

RIGA NOW GOALS

Important Victory is Announced at Point 40 Miles Below Gulf City—More Than 5,000 Russians Are Taken Prisoners.

Greatest Undersea Boat Manned By Germans Sighted Off Norway—Serbian Answer to Allies Finally Completed.

Berlin, Sept. 4.—The German army engaged in the battle for possession of the Russian port of Riga has won another important victory.

Army headquarters announced to-day the capture of the bridgehead at Friedrichstart, on the Dvina about 40 miles below Riga. The Germans captured 57 officers and 5,325 men.

Great Submarine Ready.

Berlin, Sept. 4.—A despatch from Christiania states that a German submarine of a new type, far larger than any previous vessels of this character, has been observed off the north-western coast of Norway.

This is reported in Berlin as confirming reports that Germany is about to place in commission super-submarines far exceeding the best of her submarines hitherto.

Serbia's Answer To The Allies Ready

London, Sept. 4.—In the absence of marked changes on any of the battle fronts, the English public has again turned its attention to the diplomatic situation in the near east and to rumors of tentative efforts in the direction of peace negotiations.

It is announced officially at Nash that the final draft of Serbia's answer to the note of the quadruple entente is ready and will be presented shortly. It is presumed here that the reply, on the whole will be favorably in regard to the program of the entente allies, although little hope is entertained that Serbia will grant her enemy all the territory demanded.

Advices from Sofia indicate that unless the whole of Macedonia is conceded there is little chance of re-establishment of the Balkan line. It is pointed out in official circles at the Bulgarian capital that compliance with the program of the entente allies means actual participation in the war while agreement to the quest of the central powers implies merely friendly neutrality, expressed in permitting the shipment through Bulgaria of arms and other war supplies for the Turks.

Although it has been established rather definitely that London has no part in the initiation of informal peace discussions, it is plain that official circles are interested keenly in the news of activity in this direction. There are straws in the wind which indicate that what are designated as "proper peace overtures" on the part of Germany would meet with consideration. However, the general public not so well informed as is the government, probably would regard such overtures as premature.

While diplomats are seeking to enlarge the sphere of the war, and while talk of peace is in the air, the great struggle continues along all fronts without interruption. The Russians are fighting desperately at the Dvina, protecting the shortest road to Petrograd. They are developing a counter offensive before Vilna evidently designed to threaten Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's right flank. French artillery is pounding the German trenches along the western front.

PRESIDENT THANKS STATE DEMOCRATS FOR THEIR SUPPORT

Derby, Sept. 4.—A letter from the White House came to Patrick H. O'Sullivan, secretary of the Democratic state committee today, acknowledging in behalf of President Woodrow Wilson the resolution of confidence in him and his administration adopted by the committee during its shore dinner on Thursday. The letter signed by J. R. Tumulty, secretary to the President, stated that President Wilson had requested acknowledgment of the telegram sent by Mr. O'Sullivan on September 2, and thanked the sender for the courtesy in forwarding the same. Mr. Tumulty said the President desired to express his genuine appreciation of the action of the Democratic state central committee of Connecticut in its generous expression of confidence and support, and felt greatly heartened by it.

WEATHER FORECAST Fair tonight and Sunday, not much change in temperature. Moderate variable winds.

THOUSANDS OF BRIDGEPORTERS WILL CELEBRATE REJUVENATION OF PARK CITY AS 8 HOUR TOWN

Corset Workers Will Have Mammoth Floral Figure "8" To Symbolize Improved Working Conditions Here.

Steamer Rosedale Will Carry Many Hundreds to New Haven Demonstration on Monday—Warner Girls to Have Six Floats.

Further arrangements for the big celebration of Bridgeporters who will participate in the Labor Day parade at New Haven are being made today. One of the features of the procession will be a big floral "8," emblematic of the hour schedule for which the men and women of Bridgeport fought. It will be on a float of the George C. Batcheller Co. The Batcheller girls will have another float bearing a corset.

The Burns & Basick Co. girls employees are making arrangements to obtain a big grease cup, which, if procured, will be the center of interest on their float. The Burns & Basick feminine workers make these greases. The La Resist'a Corset Co. girls will have an immense La Resist'a corset. Six of the Warner Bros. Co. products will be on the floats accompanying the Warner girls.

