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ALL BALKAN STATES NOW UNDER ARMS

Greece the Latest to Order Mobilization of Naval and Military Forces

BULGARIA SAYS ACTION ONLY PRECAUTIONARY

Differences Which Have Made Bulgaria and Turkey Enemies for so Many Years Have Been Composed—Russian Successes in Galicia and Volhynia May Have Influence in the Balkans—Von Hindenburg Continues to Make Progress Against Dvinsk, But the Russian Defense is Stiffening—German Submarines Again Are Active Off the Irish Coast.

London, Sept. 24, 10 p. m.—As a "measure of elementary prudence," Greece has ordered the mobilization of her naval and military forces. Thus the action of Bulgaria in making military preparations has brought the last remaining Balkan state under arms, for Rumania, while not fully mobilized, for some time has had her troops read for an emergency.

What plans Bulgaria really has in mind and what Greece and Rumania will do when these plans mature are still matters of speculation. One thing seems clear, however. Bulgaria and Turkey, for so many years sworn enemies, have composed their differences.

Russian Success in Galicia.

The successes which the Russian general Ivanhoff has been having in Galicia and Volyhnia, it is considered in military circles here, may still have an influence in more than one way in the Balkans. General Ivanoff has been so successful that the German field marshal, Von Mackensen, who is fighting north of the Pripet marshes eastward of Brest-Litovsk, has, according to the German official report, been compelled to withdraw his line somewhat, as it was in danger of being been pushed across the Styr and encircled, while the Austrians have according to one account, have evacuated the fortress of Lutsk, in the Volhynian triangle of fortresses, which they captured during the great drive.

These successes, which extend to the Rumanian frontier, would in the opinion of military observers, serve to ease the situation on the Rumanian flank should Rumania join Russia and in addition might well prevent the Austro-Germans from sending an army, which it is estimated must consist of at least a half million men to make an attack on Serbia.

In the center the Russians are still falling back while in the north Field Marshal Von Hindenburg continues to make progress with his offensive against Dvinsk, although at a much slower rate than formerly, as the Russians are stiffening their resistance. East of Vilna the Germans admit a temporary check, during which they lost guns to the Russians.

Artillery Struggle in the West.

There has been a continuation f the furious artillery struggle in the west. According to the Berlin official report a British attack south of the La Bassee canal broke down under the German fire.

After a fortnight of comparative inactivity during which they sank only five British merchant ships, German submarines again are on the move off the Irish coast. Since Tuesday they have sent five British steamers to the bottom.

BULGARIA'S MOBILIZATION IS ONLY PRECAUTIONARY

Does Not Intend Aggressive Action Against Any of Her Neighbors.

Washington, Sept. 24.—A statement cabled to the Bulgarian legation here today by Premier Radoloff announces that Bulgaria does not intend aggressive action against any of her neighbors and that her mobilization is not to be construed as indicating that she is about to enter the war.

Minister Panaretoff called at the state department today on his return to the city after some weeks absence. He said Premier Radosloff explained his government's action as parallel to that take nin other countries adjacent to the belligerents like Switzerland and Holland, which were under arms for their own protection.

THREE STEAMERS SUNK, ALL THE CREWS ESCAPE.

In Each Instance the Men Took to the Lifeboats.

Queenstown, Sept. 24, 7.26 p. m.—Thirty-two members of the crew of the British steamer Cahenellor, which was sunk yesterday and the captain of the vessel were landed here by a rescue steamer this afternoon. The remainder of the crew is reported to have been picked up by a trawler and taken to Kinsale.

When the Chancellor went down the members of the crew made their escape in three lifeboats.

British Freight Steamer Urbino.

London, Sept. 24, 7.08 p. m.—The British freight steamer Urbino, of 6,651 tons gross, from New York September 12 for Hull, has been sunk. The crew was saved.

Houston Liner Hesione.

Queenstown, Sept. 24, 11.45 p. m.—The Houston liner Hesione, bound from Liverpool for Buenos Aires, was sunk yesterday. The crew escaped in two lifeboats. One of these boats, containing the captain and twenty-two men, was picked up and landed here. The other, with 18 men it it, is reported to have for the Scilly Islands.

