

Fate of Roumania Hangs In Balance

FALL OF SLATINA WOULD SEAL THE DOOM OF LITTLE KINGDOM

Developments of Next Forty-Eight Hours Important—Von Mackensen's Forces Preparing To Cross the Danube, It Is Admitted.

BUCHAREST MAY FALL BEFORE ELAPSE OF ANOTHER WEEK

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Two things stand out ominously tonight in the contemplation of Roumania's plight, as brought about by the capture of Caiova, and the subsequent operations of General von Falkenhayn.

First—Slatina, a railway intersection second in importance only to Craiova, from which it lies only 30 miles to the east, is threatened with capture within the next forty-eight hours. With it the entire railway "barrier" to the invasion of Roumania's interior, the road which runs clear through Wallachi to the Danube is bound to fall into the hands of the Teutons.

Second—The imminence of a crossing of the Danube by Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces with a view to driving on Bucharest from the south while Falkenhayn's deluge pours down upon the kingdom's capital from the north and west.

Either of these two threats of the military situation, if carried out, would definitely seal the doom of Roumania. Both materializing simultaneously or in quick succession would bring about the fall of Bucharest before the elapse of another week.

Meanwhile, the fate of the Roumanian army at Orsova, cut off from escape, still hangs in the balance. The forces sent westward from Craiova by Falkenhayn to place this army before the bitter alternative of "fight or surrender" have not yet arrived in the Orsova district, but the decisive battle is looked for momentarily.

BODY OF TRAGEDY VICTIM INTERRED

Funeral of Late Mr. George Andrews Held at James City Yesterday.

The funeral service over the remains of the late Mr. George Andrews was conducted from the home in James City yesterday afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. W. B. Everett, pastor of the Free Will Baptist church, and the interment was made in Cedar Grove cemetery. The deceased was a member of the Woodmen of the World and members of this organization took part in the ceremony.

Mr. Andrews was almost instantly killed Wednesday when the driving wheel of the engine used in operating the machinery in the planing mill department of the Clark Lumber Company's plant in James City, burst a section of which struck him in the right side. He was knocked through the side of the building and died fifteen minutes later.

"I do think the fighting'll be over this year, Mrs. Braskett?" "Well, I do an' I don't, as the sayin' is. My ole Bill's a gutton when he starts and he'll take some steppin', now 'at he's got the law on his side for once."—London Punch.

GOMPERS STIRS FEDERATION TO WILD APPLAUSE

Renews His Defiance of Nation-Wide Organization Of Employers.

SPEECH THE MOST RADICAL OF HIS CAREER

BALTIMORE, MD., Nov. 23.—A storm of applause which culminated when the delegates, rising to their feet, stamping the floor and cheering, greeted Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor today when he renewed before the labor convention his defiance of the nation-wide organization of employers. His speech was quite the most defiantly radical of his career. A local newspaper had published an editorial which compared Gompers unfavorably with Charles M. Schwab and had suggested that the labor leader was "raising the red flag" and was becoming a socialist, because of his demand that the eight-hour day be inaugurated on the railroads on January 1st regardless of the decision of the courts as to the Adamson law.

Denying his challenge of Tuesday was aimed chiefly at the presidents of the railroads, Gompers declared that he had rather call attention to the formation of the new league of big employers committed to a war of extermination against organized labor. "It is not we who are going to make the attack," he shouted "we are preparing to defend ourselves, but if they attempt to take from the man and woman of labor the advantages they have up to this time secured we are going to fight."

"We are going to be forced back. We will resist and resist to the uttermost."

"The sum total of our offence" he concluded, "is that we have stood true and no power or influence can swerve us. You cannot fool us very much and perhaps you can't frighten us at all."

"You pharisees who stand in the way and try to drive us into the mire of misery and despair—beware—ere it be too late."

SANTA FE AND UNION PACIFIC HEARINGS TODAY

Federal Judge Pollock to Make Rulings in Injunction Suits Against Adamson Law.

