

## GERMANY AND AUSTRIA MAK'G PLANS TO WAGE GREAT OFFENSIVE AGAINST ALLIED ARMIES IN BALKANS AT BIG CONFERENCE

Teuton Military Leaders Discuss Movement at Kaiser's Headquarters—Proposed to Utilize Three Hundred Thousand Men Against British, French, Russians and Serbs Now Co-Operating Against German-Bulgars—British Join French in Drive on Combles, Important Defense of Peronne—Serbs Make Gains of Considerable Advantage, Paris Hears—Berlin Feels Good Over Way Things Are Going in Field—Claims Allies Are Checked

(By the United Press)

Rome, Sept. 14.—Tentative plans for a giant Balkan offensive by the Central Powers are being drawn up at a conference now sitting at the Kaiser's headquarters, say dispatches received here. Two hundred thousand Germans and one hundred thousand Austrians will participate, it is believed.

### Co-Operation at Combles.

London, Sept. 14.—The British progressed last night north of Ginchy and are co-operating with the French in a movement to encircle Combles, the principal support of Peronne and the Baupauge line, General Haig reported.

### Serbs Successful.

Paris, Sept. 14.—Progressing west of the Vardar river, the Serbs have carried Bulgar trenches between Kovil and Vetrinik. Also progressing in the direction of Kait-matchalon, northwest of Lake Ostrovo, says an official statement, the Serbs carried a height west of hill 1500 after most violent fighting. The advance guard reached Solkes Malkanidy. The Bulgars suffered heavily.

### Bending Ever Effort to Check Somme Drive.

Paris, Sept. 14.—The Germans have shifted more troops from Verdun to the Somme front in an effort to check General Foch's drive on Peronne. The French war office announces an unsuccessful counter attack on hill 76 yesterday, led by a fresh German division that was hastily transferred from Verdun. Several attacks on new French positions northeast of Verdun, on the Vaux-Chapitre front, were repulsed.

### Berlin Report Optimistic.

Berlin, Sept. 14.—The new Allied offensive in Macedonia has been completely halted, say Sofia dispatches. Very large British forces attempting to advance in the region have been repulsed with heavy losses. The Serbs on the Bulgarian left wing, after a few temporary successes, have been driven to their former positions by a strong counter. Operations in Southeastern Roumania under Field Marshal Von Mackensen are progressing.

## POLITICAL FUNERAL OF COLE BLEASE A RESULT OF PRIMARY

Oscar LaRoque, Private Secretary to Manning, Tells Free Press Via Long Distance That Pardon Is a Dead Issue

According to Mr. Oscar LaRoque, private secretary of Governor Manning of South Carolina, Blease's political funeral was held Tuesday, when Governor Manning defeated him in the run-off primary for the Democratic nomination. Blease can't overcome the handicap of his defeat two years ago for senatorial honors together with the present "licking," thinks Mr. LaRoque.

The Free Press interviewed Mr. LaRoque over long distance phone this morning. He, a most readers of The Free Press know, is a former Kinstonian, brother of Messrs. Mab, Walter and Frank. In addition to being the Governor's private secretary, Mr. LaRoque managed the campaign and naturally he and his friends are proud of the fine showing made.

The returns to the time of the interview were: 70,972 for Manning, as against 66,247 for Blease, giving the former a majority of 47,25, with about 1,200 scattering votes to be heard from.

The interest in the South Carolina campaign has been keen throughout the country. The fight has been one of good government against the attempt of Blease to come back and the country at large has looked on with unusual interest. Mr. LaRoque says "we were simply showered with telegrams of congratulations and one cable came from Cuba." The messages, 240 in number, came from all parts of the country.

The vote polled in the second primary was about the same as that of the first, one hundred and thirty-eight thousand of the possible one hundred and fifty thousand registered voters exercised their rights.

Mr. LaRoque thinks that the Blease forces turned out in force and polled their full strength. About 5 per cent. of the Cooper vote is the estimate given Blease.

## LASTING PEACE AIM OF ALLIES, BRIAND TELLS THE CHAMBER

Declares Teutons Can Only Be On Defensive From Now On

### SOLIDARITY IS COMPLETE

Entente Powers Working Together With Unity of Purpose and With Better Prospects for Success Than Ever, Says

By HENRY WOOD.

