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BERLIN CLAIMS ROUMANIANS HAVE BEEN CHECKED IN TRANSYLVANIA AND ROUTED IN DOBRUDJA BY BIG COUNTER INVASION

Germans and Bulgarians Invest District for Entire Distance Across Frontier—Russians Cross Roumania to Aid Against Bulgars—Slays of Two Empires in Battle for First Time—Von Hindenburg Hurries West, Where Allies Are Again Hammering at Teutons With Full Vigor—Most Intense Cannonading Since Somme Offensive Was Commenced—Germans Lose Ground and Fail in Attempts to Retake It—British Capture Village

(By the United Press)

Berlin, Sept. 5.—The Roumanians have been checked on both wings in their invasion of Transylvania. They are retreating before the German-Bulgarian invading Southern Roumania. The Roumanian advance was halted near Orsua by the extreme Austrian right, say Budapest dispatches, was checked on the left, and is progressing but slowly in the center.

Somme Offensive Resumed With Violence.

Paris, Sept. 5.—The whole Somme front today suddenly burst into activity. Furious fighting is in progress. The most terrific shelling of the offensive was begun. The Germans have been fighting desperately but in the last 48 hours have been pushed steadily eastward by the impetuosity of the French.

Since beginning the offensive on July 1 the Allies have captured 29 villages which the Germans had organized for a defensive campaign in the highest degree. Forty-one thousand prisoners and 150 cannon have been taken, as well as several hundred machine guns.

Field Marshall Von Hindenburg has arrived on the western front. Several unsuccessful German attempts were made last night to recapture ground lost yesterday. Russians Fight Bulgarians.

Petrograd, Sept. 5.—The Russians who have crossed Roumania have been in action against Bulgarians for the first time in the war, it is said officially. British Gain 1,500 Yards.

London, Sept. 5.—The British advanced fifteen hundred yards eastward and near Guillemont last night, capturing the village of Falfemont, General Haig reports. They gained a footing in Leuze Wood, one mile northwest of Comblès.

Roumanians Retreat In South.

Sofia, Sept. 5.—The Bulgarians and Germans crossed the whole Dobrudja frontier on a front of a hundred miles Saturday, making great progress in the direction of Kurthumar. The Roumanians retreated, leaving hundreds of dead on the field.

Germans Think Lines Impregnable.

Headquarters of Prince Leopold of Bavaria, on the Austro-German Front, Sept. 5.—The combined power of Russian and Roumanian armies will be unable to breach the Austro-German lines in the East, Prince Leopold, commander-in-chief of the central Austro-German armies, in the East, today declared. "This section of the front, as well as the whole eastern battle line, is impregnable. The Russians bravely advanced in thick masses, but suffered gruesome losses. They cannot break through though. The Roumanians brought themselves into a bad situation. They will get some unexpected blows yet. Yes, there will be like blows for others who might follow their example." Leopold, though seventy years old, is in robust and perfect health. He takes a daily swim and indulges in steeplechasing to keep in trim.

Russians In Roumania.

Rome, Sept. 5.—A large contingent of Russians have landed at the Roumanian port of Constanza to aid in the Bulgarian offensive. A part is already on the Dobrudja frontier.

KEEP IDLE CARMEN FROM STOPPING ALL OVER THE STREETS

Vehicles Must Be Parked—Station Will Probably Be Located on West Gordon Street—Council Orders Phone Installed

City Council Monday night decided to compel drivers of public vehicles to park their automobiles, transfers, etc., at a place to be determined during the next few days, probably on Gordon street just west of Queen. A telephone will be installed at the place. Persons desiring to call a transfer will thus be able almost at any hour to secure one. Such stations have been had in the cities and many of the smaller places. The ordinance must be published before the new ruling can go into effect.

Council transacted a number of minor matters, including the accepting of Policeman McDustrell's resignation, who will locate elsewhere in the lumber business, ordering a safe purchased in which to keep the records of the Recorder's Court, and receiving the estimates for expenditures on improvements during August. Totalling \$27,508.49. The meeting was about the most uninteresting of the year. Only five members were present—Mayor Sutton, Aldermen Douglass, Happer, Rouse and Fort.

