 100 to 0 against Henderson-Shown this afternoon, the visitors bringing up unexpectedly weak.

\$368,000,000 Worth of Millionaires Accused of Criminal Conspiracy



Twelve great millionaires, the most important of whom is William Rockefeller, worth something like \$150,000,000, have been placed on trial before the United States court in New York city on the charge of violating the Sherman act as directors of the New Haven railroad. The penalty, if they are convicted, is \$5,000 fine or a year in jail or both. The fortunes of these millionaires is estimated as follows: William Rockefeller \$150,000,000, Lewis Cass Ledyard 10,000,000, George MacCulloch Miller 5,000,000, Charles F. Brooker 30,000,000, Charles M. Pratt 100,000,000, Edward D. Robbins 1,000,000, D. Newton Barney 5,000,000, Robert W. Taft 10,000,000, A. Heaton Robertson 2,000,000, James S. Hemingway 5,000,000, Henry K. McHarg 20,000,000, Frederick F. Brewster 30,000,000.

16 BELIEVED KILLED AS CAR TAKES PLUNGE

Part of Motor Train Goes Through Bridge Into Creek

Bodies of Ten Had Been Recovered Last Night, Most of Whom Were Drowned—Only Four of 65 Occupants Unhurt.

Randolph, Kas., Oct. 16.—Sixteen persons are believed to have lost their lives when a passenger car of a Union Pacific motor train plunged through a bridge into Fancy creek, near here, today. Ten bodies had been recovered tonight and at least six more were believed to be in the mud and water-filled car. Most of the recovered dead, including five women and five men, were drowned. Of the 65 occupants of the motor train, only four escaped unhurt.

Many of the passengers were young women school teachers. All went into a heap when the car struck the bridge, weakened by three inches of rain, and plunged into the swollen creek. A rescue of the passengers was extremely difficult and many were badly injured after they had been extricated from the half submerged car. It was necessary for the survivors to crawl up the sides of the car, using the window ledges and seats as the rungs of a ladder and many fell repeatedly after almost achieving success. Nearly all became unconscious from loss of blood or shock on finally reaching safety.

Further Evidence of Purpose of Wilson Administration to Develop the Navy to Highest Point of Efficiency.

(Special Star Telegram.) Washington, D. C., Oct. 16.—Further evidence of the purpose of the Wilson administration to develop to the highest point the efficiency of the American navy came to light today when Secretary Daniels let it be known that in the future naval stations must be producers and not mere ornaments or repair plants. To this end a group of navy yards along the Atlantic seaboard have been chosen for special weapons. Mayor Grace, Chief of Police Cantwell and Sheriff J. E. Martin were among those said to have been disarmed as they entered the committee room. The ten Grace members withdrew from the meeting when the committee voted to sustain a protest in the matter of a box from Ward 10. The national guardmen and the naval militia remained on duty tonight.

WILLIAM ROCKEFELLER TRYING TO HIDE FROM A PHOTOGRAPHER

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COMMITTEE DECLARES HYDE IS THE NOMINEE

Majority Over Mayor Grace Was 128 Votes

Situation in Charleston Was Quiet Yesterday—National Guardsmen and Naval Militia Remained on Duty Last Night.

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 16.—Tristram T. Hyde, was declared the Democratic nominee for mayor of Charleston today, after the city executive committee had canvassed the votes of last Tuesday's election under guard of state troops. According to the official figures the nominee had a majority of 128 votes of Mayor John P. Grace.

Following yesterday's shooting affray in the committee room, in which one man was killed and four wounded today passed quietly. A strict guard of the German artillery hall where the committee met was maintained by local troops and naval militia under Colonel E. M. Blythe. Credentials were inquired of all persons passing through Wentworth street and those entering the hall were searched for concealed weapons. Mayor Grace, Chief of Police Cantwell and Sheriff J. E. Martin were among those said to have been disarmed as they entered the committee room. The ten Grace members withdrew from the meeting when the committee voted to sustain a protest in the matter of a box from Ward 10. The national guardmen and the naval militia remained on duty tonight.

MANNING ISSUES ADDRESS

Tells People of Charleston to Have Self-Restraint and Calmness of Mind. Columbia, S. C., Oct. 16.—Governor Manning, who has kept in close touch with the Charleston situation all day tonight issued an address to the people of that city urging upon them "that self-restraint and calmness of mind which will enable you to think clearly and to see the impossibility of the continuance of such conditions." Six of the eight companies of militia outside of Charleston, which yesterday were directed to hold themselves ready to respond to a call for service, still were under orders tonight. Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 16.—Georgia Tech had an easy time with Transylvania here today, defeating the Kentucky team at football 57 to 0. The tough back field apparently had little trouble skirting Transylvania's ends, scoring eight touchdowns. Long runs by Strupler and Fielder featured.

