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British, French and Serbian Armies Win Additional Successes In Northern Macedonia—Bulgarians Retreat for Twelve Miles.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Smashing the German line on a front of six miles north of the Somme in France the British forces have made probably the most notable advance since the Anglo-French offensive began July 1.

Three towns, two woods and the possession of nearly all the high ground between Combles and the Pozieres-Bapaume road fell to the British. Not only did the Germans lose these points but the British drive imperils the Combles and Thiepval positions, at either end of the British front.

Two Miles Advance.

The advance on the northern end of the front was for a distance of two miles. Courcellette, east of Thiepval and north of the Pozieres-Bapaume road, and Martinpuich, south of the road, fell into the hands of General Haig's men.

The Germans under Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, fought stubbornly to hold their ground, and the fighting was severe all along the line.

Aiding the British in the encirclement of Combles, the French have taken additional trenches north of LePriez farm. South of the river three German trenches near Berny-En-Santerre were taken by the French who also captured 20 prisoners.

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So Declares Lloyd-George, Charging Germans With Doubt in U. S.

CHALLENGE DENIAL

LONDON, Sept. 15.—David Lloyd-George, British secretary for war, today gave the Associated Press the following statement: "There appears to be a deliberate campaign, set on foot in the United States by German agents, to throw doubt on the good faith of his majesty's government in regard to the use of information obtained through the censorship."

SECRETARY DANIELS AND ADMIRAL BENSON POINT OUT NEED OF WATERWAYS

Would Be of Inestimable Value in Case of War, They Declare.

PROMISE THEIR AID

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 15.—The imperative need of a great system of inland waterways and coastal canals, which in addition to providing commercial advantages, would be of inestimable military value in time of war, was pointed out by Secretary Daniels of the navy department and Admiral Benson, chief of naval operations in addresses before the members of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways association at the Philadelphia navy yard today.

GREECE IS READY TO JOIN ALLIES IF TO HER ADVANTAGE

So Declares King Constantine in Delayed Interview to Associated Press.

ONLY HIS COUNTRY COUNTS WITH KING

Ridiculous Idea That Any Other Influence Should Dictate to Him.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—On September 1 the staff correspondent of the Associated Press obtained an interview with King Constantine of Greece that follows. It is impossible to say which of the censorships through which it passed held the dispatch at the time. Various reports concerning the attitude of Greece and King Constantine were afloat in the first days of the present month, but even London received no official dispatches for several days.

KING IS FRANK

TATOL, Greece, Sept. 1.—(Via Paris, Sept. 15.)—King Constantine received the correspondent of the Associated Press in his summer palace here just previous to a visit from the British minister at Athens. The king spoke of the present situation with the utmost frankness, although refusing to be directly quoted. He said that Greece is ready to join the entente allies whenever she could see her certain and definite advantage in so doing.

King Constantine referred with (Continued on Page Two.)