HEIRLOOMS PRESENTED PRESIDENT WILSON.

By Mrs. W. F. Stauffer, Granddaughter of President Zachary Taylor.

Washington, Sept. 24.—Mrs. Walter S. Stauffer, of New Orleans, granddaughter of President Zachary Taylor, presented to President Wilson today for the White House collection several heirlooms belonging to her ancestor. They included a pair of silver candlesticks, a cut glass decanter and several wine glasses used by President Taylor in the White House, a brooch containing a lock of his flair, a silver spur and the handle of a walking stick given him during the Mexican war.

DIED OF HEART FAILURE AFTER PRINCETON CLASS RUSH

Physicians Unable to Restore to Consciousness Stockton Wells.

Princeton, N. J., Sept. 24.—Heart failure superinduced by participation in the annual class rush at Princeton University today caused the death of Stockton Wells, a freshman from Madison, N. J. Physicians worked for an hour and three quarters in an effort to restore consciousness before pronouncing him dead.

A slight abrasion over one hip was the only injury discovered on the body after a careful examination.

Representatives of the four classes of the university met and voted unanimously to discontinue all class rushes for the present year.

OBITUARY

Staples Brown

Providence, R. I., Sept. 24.—W. Staples Brown, widely known throughout New England as an artist, died at his home here early today, after a long illness.

STRIKE RIOTERS INJURE POLICEMEN.

Three Officers Hurt by Missiles Thrown at New Britain.

New Britain, Conn., Sept. 24.—In a clash with strike rioters at the Corbin Screw factory of theAmerican Hardware corporation here this afternoon three policemen were injured by flying bricks and stones hurled by the rioters. One officer, George Ellinger, had his jaw broken. The other two were not so severely hurt. It was at first reported that one of the officers had been shot, but this was later denied at police headquarters.

A crowd of several hundred gathered near the shop where some of the workmen had struck for an eight hour day with increased pay, and attempted to persuade those who remained at work to quit. The trouble started when police officers on duty at the plant attempted to disperse a group of strikers. The latter refused to move and the crowd surged about the officers, hooting and shouting. A stone thrown by someone in the crowd felled one of the officers unconscious, and another of the policemen then fired his revolver into the air. The crowd answered with a shower of missiles. In an endeavor to intimidate the rioters one of the police vainly fired several shots into the ground. Reinforcements came and the disturbance ceased, but the rioters did not leave the vicinity. After quiet was restored policemen with drawn revolvers remained on guard about the plant.

There were no further disorders. The police took extra precautions to guard the property tonight and a number of patrolmen will be on duty tomorrow.

Several meetings of strikers were held tonight, but nothing given out for publication. The police arrested Tony Mezzo for tearing down one of the mayor's proclamations and he will be arraigned in police court tomorrow.

SEEKING THE RECOVERY OF $1,250,000

Alleged to Have Been Misused by the La Salles Trust Co.

Chicago, Sept. 24.—An echo of the crash of the La Salles Trust and Savings bank, the institution of which William Lorimer was president and C. B. Munday vice president, came today with the filing of a cross bill in the circuit court seeking the recovery of $1,250,000 alleged by the present receiver of the defunct La Sallee Street bank to have been knowingly manipulated in an improper manner. The action is against the Central Trust company of Illinois and ten individuals.

Movements of Steamships.

New York, Sept. 24.—Signalled, steamer United States, Copenhagen for New York, 1,330 miles east of Sandy Hook at noon. Dock 8 a. m. Tuesday.

Liverpool, Sept. 24.—Arrived, steamer Lapland, New York.

Glasgow, Sept. 23.—Arrived, steamer Carthaginian, Montreal.

Falmouth, Sept. 23.—Arrived, steamer Ryndam, New York for Rotterdam.

New York, Sept. 24.—Signalled, steamer United States, Copenhagen for New York, 1,300 miles east of Ambrose lightship at noon today. Dock 8 a. m. Wednesday.

Condoled Paragraphs

Body of Arabic Victim Washed Ashore.

Queenstown, Sept. 24.—A body that came ashore at Clonakility, on the south coast of Ireland, has been identified as that of Mrs. Josephine Bruguiere of New York, one of the victims of the Arabic disaster.

