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BIG ALLIED VICTORY IN THE NEAR EAST; SERBS DRIVE BULGARS BACK DISTANCE TEN MILES; BRITISH AND FRENCH GAIN

Offensive Grows In Violence—Von Mackensen Arrives to Direct German-Bulgar Defensive—Important Positions Lost—Several Towns Taken By Allies—Greece Trying to Decide Upon Proper Man for Prime Minister to Guide Nation Through Strife and Unite Opposing Factions Before Declaring Against Central Powers—French Warplane Crosses Bulgaria and Lands In Roumania, Daring Feat Reported—Dedistribution of Bulgarians

(By the United Press)

Paris, Sept. 15.—The Allies have scored their greatest victory in the Balkan offensive by driving back the enemy for a sweeping gain, it is said officially. The Serbs chased the Bulgars ten miles, capturing Garnitchevo by a brilliant bayonet charge. Serbian cavalry pursued the Bulgars, capturing the village of Okesu, while the British captured Matchoukevo, as well as the two heights to the northward. On the right bank of the Varder, the French captured Bulgar trenches to a depth of six hundred yards on a front of a mile.

Battleplane's Accomplishment.

A French battleplane, one of four that bombarded Sofia, flew clear across Bulgaria from Greece, landing at Bucharest, it is officially reported.

Greece Making Plans.

London, Sept. 15.—Field Marshal Von Mackensen, in supreme command of the Teutonic operations in the Balkans, has arrived on the German-Bulgar front to direct the offensive there. Big bodies of troops are concentrated in the Vardar Valley, say Salonika dispatches. Forces in Macedonia have been hastily re-grouped to meet the expected Allied offensive. The fighting is growing more violent daily along the whole Allied left. The Serbs have driven the Bulgars from a number of dominating heights and captured a salient. The Bulgars southwest of Dorion have been defeated in the most important British victory to date.

Greece's intervention is being delayed by diplomatic negotiations at Athens. The government is seeking a premier to guide Greece through the war and at the same time unite the opposing factions in the country.

Smashing British Gain.

London, Sept. 15.—The British resumed the great offensive this morning with a powerful blow North of the Somme, advancing two thousand yards on a wide front from Boulaux Wood, Northwest of Combles, to a point North of the Albert-Bapaume highway. General Haig reports that the fighting is continuous. Many prisoners have been taken Southwest of Thiepval. The British last night captured trenches on a front of one thousand yards, including a strong "underwork" position.

Serbs Hotfooting After Bulgars.

Salonika, Sept. 15.—The Bulgarians are falling back on Florina, hotly pursued by the Serbians who captured the principal heights around Malkanidje.

French Report Success.

Paris, Sept. 15.—The French last night captured a series of trenches South of Rancourt in a spirited attack, advancing to the edge of the village, two miles Southeast of Comble, it is officially said. All German counters North and South of the Somme were repulsed.

FIVE SHOTS IN TARGET GUNNERS DIDN'T SIGHT

Washington, Sept. 14.—A new world's long distance record in naval gunnery has been made by the new super-dreadnaught Pennsylvania, the Navy Department announced tonight. The big battleship's 12 fourteen-inch rifles, mounted in four turrets, on a simultaneous broadside discharge, in a recent trial registered five hits on a small target at a range of about 20,000 yards, or 11 statute miles. At that distance the target was below the horizon and was not visible to the Pennsylvania's gunners.

PROMINENT MEXICAN KILLED IN A ROW

(By the United Press)

Mexico City, Sept. 15.—Alfonso Santibanos, who assassinated Jesus Carranza, a nephew of General Carranza and killed General Rafael Equilla, has been killed in a quarrel at Zihuatlan, by Aurelio Hernandez.

KINSTON JUDGE SEVERE ON NEGRO HIGHWAYMEN

Rocky Mount, Sept. 14.—Judge Oliver Allen, holding court in Edgecombe county this week, has let it be known in most impressive terms that the practice of a band of negroes in holding up and robbing planters who they have reason to think have just sold their produce must stop. In Edgecombe court yesterday Will Allen, alias Bad Eye, and Sam Jones, two negroes, who were sent up from this city for holding up a planter's brother in the stables of a local warehouse and who robbed him of $5 under a threat of braining him with a bottle, were sent to the roads for three years at hard labor.

GRAND OPERA IN THE OPEN AIR AT NEW FORK

New York, Sept. 15.—Six dollar grand opera will be reduced to 25c at two performances to be given in City College Stadium here today. For two bits the Metropolitan soloists and orchestra may be heard. The performances are to be benefits of the Civic Orchestral Society.

