



RUMANIANS WIN IN FIGHTING ON DOBRUDJA LINE

Bucharest Announces Victory Over Enemy's Main Force

SERBIANS 7 MILES FROM MONASTIR

Teutons Advance in Transylvania—Sofia Reports Gains

ALLIES FIRM ON SOMME

War Moves on Four Fronts Outlined for Quick Reading

1. Balkan front—Bucharest announces victory over main German-Bulgarian-Turkish forces in Dobrudja. The battle is still continuing. Rumanians admit a slight retreat in Transylvania in face of heavy Teuton reinforcements. Allies continue drive in Macedonia and Serbia. Serbs only seven miles from Monastir. Bulgarian War Office still silent on retreat from Florina and reports capture of four villages in Florina region. 2. East front—Germans report advances on the Stokhod and near Halicz. Petrograd announces situation in Galicia and Volhynia unchanged. 3. West front—Repulse of German counter-attacks on the Somme except at one point announced by Paris. The Germans attacked heavily from Clerly to the Somme. Italian front—Vienna reports 4. repulse of Italian attacks in Pizzo region and slowing down of Italian offensive. Athens asserts that reports received there indicate the early evacuation of Trieste by the Austrians for the purpose of re-inforcing the Teuton lines in Transylvania.



GORKY'S SON IN WAR Lieutenant Zinovi Pechkoff, of the French Foreign Legion, who is an adopted son of Maxim Gorky, the Russian writer, has arrived in the United States to lecture. He lost an arm at the front and wears several medals.

ARCHER DOPE BILL WINS SUPPORT OF SENATE LEADERS

Vare and McNichol Back Measure to Curb Drug Traffic

PENROSE ALSO IN LINE

State Senators James P. McNichol and "Ed" Vare stated today they would give their full support to the Archer bill which has been framed to regulate the sale of narcotic drugs in Pennsylvania. They also declared they would work for an appropriation for a State institution for the care and curing of dope fiends. United States Senator Penrose said he approved of any good measure which would reduce the drug evil, and he said that if, in his opinion, the Archer bill contained the proper provisions he would support it. The Archer bill is the outcome of an investigation by a special citizens' committee appointed by United States District Attorney Francis Fisher Kane to investigate the dope scourge in this city. The measure, which is now only tentative, was drawn by Pierce Archer, Jr., widely known lawyer, and a former chief deputy in the Internal Revenue Department of this city. It is designed to prevent illicit sales of drugs by unscrupulous physicians and dealers, and makes possession of narcotic drugs a crime. It was designed to take the place of the Harrison act which was annulled by recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court. "I will not only support the bill," said Senator Vare, "but I will introduce it into the next session of the Legislature and will use all the influence I have to force it through. I believe that the narcotic drug evil is a growing one, and it is high time we clamped down the lid and drove the dopers out of business. We must stop this running of thousands of our young men and women by the traffic." "I will gladly support such a measure," said Senator McNichol. "Something is needed to stamp out the drug evil in Pennsylvania. I have confidence in the legal knowledge of Pierce Archer, Jr., and believe that the final draft of the bill will be a good one. Great care should be taken in framing this bill so it will not conflict with the Federal narcotic drug act." Senator Penrose said: "I thoroughly believe in the principle of this movement to suppress the drug evil, and if the bill is a good one I will be glad to lend it my support."

WIFE OF ALLEGED BLACKMAIL CHIEF BLAMES ENEMIES

Has to Laugh, She Says, to Read Her Husband Helped Graft \$1,000,000 Yearly

"LOOK AT MY DRESS"

