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ROUMANIANS WHO CROSSED DANUBE MEET WITH STUBBORN RESISTANCE; BATTLE IN WHICH MONITORS ASSIST IS IN PROGRESS

Invaders Met With Little Opposition While Passing Over Stream—River Warcraft Covered Landing—At Least 20,000 Men In Offensive, Critics Believe—The Russians Beat Back Germans Who, Reinforced, Make Desperate Attempts to Take Slav Positions—Serbs Progress Northeast of Florina—British Repulse the Bulgar Counters In Balkans—Little Action In Western Theater

(By the United Press)

London, Oct. 3.—Bulgarian forces have attacked the Roumanian army that crossed the Danube and invaded Bulgaria Sunday, and a violent battle is raging east of the Fortress of Buschuk. An Amsterdam dispatch reports that the Roumanians forced a crossing with little opposition and threw up strong entrenchments before they were attacked. Roumanian monitors on the Danube first silenced the Bulgarian shore batteries, and the invading forces landed under cover of their fire. The size of the army is unknown, but military critics believe it must number at least twenty thousand men.

Russian Report Conditions In East.

Petrograd, Oct. 3.—Massing considerable reserves, the Teutons today hurled large forces against the Russians along the river Zenivka and on the heights on the right bank of the Zlotalipu, but were beaten back with heavy losses, it is said officially. In this region alone the Slavs have taken 5,000 prisoners in the last three days. East of Novo Alexandrovska, dense German columns attempted to advance after heavily bombarding Russian trenches but were repulsed with machine gun fire. The Teutons also were repulsed in a midnight attack in the Sereth river sector, near Krinkostassin, following a bombardment.

Italians Active.

Zurich, Oct. 3.—The Italians have been violently bombarding Austrian positions near Monfalcone for three days as if in preparation for the renewal of the drive on Trieste. Air squadrons are bombarding the enemy communications. Austrian press comments on the severity of the bombardment and warns that withdrawal from Somme points may be necessary.

Serbs Take Trenches.

Paris, Oct. 3.—Continuing their advance northeast of Florina, the Serbs have captured first line trenches on the heights of Stakograb, it is said officially. Bulgar counters against the new British positions on the east bank of the Struma have been repulsed with heavy losses.

German Counter Foiled.

A German attempt against positions east of Combles last night was quickly repulsed, it is officially stated. Elsewhere, with the exception of violent artillerying in the region of Rancourt, the Somme sector was quiet. The Germans attempted to debouch from the St. Pierre-Vaast wood, but were caught by a French mitrailleuse fire and thrown back.

BULLDOZING UPPER ABOUT TWO-THIRDS HOUSE CAUSES JAP. OF NEW YORK'S MILK CABINET TO RESIGN SUPPLY IS CUT OFF

Okuma Was Opposed by Coalition—Premier Nearly 80 Years Old—Kato or Terauchi May Be Named Successor

(By the United Press)

Tokio, Oct. 3.—The cabinet, including Premier Okuma, have resigned. Embassy believes Parliament to blame.

Washington, Oct. 3.—The persistent opposition of the Japanese upper, non-elective, House of Parliament to the policies of the premier, was responsible for his resignation, the embassy believes. He controlled the lower house, but a coalition in the upper was formed against him.

It is said Okuma contemplated resignation in a few months. Viscount Kato, former minister of foreign affairs under Okuma, is said to be his choice to succeed him. Kato's opponents are urging Count Marshal Terauchi, governor general of Korea, who holds the highest rank in the army. Okuma is 79 years old.

State Investigation of Very Grave Situation—May Be Prosecutions—Baby Hospitals Still Getting Sufficiency, Said

(By the United Press)

New York, Oct. 3.—Twenty-five to 31 per cent. of the usual milk supply is reaching New York, according to estimates made by both sides in the big milk strike. Hospitals for babies are still being supplied with fresh milk, but restaurants in many cases are without the product and householders are only partially supplied. The State authorities are rushing an investigation. It is alleged that it is distributing and producing combines which are at loggerheads. An attempt to determine whether the Dairyman's League is a combination in restraint of trade and whether the big distributors are guilty of price-fixing is being made. His age may have been responsible for his action, it is thought by some.