ANOTHER GOOD DAY FOR TOBACCO; WEEK HAS A HIGH TOTAL

Today's tobacco breaks were quite heavy in view of the fact that the weather was not good. It is estimated that 366,000 pounds was sold on the five warehouse floors. Two warehouses reported 90,000 pounds or more. Prices showed a tendency to improve, and the day's average was very good.

The week's sales will total close around two million pounds, although official figures are not yet available.

BUILDING FALLS AND MANY NARROW ESCAPES

Toledo, O., Sept. 13.—More than one hundred persons narrowly missed death tonight when a four-story brick building on Summit street, the city's main thoroughfare, collapsed with but little warning, and tumbled into the street crowded with shoppers and theater-goers.

Police three hours later, after workmen had searched the debris, declared that no one was killed and none seriously hurt.

HUNDRED THOUSAND IS MADE ON SMALL DEAL NEW YORK EXCHANGE

(By the United Press)

New York, Sept. 15.—From an original investment of $1,500 in General Motors a little more than a year ago, a Wall Street investor has collected what is said to be the largest profit ever made in a single transaction on the New York Exchange—$100,000.

NEGRO OFFICERS ON COURT TO TRY WHITE SOLDIERS; PROTEST

San Antonio, Sept. 13.—A protest from enlisted men is to be filed with the War Department against the trial of white soldiers by the general court martial organized at Fort Sam Houston because four negro officers are members of the court, it was announced here today. Two captains and two first lieutenants of the Eighth National Guard, a negro regiment, are included in the personnel of the 12 officers of the court.

BLACKLIST AND LIKE MEASURES SHOULDN'T WORRY AMERICA, SAYS

By JOHN H. HEARLEY,
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Rome, Sept. 14.—"British blacklists and other economic and industrial measures needn't worry the American business man," said Clarence W. Moomaw, European investigator of markets for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, here today.

Moomaw's investigations in England, France, Switzerland and Italy are the basis for his statement. Later he will visit Russia, Scandinaivian countries and Spain.

Moomaw is one of many agents in Europe. Special investigation is being made into the exportation of American grains, livestock and cotton.

The department probably will establish permanent agencies in the principal European cities after the war to see that American interests are protected and furthered.

Plans are being made to overcome land's discriminatory freight rates in favor of herself and her Allies and to the disadvantage of enemy and neutral nations. It is said that new, because the grain must be shipped in British bottoms, wheat bought at one price in the United States is sold to Britain and her Allies by British carriers at five times less than it is sold to Switzerland and other neutral countries.

An attempt is being made to establish direct trade relations between the United States and Italy. As it the establishment of American banking facilities. The National City Bank of New York already has taken steps in this direction in Milan and Genoa.

The Americans are the only people the Italians do not fear politically. to control the Italian-American trade.

The secret of how America is to overcome these difficulties, at least in part, is the investment of American capital in European countries and now is, Italy must buy for instance, all her cotton through Liverpool agents, thus permitting the British factor in Italy's commercial life. The Italians say it never will be so again.

Italy now really is a commercial orphan, inasmuch as many Italians fail to see any advantage in further indebtedness to the British.

MEXICANS SUGGEST CONSTABULARY FOR PATROL OF BORDER

Neutral Force and Reciprocal Crossing Privileges Is Proposed

AMERICANS MAY AGREE

Inclined to Regard Idea With Favor—Bliss Gives His Ideas to the International Commission at New Haven

By CARL GROAT,
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New London, Conn., Sept. 15.—Protection of the border was threshed out by General Bliss, assistant chief of staff, and the Peace Commission today. General Bliss described the practical military advantages and disadvantages of the border guard and the several suggested plans, assuming that protection should be accomplished by the fewest possible men.

The Mexicans favored a neutral constabulary, a sort of a mounted police with broad powers. The Americans concurred somewhat in this idea. The Mexicans, in the belief that Villa is still alive, agreed that their side of the patrol work should be framed so as to keep Villa bottled up. It is believed the plan includes a neutral zone scheme, with alternate patrolling and reciprocal crossing privileges.

DALLAS OPENS FIVE MILLION DOLLAR STATION

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 15.—Dallas' $5,000,000 union passenger station was opened to the general public today. It is patterned after the big Kansas City terminal.

