

CENTRAL POWERS ADVANCE ON ROUMANIA

GERMAN TORPEDO FLOTILLA SINKS MANY STEAMERS

Squadron Causes Consternation by Invasion of the English Channel

DESTROYERS RETURN TO BASE IN SAFETY

Crews of Several Ill-Fated Ships Saved, But Are Taken Prisoner

Berlin, Oct. 27, via London, Oct. 28.—At least 11 outpost steamers and two or three torpedo boat destroyers or torpedo boats were sunk or damaged by a German torpedo boat squadron Thursday night in the English Channel between Folkestone and Boulogne, according to an official communication issued here. The German torpedo flotilla returned safely to its base without any loss.

The communication says: "Parts of our torpedo forces moved from a German submarine base Thursday night through the Straits of Dover and Calais to the line of Folkestone-Boulogne in the English Channel.

"According to the report of Commander Michelsen, at least 11 outposts steamers and two or three destroyers or torpedo boats were sunk, partially or totally, near hostile ports. Some members of the crews who were saved were captured.

"Several more guarding vessels and, at least, two destroyers were heavily damaged by torpedoes and artillery fire. Also the English post steamer, Queen, was sunk south of Folkestone, the crew having time to leave the ship.

"In the Channel, near the Farn Islands, there was a mass of traffic by hospital ships.

"Our torpedo boats safely returned to German ports without loss."

MORE TROOPS ARE PLACED ON GUARD

Fords, Bridges and Trails Along Border Being Watched Diligently

El Paso, Oct. 27.—Every ford, bridge and trail along the international border in this patrol district is being guarded by additional United States troops in compliance with Secretary Baker's warning to be ready for another Mexican bandit raid. These precautions were taken, it was announced, although the border is safer from attacks than at any time since Villa started his banditry.

Bandits Operating Trains.
Bandits under the command of Francisco Villa are operating trains on the western division of the Mexican Northwestern railroad between Santa Isabel and San Antonio, a report received by government agents here stated.

Villa, when he started southeast toward Salvo and Santa Rosalia is said to have left a comparatively large force of men along the Mexican Northwestern to guard the railroad and to prevent any use of the line by Carranza troops. Villa, according to the same source, now has approximately 4,000 men, some of whom are not armed.

Garcia "Turns Turtle."
Douglas, Ariz., Oct. 27.—"Col." Rosario Garcia, for five years an independent bandit in eastern Sonora, and Col. Francisco Rienda, until recently a follower of Villa in Chihuahua, are reported in a letter received here today to have joined forces and declared for the Legalista party. Their combined following is said to number 400.

The command is making its headquarters in the hills southeast of Sahuaripa, the letter said.

JONES WAIVES HIS PRELIMINARY HEARING

Fargo, N. D., Oct. 27.—Fred M. Jones, arrested at Bismarck, charged with passing worthless checks here, waived preliminary examination this evening and was held for trial in the district court. He could not furnish

Many Injured In "Flare" at Powder Plant

Haskell, N. J., Oct. 27.—Three men were probably mortally burned and four others less seriously injured by a powder "flare-up" at the Haskell plant of the Rhode Island Du Pont De Moures Powder company here late today. The "flare" was caused by the ignition of a bag of powder, which fell under the wheels of a tram car. The property loss was small.

BIG INCREASE OF PUBLIC INTEREST IN STOCK MARKET

Trading Broad And Active; As- surance of New British Loan Great Stimulant.

PROFESSIONAL ISSUES DOMINATING FEATURE

New York, Oct. 27.—There were indications in today's trading, the broadest and most active since Monday, of a revival of public interest, that element having been lacking for almost a fortnight. Sentiment seemed to be more hopeful regarding coming events, the assured success of the new British loan proving a powerful stimulant.

Professionals dominated the market, however, this being clearly demarcated by the activity of pools and clubs in the low priced rails and the specialties embraced sugar, paper, leather and minor industrial groups.

There were numerous new records, Bethlehem Steel leading on its further rise of 8 points, to 650. Other striking gains and new maximums were: Atlantic, Gulf & West Indies, which rose 9 7/8, to 104 7/8; Utah Copper, 4 7/8, to 106; Cuba Cane Sugar, 2 5/8, to 75 1/4; Central Leather, 4, to 94 3/4; American Writing Paper preferred, 2 3/4, to 48, and Consolidated Gas of Baltimore, 2, to 126 1/4.

Further advances of one to four points were registered by the non-dividend rails, latest accessions to that division including Wisconsin Central, Iowa Central, Ontario & Western, and Chicago & Alton. Rock Island was again a strong feature, regaining much of yesterday's decline, but yielding at the close.

No material alteration was shown by foreign exchange rates, receipt of another large consignment of British gold leaving sterling bills unchanged. Bonds were more steady on reduced offerings of international issues. Total sales, par value, \$6,470,000.

