

WEATHER
Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow; somewhat low temperature tomorrow; light to moderate variable winds.
Temperature for the past twenty-four hours: Highest, 75 at 2 p.m. today; lowest, 45, at 6 a.m. today.
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GREECE MOBILIZES TO SUPPORT SERBS AND CRISIS NEARS

King Constantine's Decree Comes in Answer to Bulgaria's Preparations.

GREATEST ENTHUSIASM PREVAILS IN ATHENS

Bulgars Hurriedly Fortify Black Sea Ports, Open to Russian Attack.

ENTENTE ENVOYS ACTIVE

Still Hope to Prevent Balkan Nations From Fighting Among Themselves—Division of Opinion in Sofia Apparent.

LONDON, September 24.—The Balkan situation is rapidly approaching a crisis.

As an answer to the Bulgarian mobilization, Greece has ordered a mobilization of her army and has called the classes of 1892 to 1911 to the colors.

Athens dispatches, through Paris, quote semi-official statements that Greece intends to defend her own rights and support Serbia. It is expected that the Greek parliament will be summoned tomorrow.

Advices from Sofia, by way of Paris, deny that the Bulgarian mobilization has been postponed and report the ordering out of the Bulgarian army classes of 1890 to 1912.

It is reported in Athens telegrams that Bulgaria's Black sea ports, through which she would be open to Russian attack by water, are being hurriedly fortified.

Enthusiasm in Greece.

A decree for general mobilization of twenty classes of Greek soldiers was signed at Athens by King Constantine and promulgated. The decision of the king has aroused the greatest enthusiasm in Athens. Parliament probably will be summoned tomorrow.

Issuance of the mobilization decree was quickly followed by a declaration of an audience of Premier Venizelos. The premier informed the king that he would support the king's intention of Greece to defend her own rights and to fulfill her duty to support Serbia.

The minister of war, Gen. Danglis, subsequently took the decree to the palace and the king signed it. The twenty classes now called to the colors are in addition to four classes already under arms.

The decree was published in the official journal.

The semi-official newspaper Patria of Athens says the military measures undertaken by Greece show a decision has been reached to meet Bulgaria's move energetically and without delay. It says that the intention of Greece is to defend her own rights and to fulfill her duty to support Serbia.

Bulgaria Fortifies Ports.

Diplomatic circles have been informed that Bulgarian warships which were stationed at Varna on the Black sea have sought shelter in a neighboring bay. Large numbers of men are engaged in feverish speed to fortify Bulgarian Black sea ports. The valuables of the branches of the national bank at Burgas and Varna have been removed to Sofia.

The belief has been expressed in Bulgaria that if that country arraigns it against the port of Varna, thirty hours' sail from Odessa, although it is strong, is not formidable.

Bulgarian Preparations.

The Bulgarian government has announced that no more passports would be issued to persons departing for foreign countries, owing to the present uncertain conditions.

The Bulgarian military authorities announced that youths of the class of 1915 must appear for physical examination prior to October 20.

The Bulgarian government has prohibited the exportation of all foodstuffs, fuel, illuminating oils, metals and textiles.

The newspaper organ of M. Guecheff, former Bulgarian premier, who is prominent in the opposition faction which favors Russia, has made an appeal to the opposition to rally in support of the government. Premier Radoslavoff believes a speedy reconversion of all political parties is probable.

Entente Envoys Busy.

It is known that the entente representatives at Sofia and other Balkan capitals are still busy trying to reconstruct the Balkan league and thus prevent Rumania, Bulgaria, Greece and Serbia from fighting among themselves. As the Bulgarian government appears to have made up its mind, despite the opposition of some parties, it seems likely that these diplomatic efforts will have many difficulties to overcome.

The central powers already have commenced their attempt to make their terms with Serbia and one of the intervening neutral countries to the Balkans with Russia more than hold her own against the Balkan powers. It would be a serious blow to the wishes of their big neighbor and protector.

Defends Mobilization.

M. Mincoff, first secretary of the Bulgarian legation in London, said in discussing the situation:

"Up to now we have been the only"

AWARD OF BOARD RATED "AMAZING"

District Heads to Set Aside Selection of Eastern High School Site.

OBJECT TO THE AMOUNT ALLOWED FOR PROPERTY

valued at Nearly Three Times More Than Official Assessment.

Washington's new Eastern High School will not be erected on the site proposed for it at 17th, 19th, East Capitol and A streets north-east.

Expressing dissatisfaction with the award by the condemnation commissioners—Col. Myron M. Parker, Thomas Gordon and Aulick Palmer—the District Commissioners today ordered the District corporation counsel to take the necessary steps to dismiss the whole proceedings for the acquisition of this property.