M. O. & GULF CASE SUITS HAGERMAN

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 23.—Hearings on the injunction suits brought by the Santa Fe and Union Pacific railroads to restrain the government from enforcing the Adamson eight-hour law was today postponed until tomorrow by Federal Judge Pollock. The postponement was ordered today at the request of the attorneys, Frank Hagerman, special counsel for the government, would not acquiesce in the railroads' demand that some larger road instead of the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf on which Judge Hook rendered a decision yesterday, be chosen for the test. He countered with the proposal that all points the railroads contend are not covered in the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf case be incorporated in it and certified to the Supreme Court along with the transcript of the record of yesterday's hearing before Judge Hook.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wetherington, of Goldsboro, returned home yesterday after spending a few days in the city, guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Whit Gaskins.

VILLA FORCES MAKE ATTACK ON CHIHUAHUA CITY

Juarez Hears of Attack, But the Result Not Known—Defenders Short of Ammunition.

TREVINO PREPARES TO WITHDRAW, REPORTED

EL PASO, TEXAS, Nov. 23.—Forces under Francisco Villa attacked Chihuahua City at noon today, according to a message received at Juarez this afternoon. The message brought no word of how the engagement was progressing. An earlier report said that General Triveno, Carranza's commander, had ammunition enough for only a few hours' fighting and had made preparations to withdraw to the north.

DINNER FOR LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE

Former President Taft to Act as Chairman of Meeting in New York Tonight.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—With a notable dinner at the Hotel Astor tonight at which many important speeches will be delivered, the League to Enforce Peace will open a vigorous campaign to unite the nations of the world in a combination to repress the settlement of international disputes by force.

DIXON VS. COWARD RESULTS IN MISTRIAL

Jury Unable to Agree on Verdict in Suit for \$35,000 in Superior Court.

In the case of J. R. Dixon versus W. M. Coward, which was heard in yesterday's session of Superior court, resulted in a mistrial. The contentions of the plaintiff were that he had some timber cut at the defendant's saw mill and that he did not receive as much lumber as he should have. He claimed that the difference in the value and what he received was \$35,500 and he asked for this amount. After quite a lengthy deliberation the jury announced that they could not reach an agreement.

Mr. R. A. Nunn presented the case for the plaintiff while the interest of the defendant was in the hands of Mr. William Dunn, Jr.

Miss Lillie Belle Barrus, of Pollocksville, has returned home after a visit with friends in the city.

FIRST SHAD OF THE SEASON IS CAUGHT

Indicates Early Run of Choice Fish, According to Local Fishermen.

The supply of fish in this section has been rather limited for the past few months and local dealers have been up against a proposition in securing a sufficient stock to supply their trade, but they are hoping for a larger supply during the winter months. Indications now are that the shad run will start earlier this season than has been the case, the advance guard having already made its appearance.

The fishermen employed by Mr. A. L. Willis, one of New Bern's leading dealers in seafood, returning from a trip in the sound yesterday brought a large white shad which was caught in a net in Pamlico sound. This is extremely early for this specimen of the funny tribe and leads the dealer to think that the run this season will not only be large but will start earlier than usual. The shad run usually begins the latter part of January or the first of February.

ALDERMEN HEAR COMPLAINTS AT SPECIAL MEET

Citizens Object to Sand Being Dumped into Bay Off East Front Street.

MORE EMPLOYEES GET WAGE INCREASE

A short but interesting meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held at the City Hall last night. The special meeting was called to hear complaints from citizens residing on East Front street between Broad and Change, relative to sand being pumped out of the channel into the bay between the Cutter wharf and the Duffy property.

The government is dredging the channel of the river two feet deeper. The sand which is being pumped out is of excellent quality for mixing with cement, and the city fathers decided to have a quantity placed at the foot of Short street to be used on the street work. Representing quite a number of property owners residing on this street, Mr. L. I. Moore appeared before the board and stated that they objected to the sand being placed in the bay on the ground that it detracted from the attractiveness of that section of the city. He pointed out that it was the only place where a view of the river could be gained without going on private property and he did not think that it was advisable to obstruct the view.

The board informed him that the sand was being placed there temporarily and that teams would begin hauling it away Monday.

