

WILSON WILL SHOW WEST REPUBLICANS WOULD BREAK PEACE

Will Fire at Hughes Question, "What Would You Do?"

DEMOCRATS LIKE PLAN

Of "Going After" G. O. P. Candidate — President Intends Prove to Nation That It Is Well Enough Off Now

By ROBT. J. BENDER.
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Asbury Park, N. J., Oct. 2.—President Wilson is determined to "smoke out" Charles Evans Hughes on what the Democrats have now defined as the real issue of the campaign. When the President starts west tomorrow to speak at Omaha Thursday evening, he will complete his plans to force Hughes, if possible, into a thorough discussion of what changes he would make in the foreign and business policies of the United States. Mr. Wilson will continue to use the taunting sarcasm, that he used in his latest Saturday in challenging his opponent to divulge how far the "policy of peace" would be altered in the event of a Republican victory. There may be no direct questions, no indulgences in personalities, but the questions and challenges will be found in the President's speeches as in the last one, when he indicated that war would be a Republican method in the foreign policy. Now confidence is apparent with the knowledge that the President is "going after" Hughes. He will attempt to show that a change of administration would endanger peace.

BIG COMPANY WILL PROMOTE AMERICAN-CHINESE RELATIONS

Washington, October 1.—Organization of the Chinese-American Exchange Company, a shipping corporation which proposes to inaugurate a general mercantile trade between China and American ports on the Pacific, Gulf and South Atlantic, was announced here tonight. It is headed by Dr. Clarence J. Owens, managing director of the Southern Commercial Congress, and is understood to have the active backing of that organization. Establishment of regular sailing is contemplated between Norfolk, Charleston, Wilmington, Savannah, Jacksonville, Mobile and Galveston, on the east coast, and San Pedro, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Portland, connection will be made with another fleet plying to and from the Chinese treaty ports. A bond issue of \$1,000,000 will be issued soon.

WHOLESALE KILLING OF GREEKS BY THE TURKS ASIA MINOR

Rome, Oct. 2.—Reports that Greece was about to declare war have led to the wholesale massacre of Greeks in Asia Minor by Turks. The Greek legation there has been advised.

Held for Shooting.
David and Floyd Gooding, father and son, and Clyde Dunn, negroes, were held in bonds of \$100 each, and Ed Isler, also colored, in bail of \$150, by Magistrate H. C. V. Peebles Friday afternoon, for complicity in a shooting affray near the Jones county line in which one negro was shot in the leg.

RAID OVER ENGLAND COSTS THE GERMANS ANOTHER GREAT ZEP

Monster Cut Off from Fleet of Ten Sunday Night One of the Largest in World—No Casualties Reported

(By the United Press)
London, Oct. 2.—A Zeppelin downed north of London last night was one of the new type of superdirigibles, the largest air monsters in the world, Lord French, commander of the home forces, today announced. Ten zeppelins crossed the east coast in last night's raid. Besides the one destroyed, another tried to raid London but was driven off. There were no casualties and no damage.

SECOND NEARS THE LONE STAR COUNTRY AND TAKES ON HOPE

Soldiers Get In Better Humor as They Progress—Mississippi Enthusiastic. Columbus Wasn't Any Happier

(Special to The Free Press)
On Board First Train Carrying Second North Carolina Infantry to Border, Sept. 29.—(Delayed in Transit)—Texas! What emotions does the name stir up in the hearts of Americans! Grand old Commonwealth, Mother of Bailey and Colquitt, land of the single star (there's one gink aboard here who has been told that because of its geographical location only a single star ever shines on Texas, all the rest being shoved over too far on the map, and believes it)—and breeding place of trouble. What we heard of it at Jackson makes us take still more stock in Sherman, who is reported to have said that if he owned Texas and a certain other celebrated locality he would lease out Texas and live in —. It's not nearly as good a place as Goldsboro, they said, so the reader can imagine how blooming bad it is! The State is larger than Rhode Island!!!

Passing through Mississippi today was another very interesting experience. We didn't see a white person until we got to Jackson, where we passed through the State mobilization camp. The soldiers there looked up when we shouted greetings. Some even smiled! It is assumed that when the second train came through they arose and brushed themselves, and that by the time the third whistled hello they caught on to what was happening.

