

HALITZ IN FLAMES FROM SLAYS' SHELLS; GERMANS - BULGARIANS WITHIN 2 DAYS' MARCH OF BUCHAREST; TUTRAKAN FALLS

Russians Battering Teuton Defenses 60 Miles from Lemberg, Chief City of Galicia—Roumanian Town on Danube Being Occupied by Invaders—The Anglo-French Make Gains of Considerable Importance in West—May Soon Cut Rail Line Which Is a Principal Asset of Germans—Wood Taken By British in Surprise Attack; Teutons Outwitted by Feint—French Capture 1,500 Yards of First-Line Trenches Northeast of Verdun, Reported

(By the United Press)

Paris, Sept. 7.—The French have taken fifteen hundred yards of first line trenches extending from Vaux, into Cheners wood, northeast of Verdun, it is officially said.

Halitz Burning; Tutrakan Falls.

Petrograd, Sept. 7.—The Russians are bombarding Halitz, 60 miles southeast of Lemberg and the key to the Teuton defenses of the Galician capital, from the south. An official statement today announced that Halitz is in flames.

The Roumanians have evacuated Tutrakan, on the Danube, 33 miles southeast of Bucharest, it is officially admitted. The town is being occupied by the Germans and Bulgars after a three-days' battle.

Allies Take More Ground in West.

Paris, Sept. 7.—Combles and Chaunes, two of the main supports of the present German lines, are threatened with early capture by the steady advance of the Allies. The French thrust through Beruy en-Santerre, in the outskirts of Chaunes, yesterday, and made a considerable gain in the face of a desperate resistance. Numerous counters were repulsed. Another sharp advance will cut the Chaunes-Peronne railway. The British captured Leuse wood in a surprise attack, while the Germans were heavily engaged with the French in the outskirts of Combles, the wood was first attacked from the south, and when the main body of the Germans were drawn there the British suddenly pierced the wood on the west, cutting off the main body of the Germans and driving across their positions in less than thirty minutes.

Germans Attempt to Retake Leuse Wood.

London, Sept. 7.—In savage hand-to-hand fighting last night the Germans were repulsed in a violent attack on the Leuse wood. German prisoners were taken. Fighting continues in the outskirts of Ginchy.

PRODIGAL RETURNS; FARMER IS CLEARED OF MURDER CHARGE

Young Willis Rowell Had Run Away from Tom Carter, Foster Father—Latter Had Been Held in Greene County Jail

Tom Carter, a Greene county farmer charged with the murder of his 16-year-old foster son, Willis Rowell, was allowed to go free from the Snow Hill jail when a brother of Carter appeared with the boy, said a report this afternoon. The lad was located at Rocky Mount, where he had gone to work in a cotton mill.

Carter in August inflicted a severe whipping upon the boy, neighbors assert. Howell disappeared on August 21, and feeling ran high against Carter. The murder charge was preferred when it was rumored that he had made away with the boy.

Sheriff Williams at Snow Hill says Carter seemed to be glad to have the boy back, and that the couple drove off this afternoon apparently happy. Howell, he believes, had simply run away from home.

TO SCRAP OLD CRUISER BOSTON IN FEW DAYS

Portland, Ore., Sept. 6.—The U. S. cruiser Boston, of the famous white squadron at the battle of Manila Bay, is to be taken from Portland to the navy yard within a week and sold to the highest bidder for junk.

VILLA WILL ATTACK AMERICAN ARMY IN MEXICO, IT'S THO'T

Pershing Hurries Back to His Command From Columbus—Bandit Has 1,500 Men and Is Nearing the U. S. Outposts

(By the United Press)
El Paso, Sept. 7.—General Pershing, acting upon the suggestion of General Funston, is reported to be hurrying back to field headquarters from Columbus, following information given the military authorities here that Pancho Villa, with 1,500 men, fully equipped, was less than 100 miles from the American outposts.

Fears are openly expressed that Villa is engaged in a desperate effort to discredit Carranza and attack the American expedition.

MIGHT COME A COMIC OPERA WAR OUT OF IT

Panama, Sept. 6.—Reports today from the Costa Rica frontier say that the Panama police sent there to prevent the seizure of coconut plantations on Panama territory by Costa Ricans are in possession of the disputed territory. The government here expresses confidence that a peaceful solution of the land dispute will be reached.

The National Assembly today requested a report on the situation from the Minister of the Interior.

TRANSPORTATION IN NEW YORK TIED UP BY THE CAR STRIKE

Disorders Reported — Few Cars Running—Motor-men Protected

PLAN TO MAKE MEN BEND

Magnates Employ Waddell, Boss Strike-Breaker, Who Is Rushing to Metropolis In Special Train From Chicago

(By the United Press)

New York, Sept. 7.—Despite the strike order intended to affect 1800 employees of the New York city railways, normal service is being maintained this afternoon. The men are not responding to the order.