United States Bonds were unchanged on call.

SCHMIDT IS SENT TO LEAVENWORTH

Convicted Fort Rice Postmaster Goes to Federal Penitentiary for Two Years

F. W. Schmidt, former Fort Rice postmaster convicted in the federal court of embezzlement of government funds, started last night for the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kans., in charge of Deputy U. S. Marshal Carey Wattles.

Schmidt was convicted in the United States district court at Bismarck last spring of the embezzlement of government funds in the money order department of his office. After conviction an appeal was taken, but was not completed within the time specified and a bench warrant was issued and Schmidt was brought to Fargo, where time was given him to arrange his personal affairs. He was then brought before Judge Page Morris in the federal court here and sentenced to two years.

This ends a case that has been in the federal courts of this state for a long time, Schmidt having been tried a number of times on various indictments.

The specific charge on which Schmidt was convicted at the Bismarck term was that he had issued money orders in the payment of personal debts.

COL. ROOSEVELT 58 YEARS OF AGE

Chicago, Oct. 27.—Col. Roosevelt was 58 years old today, a fact which he smilingly remarked before boarding his train for the east.

HUGHES REPLIES TO STATEMENTS MADE BY WILSON

"I am Ready to Stand or Fall by What I Believe Right," Says Nominee

BIG AUDIENCE CHEERS CANDIDATE REPEATEDLY

Republican Leader Asserts That America Is Far From Being Ready for War

Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 27.—Charles E. Hughes tonight replied to statements in President Wilson's speech concerning preparations to meet competition after the war.

Mr. Hughes told the audience here that the administration's views reminded him of its views on preparedness in December, 1914, which were afterwards changed, that he considered the anti-dumping provision of the revenue bill, intended to meet the situation, as "farical" and "worse than useless" to protect American workmen; and that even if the percentage of exports of commodities to supply armies was small, it required but very little "to contract or destroy the prosperity of the country."

The nominee addressed an audience that cheered him repeatedly. He told them that as he had been, while governor of New York, he was now, and should be in the future; that he was willing to stand or fall by what he believed to be right.

"It was said in December, 1914," Mr. Hughes asserted, "that America was ready; that any suggestion to the contrary was thoughtless, but in truth America was far from ready. It is now said with reference to the commercial rivalry that America is far from ready, and that we shall not be ready until we have a clearer notion of what we may expect."

WATCHING CLOSELY NEGRO MIGRATION

Officers Believe Colored Workers Are Moving to Doubtful States to Aid Voting.

Washington, Oct. 27.—Both the department of justice and the department of labor are watching closely the migration of southern negroes to northern industrial centers. The legal officers hope to check a special inquiry into complaint that negroes are being sent in considerable numbers to doubtful states, under promises to work at higher wages. District Attorney Miller at Louisville has been ordered to report the names, towns and destinations of all negroes or any other possible voters going from Kentucky, Alabama, or any other part of the south, passing through Louisville in suspicious numbers. Other district attorneys in the south and in the middle states are understood to be under similar instructions.

The American Federation of Labor, according to Secretary Frank Morrison, also is watching the movement of negroes, with the idea that "if it is not a scheme to get votes, it is for the purpose of securing cheaper labor than is available at present."

Wheat Soars Upward; New Record Made

Market Shows Surprising Burst of Strength; Net Gain of 3 to 5 7/8 Cents.

PRICE OF CORN SAILS TO \$1.10 PER BUSHEL

Chicago, Oct. 27.—In a surprising burst of strength today, the wheat market excelled all recent high price records. Traders were largely influenced by assertions that exporters and foreign government had obtained ownership of deliveries here until January 1. Prices closed buoyant at the topmost point of the session, December at \$1.86 to \$1.86 1/2 and May at \$1.84 to \$1.84 1/2, with the market as a whole 3c to 5 1/2c above yesterday's finish. Other net gains were corn 1 1/2c to 1 3/4c, oats 1 1/4c to 1 1/2c and active deliveries of provisions 10c to 6c.

Reports of a sharp naval encounter in the English channel seemed at one time likely to put a stop to the upward swing of prices, but the effect on the market proved to be merely transient. When the closing gong cleared the pit, the ascent was still in progress and showed, in some cases at last, a jump of 8c from the low points of yesterday.

All records in the nearly fifty years for high prices of corn were smashed today, No. 2 Yellow selling here at \$1.10 a bushel. This price has not been surpassed since 1867, when the wheat was \$1.12. The strength of wheat was mainly responsible for the upturn in corn, but there was also a falling off in country offerings. Oats moved up with other cereals, although shipments east are restricted by the inability of railroads to furnish cars.

Provisions mounted to a higher level than has been equaled as far back as 1870. Packing interests were active buyers and there was a notable scarcity of offerings, especially of lard.