Points to Cheap Clothes and Modest Home as Proof of His Innocence

Mrs. William Butler, wife of "Bill the Dude," alleged leader of the international blackmailing syndicate which is said to have netted millions from violators of the Mann act, said today that the arrest of her husband was brought about by his enemies. She pointed to their modest little home at 402 North Thirteenth street, and called attention to the plain clothes she wears as evidence that her husband had not accumulated large sums of money, as has been charged against him. "I don't care what they say about Billy," she said. "I know more about him than anybody else. They haven't anything on him. It just makes me laugh to read in papers that my husband participated in a \$1,000,000 yearly graft. Don't you think if he was getting a slice out of that I'd be wearing better clothes than these?" She pointed to a modest house dress that might have cost \$1.50. "Why, if Billy was getting all that money, don't you suppose we'd be living in a fine house out on the Main Line? I never saw this Klipper woman and I am sure my husband doesn't know her. I know that Billy is innocent of this. Of course, a wife always thinks that, but I have extra good reasons for knowing that he is innocent." The importance of the complete set of counterfeit Government badges, seals and warrants seized in this city in the investigation of the international blackmail syndicate is realized by the Federal officials, who hope that the discovery will lead to more arrests.

SEEKS PRINTING PLANT

Secret service agents are now trying to discover the whereabouts of a printing plant where the blackmailing syndicate had bogus warrants and Government papers printed. It is thought the syndicate established the plant and maintained it. It is believed, also, that lawyers were connected with the syndicate. The bogus warrants and papers by which extortions were accomplished bear evidence of having been framed by a lawyer.

Additional arrests are expected today. William Butler and his brother, George Butler, are under bail for further hearing September 26. William Butler's bail was fixed at \$50,000 by United States Commissioner Long, and George Butler who has been in jail for the last seven weeks, was released under \$2000 bail.

In reality, William Butler's bail amounts to \$65,000. He was already under \$15,000 bail on a charge of having attempted to blackmail Mrs. Susan S. J. Winpenny, of this city, widow of J. Bolton Winpenny, for \$8000, and was surrendered by one of his bondsmen, Samuel Brown, of 330 South Fifth street, yesterday morning. The demand for the unusually large additional bail of \$50,000 was made by Francis Fisher Kane, United States District Attorney, who personally represented the Government at the hearing. Last night the prisoner was taken to the Camden County Jail, where Federal prisoners awaiting trial in this district are now held. William Butler was indicted on the

1000 MAY BE VICTIMS OF FLOOD IN BOHEMIA

Death List in Dam Disaster Mounts—Homeless Hundreds Half Clothed

BERLIN, Sept. 20.—The loss of life in the Bohemian flood, resulting from the breaking of the White Desso dam, may reach 1000. Hundreds of persons are missing and it is feared their bodies will be found inside the houses floating downstream or entangled in floating debris. Between 200 and 300 bodies already have been recovered. The survivors are without food and many are only partly clothed. Hasty relief measures are being taken. Waves twenty feet high that swept over the country for twelve miles, destroying everything in their path, were liberated when a dam in the mountains of Bohemia, near the German frontier, burst. The onrushing water carried away many glass-polishing factories, and it is feared that there are many victims. The bridges were not destroyed, but are in danger of collapse. The damage is very great. The villages of Dessendorf, Tiefenbach, Tannwald, Schumburg, Schwarow, Grosshammer and Haratz are inundated.

Trolley Switch Causes Injury to Woman A trolley switch at Seventh and Market streets was responsible for the injuries of Mrs. Annie Crossley, sixty-two years old, of 1214 Master street, who is in a serious condition at the Jefferson Hospital. While crossing the street Mrs. Crossley caught her foot in the switch and fell against a passing motor truck. She suffered lacerations of the head and injuries to the right leg.

P. R. T. DECLARES DIVIDEND, FIRST IN LINE'S HISTORY

\$599,577 or 2 Per Cent on Stock to Be Paid October 11

DECIDED AFTER FIGHT

Earnings Show Big Increase and Surplus Will Be Augmented

The Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company today declared the first dividend in its history. The amount was two per cent, or \$1 per share, as the stock has a par value of \$50. The announcement of the dividend action by the directors came just as the annual meeting of the stockholders, which was held in the company's offices at Eighth and Dauphin streets, was about to be adjourned. Announcement of the dividend was followed by brisk trading in the company's stock on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, the trust certificates advancing 2 1/2%, the highest they have sold since 1915. Blocks of 200, 300 and 500 shares changed hands at advancing prices. Throughout the morning the company's trust certificates had been the most active in the trading on the Stock Exchange and the news of the dividend increased the interest. Union Traction, the dividend of which is guaranteed by P. R. T., was also active and sold up 1%.

