

SERBS TAKING REVENGE ON RETREATING BULGARS; ENGAGE ENEMY IN FEROCIOUS CLOSE RANGE FIGHTING ON HOME SOIL

French and Russians Engaged With Bulgarians at One Point, Italians Hammering Them at Another, Allies Crossing at Two Places—Serbians, "Coming Back," Use Knife and Bayonet in Assaulting Invaders—Germans Get Into Action Around Dead Man's Hill in Sector Occupied by Russ. Expedition—Checked Without Gain—Ferdinand's Armies, Falling Back From Greece, Offer Slight Resistance to Allies

(By the United Press)

London, Sept. 19.—A steady downpour of rain has halted the British operations in the Somme. There has been no important fighting, according to General Haig, but the British have entered trenches around Richebourg and Laboue at three places and taken prisoners.

The Allies have crossed the Serbian frontier in two places, advancing on the Bulgar base at Monastir. There are Serbs fighting on their native soil for the first time since the retreat through Albania last winter. They have taken a series of heights. The Bulgars from Kamachal-an have crossed the frontier north of Lake Ostrove. Russian and French troops have engaged the Bulgars at Kenali, in Serbia. Practically all the territory captured in the recent Bulgar invasion of Greece, has been recaptured. The most savage fighting has been where the Serbs and Bulgars have come into contact. Eager for revenge, the Serbs are flinging themselves against the Bulgarian lines with knives and bayonets. Desperate hand-to-hand fighting is occurring north of Ostrove. The Bulgars are steadily retreating northward and have put up slight resistance, except at Florina, where they defeated a number of Greek volunteers who fought with exceptional bravery.

Italians In Action in Balkans.

Paris, Sept. 19.—A most violent battle is occurring between Italians and Bulgars east of the Beles Mountains, in Macedonia, it is officially stated.

The Germans broke out in five violent attacks on the Champaign front last night, attempting bold strokes against Dead Man's Hill northwest of Verdun, where there has been little fighting for several weeks. The Russians in the Champaign checked the attacks and now all is again serene, says the war office. The onslaughts were delivered west of the Soudain-Somme road, the Germans losing heavily.

German Admission of Losses.

Berlin, Sept. 19.—The Germans have surrendered trenches to the British east of Ginchy and north of Combles, but repulsed the French south of the Somme, near Belloy and Vermandevillers, it is officially reported.

TROOPS LEAVE FOR BIG ARMORED CARS EL PASO LAST HALF OF WEEK, REPORTED LIKE BRITISH HAVE FOR AMERICAN ARMY

(Special to The Free Press)

Camp Glenn, Sept. 19.—The movement of troops from here to the border will probably be commenced Thursday afternoon. The First infantry, cavalry, ambulance company and field hospital are expected to get away then, going by way of New Bern and Wilmington. The Second infantry will go up through Kinston Friday, probably during the daytime. The Third infantry will leave Saturday. Brigade headquarters will accompany the first train out. It is not known just how the engineers will be moved. Company B of engineers, a new outfit from Charlotte, is expected to come down today or tomorrow. They may come through Kinston. Winter clothing, including overcoats, are to be issued at El Paso, where the brigade is to be assembled as one command.

WOULD TAKE LICENSE FROM MEMBER OF BAR

Fayetteville, Sept. 18.—The first disbarment proceedings in the history of Cumberland county were started in the Superior Court here this afternoon against James H. Johnson of Hope Mills, a member of the Cumberland bar. The case, which is a civil action to deprive Johnson of his license, is based on two convictions for selling illegal quantities of wine, and was presented to the court on agreed facts.

TWO REPUBLICANS AND A DEMOCRAT JOIN IN SPEAKING AT CLINTON

Clinton, N. C., Sept. 19.—In between Senators Moses Clapp of Minnesota and J. J. Parker, candidate for Attorney General, who addressed a Republican political meeting here yesterday on National and State issues, respectively, Democrats in the audience shoved Hallet S. (Hot Stuff) Ward of Washington, N. C., whose famous nerve and eloquence asserted themselves and resulted in the squelching of Republican ardor, in the opinion of Democrats. Ward deliberately demanded where was the Republican party to begin with, ripped up Clapp's rather dignified, general argument with a rough-edged allegorical blade and calmly sat down, convinced that Parker could not alter the score. Nor was another tally added, it is claimed by the majority party leaders.