COTTON

Twenty-three bales of cotton had been sold here today by 2 o'clock.

High prices marked the day's buying. Two bales were sold for $14.90.

New York futures quotations were:

	Open	2 p. m.
January	15.68	15.71
March	15.85	15.87
May	16.51	16.04
October	15.44	15.47
December	15.62	15.63

POSTPONE OPENING EXERCISES SCHOOL

Formal opening exercises which were to have been held in the High School this morning were postponed. It was desired to have the trustees present, and it was impossible to get the whole board together. The program will be held one day next week, the exact time to be announced later.

Berlin, Sept. 15—The Bulgars have been driven out of positions around Malkenidbe by the Serbians, it is officially stated.

PUTS MEXICO BACK INTO HER RIGHTFUL PLACE AS REPUBLIC

Carranza Decree Calling for Election of a Congress Will Be Issued Saturday. Body Will Meet on 15th of October

(By the United Press)

Mexico City, Sept. 15.—The most important decree by Carranza during his incumbency, providing for the election of members of the National Congress, paves the way for Mexico to resume her place as a republic of the Western Hemisphere.

The decree, calling for the election of a constitutional congress to meet October 15, will be issued tomorrow.

BLACK KILLED FOUR-YEAR-OLD BOY SAID

Rich Square, Sept. 14.—A horrible crime was brought to light here today when it was learned that George Moore, colored, had killed a 4-year-old negro boy and also beat his wife. It seems that Moore was beating his wife and her little 4-year-old brother set up a yell, whereupon Moore struck the child over the head, crushing its skull. The child did not die immediately, living several hours. Moore has escaped capture so far. It is supposed that he left on a freight train.

HANG ELEPHANT THAT KILLED HER TRAINER

Erwin, Texas, Sept. 14.—"Mary," the big elephant which Tuesday killed her trainer at Kingsport, Tenn., after a circus performance, was hanged here today in the presence of over 1500 people. A derrick car of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railroad was used in the execution. The animal was forced to the tracks by the aid of other elephants and there heavy chains tied around her neck and she was suspended in the air. According to her owners, she was valued at $20,000.

The hanging, it is said, is the culmination of many crimes, and as no quick poisons were at hand, the showmen decided on the hanging.

MRS. HOWE IS SINKING RAPIDLY, IT IS STATED

(By the United Press)

New London, Sept. 15.—Mrs. Annie Howe, the President's sister, who is critically ill here, is sinking rapidly, says a bulletin from her physicians.

GOVERNOR CRAIG HAS HIS TONSILS REMOVED.

Asheville, Sept. 14.—Governor Locke Craig, who is spending the summer at his new home here, underwent a slight operation today, having his tonsils removed.

THIS SOUNDS LIKE A CHINESE LAUNDRY WITH BELL EFFECTS

(By the United Press)

London, Sept. 15.—Tipperary has given way to a new song on the battle front. The theme, "The Bullets Always Get the Other Fellow," is sweeping the army. It goes:

"The bells of hell go ting-a-ling-a-ling
For you but not for me.
For me the angels sing-a-ling-a-ling;
They've got the goods for me.
O, Death, where is thy sting-a-ling-a-ling—
O, Grave, thy victory?
The bells of hell go ting-a-ling-a-ling
For you but not for me."

DR. POLLOCK QUITS MEDICAL DEPARTM'T OF NATIONAL GUARD

Resignation of Former Kinstonian Accepted by President—Capt. Manning Is Judge Advocate of General Court at Glenn

(Special to The Free Press)

Camp Glenn, N. C., Sept. 15.—Part of the garrison is happy from the realization of a sweet dream, the remainder is happy in anticipation of similar luck. The First infantry was paid off yesterday. The chances are that the Second will be "mustered" during the next day or two and the Third about Monday or Tuesday.

Rumors are still rife regarding that little business of leaving this place for worse—El Paso! Many of the soldiers are so well satisfied here that they don't care a rap whether they are ever moved or not. There are colored troops at El Paso, and off in the surrounding wilderness, it is reported, there are rattlers, centipedes, tarantulas, scorpions and other vile things. But there are a lot of guys here who don't expect the brigade to move until after Thanksgiving, and then to home stations. However, the sending of the Tennessee skeleton brigade to the border country has aroused new hope in the ardent of the go-somewhere faction.

