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SERBIA'S PLIGHT BECOMING MORE DESPERATE DAILY

Nation's Capital Has Been Moved to Secret Place.

Bulgarians Make Gains All Along Their Front.

RUSSIANS RUSHED TO RESCUE Austro-Germans Threaten the Great Krageyevs Arsenal.

Invaders Hold Number of Villages in Timok Valley.

Berlin, Oct. 30.—Continued progress for the Teutonic forces invading Serbia is reported in today's official statement by army headquarters. One thousand Serbians have been taken prisoners and three cannon captured.

London, Oct. 30.—The position of Serbia is becoming more desperate daily. Nish is threatened by the Bulgarians, while the Austrians and Germans are gradually opening the way toward the great Serbian arsenal at Krageyevs. Rome reports that the Serbian capital has been removed to a "certain point."

According to the latest official reports from Sofia, the Serbians are in retreat in a westerly direction all along the Bulgarian front.

Unofficial dispatches state that a Bulgarian officer commanding an advance patrol has dined with the Austro-German staff. The Bulgarians assert that they are in possession of Negotin, Brza, Palanka, Zajecar, Knajevats and several villages in the Timok valley, which gives them a strategic position of primary importance.

French Hold Positions.

Not claimed by the war office at Sofia, which says the Bulgarians, after storming the southern fortifications, (Continued on Page 2.)

BASE IT ON BELIEF

Commercial Club Committee Sidesteps Gas Rate Issue.

Says in Report That Public Sentiment Favors Raise.

In a report submitted today to the state and legislative committee of the Commercial club the special committee sidestepped any issue of rates and stated that "it is the belief of the great majority of the people of Topeka will gladly pay the rate the commission finds to be adequate to produce sufficient revenue to properly conduct the business of the gas companies and to develop and secure a supply of natural gas reasonably adequate for the needs of the people of Topeka and the state of Kansas."

SEEK WHITLOCK RECALL

German Press Wants the American Minister to Belgium Ousted.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Berlin dispatches reflecting published statements of the Belgian government demanding the recall of Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, because of his reports on the execution of Edith Cavell, the British nurse, attracted attention of administration officials here, but elicited no comment further than the statement that the United States had no official intimation from Germany that Whitlock was no longer acceptable.

FIGHT FOR ALTAR GOLD

Citizens Wage Desperate Battle Against Church Visitation.

London, Oct. 30.—A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says: "When in a zealous search for metals which had been commandeered by the authorities the Germans began to strip orthodox and Roman Catholic churches in Vilna, they were opposed by an enormous crowd of citizens armed with bombs and grenades. The fierce struggle between the inhabitants and the Germans, in which many soldiers and civilians were killed, lasted two days."

Weather Forecast.

Fair tonight and Sunday; cooler Sunday.

RUSSIAN HOSTS SET SAIL FOR SMASH IN NEAR-EAST

Copenhagen, Oct. 30.—Large contingents of Russian troops have set sail from the Black sea ports of Odessa and Sebastopol for the Bulgarian coast, the Berlin Tageblatt says.

The dispatch telegraphed to the Tageblatt, from Bucharest, says the transports are conveyed by a strong squadron.

The recent attack by Russian warships on the Bulgarian port of Varna according to this account was made in preparation for an attempt to land troops.

BUCKMAN IS DEAD

Well Known Kansan Was Speaker of House

Once Candidate for Associate Justice of Court.

Winfield, Kan., Oct. 30.—Judge George H. Buckman, widely known lawyer and former member of the state legislature from Cowley county, died at his home in Winfield. He had been sick nearly two months and his health had broken greatly during the last year.



G. H. Buckman of Winfield, Who Died Today.

Funeral services will be held at the home in Winfield Monday afternoon. Judge Buckman was 53 years old and had been engaged in the practice of law more than thirty years.

News today of the death of Judge Buckman was received with sorrow in all state departments, regardless of politics. Every politician of note in Kansas knew the Winfield lawyer and he possessed hundreds of warm friendships.

Judge Buckman was a member of the state legislature during the 1909-11 sessions and in 1911 was elected speaker of the house over Robert Stone of Topeka. The election of Buckman followed an endorsement of his candidacy by Governor Stubbs in his inaugural address.

FIRE IN WAR FACTORY

Plant Manufacturing Glycerine for Explosions Damaged \$100,000.