Two hundred machinists will go to New Haven and enter the parade. They will have no float but they will wear uniforms.

Employees of the Salt's Textile Co., the Hlas Narrow Fabric Co. and the Electric Co. are invited to take part in the parade. The steamer Rosedale, which has a passenger capacity of 1,800, was chartered last night by Organizer James E. Roche of the A. F. of L. to carry the parade to New Haven. The Rosedale will leave the dock at the foot of Wall street at 8 o'clock Monday morning. The parade will begin at 11 o'clock.

Thousands will go from this city on trains. Because of the likelihood of great crowding an effort is being made to have the road officials put on extra trains. Attempts to get a special train resulted unsuccessfully. The delegation from Bridgeport in the parade, the better the Warner girls, who first worked for the eight hour day among the girls, will be pleased. Invitations are extended to all the workers who have won the eight hour day.

Bands and drum corps are being hired for the occasion. The First Bridgeport Pipe and Drum corps will attend the march. Plans for the great parade were laid at a meeting of the delegates representing the different labor organizations affiliated with the Trades council, Thursday, in New Haven. The program agreed upon is as follows:

Par. 1—Staff headquarters, Temple and Elm streets.

Par. 2—Grand Marshal, John A. McCabe, local No. 75, I. A. T. S. E. Final plan of Staff, Charles P. Dunlay, local No. 6, B. M. & P. I. U. of A.

Aides to Grand Marshal. Frank A. Fitzgerald, local No. 478, Portable Engineers. John F. Bannon, local No. 217, Barbers union.

Ernest Worden, local No. 15, Structural Iron Workers. Timothy Mulligan, local No. 25, Buffers and Polishers' union.

James F. Brady, local No. 349, Pipefit and Steam Fitters. Hugo Brokelschen, local No. 39, Cigarmakers' union.

Eugene Trieber, local No. 37, Brewery Workers' union.

George H. Flood, local No. 79, Carpenters' union.

Adolph Koeppling, local No. 11, Bakers' union.

Lawrence Hogan, local No. 6, Bricklayers and Plasterers' union.

John C. Ballard, local No. 409, Painters and Decorators' union.

C. N. Ballard, local No. 47, Typographical union.

Par. 3—The parade will start at 11 a. m. and proceed from the corner of Elm and Temple streets, proceed to Howard, to Congress, to Church, to Elm, to State, to Humphrey, to Orange, to Trumbull, to Temple, to New Haven Green, where the several organizations will be dismissed as they successively reach that point; they will keep moving and at no place attempt to cross the line of march. Chiefs of divisions will instruct their aides to assist organizations in complying with this order by giving proper direction to the division units upon dismissal to the end that the parade will not be blocked.

Par. 4—The parade will be reviewed in front of the city hall by the judges, the mayor and other city officials.

Par. 5—The divisions will rendezvous with the head of the column on the north side of Temple street at the corner of Elm. All organizations must be in their respective resting and parade formation places not later than 10:45. This is most imperative.

Par. 6—The success of the parade depends upon its prompt movement and with exact compliance of instructions hereinafter contained, particularly those which require the columns to be kept closed, and those which prohibit any formation or any exhibition movements.

Par. 7—Unassigned and belated organizations approaching the corner of Elm and Temple, will do so by way of Church street to Wall or Grove, or College to Wall or Grove, as may appear most advantageous to them, but will not interfere with divisions already placed, ready to move forward. They will then take their position at the rear of the rear march.

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PEACE PROGRAM OF POPE HOLDS INTEREST HERE

Many Rumors Rife at Capital Following Visit of Cardinal Gibbons.

Washington, Sept. 4.—Efforts of Pope Benedict to bring about peace in Europe continued an absorbing subject of discussion today in official and diplomatic circles here. Press despatches from Rome quoting the Pope as expressing the belief that the United States is now in a position to address both groups of belligerents in the matter of peace, with the probability of inducing them to take the preliminary steps which would lead to negotiations for the cessation of the war, attracted considerable attention here. The Pontiff also expressed gratification at the cordiality of the interview between President Wilson and Cardinal Gibbons on Thursday when the latter delivered a message to the Pope from the Pope regarding peace.