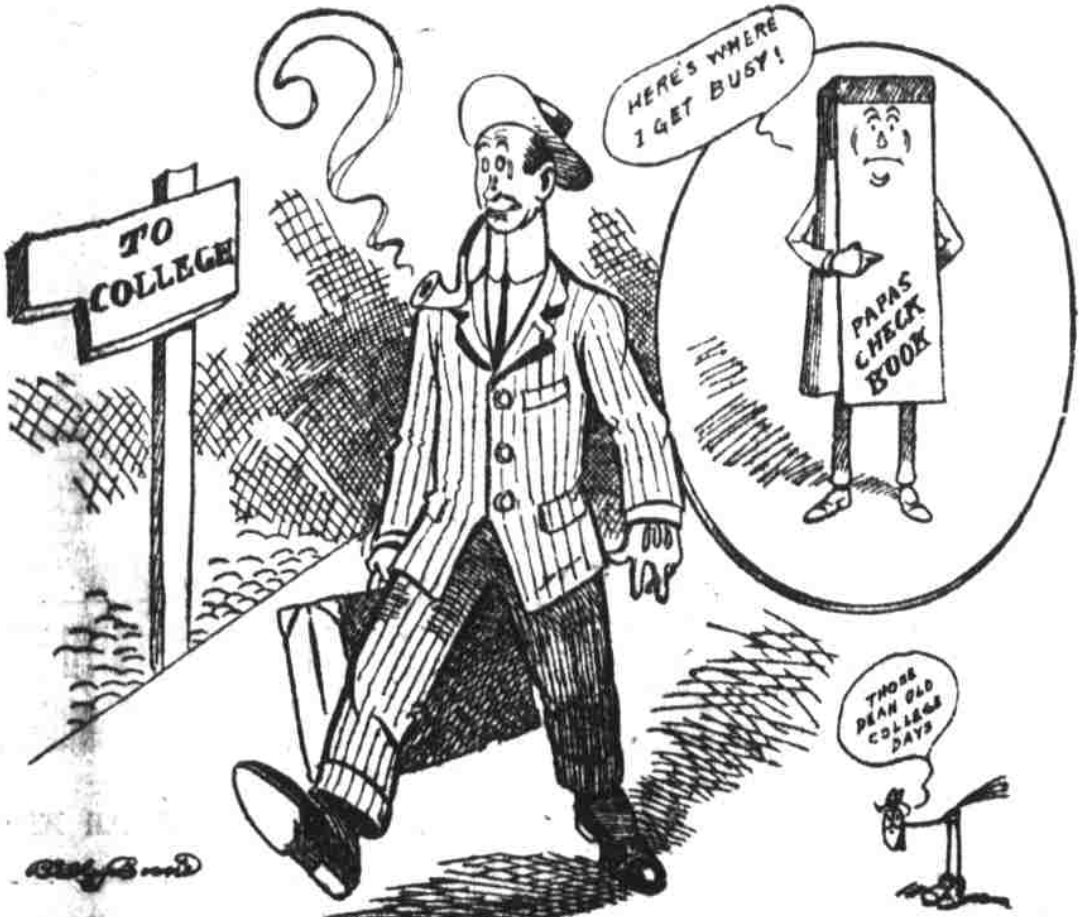
PRESIDENT'S PLANS ARE FURTHER DISTURBED BY HIS SISTER'S ILLNESS

Appears Probable President Will Cancel Engagement at St. Louis.

SEES NO CALLERS

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Sept. 15.—President Wilson's campaign plans were further disturbed today by the receipt of word from New London, Conn., that his sister, Mrs. Anne E. Howe, who is critically ill there, spent a restless night last night. It appeared probable that Mr. Wilson would cancel an engagement to go to St. Louis immediately. Later in the afternoon, however, word was received that she was slightly better and Mr. Wilson postponed the trip. He is holding himself in readiness to go to New London at any time.

He's On His Way



ORDERS REGULATING BRITISH SHIPMENTS INTO NEUTRAL COUNTRIES EXTENDED TO INCLUDE SHIPMENTS FROM THIS COUNTRY

Britain Will Refuse to Allow Netherlands Overseas Agency to Accept Shipments From United States—Agreement Between France and England Regarding Shipment of Certain Articles Also Interests the United States.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—(Thursday, delayed.)—The plan of rationing the neutral countries of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland, under which no further licenses will be granted for the present to British exporters, has been extended to apply to the United States by the expedient of refusing to allow the Netherlands overseas trust to accept further American consignments and by declining to grant letters of assurance for American shipments destined for these countries.

Will Be Stopped.

In consequence American shipments for Holland will be stopped absolutely while the regular transportation companies trading between the United States and Scandinavia will not take cargoes without assurances of their innocent destination by the authorities.

Another blockade measure which probably will interest Washington is the recent arrangement under which bureaus were set up in England and France for granting licenses for exchange of goods which figure on the list of prohibited imports.

LORD CECIL EXPLAINS.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade, today explained the recent orders of the British government refusing to allow Holland to accept further consignments of American goods and refusing letters of assurance that American shipments would reach Scandinavia.

Great Britain has forbidden the export of various articles to European neutrals on the ground that they have already received in the first seven months of this year more than an ordinary year's supply.

