

EAST WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAIN WAR ZONE; RUSSIA REJECTS PEACE

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ENTENTE ALLIES RENEW PRESSURE IN BALKANS

Austro-Germans Making Progress in Enveloping Operations—One Russian Arm Already Out.

London, Aug. 9.—Russia having rejected what in England was a bona fide proposal for the German emperor for peace, with part of Poland traded for Galicia, the great struggle in the east must continue, and as there are no indications of an immediate general offensive in the west the struggle of the Russian forces to shake themselves free from the Austro-German grip will be the chief factor.

Operations in the Dardanelles will be closely watched because of their possible bearing on the Balkan situation again, simmering by reason of the renewal of the quadruple entente allies' pressure on Bulgaria and Greece. Never before has the importance of the operations there been so keenly realized as now, by Great Britain and France, especially as there are many indications that Germany plans to deliver the next hard blow at Serbia. It is increasingly manifest that Germany looks to the east for a settlement of the war.

By overrunning Serbia Germany would occupy a very favorable strategic position to invoke Bulgarian aid in reaching Constantinople on the main line. Expectation of such intention on the part of Germany has doubtless brought a renewal of the negotiations between the entente allies and Bulgaria.

Turkey claims success in recent trench warfare on the Gallipoli peninsula but there is no noteworthy change in the situation.

The Austro-German forces continue to progress both to the north-east and southeast of Warsaw and the Austro-Hungarian forces claim to have cut the Russian forces in two, when they retreated after losing the Lublin-Chelm railway.

On the whole, the daring German scheme to destroy the Russian army before it can retreat is unfolding slowly, as must be the case from its very magnitude. With the three main railways, besides those built since the war, it is believed in military circles here that Grand Duke Nicholas will be able to extricate his Warsaw army.

The events in the east, however, will continue to hold the world's attention for some time to come.

The Germans have gained minor successes in the Argonne forest, where the army of the crown prince has been trying for weeks to find a weak spot in the French defenses, but a German effort to recover lost trenches on the Lingepont in the Vosges is declared to have cost them dearly.

There has been some heavy fighting in the Caucasus between the Russians and the Turks, but official reports are so contradictory that it is impossible to say in whose favor the encounter is going. Interest continues keen in the diplomatic negotiations in the Balkans. Reports indicate that Serbia at last is willing to cede Macedonia, but that Greece is opposing any suggestion that she should give Bulgaria Kavala, the seaport in the Vlyayet of Saloniki. It is thought, however, that this opposition may be changed with M. Venizelos' return to power, expected when the Greek parliament re-assembles early in September.

M. Venizelos offered Kavala to Bulgaria when he was premier simply in return for her continued neutrality while Greece went to the assistance of the allies, but King Constantine put his foot down on the whole policy, and the political crisis which resulted in the resignation of the Venizelos cabinet followed.

The Petrograd Bourse Gazette says Germany has made peace proposals to Russia, but that they were rejected. There is no confirmation of this statement.

Further Mexican Bandit Raids Feared In Texas

Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 9.—With the expectation that United States soldiers sent to Norias ranch last night will relieve the situation caused by the attacks of Mexican bandits, border officials today gave attention to reports that 300 Mexicans had crossed the border into Hidalgo county, Tex., in small parties and were apparently making their way to concentration camps. Unusual precautions are being taken to preserve peace by officials and ranchmen, who fear an outbreak.

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FUNERAL SERVICES OVER LITTLE BOY

The funeral services over the body of Charles William Durham, aged 12, son of Dr. and Mrs. B. J. Durham of Woolsey, who was killed yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, when struck by an automobile belonging to Chambers & Weaver and being driven by Roy Smith, were held this morning from the residence, Rev. Dr. Calvin B. Waller, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiated and the interment followed in Riverside cemetery.

The following friends of the family acted as pallbearers: J. W. Needy, Dr. R. G. Buckner, Dr. B. F. Hall, William Farr, T. E. Bruns and W. L. Shuford.

Coroner Dr. E. R. Morris visited the scene of the death of the child soon after the boy was killed and upon an examination he stated that no inquest would be held. Smith, the chauffeur was turned over to Dick Weaver by the county officers, Mr. Weaver being responsible for the safe-keeping of Smith until such a time as he is wanted by the county officers, who are making a thorough investigation of the matter.

The chauffeur, Smith, stated to a reporter just after the accident occurred that he was driving down Merriam avenue in front of the estate of W. T. Weaver and had about reached the bottom of the grade when the little boy came out of a private drive into the street on a bicycle. The private drive is almost at right angles to the avenue. He said that he saw the boy but not in time to stop the car. He claims that the little fellow ran into the car. He says his passengers will support the statement that the car was not speeding.

The machine passed over the boy on the right side of the street as seen from the drive entrance and possibly ten to 14 feet from the car track. The wheel passed over the child's neck, and before he was picked up he had bled terribly, the main artery evidently having been severed.