May Face Food Shortage.
Minneapolis, Oct. 27.—Minneapolis grain men today declared that there was no evidence of secret buying on a large scale by the Allies on the exchange in that city. Reports from Chicago and New York today said that the Allies were buying wheat in such large quantities that the United States would face an actual food shortage unless some steps were taken by the government to stop the practice.

SPECIAL SESSION OF MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE IS CALLED FOR TODAY

St. Paul, Oct. 27.—Minnesota's legislature will convene tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock in the special session called by Gov. J. A. Burnquist, to enact legislation giving the state troops on the Mexican border the right to vote at the general election, November 7.

It was said at the capitol today that Senator William A. Campbell, Minneapolis, will introduce an absent-voters' bill and that he expects it will be passed. Sentiment tonight among legislators indicated, however, that aside from the passing of the soldier-enfranchisement bill, appropriating sufficient funds to carry it out, and providing for payment of legislative mileage, no other bills would be considered.

FRENCH LINER CHICAGO AFIRE; 465 ON BOARD

Steamship Enroute to New York Forced to Head for Fayal, The Azores

BLAZE GAINS HEADWAY WITH GREAT RAPIDITY

Late Reports State Ship Has Landed at Islands; No Lives are Lost

New York, Oct. 27.—Cable ship news from London received here today state that the French Line steamship, Chicago, which left Bordeaux October 22 for New York with 265 passengers on board, was headed for Fayal, the Azores, with a fire in her No. 3 hold. The cable added that the Chicago was expected to reach Fayal today. This report was confirmed by a cable message from Lloyds, London, to the Maritime exchange here.

Officials of the French line said they had received no direct word from the Chicago. Cablegrams filed to the home office of the line and to Fayal, had not been answered up to a late hour today. Absence of direct word, French line officials here said, led them to believe that the fire is not serious and the passengers on board are in no immediate danger.

The day the Chicago sailed, the line here was advised she had 167 cabin and 98 steerage passengers on board. The ship carries, in addition, a crew of about 200. She was built in 1908, and is registered at 10,200 tons.

Steamer Arrives in Port.
London, Oct. 27.—The French Line steamer, Chicago, has arrived at Fayal, Azores Islands, according to Lloyds. The utmost is being done to extinguish the fire aboard the steamer.

BIG RECEPTIONS FOR SEN. M'CAMBER

Strenuous Week Will be Spent on Slope With Evening Rally in Bismarck, Nov. 4

Senator Porter J. McCumber is completing the last lap of a vigorous campaign. Thursday he received an enthusiastic reception in Tom Marshall's home, Oakes. Former Congressman Marshall introduced him and farmers came for miles to hear the senator discuss the issues of the campaign.

Yesterday he spent the entire time in Sargent county and will devote Saturday to Richland county, resting at his home Sunday in preparation for the last week of the campaign.

Next week he will devote to the Slope. Monday evening he speaks at Hettinger; Rhame, Tuesday afternoon; Bowman, Tuesday evening; Amidon, Wednesday afternoon; New England, Wednesday evening; Bel field, Thursday afternoon; Dickinson, Thursday evening; New Salem, Friday afternoon; Mandan, Friday evening, and the following day will be spent in Bismarck.

McCumber has been given excellent receptions throughout the state.

LITTLE COUNTRY IS CAUGHT IN GRIP OF TWO INVADING FORCES; TEUTONS HOLD GREAT ADVANTAGE

Carranza Announces Candidacy

Mexico City, Mex., Oct. 27.—General Carranza formally announced his candidacy for president at 1 o'clock today, in response to a manifesto of the new Constitutionalist-Liberal party, which urged him to run for the office and offered him its loyalty and support.

BAKER DOES NOT REVEAL SOURCES OF RUMORED RAID

Officials Still in Quandry Over Announced Impending Attack by Conspirators.

BELIEVED IT IS MERELY A POLITICAL MANEUVER

Washington, Oct. 27.—Secretary Baker left for Wilmington, Ohio, tonight to continue his campaign speaking without revealing either the sources or the exact nature of the information which impelled the war department secretary to issue a statement, saying it had knowledge that an attack on the border or on American troops in Mexico was being planned by enemies of the administration's policy toward Mexico.

It was learned, however, that the suspicion was aroused here sometime ago, and that reports of an alleged raid conspiracy appearing in certain American papers were transmitted to the border for investigation. Agents of the department of justice and of the treasury are supposed to have made the inquiry.

Suggestions that the statement was so worded as to virtually charge American political opponents of the administration of conspiring with the bandits caused both Secretary Baker and Secretary Lansing today to reiterate the latter's statement of last night that there was no intention to do such a thing. Both said it was impossible to conceive that any American could be involved in such an enterprise, and that Mexicans now in the United States were responsible for the plot, wishing to embroil the United States and Mexico to the end that the de facto government might be overthrown.