Stuttgart Air Raid.

London, Sept. 25, 1.50 a. m.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Amsterdam says it is believed the number of persons killed or wounded in the recent raid by allied aircraft over Stuttgart was greater than in the similar attack on Karlsruhe.

ROCKEFELLER CONTINUES TOUR OF INSPECTION

Went Through Big Steel Plant of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co.

Pueblo, Col., Sept. 24.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., with collar wilted and dusty coat slung over his arm, today plodded and dodged his way through the big steel plant of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company.

After a fifty-three mile motor trip from Washington he barely took time for luncheon at the home of E. H. Weitzel, manager of the corporation's fuel department, then plunged into the hteel plant, his weary staff of company officers and newspaper correspondents at hish eels.

In the rooms where half naked workers are protected from the searing heat by blasts of cool air; into the rail mill where cataracts of sparks mark the course of the saw through red hot steel, beside the track where steam and electricv trams threatened their unwary visitor from the floor, the ceiling and the walls, through the dirtiest and most dangerous portions of the plant Rockefeller made his way, shaking hands with the workmen and asking a stream of questions of the company officials who piloted him.

The trip was not without peril, but the inspection was made without mishap, save for a plentiful accumulation of dust and grease.

After inspecting the steel plant, Rockefeller went through the company's big hospital conducted by Dr. R. W. Corwin, the white-bearded chief surgeon.

SENATOR ALDRICH'S ESTATE APPROXIMATES $30,000,000

Executors Have Petitioned for the Appointment of an Appraiser.

Warwick, R. I., Sept. 24.—Although the will of the late United States Senator Nelson W. Aldrich expressly provided that no inventory of his estate should be filed, the executors today caused the appointment of an appraiser, Theodore F. Green, a lawyer of this town. It is expected that, as an appointee of the probate court, his report will be made public.

The extent of the estate of the former senator has been in doubt. Friends here estimate it at approximately $30,000,000 after his death, while subsequent estimates placed the value as low as $5,000,000.

The executors who petitioned for the appointment of an appraiser are children of the testator, Edward B. Aldrich, Miss Lucy T. Aldrich and Richard S. Aldrich. Their mother, Mrs. Abbie P. Aldrich, who is seriously ill in New York, it was learned today, has not qualified as an executor as yet. No statement as to the reasons for the determination to have the property appraised could be obtained tonight.

Under the terms of the will, all the children are to share equally, except Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who is to receive $100,000. No final division of the estate is to be made until 12 years after the death of the testator, or until the death of the widow.

SCHEME TO SWINDLE INSURANCE COMPANY

Harold Swtizer, Arrested in Cincinnati, Exposes Conspiracy.

Cincinnati, Sept. 24.—Harold Switzer, in jail her charged with being an accomplice of Robert C. Strang, who the police believe is under arrest at New Orleans, confessed today, according to the police, that he conspired with Strang to make it appear that the latter had been drowned in order that his wife could obtain $6,900 on insurance policies and the money on the surety company bond.

Switzer, the police say, told them that he took Strang on a motor boat ride; that he put him off near Anderson Ferry, where he boarded a train for the south; that he (Switzer) then brought the motorboat back up the river, deliberately ran into a pier of a bridge and bringing the boat to Covington, reported Strang had been drowned.

For his part in the case, Switzer received $200, the police say.

ORGANIZERS TO ASSIST BROWN & SHARPE STRIKERS

Gompers Wired That Two Would Arrive in Providence Today.

Providence, R. I., Sept. 24.—A telegram from Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, announcing that he had assigned two organizers to assist the 3,000 striking employes at the machinery plant of the Brown & Sharpe Manufacturing company, was received at strike headquarters tonight. Mr. Gompers wired that the organizers would arrive here tomorrow.

Union leaders said that plans were being made to assess every union machinist in the country a dollar a week in support of the strike. O. L. Preble, who is in charge of the movement, renewed his assertions that unless an agreement were reached within a week the strike would be extended to every similar plant in the city.

VOTERS WERE BOUGHT FOR "THE PRICE OF A DRINK"

According to Testimony Given in the Trial of Mayor Bell.