El Paso will be discovered some time Saturday night or Sunday. Old Kit Columbus didn't relish his little find any more than will this gang a sight of dry land. (Literally, dry land.) They have been walking on one another's ears now since Tuesday morning. The surprising part of it all is this fact that is dawning upon us—the longer we ride and the more abuse we subject one another to, the better disposed we are. Wednesday, to cite a man in the leg would have been dangerous business; now you can even ask him for the loan of a sock without any serious disturbance resulting. Arriving at El Paso, we will be corralled and driven to Fort Bliss, which is somewhere near San Francisco from the general idea. There we are to be herded with a lot of regulars, guardsmen from all States and South Carolina militia.

*Mailed. The wire rate's too steep, even considering the importance of the story.

Contributions to Fund.
Mrs. Fletcher Binzell, treasurer for the Queen Street Methodist Philanthropic Class, has contributed \$6.25 to the Flood Sufferers' fund for the class.

NOTHING MUCH FOR SOLDIER TO DO; OH, NO, NOT VERY MUCH

"Oh, We'll Re-enlist—Like H—I We Will"—Guard Troops Go About It Very Cheerfully, However — That's Best

With the North Carolina troops now about all on the border, Kinston mothers and fathers, wives and other relatives of soldiers will be interested in learning how their relatives in uniform are living. The story below is from Webb Miller, a staff correspondent of the United Press, who is located at El Paso, where the North Carolina guardsmen are stationed:

It is not a vacation—this job of being a National Guardsman down on the border. No matter what their occupation in civil life, the civilian soldiers are now working harder than they ever worked before. And they are doing it cheerfully.

"Here is a guardman's day, if he belongs to the cavalry or artillery. The infantry varies little except there is no horse to care for."

At 5:20 the "guard" rolls out of his cot—if he has one—to the shelling of the bugle. After dressing and washing, he has thirty minutes to feed, water and curry his horse and "police" the company streets. Policing is only a sweeter name for the work done at home by the "whitewings."

"At 6 o'clock the bugler blows the most popular note on the border—the mess call for breakfast. Then more policing and tidying up of tents. About 7 o'clock attention is turned to the stables and further policing ensues for an hour.

"By this time the sun is blazing and the temperature is climbing. The real work of the day begins. From 8 until noon the practical work of making citizens into soldiers goes on out on the naked sun-baked plains back of the huge encampment. The drilling covers every possible activity of a soldier. It is man's work—Every minute of it.

"Sometimes the morning drills are replaced by a six-mile hike out into the desert. Again the horses have to be hunched, watered and fed before dinner. The noon mess-call sounds at 12 o'clock.

"From 1 to 3 o'clock is fatigue—or the rest period. It is utilized for officers and non-commissioned officers school and to instruct the men in some of the fine points in the care of guns and equipment. At 3 o'clock there is another drill period.

"It is the hottest part of the day. Fresh from faculty and office, this is most gallant work on the men.

"The afternoon drill period is responsible for the song entitled "Oh, we'll re-enlist—like hell, we will," a favorite of the civilian-soldiers in their tents at night.

"About 4:30 'stables' sounds, and the horses must be cared for again. The evening meal comes at 5:30. After that the men are another short drill at 'retreat' and an inspection, and 'guard' has nothing to do until tomorrow—except be in his tent by 11 o'clock."

RAILROAD SERVICE SUSPENDED PARAGUAY

(By the United Press)
Asuncion, Paraguay, Oct. 2.—The Paraguayan railways have completely suspended operations because of serious disorders resulting from a strike. Strikers attacked the trains and burned bridges.

NOT A GREAT DEAL OF WEED ON MARKET

Less than 100,000 pounds of tobacco was sold here Monday. Estimates from all the warehouses at 1:45 p. m. totalled 96,000 pounds, and these estimates may have been from 5,000 to 10,000 pounds too high. Prices, however, were excellent. Better than a 20-cent average was reported.

COTTON TO SIXTYN RETURN TO NORMAL AND THREE-FOURTHS OF TRAFFIC ON THE A. C. L. RAILROAD

Crop 56 Per Cent. Normal, Says Govt. Report; 11,600,037 Bales

DESTRUCTION BY WEEVIL

Crop in Middle States of the Belt Far Short—Turmoil When Announcement Was Made—156.3 Lbs. Per Acre in Belt

(By the United Press)
Washington, Oct. 2.—The Bureau of Crop Estimates today reported the condition of the cotton crop as being 56 per cent. normal, against 61.2 on August 25, and 67.8 in September of 1915. There has been unprecedented destruction by the boll weevil. The condition forecasts a yield per acre of 156.3 pounds, and a total production of 11,600,037 bales against 11,914,000 in 1915 two years ago.

