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number from eleven to fifteen, including several Japanese, made their first raid early Saturday night, in the vicinity of Palaflo, Tex., about fifty miles west of Laredo. There they captured two American cowboys, who escaped later.

The second raid occurred Sunday morning, on the Coleman ranch, forty miles northwest of Laredo, where the bandits attempted to drive off eight horses. Reports last night indicated they failed in their purpose and that the bandits succeeded in re-entering Mexico. Advice today were to the effect that the outlaws had not crossed to the southern side of the Rio Grande, but had attempted to burn bridges on the International & Great Northern railway line east of Laredo.

Two Mexicans were captured in the vicinity of a bridge near Webb, Tex., by cavalrymen under Captain Weiborn. From best available information, the three dead bandits were killed in the vicinity of Webb. These rangers, armed civilians and cavalrymen are continuing the pursuit to night.

CZAR'S TROOPS NEAR BUKOWINA CAPITAL

Petrograd, June 12 (via London).—Russian troops yesterday approached the outskirts of Czernowitz, the capital of Bukowina, the war office announced today.

As the Russian troops draw near Czernowitz, the report says, there were numerous explosions caused by the Austrians within the city. The number of Austrians captured by the Russians in the new offensive movement has been increased to more than 114,000. On the many sectors of the front, the statement says, the Russians are still pursuing defeated Austrians.

Italians Still Advance. Rome, June 12 (via London).—A continued advance by the Italians in the Arsa valley, in the Passubio sector and along the Postina-Astico line in the southern Tyrol, was announced by the war office in tonight's official statement.



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RUSSIAN BEAR RUNS RAMPANT ALONG ENTIRE EASTERN LINE

Czar's Forces Have Captured 114,000 Men During Present Offensive; Gain All Along 700-mile Front.

GERMANS REPULSED AROUND VERDUN

Italians Drive Back Foes; Turks Annihilate Cavalry Force of 1,000; Bulgarian Troops in Masked Movement

Heavy fighting is in progress virtually over the entire eastern front from the Gulf of Riga to Bukowina, a distance of between 600 and 700 miles. From Riga to the Jasioldi river, north of the Pripiet marsh region, the Germans have taken the offensive against the Russians, probably in an effort to divert the attention of the Russians, who are in the second week of their drive against the Austrians and Germans from the Pripiet marshes southward to Bukowina.

In some instances in the region of Lutsk, fresh advances against the Austrians are reported by the Russian war office, as likewise is the case across the border through east Galicia. In the southern part of this region the Russians are nearing Czernowitz, the capital of the Austrian crownland of Bukowina.

Although the Austrians at numerous points are vigorously counter-attacking, the only place the Russians have been forced to give ground was near Boboluzin, north of Buczacz in Galicia, where the Austrians were repulsed by German troops. The Russians captured here by the Teutons exceeded 1,300. The total of men taken prisoners by the Russians since their offensive began has grown to more than 114,000.

North of Verdun the Germans have thrown successive attacks against the French positions north of Thiaumont, but all the assaults were repulsed with serious losses. The heavy bombardment by the Germans in this region extended from Thiaumont, where the fighting was fiercest, to the eastward to Fort Vaux and to the French second line positions of Fort Souville and Fort Tavannes, about three miles northeast of Verdun.

On the remainder of the front in France and Belgium there have been only trifling duels and sniping operations, except in Champagne, where Berlin reports the penetration of French positions and the capture of more than 100 men and four machine guns.

Italians Advance. South and southeast of Trent, the Italians are continuing to drive north the Austrians, according to Rome. Gains have been made by the Italians in the Arsa valley and the Passubio sector along the Postina-Astico line and southwest of Asiago. Further north in the Sugana valley fresh progress toward the most important recorded for King Victor Emmanuel's men, who repelled two counter-attacks near Scureville. In the Lagarina valley the Austrians are heavily bombarding the Italians on Comi Zogna.