WOMEN OF COUNTRY NATION MADE GREAT STRIDE IN WAY OF CHOSEN TO ASSIST ON RESUMPTION ARE UP WITH BIG GUNS FROM SHADOW LAWN

(By the United Press)
New York, Sept. 19.—Housewives in every corner of the United States are asked to attend a session of the Bread Committee of the National Housewives' League in an effort to determine what steps should be taken to meet the increasing price of bread. "The condition is very critical," Mrs. Julian Heath, president of the League, today said, "both for the producer and the consumer."

CHICAGO BANKER TAKES OWN LIFE IN TROUBLE

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 18.—The suicide of Joseph Tuma, of the Tuma Savings Bank, a private institution and the indictment of four private bankers, were the latest developments today in Chicago's private bank failures and a general inquiry into these institutions. Tuma's bank, the State attorney said, was to have been investigated. The banker's counsel, however, said the bank is solvent. Tuma stood on a pier, fired a shot into his head and toppled into Lake Michigan.

KELVINIA TORPEDOED, SAYS ONE SURVIVOR

New York, Sept. 18.—A torpedo sank the British ship Kelvinia, carrying 28 Americans, according to G. W. Dillard of Richmond, Va., one of the Americans who arrived at New York today on the Cunard Liner Tuscania. Dispatches from England left in doubt the question whether the Kelvinia, bound from Newport News, to Glasgow, was torpedoed or sunk by a mine on September 2. According to Dillard, the Kelvinia was torpedoed at 2 o'clock in the morning without any warning having been given.

HANDSOME SCHOOL TO BE BUILT WINTERVILLE

(Special to The Free Press)
Winterville, Sept. 19.—The Baptist church is expected to erect here a model school house to replace the main building of Winterville High School, destroyed by fire started by lightning some weeks ago. The building will cost about \$25,000, it is reported, and will be modernly equipped.

OLD NEGRESS VICTIM OF ROBBERY ON STREET

Washington, N. C., Sept. 19.—An elderly colored woman lost \$52 when she was about to comply with a pursuener's request for the change of a bill in front of a bank on Main street here. Two negroes have been arrested on suspicion, and one of them will be identified as the thief, it is expected.

BATTLES OF DRY LAND DREADNAUGHTS AS RESULT INTRODUCTION OF NEW BRITISH ARMORED CARS IN SOMME, IS PREDICTION

(By the United Press)

LONDON, Sept. 19.—Great battles between fleets of land dreadnaughts may result from the introduction of the new armored car "tanks" in the Somme by the British. A Somme correspondent says that in "one short hour the tanks did more military service and killed more men than all the seppelins that ever were." He writes that there is a possibility that before the war is over there will be land battles between whole fleets of these "dreadnaughts," or terrestrial monsters, each huger and more horrible than the last.

Only one of the "tanks" has been destroyed in the Somme, it is learned. In the center of Bouleaux Wood, where there has been fierce fighting, one of the new monsters lies with its nose buried in the earth between the opposing lines, forming a barricade between the British and Germans. How it was destroyed is not revealed in the dispatch.

Lowest Mortality Rate the Country Has Ever Had Recorded in 1915—Only 13.5 Out of 1 Thousand Died the Country Over

(By the United Press)

Washington, Sept. 19.—Only 13.5 persons out of every thousand in the United States in 1915 died, according to a report by the census bureau today. This was the lowest mortality rate ever recorded in the country. "Widespread awakening of the people of the country, together with the progress in medicine and sanitation, resulted in the saving of 170,000 lives during the year over 1905, a decade ago," the bureau said. The decrease was 16.7 per cent. during the ten years.

AGAIN AROUND HALF MILLION POUNDS OF TOBACCO ON MARKET

Not quite half a million pounds of tobacco was sold here Tuesday, according to warehouse estimates at 2 o'clock. Prices were about as good as Monday's, the average being practically as high as any of the season, according to some estimates. Should the sales during the next three days average as much in quantity as those of Monday and Tuesday the two-million mark will be passed easily.

PINK HILL'S STATE HIGH SCHOOL OPENED FOR ITS FIRST TERM

(Special to The Free Press)

Pink Hill, Sept. 19.—The new State High School here opened yesterday with interesting and appropriate exercises. The Board of Trustees and a large number of patrons were present and took part in the exercises. County Supt. Joseph Kinsey addressed the pupils. It was gratifying to the authorities to note that the required number of high school pupils (20) to make this a State-aided school were present on the opening day. A large number is looked for during the week. Among the visitors at the opening were Miss Adna Edwards, home demonstration worker, and Miss Hattie Parrott, supervisor of rural schools.

MEETING COUNTRY CLUB

The directors of the Country Club will meet at 8 p. m. Wednesday in the office of the Kinston Cotton Mills, to pass on important business.

Each Section of Big Opening Day Pageant to Have Its Director, Selected for Qualification and Entrance

(By the United Press)

Mr. Harvey C. Hines, Chief Marshal for the coming fair, today announced the following as his assistants: L. M. LaRoque, in charge of decorated automobiles. J. J. Stevenson, automobiles for officials and guests of honor. H. H. McCoy, commercial floats. T. V. Moseley, industrial floats. O. F. McCrary, agricultural floats. E. B. Lewis, fraternal and educational floats. Dr. Lunsford Abbott, mounted marshals. Dr. W. C. Knox, "knights." J. F. Hooker, Jr., patrol, to be aided by the Boy Scouts. Edward Oettinger, marshals' ball.

Hines is preparing to write a thousand representative men in ten surrounding counties to request them to act as marshals, or as knights—mounted, planned and sashed, and carrying lances—participate in the parade and the tournament that is to be a feature of opening day. That tournament is to be an old-fashioned affair, full of thrills and color and prancing horses. Mr. Hines expects fully 600 men to accept.

The parade will be a tremendous affair. Last year's was on a grand scale, but this one cannot be described with an adjective of smaller caliber than prodigious or something equally impressive. It is to be made up in sections on different streets, each section to be assembled under the supervision of its assistant chief marshal.

The floats will be especially attractive. It is planned to have scores of commercial, industrial and agricultural floats in the pageant. There will be, possibly brick houses and wooden houses on wheels, representing the brick and lumber lines; pedigreed pigs will grunt from miniature wheeled pastures if the pig club boys do what is expected of them; the cotton industry will be played up from the growing stalk to finished garments. Mr. Hines is giving over a big part of his time to preparations for the occasion.

G. O. P. EXPECTING BIG TIME WEDNESDAY P. M.

The Republicans of the county look for a big attendance at the opening speaking of their campaign in the Courthouse here Wednesday afternoon. John J. Parker, a bright West Carolina man who is out for the Attorney-generalship, will be the principal speaker. Mr. Parker so far has proved the best worker that the G. O. P. has in the field in the State. Democrats are invited by the Republican executive committee to hear the visitor. The meeting will be commenced promptly at 2 o'clock. Members of Mr. Parker's party from every part of the county are expected to be present.

BROGDEN FUNERAL TODAY

The remains of the late Mr. John P. Brogden, who died Monday morning for interment at 11 a. m. The family and relatives and friends from the city and upstate accompanied the body. Rev. John H. Griffith, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal church, went to conduct the service. There was an unusual quantity of flowers. Acting as pallbearers from the home at McLewean and Gordon streets to the Norfolk Southern station, where the body was put aboard a train for Cove City, four men were to be taken over the highway to Trenton, were Messrs. Freddie Wooten, Jas. Dawson, George W. Berry, E. L. Stough, J. L. Lyles and Frank Quincey.

Republican Candidate Begins Second Campaign Tour at Peoria—Pleased Over Getting Back Into the Field, Said

(By PERRY ARNOLD)

(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Peoria, Ill., Sept. 19.—Nominee Hughes chose Peoria from which to hurl forth his first speech in his second presidential campaign tour. The G. O. P. candidate was plainly pleased to resume the campaigning. He intends to make the leading issue the eight-hour law and has new data on Mexico.

PRESIDENT WILL MAKE FIRST SPEECH SATURDAY

New York, Sept. 18.—The Democratic National Committee announced here tonight that President Wilson will make his first speech of the campaign at "Shadow Lawn" next Saturday at 8 p. m. to the businessmen of New Jersey. Members of all chambers of commerce and business organizations in the State have been invited. The President intends, it was said, to discuss fully the provisions of the eight-hour railroad law.

COTTON

Cotton sold high on the local exchange Tuesday. The only seven bales marketed brought from 14 to 15 1/8 cents.

New York futures quotations were:	
Open	2 p. m.
January	16.04 16.19
March	16.19 16.31
May	16.35 16.52
October	15.71 15.93
December	15.94

APPEAL TO PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA TO AID IN RAISING STATE'S PORTION OF WILSON-MARSHALL FUND; PEOPLE'S FIGHT

The following appeal is made by the Finance Committee for North Carolina to raise the State's part of the Wilson-Marshall Campaign Fund:

An Appeal to the People.
"Others may follow the Lords of War, who ride among the corpses of mankind. We follow the President of the United States and seek inspiration of humanity that aspires to higher things."
We must have money to defray the expenses of the Democratic presidential campaign. This is the people's campaign and it is all important that it be conducted with the people's money.
There are innumerable items of legitimate expense never thought of by the average person. To mention only a few, there is the cost of maintaining national and divisional headquarters, printing and mailing tons of literature and millions of letters, of effecting organizations in every town in every one of the forty-eight States, in preparing and distributing publicity matter, in maintaining a speakers' bureau, in printing and circulating pictures of candidates, etc. A Record of Achievement.
The Democratic Party has been in control of the government for nearly four years, and in that time has written more of constructive legislation than any other administration in the Nation's history, and guided the ship of State safely through crises more numerous and more grave than had arisen in the preceding fifty years of our diplomacy.
The Democratic administration has kept the country out of war, while preserving its honor unscathed and unshaken.
It has afforded the farmer easy credit and diminished the burden of

It has preserved that strict neutrality which Washington declared should always be the policy of the United States.
It has followed in Mexico the policy of Lincoln, who asserted the right of that unhappy people to order their own government.
Dinner Pail Is Full.
It has established prosperity more general and genuine than all the people ever enjoyed before, so that every dinner pail is full, every factory working, every man employed, and the average of wages higher.
It has given the nation a system of finance and banking that shielded us from panic and depression when the whole structure of European credit was destroyed by war, and which overwhelmed other neutral nations whose statesmen lacked the foresight and capacity of America's Democratic statesmen.
It has amended the anti-trust laws making guilt personal, defining it for the first time without ambiguity, and preventing trade monopoly with prohibition of interlocking directorates; and has set up in the Federal Trade Commission a court of business.
Labor Not a Commodity.
It has taken labor out of the classification of commodity and bid it aspire to the higher things it naturally craves without fear of punishment for so doing.
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DEMOCRATS TO OPEN UP WITH BIG GUNS FROM SHADOW LAWN

Remainder of Campaign Be Fought Honest-to-Goodness Fashion

LEADERS GETTING BUSY

Things to Hum as Soon as President Gets Back—Remarkable Tribute Paid Executive at Columbia—Big Silent Crowd

(By ROBERT J. BENDER)

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Sept. 19.—There is to be more political noise at Shadow Lawn from now on. The President, Chairman Vance McCormick and other political leaders have decided that the political horses are to be spurred up all the way down the remainder of the stretch. There are to be several big "Jersey Days" and "Open House Days" at Shadow Lawn, together with occasional sallies into the surrounding States. Some heavy artillery is being unlimbered.

The Democratic leaders admit the campaign has been necessarily lagging for the last week or so. But from the time the President gets back to the summer White House things are to be set humming.

On leaving Columbia, S. C., the President was accorded a remarkable tribute by several thousand persons who stood silently, the men with their hats off. As the train pulled out there was no sign of cheering. Upon entering his car the President said "That was splendid."