

RUMANIANS ROUTED, IN FULL FLIGHT

Decisively Beaten By Mackenzon's Army in the Balkans, Berlin Says—Teutons Engaged in Pursuit.

British Make Substantial Gains on Six-Mile Front in Offensive on Somme—Take Important Villages.

Berlin, Sept. 16.—Field Marshal Von Mackenzon, in command of the troops of the central powers in the Balkans, has decisively defeated the Rumanians and Russians in the province of Dobrudja and is now pursuing them, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters.

British Take Villages

London, Sept. 16.—As a result of their offensive north of the Somme begun yesterday morning along the six mile front from north of Combles to beyond the Pozieres-Bapaume road, the British hold in their entirety the villages of Courcellette, Martin Puich and Flers, the war office announced this afternoon.

Germans Repulsed In Counter-Attacks Along Somme Line

Paris, Sept. 16.—German counter-attacks were made on the French lines both north and south of the Somme last night. They were unsuccessful, the war office announced today.

The assaults were delivered to the east of Clercy on the north bank of the river and east of Demy, to the south of the stream below Peronne.

Russo-Rumanian Force is Routed By Teuton Allies

Berlin, Sept. 16.—The Teutonic allies in Dobrudja had gained a decisive victory over the Russian and Rumanian forces, says a telegram from Emperor William to the Empress.

BRITISH ACTIVE IN STRUMA

London, Sept. 16.—British troops are engaged in active operations along the Struma front on the right flank of the allied positions at Saloniki but apparently are not making any forward thrust in force in this region.

BULGARS ARE GAINING

Sofia, Sept. 16.—Fighting all along the line on the Rumanian front and Macedonian front, with the Bulgarians having the advantage, is reported in today's official war office statement.

TURKS ON OFFENSIVE

Petrograd, Sept. 16.—Turkish troops in the Caucasus have again taken the offensive, it is announced officially.

White Lands Revenue Bill Of Democrats

Eminent Editor Declares Measure Embodies Big Vital Progressive Principle, And is Here to Stay.

(Special to The Farmer.)
New York, Sept. 15, 1916.—William Allen White, editor of the widely quoted Emporia Gazette, who recently declared in favor of the Adamson Eight Hour law as proposed by President Wilson and enacted by Congress now heartily endorses the Democratic revenue measure.

He refers to it as "A great progressive measure," and "A revolutionary step forward."

He adds: "There will be much buncombe from Republicans about this measure. The stand patter voted against it. But no Republican administration ever will dare to change the principle of the increased income tax, the inheritance tax and the tax on consumers of luxuries and on the makers of munitions of war. The principle that government should be paid for its proportion as men enjoy the blessings of government and its protection is here to stay. It is a big vital progressive principle."

LOCAL C. OF C. COMPLAINS OF FREIGHT RATES

Combines With Other Organizations of New England In Protest.

TOLL TO SOUTHERN POINTS TOO GREAT

New York Shippers Have Advantage, Claim of Manufacturers Here.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Complaints were made to the Interstate Commerce Commission today by the Boston Chamber of Commerce, the Manufacturers' Association of Bridgeport, Conn., the Chamber of Commerce of Providence, R. I., and other similar organizations, that class and commodity freight rates of the New Haven and other railroads from New England cities through Boston and Providence to points in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee and central and western Kentucky are discriminatory in that they exceed rates through New York city.

This action fostered by the Boston Chamber of Commerce is understood to be taken by local organizations in an effort to maintain the manufacturing supremacy of New England. Railroad freight rates have long been adjustable under classifications that offered equal opportunities for various remote manufacturing sections to compete with larger metropolitan districts. It is now alleged that by reason of the added New England freight tolls on both class and commodity freights, New York shippers, through smaller in bulk than the combined manufacturing districts of New England, have preference.

It is said today by shippers in this city that Bridgeport and New Haven are seeking rather to come within the New York classification than to break down the general freight rates for New England. It is expected at the hearing which will be ordered many local manufacturers will discuss both phases of the situation as it relates to this city.