A Russian cavalry force of 1,000 men entered the most important and Mesopotamian fronts has been annihilated by the Turks, who also captured a large amount of war material, according to Constantinople.

On the remainder of the front in Asiatic Turkey there is no change in the situation.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE CZERNOWITZ, RUMOR

Petrograd, June 12 (via London).—A rumor is in circulation that the Russians have occupied Czernowitz, capital of the Austrian crownland of Bukowina. The rumor, which is an official confirmation, but it has been given color by the capture of Dobronowitz, a commanding post ten miles to the northwest. The Russian line here extends to Oksa. From both of these points good roads lead direct to Czernowitz, and, according to military authorities, they are the only points in this direction capable of defense.

A telegram received from Bucharest, Rumania, says the Austrian army has evacuated Czernowitz and moved to a line four miles to the west.

The continued success of the Russians recorded in today's official communication are the more surprising, as the Austrians, after the first shock of the Russian advance, appeared to have rallied their forces and offered extremely stubborn resistance. This is indicated by the fact that they were able to mass sufficient forces in the vicinity of Kolki, north of Lutsk, to cause the Russians to retire across the Styr river.

Not only here but at other points on the Volhynian front furious counter-attacks characterized the last forty hours of fighting, but without being able to check except momentarily the force of the Russian advance.

It is not believed that the Germans are sending many troops to aid the Austrians. It is pointed out that in only one instance—during Russia's spectacular Carpathian campaign—did Germany send any large number of men to the aid of the Austrians. Instead, it has always been their practice to undertake an offensive on some other line in an endeavor to draw off the Russians. It is the opinion of observers that it is not improbable the Germans are more likely to attempt an offensive on the northern sector of the Russian front than to weaken their lines by detaching any number of men for the purpose of stiffening the Austrian defense.

HUGHES PLUNGES INTO FIGHT FULL OF ENTHUSIASM

Republican Nominee Drops Air of Judicial Reserve, Adopts Glad Hand and Plays Game Generally.

New York, June 12.—Charles E. Hughes re-entered politics today, apparently with abundant zest. He reached this city early today and established temporary headquarters at an uptown hotel and virtually held open house until nearly midnight. Scores of persons on various missions flooded in his rooms, mostly men who had known him back in the days when he was campaigning for governor of New York. There also were several party leaders among his callers.

Mr. Hughes issued no statement today and expects to issue none until he is formally notified of his nomination. The subcommittee to confer with him as to fixing a date for the primary probably will wait on him in a few days.

Although the nominee's plans still are unsettled, it is likely he will remain in New York until June 29, when he expects to attend a reunion of the class of '81 of Brown university at Providence, R. I. He probably will remain there for the commencement exercises the following day.

To those who knew the nominee as a supreme court justice there was a marked change in his bearing today. His air of studious reserve apparently left him with the robes of his office. He had a hearty hand-grasp and a smile for every man he met and seemed enthusiastic in his welcome of old friends, who came to see him after an interval of years. These came in crowds. A Texas republican leader, J. E. Lutz, of Vernon, trailed him here from Washington merely to shake hands and say, Texas will be with you.

Among those who called were Henry W. Taft, State Chairman Tanager, of New York; George W. Wacker, who quickly denied a report that he had been to Oyster Bay to enlist Colonel Roosevelt's aid in the campaign; Herbert Parsons, national committee-man from New York; Samuel Koenig, New York republican leader; S. S. McClure and many other local leaders in the nominee's home state of New York.

Although felicitations were numerous, there also was serious consideration of campaign plans. The chief affairs requiring the nominee's immediate attention are the selection of a national chairman, the opening of headquarters and deciding on summer headquarters for himself.

Party leaders among his callers seem to agree that the campaign will be started early. Mr. Parsons said that in his opinion the campaign already was on.

"It started Saturday," he said. "When Mr. Hughes sent his telegram to Chairman Harding."