He stated that the board had no right to place sand at the foot of the street without condemning the property, but he did not think there would be any serious objection on the part of his clients, to the city using the foot of the streets for this purpose temporarily. He admitted that his clients feared that plans were being made to fill up the bay and use the property for a park and that this work was the forerunner of the plans. However, he was assured that no such idea had been entertained by the board.

As no definite agreement could be reached between the board and Mr. Moore, more than the board promised to move the sand as fast as possible Mr. Moore entered a protest for the property owners against dumping sand into the bay; also against the erection of any c-s-e-sore fence to keep the sand from going back into the channel, and he also stated that he would ask the government to move the sand which has already been dumped in the bay.

Among other matters transacted last night was that of increasing the salary of all the employees of the city who are receiving a salary of less than fifty dollars per month. The increase will be ten per cent. of their present wages, for which all members present voted.

There seemed to be some misunderstanding in the increase given the policemen at the last meeting. Practically all the members were of the opinion that those intended to be benefited by the increase included the Chief, Captain and Sergeants, but it was pointed out that the motion did not include these and all Aldermen present voted for these members of the police department to receive the ten dollar raise.

CITY AGAIN ASSUMES NORMAL CONDITIONS

Shriners Have Departed And Citizens are Complimenting Themselves.

After being thronged with visitors for two or three days, and everybody hurrying back and forth trying to give them a good time, New Bern has again assumed normal conditions. The greater part of the Shriners and their wives, who attended the first ceremonial service of Sudan Temple here Wednesday, left that night but quite a few remained until yesterday and some are still here.

New Bern had been in a hustle for some time previous to this event preparing for the entertainment of the visitors and now that they have come and gone, the Shriners and their friends who helped to make the visitors' stay here a pleasant one, have taken a seat in an easy chair and are justly complimenting themselves on the success of the event.

MANY MESSAGES RECEIVED AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Congratulations From Rulers, Public Officials and Others, Come Rapidly.

WILSON REPLIES TO CHARLES E. HUGHES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—The White House today announced receipt of many messages of congratulations to President Wilson from rulers of nations, public officials and others which had been held up waiting Hughes' telegram of congratulation.

President Wilson today replied to Charles Evans Hughes' message of congratulations upon the President's re-election with a telegram expressing "my good wishes for the years to come."

LYCEUM LECTURE NEXT THURSDAY

Dr. Lucian Edgar Follansbee to Speak in The Griffin Auditorium.

On Thursday night at 8:30 Dr. Lucian Edgar Follansbee will deliver a lecture in the Griffin auditorium.

Dr. Follansbee is a lecturer of prominence having delivered over two thousand lectures, and he never fails to please his audiences. His subjects range from serious problems of the day to humorous subjects and he is good at either.

Those who wish to be both amused and entertained will do well to attend this number.

"SHELL FISH DAY" TO BE OBSERVED TODAY

Citizens Urged to Serve Some Variety of Shell-Fish At One Meal.

Today has been designated by the National Association of Fisheries as "Shell Fish Day," and it is the desire of the association and Mr. H. L. Gibbs, State Fisheries Commissioner, that the day be fittingly observed throughout North Carolina.

It is suggested that every family make an effort to serve some variety of shell fish at one meal and more if convenient, and thus assist in observing the day and in advancing the shell fish industry. The supply of oysters and other shell fish has never been more plentiful than now and the quality is exceptionally good this season. Too, this is one of the cheapest dishes that could be prepared.

Those in charge of the matter in North Carolina have been untiring in their efforts to have the day fittingly observed and it is believed that their efforts will be crowned with success.

One should wash his soiled linens in private.—Napoleon.

Push Test Case Through Courts

THOM MAKES ELOQUENT PLEA FOR RAILROADS

Accept Government Regulation But Not on Lines of Oppression, Tells Committee.

RAILROADS SHOULD STAY OUT OF POLITICS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—The railroads of the country accept government regulations as an understood principle. But they wish this regulation to be founded on constructive lines and not on the lines of oppression. This is their idea, as expressed today to the joint Congressional Committee by A. D. Thom, general counsel to the advisory board of the railway executives.

