

RUSSIANS PRESSING TOWARD LEMBERG, ENCIRCLE HALICZ

RUSSIANS ENCIRCLE TOWN OF HALICZ LYING SIXTY MILES SOUTH OF LEMBERG

Teuton Escape By Crossing the Halicz-Lemberg Railway is Threatened by the Advancing Muscovites.—Berlin Admits That "After Violent Storming Attacks the Russians Finally Pushed Back the Center of Our Front."—Report Advance in the Carpathians.

(By International News Service)

London, Sept. 6.—Halicz, the southern "gate" to Lemberg, is expected to fall to the Russians shortly as a result of a new advance scored by the Muscovites during the last twenty-four hours by driving the Austro-German forces from the lower Gorodents, capturing a fortified position and pursuing the defenders to the northwest. The encirclement of Halicz which lies sixty miles south of Lemberg, is thus nearly complete, the town being encircled from three sides with the Russians threatening to cut off the Teuton escape by crossing the Halicz-Lemberg Railway.

Berlin officially admits that the Russians "after violent storming attacks finally pressed back the center of our front" between Lipsa and Dnoister, east of Halicz.

The Russian war office reports further advance in the southern Carpathians. The German official statement concedes "a small Russian advance" in that theatre of war.

Football Practice At University Va.

Charlottesville, Va., Sept. 6.—Football practice was begun today at the University of Virginia, a dozen promising looking candidates reporting to Coach Evans at the first call. The list included but three members of the team which last year defeated Yale and successfully defended its goal against Harvard.

Hearings on Railroad Problem November 20

(By International News Service.) Washington, Sept. 6.—The joint Congressional committee appointed to investigate the general railroad problem today decided to begin hearings November 20, after the election is over.

Americans on Board Torpedoed Boat Safe

Washington, Sept. 6.—Consul Hurst at Barcelona, Spain, late today cabled the State Department that two men "presumably Americans" were on board the Italian sailing vessel Stelula Del Mare, sunk "presumably by a submarine" off Valencian Islands, August 28. They were uninjured.

'Slackers' Living Hard in England

London, Sept. 6.—The authorities are raiding prize fights, moving picture theatres and railways in an attempt to round up all "slackers."

CONSPIRACY TO BLOW UP U. S. CRUISER DES MOINES UNCOVERED

(International News Service.)

Paris, Sept. 6.—Threats to blow up the U. S. cruiser Des Moines now at Barcelona, Spain has led to a number of arrests. When informed of the conspiracy the governor of Catalonia, who was absent, returned to Barcelona post haste.

The Barcelona correspondent of the Journal says that Germans are implicated.

REPULSE RUSSIANS IS GERMAN REPORT

Germans Claim to Have Carried Seven Strong Armored Works on Danube.

(By International News Service.)

London, Sept. 6.—Germans and Bulgarians are in collision with Russians and Roumanians along the whole of the Dobruja front, according to reports reaching here today.

The Germans officially claim to have carried seven of the strong armored works at Putrakon, on the Danube, in southeastern Roumania, the advance defenses of which they captured yesterday. This river position, only 37 miles southeast of Bucharest, is the first German objective.

Further toward the sea the Germans report Bulgarian forces succeeded in driving back combined Roumanian and Russian detachments north of Bodric, the capture of which by the Bulgarians already has been announced.

Contest Berlin Claim.

An official report from the war office at Bucharest contests the Berlin claim of successes in the invasion of Roumania. All the frontier points east of the Danube are being firmly held, it is asserted.

No official confirmation is yet at hand of the reported capture by the Roumanians of Orsova, the Hungarian hill city at the iron gates of the Danube. On their northern and north-eastern fronts the Roumanians report heavy fighting.

An Austrian retirement along the Moldava river, in southeastern Bukovina, before the Russian and Roumanians is reported from Geneva. A Zurich dispatch says the Roumanians occupied 7,000 square miles of Hungarian territory in the first week of their offensive.

Greece Decides on Future Action

AMERICAN-MEXICAN COMMISSIONERS IN FIRST CONFERENCE

Decide Question Financing the De Facto Government Will Be Taken Up Last.

PROTECTION OF BORDER

From Bandit Raids, Questions Effecting the Boundary and Withdrawal of American Troops First to be Considered.

(By International News Service.)

New London, Conn., Sept. 6.—After the formal examination of credentials the American and Mexican Commissioners meeting here today reached the beginning of the series of discussions designed to establish a new understanding between the nations.

In accordance with the tentative program it was decided that questions affecting the boundary, the withdrawal of American troops and an agreement for adequate protection of the border from bandit raids would be taken up and disposed of before any other angle of the problem is considered.

The Mexican Commissioners as well as the American representatives are eager to let the question of financing the Mexican de facto government wait until every other question has been acted upon and the action of the commission referred to their governments for ratification. It was pointed out that this is because bankers desire to have the entire situation settled and made known to them before they consider attempting to sell a large Mexican loan here or abroad.

BRITISH REPORT A NUMBER SUCCESSSES

Berlin Admits Loss of Clergy Village, Three and a Half Miles of Personne.

(By International News Service.)

London, Sept. 6.—In an all day battle in which, according to an estimate of the Kaiser's war office not less than 500,000 allied troops were engaged, the Franco-British forces on the Somme today kept hammering away against the German lines, the British with Dinchy as their immediate goal, the French gaining at crushing in the Barleux-Chaulnes arm of the now famous salient.

The French again scored a series of highly important successes. The result of the British efforts was relative. They hold all of their new ground gained since the "big push" was resumed on Sunday.

