

ALLIES SMASH BULGARIANS IN DOUBLE PUSH

British Drive Back Enemy and Capture Town of Nevelen

FIGHTS ON 500-MILE LINE

Serbs Within Easy Artillery Range of Foe's Macedonian Base

BERLIN, Oct. 6.—England's land fleet of "tanks," or armored automobiles, is being wiped out by the Germans on the Somme front, says the military critic of the Overseas News Agency today.

LONDON, Oct. 6.—Bulgarian troops have evacuated several villages on the east bank of the River Struma, where the British have begun an offensive, the War Office announced this afternoon.

In Transylvania, Field Marshal Falkenhayn has won a new victory over the Rumanians, driving the enemy's center back across the Homorod and Altu Rivers and storming Cinca.

Important developments have occurred in the Balkan theater of war during the last twenty-four hours, overshadowing the operations in all other zones of fighting.

The Bulgarians facing the British in Macedonia are in retreat, which may compel a realignment of their forces all the way along the Struma River.

However, conflicting reports were issued by the British and Bulgarian War Offices on these operations.

The British announced the capture of the Greek town of Nevelen, while Sofia said that the British drive in that direction failed. The Bulgarian War Office also stated that all of the Rumanian troops that invaded Bulgaria have now retired across the Danube to their own territory.

Violent conflicts are in progress upon both the western and eastern fronts. The correspondent of the German paper, Lokal Anzeiger, on the eastern front describes the fighting in Volynia as rivaling the battles on the Somme front for fierceness.

At one point the Russians had 1000 cannon muzzles, pouring terrific salvos into the German positions.

For the first time in many months there has been a renewal of fighting on the western front outside of the sectors of the Somme and Verdun. The British, using gas, attacked the German positions near Loos, while numerous trench raids were carried out.

In the Verdun region, where there has been a lull, gigantic artillery actions have developed.

KING FERDINAND'S TROOPS IN RETREAT ON STRUMA LINE; TERRIFIC BATTLE RAGING

LONDON, Oct. 6.—British troops are driving back the Bulgarians in severe fighting on the Struma front, it was officially announced today in a dispatch from Salonica.

The town of Nevelen was occupied by the British without loss after a brief artillery attack.

At the same time violent fighting has broken out on the Allies' right wing, General Sarrail reported. The battle is raging with great intensity on the entire Medall-Knall-Gradanitska line.

The Bulgarian troops on the Struma front have begun a general retreat, the War Office announced. Violent attacks by the British dislodged King Ferdinand's forces from their strongly fortified positions.

Balkan battles, upon which the ultimate fate of the war may depend, are raging today on fronts that aggregate a width of nearly 400 miles. Bulgarian armies are being pounded on the north and south by the British, French, Russians, Italians, Serbians and Rumanians.

The fate of the Rumanian army that invaded Bulgaria near Ruzstchuk is still shrouded in doubt. According to Sofia, it was completely routed and virtually annihilated. Bucharest says that the Rumanians, being set upon by superior numbers, were

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally cloudy tonight, followed by fair Saturday; cooler in the early morning and on Saturday; gentle, westerly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY Oct. 6, 11:20 a. m. to 5:20 p. m. Oct. 7, 11:18 a. m. to 5:18 p. m. Oct. 8, 11:16 a. m. to 5:16 p. m.

DELAWARE RIVER STAGE CHANGES CHRISTMAS STREET

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

ARRESTED IN FATAL NEW JERSEY HOLDUP CASE



COUNTRY BOY'S TIP LED TO 6 ARRESTS IN JERSEY MURDER

Noticed Number on Auto in Which Alleged Bandits Fled

GIRL MAY BARE CRIME

A 12-year-old country boy, identity as yet unestablished, furnished the clue upon which a young woman and three men are being held at City Hall, and two other men in Camden, as alleged principals and participants in the hold-up near Atsion, N. J., yesterday during which Henry Rider, of Howell, Mich., was shot dead and his brother, Andrew Jackson Rider, of Hammononton; his niece, Mrs. Elsie Smathers, and James Rigby, an employe of A. J. Rider, seriously wounded.

Captain Tate, of the Detective Bureau, said the boy's evidence would clear up many details of the crime. The lad was an eyewitness of the attack upon the Rider automobile and the shooting of its occupants. He noted the license tag on the car in which the bandits fled from the scene of the shooting. After jotting the number on a scrap of paper he hailed the first passer-by, who happened to be Dr. George Moore, of 15 Prospect place, Trenton, to whom he told his story and gave the license number.

PHONED TO POLICE Doctor Moore, in turn, telephoned to the police of Philadelphia and Camden, and through the boy's information, the automobile was located, and its owner, Frank Vessella, nineteen years old, 1147 South Eighth street, arrested.