Aurora, Ill., Oct. 30.—Fire early today in the plant of the W. F. Jobbins Chemical company, which manufactures glycerine for use in high explosives, caused damage estimated at \$100,000. Less than a year ago the company's glycerine refining plant was destroyed.

Sawmill Is Burned.

St. Louis, Oct. 30.—The sawmill of the C. F. Liebe Hardwood Mill and lumber company here was destroyed by fire today. The plant has been working day and night making war supplies for the entente allies.

ONE DEGREE HIGHER

Monarch Hurt in Fall From Horse, Sleeps; Pain Is Diminishing.

London, Oct. 30.—King George, who was injured on Thursday by being thrown from his horse while reviewing troops in the field, continues to improve. An official statement issued today says:

"The king's condition shows further improvement. There has been some sleep and the pain is diminished. Temperature and pulse are normal." (Signed) ANTHONY BOWLEY, "BERNARD DAWSON."

FRICK TO SANTA FE JOB

Chicago, Oct. 30.—Directors of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad company at a meeting here today chose Henry C. Frick of New York as a member of the executive committee, to succeed the late Thomas Fowler of New York.

MOOSEFORWILSON NEEDS 8,000 MEN TO CRUSH KAISER

Northwest Kansas Wants an Army of Cornhuskers

To Gather the Greatest Crop Raised Since 1889.

HARD FIGHT IS ANTICIPATED IS MUCH WORK TO BE DONE

Party Will Stand on Achievements of Administration.

Third Party Will Cut Small Figure Next Year.

(BY N. C. PARKE.)

New York, Oct. 30.—The Democratic national organization will swing into the 1916 presidential fight within less than six weeks. Chairman William S. McCombs admitted today that it will be a hard fight, though he sees nothing but Democratic national success in the offing.

"When the Democratic national committee meets in Washington, December 7, I shall urge upon the members that the work of organization for the 1916 campaign begin at once," said the Democratic chairman.

"I have been through one pre-nomination campaign and one presidential campaign. I know that you can't any more pick a successful political organization out of the air in a few minutes than you can build a second United States Steel corporation overnight. The work of organizing and obtaining funds should begin immediately after our December meeting."

"President Wilson will be the nominee and the party will go before the country with the Democratic administration's achievements as an argument in appealing for votes. But the contest this year," Chairman McCombs said, "will be a straight out and out fight between Democratic and Republican candidates in contrast to the three corners of the battle of 1912."

"The Progressives will not figure in next year's campaign," said the Democratic chairman. "I do not believe they will carry a single state."

"The reason for the dissolution of the Progressive party I forecast in an interview after the 1912 election in which I said the 1916 fight would be a fight between the Democratic and Republican candidates. The Progressives were beaten, badly beaten, but their organization is still intact and they survived."

"The majority of the Progressives will be found voting with the Democratic party in 1916. Some, of course, who voted for Colonel Roosevelt because they were strongly attached to him, will be back in the Republican fold."

TORPEDO'S BLAST

Ship Hesperian Not Sunk by Exploding Mine.

Lansing Says Experts Have Refuted German Claim.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Secretary Lansing announced today that the navy department had definitely established the fact that the fragments of the engine of war which sank the Allan liner Hesperian was a part of a torpedo. The German government has persistently denied that the Hesperian was torpedoed. In the opinion of naval experts, the fragment could not have been a part of a marine mine.

The secretary said the result of the navy department's investigation would be communicated to the German government directly or to Ambassador Bernstorff.

The secretary volunteered no information regarding what form the communication to the German government might take.

Germany has made to the United States a qualified disclaimer of responsibility for the sinking of the Hesperian. In a note to Ambassador Gerard on September 14, the foreign office said that on the face of the evidence then at hand, Germany was satisfied that the Hesperian was not sunk by a German submarine.

The fragment of metal examined by the navy department experts was said to have been picked from the deck of the Hesperian after the explosion. The Hesperian sank early in September off the Irish coast while making her way to port after being disabled by the explosion. The fragment was made of polished steel and was about nine inches long. It was sent to the state department by the American embassy at London.

ENGLAND'S KING MENDS

Peabody Machines Stopped in Tribute to 21 Fire Victims.

Peabody, Mass., Oct. 30.—This busy manufacturing town stopped its machinery today to pay a silent tribute to the memory of twenty-one little girls who lost their lives in the fire which destroyed the St. Johns Parochial school Thursday.