THE FIRST MILITARY CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

The American Military Institute, Inc., a \$200,000 New Jersey corporation, organized for the purpose of giving theoretical military instruction by mail, is the latest addition to the preparedness movement, and is probably the first military correspondence school ever organized in this country. Military tactics has been taught by mail in some cases by the government with considerable success, but this school represents the first organization of an institution engaged entirely in this sort of work.

The principal office of the American Military Institute, Inc., is at 733 Broad street, Newark, N. J., where the courses are being prepared and where the work of students all over the country will be handled. The organizer of the corporation and the head of the institute is Henry P. Fry, a Newark lawyer, who is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, a former officer in the National Guard, and who was at one time commandant of cadets at a southern military academy. He will be assisted in this work by several retired regular army officers, who will have entire charge of correcting the papers of the students.

The methods of instruction will follow those adopted by other correspondence institutions. Text books, both government publications and works by well known army officers will be placed in the hands of the student, accompanied by explanatory lessons and questions.

ALABAMA MAN KILLS METHODIST MINISTER

Birmingham, Sept. 4.—The Rev. J. E. C. Harrison, a Methodist minister, was shot and instantly killed on Saturday at Shady Grove, Ala., by shots alleged to have been fired from the home of Will Trotter, according to a report received here today. Trotter, who is in the Troy jail charged with murder, is said to have confessed to the shooting with the claim that he "was fully justified."

Harrison, who is said to have been suspended from his ministerial duties at Shady Grove was awaiting a hearing September 8, before a committee of ministers on charges of misconduct. The charges, it is said, connected Harrison's alleged wrongdoings with the name of Trotter's wife, organist at the minister's church.

FINEST RECEPTIONS HE EVER HAD, SAYS PRESIDENT WILSON

(By the United Press)
On Board the President's Special Train, Huntington, W. Va., Sept. 5.—"These have been the finest receptions I ever received," said President Wilson today, characterizing his trip through West Virginia and Kentucky. He was delighted with the enthusiasm at every station. Thursday the President leaves Washington for Atlantic City, to attend the suffrage convention. He will go to the Long Branch summer White House on Saturday.

FINE RECORD MADE BY COLE EIGHT RECENTLY

After covering a route from the edge of the blue Pacific to a mile into the sky, and combating almost every conceivable sort of road condition, two Long Beach, Cal., men drove into the camp at Pine Crest, in the San Bernardino Mountains, on a recent Sunday morning after smashing nearly all the Southland's valley mountain road records. Driving a stock Cole eight, a car that has created new standards in the automobile world, the two pilots, H. B. Palma and H. H. Hunter of the Palma Motor Company, covered the near 95 miles from Long Beach to the mountain camp in the record-breaking time of 3 hours and 31.2 minutes. Their trip was simply to show the public the efficiency of their car.

Reduced to minutes, their time for the wonderful performance was 183 1-2 minutes over a route 94.7 miles long, or an average over both mountain and valley roads of a mile every nine minutes and the second hand of the watch ticked to sixty twice.

WANTS LIGHT ON COPS FOR BENEFIT SPEEDERS

Mr. E. B. Lewis wants headlights on policemen. The other night, he states, an automobile turned the corner at his home, Caswell and McLevean streets, at such an angle that a cop at the curb was almost run down. "The car was going about 50 miles an hour, I estimate, and there wasn't a light on it. The policeman evidently did not see it until it was almost upon him. He yelled but the driver did not stop it." The policeman, of course, was at a disadvantage. He could not see the number. "Strikes me that if we don't put lights on 'em we're going to lose a policeman sooner or later," Mr. Lewis declared.

ELDERLY WOMAN KILLS SELF IN TRANSYLVANIA

Arheville, Sept. 4.—Mrs. C. M. Gallimore, aged 60 years, a prominent woman of Transylvania county, committed suicide at her home at Brevard this afternoon by shooting herself through the mouth, according to information reaching here tonight. Despondency over the death of a grandchild and the departure of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jolley, who have gone to Chicago to study evangelist-ship at the Moody Institute, are believed to have been responsible for her act.

HUGHES GETS COLD SHOULDER IN MARSE HENRY'S HOME TOWN

(By the United Press)
Louisville, Sept. 5.—The usual station crowd was on hand when the Hughes car backed into the local depot today. There were no cheers, no signs of enthusiasm. He had originally planned to make a train speech, but the crowd was missing and the speech was abandoned. Mr. Hughes' destination was Lexington, where he is to make a speech today.