The Commission's action is explained in a long statement in which the award of the condemnation board is characterized as "some amazing feat" in that the award is nearly three times as great as the valuation placed upon the property by the District assessor.

Board's Award Set.

The board's award for the four squares comprising the site in question was \$133,423.33, whereas the same four squares are assessed on the basis of a valuation of but \$52,025.

While the site has been rejected plans for a new high school in that section may be delayed appreciably. The Commissioners have \$150,000 available for the purchase of a site and will endeavor at once to find a new location. It is the intention of the board to make at the District building this afternoon, that an appropriation for starting work on the school building will be included in the forthcoming estimates of the District. The structure is expected to cost \$1,000,000, a million and three-quarters of a million dollars.

Explanation by Commissioners.

The District Commissioners' explanation of their rejection of the award, which has been recorded as a part of their minutes, is as follows:

"Examination of the award of the condemnation commissioners... the value of all the lands in the four squares... \$17,408.78, and John C. Weedon, at \$7,882.52. These three men appeared as witnesses for the government. Their valuations included all the land and all the improvements thereon."

Estimates of Witnesses.

"Of the witnesses who appeared before the condemnation commissioners, six qualified as experts and testified to the value of all the lands in the four squares."

"Harold E. Doyle in his testimony set the total value of all four squares at \$117,125.05. Charles W. Simpson, at \$117,125.05, and Charles W. Simpson, at \$117,125.05. These three appraisers were appointed by the property owners. Their appraisals were as to the land values, as they did not include any improvements on the land."

Average Valuation of Squares.

"The average valuation placed on the four squares, including improvements, by the three witnesses who appeared for the government was \$117,125.05. The average valuation placed upon all four squares by all of the witnesses appearing for the property owners, excluding improvements, was \$113,397.75. This was raised to \$151,182.06 by Mr. Yost's testimony as to the value of the improvements, and this in turn was raised to \$185,891.05 by the addition of the value of mineral rights in clay and gravel."

"However, no one of the expert witnesses who testified as to the value of the whole site at more than \$117,125.05. Thus the award appears to be more than \$18,000 in excess of the highest valuation of any of the property owners. The award is also more than \$18,000 in excess of the value of the whole tract."

Indication of Market Price.

"An indication of the market value of the land in this vicinity is afforded in the appeal from the assessment upon three corner lots in square 1110, directly across East Capitol street, south from square 1109 in the condemned tract. Last year the owner of these lots was offered \$100,000 for them."

AMERICAN SOLDIER CALLED AT BORDER

Private Stubblefield of U. S. Cavalry Victim of Mexicans Near Brownsville, Tex.

TWO OTHERS WOUNDED IN ATTACK AT PROGRESO

Mounted Invaders Retreat in Direction of Rio Grande Closely Pursued by Troopers.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., September 24.—Mexicans today attacked a detachment of United States soldiers at Progreso, forty miles west of here, and killed Private Stubblefield of Troop B, 12th United States Cavalry, according to advices received here.

The Mexicans approached from the direction of the Rio Grande, one mile distant from the hamlet. The American detachment, which has been on duty at Progreso since its recent fight, when a soldier was killed and an officer wounded, was camped in front of a house. The Mexicans opened fire and Private Stubblefield fell at the first volley.

Two Reported Injured.

The telephone wires between Mercedes and the point where the fight occurred were cut early this morning and only meager details were obtainable from an irrigation pumping plant four miles from the scene, where it was reported that besides killing Stubblefield, Mexicans wounded two other American soldiers.

The soldiers quickly returned the fire, moving rapidly toward the house and firing at the Mexicans every time they showed themselves. The Mexicans, who were reported mounted, retreated in the direction of the Rio Grande, the troopers pushing the fighting.

Zapata Forces Aggravating Famine Conditions Existing

Zapata forces are raiding the Mexico City-Vera Cruz railway line, aggravating famine conditions, partially disabling Mexico City's water mains, and virtually exhausting the Mexico City fuel oil supply, upon which light and power services in the Mexican capital are dependent, according to advices to the State Department today.

Fuller and McCabe Free.

Dispatches from El Paso today to Villa representatives in Washington declared that Gen. Villa arrived at Juarez, across from El Paso, last night, for conferences with Washingtonians, whom he has summoned to the border.

Referring to the kidnapping of Fuller and McCabe, two United States citizens, recently, it is said in border dispatches that McCabe has been released and is now in El Paso. Fuller, who also has been released, will arrive in El Paso tonight. These dispatches also say that the reported evacuation of Torreon by the Villa troops is false, and that Villa garrisons continue to hold the city. The reports state that the Villa troops remain in Chihuahua for all purposes, offensive or defensive.