The resignation of Lieut. Ray Pollock, Medical Corps, has been accepted by the President. Dr. Pollock, who now resides in New Bern, is a Kinstonian by rearing, a popular officer and an efficient surgeon. He will be missed here. Capt. John H. Manning, a Kinston officer commanding a company of the Second, was judge advocate of the general courtmartial which sat here yesterday. Three men were tried for various offenses. The court's findings have not been made public.

MARSHALL FORMAL'Y TOLD OF NOMINATION THURSDAY EVENING

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 14.—Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall was notified tonight of his renomination for Vice-President on the Democratic ticket and formally accepted the honor. The ceremonies were the third of the kind to be held in Indianapolis within the last few weeks. The other two notifications were for J. F. Hanly, the Prohibition presidential candidate, and Charles W. Fairbanks, Republican vice-presidential nominee.

A large number of prominent Democrats, including National Chairman Vance McCormick, from all over the United States, were present at the notification. Informal political conferences were held by the leaders, and plans for the campaign were discussed thoroughly.

BIG PACIFIC STEAM'R BURNS OFF OREGON COAST; NO ONE LOST

Marshfield, Ore., Sept. 14.—The coastwise steamer Congress, afire in her hold and enveloped in huge clouds of smoke, anchored near the entrance to Coos Bay just before 6 o'clock tonight.

All the passengers of the Congress have been saved but the ship, which was ablaze from stem to stern, will be a total loss, according to a message received here tonight at the ofce of the Pacific Coast Steamship Co.

The Congress, which was built in 1913 at Camden, N. J., at a cost of $1,250,000, is a steel steamer of 7,985 tons, 424 feet long and 55 feet broad.

DOVER GETS READY TO HOLD ITS FIRST CHAUTAUQUA SOON

Will Be Quite an Event for Hustling Craven County Town—All the Countryside Interested and Doverites Boosting

(Special to The Free Press)

Dover, Sept. 15.—An attraction of magnitude, the Dover Chautauqua, the first educational affair of the kind ever to be given in this thriving Craven county town, will begin Saturday of next week and continue until the following Tuesday. Liberal subscriptions and a general demand for tickets already indicate large attendances at every entertainment.

Dover is in ecstacies over the prospects for the success of its first chautauqua, the chief topic of conversation is the great educational affair, while the cynosure of all eyes of the town will be the large tent under which the entertainments are to be given. Village swells and college bells, who are just getting ready to collect their books preparatory to returning to school, are eager to derive benefits from the chautauqua. Rurallites from far and near are hurrying their work in order to be in Dover every day during the series of entertainments. The best and most influential citizens of the community are deeply interested and exceedingly enthusiastic in their efforts to boost the affair. In fact, Doverites have just now become an aggregation of boosters. They are not only boosting better roads and schools, better municipal rule, but are determined to get in better touch with the advantages other towns are enjoying.

The chautauqua entertainments will be given by the Radcliffe Booster Club. The names of three noted lecturers, Dr. A. M. Hyde, E. Alline Pound and Dr. F. S. Tincher, appear on the program. The Alpine Yodlers, the type of entertainers that helped to give William J. Bryan unbounded notoriety as a chautauqua orator, will be present. Dr. William Rader, noted educator, orator and humorist, will give a series of lectures.

Misses Stanford, LaDell and Thom of the Columbia Concert Company, will furnish musical features well calculated to please the most critical audience. Miss Stanford is a talented violinist, whose playing has charmed thousands in many sections of the country. Madame Gerl and Miss Louise Lobenz will furnish features of merit.

Durno, the mysterious man, will be present. Only Herrmann the Great and a few other magicians have attracted as much attention as Durno has in the towns he has visited.

The singers possess vibrant and well trained voices. The wonderful resiliency and sweetness with which some selections are sung reflect the highest credit upon the artists.

With the roads in Craven county being put in the best of condition and a large sale of tickets it is expected the tent will be crowded up to its capacity.

WHY NORTHWEST IS SETTLED BY YANSES

Grand Forks, N. D., Sept. 15.—The world discovered today why Minnesota and the Dakotas are settled by Scandinavians. It seems that Paul Hjelm Hansen came over in 1869 and press-agented the section so well through his home papers that his fellow countrymen started to flock to it, and have kept right on doing so ever since.

O. P. B. Jacobsen, Minnesota railroad and warehouse commissioner and president of the Ugebladet Publishing Company of Fergus Falls, Minn., announced at the opening of the twenty-first annual session of the Norwegian-Danish Press Association here today that a bronze tablet is to be placed to the memory of Hansen in the Minnesota Historical Society rooms in St. Paul.