NEGROES REFUTE 'CONFESSION' OF SLAYING DOCTOR

Providence, R. I., Sept. 4.—A denial that they had confessed to the murder of Dr. C. Franklin Mohr was made to The Associated Press by George W. Heals, Henry Spellman and C. Victor Brown, the negroes who, according to the police had previously declared that they killed the physician at the instigation of Mrs. Mohr.

Prosecuting officials said today that the only way in which the negroes' confessions could be excluded as evidence that they were extorted under duress or by holding out some promise of reward or hope of immunity to the maker making the confession. It was declared by Chief Inspector O'Neil of the local police that the confessions were made voluntarily and without inducements of any kind.

The written confessions were obtained before the widow's arrest and the prosecutors admit cannot be used against her, but the oral confessions were made in her presence, according to O'Neil and even if the negroes should repudiate them, testimony of witnesses who heard them confess would be admissible.

GERMAN OFFICER, IN ZABERN TILT, KILLED AT FRONT

Berlin, Sept. 4, via London.—Lieutenant Baron Von Forstner, who gained notoriety as a result of the Zabern incident, has been killed in action.

Lieutenant Von Forstner was reported to have been killed near Louvain in September 1914, but official confirmation was lacking.

The Zabern incident occurred at Zabern, Alsace, where the 190th German infantry, under Colonel Von Reuter, was stationed in 1913. The citizens of the town had difficulties with the soldiers and showed strong anti-German feeling. Lieutenant Von Forstner provoked several clashes between his men and the inhabitants and told the soldiers to bayonet any one seen insulting the German flag. He himself sabred a lame shoemaker. For this he was tried and sentenced to 48 days' imprisonment, although strongly upheld by Colonel Von Reuter, his commander.

Farewell Concert of Year Will Be Played Tomorrow

The last band concert of this year will take place at Seaside park tomorrow afternoon at 3:30. This is the concert which was scheduled for last Sunday, but which, because of unfavorable weather, was postponed for a week.

The Wheeler & Wilson band will play. The program will be the same as announced for last Sunday. It is expected that with pleasant weather the largest concert attendance of the season will greet the farewell concert.

NO FARMER MONDAY.

In accordance with custom, there will be no publication of The Farmer on Monday, Labor Day.

EX-MAYOR HOOKER'S FUNERAL ON MONDAY

Hartford, Sept. 4.—Mayor Joseph F. Lawler called at the home of late former Mayor Edward W. Hooker today to tender his condolences to the family. The former mayor died suddenly at Eastern Point, New London Friday afternoon. The funeral will be held at the Hooker home, No. 10 Myrtle street, Monday afternoon, at 2:30. Flags on city buildings are at half staff.

WALLINGFORD HAS NOTHING ON C. H. KING

Law Partner of Missing Fairfielder Tells of His Optimistic View of Impending Financial Crash.

"It Will Be a Ten Days Wonder, Then Like Burr & Knapp, Soon Will Be Forgotten" He Told Gray.

"J. Rufus Wallingford has nothing on him," says John P. Gray, of his absconding law partner, Clitus H. King. King has been missing from his home in Fairfield for just a week and longer than that from his offices on Fairfield avenue. Although the state police are looking all over Connecticut for him, no trace of him has been found.

Various conjectures have been made as to what has become of King. Some say he must have committed suicide. His law partner, however, who knows him better than most men, says the Pontiff takes too lightly to kill himself because of them. His knowledge of travel to southern ports is believed by others to have come in handy. Some think he went to South America.

Day by day more evidence of the tremendous scope of his ridiculous financial transactions is bobbing up. Thousands after thousands of dollars are being charged against him as illegally obtained or disposed of.

Mr. Gray indicates that King took a humorous view of his transactions. "John," he said, in almost his last words before parting with his partner, "it will be a ten days wonder, but it will be soon forgotten."

Here is the list of transactions that are being brought forward by victims, many of them persons supposed to be the closest friends of the Fairfield advocate.