From Vessella's statements to the police the other arrests were made. Millie di Marco, nineteen years old, and Giuseppe Rosso, twenty-two years old, of 1128 South Twelfth street, were taken into custody at that address. The girl, the detectives assert, was the instigator of the attack, which culminated in murder, though falling in its object, which was the stealing of a pay sack containing \$4000, which A. J. Rider was conveying to his cranberry picking forces.

PRISONERS HELD Vessella, Rosso, Millie di Marco and Frank Ledonne, twenty-one years old, 1162 Passyunk avenue, were arraigned this afternoon at Central Station. Detectives Callahan and Geonetti, who, with District Detective Henneke, made the arrest, were the only witnesses.

Magistrate Fenwick committed the girl and the three men without bail to await extradition. A. H. G. Davis represented the prisoners, but asked no questions. The hearing room was crowded, many neighbors of the persons under arrest attending the trial proceedings.

Fugitive warrants charging murder were sworn out before Justice of the Peace Herman Heilbron, of Burlington County. Prosecutor Kelsey has gone to Trenton to arrange for the extradition of the prisoners.

Detective Ellis Parker, of Mount Holly, told Captain Tate today that he could produce three witnesses who would identify Rosso as a participant in the hold-up three weeks ago of an Italian woman, her son and daughter, near White Bog, on the outskirts of Browns Mills, N. J. More than \$2100 was taken by the perpetrators of this robbery.

By a strange coincidence the mother of Millie di Marco is a patient at Jefferson

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ONE SHOT IN CAPTURE OF DOPE SALE SUSPECTS

Policeman Arrests Three and Wounds Man Who Tries to Escape

One man was shot today at noon in the capture of three men suspected by the police of being narcotic drug peddlers.

The injured man, shot in the right leg by Policeman Ramsey, of the Fifteenth street and Snyder avenue station, is Angelo Patrucci, 1749 South Tenth street. He is in St. Agnes' Hospital. His companions, who are locked up awaiting a hearing, said they were Emilio Dadano, 1823 South Carlisle street, and Joseph Cardwell, 1528 Wharton street. A fourth man escaped.

Ramsey, who was on his way to a boxing school, noticed the four acting suspiciously in a drug store near Sixteenth and Jackson streets. He telephoned to the police station for aid, but before it came the men ran. Ramsey collapsed three of them and fired at Patrucci's feet when the last-named broke away and ran.

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L. T. LAYTON & CO., BROKERS, FAIL; \$44 ASSETS AVAILABLE

Head of Firm Out of City When Crash Comes

SENT LETTER TO LAWYER

Announcement was made today of the failure of L. T. Layton & Co., stock brokers, with offices at 743 Real Estate Trust Building. Efforts to find Lowder T. Layton, the only member of the firm according to the Stock Exchange directory, were without avail this morning. He was not at the offices of the firm.

When about a dozen customers arrived they found a notice posted on the door saying that the firm had suspended and that further information could be had from J. Howard Reber, whose offices are at 1001 Chestnut street.

Mr. Reber, who is an attorney and widely known as a receiver, said all he knew about the firm's affairs was contained in a letter which he had received from Mr. Layton yesterday.

PUTS ATTORNEY IN CHARGE The letter read: Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 5, 1916. J. Howard Reber, Esq., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir—I hereby authorize you to act for me personally and as trading as L. T. Layton & Co. in the matter of the financial troubles of both the foregoing and any other matters which may arise. Yours truly, L. T. LAYTON.

The letter was written on plain paper and was mailed in a plain envelope. It carried a Atlantic City postmark, and other than this there was nothing by which it might be traced.

According to Mr. Reber, who said that he had made only a cursory examination, the assets are \$44. This is on deposit at the Franklin National Bank.

In addition to these assets, there is the membership of Mr. Layton in the Stock Exchange. At the present time \$3500 is the bid for a membership on the exchange and there are understood to be two seats for sale, one for \$4000 and the other \$4500.

Mr. Layton, who was admitted to membership in the Stock Exchange, on July 27, 1909, carried two bank accounts, according to Mr. Reber. One of these was at the Franklin National Bank and the other with Cassatt & Co., bankers, with offices in the Commercial Trust Building.

Mr. Reber said he had learned from Cassatt & Co. that Mr. Layton made his loans through them, but that there is no collateral on deposit with the banking firm, and furthermore, Mr. Layton owes Cassatt & Co. \$250.

ACCOUNTANTS AT WORK Mr. Reber said he had started accountants to work on the books of the firm, and that within a short time he expected to have information available for customers.

The cause of the failure could not be determined.

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3,040,800,000 MATCHES HERE FROM SWEDEN

Steamship Viken Makes Maiden Voyage With \$1,961,750 Cargo

A ship crammed full of safety matches to the number of 3,040,800,000, as nearly exactly as one can count matches, arrived today when the new Swedish freight steamship Viken, fresh from Gothenburg, Sweden, docked here.