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Paris, Sept. 14.—That lasting and durable peace will be imposed by Allied agreement has been insured by the establishment of complete unity among the Allies.

Premier Briand declared today in a review of the war before the Chamber of Deputies that the "intervention of Roumania and Italy's declaration of war on Germany completed the solidarity of action by the Allies," said the French Prime Minister. "Their action completely reduces the Central Powers to a defensive policy and deprives them of all initiative in military operations."

## OFFICER SAYS THERE IS NOTHING INDICATE MOVEMENT OF TROOPS

Rumors are floating around to the effect that the troops at Camp Glenn are getting ready to move. Some "signs" have been seen by enlisted men coming to or passing through this city. However, if anything has been ordered to move or any order is contemplated, those in authority, who are in a position to be well-informed, told The Free Press over long distance telephone this afternoon, that he knew of nothing to indicate an early removal of the men to the Texas frontier. Railroad men here state they have heard of no order for the assembling of rolling stock at Camp Glenn.

## MARSHALL TO BE TOLD ABOUT IT THIS P. M.

Indianapolis, Sept. 14.—Democrats from every State gathered here today for the formal notification tonight of Vice-President Marshall that he has been renominated for that place by the Democratic party. National Chairman Vance McCormick and western leaders were also to confer on the political situation.

Martin H. Glynn, ex-Governor of New York, will deliver the notification address tonight at Tomlinson Hall. Governor Ralston will preside.

Tonight's notification will be the third held in Indianapolis, in the present campaign. Republican Vice-Presidential Candidate Charles Warren Fairbanks, and Prohibition Presidential Candidate J. Frank Hanly also received the official notification of their selection, in this city.

## BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

### NEW RECORD STEEL COMMON.

New York, Sept. 14.—A wave of public buying today boosted United States Steel Common to a new high record on the Stock Exchange of 106 1/2, leading the market.

### HUGHES PLANNING HIS SECOND LONG TOUR

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## NAVAL BOARD IS TO VISIT MANY PLACES ASKING ARMOR PL'T

Merits of 125 Cities and Towns Have Been Laid Before the Commission—Protection in Time of War Consideration

(By the United Press)

Washington, Sept. 14.—With the conclusion of arguments for the 125 cities seeking the government armor plate pl't, the Navy Board today decided to visit a majority of the sites proposed before making a decision. A section of the bill providing for location "with special attention to safety in time of war," is the principal issue. Some points, such as Southport, N. C., and Wilmington, are defended by guns of forts.

Washington, Sept. 14.—Proximity of cheap and abundant raw materials, adequate transportation facilities, sheltered deep waters, six trunk lines reaching within 24 hours all eastern shipping centers, accessibility to the Indian Head testing grounds, large available naval supplies, a granite foundation on the water front to within ten or twenty feet of the surface, and the strongest "defense lines" on the Atlantic seaboard, are Richmond, Virginia's, claims for the proposed government armor plate plant.

## GERMAN PRESS SORE WITH GERARD AGAIN; REMARK CRITICIZED

Berlin, Sept. 13.—(Via London)—The American Ambassador, James W. Gerard, again is under fire in a section of the German press, this time for a remark attributed to him regarding a speech made recently by Dr. Gustav Stresemann, National Liberal member of the Reichstag, advocating among other things, a resumption of the submarine warfare. Ambassador Gerard is quoted as saying that he did not understand how the representatives of districts for which export to America was a vital question could advocate ruthless submarine warfare. The National Liberal Press Agency, in a communication to the newspapers, takes the Ambassador to task for what is termed "unwarranted intervention in a purely German question."

## PROPOSES TO STOP BLACKLIST BY LAW

Buenos Aires, Sept. 14.—Representative Avelaneda is waging a vigorous fight in the Argentine congress for passage of a bill, introduced by himself, prohibiting in this country all commercial practices of the nature involved in the British blacklist of enemy firms in business in foreign countries.

For violations of the proposed prohibition, the bill provides a maximum fine of 2,000 pesos (\$300), imprisonment up to six months and cancellation of the offending firm's charter to transact business in the country.