Has "Assumed" All Powers.

"Carranza," this telegram continues, "has never proclaimed any government, assuming all the powers thereof himself, while Villa, on the other hand, demands and is fighting for the restoration of constitutional government." This telegram came from the Villa headquarters at Juarez today.

PRINCE FREDERIC KILLED ON THE EASTERN FRONT

AMSTERDAM, via London, September 24.—Prince Frederic of Thurn and Taxis, son of Prince Lamoral, was killed Monday while fighting in the Dniester region in Russia, according to a Vienna dispatch to the Berlin Lokai Anzeiger. He was forty-one years old.

FRENCH SOLDIERS TO GET MORE PAY, NICKEL A DAY

PARIS, September 24.—The army committee of the chamber of deputies has decided to recommend that the pay of French soldiers be increased from 1 cent to 5 cents a day as from July 1, 1915.

The change would mean an increased expenditure of about \$25,000,000 a year.



Food Again Reported Short.

Brig. Gen. Devol, general manager of the Red Cross, has received a cablegram from Charles J. O'Connor, in charge of relief work in Mexico City, declaring there is a shortage of food supplies in the Mexican capital, and asking for more help.

Moves to Mexican Capital.

Gen. Carranza now has moved all the departments of his government from Vera Cruz to Mexico City, and again self, according to official information received here. The ministers of foreign affairs and war were the last to leave.

Several Mexicans Killed.

The Mexican casualties have not been ascertained. One troop of the 12th Cavalry and a large detachment of the 26th Infantry were engaged in the fight. Lieut. Payne, in charge of the infantry detachment, reported by telephone to Brownsville at 10 a.m. that the fighting still was in progress, and that several of the Mexicans had been killed. He declared that the Mexicans engaged were Carranza soldiers.

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Is the Kaiser Planning a Seventh Great Power in Europe?

According to rumor, it would serve as a buffer state between Germany and Russia, and would have over 200,000,000 inhabitants. Read this unusually interesting article in The Sunday Star.

CAPT. JAMES J. LOVING IS ASSIGNED TO DISTRICT

Ordered to Report Here to Succeed Capt. Anderson, Assistant to Maj. Kutz.

PRESIDENT WILSON IS TO LAY CORNER STONE

Program of Ceremonies Friday Next at the Arlington Memorial Amphitheater.

The program for the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the Arlington memorial amphitheater next Friday, which, next to the Grand Army parade, is to be the biggest event of the Grand Army celebration here, was completed today.

President Wilson will lay the corner stone.

As Secretary Garrison is to be out of the city, he will be unable to deliver an address as president of the memorial commission. In his stead Secretary Daniels, also a member of the commission, is to be the principal speaker. Commander-in-chief Palmer and his staff will be present, and Mr. Palmer will make a few remarks.

TWO MORE STEAMERS ARE SUNK BY GERMANS

British and Danish Vessels Go Down. But Part of Chancery's Crew Saved.

LONDON, September 24.—The British steamship Chancery has been sunk. Part of her crew was saved. Search is being made for the others.

The Chancery was owned by the Harrison line of Liverpool and was engaged in the transatlantic trade. She was last reported at Liverpool, August 29, from New Orleans. Her gross tonnage was 4,246.

GERMANS SEIZE WORKS ADVOCATING WAR'S END

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REFUGEES REACH TEHERAN.

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MOORE, C. JUDGES HELD NECESSARY

Supreme Court Will Convene Soon With Largest Docket in Its History.

CONGRESS TO BE ASKED TO GIVE SOME RELIEF

Members of Bar to Back Request. Will Take Years to Dispose of Pending Cases.

The Supreme Court of the District of Columbia will convene for the October term in about ten days with the largest docket in its history. In spite of the strenuous efforts of the judges during the last year to relieve the congestion of cases awaiting disposition the new litigation begun during 1915 has overbalanced the cases tried and the new calendar is reported to contain 325 cases, where the preceding year's docket showed only 219 cases. The trial of the Hutchins will contest tied up one of the courts for five months and its effect is played in the great increase in the appeals and certiorari cases from the municipal court. The new calendar of these matters indicates there will be 325 cases as compared with 193 at the beginning of the last October term.

Equity Calendar Laige.

The equity calendar is by far the greatest the court has ever been called upon to face. With several days remaining in which to calendar cases for the coming term, the number of divorces, marital infidelities of a lesser nature, injunctions and similar proceedings is nearing the 250 mark. When it is remembered that each month sees an addition to this calendar, which is not made up like the law calendar for the entire year, the outlook for the two equity judges is anything but bright. It is in the hope of ever keeping up with the mass of this work.