Indianapolis, Sept. 24.—Voters were bought for ten cents, "the price of a drink," in the election of November 3, 1914, according to Edward J. (Big Chief) O'Leary, who testified today in the trial of Mayor Joseph E. Bell, charged with election conspiracy. About one hundred saloon keepers testified during the day that they had contributed to the democratic campaign fund in sums ranging from $5 to $75. The total was almost $1,500. City employes, most of whom were indicted with Mayor Bell, were named as the collectors of this fund.

Kaiser Wilhelm has visited the German eastern front.

Blames Doctors for Drug Habit

WHO PRESCRIBE NARCOTICS FOR NEURASTHENIA

AT CLINICAL RESEARCH

Dr. Thomas D. Crothers of Hartford Has a New Treatment Which Gradually Withdraws Narcotic From Victim's System.

Philadelphia, Sept. 24. — A new method of treatment for persons addicted to the drug habit was outlined today by Dr. Thomas D. Crothers, of Hartford, Conn., in a paper read at the second day's session of the seventh annual meeting here of the American Association of Clinical Research.

Entirely New System.

The treatment that Dr. Crothers has evolved is based primarily on a close study of the causes that first led the patient to resort to drugs, and does not include the use of any specific remedy or any relief or any milder substitute drug. It provides for a gradual withdrawal of the narcotic from the patient's body by an entirely new system and a complete change of environment, surroundings an doccupation after cure.

Drug Habit Not Incurable.

Dr. Crothers, who is the author of a number of text books on the effects of drugs, declared that the drug habit isno incurable. Most cases, if handled intelligently, can be cured entirely, he said, and even in cases of utter degeneracy temporary restorations, at least, can be effected.

Blames Physicians Who Prescribe Narcotics.

He blamed the prevalency of the drug habit largely upon physicians who make a practice of trying to cure the drug habit by advising the patient to use a substitute drug or some other proprietary remedy and upon doctors who recommend the use of narcotics as a palliative for neurasthenia.

Pyschical as Well as Medical.

Dr. Crothers' method of treatment is pyschical as well as medical. A large majority of persons who use drugs habitually have been led to do so, he declared, by neurasthenia developed under great strain in the business or professional world. It is obvious he maintained that in such cases a change of environment is the most important part of the cure. This is also true, he said, of drug users whose addiction to drugs has been caused by over-indulgence in various pleasures and persons who have been profoundly depressed by some great trouble.

SOLD 22 USELESS MILLS AFTER ABSORBING THEM

Testimony Given in the Corn Products Refining Co. Case.

New York, Sept. 24.—Testimony that the Corn Products Refining company sold 22 useless mills after it had absorbed them was given today in the hearing here of the government's suit to dissolve the corporation as an alleged monopoly under the Sherman law. This was brought out while Frederick T. Fisher, secretary and treasurer of the company, was on the stand.

Secretary Fisher also said that he examined many of the plants taken in by the corporation and that many of the buildings deteriorated rapidly and became worthless. He told of the sale of various unused plants in the east and middle west at a price below their valuation. Some had not been operated for ten years before their sale between 1906 and 1911.

Military Aviators Make 15 Loops.

San Diego, Cal., Sept. 24.—Sergeant William Ocher and Corporal Albert Smith, attached to the United States army aviation corps at North Island, this afternoon made fifteen loops each while engaged in flights which were said to shatter all army and navy aviation records. Both officers used the same machines, equipped with a 90 horsepower motor. This machine is of the heavy army type, designed solely for long distance flying.

Largest Financial Dealing in History

GERMANY'S NEW WAR LOAN OF OVER $3,000,000,000

BIGGER THAN ENGLAND'S

Dr. Karl Karl Helfferich, Secretary of the Imperial Treasury, Says Germany is Financially Able to Continue the War Indefinitely.

Berlin, Sept. 24, Via London, Sept. 25, 12:20 a. m.—The German war loan raised Sept. 21 is the largest financial operation in the world's history, said Dr. Karl Helfferich secretary of the Imperial treasury to The Associated Press today. With a total of twelve billion marks ($3,000,000,00) and some small sums not yet reported, the secretary said it exceeds Great Britain's last loan, which attracted much attention all over the world as an unprecedented piece of financiering.