Deputy Sheriff Luther Revis was on the car, just ahead of the Weaver-ville car, which reaches the square at 11 o'clock and which passed the scene of the accident almost as it occurred. Mr. Revis left the car and took young Smith into custody. The chauffeur had stopped his machine and gone to the child and then had turned his car back toward Asheville.

Said to Be Careful Driver. Smith Grove the officer to the home of Sheriff Mitchell. He was much shaken. While Sheriff Mitchell was making arrangements by telephone for the preliminary investigation, he told Smith's father his son said he did not see the child. "Yes, sheriff, I saw him," the young man corrected, "but he ran into me."

Smith was driving a heavy 7-passenger car, the property of Chambers & Weaver. He is said to have a reputation as a careful driver. He stated that he had been driving several years and had never before injured any one.

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PREMIER OKUMA RETAINS OFFICE

Tojo, Aug. 9.—Premier Count Okuma virtually has decided at the request of the emperor to remain in office, and has arranged the following cabinet:

Premier, Count Shigenobu Okuma. Foreign affairs, Count Shigenobu Okuma. Finance, Tokitomi Taketomi. Marine, Vice Admiral Tomosaburo Kato. War, Lieutenant General Ichinosuko Oka. Justice, Yukio Ozaki. Communications, Katsundo Minoura, or Viscount Masakata Sengoku. Commerce and agriculture, Hironaka Kono. Education, S. Takata. Interior, Kitokuro Ichiki.

The assumption by Count Okuma of the foreign ministry, after Takakaki Kato had declined to retain that portfolio, is to be temporary, pending selection of a permanent minister.

Premier Okuma's decision to remain in office was contingent upon the construction of a cabinet acceptable to him. The association of Okuma supporters has sent out circulars urging support for the premier on the ground that his idea is to make Japan a nation of foremost rank, capable of competing with the most powerful countries. The count, the clerical say, resigned because allegations of election bribery created a situation repugnant to one of his lofty principles, but nevertheless he was unwilling to be a cause of concern to the emperor, who asked him to remain in office.

The appointment for the war, justice and commerce portfolios are the same in the cabinet which resigned July 20 in consequence of charges of irregularities in the elections affecting members of the government. ano.RGvmeng.Piw

U. S. DISTRICT COURT HEARS DAMAGE SUIT

The case of the Mountain Retreat association against Perley and Crockett and others was begun in the United States District court this morning, with Judge James E. Boyd presiding. The plaintiffs own a boundary of forest land in the Black Mountain section and through their attorneys, Judge J. D. Murphy and Garland Thomason, are asking for \$5,000 damages on account of fires alleged to have been started by an engine on a logging railroad operated by the defendants.

The defense is represented by Martin, Rollins and Wright of this city.

The South Finds a New Friend . . . "By Bart"



TO MEND LAST YEAR'S WORN PLACES.

Machado Is Chosen as President of Portugal

Lisbon, Aug. 6, via Paris, Aug. 9.—Bernardino Machado has been elected by congress as president of the republic of Portugal. Senhor Machado who had the support of the two principal parties, was elected on the third ballot by a majority of 134 of the 373 members present.

The new president is popular with all classes in Portugal, and although large crowds had assembled outside the congress chamber to await the result of the voting, his election was considered a certainty.

Senor Machado has been prominent for years in the public life of Portugal, serving as premier, provisional minister of foreign affairs, minister of the interior and minister to Brazil. He was considered the foremost man in the republican party, and before the overthrow of the monarchy he was regarded as the logical choice for president, by this party.

In January, 1908, Machado was accused of conspiracy against the club but the charge was never proved.

W. A. KNIGHT WINS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The first Invitation Golf tournament on the Asheville Country club course came to a close Saturday afternoon and W. A. Knight of this city was declared the winner. Mr. Knight defeated William Wallace of Richmond in the 36 holes final in the first flight Saturday, 4 up and 2 to play. The last matches were witnessed by a large gallery, the attendance at the club on Saturday being the largest perhaps since the tournament began last Wednesday.

Mr. Wallace lost the match by poor putting in the afternoon, for several times he halved and missed them while Mr. Knight always was able to take advantage of Mr. Wallace's failures.

AUGUST EXCURSION TO ASHEVILLE

Low Rates From Cincinnati New Orleans and Many Other Points.

The Southern Railway company is making arrangements for the handling of a number of excursion trains from southern points to Asheville next week. On Wednesday, August 11, several special trains from Georgia and Florida points will arrive in the chief city of the recreation region of North Carolina.

This is one of the annual mountain and seashore excursions operated by the Southern and these August outings are always the most popular and best patronized of any during the tourist season. The rates are the most attractive offered during the summer and in the past these excursions have been very successful. The tickets will be good until August 28.