The parents of three children elected to have their little ones buried in private, but for the eighteen others a public mass was held at St. Johns Roman Catholic church.

SEE POSTSCRIPT!

The postscript edition of the State Journal this evening will contain the football scores of the day from all over the country. Detail of accounts of the Washburn-Normal game in Topeka will be given postscript readers. This edition, on the street at 5 o'clock, will carry all the world's news up to that hour.

MORGAN GETTING WELL

New York, Oct. 30.—J. P. Morgan spent a comfortable night, following the operation for appendicitis.

25 MILLIONS IN GOLD TO J. P. MORGAN & CO.

New York, Oct. 30.—Two hundred million, containing the equivalent of \$5,000,000 in British sovereigns, were received at the assay office today for the account of J. P. Morgan & Co. Late yesterday over 100 cases, containing \$2,750,000, were delivered at the assay office by the Guaranty Trust company. It is understood that fully \$25,000,000 additional British gold will come from Canada for Morgan & Co. during the coming week, in several installments.

HIS LAR IS FOUND

Officers Locate a Deserted Camp on River Bank.

It Is Believed to Have Been Occupied by Houser.

This morning a party from the sheriff's office investigated the report turned in by M. A. Nelson, 1111 Jackson street, that there was a questionable character, answering the description furnished by Kiene, camped on the south bank of the Kaw river just above the mouth of Ward creek, north of the city.

One man camp which had evidently been left in a hurry was found. That it had been occupied on the day before the date of the hold-up was shown by a newspaper in the camp which bore date of October 27. What once had been provisions were scattered about the camp. The camp was recently constructed and built on poles and twigs which had been freshly cut. Sheriff Kiene believes that it was occupied by Houser, as it is thought this is the way the man has been living most of the time that he has been hunted. A full set of cooking utensils was piled about the place. It is due north of Willow park and not far from the Rock Island yards.

Topeka is running rings around itself today in an attempt to deduce a theory as to the hold-up and alleged attempted assault against Francis Kiene and Miss Laura Bailey in Willow park Thursday night. "What I think about the hold-up" was the subject of a debate that could be overheard on any street corner, in any pool hall or restaurant at practically any time. Some of the theories born in the brains of amateur sleuths would have done credit to a Poor Pauline playwright. Few of them will hold water.

Number of Theories.

Four theories of the affair were volunteered today by the sheriff's office. The theories, and "wisdom" of the city. From the sheriff's office, from L. L. Kiene, sheriff, and from a number of the police force comes the theory that the hold-up was planned by Houser. Certain police detectives believe that it was the work of local talent. A few city officials and persons of no known or claim to know the workings of alleged high school unofficial "hazing" suggest that someone who "had it in for Kiene" engineered the affair. Another theory is opened up by Morris Miesham, an employee of the State Journal, who says he met young Kiene on his way home after the hold-up. Miesham said he met Kiene after the affair. He told me that he had been held up by a man in Willow park. He told me that the person had struck Kiene in his face and asked him about the girl. Young Kiene said he denied the assertion that the hold-up made. Then, Kiene said he took the girl to one side and talked to her. Kiene then told me that the man brought the girl back and stated that he had the wrong couple and left."

Sheriff Kiene today stated that there was no doubt that the story as printed in Friday's State Journal was correct and that he was firm in his conviction that Houser is the guilty man. Principals in the case remain unshaken as to the story set forth originally. Conflicting theories agree that there was a hold-up. The guilty party—that is another question.

MEXICAN BATTLE IS ON

Funston Reports Fighting Near Border—Mexican Herald Suppressed.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Fighting has already begun between Carranzista and Villista troops near Agua Prieta, opposite Douglas, Arizona, according to a cable to the war department from General Funston.

Three hundred Villista troops were attacked and dispersed Friday afternoon by General Calles' forces at Cabuliana, south of Agua Prieta. Another Villista patrol west of Agua Prieta was completely wiped out by Carranzistas.

Galveston, Tex., Oct. 30.—According to advices received by the Carranza representative here the Mexican Herald of Mexico City, a consistent antagonist to the revolution and warm supporter of Huerta, was suppressed last night by constitutional authorities.

Through the same channel comes information that prosecution of persons implicated in the assassination of Francisco Madero and Pino Suarez is being curbed to conduct the war to a successful issue.

WANT U. S. OPPOSITION

Japs Ask Washington to Take Stand Against Chinese Monarchy.

