

ROUMANIANS TAKE OFFENSIVE ON WHOLE DOBRUDJA FRONT, BUCHAREST REPORT SAYS; TEUTONS ADMIT 'DEADLOCK' THERE

Bulgars Claim to Be Getting Best of Florina Battle—British Advance in West—New Zealanders Drive Germans Back in Heavy Counter—French Take Credit for Big Gain On Balkan Front—Bulgars Capture Village and Lose It Again—Serbs Still Covering Selves With Glory—Activity Throughout Near Eastern Theater—Austrians and Germans Reported to Have Cleared Transylvania of Roumanians and Started New Invasion

(By the United Press)

Bucharest, Sept. 21.—The Roumanians have taken the offensive along the whole Dobrudja front, it is stated officially.

New Invasion of Roumania.

Berlin, Sept. 21.—The Austro-Germans are advancing for a new invasion of Roumania on the northwestern frontier, says an official statement. The Teutonic forces have occupied frontier heights on both sides of Vulcan Pass, south of Petroseny. The Roumanians who advanced ten miles into Transylvania have been thrown back to the frontier. In Dobrudja the battle is deadlocked.

Admission Allied Staying Qualities

Sofia, Sept. 21.—The Roumanians are maintaining the strongly fortified positions in Dobrudja in the face of heavy Bulgarian attacks, it is officially admitted. The battle is increasing in violence, both sides fighting with great stubbornness. The battle around Florina, Macedonia, is developing favorably for the Bulgars. Allied countries have been repulsed with great loss.

British Gain in West.

London, Sept. 21.—The British advanced south of Ancre last night despite fierce resistance, says General Haig. The Germans countered strongly against the New Zealanders, but were driven off with heavy losses.

French Gain in West; Big Advantage Earned in Near East.

Paris, Sept. 21.—The French made two successful attacks northeast of Verdun last night, capturing trenches south of Thiaumont and advancing 100 yards in the Vaux Chapitre Woods, it is officially reported. The Germans made no counters in the Somme sector because of bad weather.

The French in the Balkans have advanced three miles toward hill 1550 and taken fifty prisoners, it is reported officially.

The French made a considerable gain near the frontier, southwest of Monastir, the Bulgars the while delivering most vicious counters against advancing Serbs. Bulgars entered Boreznica village, but were driven out by Serbs. In violent fighting east of the Cerna river the Bulgars countered strongly against the Allies in the mountains captured by the Serbs early in the week, but were driven off.

MUTT AND JEFF IN THEIR BEST GET-UP YET IN COMING SHOW

Once again the merry-making Mut and Jeff will be with us. The season of laughter is about to begin. Mut and Jeff in a brand new dress comes to the Grand Theater next Monday with a bigger and better show than has ever appeared before under this well known title. Giving Mut and Jeff a new and superior production each successive year is an act of diplomacy on the part of Gus Hill. Bud Fisher's eccentric characters can live for a century or die as dead as a door nail in sixty days, if allowed to do so, but it is decidedly in the interest of both Bud Fisher and Gus Hill to see them live for years unnumbered, which they will do as long as Fisher is able to furnish new dope and up-to-the-minute comedy situations and as long as Gus Hill furnishes a new and acceptable vehicle for their stage work. Both of these gentlemen seem to be successfully keeping up their pace at the present writing. Mut and Jeff's Wedding will represent the last word in musical comedy production, every thing being new but the name. The American public never wanted to laugh more than they do at this time. They seek comedy even in moving pictures. Gus Hill's mission was his entry into the theatrical

FAIR BREAKS AND GOOD PRICES TOBACCO MARKET TOWNS AND COUNTIES

Twenty-six bales of cotton had been sold here Thursday by 3:15 o'clock. The staple brought good prices, ranging from 14.3-4 to 15.1-2 cents.