The condition in Virginia is 95 per cent. against 80 last year; in North Carolina 61 per cent. against 70; in South Carolina 57 against 61. The yield per acre in pounds in Virginia is 224 against 225; in North Carolina 214 against 209; in South Carolina 205 1/2 against 215.

Cotton priced prior to September 25 was 4,000,000 bales against 2,500,000 in 1915.

Turmoil in New York.
New York, Oct. 2.—Cotton jumped from 60 to 70 points on the local exchange today following publication of the government report showing the great damage to the Middle States crop. December sold for 16 1/2 c. The exchange was in a turmoil as prices soared to new high levels.

SHOOTS HIMSELF IN HEAD, PROBABLY IN FIT OF DESPONDENCY

Ed. Hassell Picked Up Revolver and Fired Bullet Into Right Temple—May Live—Right Eye Embarrassed

Ed. Hassell, an engineer, about 20 years of age, shot himself in the right side of his head in the home of Thomas Kelly, 113 W. Pine street, Sunday morning, and laid for some time before a physician was secured. When Dr. A. L. Hunt arrived at the place about noon, he found Hassell with a dangerous-looking wound, apparently made with a revolver bullet of medium caliber, in the vicinity of the temple. The bullet lodged in the cavity behind the right eye. Hassell was hurried to the Parrott hospital, and there is a possibility that he will live. He may lose his right eye in the event that he recovers. He was conscious Monday morning.

The house in which the attempt to suicide occurred is in the segregated section. No woman is thought to have been involved, however. Hassell and two other men are said to have gone into the house. Hassell had been drinking for several days, according to a physician, and was possibly impelled by despondency induced by intoxication to grab up the revolver, said to have been the property of one of the other men, and shoot himself.

The police believe the suicide theory and no arrest has been made.

Mrs. T. E. Lee is making a short visit in Ayden.

Mr. Albert Burman spent Friday at Washington.

SENATOR CLARKE OF ARKANSAS DIES AS RESULT OF STROKE

Suffered Attack of Apoplexy Friday—President Pro Tempore of Senate Since Democrats Gained Control There

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 1.—Senator James P. Clark of Arkansas, president pro tempore of the United States Senate, died at his home here at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Senator Clarke suffered a stroke of apoplexy Friday and never regained consciousness. News of his death came as a shock, as it was not generally known until today that his condition was serious.

Senator Clarke was born in Yazoo City, Miss., Aug. 18, 1851. He was educated in the schools of his native State and in 1878 graduated from the law department of the University of Virginia. He began the practice of law in Helena, Ark., in 1879; he served several terms in the Arkansas Legislature, and later was elected attorney general of the State and Governor. In 1903 he was elected United States senator and re-elected last year for his third term. His present term as United States Senator would have expired March 4, 1921.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 1.—Senator Clarke had been president pro tempore of the Senate since the Democratic party gained control in 1915. He was chosen by the party caucus to succeed the late Senator Frye of Maine, and was re-elected to the place in the Sixty-fourth Congress, despite determined opposition based on his sensational revolt against the administration ship purchase bill in the previous Congress.

LLOYD-GEORGE WAS TALKING ESPECIALLY FOR U. S. THOUGHT

Italian Press Believes British War Secretary's Recent Statement Was a Warning to Washington to Keep Hands Off

(By the United Press)
Rome, Sept. 30.—"A proper reply to Germany in view of Von Dithmann-Holowick's speech," says a comment by Gabriele D'Annunzio, was Lloyd-George's announcement that England is prepared to carry the war to a knockout." The Italian press enthusiastically approved the declaration and interpreted it as a special warning to the United States not to make peace overtures at the present time.

It is thought possible that the warning was inspired by reports that Ambassador Grand is carrying to Washington a request from Germany that President Wilson sound out the belligerents on peace. It is believed also that Lloyd-George had the Vatican in mind.

PROTEST TREATMENT OF AMERICAN MINING INTERESTS MEXICO

Commission Hears Complaint at Resumption of Sessions—Now at Atlantic City—\$100,000,000 Interested, Said

Atlantic City, Oct. 2.—A protest against the treatment of American mining interests in Mexico was made before the Mexican-American peace commission at the resumption of today's sessions here, after a week's adjournment from New London.

Representatives of a hundred million dollars in investments in Mexico protested.

Mr. J. S. May is spending a short time at Grifton.

MONITORS ASSISTING ALLIES IN BATTLE RAGING AT PERONNE

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By HENRY WOOD, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

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Blount Arthur plead guilty to a speeding charge, and was fined \$5 and costs.

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