

Fair to-day; to-morrow partly cloudy with probable rain; moderate winds. Highest temperature yesterday, 67; lowest, 50. Detailed weather, mail and marine reports on page 4.

RUMANIA SENDS INVADING ARMY INTO BULGARIA

Crosses Danube at Rear of Teutons in the Dobrudja.

STRIKE SMASHING BLOW AT MACKENSEN

Russians Attack on Forty Mile Front, Hammering Centre and Left.

MAY FORCE GERMANS TO RETIRE TO SOUTH

London Experts Look for Momentous Effect in All Near East.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—A Rumanian army has crossed the Danube and invaded Bulgaria. The crossing was made between Rusehuk and Turtukal, in a region from which Von Mackensen's Teutonic army in the Dobrudja may be taken in the rear and caught between two fires.

Simultaneously with the crossing of the Danube the strong Russo-Rumanian army facing Von Mackensen in the Dobrudja attacked his German, Bulgarian and Turkish troops along the whole front of forty miles. The Rumanians were successful on the centre and right flank of the Teutons.

Heavy fighting is going on in Transylvania with varying fortunes. The Rumanians have captured eleven Austrian officers, 500 men and four machine guns in the mountains of northern Transylvania, and the Austrian and German official statements received here admit Rumanian progress on both banks of the Great Kukul River, further south. West of Petrozany the Austrians stormed Oboroza height. They also took some heights near Orsova, at the Iron Gates of the Danube.

Hope to Crush Mackensen.

By a single bold stroke the Rumanians may alter entirely the complexion of the fighting in the Near East. The troops who crossed the Danube were probably of considerable strength, for a small force could not accomplish what they have set out to do. This is no less than to crush Von Mackensen or to force him to retreat from the Dobrudja, relinquishing Turtukal (Turtukal) and Sibiria and enable the Russians and Rumanians to commence their invasion of Bulgaria from the north.

This would immediately affect the Rumanian front in Transylvania, causing the withdrawal of the Rumanian army. The point where the Rumanians have crossed the Danube is at the southern extremity of the Dobrudja, where the main Rumanian force is concentrated. Bulgaria, to Turtukal, in the Dobrudja, is a distance of about forty miles. Setting foot on the Rumanian soil, the Rumanians have cleared the space the Rumanian army is one hundred miles almost directly south of Mackensen's line, stretched across the Dobrudja, a few miles north of the Carpathian mountains, which the Russians and Rumanians hold.

Seize Bulgarian Communication.

Von Mackensen is served by but one railroad, running south through Orsova, to the Dobrudja, to Turtukal, to the Black Sea port. From Varna, another railroad roughly west to Rusehuk, passing through Chumlia. In the Dobrudja, the Rumanians have already greatly hampered the Bulgarian communications. If they capture Chumlia, they will have cut off Von Mackensen from the Dobrudja, where they set foot on Bulgarian soil to Chumlia in seventy-five miles.

The simultaneous attack by the Russians and Rumanians in the Dobrudja indicates that the upper milestone was aimed to start as soon as the netting in place. Von Mackensen is threatened with a very serious predicament. The Rumanians have advanced a few days ago, his line of retreat blocked off by a single bold stroke, and attacked strongly on his front.

The Rumanian Report.

The Rumanian statement says: "On the north and north-western (Transylvanian) fronts fighting continued. In the mountains at Ghurgul and Iarghiz we captured four machine guns and made prisoners of seven officers and 500 men. Our soldiers from our troops crossed the Danube between Rusehuk and Turtukal. In the Dobrudja we attacked along the whole front and repelled the enemy on the centre and right flank. The German statement dealing with Transylvanian fighting says: "The Rumanians have advanced on the right bank of the Danube. The place where the Rumanians say they crossed is south of Orsova."

BILLY SUNDAY'S WORK HERE BEGINS IN APRIL

Evangelist to Give More Than Two Months to Saving of New York.

Billy Sunday will open his campaign here next April, it was announced yesterday by the local committee in charge. The evangelist will work through April and May into June in an auditorium built especially for him. Two sites are being considered for a tabernacle to hold 10,000 persons.

George Sunday, Billy's oldest son, will begin his work of preparation for the campaign within a few days. This includes establishing, as far as it may be found to be possible, a prayer meeting in each residence block in the entire city. Each of these prayer meetings will be held in the homes of the three residents of a block, and will be held once or twice a week, moving from house to house.

WINS LONE BATTLE WITH 22 GERMANS

Canadian Kills or Wounds 21 of Attacking Party, Taking the Other Prisoner.