New York futures quotations were:

January	11.60	15.24
March	16.17	16.38
May	16.37	16.60
October	15.94	15.98
December	15.99	16.15

About 275,000 pounds of tobacco is estimated to have been sold here today. The breaks were rather light, compared with the prices, which remained high. The average was very satisfactory. The general quality of the weed was good. There was nothing spectacular about the sales. Heavier breaks are expected Friday.

producing game, has been to make people laugh. He is the acknowledged dean of cartoon comedy production, never having offered a play of this sort that did not prove a success.

MUCH D'PENDS UPON WILD ANIMALS AND VULTURES TEAR THE FLESH FROM BODIES

Will Talk to Grain Dealers, Who Have Much at Stake, Gets to Work on Address Several Days Ahead of Time.

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

Asbury Park, N. J., Sept. 21.—Great importance is attached by Democrats to President Wilson's address on Monday before the National Grain Dealers' Association at Baltimore. What the President has to say on that occasion and the reception accorded the speech, they believe, will have a strong influence in some of the most important voting strongholds of the country.

The grain dealers are in intimate touch with the farmers, and also are among the foremost shippers of the country, who the railroads say will have to "pay the freight" as a result of the President's eight-hour legislation through Congress.

Appreciating the importance of this address, the President already has begun work on it. It is expected to open up a counter attack for the first time on Hughes on the eight-hour issue. Mr. Wilson will leave Baltimore immediately after the speech.

AUSTRALIA ADOPTS ARMY CONSCRIPTION

(By the United Press)

Melbourne, Sept. 21.—The Australian House of Representatives today adopted conscription by a vote of 47 to 12.

The wives and mothers of Australia will go to the polls in a few weeks to decide whether or not they shall send their husbands and sons to the war. It will be probably the first time in the history of the world that women of any large country have been permitted to make such a choice. The conscription measure which passed the House is certain to pass the Senate, and will be submitted to the referendum. The general belief is that the women will vote for conscription.



Anna Held, in "The Girl of the Year" at the Grand Theater.



CHAS. CHERRY

WILD ANIMALS AND VULTURES TEAR THE FLESH FROM BODIES

Of Bulgars Piled in Balkan Ravine—Three Hundred Reduced to Skeletons—Ghastly Sight That Greeted Advancing Serbs

(By the United Press)

London, Sept. 21.—Jackals and hyenas creeping down the mountains along the Serbian frontier are feasting on bodies of Bulgars and Serbs, slain in the fierce fighting northeast of Lake Ostrovo. Three hundred corpses piled in a heap in one ravine have been found stripped of flesh by jackals, hyenas and thousands of vultures that hovered over the battlefield in daytime.

The Bulgars had been mowed down by machine guns. The advancing Serbs found only skeletons and bits of torn uniforms.

Colder weather is aiding Serbian operations on the Balkan front.

DEMOCRATIC ORATORS IN STATE WEDNESDAY

(Special to The Free Press)

Raleigh, Sept. 21.—Democratic campaign orators put in a good, full day in the State Wednesday. During the day and at night spellbinders held forth as follows:

At Lincolnton, Ex-Governor R. B. Glenn. At Lenoir, Congressman R. L. Doughton, in joint debate with H. S. Williams, Republican. At Burgaw, Cameron Morrison. At Morganton, Hon. T. W. Bickett, nominee for Governor. Many lesser lights spoke in places in all sections of the State.

CANDER SEEMS TO HAVE NOMINATION SEWED UP

New York, Sept. 20.—With returns missing from only about 350 districts in the State, most of them in remote rural sections, Wm. M. Calder had a lead tonight of approximately 7,000 votes over Robert Bacon, his rival for the nomination for United States Senator in the Republican primary yesterday. Indications were that the relative standing of the two candidates would not be materially changed by the complete returns.

ENDORSE BIG ENDOWMENT FOR METHODIST COLLEGE

Greensboro, Sept. 20.—At a special meeting of the Educational Boards of the two North Carolina Methodist Conferences here yesterday, the proposition of raising \$150,000 to be used for an endowment fund and for improvements to the buildings of Greensboro College for Women was endorsed. This institution is supported by the two conferences, the other institution of the two bodies being Trinity College, at Durham.

