

SALONIKI-NISH RAILWAY CUT, IS REPORT; ITALY TO AID ALLIES IN BALKANS

Persistent Rumors Current That Bulgars Have Broken Line Which Allies Used to Reach North Serbia.

STRUMITSA OCCUPIED BY TROOPS OF ALLIES

Italy Will Send Squadron and
Transport to Assist in Land
and Sea Attacks on
Turks and Bulgars.

Pris, Oct. 18.—A dispatch to the Petit Journal from Saloniki says there are persistent rumors current that Bulgarian troops have reached Vranje and have succeeded in cutting the railway between Saloniki and Nish.

Vranje is a Serbian about 20 miles west of the border on the railway where the line approaches nearest to the Bulgarian frontier.

Allies Attack Strumitsa.

London, Oct. 18.—The report of the occupation of Strumitsa by allied troops is confirmed in a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Athens. The dispatch adds that the allies are everywhere advancing, and that a number of allied warships are cruising in the Aegean sea, off the Bulgarian port of Dedeagatch.

Italy to Co-operate.

Rome, Oct. 18.—Italy's cooperation with the allies in the Balkans may now be considered as absolutely certain, says the Correspondenza Italiana, which adds that this co-operation will probably begin with naval activity in the Aegean sea.

Combined Operation.

Paris, Oct. 18.—The British blockade of the Bulgarian coast, says a dispatch to the Petit Journal from Athens, is a prelude to combined land and sea operations on the Aegean coast of Bulgaria and Turkey. In these operations Italy will be represented by a naval squadron and by a number of transports.

London, Oct. 18.—Serbian and Anglo-French troops have occupied the Bulgarian town of Strumitsa, 50 miles north of Saloniki, according to an official telegram from Athens. This report follows closely on the news that the Serbians with the aid of the allies have repulsed a Bulgarian attack at Vlandovo, turning the advance of the Bulgarians to a retreat beyond their own border.

Thus the Anglo-French-Serbian activity in the Balkans has leaped out of the field of surmise to the vivid foreground of fact and it is asserted by London military observers that their operations have been crowned with success at the outset.

The arrival of the allied troops at the critical moment, when the Serbians were struggling with 40,000 new Bulgarian troops at Vlandovo and Hudofvo and the decision still hung in the balance has drawn public attention to the quarter and called operations on other fronts.

MISS KATE SHIPMAN OF TUXEDO WINS FIRST PRIZE PREMIUM IN GAZETTE-NEWS GREAT FREE GIFT SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN.

Miss Alice Witherspoon of Hickory Wins Second Premium.
Winners of Other Premiums Are Announced — the Campaign Has Proven a Wonderful Success.

Miss Kate Shipman of Tuxedo is the winner of the first grand premium in The Gazette-News subscription campaign, her vote totalling 34,519,175.
Miss Alice Witherspoon of Hickory wins the second Grand Premium.
The names of the other premium winners and the total vote of all candidates will be found below.

A glance at the list of premium winners will show the interest that was taken and how The Gazette-News circulation has been increased throughout the entire territory in which it circulates. The two automobiles go to districts outside of Asheville and the ladies who won them deserve the greatest amount of praise for the efforts they put forth. They won the cars because they got out and hustled for votes from the time the campaign started until it closed.

To the judges who worked so faithfully in counting the votes, The Gazette-News wishes to express its gratitude.

The winners of the district prize ballots are also announced.
Following is their report and the votes of the candidates:

Prize ballots on special vote offer starting September 19th and ending September 25th:
During the special vote offer from September 19th to 25th, inclusive, ten prize ballots were to be awarded; five to each district.
The Prize Ballots awarded in district No. 1 are as follows:

Prize ballots on special vote offer from starting September 26th and ending October 9th:
During the special vote offer from (Continued on Page Four).