Seeks To Revive Pedestrianism In This Neighborhood

John Ennis of Glenbrook, world's champion long distance walker, is endeavoring to revive the sport of walking in Bridgeport. Although 70 years of age Mr. Ennis is more hearty and vigorous than many men much younger and so confident is he of his physical condition that he will attempt to walk 300 miles in six days here. Mr. Ennis has engaged the Casino for the week of October 2 to October 7 and will challenge any man of his age to walk against him there.

The plan of walking will be from 12 o'clock noon to 12 o'clock night. Mr. Ennis agrees to outdistance any and all opponents each night or forfeit \$25 to every man who walks farther than he in the given time. To any man who walks 60 miles a prize of \$5 will be given and \$10 to any man who walks 45 miles in that time. Already he has one entry, Jack W. West, a noted pedestrian, formerly of Buffalo, but now residing at 30 Franklin street, this city. The contest will be open to any one who desires to enter.

Who knows sporting men and authorities on athletes will be the timers and record keeper and invitations will be sent many widely known pedestrians to participate.

Mexican Mediators Absent, Americans Confer With Bliss

New London, Sept. 16.—The American members of the American-Mexican joint commission, while seeking a solution of the international problems arising from the Mexican situation, in the absence of the Mexican commissioners today studied the subjects to be discussed at the resumption of business next week. Major General Tasker H. Bliss was called into the consultation. It is believed unlikely, however, that the earlier meetings of the commission will deal with the question of border protection. It is more probable that internal Mexican questions, regarded by the Americans as the more basic points at issue, will be considered.

The Mexican commissioners are in New York for the double purpose of carrying out missions entrusted to them by their government and to take part in the celebration of the anniversary of Mexico's declaration of independence.

U. S. Consul Says British Steamer, Sunk, Struck Mine

Washington, Sept. 16.—Consul Frost, at Queenstown, reported today that the British Admiralty believes the British Harrison liner, *Cousin*, Sept. 14, without loss of life, struck a mine. Frank Callingham, an American fireman on the ship, was reported in London as having made affidavit that the ship was torpedoed.

Germany Issues Warning Against Loan to Belgium

Washington, Sept. 16.—Ambassador Von Bernstorff today informed the state department that the German government would consider "null and void" any loan to Belgium negotiated in the United States during German occupancy of that country.

SCHOOL GIRL, IN GUN FIGHT WITH ROBBER, IS SHOT

Opens Fire on Intruder and Is Wounded When He Returns Shots.

ARMED WITH PISTOL, SHE HUNTS BURGLAR

Norwich Girl is Heroine in Desperate Encounter During Night.

Norwich, Conn., Sept. 16.—Miss Elizabeth Sevin, aged 16, a high school pupil, demonstrated that she had courage last night when she used a revolver and shot at a man who was trying to get into her house and in return was shot and wounded. She stood her ground and the would-be burglar ran away.

Miss Sevin saw a man acting peculiarly near the woodshed at her home. Convinced that he was going to break in she went up stairs and took a revolver from a bureau drawer. This weapon was kept handy because twice before burglars had been in the house. With the gun Miss Sevin went looking for the man and faced him at a second story window. She fired point blank but probably did not hit the intruder as he returned the fire and dropped to the ground. Miss Sevin received a bullet in the calf of one leg. It is not a serious wound.

The neighbors rushed in at sound of the guns. Miss Sevin was alone in the house.

BLOCKADE ORDER TO MAKE LITTLE CHANGE, IS VIEW

State Department Officials Studying New British Ruling.

Washington, Sept. 16.—While the state department is investigating the latest British order restraining commerce to Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland, officials are in some doubt as to whether it affects American goods already covered by letters of assurance through the operation of The Netherlands Overseas Trust.

The British embassy officials say it does not. They see no change so fundamental as that reported in London despatches could possibly have been made without notification to them here.