May Urge New Judges.

Chief Justice Covington and his associates on the bench will have the unqualified support of the bar. It is said that the members of the Supreme Court Congress early in December the necessity for help in reducing the number of cases awaiting trial in the local courts. Two new judges may be urged, and if the bill is passed, it would be several years before the courts could come abreast of the cases pending for trial. It is pointed out, it would be several years before the courts could come abreast of the cases pending for trial. It is pointed out, it would be several years before the courts could come abreast of the cases pending for trial.

Rule May Be Broken.

Another effect of the crowded docket may be the breaking of the rule of changing judges in the courts at the beginning of the October term. Because Justices Gould and Stafford made such headway with the law trials in the Circuit courts last year it is rumored they will be retained in those courts. Justice McCoy is slated to remain in equity cases, but it is expected he will be transferred to Equity Court No. 2, where he will also have the probate business. The latest reports indicate that he will not be until all the judges return from vacation.

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LUTSKIS RETAKEN BY RUSSIANS, WHO STRIKE AUSTRIANS

All Along Eastern Battle Line Czar's Men Strive to End Retirement.

GERMANIC ADVANCE AGAIN SLOWS DOWN

Fighting Particularly Severe Southeast of Vilna and East of Dvinsk, It Is Declared.

RIGA IS GOAL OF TEUTONS

Hope to Capture Port Before Onset of Winter, It Is Declared. Vilna Retreat Held Brilliant Exploit.

Berlin, September 24, 3:40 p.m.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg has made further progress in his efforts to capture the Russian fortified city of Dvinsk.

The taking by storm of additional Russian positions—defending the city northeast of Snelina is officially reported today.

LONDON, September 24.—Military activities on the eastern front are once more assuming the familiar phase of a slow German advance, following the recent impetuous rush of the invaders.

The German plan of dividing the Russian armies north and south of the Pripiet has been a strategic success in a way, but the immediate effect of the severance was to throw an increased burden on the Austrians, who seem unable to check the Russian drive.

Unofficial dispatches from Petrograd state that the latest Russian victory, northwest of Dubno, is of more importance than was revealed by the official communication from Petrograd, involving recapture of the fortress of Lutsk, northwest of Grodno.

Relinquishing this fortress, the Austrians are said to have retired across the Styra.

All the way from the Baltic port of Riga to the Pripiet marshes the Russians are holding their line stubbornly in an attempt to bring their long retirement to an end.

The fighting is particularly severe southeast of Vilna and east of Dvinsk. It is generally believed the Germans have determined to capture Riga before the onset of winter.

Describes Vilna Retreat.

The Petrograd correspondent of the Times characterizes it as one of the most difficult and brilliant Russian exploits of the present war, but says the withdrawal began at a moment too soon, for a further delay would have enabled the Germans to drive a wedge into the Russian rear.

"The Germans had not only almost encircled the city," the correspondent says, "but by throwing out huge masses of cavalry, followed by light infantry, had swept around from the north far into the rear of Russian communications at Molodechno and Lebedevo."

"The Germans had prepared an enveloping movement depending on the occupation of the Pripiet marshes, but in this plan by retreating along the Vilna river east from the Pripiet, the enemy had anticipated. Thus the plan of a sudden blow on our northern flank was paralyzed at its inception."

Pass Through Narrow Strip.

"Assuming that we should retreat in a southeasterly direction on the Osh-Scholz, operating along the valley from Vilna to Lida, proposed to attack us on the flank. Thanks to our withdrawal east, however, the enemy was obliged to engage in a frontal battle on our left wing. Thus we succeeded not only in passing through a narrow corridor thirty-three miles wide, between Soly and Bialystok, but also in winning it considerably."

"For this reason the enemy failed to envelop a single Russian corps, but in a Russian attempt to break through had been frustrated, it is actually admitted. The latest reports permit us to breathe more freely. Our rear guards are successfully engaging the enemy, whose ambitious design to accomplish a second Sedan miscarried completely."

Position of Russ Line.

According to the latest information received in Petrograd the line now runs from Osmiana to Smorgon, which is on the left bank of the Vilna, west of Viteika. From Smorgon the line extends to Lebedevo, protecting the Molodechno railway junction. Thence it parallels the Vilna-Lida railway, crossing the Lida-Molodechno railway, and extending across the Gamp river at a point eighteen miles east of Lida. The line then runs to Novy, Molodechno, and eastward along the Osh-Scholz canal to Lyscha and the junction of the Jaedga river with the Vilna, east of