

BULGARIAN ADVANCE IN MACEDONIA SLOWING UP

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SERBS YIELDING LITTLE GROUND NEAR VRANYA

In West There Is Evidence That Allies Are Again Preparing For Offensive—Italians Hammer Austrians.

London, Oct. 26.—The race for the road to Constantinople has reached an exciting stage. The Bulgarians are within a few miles of forming a junction with the Austro-German forces, while the French in small force have joined the Serbians.

The French troops are not yet sufficient in number to assume an actual offensive in Macedonia, but the rapidity of the Bulgarian advance in that region has already diminished. Along the old Bulgarian frontier from a point northeast of Vranja to the Roumanian border the Serbians are yielding little ground. The actual junction between the Bulgarians and their allies should soon show whether the Serbians will be able to hold their mountain positions until the entente powers can bring up stronger forces.

The Italians are still hammering away at the Austrian front which is shaken but not broken. It is expected in London that the Italian offensive will prevent the Austrians from sending reinforcements to the Balkans.

The Russians are stubbornly defending Riga and Dvinsk and are continuing their offensive in Galicia, keeping their opponents engaged busily along the whole eastern front.

In the west there is evidence that the allies are again preparing for an offensive which may prevent the Germans from diverting any forces from that front.

Berlin, Oct. 26.—The German advances on all fronts are reported in today's official statement. German positions over a front of 250 meters in the Champagne district which the French captured Sunday, have been retaken.

Paris, Oct. 26.—The fighting has continued in the Champagne district at La Courtine with limited fluctuations, according to an announcement by the French war office. The stubborn French resistance and the offensive action of the French troops have checked the counter attacks of the Germans.

Berlin, Oct. 25.—Heavy fighting is still in progress for possession of the Baltic port of Riga. The official report given out today by the German army headquarters makes no mention of further progress for the Germans and indicates that the Russians are now on the offensive on one part of Riga front.

Washington, Oct. 26.—James L. Curtis of New York, a negro, was today appointed minister and consul general to Liberia. He succeeds George F. Burkner of Evansville, Ind., who resigned.

Stories Of Execution In Brussels Give Denial

Berlin, Oct. 25.—Germany's enemies appear to be anxious to counteract the indignation aroused by the fact that German sailors on a sinking submarine who had surrendered and with hands raised were shot down one after another, says the Overseas News agency, "for this purpose they are giving the widest publicity to invented stories about sentences by court martial against conspirators in Brussels. The fact is that the conspirators knew what they were doing and what might be expected under the law. The conspiracy was carried on during a period covering nine months and countless soldiers were helped to join the armies of the countries now fighting against Germany. The German judges faced the alternative of giving away to their natural feelings of pity and endangering their country by encouraging similar movements of applying the law. All the stories concerning the details of one of the executions at Brussels are pure invention. The court martial proceeded in a most careful manner and cleared up everything. The execution was a sad necessity but it was carried out as prescribed by law and without incident."

Another Greek Cabinet Crisis Narrowly Averted

Athens, Oct. 25.—Another cabinet crisis has been narrowly averted. During a debate in the chamber of deputies a difference of opinion developed between Stephen Dragoumis, minister of finance, and former Premier Venizelos, leader of the majority party. The debate was on the subject of Turkish property in Macedonia which was confiscated after the Balkan war. Heated remarks were exchanged and there were constant interruptions from the government side. M. Venizelos lately reminded the government that the control of the chamber of deputies depended entirely on the vote of his party. The chamber was thrown into confusion and the sitting was suspended. The cabinet assembled hastily and as the result of its consultation M. Dragoumis made a conciliatory explanation which brought about a settlement.

FOURTEEN DIE IN PITTSBURGH FIRE

Employees Lose Lives When Flames Trap Them in Paper Box Factory.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 26.—Fourteen persons were killed and eight injured by a fire in a four-story building, the two upper floors of which were occupied by the Union Paper Box company, here yesterday.

Of the dead all were young women employed by the company except one. Many of the bodies were so badly burned as to make identification difficult. Mayor Joseph G. Armstrong at once ordered that the police, city council and the coroner make thorough investigation of the fire.

The flames started in a pile of straw in the rear of the first floor of the building. William C. Kimbel, general manager of the box factory at once warned the girls employed on the third and fourth floors to leave. The flames gained headway so rapidly, however, that escape by stairways and fire escapes was soon cut off. Some of the girls attempted to go to the dressing room for their hats and there firemen found a majority of the bodies.

Joseph L. Bash, aged twenty-four, and A. J. Seagle, employed on the second floor of the building, were about to jump when they were attracted by the screams of girls in the windows above. The men told the girls to jump. One by one as the girls leaped, Bash and Seagle caught them, lowered them as far as they could and then let them drop to the sidewalk.