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 2.—A tale of a Canadian corporal in France who single handedly charged a party of twenty-two Germans advancing to an attack and killed or wounded all of them except one, whom he took prisoner, is related by the official Canadian "eyewitness" in a despatch received to-day.

"As a result of further severe fighting the Canadians have captured several important German positions and have advanced their own line upon a frontage of nearly two miles in a maximum depth of three hundred yards," the despatch reads. "Our artillery support has been engaged with and sheer weight of metal our gunners have inflicted some 200 casualties on the enemy. Contact with the enemy. Time and time again with the bayonet our men have rushed on, and have killed or captured the entire garrison."

"In the course of all this desperate fighting there have been innumerable instances of the most courageous and devoted actions, but the case of a corporal of an Eastern Ontario battalion is one of the most extraordinary ever recorded. The battalion had captured a line of German trenches and was in the process of pushing the enemy, consisting of two officers and twenty men, began a counter-attack. The corporal advanced alone against the enemy, and he was the only one who picked up first one and then another German rifle, shooting the two officers and fifteen of the men. One of the other officers, who was wounded, and pierced him in the leg below the knee, but the corporal shot him dead. The rest of the enemy attempted to retreat, but the corporal shot four of them and made the fifth a prisoner. Although wounded in two places he remained in the trenches until his battalion was relieved."

EXPECT DRIVE FOR TRIESTE

London Experts Note Heavy Bombardment of Austrian Cargo Lines.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—A new Italian offensive on the Carso plateau, aimed at Trieste, is foreshadowed by the announcement in today's official Austrian statement, telegraphed here, that the Italian artillery is bombarding heavily the Austrian railway line connecting the Wiessbach as if in preparation for infantry attacks. To-day's Italian statement tells of a minor success in the Trentino and mentions the heavy fire on the Carso. It says: "In the Ledro Valley (Trentino) infantry skirmishes took place, in the course of which our advanced posts drove off the enemy with loss. In the Astice Valley enemy artillery concentrated its fire on the railway near Segio without interrupting traffic. Along the remainder of the front there were only artillery actions, the majority on the Carso sector."

GEN. VON HINDENBURG IS 69.

Press Acclaims Him as the Greatest German of the Age.

BERLIN, via London, Oct. 2.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg, to-day German General Staff, is celebrating to-day his sixty-ninth birthday at headquarters on the eastern front. The German newspapers all publish articles exalting him as the greatest German of the age and expressing the fullest confidence in his ability to lead the German armies to victory.

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AMERICANS TO BUILD RAILWAYS IN CHINA

Contract Which May Involve \$100,000,000 Signed by the Republic.

1,100 MILES IN SYSTEM

Lines Will Be Constructed on Percentage Basis by Issuing Bonds.

A contract for a great scheme of railroad building in China, which may involve the spending of \$100,000,000 or more, was signed Saturday by the American International Corporation, the Siam-Carey Railway and Canal Company and the Chinese Government. Construction is to be financed by Chinese Government bonds to be issued through the American International Corporation.

Railroad lines to be constructed have not been decided on, however, but will be located by an American chief engineer to be appointed by the Chinese Government on the recommendation of the American International Corporation. The contract provides for the construction of 1,100 miles of railroad, which will be built by the contractors on a percentage basis.

First Contract Lines.

The contract mentions certain points between which the Chinese Government desires to have the lines constructed, but provides, however, that if after investigation the construction of any of these lines is deemed inadvisable the Government and the corporation shall get together and agree upon other lines to make up the total mileage agreed upon. Representatives of the American International Corporation said yesterday that they believed that this will be the time the railroad lines have ever been built under contract in China. There are already several railroads in that country, the total mileage being about 10,000 miles, and it is said that they are conducted on a profitable basis.

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A chief engineer will probably be appointed at the end of the month to look out delay. It is estimated that more than a year will elapse before the lines can be located and estimates of the cost prepared. The preliminary work has been done and it will be impossible to state definitely either the character or the amount of the securities to be issued, or the terms of the contract. The present agreement is the outcome of negotiations carried on by W. F. Carey on behalf of Siam & Carey, railway agent of the United States, and the American International Corporation. The contract provides for the construction of roads, the terms of which are being made for the financing of such construction of railroads through the issuance of Government securities as the work progresses.

Mr. Carey later submitted this contract to the American International Corporation.

