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Three Distinct Victories Give Cheer to Petrograd.

Tide of Battle Turns on Broad Eastern Front.

BULGARIA MAY BE STAYED

Kaiser's Grip on Pinsk Is Declared Shaken.

Russians, Holding Lutsk, Are Pressing Every Advantage.

At Pinsk, Sept. 25.—King Constantine and Premier Venizelos at conference this morning reached a complete agreement in regard to both the steps already taken by the government and the measures which are demanded to meet the Balkan situation. The measures include maintenance of Greece's treaty obligations.

London, Sept. 25.—The position of the Russians from Vilna to the Galician frontier appears to have been improved greatly. Three distinct victories have been recorded almost simultaneously at widely scattered points on the eastern front. This achievement has mitigated the uneasiness felt in England as to the attitude of Bulgaria.

In the far north the situation is less favorable for the Russians. They are resisting Field Marshal von Hindenburg's men with characteristic stubbornness, but the admission that fighting is proceeding at Smolensk, three miles from the Novorossiysk junction, indicates that the approaches to the latter town are in the hands of the Germans, and that the fate of Dvinsk is in doubt.

East of Vilna, north of Pinsk and in the vicinity of Lutsk, the Russians have scored heavily. The Germans characterize the reverse east of Vilna as that of a temporary character, notwithstanding their losses of guns and prisoners. Near Pinsk, Field Marshal von Mackensen was thrown back in an engagement that has shaken his grip on the city. Further south the Russians now holding Lutsk are pressing their advantage and seem to be assuming the dominance of the southern front in a manner recalling the fighting of last spring. Athens states that Greek mobilization is proceeding today and that

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NO TAPS TO FRONT

Allies to Be Refused If Request Is Made.

Tokio Has No Desire to Risk Prestige in Dardanelles.

Tokio, Sept. 25.—The allies are reported to be preparing to call upon Japan to send troops to help in the threatened drive on Constantinople. No official confirmation is obtainable here, but indications tend to confirm the report in view of dispatches hinting that Bulgaria may soon cast her lot with the central powers.

If allied diplomats make such representations, their efforts most certainly will result in failure.

French Want Fighters. It was suggested that Japan send troops to the Dardanelles to aid in a quick dash on Constantinople, or to send enough divisions to the Russian front to make it impossible for Germany to divert troops for a Balkan campaign. The policy of the government, however, remains unchanged.

Japan feels that the difficulty of transporting troops to the theater would be almost insurmountable. Moreover, Japan is not willing to risk her military prestige in a campaign of such a character that being waged at the Dardanelles.

RAPS 'UNWRITTEN LAW'

Court Orders K. C. Man Held for Killing Wife's Admirer.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 25.—Raymond Bengert, slayer of William Terry, was held for trial on a charge of second degree murder at his preliminary hearing today. The date was set for October 18. Bengert took the stand and described the scene of the killing and told how he had traced Terry and Mrs. Bengert to a room where the tragedy occurred. He declared he shot in self-defense when Terry advanced toward him.

"A man has no right to take a life over the frivolous perfidy of a woman, even though she be his wife and the mother of his children," said Justice Charles H. Clark in ordering Bengert held for trial.

Bengert was released on \$3,000 bond.

FRENCH WARSHIP ENTERS DARDANELLES AND SILENCES TROUBLESOME TURK GUNS

Paris, Sept. 25.—A French warship has entered the Dardanelles and silenced a Turkish battery on the Asiatic coast. It was officially announced this afternoon. The battery's guns were of large caliber and had harassed Anglo-French troops near Sed-ul-Bahr by throwing shells across the strait.

The Turks have made several unsuccessful attempts to explode mines under French trenches at the southern tip of Gallipoli.

'WAY DOWN IN ALABAMA THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT TOPEKA'S BIG FREE FAIR

The man who originated the statement, "There is nothing new under the sun," recently visited the fair grounds at Topeka, Kan., and returned with a report that the fair grounds actually as well as the experimental ground of the continent, and Kansas never hesitates to try a thing because it is new. In fact, Kansas actually as well as the fair grounds at Topeka on its annual state fair at Topeka on a free admission basis. Always alive to dramatic effect, the opening of the fair grounds gates was made with a flourish. Governor Capper unlocked the gates and with a majestic sweep of the arm threw the keys away.

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CHASE THRU HILLS

Sheriff Kiene and Chief Parsons Pursue Auto Bandits.

Thieves Who Stole Alma Car Were Caught Today.

An exciting chase through the hills of Wabaunsee county, wherein auto bandits failed to elude officers of Shawnee and Wabaunsee counties, terminated about 3 o'clock this morning when Robert Bass, of Perry, Okla., and William Dawson, of Chicago, were arrested by Sheriff Adlie, of Wabaunsee county, on a charge of stealing an auto belonging to Tony Tenbink, of Alma.

The theft of the car was engineered Friday morning. About 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, local officials were notified that the car was headed toward Topeka and Sheriff Kiene and deputies Chief Parsons, Police Harry Parsons and several policemen began to comb the country in the southwestern part of the county.

Tracing the car was found near Dover, where it had stuck in the mud and the two men had pushed a gun in a man's face and told him to disappear after he had helped them out of the mud.

According to information received here the two men were on their way to Oklahoma when arrested. They appear to have been on the road some miles northwest of Keen, west of Dover.

During the chase Friday evening the police car was traveled about several miles searching for the thieves. The alleged auto thieves were armed when captured and were taken to Alma.

DIE IN CANANEA

Thirty Persons Slain in Indiscriminate Street Shooting.

American Women Flee in Motors to Border.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Thirty persons are reported to have been killed when thousands of shots were fired in the streets of Cananea, Mexico, Thursday afternoon. The shooting appears to have been among the killed. Thirty American women are reported fleeing in automobiles from Cananea to the border.

A telegram to the department from El Paso says trainloads of Americans, detained at Chihuahua because of congestion due to military trains, were expected to leave there last night. Reports from the west coast, dated yesterday, indicated conditions were quiet. A dispatch from Vera Cruz told of the arrest and release on bond of W. B. Wofford, an American. No reason was assigned.

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Outlaws Escape Under Cover of Supporting Troops.

LIKE A MILITARY MOVEMENT

Identity of Khaki-Clad Raiders in Doubt.

One American Soldier Dead, Two Are Wounded.

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