The cargo brought joy to the smoker and chased away the threatening scarcity in matches.

So precious was the cargo considered that the sailors were not allowed to smoke on the ship's maiden voyage, except in the fore-cabin. And well might such a precaution be taken, for the cargo was valued at \$1,961,750. The match ship's voyage was conducted by Captain A. Edwin Lundgren and First Officer Olaf Kyarr in a matchless manner.

After the 55,000 cases of tansickerors, consigned to the Diamond Match Company, are unloaded, the ship will leave this afternoon for Savannah to take on a cargo of oil cake for Swedish consumption.

The Viken, an 1820-ton vessel, is the latest ship set afloat by the Swedish-Norwegian line, and will ply between the United States and its home country.

GRAND JURY INDICTS SIX AS MEMBERS OF BLACKMAILERS' GANG

William Butler, of Philadelphia, Confessed Impersonator of Federal Officer, Held—Two Names Kept Secret

EVIDENCE MAY STARTLE

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—Six alleged members of the "million dollar blackmail gang," the nationwide activities of which were revealed recently by Edward West, wealthy Chicago coffee merchant, were indicted today by the Federal Grand Jury here. Warrants were issued for their immediate arrests. Those indicted are:

William Butler, of Philadelphia, alleged "brains" of the syndicate. Ruda Goodman, alias Alice Williams, a young woman now under arrest in Chicago, charged with having been the lure for the "blackmailers" victims. Homer T. French and James Christian, now in the Cook County Jail in Chicago.

Two others whose names are withheld from the public at this time. Two indictments were returned against each, one charging conspiracy and the other impersonating Federal officers.

Butler, who was brought here from Philadelphia ten days ago, pleaded guilty to the latter charge.

West, who sprang a sensation in Chicago some days ago, when he publicly admitted having been fleeced out of \$15,000, was the only witness heard by the Grand Jury. The trial is expected to bring forth startling stories from other wealthy victims of the blackmailers.

TAGORE, HINDU POET, TRAILED BY ASSASSINS

Nobel Prize Winner Cancels California Engagements Because of Plot

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 6.—Extraordinary precautions are being taken by the police today to guard Sir Rabindranath Tagore, Hindu poet and Nobel prize winner, following discovery of an alleged plot to assassinate him. As a result Tagore has canceled some of his speaking engagements in California.

Prof. Bhabhu Singh, a venerable Hindu who came from Stockton to see Tagore, was assaulted in the street by other Hindus. It was said Singh was seeking to induce Tagore to refrain from his pro-British utterances regarding India.

Police blame slimsly between the Gadar party and the Khalsa Ditch Society, which differ widely as to the means to be employed in ending British reign in India, for the plot against Tagore.

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QUICK NEWS

TODAY'S RACING RESULTS First Laurel race, maiden fillies, 2-year-olds, 5 1-2 furlongs—Storm Nymph, 112, Byrne, \$6.70, \$2.70, \$2.40, won; Sea Wave, 112, Robinson, \$2.40, \$2.30, second; Polly J., 112, Burlingame, \$3.30, third. Time, 1:07 3-5.

Second Laurel race, 3-year-olds and up, selling, steeplechase, about 2 miles—Dorcia, 139, W. Allen, \$4.30, \$3.40, \$2.40, won; Susan B., 132, S. Bush, \$10.40, \$3.50, second; Golden Vale, 143, W. Brown, \$2.70, third. Time, 3:47 2-5.

Third Laurel race, 2-year-olds, 6 furlongs—Arnold, 118, Butwell, \$2.00, \$2.60, \$2.20, won; Jack Scot, 116, Trozier, \$6.00, \$3.10, second; Whirling Dun, 112, Robinson, \$2.60, third. Time, 1:13.

First Windsor race, selling, purse \$600, all ages, foaled in Canada, 6 furlongs—Hampton Dame, 114, Claver, \$4.20, \$2.40, \$2.80, won; Moss Fox, 112, Wolstenheim, \$2.40, \$2.70, second; Vivian S., 101, Barrett, \$14.70, third. Time, 1:13 3-5.

RUSSIA'S LOSSES ESTIMATED AT 7,250,000 MEN

BERLIN, Oct. 6.—Russia has lost 6,000,000 during the first two years of the war and at least 1,250,000 in this year's offensive, according to estimates from Danish sources given up by the semiofficial news agency today.

1,000,000 RUSSIAN POLES COMING TO AMERICAS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—Russia is negotiating with South American republics for the colonization of more than 1,000,000 Russian Poles in Latin-America. Five hundred thousand will be distributed in Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia if the Russian plan succeeds, and the remainder will be placed in Argentina and Chile.