GOVERNMENT PLANS FOR EMPLOYERS TO ASSIST IN DEFENSE

Will be Asked to Let Employees Train Two Months a Year for Three Years.

APPEAL TO PATRIOTISM

Besides Sixteen Capital Ships, the Navy Proposes Many Smaller War Craft.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Employers throughout the United States—corporations, manufacturers, professional men, tradesmen and business men of all classes—will be asked to contribute, as their share in the National defense, permission for their employes to engage without serious financial loss in two months' military training during each of three years. This is an essential part of the administration's plan for raising a citizen army of 800,000 men in six years which, with a regular army of 140,000 men and 130,000 reserves, would give a trained force, exclusive of state militia, of about 1,200,000 in the event of war.

The success of the plan, officials admit, depends not on the appropriation of Congress for its cost will be comparatively small, but on the patriotic response of employes, to whom an appeal will be made to furlough as many men each year, at different seasons as they can spare and who wish to join the proposed continental army.

Would Attract Men to Enlist. Administration officials are confident that even though it is proposed to enlist only 133,000 men a year in the continentals, or a total of nearly 800,000 for the first six year periods, more than that number will be attracted by the outdoor life of military camp if they could be assured by their employers that their positions would not be lost or their earnings seriously decreased. The proposed enlistment requires two months' military training during the remaining three years only in event of war. The army plans for more than 1,000,000 trained men for six years and the navy's programme of ten dreadnoughts and six battle cruisers within five years, both of which will be presented to Congress with the endorsement of President Wilson. The absorbing topics of interest here today. The proposed army appropriation bill will be \$182,000,000, or an increase of \$72,000,000 over last year, and that of the navy \$216,000,000, or an increase of \$100,000,000. The total defense budget of nearly 400,000,000 is an increase of \$140,000,000, which it is understood, is to be raised from a return to certain tariff duties by their abolition.

Navy Proposes Many Vessels

Added details of the navy plans became known tonight. The five year programme included, besides the ten dreadnoughts and six battle cruisers, 85 coast submarines, 15 seagoing submarines, 50 destroyers, 15 scout cruisers and five gunboats. Two dreadnoughts will be built each year. Two battle cruisers will be built the first year, one the third year, two the fourth year and one the fifth year.

This plan was agreed upon in order that the appropriations out of the \$500,000,000 fund to be expended for new ships during the five years might be evenly disposed through the various sessions of Congress. The year in which the bill will provide \$28,000,000 to complete ships already authorized, besides the new dreadnoughts and battle cruisers, and provide also for the construction of 25 coast submarines, five seagoing submarines, 15 destroyers, three scout cruisers, two gunboats, one light ship and one hospital ship; \$2,000,000 for aircraft and for 10,000 additional men and 250 additional midshipmen at the United States naval academy.

Welcomed in Naval Circles

The decision to increase the personal was welcomed in naval circles, where it had been variously estimated that the navy is now from 10,000 to 15,000 men short of the number necessary for ships built and building. By authorizing 16 capital ships in the five-year programme the American fleet, which will be completed, will be increased in 1925 of 33 dreadnoughts and battle cruisers in the fighting line and 13 battleships of the second line, or a total of 46 capital ships. This would be exclusive of nine battleships now on commission which will be superannuated in 1924.

ALL GOVERNMENTS IN FAVOR OF RECOGNIZING CARRANZA

Favorable Responses From All Participating in Pan-American Conference. Washington, Oct. 16.—Favorable responses were received today from all the governments participating in the Pan-American conference which decided to recognize General Carranza. Secretary Lansing has called a meeting of the conferees next Monday to arrange the form of recognition. Recognition probably will take the form of presentation of a note to General Carranza through Elias Arredondo, his representative here, who will go to Mexico to meet Carranza. With the presentation of such a note an embargo on arms would go into effect against opposing factions and an ambassador or charge d'affaires would be sent to Mexico as soon as a selection could be made.

Pittsburg, Oct. 16.—The University of Pittsburg completely outplayed the Carlisle Indians in their annual football game here, winning by a score of 45 to 0.