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# BULGARIANS MAKE FURTHER ADVANCE

## Have Entrenched Themselves at Various Points Along the Struma Valley

### INTEREST CENTERED IN ATTITUDE OF GREEKS

#### Despatches Say That the Greek Commander at Seres Has Determined to Resist the Bulgarians—Rumania Has Not Yet Entered the Fray—Bitter Fighting is in Progress Around Thiepval Between the British and German Troops—The Fierce Struggle Around Fleury Continues With Unabated Violence—Berlin and Petrograd Both Claim Success on the Eastern Front—Conflicting Reports are Made of Recent Battle in the North Sea.

With no changes of importance in the main theatres of the war, interest remains centered on the new attack offensive on the Saloniki front. The latest despatches, however, from the war camps, throw little light on the situation there, although plans and objectives remain somewhat obscure. London reports that the Bulgarians have advanced along the Struma valley and have entrenched themselves at various points. Berlin also reports further advances for the Bulgarians on the right wing where they are facing the Serbians. Apparently, however, no action of first importance has as yet developed at any point on this front.

Interest in the attitude of the Greeks has been heightened by despatches telling of the determination of the Greek commander at Seres to resist the Bulgarians and of volunteers being organized for his assistance by the Venizelos leaders at Saloniki. There has been no further development in the Rumanian situation. The last report from Berlin maintains that Rumania has not yet reached a decision.

On the western front the French are apparently making time while the British push their operations against Thiepval and Guillemont. The capture of the ring around Thiepval in the capture of two hundred yards of German trenches

south of the town. Bitter fighting is going on in this region. The Germans counter-attacked with great violence in these counter-attacks they succeeded in entering some of the British trenches, but according to London, they were immediately evicted. The fierce struggle around Fleury, in the Verdun sector, continues with unabated violence. The French claim "an appreciable advance" between Fleury and Thiepval and the capture of two hundred prisoners. Conflicting claims are made by Berlin and Petrograd in regard to the fighting on the eastern front. Both sides report the capture of positions near Jablonitz Pass, where a violent struggle has been in progress for several days on the crest of the Carpathians. Berlin also claims the sanguinary repulse of Russian attempts to cross the Stokhod and apparently fighting of a particularly desperate character is general in that district.

Both Berlin and London continue to make claims and counter-claims in regard to the recent fighting in the North Sea. Berlin admits that the battleship Westfalen was struck by a torpedo from an English submarine, but maintains that the damage was slight. In return the German admiral has announced that a British battleship was heavily damaged by a German submarine. This is denied by the British admiral.

## A PATROLMAN KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE BANDITS

### Columbus Officer Shot When He Asked Why Car Had No Lights.

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 23.—Four automobile bandits shot and killed Patrolman John Lauffhage here last night. The patrolman was on duty when he saw a car without lights. He stopped the car and asked why it had no lights. The driver, a man in a dark coat, told him to get out of the car. The patrolman refused and was shot in the chest. He died at the hospital.

## CONFERENCE ON THE MEXICAN BORDER PROBLEM

### Are to Be Held at Some Place on the New England Coast.

Washington, Aug. 23.—There were two developments today in the Mexican situation. Secretary Lansing and Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador here, are expected to meet at some place on the New England coast during the next few days. The British and American commissioners will agree promptly to the suggestions of their Mexican conferees for the early recall of the troops.

## OFFICERS' RESERVE CORPS OF UNITED STATES ARMY.

### First Steps Towards Organization to Be Taken at Plattsburg.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Aug. 23.—One of the first steps towards organizing officers' reserve corps of the United States army under the provisions of the new law is being taken here at the present training camp for civilians. Copies of the army order have been received and arrangements are being made for the examinations which several hundred Plattsburg graduates are expected to take. Major General Leonard Wood has urged the members of the two training regiments to submit to these examinations and express the hope that this is only the beginning of a system of compulsory military training.