WRIGHT GIVES AIRCRAFT PATENTS TO BRITAIN

LONDON, Oct. 6.—Orville Wright, American airplane inventor, has presented all his patents free of charge to the Government, today's issue of the aviation magazine Aeroplane declared. Wright manufacturer, the magazine asserted, will therefore be able to utilize Wright patents, and to be valued at millions of dollars, unreservedly.

FOURTH ADULT VICTIM OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS

A man died today in the Hospital for Contagious Diseases of infantile paralysis—the fourth adult to succumb to the malady since the epidemic began in this city. He is George Irvin, twenty-five years old, of 4109 Main street, Manayunk. Public health officials were encouraged by the fact that no new cases developed today. The total number of cases up to this date is 894. Of this number 263 have proved fatal.

DARBY CARS CRASH; PASSENGERS SCARED; NONE HURT

Passengers on two crowded Darby cars were shaken up and frightened at 7:15 this morning, when the rear tracks of the west-bound car running out Gray's Ferry road jumped across a switch at Paschall avenue directly in front of an approaching east-bound car. Glass was knocked out of every window in both cars, but the passengers escaped serious injuries. The wrecked cars were removed to the barn at Forty-ninth street and Woodland avenue.

PARCEL POST LIMIT TO PANAMA UP TO TWENTY POUNDS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—The first step toward general extension of postal facilities between the United States and South and Central American countries was taken today when the Postoffice Department increased the weight limit for parcel post packages for Panama from eleven to twenty pounds. The postage rate will remain twelve cents a pound.

PITTSBURGH PHONE CO. ADVANCES OPERATORS' PAY

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 6.—An increase amounting to forty-five per cent has been granted operators of the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Telephone Company, the local independent company. The officials, in granting the increase, pointed out that the advance in wages was due in part to the increased cost of living and as a reward for the faithfulness of employees. The Pittsburgh and Allegheny Telephone Company has had a precarious existence, but now is in a good financial position.

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COMPEL P. R. T. TO HEED PACT, TAYLOR URGES

Former Director Insists on Observance of 1914 Transit Agreement

OPPOSES "EXPERT" PROBE

Would Build Chestnut Street Subway and Fight Exchanges in Reprisal

By A. MERRITT TAYLOR

During the campaign for adequate transit facilities, with free transfers, in Philadelphia, I attended scores of mass meetings throughout the city and called upon the citizens to support my efforts in their behalf, and at these meetings and in other public statements I gave my pledge to the people that in return for their support I would stand by them to the finish. Therefore, with deep feeling of public duty, and in response to numerous requests received from the newspapers and from citizens of Philadelphia, it becomes my duty to express my views with relation to the present crisis which confronts the city and the citizens in respect to transit development; hence I must make the following statement:

On May 27, 1914, after many prolonged conferences between the representatives of the city, consisting of A. M. Taylor, G. W. Norris and F. R. Ford, and the representatives of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, E. T. Stotesbury, T. E. Mitten, president; A. E. Newbold and H. G. Lloyd, a tentative agreement was concluded by the Director of the Department of City Transit and the officers of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. All of the parties to these conferences pledged their best efforts to have this agreement ratified. This tentative agreement provided for the construction of subway and elevated lines and extensions thereof by the city, and for the equipment and operation thereof by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

PROVIDE FREE TRANSFER SYSTEM This tentative agreement for the equipment and operation of the city-owned high-speed lines by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company also provided for the elimination of the discriminatory exchange ticket (by a process which afforded protection to the net income of the companies), it provided for the adoption of a comprehensive free transfer system throughout the city, and protected the company's existing net income against loss resultant from the establishment of the city-owned high-speed lines. It also properly safeguarded the interests of the city and of the company in all other respects.

Later this tentative agreement was communicated to the directors of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company by Messrs. Horatio G. Lloyd and Thomas E. Mitten, with a letter signed by them which read as follows:

On behalf of E. T. Stotesbury and ourselves we present herewith outline of a plan of rapid transit development by the city and the company, which has been formulated after extended conferences with the representatives of the city administration and city Council.

In the opinion of all of us, it will give the citizens the fullest opportunity of enjoying the very large investment to be made by the city and the company in the new development and at the same time offer a just and fair solution of the problems which the changed conditions of travel will present.

As the Union Traction Company is interested in the matter, and as its cooperation is essential, we recommend that a committee be appointed to take up the questions with a like committee of the Union Traction Company.

The tentative agreement was published broadly throughout the city by the newspapers and in pamphlet form; numerous public meetings were held in nearly every ward, and its terms were freely and openly debated, discussed and approved.

As a result of further conferences held while the application of the city for a certificate of public convenience was under consideration by the Public Service Commission, certain suggestions relating to modification of the 1914 agreement were made. The director of the department sign-