General Foch's troops hammered

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GERMAN SUBMARINE WARFARE PLEDGES PROBABLY BROKEN

Twenty Americans Aboard the "Torpedoed or Mined" Steamer Kelvinia.

AMERICANS WERE SAVED

State Department Instructs Consul McCunn to Make Investigation Immediately to See if Pledges Violated.

(By International News Service.)

Washington, Sept. 6.—A possible violation of Germany's submarine warfare pledges to this government was revealed this afternoon when Consul McCunn at Glasgow, Scotland, cabled the State Department that twenty-eight Americans were on board the British steamer Kelvinia, which was "torpedoed or mined" and sunk near Glasgow on September 2.

The Americans were saved. Consul McCunn was immediately instructed by the Department to make a full investigation to determine whether there was any violation of the pledges in the event that the ship was sunk by a submarine.

South Carolina Tax Commission in Meet

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 6.—The State tax commission met in Columbia today to complete the work of assessing property in South Carolina. The State board of review for the commission will be called to meet at an early date to hear all appeal cases.

LARGE NUMBER AT CITIZENS MEETING

Committee Appointed to Compile Facts Relative to Advantages by This City.

The many advantages greatly needed by an industrial plant were enumerated by about seventy-five leading citizens at the Chamber of Commerce hall last night. The purpose is to secure all the facts relative to the geographical and other conditions in the immediate country so they may be properly presented to the General Consulting Board of the Navy.

Fifteen million dollars has been appropriated by the government for the establishment of an armor plate plant and a projectile plant. The government wants a suitable place, where labor can be secured, where geographical conditions are normal and where transportation facilities are excellent. Fayetteville offers such.

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STRIKE CALLED ON ALL SUBWAY AND ELEVATED LINES IN MANHATTAN

(International News Service.) New York, Sept. 6.—Following a mass meeting of electric railway employees tonight a strike was voted on all the subway and elevated lines of the Interboro Rapid Transit Company to into effect immediately.

Scouts were sent from the meeting to notify employees on the subway and elevated line that a strike had been called.

SINCLAIR PLEASURES SURRY DEMOCRATS

Report Mr. Sinclair Held the Convention Spellbound for Over an Hour.

The following news dispatch appeared in the Winston-Salem Journal Tuesday:

Surry county Democrats met at Dobson today and nominated one of the strongest tickets ever put out in this county. Mr. N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville addressed the convention in one of the strongest speeches ever made in Surry county. He held the convention spellbound for one hour and certainly did make a hit.

There was a large crowd of Democrats present and they all seemed to be enthused; in fact, the best convention ever held in Surry.

A resolution was passed asking that the officers in the county be put on a salary, instead of fees, like it is.

Getting Tents Ready For An Encampment

Salisbury, Sept. 6.—Quartermaster Garren, of Hendersonville has arrived in the city to superintend the erection of the many tents and look after other preliminary work for the Woodmen of the World who convene next Monday for a week's encampment.

Wilson May Decide To Take the Stamp

New York, Sept. 6.—President Wilson may be compelled to take the stamp. Democratic National Chairman McCormick will probably go to Washington within a day or two with demands from all over the country that the president speak in the cities where Mr. Hughes has talked.

Large River Ship Sinks At Mobile

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 6.—The river steamer Volcano, one of the largest boats plying Alabama river trade sank early today in the Warrior river near lock No. 8. It is not known whether any lives were lost nor how the vessel was sunk. The steamer was towing coal barges to Mobile.

REPORT DECISION AT CABINET MEETING TO ENTER WAR ON ALLIES SIDE

(By International News Service.)

London, Sept. 6.—Decision on her future course of action was made by Greece today at a cabinet meeting in Athens, according to an exchange telegraph dispatch from Berlin.

Now word has yet been received of the decisions of the conference but it is believed that it could have ended only one way—that Greece will join the Allies. Indications of this have been numerous for several days, a dispatch to the Daily Telegraph says and the only question is when and how Greece should strike.

Political factions in the Greek capital are waging a bitter struggle, according to this dispatch, while Premier Zaimis, is endeavoring to steer a middle course and giving satisfaction to neither wing.

On the Saloniki front there has been a considerable let up in the fighting, artillery combats and engagements of skirmishing parties being the only activity.

General Serrail, reports violent artillery action on the front held by the Serbians.

\$55,000 of New Fish Caught in One Month

(By International News Service.)

Washington, Sept. 6.—The catch of fish off the Atlantic coast fishing grounds reached a record mark last month, when 2,400,000 pounds, valued at \$55,000 were brought into New York, Boston, Atlantic City and other ports. Acting Secretary of Commerce Sweet announced that these figures were remarkable in view of the fact that the fish is an entirely new food supply, discovered and popularized by the Bureau of Fisheries only a few months ago.

Wealthy Balloonist Dies in Fall At Fair

Murphyboro, Ill., Sept. 6.—While 5,000 persons looked on, W. N. Norton, of Franklin, Ind., plunged to his death from a balloon, while making an ascension at the Jackson County fair grounds. Norton had been in the exhibition game for 20 years and was wealthy.

WEATHER.

Weather for North Carolina. Generally fair Thursday and Friday. Light to moderate winds. The storm reported Tuesday off the South Atlantic coast was central Wednesday night over the lower Chesapeake Bay and moving northward. It has been attended by winds of moderate gale force off the North Carolina Coast, and rain in the Atlantic states from the Carolinas to Maine.