Chicago, Sept. 7.—James T. Waddell, boss strike breaker of the world, will arrive in New York today to direct the substitute men when the strike on the elevated subway lines begins. He left at midnight, the lone passenger on a special train of six empty pullman cars. The trip will cost three thousand dollars. All speed records are being broken to have Waddell in New York for a conference with the street car magnates today. Waddell is said to have five thousand strike breakers ready. Company Won't Arbitrate.

New York, Sept. 7.—The biggest transportation strike in the history of New York is on. Surface car employees are cooperating with the elevated and subway men, and few cars are running this morning. Jitneys have appeared in droves. Disorders are reported from several points. Brick throwing has been indulged in, but no one has been injured yet.

A thousand strikers poured into the Grand Central subway station demanding that the ticket choppers and other employees strike. Five thousand policemen are guarding the company's property. Motormen on trains are screened in by wire netting to protect them from missiles. The Interborough company refuses to arbitrate. The men struck because the company refused to abrogate individual contracts made following the recent strike threat, the contracts bind the men to work two years under the present terms.

NEW RAIL LINE IS TURNING BUSINESS TO THIS CITY NOW

The Duplin County Railroad, which is the Kinston-Carolina recently extended by the acquisition of the Deal road, to be further extended southward, probably, is already proving to be a big thing for Lenoir and Duplin counties. Superintendent William Hayes says both freight and passenger business over the line is very satisfactory. Many passenger come on every train from the rich interior section of Duplin county that has been tapped. The bulk of the business of a good farming community of 10,000 or 15,000 people is being diverted to this city. Much tobacco is being brought here over the line, and the Duplin people, with a first-size market now accessible, will in all probability be encouraged to grow more of the weed.

GASOLINE DROPS CENT A GALLON, GOOD NEWS

New York, Sept. 6.—Another reduction of one cent a gallon in the price of gasoline, making the wholesale price now 22 cents a gallon, was announced today by the Standard Oil Company. The reason given was the heavy increase in the production of crude oil.

CONGRESS EXPECTED TO WIND UP SESSION IN NEXT FEW HOURS

Record-Breaking 9 Months. Nearly Two Billion Dollars in Appropriations, Including Contracts, Allowed

(By the United Press)

Washington, Sept. 7.—Congress is expected to quit work late this evening or tomorrow, after a nine-month session that in many ways broke legislative records. The greatest record was in the session's smashing appropriations.

The Congress during the three-quarters of a year authorized appropriations totalling 1,947,359,048.64, including contracts.

CAR GOES OVER THE SIDE BRIDGE; FOUR BLACKS LOSE LIVES

(By the Eastern Press)

Washington, N. C., Sept. 7.—Oil on the surface of Pantego creek and a broken place in the railing of a bridge over the water this morning hinted at an accident and an automobile and the bodies of four negroes, two men two women, recovered. All four have been identified as Belhaven negroes. It is believed the steering gear of the car went wrong.

JUNIORS WILL MEET IN ASHEVILLE NEXT YEAR ELECTION OF OFFICERS

(Special to The Free Press)

Goldboro, Sept. 7.—The State Council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics elected officers last night, as follows: State Councillor, C. F. Alexander, Charlotte; Secretary, Sam F. Vance, Winston-Salem; Treasurer, G. F. Fulp, Kernersville; Chaplain, Rev. J. A. Koons, Rockwell; National Council representatives, W. E. Yopp, Wilmington; C. L. Sands, Reidsville; J. W. Sechrest, High Point; D. W. Cobby, Goldsboro; L. T. Hartsell, Concord, and W. A. Cooper, Raleigh. Asheville will be the 1917 meeting place.

Sessions will continue through Friday morning. About 750 delegates are attending the sessions today.

Death of Mrs. Sarah Griffin.

Mrs. Sarah E. Griffin, 55, a widow of 308 McDaniel street, died on Tuesday and was buried Wednesday.

Marriage License.

J. E. Foust of Richlands and Esther Coward of Kinston, a colored couple.

In Police Court.

Ada McNeill and Elizabeth Armstrong, negroes, tried for assault, were sentenced to 12 months each in the county jail by the Recorder today. The Armstrong woman was severely cut on the head, allegedly by a shoe heel. Bland Hargett, charged with drawing without a license, was permitted to pay the costs and procure a license, fine being withheld.

NATIONAL GUARDSMEN ORDERED BACK TO HOME STATES WILL BE MUSTERED OUT AS SOON AS PRACTICAL BAKER ANNOUNCES

(By the United Press)

Washington, Sept. 7.—The National Guard organizations recently ordered to their respective State mobilization camps, will be mustered out of the Federal service as soon as practicable and returned to the normal status of National Guard troops, Secretary of War Baker today announced.

OPEN UP SARAHURST PROPERTY FOR NEW RESIDENT'L SECTION

Work of Moving Edwards' Home on Vernon Hghts. Commenced Soon

BUILDING RESTRICTIONS

Suburban Property of 100 Acres to Be Made Attractive Place—Queen Street Will Be Extended by the Action

North Queen street is soon to be opened and over a hundred acres of choice residential property will thus be rendered available for that purpose. This was decided when Wednesday afternoon Mr. D. T. Edwards signed a contract with the John Eichleay, Jr., Co., of Pittsburg, for the removal of Sarahurst, the handsome residence of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, which is now located at the northern extremity of Queen street.