About the same time preliminary negotiations with the Chinese Government were concluded, and the American International Corporation, together with Siam & Carey organized the Siam-Carey Railway and Canal Company, which is jointly controlled, to undertake the construction of railroads and the dredging of the Grand Canal, which is now under negotiation.

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Runs Switch, Hits Wrecking Outfit—Many Cut and Shocked.

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"Official Millionaires" Drop From 400 to 18—Hetty Green Estate Leads.

The shuttle train connecting the Third avenue elevated at 129th street with the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad station at Port Morris ran into an open switch last night at 122d street, and Willis avenue, ramming an electric wrecking train, throwing all the passengers out of their seats. About twenty were injured, one probably fatally. Many of the others suffered only from shock and from cuts caused by the flying glass.

CHAMORRO ELECTED HEAD OF NICARAGUA

Wilson's Choice for President Wins; Opponents Feared to Vote.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—Emiliano Chamorro, President Wilson's choice for President of Nicaragua, will be declared elected to-night after a tight vote, characterized by fear of the supporters of the Liberal candidate, to approach the polls. This is the official information which has reached diplomatic circles and is confirmed in a despatch from Rear Admiral Caperton to the Navy Department, who adds that Irias has formally protested the election.

From information which has reached here it appears that the supporters of Irias were led to believe that the American warships in Nicaraguan waters and the American army were to be used for the purpose of investigating and surveying other preliminary purposes. After the Government and the corporation have agreed upon a line of railroad to be constructed, the necessary financing through an issue of Government securities will be worked out.

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CITY REAL ESTATE SLUMPS \$50,000,000

Tax Rolls Show Recession for the First Time in New York's History.

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"Official Millionaires" Drop From 400 to 18—Hetty Green Estate Leads.

Real estate values have gone back to such an extent in Manhattan during the last year that despite great gains in values in other boroughs the total assessed value of the city will show a decided recession from last year's figures after corrections and allowances have been made. It will be the first time in the history of Greater New York that a thing of the kind has occurred—that the Tax Department has failed to find an increase in value with each succeeding year. This is the big feature of the assessment rolls for 1917 being prepared by the Tax Department and to be paid. Books were opened at the Municipal Building yesterday.

Personal property assessments announced at the same time indicate that Mayor Mitchell is converted to the Tax Department's theory that it is impossible to collect taxes on the value of the personal belongings of most residents of the city, for instead of there being \$2,265,000,000 on the tentative rolls, as there was last year, there are not more than \$2,000,000,000 on the final assessments instead of being \$2,704,305,000, as it was last year, will be nearer \$400,000,000.

Last year the Tax Department, under a plan worked out in the Mayor's office, made it a point to assess persons with having personal property worth \$1,000,000 or more each. Of the number about 100 were assessed for \$1,000,000 or more. What is being done is to add \$100,000 to the personal property assessment total will be only by estimated, but at the Tax Department it was admitted that the loss in realty values.

Hetty Green's Estate.

Assessments of estates which are grouped with personal property are also being assessed. It appears that Hetty Green left a larger estate than did either J. P. Morgan or Anthony N. Brady. Mrs. Green's property, which is being assessed as great as the figure for the Morgan estate and \$8,000,000 assessed yesterday that little of the Green estate was expected to remain on the books to be taxed.

Some of the property being assessed is of heritable property at nearly last year's level was expressed by representatives of the State Tax Board, who said that the value of special franchises, although nearly as large an amount was added to such properties last year.

Accorded by the assessment issued by Leonard Purdy, president of the Tax Department, the city will be satisfied if the total of real estate and personal property assessed is \$2,000,000,000, which at least will be made up in part by special franchise increase.

On the basis of the figures announced so far the city's borrowing power will be reduced by \$5,000,000. That there will not be a material increase in the city's debt is the opinion of the chief of the city's financial department, which will contain no such item as the \$13,975,000 of direct State tax which the city paid last year.

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MILK THROWN AWAY AS FARMERS RIOT

Sellers to Big Companies Beat, One of Them Fatally, in Dutches.

Secure in their knowledge that if they are arrested for the damage they do no farmer jury will convict them, the up-State members of the Dairyman's League continued their depredations yesterday. Thousands of gallons of milk secured by the big milk companies for distribution in New York was seized by groups of farmers long before it reached the railroads and dumped. In many instances these were hand to hand combat between the dairymen and employees of the companies, varying in intensity in proportion to the number of guards the companies had on the wagons. Striking farmers raised their neighbors who wished to sell their milk at what the Dairyman's League believes is lower than a fair price.

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