GERMAN INTERESTS MAKE TROUBLE, THE CHARGE OF ENGLAND

(By the United Press)

London, Sept. 21.—German propagandists are attempting to stir up bad feeling between the United States and Great Britain by circulation of false charges regarding the British censorship, the British Foreign office today told the United Press.

"A certain German wireless news agency, and indeed, the whole system of the propaganda, loses no opportunity to endeavor to create ill feeling between Great Britain and her friends," said the Foreign Office.

JUST LIKE HOME IS THE IDEA FOR PROPOSED REST ROOM IN CITY

Government Demonstration Agents Would Set Up a Place for Fair Visitors From Country With Even Kitchen In It

(Special to The Free Press)

Miss Grace I. Shaffer of the Extension Service staff at Raleigh, a specialist in home demonstration work, was here Wednesday conferring with Miss Adna Edwards, the enterprising local agent, on the subject of a rest room for country women in the city and other phases of the service. Interest of the Chamber of Commerce in the rest room proposition was assured the ladies; they were informed that already the Chamber had discussed the matter. One Queen street concern has for some time maintained such a rest room for women visitors from out of the city, and has had the entertainment to some degree of these women as a factor of its business policy.

Misses Shaffer and Edwards propose to install in the rest room a kitchen. The kitchen would enable the latter young woman, whose business it is to be anxious to assist members of her sex in Lenoir county in all possible ways—in which business, by the way, she seems greatly interested—frequently to demonstrate some new stunt in the culinary art, especially in the way of canning and pickling, etc., to her sisters who have not been schooled in the fashion which the Government requires its agents to be schooled in when they go forth to teach and preach conservation, general economy and domestic science in general. On days when there were quite a bunch of ladies "making headquarters" at the rest room, which would be just like home if home happens to be what it ought to be—after the Government standard—Miss Edwards would pitch in and use the kitchen to demonstrate some of the things in her line. That kitchen would be nothing sensational, but, well—just like home.

GINNING PROGRESSES IN COTTON BELT; TOO COOL IN CAROLINAS

Washington, Sept. 20.—Cool weather in North Carolina and parts of South Carolina has caused some damage to cotton, but picking and ginning is proceeding under favorable circumstances in most of the Southern States, according to the weekly crop bulletin issued by the weather bureau today. The bulletin adds that most of the tobacco crop in Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee has been housed and is being cured.

"The weather was too cool for cotton in North and South Carolina," says the report, "and progress in the first named State was unsatisfactory, there being complaints of boll rot and other deterioration, although some picking was in progress. The weather favored picking and ginning almost everywhere and the work is central South Carolina, Southern Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas and Arizona.

"Rains delayed picking in Western Florida, and some lint was stained by rain. Cotton is beginning to need rain in Northern Alabama, and boll weevil continue numerous in infested areas. The top crop in Oklahoma is progressing slowly and in Louisiana and Texas little or no top crop is expected, owing to boll weevil. Cotton is reported as being made in the greater portion of Arkansas."

AMERICA LIBERAL IN GIFTS TO EUROPEANS

Washington, Sept. 20.—American gifts to the sixty principal war relief societies are estimated at \$28,896,277.36 by the new year book of the Carnegie endowment for international peace being distributed today.

THE BOYS HAVE MOVED A BIT AWAY FROM THE FRONTIER

Nor a Peg Toward It—More Rumors—New Bern to Have a Treat, Sometime. Second Awaits Very Big Things From Kinston

(Special to The Free Press)

Camp Glenn, Sept. 21.—This morning Camp Glenn looked just like it has all the time, except for a lot of surplus rolling stock along the railroad. There was, 'tis true, a little happier look on most faces than there was this time last week, for the whole brigade has been paid off by now. No man knew when he got up at reveille just when he would get away for the border, however. It seems that the War Department is insisting that winter-weight uniforms be issued before the troops get out. Part of the necessary cold weather clothing is already at hand, and after all, the department may let the brigade run along and be issued the remainder at Fort Bliss.

New Bern will get the full treat of the movement. Every train and every one of the 8,200 soldiers will go through that place, and there will start the business of separating, part heading for Wilmington, part for Goldsboro and part for Chowhinity.