JNO. DREWRY, GR'ND SECRETARY MASONS, DIES CAPITAL CITY

Was Prominent Citizen of State—Ill Long Time—Active In Public Affairs—Funeral Conducted by Grand Lodge

Raleigh, Oct. 2.—John C. Drewry, grand secretary of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons, died this afternoon after 18 months illness with the end expected at any time for several months past. He was born in Drewryville, Va., in 1860, and located in Raleigh in 1888 as State manager for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co. He has served as grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Masons since 1894. He was active in civic and political affairs and served repeatedly as president of the Chamber of Commerce and of Capital Club. Mr. Drewry was married twice, first to Miss Emmie L. Mangum, and after her death to Mrs. Kittie Mebane Holt, who survives with one son, John C. Drewry, Jr. A daughter by the first marriage was Mrs. P. H. Hanes, Jr., who died a few months ago.

The Grand Lodge of Masons will be in charge of the funeral which will be held from Christ Episcopal church, of which he was a vestryman, Wednesday morning at 11:30 o'clock.

HIGHWAY EXPERT IS GREETED BY QUITE UNEXPECTED CROWD

Winslow, to Have Been the Speaker Before Board of Agriculture, Might As Well Have Been Republican Campaigner

A meeting of the County Board of Agriculture that was to have been held in the Courthouse Monday afternoon had to be called off because of the smallness of the attendance. D. H. Winslow, agent of the U. S. Office of Roads in charge of this section of the Central Highway, was present for an address, which, of course, could not be delivered to empty chairs with any degree of satisfaction. The chairs in the Courthouse are quite inconsiderate creatures, and would probably refuse to hear a good roads address. They see of such course breeding and unused to progress. Mr. Winslow expects a Federal appropriation for his link of the highway this month.

The County Board of Education in regular session Monday ordered a new school district in Woodington township.

The Board of County Commissioners after transacting routine business Monday visited the special contract road work in progress in the county, inspecting the construction, etc. The Board authorized the purchase of a second motor truck for the building and maintenance of highways. The machine will cost about \$5,000.

VILLA HOLDS NO MALICE AGAINST GRINGOS NOW

El Paso, Texas, Oct. 2.—Villa told the Mexican mining men at San Andres, Chihuahua, after capturing that town from Carranza troops September 24, that he had no enmity toward the Americans and asked them to notify American friends to resume work at their mines in eastern Chihuahua, as he would give them all guarantees, two Mexican mining men who arrived last night from San Andres reported. Villa, in an impassioned address to the townspeople, declared he was fighting "only the traitor Carranza," they said.

NEED FOR GETTING BUSY IN ENTERING BABIES IN CONTEST

Mothers of Prospective Contestants Warned That the List Is to Be Closed On October 18—Big Fair Feature Promised

The committee of the Mothers' Club in charge of the Better Babies Contest to be held at the Fair this month have issued a call for prospective contestants to get a hustle on—that is, the mothers of prospective entrants. The statement reads:

"The time is drawing near, mother, for you to enter that fine specimen of babyhood in the Better Babies Contest to be conducted at Kinston during Fair Week under the auspices of the Mothers' Club of Kinston. Remember, the entries begin October 9, and those who wish to enter their babies should not delay in writing Mrs. E. G. Barret of Kinston for application blanks. After these are filled out and sent in to the committee, mothers will receive appointment cards, telling them exactly when to bring baby to the Better Babies Booth at the Fair Grounds to be examined.

"There will be no examination of babies on Tuesday morning of Fair Week, as the forenoon will be taken up with the parade and opening exercises, but all Tuesday afternoon and on Thursday, their scores will be computed by the scoring committee. Wednesday babies will be examined, and on Friday there will be a program in the Health Exhibits Tent, consisting of music, a lecture and the awarding of the prizes, besides some moving pictures kindly furnished by the State Department of Health.

"All prizes and literature for this contest have been courteously contributed by the Woman's Home Companion.

"Entries for this contest end October 18, so mothers are urged to be prompt if they wish to get their babies in."

UNNAMED MAN EYES QUARTER MILLION TO UNIV. OF VIRGINIA

(By the United Press)

Charlottesville, Va., Oct. 3.—Announcement was made at the opening of the 93rd year of the University of Virginia that an unnamed benefactor, described by President Alderman as a "distinguished, high-minded, unselfish American citizen," donated a quarter of a million dollars to the school. The university opens with the largest enrollment in its history.