Avellaneda is ex-Speaker of the Argentine House of Representatives, and one of the most influential of its members. His bill is considered to stand an excellent chance of adoption.

## DUNNE AND LOWDEN the ILLINOIS CANDIDATES

Chicago, Sept. 13.—Former Congressman Frank O. Lowden of Oregon, Ill., and Governor Edward F. Dunne, incumbent, were nominated by large pluralities for Governor by the Republicans and Democrats, respectively, in the Illinois primaries today according to estimates based on incomplete returns tonight.

## UNIVERSITY OPENS ENROLLMENT BIG; RAPID REGISTRATION

Number Students Soon to Pass 1,000, Believed—Addresses by President and Dean—Self-Help Men Numerous

(Special to The Free Press)

Chapel Hill, Sept. 14.—The session of 1916-1917 at North Carolina was formally ushered in today with appropriate exercises in Memorial hall. College songs were sung, announcements of faculty changes and other matters of importance made, and Dean Marvin H. Stacy and President Edward K. Graham delivered addresses to the student body.

Registration has been going on apace since early Tuesday morning. Tuesday night found 620 students enrolled, and it is expected that the number will reach 1,000 shortly. The first classes met at 8:30 this morning and will continue regularly during the rest of the week and thereafter.

The self-help committee recently met with about 125 applicants for work to enable them to go through college this year. There were posted 65 names, from which the waiters in Swain Hall will be chosen. Many boys earn their board in this way each year.

## NEARLY THIRD OF A MILLION SALES ON TOBACCO MARKET

Right around 300,000 pounds of tobacco, possibly ten or fifteen thousand pounds more than that amount, was sold here today. Prices were better than Wednesday's, some warehousemen state, although offerings on the whole were not quite as good, it is believed. Prospect of rain again kept the breaks smaller than they would have been.

## COTTON

Twenty bales of cotton had been weighed here today by 1 o'clock. Receipts were then thought to be about all in. Prices ranged from 121-c to 143-4c.

New York futures quotations today were:

	Open	2:20
January	15.74	15.75
March	15.90	15.93
May	16.14	16.10
October	15.45	15.54
December	15.62	15.69

(By the United Press)

Washington, Sept. 14.—Tennessee militia was today ordered to the border. The brigade consists of two regiments of infantry, one troop of cavalry and one field hospital, totalling 2,200 men.

London, Sept. 14.—Lieut. Robinson, the 21-year-old British aviator who shot down a zeppelin in the recent raid over London, was widely acclaimed at the Baltic Exchange today when he was formally presented with a \$2,500 purse raised by shipping men. A great crowd cheered and sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Robinson was led to the platform blushing to the roots of his hair. He made the first public speech in his life, six words long: "Thanks. I only did my duty."

## TEUTONS TRY TAKE OFFENSIVE.

Petrograd, Sept. 13.—The Teutons have been unsuccessful in an attempt to take the offensive on the Halitz front and are crossing the Bistritza river, it is said officially.

## DEMOCRATS DONATE LIBERALLY RESULT OF MAINE ELECTION

Defeat Taught Party That Over-Confidence Is Out of Place—Campaign Contributions Pour Into the Headquarters Now

(By the United Press)

Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 14.—The Maine election started a boom in campaign contributions, according to the guiding heads of the Democratic party. The defeat caused an awakening, which is said to be "just what the party needed at this time."

During the last two days popular subscriptions ranging from one to one hundred dollars and totalling about eight thousand dollars a day, have poured in. The increased activity of party leaders which obviates the danger of inactivity due to over-confidence, is manifest on all sides. Efforts are being made to instill punch and pep in the campaign.

## THIRTY THOUSAND STOLEN AUTOS TO THE ALLIES, SAYS

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 14.—Thirty thousand automobiles stolen in the United States during the last year have been unwittingly purchased by representatives of the Allies and shipped to the front, according to G. A. Smith, a local detective, here today.

## MINNESOTA HAS A LITTLE TIMBER LEFT YET

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 14.—Despite the general belief that timber days are past and gone in Minnesota, there still is a little matter of ten million acres of merchantable timber still standing in the State, the Department of Forestry said today.