Tokio, Oct. 30.—The Japanese government has requested the American government to give its support in the representations which are being made at Peking for the purpose of postponing re-establishment of a non-archival form of government in China until the European war is ended.

Japan's policy was decided upon after consultation with Great Britain. The conversations began while Baron Ishii was in London several weeks ago on his way from Paris, where he had served as Japanese ambassador until he assumed the foreign affairs portfolio. There is much interest here in the attitude of Germany in regard to the form of China's government. Contradictory reports have been received here concerning the position taken by German diplomats at Peking.

SHERMAN ON HIS WAY WARNED TO KEEP STILL

French Generals Are Told That "the Enemy Is Listening."

Paris, Oct. 30.—The minister of war has sent to the military governors of Paris and Lyons and the generals commanding the military districts of France large placards reading:

"Keep silent. Be careful. The enemy is listening. Be aware that these placards are placed in railway trains and street cars and other public places."

CLOSE TAB ON RUMANIA

Greece Is Watching Negotiations of Powers at Bucharest.

Athens, Oct. 30.—The favorable attitude which Rumania is reported to have adopted toward the entente allies is engaging the close attention of the Greek government and general staff. A definite outcome of the negotiations of the entente powers at Bucharest is awaited anxiously.

BRITISH SHIPS COLLIDE

London, Oct. 30.—One hundred men are reported missing after a collision between the British auxiliary mine sweeper Hythe and another British warship off the Gallipoli peninsula in which the Hythe was sunk.

DEMOCRATS FIND POLITICAL HOPE

President Henry J. Waters May Enter Race for Governor.

May Become Compromise and Harmony Candidate.

WILL NOT DODGE NOMINATION

Not a Blemish on His Record, It Is Said.

He Is Free From All Entangling Alliances.

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SOONERS VS. K. U.

Both Jayhawkers and Oklahoma Were Sure of Victory.

Town of Norman Crowded With Visitors for the Game.

Norman, Ok., Oct. 30.—With both elevens in excellent shape and with ideal weather conditions prevailing, the Kansas-Oklahoma game—the big contest of the southwest today—drew thousands of people to this little city. Neither team has been defeated this year, although the Sooners have had two hard games, while this is the first decisive struggle for the Jayhawkers.

Coaches and captains of both teams expressed themselves as confident of victory. Oddly in Oklahoma's first dropped from 2 to 1 on Oklahoma to 10 to 7.

The lineup: Position. Oklahoma. Reber.....L. E. E. Montgomery James (C.).....L. T. O. Tolt Groff.....L. G. W. Molt B. Gillespie.....L. E. C. McCann Strother.....R. G. Phillips Llewellyn.....R. T. Anderson Heath.....R. E. Fields B. Gillespie.....L. E. C. McCann Fitzgerald.....R. H. Foster Linday.....Q. Johnson Neilson.....F. B. Geyer (C.)

AGGIES AT COLUMBIA

Bender's Farmers Met Missouri Tigers in Annual Clash Today.

Columbia, Mo., Oct. 30.—The University of Missouri football eleven and that of the Kansas Aggies which were to meet on the local gridiron today seemed evenly matched. Both coaches were confident of winning. The game will give followers of the University of Missouri and the University of Kansas a line on the strength of the two elevens. Kansas defeated the Aggies last Saturday, 19 to 7. The lineup:

Position. Missouri. Rand.....R. G. Preston Ptacek.....L. T. Groves Baird.....L. G. Mulr Wright.....C. Hamilton Moore.....R. G. Preston Bayer.....R. T. McAnaw Skinner.....R. E. Hocker Sullivan.....Q. Klein Wilder.....L. E. Collins Barnes.....R. H. Pittam Hartwig.....F. B. White

CORNHUSKERS AT AMES

Nebraska Expected to Pile Up Comfortable Score on Iowa Aggies.

Ames, Ia., Oct. 30.—Coach Stehm with the University of Nebraska football squad arrived here today with the announced intention of winning by a comfortable score, this afternoon's contest with the Iowa State college team.

The lineup: Position. Ames. Chamberlain.....L. E. Packer Corey.....L. T. McKinley Shield.....L. G. Holmes Moser.....C. Miller Abbott.....R. G. Klappernick Shaw.....L. E. Denfield Riddell.....R. E. Jones Caley.....Q. B. Sloss Rutherford.....L. H. Moss Gardner.....R. H. Aldrich Otonpalik.....F. B. Uhl