Enough for Winter Campaign.

"The present loan," Dr. Helfferich continued, "enable the government to liquidate treasury bills taken over by the reichsbank and other banks, provides Germany with money for the winter campaign and renders unnecessary the raising of another loan before March.

England $4,062,500,000, Germany $6,250,000,000.

"England hitherto has raised $4,062,500,000 and Germany $6,250,000,000 in long term loans, whereas England's war expenditures up to the present time are hardly less than Germany's nad soon will exceed Germany's, for England is now spending nearly 5,000,000 pounds sterling ($25,000,000) daily against Germany's not much over 3,000,000 pounds sterling ($15,000,000.) That means that Germany is spending 25 cents per capital daily and England 55 cents. I doubt therefore, whether England's financiers possess confidence that their resources will outlast ours.

Subscriptions Not Forced.

"Everything said abroad about Germany putting on pressure and using force to secure subscriptions to the loan is a pure invention. We appealed to the financial power and patriotism of our fellow citizens. Our success must open the world's eyes to a recognition of how strong Germany's financial power and her strong will.

"I am confdennt that the success of this loan, which proves that we are standing firmly upon our own feet, will contribute toward the good relations between Germany and the United States, notwithstanding the Morgan-Holden incident. Independence is the first word in American history, as well as the first word of true friendship. America cannot class us among her poorer relations."

Dr. Helfferich asserted that Germany was financially able to continue the war indefinitely.

Victims of Submarine F.-4 to be Buried in Arlington Cemetery

Washington, Sept. 24.—Fourteen unidentified victims of the submarine F-4 will be buried at Arlington National cemetery Tuesday, September 28 with full military honors. The bodies will reach here from San Francisco Sunday. Secretary Daniels, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt and many high officers of the navy will attend the funeral. Troops from Fort Meyer and bluejackets from ships stationed here will form the escort.

STRUCK BY TROLLEY DURING A FIGHT.

Frank Gleason of Hartford and Charles Murray of Westerly Severely Injured.

Waterbury, Conn., Sept. 24.—During a fight tonight on the Middlebury road Frank Gleason of Hartford and Charles Murray of Westerly, R. I., staggered on to the trolley tracks and in front of a car bound for this city. Both men were struck and hurled to the roadway, Murray being severely injured. They were placed aboard the car and rushed to St. Mary's hospital here. Gleason sustained a number of scalp wounds, while Murray was injured about the face and his scalp being terribly torn. Physicians state he has n chance for recovery.

An Experience That Is a Guide to Others

When it comes to advertising the experience of one of the large tobacco manufacturers of this country acts as a guide for the merchant engaged in any line of business. Finding after a few years that his business was not developing as he expected and desired, but showed a tendency to go backward, he resorted to the old time remedy of advertising. His first year's experiment increased his business to a point beyond the additional cost. The second year he spent $4,000 and obtained such results that his third year's appropriation was $40,000 and a plant which would handle ten times the business of the first one, and ever since his advertising has been increased in proportion to the increase in business. He used the newspapers and he knows that they are not only the standard form but that they bring results.

His experience is no different than a lot of others. Even the little retafler can do the same though on a scale to fit his business. Publicity counts, and when it is sought in this vicinity, no better medium is obtainable than the advertising columns of The Bulletin, which is read daily by 45,000 people.

The following matter was carried in its columns during the past week:

Bulletin		Telegraph	Local	General	Total
Saturday,	Sept. 18..	162	162	1155	1479
Monday,	Sept. 20..	164	133	266	563
Tuesday,	Sept. 21..	145	160	186	491
Wednesday,	Sept. 22..	159	121	123	403
Thursday,	Sept. 23..	166	156	231	553
Friday,	Sept. 24..	159	118	200	477
Totals		955	850	2161	3966

Condensed Telegrams

New York coffin makers are planning a strike.

Frost in Orange and Sullivan counties, New York, caused damage to crops.

Many Oregon farmers are holding their grain crops in hope of higher prices.