## LABOR SHORTAGE IS ACUTE IN ALASKA

### Impossible to Obtain Man for Government Work at Seward.

## THREE TUGS SALVAGING A MILLION DOLLAR CARGO

### Of the Sunken Steamer Merida Off the Virginia Capes.

Newport News, Va., Aug. 23.—Capt. George S. Pillsbury, commanding the expedition of three tugs engaged in salvaging the million dollar cargo of the sunken steamer Merida, off the Virginia capes, said today that the wreck had been located. The tugs were to leave here today to resume the attempt to raise the cargo. They were forced to put into this port a few days ago for provisions and additional diving apparatus.

## DRIPPED DEAD AT ROCKY MOUNT.

Rocky Point, B. Aug. 23.—Mrs. Annie Reilly, 65, of Providence, dropped dead here this afternoon as a result of the excessive heat, combined with heart trouble.

## Cabled Paragraphs

### Permanent Premier of Chih. Peking, Aug. 23.—The parliament has unanimously approved the appointment by President Li Yuan-Hong of Tuan Chi-Jui as permanent premier of the Chinese republic.

### GERMAN BATTLESHIP HIT BY A BRITISH TORPEDO.

### Berlin Says That the Warship Will Shortly Be Repaired.

London, Aug. 23, 8.20 p. m.—The German battleship Westfalen was hit on Saturday by a British torpedo. It was admitted in a semi-official telegram from Berlin today, according to Reuters' news agency, that the ship was damaged, however, it is declared, continued capable of manoeuvring and will shortly be repaired.

A second torpedo launched against the Westfalen missed the battleship, the message asserts.

A British official announcement yesterday told of a torpedo attack by the German submarine U-101 on Saturday by a British torpedo. It was admitted in a semi-official telegram from Berlin today, according to Reuters' news agency, that the ship was damaged, however, it is declared, continued capable of manoeuvring and will shortly be repaired.

## SENATE OCCUPIED WITH EMERGENCY REVENUE BILL

### Senator Penrose Vigorously Opposed the Measure.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—Debate in the senate on the emergency revenue bill was featured by a long speech by Senator Penrose, urging industrial preparedness to safeguard the country against commercial warfare and vigorously attacking the pending measure. He questioned the legality of the proposed tax on the inheritance tax and the general democratic advance toward substituting direct taxation for indirect taxes.

## VILLAGES ENDANGERED BY FIRE FOREST FIRES.

### Whole Forest Region in Saguenay Valley, Quebec, a Mass of Flames.

Quebec, Que., Aug. 23.—Fears are being expressed here that the Saguenay river, above St. Alphonse, will be wiped out by forest fires that have been raging there for over two weeks. The forest region is in a huge sea of flames. Smoke from these fires is so dense that navigation is hampered on the St. Lawrence.

## YALE BATTERIES ARE TO BE MUSTERED OUT.

### Adjutant General Cole Received Official Notice Yesterday.

Hartford, Conn., Aug. 23.—Official confirmation of the report that the Yale batteries are to be mustered out as a part of the "United American Mechanics" plan, was received by Adjutant General Cole today, who said that the batteries would be mustered out of the federal service on Sept. 1, 1919. The adjutant general said that the batteries are to be mustered out of the federal service on Sept. 1, 1919.

## GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT VILLA HAS LOST PRESTIGE.

### Has Been Secluded in the Mountains of Southern Chihuahua.

Washington, Aug. 23.—In a telegram to the war department today Brigadier General Pershing reported that Francisco Villa had been seen in the mountains of southern Chihuahua, Mexico, making his way south into Durango with a small following and it was generally believed that he had lost prestige and that he never again could be a general factor in Mexican affairs.

## LOWELL POSTOFFICE CLOSED ON ACCOUNT OF THE HEAT

### Both Carriers and Clerks Were Given a Half Holiday.

Lowell, Mass., Aug. 23.—Postmaster John C. O'Connell ordered the local postoffice closed for the afternoon on account of the excessive heat. As a result of the order both carriers and clerks were given a half holiday and there was no delivery of mail after the noon hour, at which time the temperature was 84.