Mrs. W. E. Strider, Asheville, N. C., is awarded the fourth prize ballot of 290,000 votes, turning in on subscriptions on this offer \$23.50.
Miss Grace Brown, Asheville, N. C., is awarded the fifth prize ballot of 100,000 votes, turning in on subscriptions on this offer \$22.25.
Mrs. W. E. Strider, Asheville, N. C., is awarded the fourth prize ballot of 290,000 votes, turning in on subscriptions on this offer \$23.50.
Miss Lulu Culvern, Asheville, N. C., is awarded the third prize ballot of 300,000 votes, turning in on subscriptions on this offer \$33.50.
Miss Ethel Graham, West Asheville, N. C., is awarded the second prize ballot of 400,000 votes, turning in on this offer \$41.25.
Miss Emma Kindt, Asheville, N. C., is awarded the first prize ballot of 500,000 votes, turning in on subscriptions on this offer \$103.25.

The Prize Ballots awarded in district No. 2 are as follows:
Mrs. J. L. Sanborn, Canton, N. C., is awarded the fifth prize ballot of 190,000 votes turning in on subscriptions during this offer \$32.00.
Mrs. D. L. English, Brevard, N. C., is awarded the fourth prize ballot of 200,000 votes, turning in on subscriptions during this offer \$61.00.
Miss Mary Long, Valdese, N. C., is awarded the third prize ballot of 300,000 votes, turning in on subscriptions during this offer \$101.00.
Miss Christine Nichols, Sylva, N. C., is awarded the second prize ballot of 300,000 votes, turning in on subscriptions during this offer \$101.00.

Miss Alice Witherspoon, Hickory, N. C., is awarded the second prize ballot of 400,000 votes turning in on subscriptions during this offer \$133.00.
Miss Kate Shipman, Tuxedo, N. C., is awarded the first prize ballot of 500,000 votes, turning in on subscriptions during this offer \$200.75.
Miss Mary Long of Valdese and Miss Christine Nichols of Sylva tied for the third prize ballot in district No. 2, each turning in \$191.00, and a prize ballot of 300,000 is awarded to each.

Prize Ballots on special vote offer starting September 26th and ending October 9th:
During the special vote offer from (Continued on Page Four).

DEDICATION OF MASON TEMPLE IN CHARLESTON

Several Companies of Militia Will Assist in Maintaining Order During Inquest Into Cohen's Death.

ELABORATE CEREMONY MARKS DEDICATION

Stately Structure Fashioned After Mausoleum Erected For King Mausolus of Halicarnassus by Queen.

Washington, Oct. 18.—The new two million dollar Masonic Temple, headquarters of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, which also is called The Mother Council of the World, was dedicated here today with elaborate ceremonies and in the presence of a large assemblage of distinguished Masons from many parts of the country.

The stately structure fashioned after the famous mausoleum erected for King Mausolus by Queen Artemisia at Halicarnassus—one of the seven wonders of the ancient world—is unique among the many magnificent buildings in the National capital. It has been under construction since 1911 when ground was broken.

Viewed from the exterior, on a plateau above symbolic flights of steps, the structure presents a plan base, above which rise thirty pyramidal buttresses supported by thirty-three massive columns.

The approach to the main portal is by four flights of steps. Two colossal sphinxes, symbolical of Divine Wisdom and Power, are at the entrance. On the pinnacles of the structure are inscriptions in Phoenician and in Egyptian hieroglyphics. In front, the great door, set into the pavement, are two flaming swords, and between them the inscription "The Temple of the Supreme Council of the Twenty-Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, Erected to God and Dedicated to the Service of Humanity. Salve Frater! Carved into the frieze over the great door is "Freemasonry Builds Among the Nations." A plaque on the great door bears an oblong square with a rayed triangle in its center and with the figures "33" in the center.

Through the great door the Atrium, a large hall, flanked on either side by four massive fluted pillars of polished green granite is reached. A doorway on the left leads to the apartments of the Sovereign Grand Commander, another on the right to those of the Secretary General. Both apartments are paneled from floor to ceiling with Russian walnut. In the center of the Atrium is a great marble table and on either side between the pillars four marble seats. On the walls behind the pillars are plaques bearing symbolic designs.