Fire destroyed a hotel and several houses at Chateaugay, N. Y. The loss is $50,000.

Khaki cloth to equip 200,000 men is being turned out weekly by English textile mills.

All males born in 1897 before Oct. 15 were called to the colors by the Hungarian government.

Isaac McGirr, once prominent as a violinist in New York, died at Washington, Pa., aged 87.

The Texas cotton crop is estimated at not over 3,000,000 bales by the state commissioner of agriculture.

Agents of the French government closed an order for 2,500 cars with the Standard Steel Car company.

Orders booked by the American Woolen company for foreign army use are estimated to amount to 20,000,000 yards.

President Wilson authorized a denial of the report that he had decided to call an extra session of congress on Oct. 18.

Total losses to Danish shipping from the war has been $2,680,000, according to figures compiled by the government of Denmark.

Lying face downward in six inches of water in a brook near Colts Neck, N. J., Edward Larkin, aged 53, was found drowned.

Premier Asquith announced in the house of commons that there would be no changes in the British cabinet, as had been rumored.

A large plant for the making of war munitions has been completed by the Canadian Car and Foundry company at Kingsland, N. J.

Long practice hikes were started by the officers instructing the 446 civilians at the military training camp at Fort Sheridan, near Chicago.

J. B. Duke, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer, has promised an annual donation of $300,000 to the Methodist Episcopal church South.

The 1916 republican convention will go to the city making the highest bid, Republican leaders say it will cost the selected city about $500,000.

The British freighter Rumanian Prince arrived in New York with seven steerage passengers and 58 of the crew of the burned steamer Athinai.

As a result of a landslide, the supporting wall of the famous Alhambra at Granada, Spain, collapsed and the structure is in danger of destruction.

Bice President Marshall called at the White House and discussed with President Wilson the international situation, national defense and other problems.

The submarines F-1, F12, F-3, recently damaged when the steamship Supply crashed into them at Honolulu, have been ordered to Mare Island for repairs.

An order for $25,000,000 worth of shrapnel and high explosive shells was placed with the American Car and Foundry company by the French government.

Almost 100 students of Princeton are serving as waiters in the university dining halls. This is the first year that students have been permitted to act as waiters.

The new French line steamer Lafayette will be put in active service between New York and Bordeaux Oct. 30. The vessel is 690 feet long and has a tonnage of 23,666.

Officials of the United States Cartridge company at Lowell, Mass., offered to grant the striking machinists an eight hour day with nine hours' pay. About 5,000 men are on strike.

Percy B. Donner of Donner, Childs & Woods, a Pittsburgh firm and member of the New York stock exchange, was suspended for one year for transacting business with a bucketshop.

Delegates to the Canadian Trades union congress at Vancouver, B. C., pledged the support of Canadian organized labor for the prosecution of the war until the allies are victorious.

The Argentine Chamber of Deputies voted to appropriate $48,000 toward the cost of a statue to Domingo Faustino Sarmiento, the Argentine statesman, which is to be erected in Boston.

Because of the shortage of dyestuffs, the gingham department of the Amoskeag Manufacturing company of Manchester, N. H., will be operated but four days a week for an indefinite period.

Governor Harris declined to interfere with the execution at Jackson, Ga., of Joe Persons, a negro boy, 15, sentenced to be executed. He was convicted of assaulting an eight year old white girl.

There is little hope of reopening missionary schools and colleges in the interior of Turkey, according to a despatch yesterday from Ambassador Morgenthau, who said many school properties remained vacant, "for lactk of teachers, pupils and patrons."

Gen. Rameau, commanding a force of 500 natives in the vicinity of Gonaives, Hayti, after an encounter with American marines, agreed to stop molesting the railroad and telegraph line and to permit food supplies to reach Gonaives.

Samuel Morse Felton, president of the Chicago Great Western railroad, refused an offer of $250,000 a year to be chief munitions maker for the Baldwin Locomotive company, which is working on large munitions orders for Russia.

Waterbury Strikers to Take Vote.

Waterbury, Conn., Sept. 24.—A vote will be taken Saturday night by the machinists at present on strike here to determine whether or not they shall return to work.