MORE RECORDS OF NEW HAVEN TO BE SUBMITTED

Some Records Touch on Suit Resulting in Receiver For N. Y. & N. E. Railroad.

New York, Oct. 26.—With Charles S. Mellen on the witness stand today in the trial of the New York, New Haven and Hartford directors, counsel for the government prepared to submit to the federal court more letters and records from the files of the New Haven, to show the various steps taken in consolidating the system.

Frank M. Swacker, special prosecutor, was expected to continue today the questioning of Mellen about the moves made by the New Haven to crush the New York and New England railroad, which was regarded as its bitter rival.

When the hearing adjourned yesterday the inquiry had covered the demands by the New Haven for the prepayment of freight charges by the New York and New England and the abandonment of the Poughkeepsie bridge route by certain railroads in shipping goods to New England.

Some of the letters produced touched on the Goldsmith suit as the result of which the New England road was placed in receivership and absorbed by the New Haven.

THREAT OF NEW BRITISH PARTY

Lord Post Calls on Asquith For Reforms on Threat of Formation of Another Opposition Party.

DEMAND MADE FOR A SMALLER CABINET

Intimates That Asquith Is Not Showing Energy and Determination He Is Capable of Showing.

London, Oct. 26.—An editorial in the London Post today threatens the government with the formation of a new opposition party. The editorial comments on the delay in "jettisoning" the declaration of London which provided that the character of vessels should be determined by the flag they were entitled to fly and on the government's failure to adopt the suggestion for a smaller and less unwieldy cabinet so as to get away from the alleged tendency toward conservatism.

The editorial goes on to say: "Yet we seem to remember a time when Mr. Asquith showed energy, fire and determination—which drove the peers out of their entrenchments. If he would show again Germany something of his old energy and skill and resources, his government would be held in more respect and his cause would be more prosperous. What a reputation he might reap if his country was more dear to him than his ease!"

The paper continues that if the path is too rough, let affairs be given into the hands of others and says that the reduction of the cabinet for instance is a necessary reform without which there is no hope of a satisfactory handling of the war. "If this is not done," says the editorial, "there are those who will place the truth before parliament and before the country and have created a national party which will oppose the government and fight even in the midst of war to get reforms necessary if the country is to win."

FATHER OF ASHEVILLE WOMAN IS MURDERED

Mrs. J. M. Trentham's Father, William R. Hamilton, Found Dead in Richmond Recently.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Richmond, Oct. 26.—The police received a letter today from Richard Hamilton of Etowah, N. C., seeking details relative to the murder of his brother, William R. Hamilton, sign painter, age 53, whose body, with head crushed and throat slashed, was found in a field on the outskirts of the city last Wednesday.

The same mail brought also a letter from Miss Ella Hamilton, of Blantyre, N. C., the murdered man's sister, asking for details of the crime and expressing the hope that he died in the faith and was prepared to meet his Maker.

The police are now working on the theory that Hamilton was slain by a jealous assassin, who removed a roll of money from his pocket merely to cover up the real motive.

Though deeply religious, Hamilton was addicted to drink at times. In one of his pockets was found a half filled flask of "North State" corn whiskey. He has an aged father residing at Penrose, N. C., and a daughter, Mrs. J. M. Trentham, of Asheville.

BROWN AND McDONALD RELEASED ON BONDS

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 26.—E. R. McDonald and H. J. Brown charged with assault and battery with intent to kill, as the result of the shooting which took place in the rooms of the city democratic executive committee on October 15 in which one man was killed and several wounded have been released under bonds of \$1,200 each. The charges grew out of the wounding of H. A. Turner and W. E. Wingate. Previously the men had given \$500 bonds each on charges resulting from the wounding of Jeremiah O'Brien and H. L. Wilensky.

Lima Congress Adjourns.

Lima, Peru, Oct. 26.—Congress adjourned last night. An extra session was called today for tomorrow.

Colorado Sailing From Charleston With Cotton Deserted off Cape Romain.

Charleston, Oct. 25.—The malleory liner Colorado, which sailed from here last night with a cargo of cotton for New York, caught fire and was abandoned, according to a wireless message from the steamer Svanice, which reported that the burning vessel was sighted off Cape Romain, 30 miles north of here. Another report said that a Merchant & Miners ship had rescued the crew. The Colorado carried no passengers.

GERMANS HELD WITHOUT BAIL

Robert Fay and Walter Scholz Arrested For Conspiracy While Testing a High Explosive Machine.

FAY ADMITTED BEING GERMAN LIEUTENANT

Machine Would Disable Ships—Said to Be Designed to Delay Munitions Shipments to Allies.

New York, Oct. 26.—Robert Fay, a lieutenant in the German army, Walter L. Scholz and Paul Daech, were arraigned this morning in a Weehawken, N. J., police court on charges in connection with an alleged plot to blow up steamships which have New York with munitions for the allies. The three men were discharged but were immediately arrested by federal agents on the charge of conspiracy sworn to by Chief Flynn of the federal secret service.