The only official information before the state department—a cablegram from Consul General Skinner, dated September 14—seems to support the view that the new order actually works no change, for it says "it is presumed that American goods already covered by letters of assurance will not be stopped."

Absolutely no change of policy has been made by England in months, according to officials of the British embassy.

The plan to allow only enough imports into neutral states and calling on Germany to provide them with such a stock of goods as they consumed before the war the British officials say, has been in operation many months.

They point out that when the maximum stock in any country is reached, no more "letters of assurance" are given to Americans and no more licenses are given to British exporters.

Lift Quarantines In Many Homes Where Poliomyelitis Existed

No new cases of infantile paralysis were reported today to the health department. Quarantines were lifted on the houses at the following addresses: 43 Laurel avenue, 134 Vine street, 1483 Park avenue, 2,006 Main street, 1,571 Fairfield avenue, 43 Hanover avenue, 124 Wade street, 4 Madison avenue, 121 Denver avenue 369 Pine street, and 175 Poplar street. Frank Grant of Trumbull was removed from the isolation hospital to his home.

Eight New Cases In State Bring Plague Total to Nearly 700

Hartford, Sept. 16.—Seven new cases of infantile paralysis were reported today to the state board of health. There was one case each from Williamstown, Greenwich, Eastford, Groton and Milford and two from Stamford, making a total of 675 cases to date.

New York, Sept. 16.—Another slight increase in the infantile paralysis epidemic in this city is shown in the department of health's bulletin for the 24 hours ending at 10 a. m., today. Forty-one new cases were discovered one more than yesterday, and there were 13 deaths, a jump of three.

STRIKES BOY WITH STONE.

Angered by the alleged annoyance the boy was causing her, Mrs. Beatrice Frask, of 23 Booth street, this morning picked up a stone and struck Stanley Kroleski, of 33 Booth street, in the head, the missile causing a slight abrasion. She was arrested and released in \$50 bonds for her appearance in court Monday.

FREEMAN AGAIN NAMED.

Willimantic, Conn., Sept. 16.—Congressman Richard P. Freeman of London, was renominated today by the Republicans of the Second Congressional district. The nomination was by acclamation.

SISTER OF PRESIDENT SUGGUMBS

Mrs. Anna W. Howe Passes Away at Hotel in New London After Long Illness of Peritonitis.

President Cancels Engagement in St. Louis For Next Week in Order to Attend the Funeral.

New London, Conn., Sept. 16.—Mrs. Annie W. Howe, sister of President Woodrow Wilson, died at her apartments in a local hotel here early today. Mrs. Howe had been extremely ill for about a week with peritonitis.

The end had been expected at any moment for the past two days. The President was informed a week ago of his sister's critical condition and on Monday came here, returning on Wednesday to Shadow Lawn. Mrs. Howe had been too weak to recognize him. He was kept constantly informed of her condition and when death came a message was immediately sent to him.

Mrs. Howe came from her Philadelphia home in the early summer with her niece, Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President. Stopping at a summer hotel in the suburbs, her health had long been impaired. When her condition became a matter of grave concern Mrs. Howe was brought to the city hotel. With her were her two sons, George Howe of North Carolina and Wilson Howe, of Richmond, Va., and a daughter, Mrs. Colborn, of Philadelphia, besides Miss Wilson.

There will be no funeral services here. The body will arrive later in the day by train to Columbia, S. C., where it will arrive about noon on Monday. President Wilson will join the funeral party at some point not yet determined.

At Columbia services will be held in the First Presbyterian church and the burial will be in the graveyard adjacent to the edifice.

Mrs. Howe was born in Staunton, Va., Sept. 8, 1856, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph R. Wilson. She was married to Dr. George Howe, of Columbia, S. C., in 1878 and lived there until the death of her husband 22 years ago. Mrs. Howe then went to Philadelphia.

Her children are J. Wilson Howe, of Richmond, Va., Dr. George Howe, professor of Latin in the University of North Carolina, and Mrs. Annie Colborn, who made her home with Mrs. Howe. The children, her brother, Joseph R. Wilson, of Baltimore, and her niece, Miss Margaret Wilson, were at the bedside when death came.