Mr. Thom also made the point that failure to extend the railroads within the past year contributed to the high cost of living. The failure to construct more than 1,000 miles of new track in this country during the last year, he said, was because confidence in railway securities had been destroyed and he presented seven reasons. One of these reasons was "The railroad business is largely controlled by politics instead of business considerations," and in this connection Mr. Thom said:

"The railroads are business enterprises. They must not be subjected if they are to survive—to political considerations any more than any other business. The American people have declared the railroads must stay out of politics. And the railroads with which I am acquainted do. I plead for a nonpolitical judgment of the great systems, for regulation based on business rights."

The counsel to the executives made the first speech the committee has yet heard. It was really the opening day of the committee's work. Mr. Thom's speech continued for two and one-half hours and will be resumed tomorrow morning.

Regret and reform both begin with the same syllable, but they often have a different ending.

SAM STOCKS IS CLEARED BY THE DUPLIN COURT

Grand Jury Fails To Find True Bill Against Alleged Green County Lyncher.

CASE WAS WORKED UP BY A DETECTIVE

KINSTON, Nov. 23.—Not a true bill was returned by the grand jury in Duplin county Superior court at Kenansville Thursday in the case against Sam Stocks, of Greene county, alleged to have been a member of the lynching party who took Joe Black a negro from the Kinston jail last spring and killed him at some point between Kinston and Maury section of Greene county. Several witnesses including Chief of Police Skinner, of Kinston, Deputy Sheriff H. V. Allen, Claud Russell and Ed Phillips who went from this city to appear before the grand jury Thursday afternoon returned here last night. Detective Barnes, who was engaged by Governor Craig to work up the case was also at Kenansville Thursday as appeared as a State's witness.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Granger, of Kinston, returned home last night, after attending the Shriners meeting. While in the city they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Howard.

GOVERNMENT TO LET ATTORNEYS FOR RAILROADS SELECT SUIT

Agreement is Reached to Rush Decision as to Constitutionality of Adamson Law—Railroads to Pick One Suit And Suspend Others.

INDICATIONS ARE THAT SANTA FE CASE WILL BE THE CHOICE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—An important move, looking toward an early decision by the Supreme court on the validity of the eight-hour law, was taken up today when the railroads through their legal representatives, signed an agreement with the Attorney General's office to co-operate with the government in rushing the case to the highest court. The agreement, which was in the form of a stipulation, binds the railroads' attorneys to select out of the great number of suits filed, one case which they regard as typical of all views involved in the dispute over the act and, to suspend further proceedings in the other cases until the Supreme Court has passed on the case heard. The government agrees to let the railroads make the selection and to join hands with the attorneys for the companies in speeding the hearing before the Supreme Court.

The stipulation was signed today after a further conference between members of the Attorney General's staff and the attorneys who represent the advisory committee of all the great railway systems. After it had been signed the text was immediately wired to the assistants of the Attorney General's office who are now in Kansas City attending the hearing of the Santa Fe and Union Pacific cases. Indications are that the Santa Fe case will be selected by the railway lawyers as the test case.

It was announced at the Department of Justice that there will be no further conferences with the attorneys for the railways until word is received from Kansas City of the result of the conference held there.

HANS FUERST HERE THANKSGIVING NIGHT

Austrian Champion to Meet Draak—Linow and Stecher Coming Later.

The next attraction for the mat devotees of New Bern will take place Thanksgiving night when Hans Fuerst, the Austrian champion will meet Tommy Draak at Ghent Park. Fuerst is one of the fastest and most scientific heavy weight wrestlers in the east and when Draak gets mixed up with the big Austrian, it is said that he will have little time to give thanks and it is suggested that he attend to this matter earlier in the day.

There are other noted wrestlers booked for matches with Draak during the next few weeks, among them being Linow, who will make his appearance on the seventh of December. Joe Stecher, who is said to be the greatest catch-as-catch-can wrestler in the world, has agreed to meet Draak at Ghent Park December the fifteenth.

The Draak-Stecher match promises to be the greatest ever pulled off in New Bern, or in the State as it is that, and it is expected that hundreds of mat fans will be here from all parts of the surrounding country to see this famous wrestler in action.

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