SAYS WILSON WOULD NOT AID KAISER IN HIS PEACE SCHEME

(By the United Press)

Rome, Oct. 3.—A Zurich dispatch today asserted that the Kaiser had personally appealed to President Wilson to end the war, but that the President had refused to intervene at this time.

COLLAPSE NEW YORK CAR STRIKE ABOUT COMPLETE; COPS OFF

(By the United Press)

New York, Oct. 3.—The practical collapse of the street car strike is evidenced by the withdrawal of police protection from the subways.

COUNCIL TAKES ON LOAN OF FIFTH OF A MILLION DOLLARS

Not to Increase Indebtedness, But to Retire Existing Obligations

LADIES HAVE NO TROUBLE

Representatives of Library Association Secure Increased Appropriation—No folk Southern Paving On the Bum

City Council Monday night heard a report from a delegation from the Kinston Public Library Association, headed by Mesdames J. A. McDaniel, E. B. Lewis and Horace West and Miss Dora Miller for an increase in the city's appropriation to the library of from \$12.50 to \$25 per month. It is quite unnecessary to state that the increase was granted. The Street Commissioner was instructed to proceed with the opening of Chestnut street from Tiffany avenue to North street, in accordance with a former order of the Council. James W. Taylor was elected a patrolman in the police department to succeed John McDustrell, resigned. Council enacted an ordinance extending the fire line between King and Gordon streets to take in additional territory west of Queen, the new limit on the west between the two streets running 215 feet beyond Heritage. Dr. C. B. McNairy, superintendent of the Caswell Training School, was before the body in connection with the lighting of that institution, which has been receiving free illumination from the municipality. There is a question as to whether the school is entitled to free light for this fall or not, and no definite conclusion was reached at the meeting. By mutual agreement the question was left open until next month, by which time all the records in the matter will be looked up.

Council heard John J. George of Cherryville, N. C., in a proposition to advance the city \$200,000 at 5 per cent. to retire present indebtedness, he representing S. S. Spitzer & Co., bond brokers of Toledo. Mr. George's offer was accepted. He then made a bid for the entire issue of improvement bonds of the city, up to half a million dollars, offering par and expenses. This offer was not accepted. Council desires to wait until the bonds are ready for delivery, which may be several months yet, before making a deal, he was informed.

The Norfolk Southern Railroad is to be instructed, by Council's order, that its plank paving at crossings is not satisfactory. A request for immediate remedying of the trouble is to be made. The paving is all right, it seems, but the manner of laying is anything but pleasing to the administration. The railroad officials realize that the work was not satisfactory and are expected to make no protest.

LAST OF FLORIDA BANK ROBBERS SURRENDERS

Fort Myers, Fla., Oct. 2.—Chase for the four bandits who robbed a bank at Homestead, Fla., on September 15 of \$6,000 ended today when the body of James Tucker, one of the robbers, was found in Lopez river, and Hugh Alderman, who police say confessed his part of the crime, surrendered. Tucker was drowned while trying to swim the river.

Tucker's death makes five resulting from the robbery. During their flight down the Florida east coast the bandits fought several pistol fights with pursuers, and three possemen were killed. They escaped from that section, went to Key West and started up the west coast. Leland Rice, said to have been the leader of the band, was shot and killed by a resi-

CHAMBER COMMERCE WILL TALK PACKING PLANT FOR KINSTON

Would Stabilize Local Market, Encourage Livestock Industry and Bring Lot of Money Into City, Say Advocates of Idea

(Daily Free Press—Oct. 3)

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce at a meeting Tuesday night at 8 o'clock will take up the matter of a packing plant for Kinston.

"It is a well-known fact that the farmers of this section are producing more meat and more feedstuffs than ever before," said Secretary F. I. Siffen Tuesday. "It is equally well-known that pork and beef can be produced here for one-third to one-half of the cost that it is grown in the west. We have a not very satisfactory condition here every year. During a part of the year meat is shipped into Kinston and the consumers pay high prices. During the winter the market is at times glutted with the home-grown product and prices drop to a trifling level. The packing plant would stabilize the market, encourage the production of meat and bring a lot of money into the city from the outside. The supporting country is splendid, and it is generally conceded that it is going to be the South's best livestock section."

The expense of establishing the plant might reach a hundred thousand dollars, according to some estimates. That, however, is a small thing for a city of this size, especially in view of the co-operative spirit of the community and the tendency of the business interests to boost Kinston, it is pointed out.