SURPLUS OF \$2,987,000

Ellis Ames Ballard, counsel for the company, made the announcement, the communication having been received by telephone from the directors' meeting, which was being held in the executive offices in the Land Title Building at the same time that the annual meeting was taking place. There were about forty stockholders present, and the statement was received with applause. The stockholders recorded a formal vote of appreciation to the management.

Since the issuance of the company's last annual report, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, there has been much discussion in the financial district as to whether a dividend would be declared in the near future. The company reported a combined surplus of \$2,987,975 at the end of the year, and it was figured that a dividend could very easily be declared and that there would be a surplus.

FIGHT FOR DIVIDEND

The first amount talked of as a possible dividend was one per cent, and then it was said that if action by the directors was not taken today it would surely be taken in January. The fact that the directors took the action in declaring the dividend today was brought about only by hard pressure on them from persons who are large stockholders. From what could be learned in the financial district the whole board did not favor a distribution at this time, but that a majority were in favor of making some payment. The dividend, therefore, is the culmination of a fight both within and outside of the board.

Reasons which had been advanced by the directors, who were not in favor of the dividend, were that the company should conserve all of the money possible until the agreement between the company and the city had been finally entered into.

The dividend means an outlay of \$599,577 to the stockholders, the capital stock of the company being \$29,978,875, and was very welcome to the owners of the stock, who have waited patiently for some return on their holdings since the organization of the company on May 1, 1902. The dividend is payable October 11 to stock of record October 4.

While the annual meeting was going on and just prior to the announcement of the dividend, Dr. Elizabeth Snyder, who has divined previous annual meetings by

PHILLIES SCORE SEVEN RUNS IN THE SEVENTH

Cooper Knocked Out and Harmon Replaces Him—Demaree Opposes Pirates

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER PHILLIES' BALL PARK, Sept. 20.—Pittsburgh opened its final series of the season here today with a double-header. The Pirates had their strongest line-up in the field, with Hans Wagner at first. Both Demaree and Cooper got out of holes in the first inning. Pittsburgh had two men on and the Phils had the bases clogged, but neither Hinchman nor Luderus could come through in the pinch. Fischer and Burns were the respective catchers. FIRST INNING Warner singled through Bancroft. Bigbee lifted a fly to Cravath. Carey hit the right-field fence for a single, but Warner was out trying to take third. Cravath to Bancroft to Stock. Carey took second on the play. Stock made a pretty catch of Hinchman's fly. No runs, two hits, no errors. Fisker singled to left. Bancroft fied to Fischer in front of the plate. Stock was safe on Warner's fumble. Fisker taking second. Whitted was out, Fischer to Wagner, Paskert and Stock both advancing a base. Cravath was purposely walked, filling the bases. Smith tossed out Luderus. No runs, one hit, one error. SECOND INNING Wagner was thrown out by Demaree. Schulte singled through Bancroft. Schulte stole. Burns to Bancroft. Smith fied to Whitted. No runs, one hit, no errors. Niehoff struck out. Burns doubled to

QUICK NEWS

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PITTSBURGH... 0 PHILLIES, 2d G... 2 Mamaux and Fischer; Demaree and Burns. Eason and Rigler.

ST. LOUIS... 0 BROOKLYN... 0 Ames and Genzales; Smith and Miller.

ATHLETICS... CHICAGO... DEMAREE SCALPS PIRATES IN FIRST GAME OF TWIN BILL

Table with 2 columns: PHILLIES and PITTSBURGH, listing player names and statistics.