## END OF CONVENTION OF CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

### Sessions Shortened 24 Hours Because of Excessive Heat.

New York, Aug. 23.—The annual convention of the American Federation of Catholic societies adjourned today, 24 hours sooner than had been planned originally. The excessive heat was the cause for shortening the sessions.

John Whalen of New York, the president, and all other officers were re-elected except Joseph T. Brennan of Boston, sixth vice president, who was succeeded by E. P. Peters of New Orleans. The convention will meet next year in Kansas City, Mo.

## Terrific Storm Hit Waterbury

### LIGHTING AND TROLLEY SERVICES BADLY CRIPPLED

### DROP OF TEN DEGREES

### Many of the Large Stores and Plants Were in Total Darkness for About 25 Minutes—Messenger Boy Stunned

Waterbury, Conn., Aug. 23.—Oliver McGinn, a Western Union telegraph messenger boy, was stunned during the terrific storm that visited this city late this afternoon. His condition is not serious. Many of the large stores and plants along the city were in total darkness for about 25 minutes when the power at the United Electric Light and Water company was affected, as a result of the terrific storm. The trolley service was badly crippled, lightning playing havoc with the power house. The schedules on the suburban lines were all thrown out of gear. The Southern New England Telephone company reported about 100 local wires put out of commission. The street meters registered a drop of 10 degrees with the approach of the storm.

## BARN IN WALLINGFORD STRUCK AND BURNED.

### During Electrical Storm Early Last Evening.

Meriden, Conn., Aug. 23.—During a terrific electrical storm early this evening lightning struck a large barn at the North Farms in Wallingford owned by Harlow & Company, causing it to be burned to the ground at a total damage of \$4,500. The barn was one of the most up-to-date in the section and valued at \$3,000, while it was stored with 50 tons of hay valued at \$1,500. Handicapped through lack of water, the structure was allowed to burn while a bucket brigade carried water from a well to the house and prevented the fire from spreading. Four men and women and dogs were saved from the building.

## SEVERE THUNDER STORM STRUCK NEW PRESTON.

### A Residence and a Barn Were Hit by Lightning and Burned.

New Preston, Conn., Aug. 23.—A terrific thunder storm did considerable damage in this vicinity late today. The residence of Arthur Barnes, owned by the same family, was struck by lightning and burned, causing an estimated loss of \$3,000. A barn on the George Hopkins place near Lake Waramaug was also struck by lightning and burned. The barn was a twin circular reservoir of the Consolidated Gas company, which towered above the surrounding hills and was said to contain 5,000,000 cubic feet of gas. The diameter of each tank was about 150 feet.

## MILLIONAIRE INVOLVED IN ALLEGED DEATHED CONFESSION

### Chicago Woman Said to Have Asserted He Was Father of Her Two Children.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Joseph Burnstein, a junk dealer who has two respectable daughters who adopted three weeks ago by Edward W. Morrison, a millionaire of New York, is alleged to have confessed to a woman that he was the father of her two children.

## REORGANIZING ORDER OF UNITED AMERICAN MECHANICS

### May Remove Bar Against Foreign Born Citizens.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 23.—Reorganization of the Order of United American Mechanics, with possible change of name, is the chief business before the annual meeting of the national convention, which is being held here today. The order is represented in the gathering in spite of an increase in membership from 35,158 in 1915 to 33,142 this year, some leaders say. The bars against foreign born citizens should be let down to make the order more truly American.

## TRAMP CUT TO PIECES BY A FREIGHT TRAIN.

### "Blind Reilly" Is Supposed to Have Fallen from Bumpers.

Banbury, Conn., Aug. 23.—A tramp, known only as "Blind Reilly," was cut to pieces by a freight train on the New Haven road, between Brewster and Danbury, N. Y., last night. The man had long been a wanderer and had been residing in New Haven and Bridgeport at one time. Little is known about him. He is supposed to have fallen from the bumpers of a train.

## EXCURSIONISTS TRANSFERRED FROM ONE STEAMER TO ANOTHER

### In Boston Harbor Without Injury or Unusual Excitement.

Boston, Aug. 23.—One thousand persons, most of them women and children, were transferred from one excursion steamer to another in Boston harbor today without injury or unusual excitement. The Nantasket liner, Myles Standish, developed wheel trouble off Cattle Island and anchored until the Betty Alden of the same line ran alongside and took off all passengers over gangplanks.