MACLYN ARBUCKLE As "The Reform Candidate" in the Palmetto Paramount Picture based on his own playlet.

## EXECUTORS' NOTICE

The undersigned having qualified as executors of the last will and testament of W. W. Lawrence, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to C. P. Anthony, Weldon, N. C., or Mrs. Sarah V. Riddick, Parmalee, N. C., on or before the 15th day of August, 1917, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 11th day of August, 1916.  
MRS. SARAH V. RIDDICK,  
C. P. ANTHONY,  
Executors of the last will and testament of W. W. Lawrence.  
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## SLAYS REPULSED IN BUKOWINA.

Berlin, Sept. 13.—Russian assaults on the Bukowina front have been repulsed with heavy losses, it is said officially.

## TWELVE YEARS FOR B. & O. TRAIN ROBBER

Martinsburg, W. Va., Sept. 3.—Charles Jefferson Harrison of San Antonio, Texas, made a full confession of the train robbery with which he was charged, before Judge Dayton, in the United States Court here today. Sentence of twelve years' imprisonment in the penitentiary at Atlanta, was immediately imposed. The crime to which he confessed was the robbery of a Baltimore and Ohio train near Central Station, W. Va., on October 8, 1915.

## NARROW ESCAPE WHEN HIS DWELLING BURNED

Washington, N. C., Sept. 14.—The home of Beverly Moss, a mill man, at Washington Park, was burned to the ground last night. Defective wiring is believed to have been the cause. The loss was \$8,000, with \$3,000 insurance. The family got safely out, but Mr. Moss, returning to try to save valuables, was badly burned on the hands and feet, escaping just as the roof fell in.

## DIG UP ISLAND AND MOVE IT TO BUFFALO

Buffalo, Sept. 14.—Sand Island, it was announced here today, is to be dug gradually out of its home in the middle of the Clarion river near here, and moved to town. The moving day will last ten years. It is such a fine grade of moulders' sand that not a grain of it is to be wasted.

## VETERAN TELEPHONE GIRL'S LONG RECORD

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 14.—Two million, four hundred thousand conversations on love, business, gossip and whatnot is the record of Miss Nell Taylor in twenty-four years' continuous service as a hello girl here.

The first eight years she spent at the switchboard handling calls at the rate of 1,000 a day. She spent another eight years as supervisor, answering foolish questions.

"Will you marry me?" she says, is the silliest and most frequent question asked. She still is single and glad of it.

When she started to work twenty-four years ago Miss Taylor was fifteen. There were only 1,550 telephones in Columbus then, as compared to 45,000 today.

## MANY PASSENGERS ON BIG SHIP IN TROUBLE

Wilmington, Sept. 13.—Local Federal quarantine officials have wired to Washington for advice as to what disposition to make of the fifty-one passengers aboard the British freight and passenger liner Mayaro, West Indies to New York, which put into Southport today, listing heavily because of the shifting of its cargo of asphalt in the northeast gale which it encountered yesterday. There are no quarters at the local quarantine station for the accommodation of the passengers, who could not be allowed ashore until they pass the immigration regulations.

## GOOD WEEK FOR THE COTTON CROP, SAID

Washington, Sept. 13.—Cotton opened rapidly and the work of picking and ginning progressed under generally favorable weather conditions last week, according to the weather bureau crop bulletin issued today. The boll weevil is active in parts of Mississippi, Texas and Tennessee, according to this report.

## TRUE BILL AGAINST SPANNEL AT ALPINE

Alpine, Texas, Sept. 13.—Indictments charging Harry J. Spannell, an Alpine hotel keeper with the murder of his wife and Lieut. Col. M. C. Butler, Sixth U. S. Cavalry, were returned by a county grand jury here today. Spannell will be brought here Thursday from El Paso, where he has been held for safekeeping to plead to the indictments.

## LOCAL MINISTER IS HEAD OF PRESBYTERY

News reached the city Thursday from Stovall, N. C., where the Albemarle Presbytery has been meeting, that Rev. G. B. Hanrahan, pastor of Atkinson Memorial church, this city, had been elected to the office of Moderator, highest place in the Presbytery.

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