Directly opposite the great door is the grand staircase guarded on either side by the seated figures of Isis and Nephthys. Doors to the right and left of the staircase lead to the Library and to the Supreme Council Executive Chamber. At the head of the staircase, on the first landing, at the back of the ellipse, two other flights, curving to the right and to the left, lead to the door of the Temple, in front of which is the marble seat of the Grand Tyler, inscribed "Know Thyself."

The Temple is a lofty room in cube form each dimension measuring 75 feet surmounted by a dome supporting a skylight 100 feet from the level of the floor. In the Temple are three great arched windows, one on either side and one opposite the door, over the Grand East. Each window is divided by two pillars of polished green granite, with the lower part screened by a tracery of bronzed serpents. Extending around the room is a frieze of black marble, bearing the inscription "From the Outer Darkness of Ignorance, Through the Shadows of Our Earth Life, Winds the Beautiful Path of Initiation Unto the Divine Light of the Holy Aitar."

INQUIRY TODAY IN CHARLESTON

Will Assist in Maintaining Order During Inquest Into Cohen's Death.

HABEAS CORPUS CASES ALSO SCHEDULED TODAY

H. J. Brown Charged With "Murder" and E. J. McDon- ald With Conspiracy to Commit Murder.

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 18.—With several companies of the state guard aiding the civil officers in maintaining order, the local authorities today were ready to bring to an issue two legal sequels to the shooting of last Friday in the rooms of the city democratic executive committee. Soldiers were on guard at the building which Corner Inquest had selected for the inquest into the death of Sydney J. Cohen, a newspaper reporter, who was shot in the melee Friday, which started just as the executive committee was getting ready to meet to canvass the returns from the primary of last Tuesday, the supporters of Mayor John P. Grace having contested several votes which had been cast for Tristram T. Hyde for mayor.

Soldiers also were on guard at the state courthouse where the habeas corpus proceedings in behalf of Edward J. McDonald and Henry J. Brown were to take place. There was no outward evidence that there might be trouble.

Brown is charged with "murder" and McDonald with conspiring "to commit murder," assault and battery with intent to kill.

Other men arrested after the concealed weapons and have been released on bonds pending the continuance of their cases.

Tristram T. Hyde has been declared the democratic nominee for mayor of Charleston, after the city executive committee had canvassed the votes of last Tuesday's election under guard of state troops.

Following Friday's shooting affair in the committee room, in which one man was killed and four wounded, Saturday 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 required over all persons passing through Wentworth street, and those entering the hall were searched for concealed weapons.

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.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Favorable responses had been received today from all the governments participating in the Pan-American conferences, which decided to recognize Carranza.

TABERNACLE ON SUNDAY FILLED AND OVERFLOWS

TERRIFIC BOMBARDMENT ALONG THE YSER FRONT

Prelude to Attempt by Ger- mans to Break Through Bel- gian Lines—Repulsed.

La Panne, Belgium, Oct. 17.—(Via Paris, Oct. 18.)—The Belgische Standard published here says that a terrific bombardment was in progress along the Yser front Saturday and Sunday night. The fire was especially violent near Dixmude and Ypres.

DEPRECATES EFFECT OF LATE ZEPPELIN RAID

Official Statement Indicates That Germans Failed In Their Purpose.

London, Oct. 18.—An account of the eppelin air raid Wednesday night, prepared by a writer appointed.

"On the evening of October 13 another aerial attack was directed against London which differed in no material respect from previous ones.

"The darkening of the metropolitan area together with the height at which the aircraft traveled certainly prevented the enemy from discovering the exact position of places of importance. Our children were killed in their sleep.

"As on the last occasion, the official report issued in Berlin proves the raiders to have been grossly in error in most cases as to where they were dropping their bombs, and if we can suppose that they had really some definite objective other than mere haphazard destruction of the lives and property of non-combatants, they entirely failed to attain that objective.