The campaign in New York City is to begin this week, Mr. Koenig said. How the progressives will vote; whether Roosevelt will support Mr. Hughes; whether the colonel will like the stump for him; to what extent failure of the progressives to support Hughes would effect the election—these and kindred topics were the subject of much speculation on the part of republican leaders who called. The opinion prevailed that these questions might be answered in several days after the progressive leaders have had an opportunity to confer at length. Because of the press of political conferences, Mr. Hughes stated late today that he would not be able to take part in the pre-election parade at Washington on Wednesday. The republican nominee had planned to march in the parade, which will be led by President Wilson.

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM CALLED FULMINATION

St. Louis, June 12.—Senator Stone, who is to be chairman of the resolutions committee of the democratic convention, issued a statement today calling the republican platform drafted in Chicago a "remarkable fulmination" with one-half the legislation it demanded already enacted and the other half now being worked out by the democratic party.

Senator Stone said that he considered Mr. Hughes man of ability and character, but looked upon his nomination while he was on the bench as full of menace and danger.

"My objection to the nomination of Mr. Hughes," said Senator Stone, "lies in the fact that I regard it as bad in every way, even vicious, for a great political party, had pressed on its uppers, to invade the supreme court of the United States and to take from that bench one of its justices to make him a party candidate for a political office to meet and serve a party exigency."

Judge Disqualifies Himself. Pueblo, Colo., June 12.—Disqualifying himself because he had been a depositor in the institution when it closed its doors, Judge C. S. Essex in district court here today announced that Judge J. W. Shearer of Colorado Springs would preside at the trial of W. B. Slaughter, former president of the Mercantile National bank, charged with removing mortgaged property from the state. Former United States Senator J. W. Bailey, of Texas, is here as one of the defendant's counsel. The trial will begin tomorrow.

Railroad to Sold. Sioux Falls, S. D., June 12.—The South Dakota Central railroad, which some time ago went into receivership, was sold this afternoon at a master's sale for the sum of \$92,000. It is reported that the actual purchasers are the officials of the Great Northern railway, which runs through this city.

Reinforcements for Border. Washington, June 12.—Secretary Baker announced late today that 1,000 additional coast artillerymen and a battalion of engineer troops from this city had been ordered to the Mexican border for patrol duty. In all about 1,400 men will be attached to General Funston's command.

MONASTERY TO BE CRADLE OF NEW BULGARIA

Venerable Institution Near Rila Is Preserving and Fostering Ancient Traditions of a War-torn People.

Rila, Bulgaria, May 12.—The great task of Ritsky monastery is about to be finished," said Father Eugenius to the correspondent. "This monastery is the cradle of the new Bulgaria. It is the bridge which spans the period of suffering and subjugation, which defines Bulgaria of today from the great kingdom of the ancient Bulgarian kings."

Father Eugenius is the head of this religious institution, one of the world's famous monasteries, which is located about fourteen miles from Rila. His predecessors have presided over as many as 300 creak Catholic monks. Today the monastery houses only thirty-five.

Preserved Bulgarian Traditions. During the rule of the Turks, the monks from the monastery were stationed in every Bulgarian town and large village, teaching the Bulgars their language and keeping alive their faith. "Since then conditions have changed. Today our church has been re-established and the government maintains good schools, which maintain the large number of members we had formerly."

Ritsky monastery was founded by Ivan Ritsky between 946 and 1000 A. D. Ivan of the Rila Desert, as he was called, was an ascetic, whose reputation of being a wise man. He is said to have lived in a cabin near the site of the present monastery. Invited once to visit the court of the king of the Bulgarians, Ivan replied that the king had better come to him. Around this man of force soon collected a number of disciples. With them he founded the monastery. King John Shishman, in 1376, explained the superior, gave to the monastery the entire surrounding forest, consisting of large forests of beech, oak and pine, covering the slopes of the Rila mountain range. At the same time the monastery was granted the right of autonomy. A parchment some six feet in length is displayed as proof of this.