The work of removal will begin in about a week, as soon as the Eichleay people can get their superintendent, material and labor here. At present the superintendent is in Danville, Va., where the company is just completing some work, including the removal of the Southern Railway passenger station, which is said to be the largest brick building that has ever been moved. The Eichleay people are experts in their line of work, moving practically anything that folks want moved. They employ over 600 men and carry on a big business all over the country. One of their remarkable pieces of recent work was the removal of Charles M. Schwab's summer home at Loretto, Pa. The building was elevated and taken to an exceptional height for the distance of 1500 feet over tree tops to avoid damaging the trees.

Financially interested in the removal of Sarahurst, with Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, is Mr. H. H. Granger, who owns the larger part of the tract that will thus be opened up for building purposes.

It is the purpose of the owners to make this a restricted residential section. The land is high, well drained and easy of access to the business portion of the city, and the owners declare the indications to be that a suburb of considerable importance to Kinston will soon be developed out there.

SOLDIER HOLLOWMAN'S FATHER LENOIR MAN

Robert Hollowman, a private of the Second Infantry killed by a shuttle train at Camp Glenn Tuesday evening, was the son of J. B. Hollowman, a farm tenant living near Falling Creek. A telegram to Mr. Hollowman was forwarded by special messenger from this city late Wednesday night. The body of Hollowman, who was enlisted under the name of Rowe, had been shipped to New Bern. Mr. Hollowman, it is believed, went to New Bern, intending to bring the body here if its condition would permit. Soldier Hollowman enlisted from Washington. He gave a fraudulent name in order to get into another command than the one he first joined, it is said.

MORE THAN SIX HUNDRED THOUS'ND LBS. OF TOBACCO ON KINSTON MARKET TODAY; AVERAGE PRICE MAY BE BEST OF WEEK

Six hundred and thirty thousand pounds of tobacco will have been sold here today when the piles on the warehouse floor are cleared off, according to estimates by good judges. The day's total will run very close to the season's record. The breaks are by far the largest of the week. The farmers were encouraged by clearing weather, and early in the day a steady stream of wagons and carts was coming over every road into the city. Planters on the market represent every township in Lenoir county and half a dozen surrounding counties.

Prices during the day have been very satisfactory, especially in view of the enormity of the breaks. It is believed that the average price will be nearly 20 cents. Offerings were all the way from fair to excellent in quality. One well-posted man predicts that the average price will be found to be the best of the week.

SENATOR CLAPP TO BE SPEAKER AT NEW BERN

New Bern, Sept. 6.—Realizing that it is up to them to at least make a noise, the Craven county Republicans have planned to have Moses E. Clapp of Minnesota and George Butler of this State, make addresses in this city on September 12th. The courthouse will be the place and 8 o'clock the hour.

BULLETINS

PRESIDENT SIGNS SHIPPING BILL.

Washington, Sept. 7.—President Wilson today signed the shipping bill, providing for the purchase of vessels and development of American trade. The bill creates a board of five members.

SAN FRANCISCO BOY WINS IN THE U. S. POSTER COMPETITION

New York, Sept. 7.—Harold Von Schmidt of San Francisco won the \$1,000 prize in the national poster competition of the Society for Electrical Development against a field of 731 designs, some of them from the brusher of world famous poster painters, it was announced here this week. Von Schmidt was unknown to the world of art until recently. He works for a San Francisco architect. Von Schmidt calls his poster "The Modern Aladdin." It represents Aladdin touching a button instead of rubbing his lamp, and the herculean genie, Electricity, pops forth and salutes to him. The design, in six colors, will be reproduced more than 200 million times to advertise "America's Electrical Week," December 2 to 9.

WOMEN SPEAKERS IN FAVOR NEUTRALITY NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 6.—The National Woman Suffrage Association by an overwhelming vote today decided to continue its present policy of working for equal rights through both National and State legislation.

Virtually all the speakers declared for strict neutrality in the presidential campaign and to continue the non-partisan efforts of the association to bring about equal suffrage throughout the United States.

Women from every State in the Union are attending the 48th annual convention of the association.

"WHY SHE GOT A BADGE OF HONOR FROM CITY"

Minneapolis, Sept. 5.—Edna Nash, 17, is a regular girl. She can sprint 75 yards in 10 seconds and clear 26 feet in a hop, skip and jump. That's why she was the only one of 4,000 children to get a municipal honor badge for playground work. She is an all around athlete, too.

COTTON OPENS HIGHER BUT DECLINES LITTLE

Cotton opened higher today, but declined from 14 to 19 points by 2:40 o'clock, twenty minutes before closing. At that hour the market was still nearly a cent better than at Wednesday's closing.

New York futures quotations were:

	Open	2:40
January	15.65	15.51
March	15.82	15.63
May	15.95	15.78
October	15.29	
December	15.41	

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