Canteen news has it that the First Infantry will pull out today, but canteen news is supposed to originate in the minds of the enlisted men who spring it and no one ever heads it. Only, there is the difficulty of separating it from the real article, such as officers carry around in their blouse pockets.

Personals: Lap Korngay, Headquarters company, Second, came back from Kinston this morning. Says he has a whole ham and extras coming from home. The whole regiment is on edge with expectancy. Jim Mehan, band leader, says someone else has told him the Second's band is the best in the country. Where is there a regiment that hasn't been told unofficially that it is the best in the service? A stable detail man has been caught sleeping with the horses, presumably to keep warm. His confederates in crime aver that he rightfully belongs with the jassians.

LA GRANGE IS TO SELL I FIRST BONDS SHORTLY

(Special to The Free Press)

LaGrange, Sept. 21.—Bids are expected to be opened on September 21 for the sale of bond issues totalling factory sale is anticipated. The work \$50,000 for street, water and light and sewerage improvements here. The market is good now, and a satisfactory sale is expected. For the first time in its history LaGrange will have a bonded indebtedness.

M'LORD'S GOING CRACK STONE FOR A WHILE

Richmond, Va., Sept. 20.—Convicted on a charge of bigamy, P. C. Blake, a self-styled English Lord, of Erandy Station, Va., was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary in Hanover county, yesterday. Blake admits that he has three wives in Virginia, all living, and from none of whom has he been divorced or legally separated. He claims to have been born in "Ballinacola House," Ireland, which he says he still owns.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

ELECTROCUTE 'EM.

London, Sept. 21.—"I am not a bloodthirsty man, but I say that shooting is too good for them," declared the Bishop of London, denouncing white slavers in a speech on public morals today.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SECRETARY POINTS TO ANOTHER INDICATION THAT KINSTON'S GROWING—ALL FIRST-CLASS STORES

Nineteen fourteen and 1915 were years of big building in Kinston. This is a year of big business. Secretary Fred. Sutton of the Chamber of Commerce this morning pointed out the fact that no less than eight or ten mercantile establishments, all of the first class for a town of the size, have been opened within the past sixty days or are about to be opened, on Queen street.

It is assumed that nearly \$100,000 will be represented in the stocks of these stores. Included are dry goods, ladies' furnishing, grocery, jewelry, furniture and other kinds of businesses. The new enterprise will employ thirty or forty persons, and most of these are coming from other places, as have the proprietors for the most part. The Chamber of Commerce has been asked for information by several other "prospectors," and the chance is that still more shops will be started up. The increase in population does not amount to much, it may be said, but the Chamber is inclined to take the view that "every little helps." It was by accumulating little by little of wealth and population that the community has reached its present state of prosperity, and that the impetus was attained which now is carrying Kinston forward by leaps and bounds. During the 1900-1910 decade the city outgrew all of its neighbors except Rocky Mount and New Bern. During this decade it is rapidly outstripping everything in the Eastern part of the State, and will after the census of 1920 rank second only to Wilmington.

GREAT STRIKE APT TO BE INAUGURATED NEW YORK TONIGHT

Neither Owners Nor Car-men Show Sign of Weakening—More Violence—Half Million Sympathizers May Walk Out

(By the United Press)

New York, Sept. 21.—The protracted traction strike situation today approached a crisis. The ultimatum of the labor leaders expires tonight. There are no signs of wavering on either side, violence is increasing. A sympathetic strike of half a million workers is threatened to support the carmen.

ARMY WILLING BUT NOT ANXIOUS FOR TROUBLE

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 20.—Secretary of War Baker, in an address before the Business Men's League here today, said that as Secretary of War he discovered that the army does not desire war.

"As a civilian," he said, "I believed that a standing army was a menace to free institutions, and that the professional soldier desired war. But I want to make a confession to you. I have found as Secretary of War that the entire army of the United States from the commanding general to the last enlisted private does not desire war. I know of no body of men who have a more singular devotion to duty than the army, and no body of men who would be more willing to lay down their lives for their country, however."