NEW YORK FACES A COMPLETE TIE-UP OF STREET RAILROADS

Subway and Elevated Men Meet at 3 O'clock—Unions Demand Abrogation of All Contracts by Interborough Company

(By the United Press)
New York, Sept. 5.—The danger of a strike which would tie-up the subway and elevated systems of New York City appeared nearer today than at any time during the period since the first threat. The demand of the unions that all individual contracts by the Interborough Company with its employes be abrogated, was flatly refused.

MEXICAN-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON WAY TO CONNECTICUT CITY

(By the Eastern Press)
New York, Sept. 5.—With the American flag at her masthead and the red, green and white of Mexico fluttering from her bowsprit, the presidential yacht Mayflower steamed out from New York harbor today bearing the joint Mexican-American commission, which hopes to settle all difficulties between the United States and the de facto government at New London, Conn., the Mayflower's destination.

COTTON GRADER IS TO BE BIG HELP TO FARMERS OF COUNTY

The State will furnish the cotton grader for which the County Commissioners on Monday appropriated \$400, it is said at the Courthouse, and that official's office will probably be located in Kinston, although he will serve several counties possibly. Every planter in the territory will be able to know the exact quality of the staple grown by him when the grader is installed. Samples taken from the gins are carefully examined, records made, and the farmers notified by the grader. There are a lot of things to be said in favor of having such an expert located here, according to Farm Demonstrator O. F. McGary, and he thinks this step forward one of the most commendable taken by the Commissioners of late.

BIG CELEBRATION OF LABOR DAY SPENCER

Spencer, Sept. 4.—Labor Day was celebrated on a large scale here today and was featured by an immense crowd coming from all parts of the State, a mammoth industrial parade, an all-day barbecue and a stirring address from Hon. Thomas L. Wilson, a member of the Wyoming State Senate and vice-president of the International Association of Machinists, who was honor guest for the occasion.

MOSS HILL PEOPLE TO HAVE COMMUNITY FAIR COMING MONTH

A community fair association was organized at Moss Hill schoolhouse Monday night, with these officers: President, Prof. Melvin Robinson; Vice-President, Mr. John C. Davis; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. W. L.

GREENE FARMER IS SUSPECTED MURDER OF AN ORPHAN BOY

Willis Howell Hasn't Been Seen In Weeks—Foster Father, Tom Carter, Accused of Mistreating Him—In Jail

Thomas Carter, a white landowner of the Jerusalem section of Greene county, is in jail at Snow Hill charged, it is reported by a Greene county attorney, with the murder of his adopted son, Willis Howell, a small orphan boy. The Howell boy has not been seen since August 21, it is said. Carter is said to have given the lad a severe whipping a few days before his disappearance. Neighbors who declare the chastisement was administered for trifling causes, had the boy strip and exhibit bruises alleged to have been inflicted by the foster father. Prints of a heel on Howell's side and back were plainly visible, it is stated, together with a number of other scars.

Tom Carter has told a number of stories about the boy's whereabouts. Once he said he had sent him to Rocky Mount via Goldsboro; another time, it is said, he stated that the youngster had gone to Durham.

Sentiment against Carter runs high. Some persons believe that young Howell is being kept under lock and key until his injuries heal, while others openly express belief that the farmer has slain him and secreted the body. Carter has employed legal counsel. J. A. Albritton, a former representative in the General Assembly, will have charge of the prosecution.

DEATH OF JOSEPH E. COBB MONDAY P. M.

Joseph E. Cobb, a well-known young businessman of the city, died Monday afternoon about 4 o'clock, in a building at Queen and Blount streets in which he had apartments. He had been ill for months, and frequently had been near death. A complication of pneumonia and pleurisy caused his death. Mr. Cobb was 28 years of age, a nephew of Mr. L. A. Cobb, with whom he was in business in the wholesale establishment of L. A. Cobb & Co., and a young man of splendid reputation. He was of a quiet disposition, excellent traits of character, and possessed remarkable business ability. He was a Mason.

About 18 or 20 months ago Mr. Cobb was married to Miss Lula Lynch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Lynch. She survives him. Mr. Cobb was a native of Pitt county, and his father, stepmother and several brothers and sisters live in that county.