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CONNECTICUT DEMOCRATS NAME CUMMINGS FOR SENATE

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 20.—Homer S. Cummings, of Stamford, vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee, was today nominated for the United States Senate by the Democratic State Convention. Judge Morris B. Beardsley, of Bridgeport, was nominated for Governor.

ITALIAN ARMY MARKS OCCUPATION OF ROME

ROME, Sept. 20.—In the midst of war the Italian army solemnly observed September 20, the forty-sixth anniversary of the occupation of Rome by the Italians. On this date in 1870 the Holy City passed from the temporal power of the Pope. There were big celebrations in all the large cities and throughout the country. Telegrams of congratulation were exchanged by the King, the Premier and the Mayor of Rome. Messages were sent to the troops at the front and the merry-making was general.

THREE PRIVATE CHICAGO BANKS CLOSE DOORS

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—Three private banks operated by W. H. Paisley & Sons closed their doors today. The institutions were known as the North Shore Savings Bank, the Summerdale Savings Bank and the Broadway and Grace Street Bank. Crowds began collecting in front of all three institutions as soon as the news spread and police were dispatched to prevent rioting. All the concerns are reported to have been patronized heavily. A report was spread that the banks were solvent and that depositors would get their money, but it failed to allay the panicky feeling among the crowds of depositors.

BERLIN DENIES AIRSHIP DEPOT'S WRECK

BERLIN, Sept. 20.—London reports that the German airship depot at Frankfurt-on-Main had been burned, with its contents, where airships and fifty aeroplanes were stored, were officially denied today and branded "complete inventions."

CITY'S DEATH RATE DECREASES TO 15.6

Philadelphia's death rate in 1915 was 15.6 for each 1000 persons, while the average death rate for the entire country was 13.3. The Pittsburgh rate was 15.3, and that of the entire State 13.8. The death rate statistics for the country were announced by the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Department of Commerce. Philadelphia is reported to have had 26,291 deaths during the last year, and the rate was fixed on basis of an estimated population of 1,688,654 persons.

FORTY CIVILIANS KILLED IN FOOD RIOTS IN GERMANY

LONDON, Sept. 20.—Press dispatches from The Hague report food riots at Chemnitz, Saxony, in which forty civilians were killed before order was restored. The mobs, according to the dispatches, were charged by Hussars, five of whom were killed and fourteen wounded.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY FOR TRAINMEN IN CANAL ZONE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—An eight-hour workday for train crews and switch engine crews in the Panama Canal Zone has been established by Governor Goethals by executive order. Exception is made in case of emergency, when permission for overtime must be obtained from Zone authorities.

FLEA THEORY ABANDONED IN PARALYSIS FIGHT

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Efforts of Federal and city health authorities to determine the source of infantile paralysis have been unsuccessful thus far. It is disclosed in an announcement by United States Public Health Service officials of the abandonment of the latest theory that the rat flea transmitted the disease.

RUSSIA PLANS NEW WAR LOAN OF \$1,500,000,000

LONDON, Sept. 20.—A new war loan by the Russian Government is proposed, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd. The plan is to issue at the end of October a new internal 5 1/2 per cent ten-year loan for 3,000,000,000 rubles (\$1,500,000,000) the price of issue to be 95.

100,000 VOTERS REGISTERED ON SECOND DAY

Registration of voters was heavy yesterday, the second day set aside for qualification of those who desire to participate in the presidential contest in November, according to reports received by political leaders last night. It was estimated that close to 100,000 voters went to the division polling places to add their names to the lists.

SEVEN MEN INJURED IN POWDER FLARE-UP

HASKELL, N. J., Sept. 20.—Another mysterious explosion in the du Pont powder works last night injured three men fatally and severely burned four others. The flare-up of 500 pounds of powder occurred in the mixing house. The explosion lighted the sky for miles.

AVIATOR FALLS 1200 FEET IN REBUILT MACHINE

SHAWNEE, Okla., Sept. 20.—M. G. Roberts, of Rupert, Vt., was instantly killed in a fall of 1200 feet in an aeroplane. The machine he was flying was said to have been on its first flight since it was recently rebuilt.