ONE MAN KILLS FOUR DURING ELECTION ROW

Managua, Nicaragua, Oct. 2.—In a fight which broke out here yesterday during the election of General Emiliano Chamorro as president of the republic, Salvador Zelaya, a nephew of former President Zelaya, attacked a group of conservatives, shooting and killing four of them. During the fight Zelaya himself was seriously wounded, while a number of other persons were also hurt. The police quickly intervened and quelled the disorder.

SOUND PHYSIQUES IS HOBBY OF ASSOCIATION

Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 3.—To stir up enthusiasm for an American Physique Renaissance which shall result in the elimination of physical weaklings by making them strong, is one of the tasks to which the Playground and Recreation Association of America, in Congress here, has consecrated itself.

The Congress, today, tomorrow, Thursday and Saturday, will listen to speakers of note giving ideas on how to bring about an awakening of interest in physical well being and how to best organize playgrounds.

CONVICTS PUT UP A REWARD FOR ESCAPES

Ossining, N. Y., Oct. 2.—Escape of two convicts from the "Honor gang" working outside Sing Sing prison stirred the Mutual Welfare League, a convict organization, today to offer rewards of \$100 each for their arrest. The outside branch of the league, in New York City, also notified Warden Thomas M. Osborne this afternoon that efforts would be made to capture the refugees if they appeared in the metropolis.

dent of Chokoloskee Island on September 28, and the next day Rice's brother, Frank, was shot and dangerously wounded when at attempted to board a schooner near the island.

SWORD AS THE LAST RESORT, IF NOTHING ELSE WILL DO, SAYS

Cowper Tells Onslow County Voters Belligerents Fear Wilson

ON PAR WITH WASHINGTON

"Our Honor Preserved In Pristine Purity"—Jacksonville Gathering Becomes Mass Meeting for Peace

(Special to The Free Press)

Jacksonville, N. C., Oct. 3.—"Thank God! up to this hour when the Democratic President has calmly but firmly said his last word, it has been heeded, and every foreign power has decided that something else would do rather than go to war with this country while Woodrow Wilson's commander-in-chief. I say it was a part of one consistent and continuing purpose to place America first, to protect her without the necessity of the horror and destruction of war, if this can be done with honor, but with the sword as the last resort, if nothing else will do."

G. V. Cowper, Democratic county chairman of Lenoir county, in an address to a large Democratic gathering here yesterday declared that Wilson is on a par with Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln, and that he has followed the precedents of the three. When Wilson said, "Thus far and no farther," the Kaiser heeded, while all the forces of the Allies had been impotent to cause this prince of war to change his policy of submarine warfare on a iota, Mr. Cowper said. "I prefer one accomplishment like this to a thousand mere idle words of a candidate who hopes to gain the presidency (Hughes) by picking laws in the quiet man of action who stood and still stands in the heat of the actual emergency." The crowning glory of this administration, "the brightest star in the galaxy of Democratic achievement, is that in this troublesome time, when the whole world is like an armed camp, the cries of anguish from hundreds of battlefields mingle with the tears of orphaned children and widowed mothers, we have been spared from the cruelty of war, and yet, our honor has been preserved in its pristine purity."

The Lenoir chairman talked mostly about the administration and its foreign policy, and the Mexican affair. The gathering was resolved into a mass meeting for peace and frequently the speaker was halted by the cheers of the farmer following of the Man of Peace who has brought the people back to "the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man."

Mr. Cowper discussed the tariff, the constructive legislation of the administration, what Republicans will not make the issues, and "what they do make the issues. He touched lightly upon State matters, saying that it was his part in the campaign principally to talk of national affairs. He went over the achievements of the successors of Russell in the commonwealth, however, and showed how North Carolina is eradicating illiteracy, how the State has progressed to a brilliant stand in the matter of public health, and how every other State in the union has a higher tax rate. The Republican campaign argument is a mass of nothingness, he said. "My heart swells with the pride that knows no bounds," he declared in telling of Democracy's achievements in North Carolina.

TWAS A GLORIOUS HOLIDAY WHEN HE GOT A DAY OFF

Cape Girardeau, Mo., Oct. 3.—John J. Neal, station agent, worked thirty years without a vacation so that when he took one it would be a dandy. He took it last week—a six-hour visit with a farm friend. John couldn't stand illness.