

FRENCH REPORT GAINS IN SPITE OF GERMAN GUNS

Germans Bombard French Positions in Artois Region, But Paris Claims Further Progress.

BRITISH PAPERS URGE WAR AGAINST BULGARS

Manchester Guardian Thinks Allies Should Strike in Balkans Before Bulgaria Actually Attacks.

Paris, Oct. 2.—There has been a heavy bombardment by the Germans in the Artois region, according to a report of the French war office. Nevertheless the French are reported to have made perceptible progress in that district on the heights of La Folie.

London, Oct. 2.—The situation on the eastern battle front is still regarded in London as of the greatest immediate importance, notwithstanding the new French and British offensive in the west. To transfer the center of gravity is the task now before the French and British.

The menacing attitude of Bulgaria doubtless has had marked bearing on the activity of the allies in France and Belgium, for increasing pressure on the Germans will exert a direct influence on the plans of the Austrians and Germans, to concentrating heavy forces on the Serbian frontier, should they commit themselves to a fresh campaign in the Balkans with the assistance of Bulgaria.

That nation now occupies, as Foreign Secretary Grey phrased it, the position Turkey held during the weeks of uncertainty before the Porte cast its lot with the central powers.

Some sections of the British press are urging Greece and the allies to strike quickly the instant it is determined that diplomacy has been unable to divert a crisis.

"To wait until Bulgaria has actually moved," says the Manchester Guardian, "would be to surrender the strategic initiative to her. Between an Austro-German attack on Serbia and a Bulgarian attack, there is practically no difference. For the allies the moment for decision has come.

"As soon as they are convinced that Bulgaria is determined to make war, they should send an ultimatum to her and give her the choice of peace or war.

"Should Bulgaria accomplish the Germanic design to link Berlin with Constantinople a very grave change will have come over the complexion of the war in this zone—a region in which far-reaching results might be achieved by the allies with relative speed and economy.

"The strategic initiative must not be frittered away by faith in meaningless hope or fear of resolute action."

Bulgarian Troops Move Toward Serbia, Greece

Paris, Oct. 2.—It is reported from Athens that Bulgarian troops from Sofia are moving in the direction of the Serbian frontier and that other troops are being dispatched toward the Grecian border.

Cobb Leads League In Hitting and Basestealing

Chicago, Oct. 2.—Tyrus Cobb continues to lead American league batsmen. Averages published today show that the Georgian is hitting at a .368 clip, with Eddie Collins of Chicago, the runner-up, .339 points behind.

Cobb continues as the leading run getter with 143, or five behind the American league record he made in 1911. In total bases he leads with 265. Sam Crawford, also of Detroit, is a close second with 261.

In stolen bases, Cobb, who set a new record for the American league last week, promises to run his total behind the century mark. He now has 93 pilfered sacks to his credit.

Oldring of Philadelphia, and Roth of Cleveland are tied for first place for home run honors, with six each.

Detroit leads in club batting with .264 and Boston is second with .253.

The leading pitchers are Shore of Boston, 20 games won and seven lost; Foster of Boston, 20 won and seven lost; and Ruth of Boston, 17 won and seven lost.

National League. In the National League Luderus of Philadelphia and Doyle of New York are tied for first place in batting, each with an average of .317. Cincinnati leads in club batting with .255, and St. Louis is second with .253.

It is believed that the principal point of concentration will be along the upper Strouma river, southwest of Sofia, near the Serbian border.

U.S. May Ask That Capt. Von Papen Be Recalled

Washington, Oct. 2.—Unless Captain von Papen, the military attaché of the German embassy at Washington, is voluntarily withdrawn by his government, indications were today that the United States would request his recall.

All the papers carried by J. E. F. Archibald, the American correspondent involved in the incident which resulted in the recall of the Austrian ambassador, have been placed before the state department officials, although final decision will await the return of Secretary Lansing to Washington.

Kuropatkin Is Restored to Favor By the Czar

London, Oct. 2.—General Alexei Kuropatkin has been appointed chief of the Russian grenadier corps, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd.

If the report from Petrograd is true it means a somewhat remarkable reversal of public opinion in Russia in regard to the military leader who has been in disgrace because of his failure in Russia's war against Japan.

General Kuropatkin's poor success as commander of Russia's big army in Manchuria is believed to have been largely attributable to his subjection to the superior command of Admiral Alexei, Russian viceroy in the far east, and to internal friction among the generals.

In a history he wrote of the war, General Kuropatkin frankly admitted his mistakes.

Those Balkan states which remain friendly to them and which are menaced by the threatened Bulgarian aggression.

RIGGS BANK MEN INDICTED

True Bill Returned Against R. J. McGraw, Vice-President and Cashier of Institution Charging Perjury.