Sultan Aids Establishment. Sultan Murad continued the establishment of his rights as a token of which he presented the monastery with a five foot candle of wax, which is also still to be seen in the library of the monastery. Little by little the wealth of the institution increased. At the end of the number of its buildings in 1832 the monastery was almost totally destroyed by fire, nothing remaining intact with the exception of a tower built in 1337. In rebuilding the monastery the old walls were made use of and care was taken to preserve the original Byzantine architecture.

Today the establishment forms an irregular quadrangle around an interior court of about 8,000 square yards. Most of the wings are four stories high. lofty arches, supporting the galleries which give connection to the 200 rooms and halls of the buildings, give the whole a majestic aspect. In the center of the court stands the chapel of the monastery, and over the steep red-tiled roofs of the quadrangle peer the snow-covered peaks of the Rila range, of which the Stag and King summits, 9,200 feet above sea level, are the highest.

Some Turks Unfriendly. Not all of the Turkish sultans were the friends of the monastery. Thus it happened that the resolution which Ivan Ritsky had sought became time and again the only protection Bulgars from the vicinity had against the perils of war and misrule. The monastery may be reached only a part from Sofia, the nearest railway approach lies through a fourteen mile gorge from the village of Rila. These two approaches could be easily defended by a small number of men.

On just one occasion was the monastery overthrown by military forces—1832 the Serbian feudal lord, Chrl, entered it. The tower of the monastery is the monument of his conversion. It was he who erected it.

Used as Refuge. Three decades ago Ritsky monastery became a refuge of the Bulgarian combatants, who had their headquarters in the Rila forests. Even today the monastery is nearly seventy miles from the railroad, as inaccessible as ever, and far removed from the best of the war.

The institution owns approximately 148,000 acres of land, of which about 7,400 acres are under cultivation, the labor being done by hired men.

"All you see here is ours," said Father Eugenius, pointing to the fields in the gorge, the splendid beach and oak forests, and the mountain glades still covered with snow. We have about 2,500 sheep, 100 cows and more than 100 horses.

A Shepherd's Custom. Asked what was done with the revenue from the forests and the fields, the superior said part of it went to the traditional custom of lodging and feeding free, all charges, and for three days all strangers passing that way; and that the remainder was given to schools and seminaries.

"We know little of the war here," he said, "though we get mail regularly. We follow our devotion and hope and pray that the strife will soon be over. The good monks of Ritsky were reminded of the war, however, last night when your war automobile started its way up the gorge."

The chauffeur had negotiated the ninety horse power machine through a desolation of under-washed, holed, along the impetuous mountain torrent, and then through a dense forest of benches and conifers. The monastery was reached about 8 o'clock in the evening, and as the machine rumbled through the great courtyard most of the thirty-five monks rushed from their cells to witness the unusual event of an automobile invading the holy precincts of Rila.

The superior had already retired, as he was to celebrate mass at 8 o'clock in the morning, so Brother Scofer welcomed the guests, served a meal of cold beans flavored with mint, cold prunes and bread, and then assigned the Associated Press correspondent the best but one apartment in the monastery—that one being the quarters reserved for the king.

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ADMIRAL JELICO ADMITS HEAVY LOSSES

London, June 12 (7:45 p. m.)—In a dispatch to the men of the British fleet, as given out here officially tonight, Admiral Jellicoe said: "At this stage, when full information is unavailable," said the admiral, "it is impossible to enter into details, but quite sufficient is known for me to state definitely that the glorious traditions handed down to us by generations of gallant seamen were most worthily upheld."

"Weather conditions that were highly unfavorable robbed the fleet of the complete victory expected by all ranks. Our losses were heavy. We miss many most gallant comrades. But although it is difficult to obtain accurate information as to the enemy's losses, I have no doubt we shall find they certainly were not less than our own. Sufficient information already has been received for me to make that statement with confidence."

"I hope to give the fleet fuller information on this point at an early date. I do not wish to delay appreciation of the work of the fleet and my confidence in a future complete victory."

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