Spurious mortgage bought by the Ridgefield Congregational church and given by King to the Episcopal church for security on a loan of \$1,700. The names of Town Clerk J. I. Flint and Judge Bacon Wakemup of Fairfield were forged to it.

Simone Pease, county sheriff, Judge Elmore S. Banks and Constable Ezekiah R. Elwood endorsed a note for \$300 issued by King, which he failed to meet.

Representative and Prosecuting Attorney Harry R. Sherwood of Westport endorsed King's note for \$200 and lost.

Fraudulent securities given by King in Ridgefield amount to \$7,800. Constable Elwood, once a bosom friend of King, says he bought a piece of blank paper in an envelope from King, thinking it was a mortgage for \$350. His losses, he says are \$1,350.

Betty, \$6,000 and \$10,000, the capital of the San Blas Co., organized by King and Gray and others, is missing.

Mrs. Adeline Davis invested her life savings of \$5,000 with King and expects to be unable to recover.

E. W. S. Pickett, former postmaster of Fairfield, announces that \$500 procured in a judgment against the American Cycloear Co., for a youth who had been kidnapped, is gone. Pickett is bondsman.

While a receipt for \$700 was given John Chihal of Newark and Steve Kurma of this city for property bought of C. F. Brinsmade of Trumbull, Brinsmade says he has received only \$50. Gray says King took the \$700.

That King was unsuccessful in his mission to raise funds among his political friends in the state is indicated by reports which come from Norwich and Willimantic. It is reported that King approached Judge Barnes of the city court of Norwich and also Daniel Dunn, former state comptroller and former mayor of Willimantic. Mr. King is reported to have been seen on a train going from Norwich to Willimantic last Tuesday. His aged parents live in Willimantic. It was expected his father would come to this city today, but up to press hour he had not arrived.

President Bibbins of the San Blas Co. said today that he hoped to reorganize the company and if he can accomplish this he was satisfied the investors would lose nothing. The report of the disposition of the finances is not yet ready. No comment.

FIVE CHILDREN PERISH IN FIRE AT ORPHANAGE

San Francisco, Sept. 4.—Fire today destroyed the St. Francis Girls' Directing therapeutic purposes, Dr. G. A. Faber was bound over to the Superior court, by City Court Judge McMahon this morning. Dr. Faber's bonds were reduced from \$500 to \$300. He is charged with having given several prescriptions to a drug fiend.

PHYSICIAN BOUND OVER.

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GOEMERS ASKED TO TAKE UP CONSIDERATION OF POLICE AND COURT METHODS HERE

MAY THROW OUT STRATFORD AVE. STRUCTURE BIDS

Commission May Vote to Reject Them—State Aid To Be Asked?

All bids submitted on the proposed new Stratford avenue bridge appear to be in excess of the appropriation, even providing the Connecticut Co. should agree to pay \$100,000 toward the cost, which is unlikely. On the face of the figures as read when they were opened in the common council chamber today, the Empire Construction Co. of New York, appears to be the lowest bidder. Their figures are only a trifle lower than that of several weeks ago. The McHarg-Barton Co. and the Foundation Co. of New York, both of whom bid last time did not offer bids this time. Three new firms, the Penn Bridge Co. of Beaver Falls, Pa., H. F. Converse Co. of Boston, and the Vang Construction Co. of Cumberland, Md., offered bids today.

To the surprise of everyone the Holbrook Cabot & Rollins Corp. of Boston did not offer a bid on the complete structure although it has been rumored that agents of this company had been in Bridgeport for a long time and that the concern had been making a low bid. This concern bid low on the sub-structure but its bids on approaches, etc., were much higher than other bidders.

On the complete bridges of Scherzer (Continued on Page 2)

SIMPLE SERVICES MARK OBSEQUIES OF S. T. DAVIS, JR.

Many Noted Manufacturers Gather at Grave in Oaklawn, Fairfield.

Simple Episcopal services at the home in Fairfield at 4 o'clock this afternoon and the Episcopal funeral service at the grave in Oaklawn cemetery at 5 o'clock marked the funeral of Samuel Todd Davis, Jr., whose death on Wednesday threw the business life of this city and the automobile world of the East into mourning. Because of the large number of prominent friends of Mr. Davis who were coming great distances to attend the funeral, the original plans for a service to be held at the grave were abandoned and a private service was arranged for 4 o'clock at the house in addition to the one at the burying ground. Rev. Clinton W. Arson, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, of this city, conducted both services.