PRESIDENT DEEPLY SHOCKED.

Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 16.—President Wilson received word this morning that his sister, Mrs. Annie E. Howe, died early today at New London, Ct. He was greatly shocked particularly since he thought she would live several days longer and he had planned to go to her bedside again.

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BASIL W. DUKE DEAD.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Basil Wilson Duke, a brigadier-general in the Confederate army and noted Kentucky lawyer, died in a hospital here today, aged 75 years.

Paper "Growlers," Deceptive to Eye, A New Institution

The time old custom of "rushing the can," or "rushing the growler," as one may prefer to call it, is fast becoming obsolete in Bridgeport and it will soon be but a memory in the class with hobbie skirts and the Bull Moose. The up-to-date citizen now takes home his beer in a round paper contrivance which is thoroughly sanitary. This holds about two large glasses of beer and beverage and is similar in appearance to those used by some dealers for carrying ice cream or oysters.

The system is being tried out by saloonkeepers with much success, as it has many advantages. The tell tale glint of the pall is no longer seen by the neighbors and the receptacle is easily carried. There is no danger of hitting an obtruding gate post with a resonant bang. It has also the virtue of encouraging the sale of the beer as a man, made happy by a drink or two while on his way home, is now reminded that "the folks" might be like some too, and the old obstacle of "nothing to carry it in" has been effectively removed.

CONNECTICUT CO. BORROWS MONEY FOR MORE CARS

New York Trust Security Firm Will Have Name on New Trolleys Here.

HALF MILLION IS ASKED THIS TIME

Traction Officials Got \$400,000 To Build Last Batch.

Loans for half a million dollars were made to the Connecticut Co. at Hartford, yesterday, through the Security Trust Co. of New York. This money will be utilized for the payment of cars now under construction, some of which are for use in this city, and expected to be received in part about November 1.

The new cars will be of the pay-as-you-enter type, some of which are already in operation in this city. A part of the agreement signed yesterday calls for the ownership to the rolling stock to be vested in the Security Trust Co. This is similar to the agreement signed previously when \$400,000 was borrowed for the first lot of pay-as-you-enter cars now in operation throughout the state.

Protest that the ownership of the cars is displayed too inconspicuously on small plates near the steps will be met with broad letters from Security Trust Co. Trustee, Owner & Lessor, along both sides of the cars beneath the present "Connecticut Company."

The new equipment will cost \$580,000, the company paying \$120,000 cash to the builders. The mortgages assumed for the new equipment demanded by the Connecticut Public Utilities Commission upon complaints that there are not enough cars to carry passengers in the bigger factory towns, will be paid off, it is understood, in installments of 10 per cent every six months.

George E. Hill, a trustee of the Connecticut Co., under appointment of the Federal courts, to arrange a sale of the traction properties now held by the New England Navigation Co., a subsidiary company of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, had much to do with the present loan, was not in this city today and it could not be ascertained how many of the new cars, costing about \$25,000 each, would come to this city. It is understood, however, that a large part of the equipment will be divided among Bridgeport, Hartford, Waterbury and New Haven districts.

TRAINS COLLIDE IN TUNNEL; TWO ARE BADLY HURT

Conductor and Passenger Injured in Accident in New York.

New York, Sept. 16.—In a train collision at the entrance to the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel leading from the road's station here under the Hudson river to New Jersey, two persons were seriously injured today and traffic on this line was interrupted for some time. For about an hour and a half 100 passengers were captives in the tube.

The injured are W. D. Pierson, of Washington, conductor, and an unidentified passenger.

The accident happened when an electric locomotive crashed into the side of the next to the last car on a Washington-bound passenger train as the latter was about to enter the tunnel.

Her Mouth No Prayer Book, Says Woman of Complaining Witness

The trial of Christian Perry, charged with a serious assault upon Mrs. Belle Smith of North avenue, was not finished in the criminal superior court yesterday afternoon. It will be resumed on Tuesday morning.