SEQUEL OF BANK SUIT AGAINST U. S. OFFICIALS

Indictments Returned in Connection With Affidavit Denying Bank Speculated In Stocks.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Charles C. Glover, president of the Riggs National Bank, William J. Flather, vice president, and H. H. Flather, cashier, have been indicted for perjury in connection with the bank's suit against Secretary of the Treasury Williams.

The indictments are a sequel to the suit of the bank in which it was alleged that Secretary McAdoo and Comptroller Williams, because of personal animus toward some of the bank's officials, had conspired to injure the institution by the withdrawal of public deposits, the making of extraordinary demands for special reports, and finally by imposing a fine of \$5,000 because the bank failed to make a certain report called for by the comptroller.

PRICE OF GASOLINE STIRS INTEREST

Local Consumers Puzzled Over Difference of 10 1/2 Cents In Quotations.

Consumers and dealers in Asheville are much interested in the Washington dispatch of September 25 to the effect that at an early date the Federal Trade commission would undertake a sweeping investigation into the price of gasoline in southern territory.

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WORLD SERIES GAMES TO BEGIN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

New York, Oct. 2.—The National Baseball commission at its meeting here today decided that the first game of the world's series shall be played in Philadelphia on Friday, October 8, and the second game will be played in the same city on Saturday, October 9.

HAYWOOD FAIR OPENS TUESDAY

Promises to Be Greatest Fair in History of County—Eleventh Annual Event at Waynesville.

FOUR BIG DAYS AND NIGHTS ARE PROMISED

Fair Will Be Opened Tuesday By Mammoth Parade—Addresses to Follow—Singing Contest a Feature.

Beginning next Tuesday morning and continuing through Friday the eleventh annual Haywood county fair will open at Waynesville.

Tuesday will be known as "Haywood County day" and the feature of this day will be the mammoth parade which will start at 10:30 o'clock.

The singing contest will be called to order at 10:15 Wednesday morning or as soon as the choir can go from the station to the grand stand.

There will be a forenoon and an afternoon session in case more than ten choirs are present so that the people will have a chance to rest, get dinner and take in some of the attractions of the fair.

BUNCOMBE SENDS CHOIRS

Buncombe county choirs have registered as follows: Asheville, Montreat, Biltmore, Candler and Leicester. The Haywood choirs are: Long Branch, Canton, Piney Grove, Clyde, Dellwood, Pleasant Balsam, Thickety, Allen's Creek and Beaverdam.

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The third day will be called "Canton Day" and will be featured by a spelling contest at 11 o'clock at the grand stand. It is expected that hundreds of people will be in line for this great spelling bee.

The fourth day will be "Educational Day" and all teachers and children of Haywood county will be admitted free to the grounds.

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BIDS FOR BONDS ARE NUMEROUS

Although Books Are Not Yet Open, Offers to Buy Anglo-French Securities Reach Millions.

SOME SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR VERY LARGE SUMS

One Commissioner Says He Believes French and English People Will Also Invest Liberally.

New York, Oct. 2.—The members syndicate of banks, trust companies and private bankers who are to manage the \$500,000,000 loan negotiated by the Anglo-French financial commission are receiving floods of applications from banks and individuals asking permission to take part in underwriting the loan.

Although the subscription books have not yet been opened it is stated that offers to buy the bonds already amount to many million dollars.

That some of the subscriptions are for very large sums was indicated by the statement that one of the wealthiest men in the United States had offered to take \$30,000,000 worth of the bonds.

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RED SOX ARE FAVORITES, BUT PHILLIES LOOK GOOD

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CASUALTY LIST OF STORM 549

Reports As to Hurricane Victims Include Known Dead 224 Reported Dead 208 and Missing 117.

CONSIDERED CERTAIN THAT 350 ARE DEAD

Conservative Estimates Place Property Damage at \$12,000,000—Relief Work Is Proceeding Rapidly.

New Orleans, Oct. 2.—The number of known dead, reported dead and persons missing in Louisiana and Mississippi as the result of Wednesday night's tropical hurricane is put at 549 in the totals compiled today from reports from many points along the Gulf coast and in the interior.

The property damage throughout the storm swept territory was enormous and in many places the destruction was complete.

Relief parties returned today from the Delta district and said that the rich plantation section had been wiped out, crops ruined and orange trees destroyed, buildings demolished and washed into the sea and the country for miles was under water from four to fifteen feet deep.

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BALLOT WILL NOT HURT WOMEN, SAYS LEADER

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Durham, Oct. 2.—Announcing a new declaration of independence, Mrs. Archibald Henderson, president of the Equal Suffrage league of North Carolina, asserted that "the country never shall be free until the mothers shall be as free as the fathers."

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