MEXICANS KILL AMERICAN TROOPER

Fired From Trenches While Covering Retreat of a Band of Outlaws

SOME WORE CARRANZA ARMY UNIFORMS

Private Henry W. Stubblefield Was Killed and Captain A. V. Andreson Wounded in the Arm—Two Horses Killed, and One Wounded—Probably 3,000 Shots Were Fired From Back of the Trenches in Two Hours—Incident is Regarded as the Most Serious of the Many Disturbances Along the Border.

Brownsville, Texas, Sept. 24.—Several hundred Mexicans under shelter of a half mile of trenches covered the retreat of seventy to eighty Mexicans who today attacked the villages of Progreso, Texas, 35 miles above here on the Rio Grande river, according to the official report tonight of Major Edward Anderson of the Twelfth cavalry.

Private Henry W. Stubblefield of Big Stone Gap, Va., was killed and Captain A. V. Andreson wounded in the arm by the attacking Mexicans, some of whom, it was said, were Carranza army uniforms. Earlier reports that Private Kennedy also was injured proved incorrect.

Two Mexicans Known to Be Killed.

Major Anderson's report on the fight has been forwarded to major General Frederick Funston at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. At least two Mexicans are known to have been killed. Tonight three detachments of troops B and C of the Twelfth United States cavalry are stationed in the vicinity of today's fight, two of 30 men each at the Progreso crossing of the Rio Grande and one detachment at the Progreso postoffice.

Trainload of Mexican Troops.

Another serious development tonight is contained in a rumor received in Brownsville from Matamoros, Mexico, late today, that a trainload of troops was sent out from Matamoros and that these troops formed a part of the body of men that aided the Mexican bandits in their escape to the Mexican side of the Rio Grande today.

Probably 3,000 Shots Fired.

The trenches, it is said, were dug opposite Progreso by the Mexicans about three weeks ago. Probably 3,000 shots were fired from back of the trenches during the two hours of fighting on the bank of the Rio Grande today, reports here said.

The two detachments of American cavalry in command of Captain A. V. Andreson and Lieutenant Ralph Tolbert, Jr., chased the Mexican band of 70 to 80 men to the river from Progreso. Here it is said the Americans could not approach the river bank because of a lively fire from back of the trenches on the Mexican side.

WASHINGTON REGARDS INCIDENT AS SERIOUS.

Repetition May Cause American Troops to Cross Border in Pursuit.

Washington, Sept. 24.—Details of a fight today between United States cavalrymen and Mexican raiders at Progreso, Texas, in which an American trooper was killed and the captain commanding wounded, were given in a report from Major Andreson at Mercedes, forwarded to the war department tonight by Major General Funston. After looting the Progreso postoffice storehouse and burning it, the raiders escaped across the Rio Grande under cover of rifle fire from several hundred Mexicans on the south side of the river.

The report was telegraphed to Secretary Garrison at Seabright, N. J., by Assistant Secretary Breckenridge, Department officials would not comment in the absence of the secretary, but it was apparent that the incident was regarded as one of the most serious of the many disturbances along the border.

Funston in Full Charge.

No new orders have been given General Funston. He is in full charge of the border situation and is authorized to deal with emergencies as may be necessary. Repetition of such affairs as that of today would be followed by American troops crossing the border to deal with escaping raiders and their accomplices.

The matter will be laid before the state department tomorrow in order that representations may be made to General Carranza, whose troops occupy the territory opposite Progreso.

Major Andreson's Report.

Following is Major Andreson's report:

"Party of about 80 armed Mexicans attacked storehouse at Progreso postoffice about daybreak this morning, broke into store, looted the place and set fire to it. A detachment of Troops B and C, Twelfth cavalry, numbering about 12 men, were fired upon as they approached the store. The fire was returned.

"Private Henry Stubblefield, Troop F, Twelfth cavalry, was shot twice in the body And was killed. Reinforcements closed in from all sides. Four officers and about 60 of our men participated in the fight. The firing kept up about two hours.

"Captain A. V. P. Andreson, who was in command, received flesh wound in arm, but it is not considered dangerous. Two horses were killed and one wounded.