MADE SHORT USE OF A STOLEN BICYCLE

A few nights ago a thief took a bicycle belonging to Mr. N. J. Rouse from the north side of the Le noir Drug Store. The wheel was discovered in the Adkin Sunday afternoon by a gentleman and lady who, strolling out that way, sat down upon the A. C. L. trestle just beyond the silk mill. The bicycle was partly submerged. The presumption is that the thief after riding it that far could not cross the trestle with it or else tired of it, and fearing detection, threw it into the stream. The wheel was identified at a bicycle store and returned to Mr. Rouse.

Hardy, Jr. The fair will be held on Friday, October 13, with exhibits of farm products, canning, fancy work, school work, etc. The school at Moss Hill opened on Monday with 84 pupils out of a census of 106 in attendance. This is considered a fine record in view of the early starting date.

SAYS AMERICA MORE FRIENDLY TO BERLIN

Allies Object to Clauses in Shipping and Revenue Legislation

THREAT OF A TRADE WAR

Parts of Bills Interpreted as 'Unfriendly'—U. S. Might Lose Big Business Should England Start Retaliation

(By the United Press)

Washington, Sept. 5.—The Allied governments are distinctly displeased with relation to clauses in the shipping bill just passed by Congress and the revenue bill soon to pass. Allied diplomats in Washington are talking of "counter-retaliation."

The clauses might be interpreted as "unfriendly," they say, and make a trade war possible.

One diplomat said 45 per cent. of the United States' trade is with the British Empire, and this might be lost in the event such a war developed. He professed that he sees evidence of growing pro-Germanism in America.

LANSING SPEAKS TO JOINT COMMISSION

New York, Sept. 4.—The personal rights and economic interests of Americans in Mexico must be considered in reaching a permanent settlement of the difficulties between the United States and Mexico, Secretary of State Lansing said here today, in an address at a luncheon attended by the members of the American-Mexican Joint Commission. Conferences looking toward a solution of the international problems which confront the two countries are to begin shortly at New London, Conn.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

ROBINSON GETS CROSS.
London, Sept. 5.—King George today awarded the Victoria Cross to Lieutenant Robinson, who downed a zeppelin in Sunday morning's raid over London.

JAPAN MAKES SECRET DEMANDS ON CHINESE

Washington, Sept. 4.—Secret demands, in addition to those published today in dispatches from Peking, are being pressed on China by Japan as a result of the recent clash of Chinese and Japanese troops at Ching Chiatun. It became known here tonight that the situation is much more serious than has been indicated, confidential reports saying the unpublished demands threaten the authority of China over the whole of Inner Mongolia.

HEAVY SALES AGAIN TODAY ON TOBACCO MART; PRICES FAIR

Estimates which may be a little steep place the total of tobacco sold here today at around 320,000 pounds. It is probable that the quarter million mark was passed, and even possible that more than 300,000 was sold. The average price was about as good as Monday's, or a shade under 20 cents, with offerings at some of the warehouses nothing to boast of. Wet weather prevented the trains from being very heavy.

INTERESTING LOT OLD COINS IS OWNED BY JUDGE H. C. V. PEEBLES

Magistrate H. C. V. Peebles has a nice little collection of old coins. It includes a half dollar of 1812, a dime of 1824, a Spanish coin worn almost to paper thinness and with the date long since obliterated, a Mexican silver piece about the size of a gold quarter dollar, dated 1843, and a number of pennies, English shillings and other coins, some with the dates incapable of being deciphered. Three 3-cent pieces of 1852 evidently were struck off in celebration of the admission of Texas into the Union, since they are adorned with a big single star with the United States coat of arms in the center. Mr. Peebles has three 10-cent "shin plaques," saved by him since he was a boy. The bills are in fine condition. Columbia on the American coins of the early part of the last century is a much better-looking dame than she is pictured to be of modern coins.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS OF NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Seventeen carloads of folks went from Wilmington to New Bern on a Labor Day excursion.
H. Brimmage writes from Honolulu to New Bern that he is coming back to visit that city, his old home. Recently when Mr. Brimmage landed in China from a passenger steamer he and other travelers ran into a fight between Japanese soldiers and Chinese; no one was hurt.
Greenville's schools will open tomorrow.
She doesn't look a bit older now, but appears to have acquired a chronic grouch and ran into something head-on with the result that her nose was flattened. Columbia in the 1810-1830 period was in better health; she weighed more, was more buxom and evidently was more cheerful and motherly-like.
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