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CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mex., Sept. 15.—The cordon of the constitutionalist forces thrown around Villa and his band at last came into contact with rebels along the section held by General Cavazos, according to reports received today by General Trevino.

While Cavazos is engaging the Villa followers on the Rancho de Las Varas, east of Namiquipa, in the direction of Varas and Colonel Zuzua are moving to co-operate and are expected on the scene at any time.

FORD AIDS CHILDREN.

WELLESLEY, Mass., Sept. 15.—An announcement that an unlimited fund has been set aside by the Ford Motor company of Detroit, to be devoted to the treatment of crippled children throughout the country who are in need of orthopedic or surgical care and have not the means to pay for it was made today by the Rev. Samuel S. Marquis, head of the Ford educational department.

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Inopportune Time.

In some quarters it was suggested that the present was a particularly inopportune time for promulgating such a decree, with Secretary Lansing studying intricacies of the new legislation, which the executive branch of the government is empowered to take drastic retaliatory measures against nations interfering with American trade.

While American exports to Holland already have been greatly curtailed

by a series of British orders, a considerable trade, especially in foodstuffs, still is done with that country. Wheat, flour, corn, basic oils and tobacco are among the most important articles being sent there.

In addition to the new order state department officials are investigating an arrangement effected by Great Britain and France for establishment of bureaus to effect an exchange of merchandise on the list of prohibited imports.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Nineteen powder workers were burned, at least six of them seriously by the explosion of several thousand pounds of smokeless powder at the plant of the DuPont Powder company at Carney's Point, N. J., tonight.

The explosion originated in a blending tower and while the company has not established the cause, the opinion is advanced that a piece of metal may have found its way into the powder which was being worked through the tower.

CLOTHING SHIPPED.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—The American Red Cross announced tonight that it had sent during the week to the Russian Red Cross fifty-five tons of clothing for Armenian and Lithuanian refugees in Russia.

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EIGHTY THOUSAND WORKERS TO JOIN NEW YORK STRIKE

This is Announcement at Close of Union Meeting Late Last Night

COMMISSION FIN. AGAINST STR.

Says There is No Evidence of Intention to Violate Aug. 7 Agreement.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Eighty thousand workers in crafts closely affiliated with the operations of New York's traction lines are expected to go on strike by Monday, it was announced at the close of a meeting of the Central Federated union here late tonight.

The trades in which the referendum has been in progress, it is said, include longshoremen, teamsters, powerhouse employees, stationary engineers, firemen and machinists.

Several persons were injured, none of them seriously, in two trolley accidents tonight. The most serious was a rear-end collision between two trolleys on the Third avenue elevated line near the Fifty-ninth street station.

Two trolley cars were in collision in the Bronx and four persons, one a patrolman on strike duty, were injured. It is said the cars were being operated by strikebreakers.

Although surface car service was much improved over previous days, subway and elevated trains were more crowded today than at any time since the strike was called.

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CONFERENCE SUGGESTS MEXICAN CONSTABULARY FOR DUTY ALONG BORDER

Would Be in Better Position to Pursue Bandits Than Regular Soldiers.

GEN. BLISS HEARD

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 15.—A suggestion that the Mexican government border create a constabulary for duty along the border similar to the rurales of the Dominican Republic was today during a brief session of the American-Mexican joint commission concluding the second week of its deliberations. Apparently the plan for a joint police force previously discussed was abandoned as impracticable and the commissioners had conferred with Major General Tasker H. Bliss, assistant chief of staff of the United States army.

General Bliss it was learned made to the joint commission today a dispassionate statement of the situation he believed would follow General Pershing's withdrawal from Mexico before a properly constituted constabulary is created to relieve his troops.

There is no reason to believe the American commissioners have sought to improve their Mexican conferees with the view that Mexico must recognize a responsibility for the depredations her nationals may commit on the border if good relations are to be unimpaired.

The theory is that a force of carefully selected mounted police could be disposed in small posts in the hill country. The chase would become an individual pursuit rather than a military movement which becomes ineffective if the bandits scatter and mingle with peaceful residents.

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