Fay and Scholz were brought to New York by federal officials to be arraigned later before United States Commissioner Houghton on complaint of Chief Flynn. The complaint charges that the three men in conjunction with Dr. Herbert Kienle, held in \$25,000 bond, yesterday and Max Britz, still at liberty, conspired to commit an offense against the United States. After failure to locate Britz either at his home or at his office, police today sent out a general alarm for him.

Daech agreed to go to New York with the federal officers, but when he was advised by counsel that he had a right to be arraigned before the nearest United States commissioner, he claimed that privilege, saying that he had nothing in common with the other two and did not care to go to New York without being arraigned. He was then turned over to an assistant of Chief Flynn.

Chief Flynn said he was in possession of information which showed that Fay told a man named Veig that the proper way to stop the shipments of munitions of war to the allies was to blow up chemicals works where repairs could not be quickly made.

Fay also ridiculed some of the bombs found on various ships, declaring they were no good and made by amateurs. "Joke bombs" he called them. He said they would do no effective damage. According to Chief Flynn Fay asserted that he had left Holland for America on the Rotterdam he carried a letter from a very high official but that on the first day out he destroyed it, fearing that he would be searched and the letter found.

New York, Oct. 26.—Robert Fay, who is said to be a lieutenant in the German army, and his brother-in-law, Walter L. Scholz, arrested Sunday while testing explosives near Grantwood, N. J., were arraigned before a justice of peace at Weehawken yesterday on a charge of conspiracy and were held without bail for examination today.

Fay admitted that he came here last April, through an arrangement with the German secret service, for the purpose of blowing up or delaying steamers carrying arms and ammunition from this country for the allies. Fay declared, however, that while here he had acted independently of the German embassy or other German agents here. He added that he had told Captain von Papen, military attaché, and Captain K. Boy-Ed, naval attaché of the German embassy, of his plans, but said that both told him not to interfere with steamers sailing from American ports or American ammunition plants.

Paul Daech, of Jersey City, was arrested at his home yesterday and also was arraigned with Fay and Scholz. He was charged with conspiracy and held without bail. Detectives said, however, that Daech had given valuable information, and they expected him to be an important witness in the case.

Fay later gave out a statement to the newspapers, which said: "My only object when I came to this country was to interfere with the enormous shipments of artillery ammunition to the allies. Being a manufacturer myself and knowing that any ordinary damage that may be done to a factory may be repaired within a few hours, I decided it was useless to bother with ammunition plants. Therefore, the intimations that I have been connected with various explosions or accidents in such plants in the United States is entirely wrong."

"I was serving with my regiment in the Champagne district and saw the terrible havoc and loss caused by the French artillery fire. Several French batteries were annoying us. We made a night attack and dynamited the guns, but to our great dismay found next day that the dynamited guns had been replaced.

"During my spare time I had invented a device to explode mines by

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HILL TO WRITE WAR HISTORY

Reported That A. & M. Professor Will Chronicle Part North Carolina Played in War of the States.

\$25,000 TO BE RAISED FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Suits of Various N. C. Flour Mills Against Commissioner of Agriculture Involving Tax Postponed.

(By W. T. Bost).

Raleigh, Oct. 26.—Dr. D. H. Hill, president of the A. and M. college, will write the history of North Carolina during the years of war between 1861 and 1865 according to rumor which is as dependable as categorical declaration.

For very good reasons little has been said about it because the work would require a leave of absence from his duties at the college and a successor temporarily would be necessary. Dr. Hill has not yet said anything to justify the story but it just got out and has been talked since Friday.

The writing will be worth \$25,000 out of course not all of it goes to the writer. This appropriation covers the expense of all clerical hire and would blanket all expense of inquiring into all the records over the country. One man has offered \$5,000 to head the canvass for funds which are to be raised by popular subscription. The gentleman who did this put the taboo upon his name and left the country. Everybody in North Carolina knows who would do just such a thing as this and will put it on him without a question.

Dr. Hill is said to be the unanimous choice of the people for this work. He is a fine writer and a finer spirit. No detail will be spared and no statement will be open to question. The archives of all the states whose soldiers faced North Carolina will be consulted. It will take every day of three years to do the work.

Colonel Bryan Grimes introduced the resolution and immediately a sentiment began brewing for him. He is likewise a historian. The proposed work will cover the four years of war solely. But Colonel Grimes next year expects to write a history of his four terms as secretary of state and this will keep him fairly busy. The sentiment for Grimes as historian was strong among the supporters of Hartness for secretary of state.

The suits by various flour mills against the North Carolina commissioner of agriculture which were to have been taken up yesterday in the Superior court of Wake, have been continued without date for the return of Attorney General T. W. Bickett.