On August 14 there will be a similar tourist movement from cities and towns in south Georgia and points in Louisiana as far south as New Orleans. The tickets will allow the visitors to remain in this territory until August 29.

Low rates excursion tourist trains will be operated on August 13 from Washington and on Tuesday, August 16, a similar train will arrive from Richmond and points in Virginia. On August 24 there will be a large excursion from Goldsboro and points in eastern North Carolina.

Division Passenger Agent James H. Wood has received information from W. A. Beckler, general passenger agent for the Queen and Crescent Railway company, that the final excursion from Cincinnati and points west will be operated to Asheville on Monday, August 23. Already several of these special low rate journeys to western North Carolina have been conducted bringing hundreds of visitors from the west to this city and to other resorts in the mountains.

MUDDY CREEK TRIAL IS NEARING END

Winston-Salem, Aug. 7.—The Muddy creek murder trial is nearing an end. Judge Cline announced this morning that there would be no noon recess, as he is anxious to conclude the case today. Three arguments were made for the three defendants—Mrs. J. C. Warren, Christy and Stinestreet, who are charged with the murder of J. C. Warren. Solicitor Graves will make the concluding speech for the state this afternoon. Those who have followed the evidence closely expect a verdict for first or second degree murder.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

Chicago, Aug. 9.—Hogs, slow; receipts 25,000. Bulk of sales 6.50@6.90; pigs 6.50@7.50.

Cattle, weak; receipts 22,000. Native steers 6.10@10.15; calves 7.50@11.25.

Sheep, slow; receipts 13,000. Sheep 8.20@7.10; lambs 7.25@9.50.

VILLA LEADER APPROVES PLAN

Gen. Raoul Medero hinks President Wilson's Mexican course will Make Satisfactory Solution.

BUT MEXICAN PRIDE MUST NOT BE HURT

Mexican People Beginning to Think for Themselves, He Says—Would Encourage Foreign Capital

Washington, Aug. 9.—CARRANZA officials here today said that the Brazilian minister at Mexico City, the only diplomatic representative the United States has in Mexico, had been withdrawn by his government because General Carranza was prepared to expel him from the country as he did Ortega, the Guatemalan minister.

The Brazilian minister has reported to the state department that no reason was given for the expulsion of Senor Ortega and that he himself intended to sail Wednesday from Vera Cruz for the United States.

The participation of Brazil and Guatemala in the Pan-American peace conference at Washington, which is considering action in Mexican affairs had something to do with this recent development, it is believed here. Officials who hoped that Carranza would join in a peace conference with his adversaries and meet the efforts of the Pan-Americans to effect a settlement of factional strife express disappointment.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 9.—General Raoul Madero, commanding a division of Villa forces, Villa governor of the state of Nuevo Leon and member of the family of the late Francisco Madero, issued a statement today concerning the place plans of the Pan-American conference. After prefacing his remarks with the declaration that the subject matter was his personal view and that no official weight or significance could be attached to it, General Madero said:

"Nothing is more desired by the Mexican people than the re-establishment of peace and a stable government; but deprived of sovereignty, the people naturally demand that if assistance is to come from outside sources it must be accomplished with honor to ourselves and without in any way infringing on our national pride.

"During the revolution many opinions have been advanced calling for armed intervention. President Wilson is following an even course which now seems culminating in a satisfactory solution.

"The people of Mexico are beginning to think for themselves. In 1910 the principal reform was political; that is to say, a certain man for president with no re-election and equal franchise. The agrarian problem was considered in the ordinary way. Today as evidenced not only by the successive plans of several leaders, but the actions and statements of leaders and the people as well, by their very patience, indicate a healthy growth which the Mexican people have won through and gone through, and the finished product is about ready to emerge from the furnace."

"It is my belief that foreign capital must be encouraged to invest in Mexico and must receive every guarantee and protection. I do not mean special privileges must be given as in the rule of Porfirio Diaz but capital tending to establish industry must be encouraged.

"One thing that must be dealt with is a sound and safe tariff law."

New York, Aug. 9.—A conference which was believed to have had an important bearing on efforts to restore peace in Mexico, was held yesterday by Secretary of State Lansing and Secretary of the Treasury, McAdoo. Questions arising from the recent Pan-American financial conference also are said to have been taken up.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Administration officials who have predicted an early peace party between Mexican factions are not so sanguine. Reports from Mexico City that General Carranza had ordered Dr. Juan J. Ortega, the Guatemalan minister to leave the country within twenty-four hours were responsible for this change of mind. Guatemala is represented in the Latin-American conference, and Carranza's drastic action is regarded here as indicating a disposition of unfriendliness toward the conference.

Friends of Miss Louise Gadsden of Summerville, S. C., will learn with regret of her death which occurred suddenly on Monday, August 7, at Long Island, N. Y.