Perry pleaded not guilty to the charge and declared the woman's reputation is not of the best. Mrs. Ida Eado, a witness for the defense, in speaking of Mrs. Smith, said:

"Her mouth ain't no prayer book."

Mrs. Smith said Perry took her home on the night of August and attacked her. When she remonstrated he said:

"If you don't stop hollering, I'll kill you."

Chorus Girls' Dance in Middle of Street Ends in City Court

Rose and Ruth Stanley, members of the "Military Maids" burlesque company, whose terpsichorean attributes lead them to interpret Gertrude Hoffman's dance of the "Fifty Seven Muses" in the middle of John street last evening, while intoxicated, with the result that they were arrested, both pleaded guilty to charges of drunkenness and breach of the peace in the police court this morning.

The girls, who are to appear next Monday in Worcester, testified that they came to Bridgeport to see a sick friend, drinking heavily while in the city.

William Brimmer and Max Pineser, whose room at 300 State street, for whose entertainment the girls staged their street dance, and who had been in their company most of the evening, were found guilty of a breach of the peace. The quartet were fined \$5 each, which they paid.

CORSET WORKERS IN HOT DISPUTE OVER SUFFRAGE

Delegates to State Convention Have Hard Time Explaining Their Votes.

COMRADES THOUGHT THEY WERE "ANTIS"

Sentiment Nearly Equally Divided, Many Join Impromptu Debate.

Misunderstanding over the action of the Bridgeport delegates to the State Federation of Labor convention early this month, caused excitement last night at the meeting of the Corset Workers' union, held in Odd Fellows hall, and a spirited debate on the woman suffrage question ensued.

Somebody started the rumor that the local delegates, who formed one of the three women's deputations to the convention, had placed the Corset Workers' union on record against equal franchise by voting against endorsement by the federation. The delegates had voted merely to table the suffrage question until next year, but they had a hard time explaining it.

The Corset Workers' union contains many persons opposed to equal franchise, which fact was disclosed last night. Expression of opinion by the pro-suffrage group caused an argument in which no decision was reached. When everybody started talking at once the chairman called a halt.

At one of the State Federation sessions, M. Toscan Bennett, a Fairfield county leader for the suffragists, obtained permission to speak and she asked the convention to go on record for suffrage. Because the session was a tremendously busy one, and the members had had no time to consider the matter fully, they voted to table it until next year.

STATE HAS 300 AFFIDAVITS IN CASE OF KNAPP

Gather Evidence to Disprove Assertion That Banker Can't Get Fair Trial.

The state police are at work preparing the state's case for the hearing on Henry M. Knapp's motion for a change of venue, which will be argued next Tuesday before Judge Tuttle in the criminal superior court. Counsel for the former banker claims he could not get a fair trial in this county because of public sentiment, but the burden of proof rests with Knapp. He must show that sentiment adverse to him exists.

To combat the idea of anti-Knapp feeling the state police have been busy gathering affidavits. It is said that about 300 have been collected already. A large number have been procured from this city and also from Stamford, South Norwalk, Danbury and other parts of the county. In these affidavits citizens say on oath that they know of no reason why Knapp could not get a fair trial in this county.

The former banker is accused of appropriating about \$100,000 from the depositors of the defunct firm of Burr & Knapp. State's Attorney Cummings will make his first court appearance of the present term and will argue for the state against the change of venue.

Exhume Man's Body to See If He Had Foot With 6 Toes

The fact that the body of the man found floating in the water at the foot of Seaview avenue Wednesday had normal feet instead of six toes on one of them prevented it from being identified as that of a Mr. Stone of New York city. A Mrs. Stone of that city whose husband had been missing since May, came here today to view the clothing found on the drowned man. Some of the articles, particularly the belt buckle with an old English "S" on it were identical and she was for a moment sure, that it was the body of her absent husband. She said, however, that Mr. Stone had had six toes on one foot and that would positively identify him.