The mills are bringing action by injunction to restrain the state from the collection of the tax of \$25 imposed upon the mills which use artificial bleaching process. The mills resist this on constitutional grounds and further upon the ground of discrimination. About thirty mills in the state are interested in the fight. They must pay the \$25 tax upon each brand of flour which uses the concoction and must say on their sacks that the flour is artificially bleached. They do not like that and do not see why they should give their own goods the knock as they regard it.

The collection of the tax would bring to the state department more than \$4,000, as it is estimated now and there is no disposition to allow the arrest of the measure which many millers urged the state to adopt.

The will of William Kearney Carr, who died early in October at his home in Washington, was known at that time to have carried a stipulation as to his laboratory and the day following his death these columns carried the story that he would give this splendid equipment to the A. and M. college.

The munificence of the gift was not then known. It had been estimated at \$25,000 but Raleigh people today declare that it is easily worth \$100,000 and is the best of its kind south of Johns Hopkins. Mr. Carr was a brother of Elias Carr, of Raleigh, and the oldest son of former Governor Elias Carr of Edgecombe whose administration was embraced between the years 1892 and 1897. Governor Carr was a great friend of the A. and M. college which had its beginning a very short while prior to his election.

Edmund Jones, one of the candidates for attorney general, has returned to his home in Lenoir county after spending several days in the city and visiting the fair.

Mr. Jones came in and went out so noiselessly that no interviewers bothered him. He and Gus Self will divide their territory which is mighty close in and Judge Frank Carter is the other western candidate while H. O. Everett of Durham and T. H. Calvert of Raleigh more strictly represent the east. And east is east and west is west next year, they say.

FIRST CONVERTS MADE AT LAST NIGHT'S SERVICE

Hundreds Ask For Prayer; More Than 50 Converted After Sermon at the Evening Service.

POWERFUL SERMON ON 'THE UNPARDONABLE SIN'

Subjects of Sermons Today, "The Secret of Power" and "The Agony of Christ."

At the close of an impressive sermon last night by Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman on "The Unpardonable Sin," hundreds of the immense audience at the tabernacle asked for prayers and more than 50 were converted, making public professions of their determination to lead new lives. Many personal workers left their seats to go into the congregation to ask friends, relatives and neighbors to give their lives to Christ and large numbers responded by going forward in token of their desire not to resist the influence of the Spirit that was being poured out in the last night's meeting.

The solos by Albert Brown were in themselves powerful appeals to the unconverted, the songs having a marked effect on the great congregation. It was one of the most impressive services yet held.

Large Delegations. Large delegations were present composed of men belonging to the various Methodist bodies in the city, the Mothers' club of the West End Welfare society and employees of Biltmore estate. Reservations will be made this evening for the giving of the Baptist and Christian churches and students from Weaver college.

A report from the finance committee, John A. Nichols, chairman, was announced last night to the effect that the expenses of the campaign will amount to practically \$3,000, \$1,000 of which has been collected. Rev. Dr. Chapman stated that in all his experience he had not found a more thorough and effective organization for an evangelistic campaign. The minister also declared that the newspapers of the city are giving admirable accounts of the services and again urged the people to send the papers to their friends.

This afternoon Rev. Dr. Chapman's subject is the "Secret of Power," or "Filled With the Spirit." Tonight he will preach on "The Agony of Christ."

Last night Dr. Chapman spoke in part as follows from the text "There is a sin unto death."—First John, 5:16.

In beginning he said: "There are some texts of Scripture which are so remarkable in their statements that we could not, if we desired to do so by any possible chance forget them. They cling to us with a tenacity that is indescribable. But God is always fair and just. In front of every pitfall He has raised a barrier and before every danger that lurks in our pathway He has raised a danger signal. God in all His word, by means of prophecy in the Old Testament and fulfillment in the New, is flashing out the clear, white light, the way of escape and Jesus is saying to us, 'I am the light of the world. He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness. He is also saying, 'I am the way, the truth and the light.' Hebrews 4:1, 5 and 6, and Hebrews 10:26-27 should be borne in mind."

"Such Scriptures as these are sharp (Continued on Page Five).

SUCCESSFUL TRIAL TRIP BY DREADNAUGHT NEVADA

New York, Oct. 26.—The dreadnaught Nevada, recently built at Quincy, Mass., arrived here yesterday, having successfully completed her builders' trial and trip from Boston. The new dreadnaught will be turned up at the New York navy yard for her official trial at sea on which she will have to develop a speed of 20.5 knots an hour.

DR. KOO WILL BE NEW CHINESE MINISTER HERE

Peking, Oct. 26.—President Yuan Shi Kai has announced the appointment of Dr. Wellington Koo, minister to Mexico, Peru and Cuba, to be Chinese minister to the United States, as the successor to Kai Fu Shih, who has been recalled to Peking.