As a fitting tribute to the deceased, it was decided that those men who had worked earnestly, side by side for Mr. Davis and had enjoyed his close friendship for the past 15 years should bear his casket to his last resting place and accordingly the following members from the Locomobile Co. were chosen as pall bearers: E. F. Nowell, W. H. Shortleeve, Louis Courtemanche, Axel Nelson, L. F. Easton, F. Lebine, H. T. Smith, C. B. Houston, M. Berglund, J. J. Collins, John Phelan, Thomas P. Taylor.

The various business and social organizations with which Mr. Davis was affiliated and which were represented by delegations at the funeral were the following:

Manufacturers' Association of Bridgeport, Automobile Chamber of Commerce, Ardley Club, Automobile Club of America, New York Yacht Club, New York University Club, University Club of Bridgeport, Brooklawn Country Club, Seaside Outing Club.

Among the prominent mourners from out of town were: Raymond J. Albright, Buffalo, N. Y.; Raymond K. Albright, Buffalo, N. Y.; Col. Charles T. Clifton, Buffalo, N. Y.; head of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co.; Alfred J. Reeves, New York city, N. Y., general manager of Automobile Chamber of Commerce; W. W. Niles, New York city; W. H. Williams, of the Willye-Overland Co.; Sidney Waldron, Detroit, Mich., official of the Cadillac Co.; Prescott H. Gatley, of Washington, D. C.; F. W. Roche, New York city; Milton J. Budlong, New York city; Augustus C. Hone, New York city; Charles Kingsland, Boston; Donald Anthony and J. W. Florida, Philadelphia; Leo Beck, New York; Miss Mary Fitzpatrick, New York city; Charles Birmingham, New York city; Charles Kingsland, Boston; A. J. Banta, Chicago; John Plummer, Arthur P. Hawes, Boston; Seymour J. E. Keim, Philadelphia, and Mrs. Keim, J. H. Stubbs, Pittsburgh.

Mr. Davis is survived by Mrs. Davis and her daughter Irene, a sister, Mrs. William S. Teel, Jr., of Myrtle avenue, a brother, Reginald S. Davis, of San Francisco, and a sister, Mrs. Richard C. Moore, whose husband is a captain in the United States army.

The services at the grave, to which the public was admitted, were attended by many of Mr. Davis' employees and others in whom he was interested.

Head of American Federation of Labor To Send Skilled Legal Investigator Here, To See That Justice is Done in Cases Where Strikers Are Involved in Criminal Prosecutions.

WILL PROBE RAILROADING TACTICS IN THE BRIDGEPORT CITY COURT

Many Witnesses Ready to Testify That Third Prisoner Arrested in Crane Disturbances is Not Involved in Recent Violence—Labor Circles Chiefly Interested in Monday's Fete.

Amazed at the railroading of two employes of the Crane Co. through the city court yesterday morning, with scarcely 15 minutes' hearing, the American Federation of Labor, representing 3,000,000 workmen of the United States, will send one of its most capable legal advisers to this city to investigate the court proceedings.

A special meeting of the Central Labor Union will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in Carpenters' hall, 1119 Broad street, and action will be taken on the matter.

Following closely on the audacious attempt of Mayor Clifford B. Wilson to deny citizens the right of free speech merely because they wanted to discuss their labor problems, the sensational conviction of Cederholm, Bowen and Nelson through the same court, and another railroading of Salt's Textile Co. employes in which decision was reversed as soon as the victims were able to get counsel, organized labor is astounded and indignant at what seems to it a series of blows at its existence in this city.

James E. Roche, one of the highest officials of the great federation that is procuring better working conditions throughout the country, acting as chairman of its executive committee, has taken official cognizance of the case.

He has written to Samuel Gompers, president of the A. F. of L. asking for an attorney to investigate the manner in which the two Crane strikers, Tony Moskowski and Steve Shurenski, were hauled into court yesterday at 9:40 and sentenced at 9:55 o'clock.