## Large Gas Tank Encircled by Fire

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### 5,000,000 FEET OF GAS

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New York, Aug. 23.—Danger of the explosion of one of the largest gas tanks in the city, at 110th to 111th street, between First and Second avenues, from which flames were shooting today caused hundreds of women and children to run screaming through the streets. The prompt action of the employees of the Consolidated Gas company in firing the tank and piping by underground system to a Long Island reservoir prevented an explosion. The fire was accidentally caused by the ignition of aluminum paint.

## Two Alarms.

Two alarms called many pieces of fire apparatus to the flame-encircled tank and flames worked on the circular runways while reserves from the 19th street station herded frightened crowds back to Third avenue.

## Sought Safety in Cellars.

Many who thought they had been trapped in the vicinity and feared to leave their homes sought refuge in the cellars. Many women and children fled to their homes and sought safety in cellars.

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## Condensed Telegrams

### The Fort Douglas citizens' military training camp opened at Salt Lake.

### The Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. reports earnings for July \$2,214,923.

### Lyman Lindabury, of Newton, N. J., was drowned while bathing in a pond.

### Boyd Crumrine, author of a large list of legal and historical works, is dead.

### The War Department is considering more helmets for United States soldiers.

### Col. James Gay Butler, of St. Louis, multi-millionaire and philanthropist, is dead.

### Four advanced 30 cents at Winstep, making total advance of \$1.45 a barrel since July 20.

### The common stock of the United States Steel Corporation established a new high record of 97 1/2.

### Twenty bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the Yorkshire ammunition plant in England.

### The 53rd annual convention of the New York State Federation of Labor opened at Glen Falls, N. Y.

### President Wilson will veto the Immigration bill as passed by Congress at the present session.

### Premier Asquith announced that the proposed bill to amend the law relating to movies, has been dropped.

### Calvin Darrick, newly appointed Deputy Warden at Sing Sing, arrived at New York from California.

### The police of Sherbrooke, Quebec, whose request for higher pay was refused by the city council, decided to strike.

### Gold to the amount of \$2,500,000 received from Canada has been deposited at the Assay Office by J. P. Morgan & Co.

### The London Stock Exchange committee is considering the question of continuing the Saturday holidays during September.

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Washington, Aug. 23.—In another effort to aid the presidents of the country's railroads to find some way in which to accept an eight hour day for their trainmen and avert the threatened strike, President Wilson tonight conferred for an hour and a half with President H. H. Holt, of the Burlington, Daniel Willard of the Baltimore and Ohio and R. S. Lovett of the Erie Railroad.

Neither White House officials nor the presidents would discuss the conference, but it was understood that the three executives went to the White House to receive an answer to the suggestion they made to President Wilson.

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## INTERNED GERMAN STEAMER COMING TO NEW LONDON.

### North German Lloyd Liner Will Head to Leave Boston.

Boston, Aug. 23.—Activity among some of the interned German ships at the North German Lloyd liner Wilhelmsen today attracted the attention of the waterfront today. The steamer Wilhelmsen, which was interned here several hundred tons of coal, a large quantity of ice and stores, and added to the list of interned ships.

The North German Lloyd liner Wilhelmsen, which has been interned here since August 10, is expected to leave for Europe today and is expected to sail tomorrow morning for New London, Conn. It was stated that the vessel's departure has nothing to do with the expected arrival at the Connecticut port of the merchant submarine U-101, according to an Overseas News Agency despatch.

The Deutschland left Baltimore on her return journey on Aug. 1, laden with a cargo of rubber and metal.

Hartford, Conn., Aug. 23.—Martin V. B. Stevens, until a few days ago a special agent of the Travelers Insurance company, was arrested in New Britain today, charged with embezzling \$12,500.00 from the company. A few hours before his arrest a petition in bankruptcy, alleging liabilities of nearly \$20,000.

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