"The Mexicans were pursued in brush to the river. Several hundred Mexicans on other side of the river kept up a heavy fire to cover crossing of Mexicans. A large part, if not all, have recrossed now. (5.20 p. m.). Mexicans fired some two thousand shots and our men about one thousand. Two Mexicans were reported shot in boat crossing the river. Several were shot on other side of the river. Some of the Mexicans were in uniform and some in civilian clothes. A captain reported in full uniform. Sufficient troops here to handle situation."

SAMUEL GOMPERS WROTE OF WAR PREPAREDNESS

In Declining Invitation to Speak at the Plattsburgh Training Camp.

Washington, Sept. 24.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, made public today a letter he had written Major General Wood, declining an invitation to speak at the Plattsburgh, N. Y., citizens' training camp.

Mr. Gompers wrote that he realized nations could not disarm under present conditions and advocated a small standing army with opportunity for the masses of the people to prepare themselves for defense of the country. Deprecating any tendency toward militarism, however, he declared that the practice of requiring applicants for admission to military camps to file records of their professions or callings enabled the officers in charge to create and encourage undemocratic customs.

"You know, of course," he concluded, "that while the organized labor movement advocates peace, it advocates peace founded upon justice and not peace at any price. Our experience with the practical affairs of life has taught us that we can secure justice and recognition for our necessary demands only when we are prepared to protect our demands and to enforce our ideals of justice."

SPAIN READY TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE UNITED STATES

In Promoting Peace When the Proper Time Comes.

Paris, Sept. 24, 6.30 p. m.—Malquiades Alvarez, leader of the reformist party in the Spanish cortes, who is here as a delegate of the liberal elements in Spain to assure the French government of their sympathy with the entente allies, said to a correspondent of The Associated Press tonight:

"Spanish sensitiveness resulting from the Spanish-American war has entirely disappeared and relations with the United States are more cordial than ever before. The business interests of both countries have lately taken up the study of measures for the expansion of their commercial relations.

"The two governments, each of which is charged with the care of complicated interests of the belligerents of different countries, are working in complete harmony.

"Early in the war the Spanish government expressed to the United States its willingness, when a proper opportunity arose, to co-operate with the United States in promoting peace.

"The Spanish government is absolutely and loyally neutral in the war, although you may say that all the liberal elements are favorable to the allies."

BRITISH NOT TO MOLEST AMERICAN OWNED GOODS.

Those in Neutral Ports of Europe Are to Be Released.

Washington, Sept. 24.—The way was cleared today for the release of American-owned goods of German and Austrian origin now held up at neutral ports of Europe by the British order-in-council. The British embassy notified the state department that it was prepared to receive applications for permits to export such goods in cases where American importers had either paid for them or rendered themselves liable for the purchase price before March 1st, 1915.

Vigorous informal representations have been made by the state department in its efforts to secure an agreement for the release of this merchandise, worth about $167,000,000. While the British authorities on June 15 declined to receive unofficial representations by the trade advisors regarding the shipments, information from time to time reached the state department that private interests in London were securing permits releasing goods from Rotterdam.

Sir Richard Crawford, commercial attache of the British embassy, today notified Foreign Trade Advisor W. B. Fleming that arrangements for the release of goods through the trade advisors at last had been completed.

NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGLO-FRENCH LOAN.

Talk That the Credit May Not Reach $5,000,000,000 Mark.

New York, Sept. 24.—Negotiations over the proposed credit to Great Britain and France continued today without noteworthy developments, but to the accompaniment of many reports relating to matters said to be under consideration.

For the first time since the Anglo-French financial commission reached New York, a fortnight ago, there was talk today that the loan might not be so much as half a billion dollars. It seemed definitely established that it would not exceed this sum. Authoritatively it was said that this was the amount on which negotiations at present were based, but there prevailed in some quarters the belief that half a billion dollars represented the hopes rather than the actual assurances of the commission and its American advisers.

Amateur Auto Race Driver Killed.

Cedar Falls, Iowa, Sept. 24.—Roy Canfield, an amateur race driver, was killed here today when his machine went over a five foot embankment on the 28th lap of a fifteen mile automobile race at the county fair. The accident was due t ou blowout.