"Except for one chance shot, the damage was exclusively on property. The 127 persons killed or injured, none save one or two soldiers who were in the street at the time, was a combatant.

"As for the moral effect—for which presumably the enemy was seeking—that was all to his advantage.

Thousands Hear Rev. Dr. Chap- man's Initial Message to People of Asheville— Many Turned Away.

MUSIC IS INSPIRING FEATURE OF MEETINGS

Charles M. Alexander Makes Everybody Sing—Sermon For Tonight "A Special Mes- sage to Asheville."

THE PROGRAM.

There will be no service this afternoon.
The evening meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Chapman will take as his subject this evening "A Special Message to Asheville."
Tomorrow afternoon the meeting will start at 3 o'clock. The evangelist speaking on "The Secret of the Lost Power of the Church."

All Asheville records for attendance at indoor meetings were broken yesterday afternoon and last evening at the opening services of the Chapman-Alexander evangelistic company in the big tabernacle on Haywood street. The place of worship built to accommodate 5,000 people and there were no vacant seats at the afternoon meeting, while at least 500 were turned away from the doors last night and many were glad to accept standing room to hear the evangelist message from the famous evangelist.

Wonderful Singing.

The singing of the choir and the congregation under the leadership of Charles M. Alexander was one of the most impressive features of the services and much wonder was expressed that such a large concourse of people could, with so little preliminary training, sing the new songs as well as the old hymns in perfect time and harmony. As a musical conductor Mr. Alexander has won the confidence and admiration of the choir and the audience at the beginning of the five weeks' revival.

Good Work By Users.

G. F. Stradley, chairman of the usher committee, and his 35 ushers handled the large crowds at both services yesterday in a way that brought forth much favorable comment.

Yesterday Afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon the evangelist took as his text Psalm 45-5: "All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad."

GM. HAWKINS IS ACCUSED OF FRAUD

Following rapidly on the arrest of Ernest Sumner at Winston-Salem on Friday evening for alleged complicity in the whiskey frauds at Fort Smith, Ark., against the United States government, the arrest of C. M. Hawkins at Marion on similar charges was made Saturday night by Deputy Marshal M. D. Justice of the United States marshal's office at Asheville.

A warrant and a copy of the bill of indictment against Hawkins was received by Marshal Webb from United States Attorney W. C. Hammer on Saturday and Deputy Marshal Justice went to Marion on the afternoon train. It is understood that the papers in the case against the two North Carolina men were submitted to Judge James E. Boyd and that he has signed an order for the removal of the defendants to the jurisdiction of the federal court for the Fort Smith district. Mr. Justice and a guard are expected to leave for Fort Smith with Sumner and Hawkins on train No. 11 this afternoon.

Farmer and Son Blown To Pieces In Explosion

High Point, Oct. 18.—W. L. Kivitt, aged 49 years, a farmer, and his son, Burns Kivitt, aged ten years, were literally blown to pieces near their home a few miles east of this place by a dynamite explosion.

Kivitt, his son and a negro farmhand, went to the fields to blast stumps. The negro stated that he went into the woods a short distance away and while there heard the explosion.

The French troops in Macedonia have received their baptism fire near the railway bridge at Hudovo Vlandovo, where they were attacked by 40,000 Bulgarian soldiers. The fighting continues.

The Bulgarian government has officially announced that mines have been laid along the coast of the Black and Aegean seas. Lights have been extinguished and the port of Dedeagatch has been closed, except to neutral merchantmen.

would lose more men than the allies, which would balance the numbers of the allies and the central powers, but if Great Britain should raise 3,000,000 additional, Germany probably would recognize that it would be fruitless to continue.

Great Britain, he added, did not want compulsion, but unless 3,000,000 men were recruited by the spring, the military authorities could not be responsible for the war.

CHANGES IN CABINET OF ENGLAND LIKELY

London, Oct. 18.—Reynolds' Weekly paper, the organ of Sir Henry James Dalziel, one of the most persistent critics of the government in the house of commons, says: