

SERBS ADVANCE TO WITHIN SEVEN MILES OF MONASTIR; BULGARS EXTERMINATED IN SHARP FIGHT AT ONE POINT, REPORTED

French Gunners Drive Bulgars From Field Near Gorenaiiko—Allies Take Important Height in Advance—A Great Battle Between Russians and Roumanians and Germans and Bulgars About to Develop—Slay Line Pierced By Kaiser's Troops at Several Places—Teutons in West Make Desperate Attempts to Recover Lost Ground, With Little Success—Continue to Hammer at French Positions Protected by Screen of Fire From Heavy Guns

(By the United Press)

London, Sept. 20.—Greece has sent an urgent note to Germany demanding the release of Greek troops removed to Germany from Kavala, Greece, according to a Reuter dispatch from Athens.

Paris, Sept. 20.—The Germans today continued hurling violent attacks against the French lines north of the Somme from Clerly to the river, the war office announced. The Teutons everywhere have been checked by a screen of fire except at trenches on the northern slopes.

The Serbians have captured a strongly fortified hill near the highest peak of the mountains along the Greece-Serbian frontier, after violent hand-to-hand fighting. The Bulgarians resisted desperately, being almost totally wiped out. Only fifty prisoners were taken. French Seventy-fives dispersed Bulgarians near Gorenaiiko.

Big Battle Developing in Near East.

London, Sept. 20.—The Serbians have advanced to within seven miles of Monastir, and are engaged in sharp fighting with the Bulgars, said today's Athens dispatches. For the first time since the Balkan fighting began large forces of cavalry are operating. Serbian cavalry played an important part in the fight resulting in the capture of villages about Florina.

Berlin dispatches indicate that a great battle is expected to develop along the new Russian-Roumanian front south of the Constanza Railroad and is now in the early stages. The German war office announces that the Russian line has been pierced at several points.

NAVY'S CONSULTING BOARD ORGANIZED; EDISON IS CHAIRMAN

Washington, Sept. 19.—The navy civilian consulting board, composed of 24 of the nation's most eminent scientists and engineers, took its place today as a legalized bureau of the Navy Department, and the names of its members, headed by Thomas A. Edison as chairman, were placed on the rolls under a recent act of Congress as "officers of the United States government."

The board's inauguration was attended by impressive ceremonies held in the office of Secretary Daniels.

Immediately upon taking the oath of office, the board members effected a permanent official organization. Mr. Edison was elected chairman; William L. Saunders of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, and Dr. Peter C. Hewitt of the Inventors' Guild, both of New York City, were selected as vice-chairmen; and Thomas Robbins, of the Inventors' Guild, was appointed secretary.

LET MAN WHO SHOT ANOTHER AND WENT TO ARMY STAY THERE

Jesse Wood, who shot and inflicted a flesh wound upon James Baldree at a religious meeting near LaGrange some days ago and, escaping, enlisted in the National Guard, will be allowed to remain in the service. The authorities, having located Wood were told by General Young, commanding at Camp Glenn, where Wood is serving, that the man would be turned over to them upon the proper procedure, the army nowadays frowning upon the former habit of men guilty of misdemeanors of enlisting to evade punishment by the civil courts. However, interested persons advised Sheriff Taylor that

COTTON

Competition was keen in the bidding on the local cotton exchange, today. Sales were about a dozen bales, and the staple brought from 15 to 15 1/2 cents.

New York futures quotations were:
Open 2.40
January 16.16 16.05
March 16.34 16.24
May 16.51 16.41
October 16.90 16.89
December 16.11 16.00

TWO AMERICANS ON BOARD BRITISH SHIP TORPEDOED BY SUB.

(By the United Press)
Washington, Sept. 20.—Two American seamen were aboard the British steamer Strathair, torpedoed in the English channel by a German submarine on September 6, Consul Skinner at London today reported to the State Department. The steamer was previously reported sunk, but the cause was unannounced.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

GERMAN SATISFACTION.
Berlin, Sept. 20.—The Anglo-French losses in the Somme offensive are estimated at half a million men. The British are said to have lost 550,000 men.

BUCHAREST CLAIMS VICTORY.
Bucharest, Sept. 20.—The Roumanians have been victorious over the main Bulgarian, German and Turkish forces in a battle near Egea, it is said officially. Fighting is continuing.

It was the preference of those concerned that Wood be allowed to remain in the guard, where he could be of some good, and that official accordingly informed General Young, who, Sheriff Taylor says, agreed to let the man remain in service.

PRESIDENT NOT TO VILLA LOOMING UP OVERDO THING WHEN BIG ACROSS BORDER HE GOES STUMPING AGAIN, SAY REPORTS

"Invasion of West" Only for Half Dozen or So Speeches—Plans Perfected But Dates and Places Not As Yet Announced

By ROBERT J. BENDER,
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Asbury Park, N. J., Sept. 20.—President Wilson is preparing for an invasion of the West. The times and places where he will deliver the strategic blows designed to overthrow Candidate Hughes are still undecided, but the line of attack was thoroughly mapped out at a conference with Chairman Vance McCormick last night.

The President will probably accept no western engagement before October 1. The invasion will consist merely of a few set speeches at half a dozen points.

Rumors that the President will "tour" the West to offset Hughes' campaigning are emphatically denied.

COUNCIL WILL NOT HOLD UP PAVING ON RHODES HILL STR'TS

Property-Owners Get Reassurance—Development Depends on Asphalt City Borrows Sum for Temporary Use

City Council at a special meeting Tuesday night decided to borrow \$50,000 at 4 1/2 per cent. on four months' time to cover expenditures on the improvements under way pending the bond issue to be made to cover all the expenses. The West Construction Company will be due a settlement early in October on two paving contracts, and its retainer of \$15,000 withheld by the city as well.

Owners of property on Rhodes Hill were reassured by Council in the matter of paving. Quite a number were before the body and stated their intention of improving the new suburb to the extent of making it one of the best residential parts of the city. There had been some little antagonism to the proposition to pave there, but the members of Council told the property-owners that the work would not be called off. Development of the hill depends largely upon the paving, some property-owners declare. Many leading citizens have holdings there, and property valuations have increased several times over during the past two or three years.

SPlicing UP OF KUTT AND JEFF AT GRAND ON MONDAY EVENING

At the Grand Theater Monday night, the 25th, for an engagement of one night, Gus Hill will present for the first time the sixth edition of Bud Fishbe's great cartoon success, "Mutt and Jeff's Wedding."

After breaking all established theatrical records for volume of business and pleasing audiences, this remarkable attraction will offer an entire new entertainment for the coming season, retaining nothing but the title and those two character comedians, A. Mutt and his little friend Othello Montgomery Jeffries. The fact has been conceded by the best newspaper authorities in the world that Mutt and Jeff cartoons and likewise the play of the same title, are the most remarkable successes in the history of the press and theatricals.

In a number of cities where this attraction has played four and five times in the last two years, their en-

Expected to Attack Chihuahua Again, According to Refugees—May Already Be Assaulting the City—Communication Severed

(By the United Press)

El Paso, Sept. 20.—Telegraphic and railroad communication with Chihuahua City have been resumed. The city is quiet.

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 20.—While a message was coming over wire to Juarez last night from Chihuahua City that shots were being fired outside the city and that it was feared another Villa attack was impending, communication failed and has not been resumed today.

Carranza officials refuse to credit another attack, saying the message referred to firing Tuesday by excited outposts.

Refugees streaming into Juarez from Chihuahua City are unanimous in the belief that Villa will again attack the city. The first raid was completely successful, they confirm.

NOT QUITE A THIRD OF MILLION POUNDS TOBACCO MARKETED

Three hundred and five thousand pounds of tobacco was sold here today, according to warehouse estimates. The average price may have been a shade better than Tuesday's, certainly there was no change for the worse. One or two warehouses reported averages of around 20 cents.

The quality of the weed offered was generally good. Heavier breaks are looked for Thursday.

KINSTON FIRST WHEN TRAINS ARE ANNOUNCED

"I have just received a clipping from your paper, dated August 26th, headed, 'Norfolk, What D'ye Mean By Treating Us In This Manner?' says Col. H. S. Leard, General Passenger Agent of the Norfolk Southern, in a letter to The Free Press. Colonel Leard referred to a "complaint" registered by Mr. T. W. Mewborn, an enterprising member of the Chamber of Commerce, who had been in the terminal station at Norfolk and discovered that the train announcer called out a number of less important stops, but not Kinston.

"We want to assure you that there is no more 'important town' on the Norfolk Southern Railroad, nor one that it would please me more to do something for, than your progressive city," the Colonel declares in that delightful way of his. So, therefore, "Just as soon as this clipping reached me, I immediately made arrangements with our station master to instruct his announcer to call our train as follows: 'Train for Kinston, Edenton, New Bern, Goldsboro.' I feel sure that from now on, when your 'patriotic Kinstonians' reach our terminal station in Norfolk, on their way home, the first thing that will attract their attention will be the voice of our caller notifying everyone that 'Kinston is on the map.' I am sorry that you did not bring this matter to my attention by personal letter sooner, as it would have been my pleasure to have had this arrangement made before. Again assuring you that anything I can do for yourself or your Kinston people will be a personal pleasure to me, I am, etc."

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MAY MOVE BIG A. T. PLANT TO THIS STATE

(By the United Press)
New York, Sept. 20.—The American Tobacco Company is considering the removal of the factory from New York to a point in the Carolinas or Virginia. Officers of the company today said Richmond and Durham are being considered. Unfavorable labor conditions are given as the cause.

REPUTATIONS RICH PERSONS MAY HAVE TO BE SACRIFICED

Government Willing Go to That Extreme in Black-mailing Cases

A FIGHT TO A FINISH

To Send Members of "Syndicate" to Prison—Pilfered Many a Wealthy One's Pockets Under Threat of Making Scandal

(By the United Press)

Washington, Sept. 20.—Drastic plans tending to force the victims of the now noted nationwide blackmailing syndicate to tell all they know, regardless of how such testimony and publicity might soil the reputations of wealthy men and women, are one of the chief objects of a conference here of officials of the Chicago, New York and Philadelphia offices of the Bureau of Investigation. Officials today admitted that the very nature of the system by which wealthy persons were forced to submit to blackmail, made it obvious that obtaining the consent of witnesses to testify regarding the incidents which they paid heavily to keep secret, will be a most difficult feature of the fight to send the blackmailers to jail. Results will be obtained with the least publicity possible. However, the cases will be pushed without consideration of reputations.

Attorney General Gregory with A. Bruce Bielaki, chief of the Bureau of Investigation, is in personal charge of the case, indicating that the Department intends to "see the thing through."

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL SPEAKING HERE TODAY

Anyway, it's all in the way a fellow looks at a question! Not a single legislative achievement of note in sixteen years in power is the "fine" record Mr. John J. Parker of Monroe, candidate for Attorney General on the Republican ticket, who addressed the coalition Progressives and Republicans in Kinston Wednesday afternoon ascribes to the Democrats. Extravagance of administration, excessive taxation and not a single betterment of the great mass of the common people, were charged against the Democrats. The system of taxation was pronounced as antiquated. The various departments of the State government were criticized. Mr. Parker pointed out that the salaries and expense allowances of the various State officials had been increased, and cited figures to support his statement. The recorder's court system was denounced.

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He was held in highest esteem by his associates in official circles in this part of the State, and was widely known. He was a man of apparently good physique, pleasant, quiet manner, and very courteous. He had been in office four years and was a candidate for re-election.

His widow and one stepchild survive Sheriff Williams.

The funeral will be held some time Thursday, it is expected. The arrangements have not been completed.

FREIGHTS COLLIDE IN WEST CAROLINA; 2 HURT

Hickory, Sept. 19.—This morning two Carolina and North Western freights collided while rounding a curve three miles north of Hickory on the Catawba river. Fireman Henry Winkler, who lives near Hickory, was badly scalded. Engineer Bass was injured about the head and shoulders.

SHERIFF OF GREENE DIES OF APOPLEXY FOLLOW'G TROUBLE

Excitement After Arrest Resulted in Stroke On Tuesday Night

FOUR PERSONS WOUNDED

By Negro Who Claims He Was Shooting at Rabbit. Official Had Been In Poor Health—Popular Officer and Candidate

(By the United Press)

William H. Williams, 46, Sheriff of Greene county, died at his home in Snow Hill about 5 a. m. Wednesday, following a stroke of apoplexy suffered Tuesday night, about 9 o'clock after the arrest of Will Sasser, an 18-year-old negro, for an alleged assault with a shotgun upon four persons.

Sasser Tuesday afternoon fired into an automobile containing Troy Dail, Zebulon Jones, Mrs. Cleon Jones and Miss Blanche Jones, slightly wounding all four. He is reported to have had a grudge against Dail, but in jail makes the statement that he was shooting at a rabbit. The shooting occurred near Snow Hill. Dail was worse hurt than any of the victims, but is in no danger, it is thought. There is little real evidence so far to prove that the shooting was malicious, and no intense sentiment against the negro.

Sasser was arrested, but the deputy having him in charge was so long in arriving with him that the Sheriff feared the prisoner had been taken away from him, according to a Greene county official. Williams became very uneasy and was quite wrought up by the time the deputy sheriff came with the boy. After Sasser had been locked up Sheriff Williams suffered the stroke, on the open street, as a result of the excitement, it is believed. He had been up practically all the night before and had been in declining health for some time. Twelve months ago or so he suffered a first stroke of apoplexy.

Sheriff Will Williams was a very popular official. He was reared in Greene county. He belonged to the Masonic order. He was a man of splendid character, inclined to tenderness and somewhat sensitive. He had worried considerably over an act of mob violence in his county some months ago and censure, which he had frequently protested, was not deserved, during the investigation that was held here some months later. Some questions put to him by counsel during the taking of testimony were construed by Sheriff Williams as an imputation that he had not fulfilled his duty in every respect. Once friends restrained him from demanding an apology out of court.

There are several hundred cities, villages and hamlets in the ten counties, and none will be overlooked.

NO TROOPS LEAVING GLENN YET; LIKELY MOVE LATE IN DAY

There had been no movement of troops from Camp Glenn toward the border at noon Wednesday. It was expected at that hour that the First Infantry and smaller units, including brigade headquarters, two cavalry troops and the field hospital and Ambulance Company A, would get out late in the day, however. There is still some doubt, though, as to whether or not the first train will leave before Thursday.

Kinston will get no glimpses of the first trains to leave. They will go through New Bern and Wilmington. The Second Infantry, unaccompanied by other organizations, will pass through this city, however, probably Friday. The Second has about 100 men from this city. The Third Infantry, leaving Saturday or Sunday, will go through New Bern and Washington, probably. The engineers, two companies strong, may accompany the Third.

It will take more than a dozen trains, at the least estimate, to haul the nearly 2,500 soldiers, their weapons, horses and other paraphernalia.

TO HAVE A HOST OF LADY MARSHALS FOR GREAT FAIR PARADE

Every Town in Ten Counties to Be Asked to Send Sponsor for Pageant—Brilliant Galaxy of Punctitude and Color

(By the United Press)

Chief Marshal Harvey C. Hines today hit upon the idea of having a troop of lady marshals for the big parade of the fair. Last year there was a platoon or a section or a squad—or maybe it was only two or three, ladies among the marshals, all charmingly gowned in glorious riding habit. This time it is intended to have not less than half a hundred; if possible, two or three hundred will be gotten together for the purpose. Women naturally take more interest in such things than men, and they will no doubt the more readily comply with the request to serve.

It is proposed to write the mayor of every town in the ten counties comprising the fair belt, requesting him to name a marshal or marshalsee—or, possibly more properly, a sponsor, for his municipality. With the list of names before him, Mr. Hines will appoint an assistant chief marshal—"marshalsee"—to have charge of the suffragette-lady marshal-section, get in touch with the lady marshals, and prescribe the general style, but not the colors nor the frills, trimmings or curlicues, or whatever they may be called, of the costumes that they are to be rigged up in. That will leave room for some individuality, so that Genevieve Jenison won't have to endure the humiliation of being dolled up just like Lucille Lucious, the snobby, snub-nosed thing.

There will be, very probably, keen competition between the towns. Every place will send forth its choicest beauty, with its best specimen of family-broke horseflesh, a red, mason, scarlet, yellow, canary, blue, old gold, heliotrope or lavender costume for the young woman, and a lot of ribbons on the rag. "Twill be a gaudy spectacle, and with two or three scores of East Carolina's best-looking girls thus spectacularly arrayed and mounted in one grand assemblage the ordinary circus grand entry gang will fade into nothingness. There could not be a better feature. With the belle of every burg bundling herself over to town for the occasion and all their beaux and admirers and relations tumbling after, the opening day crowd would be swelled greatly.

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