If investigation shows that the police at the Crane Co. provoked the clash between the strikers and themselves, an attempt will be made to have the cases of the prisoners' re-opened, and tried again.

The strikers didn't have time to get counsel. Then they had little chance to appeal because a prohibitive bond, \$1,000 was set.

Further complications arose this morning when four witnesses said they were ready to swear that John Manden, a Crane employe arrested for assault and breach of the peace, was not at the scene of the disturbance yesterday. They gave evidence that tended to prove that Manden's arrest was a case of mistaken identity.

"We don't condone strike riots or fights of any kind in connection with riots," said Mr. Roche, "and we won't help anybody who provokes any trouble with the police. The facts in this case however, seems to warrant an investigation."

John J. O'Neill, recording secretary of the Central Labor Union, an organization that has thousands of Bridgeport workmen in its ranks, announced this morning that a special meeting of the C. L. U. will be held tomorrow. "There is no doubt, that this case will be brought before the meetings and that action will be taken," he said.

"Labor circles here to-day were chiefly concerned with the case in the city court yesterday and the preparations for the big parade to be held Monday in New Haven."

That the fight of the Bridgeport workmen for better conditions is being watched with interest throughout the country and that the advertising, contrary to complaints, is helpful rather than hurtful, was the assertion this morning of Thomas H. McMahon, general organizer of the United Textile Workers of America.

"Bridgeport is the best town city of the East, throughout the West," said Mr. McMahon. "The emancipation of the workmen here is being acclaimed out there and it cannot but result in good for the city."

President John Golden of the United Textile Workers is coming to this city to address the workers of the Salt's Textile Co., at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning in Sadler's hall. A French and a Hungarian speaker will address the meeting.

The Salt's strikers are still holding out. Many of them are not going to wait for the answer of the management and have obtained jobs in other cities.

The Metal Polishers' union will have a big open mass meeting to-night in Eagles' hall, at which the new president, W. W. Britton, will be present. This will be the first appearance in public of Mr. Britton since he supplanted T. M. Daley as head of the union. Three vice presidents will address the meeting.

A meeting of the American Chain Co. employes was held at 11 o'clock this morning in Eagles' hall. According to a report at the meeting 200 are out and 250 remain in the factory, many of them Yale students. The company has offered the nine hour day and the same wages, to go into effect September 17, but in view of the fact that the officials refused to see a committee, the offer is not being considered.

The Canfield Rubber Co. employes are still awaiting an offer of the eight hour day from the company. They are optimistic that they will be back at work after Labor Day, with the concessions they asked. An important meeting will be held at 10 o'clock Tuesday.

The Acme Shear Co. and freight handlers' strikes remain at the same stage as during the last few days. More than 100 cutters from various factories organized yesterday afternoon at a meeting held in Dublin hall. Mrs. Mary Sully and Mr. Roche, A. F. of L. representatives, addressed the meeting.

Employees of the shipping department, millwrights and some more of the machinists left the Crane Co. plant. William E. Allen, general superintendent of the plant, addressed the men at noon, told them an answer is expected from Chicago next week, but according to the men, said they could do as they pleased, stay or leave. Many of them left.

Many Ready to Take Stand For Crane Striker Mistaken Identity Caused Arrest, Say Crane Employes of Manden. In city court this morning four witnesses appeared ready to take the stand and swear that mistaken identity caused the arrest of John Manden, a striker at the West End plant of the Crane Co., living at 716 Railroad avenue, arrested yesterday afternoon at his home by Police Sergeant John O'Connell, charged with assault on the person of John Caree, a non-striker, and also charged with breach of the peace. Caree was assaulted while on his way to work yesterday morning, receiving a severe laceration over the left eye. He entered a complaint at the office of Prosecuting Attorney John P. Gray charging Manden with committing the assault. Attorney John J. Cullinan was called into the case at a late hour this morning and in view of the fact that counsel is not thoroughly acquainted with the facts a continuance was granted until Tuesday morning under a bond of \$50 furnished by friends of the accused. The witnesses are fellow employes of both Manden and Caree and they insist that the accused was in no way implicated in the assault nor did he participate in the disturbance yesterday morning.

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