In declining to make public the nature of the information received, it was said at both the war and state departments that to do so would close a valuable channel through which watch could be kept on Mexican affairs. The arrest of some individuals accused of complicity in the plot, it was stated authoritatively, probably would be the public's next information on the subject.

IMPROVEMENT COMPANY HAD LARGE ASSETS

Fargo, N. D., Oct. 27.—That the North Dakota Improvement company had assets of \$116,898.43 in excess of its liabilities to contract holders when it went into hands of receivers in 1913, was the evidence of Walter Thompson, accountant, produced in federal court trial of E. A. Wilson and R. M. Farmer, former officers of the company, charged with conspiracy to defraud.

Mr. Thompson, government witness, under questioning of attorneys for the defense, showed this afternoon that at the time of the receivership of the company had total assets of \$566,380.56, according to its own records, while its liabilities to contract holders were placed at \$433,248.55, in addition, liabilities included \$15,610.56 in bills payable, and \$1,605, in unpaid dividends to stockholders.

The government had contended, in its opening statement of the case, that the company was insolvent from the day it was organized.

Mr. Thompson fixed the net realty value at \$395,019.36, balance being made up in a group of items.

ADVANCE IS STEADY

Troops of Mackensen and Von Falkenhayn Press Forward Relentlessly

FRENCH CHECK ATTACK IN VERDUN REGION

Two German Destroyers Sent to Bottom in Engagement in English Channel

London, Oct. 27.—Roumania, caught in the grip of two invading forces of the Central Powers, is still struggling desperately to ward off the incessant attacks of Field Marshal von Mackensen and General von Falkenhayn.

Advancing northward in Dobruja, von Mackensen's troops have reached a line running from Hirsova, on the Danube, to Casapeul, on the Black Sea coast, from 40 to 60 miles from where they crossed the Constantza-Tchernavoda railway line. The capture of Hirsova would give the Teutonic Allies the advantage of having little marshy ground to traverse should they attempt to make a crossing of the river here into Old Roumania, as the low lying ground virtually disappears for some distance around Hirsova.

Gen. von Falkenhayn Progresses.
General von Falkenhayn continues to make progress in the direction of Campulung, south of Predeal, on the Transylvania front, and Bucharest admits a retirement of the Roumanian forces in the Jiu valley, which is situated in the Vulcan pass region. The Russo-Roumanian forces, to the north, have repulsed Austro-German attacks, while in the Uzul valley, the Roumanians continue to advance, and in the region of Okna have occupied a height and a village.

Inclement Weather on Two Fronts.
Inclement weather is hampering the operations on the Somme and Macedonian fronts, and only bombardments have taken place in these regions. Another attempt by the Germans at an attack west of the village of Douaumont, in the Verdun region, was checked by the French curtain of fire.

On the eastern front, in Russia, there has been little fighting except in the region of the Shara river, northwest of Pinsk. Near Goldovitch a German attack forced the Russians to retire to the eastern bank of the Shara.

Two German Destroyers Sunk.
In an engagement in the English Channel between British and German torpedo boat destroyers, two German destroyers were sunk, according to London, while the British lost an empty transport. In addition, a British torpedo boat destroyer is missing and another was run aground after it had been disabled by a torpedo.

AUTO OVERTURNS; AUTOISTS FIGHT; ONE MAN MAY DIE

Charles Furgeson of Glencoe, N. D., was brought to the Bismarck hospital suffering from internal injuries received in a fight near Hazelton, and is not expected to recover.

The story old by Furgeson was that following an automobile accident, when the machine overturned, members of the party engaged in a fight, with the result that he received a blow on the abdomen.

He is in a serious condition and the physicians in charge entertain no hopes of his recovery.

DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN CLOSES NEXT WEEK

Jamestown, N. D., Oct. 27.—Stutsman county Democrats will bring their campaign to a close in this county next week with addresses by former Governor Martin Glynn of New York and Representative James H. Mays of Utah, according to announcement made this afternoon by Dr. R. A. Bolton, chairman of the Democratic county committee.

Ex-Governor Glynn will give the closing address of the campaign. Dates for the speakers have not as yet been announced.

WHERE THE ALLIES ARE RELIEVING THE PRESSURE ON ROUMANIA



While Teutonic troops have been diverted from the Saloniki front to attack Roumania, and while others are rushing to check the sudden Italian drive from Albania, the French, British and Serbs have started a northward movement from their base at Saloniki, Greece, through the territory shown in this map, in an effort to relieve the pressure in Dobruja against the newest ally. The French hold the center in this region, the Serbs on the left are operating toward Monastir, and the British are moving toward the railway between Seres and Demir Hissar.