STATE LOSES \$51,956,776 ON COAL WASTES

Pennsylvania is throwing away each year coal products worth \$51,956,776.80, according to statistics prepared by C. E. Leisher, of the United States Geological Survey. Pennsylvania's waste lies in the failure to utilize the by-products of coke-making, Mr. Leisher says. The entire country in 1915 carbonized 15,500,000 tons of soft coal with by-product recovery. The resulting coke, 14,072,895 tons, was sold for \$48,558,325, or an average of \$3.45 a ton.

PRETTY GIRL'S LEG BROKE IN LEAP TO ELUDE ABDUCTORS

Five Men Held for Attempted Attack on Young Woman

STORY TOLD IN COURT



MISS EDNA G. BOYLE

A thrilling story of how she was kidnapped and knocked unconscious and how she leaped from a taxicab, breaking her leg, to escape her five abductors, was told today before Magistrate Harris, by Miss Edna G. Boyle, daughter of Albert J. Boyle, a well-to-do contractor, of 934 North Forty-seventh street. Miss Boyle, a pretty young woman of about twenty-five years of age, recounted a story that recalled to the crowded magistrate's court the sensational leap for safety of May Nashly, the girl whose skull was fractured last spring under similar circumstances. Hobbiling into court on crutches she accused five young men of abducting and attempting to assault her. The prisoners were held in \$500 each bail for court. The alleged abduction and merry escape occurred at midnight, July 29, Miss Boyle said. She leaped from the machine near the Zoological Gardens, Fairmount Park.

CHARGES AGAINST MEN

The five men held are William Johnson, 2617 Haverford avenue; Michael Dougherty, 3853 Wallace street; George E. Davis, 628 North Chadwick street; Carl Lewis, alias Earl Miller, 2610 Melon street, and Martin Murphy, 750 North DeKalb street. The charges against them are assault and battery with intent to commit a felony and intent to kill, highway robbery, conspiracy and kidnaping. "Until men of such stamp are adequately punished the parks will not be safe for our wives, mothers and daughters," hotly declared ex-Mayor Weaver, who represented Miss Boyle. "It will not be safe for them to walk the streets."

STUCK AND OVERPOWERED

According to Miss Boyle's testimony, she was leaving a cafe at Thirty-sixth street and Haverford avenue alone shortly before midnight on July 29 when three of the five men, with whom she was slightly acquainted, surrounded her and overpowered her. To silence her they struck her from behind and one roughly placed his hands over her mouth, she said. Then a heavy blow rendered her unconscious.

"When I awoke I was in a taxicab with the five men," she continued. "We were going rapidly along the West River drive, in the park, but the machine slowed down on approaching the Girard avenue bridge. I lay still a moment and then with all my strength began screaming and kicking. I tore myself loose and jumped out of the machine."

DRAGGED FROM ROADSIDE

"My right leg crumpled under me and I felt it snap. They stopped the machine and came over to where I was lying. "Look out, the girl's leg is hurt," I heard one of them say. "Never mind," said another, who I think was Dougherty. They dragged me toward the shrubbery near the Zoological Gardens. I screamed, and when I heard footsteps and shouts I fainted again."

Miss Boyle was rescued by Park Guard Chohart and Policemen Reavy, Summerville and McGowan, of the Thirty-ninth street and Lancaster avenue station, who had heard her cries as she leaped from the motorcar. As the policemen rushed toward the struggling group the five assailants fled. Miss Boyle was taken to the German Hospital, where she was under treatment until a few days ago.

The five prisoners whom she faced in Magistrate Harris' Court today were arrested on descriptions furnished the police by Miss Boyle. They denied they were Miss Boyle's assailants.

Alabama Cavalry to Mobilize

MONTEGOMERY, Ala., Sept. 20.—The South's only full cavalry regiment, First Cavalry, Alabama Guard, has received orders to mobilize in Montgomery today.