Dr. Edward M. Fitzgerald, assistant medical examiner who had charge of the case in the absence of Dr. S. M. Garlick, agreed to exhume the body from Potter's field where it had been buried soon after it was found because of its advanced state of decomposition. This was done and examination proved that the dead man had never had more than five toes on either foot. The body was buried again, and Mrs. Stone departed for her home relieved that her fears were unfounded.

JITNEY DRIVERS SAVE A TROLLEY CAR FROM FIRE

Dozens of Connecticut Co.'s Competitors Extinguish Ruining Blaze.

As a large East Main street car of the Connecticut Co. burst into flames in front of the Hotel Royal in State street, and passengers ran panic-stricken from the burning structure, jitneys by the score rushed to aid the property of their competitor and with hand fire extinguishers smothered the blaze.

The car, proceeding about 7 o'clock last night, at a fast rate of speed east in State street, broke into flames from beneath. It was stopped in front of the hotel. Men and women passengers scrambled to the street. The flames illuminated the street for several blocks.

Jitney men quick to perceive that the car would be ruined if their assistance was not given began the "volunteer" fire fighting with wet and dry extinguishers carried by them. At one time nearly a score of streams were played on the under part of the car by as many automobile owners. It was not necessary to call fire apparatus. A wrecker crew was called to run the car to the barns.

Traffic was delayed on the trolley lines for about half an hour before it became normal.

Police of Shelton Asked to Aid Probe of Beeman's Death

The police of Shelton have been asked by Coroner Phelan to investigate the report that Robert Beeman worked in that town before he came to this city a few weeks ago. There is still considerable mystery about the history of the man who was fatally stricken in a Frank street yard last week. It was at first reported that he worked in Bloomfield but inquiry showed the inaccuracy of this statement.

At the time of his death he had a deep wound on his head and Coroner Phelan wants to know if the man was struck during his stay in Shelton.

CONSPIRACY CHARGES IN N.Y. STRIKE

Interborough Company Officials Consider Complaint Against Leaders of Unions That May Strike.

Business Men Who Have Suffered by Tie-up Join With Traction Officials In Legal Move.

New York, Sept. 16.—While labor leaders were perfecting plans for a sympathetic walk-out by 75,000 workers to aid the striking street railwaymen, officials of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company against which the fight is principally directed, discussed today the possibility of instituting action charging conspiracy against the union leaders.

Business men and merchants who have suffered heavily because of the traction tie-up are said to be co-operating in the movement to restrain the labor leaders. James L. Quackenbush, general counsel for the Interborough, said in this connection that his assistants are collecting evidence of the transactions of the union leaders and that when "sufficient cumulative evidence had been secured and conditions so demanded, action will be taken."

Mr. Quackenbush said he was certain that his company could obtain an injunction restraining the strikers and their leaders from interfering with the employes of the Interborough in the event that such a course is deemed advisable.

"The present intention," said Theodore P. Shonta, president of the Interborough, "is not to proceed against the strike leaders on criminal charges. It might be wise to take the initiative and the legal staff is studying conditions with a view to preparing developments."

Several trade unions voted today for the purpose of determining their response to the call for a sympathetic strike to back up the striking street car employes. By Monday labor leaders expect to learn the sentiment of the longshoremen, teamsters, tidewater boatmen, coal bargemen and stationery engineers and firemen to whom the carmen have particularly addressed their appeal. By Monday, they assert, 70,000 men will be called out "to protect the very life of union labor."

Union leaders announce that the majority of the members of machinists' unions, having a membership of 25,000, have voted to strike at munition plants in this city.

Should the longshoremen, boatmen and coal barge workers go out, the strike leaders say virtually all work along the waterfront will be tied up.

This movement is declared by the Central Federated union as "preliminary to a general strike." While it is estimated there are 400,000 trade unionists in New York, it is said the leaders do not count on calling out more than 400,000.

One man was killed and several injured in accidents on the elevated and surface car lines within the last 24 hours.

THE WEATHER

Fair and cooler tonight; Sunday fair.