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BULGARIANS FORCE BACK FRENCH TROOPS IN SERBIA

AT TWO POINTS IN SOUTHERN SERBIA THE FRENCH TROOPS WERE FORCED TO RETIRE AT HANDS OF THE BULGARIANS.

French Retirement Today Took Place Within Twelve Miles of the Greek Border—Bulgarian Attack Along Gerna River Repulsed with Heavy Losses—Greece Modified Attitude in Favor of Entente Allies as to Treatment of Serbs who Might be Forced Across Serbian Border into Greece—First Disarm Troops of Serbia, but Not to Molest Troops of England, but this Has Been Modified and all Allied Troops Treated Alike—French Minister at Athens Made Vigorous Plea Against Former Plans.

London, Nov. 16.—The French troops in southern Serbia have been forced to retire at two points by the Bulgarians, according to a dispatch from Saloniki today. The fighting is described as severe and the French retirement is taking place within twelve miles of the Greek border in the vicinity of Gradisce.

The Bulgarian attack along the Gerna river was repulsed with heavy losses, says a dispatch today.

The Greeks are reported to have modified their attitude somewhat in favor of the entente allies in the problem of the treatment of soldiers, who might be driven across the border from Serbia, says a dispatch from Athens. Greece's first proposal to disarm all troops of Serbia that might be driven across the border but not to disturb those of England and France, has been abandoned, and all the allied troops will be treated alike. The French minister at Athens, made strong objections to the former plan.

Jap Steamship is Held

Pekin, Nov. 16.—The Japanese steamship Iro has been taken into Saigon by a French cruiser under suspicion of transporting munitions to mutineers in India, according to advices reaching the French minister here today.

Shaw's Play Suppressed

London, Nov. 16.—Bernard Shaw's newest play, "O'Flaherty, V. C." has been suppressed by the war censor. The play, which is based on recruiting, was scheduled for production in Dublin.

Still Battling for Serbia.

London, Nov. 16.—The fight for Serbia proceeds without abatement. While the Austro-Germans claim repeated successes, it is apparent that their progress is slow, the Serbians now having reached their mountain fortresses in central Serbia, and the roads or want of roads making it difficult for the invaders to bring up artillery.

In the south there is little or no change. In the district northwest of Uskup the Serbians still hold the Katchanik defile, barring the Bulgarians from the great plain of Kosovo. While southwest of Uskup a desperate struggle has taken place for Tetovo, which has changed hands several times. The Bulgarians captured Tetovo yesterday, but a report received at the Serbian legation tonight says the Serbians again have recaptured the town.

The Bulgarians are reported in great force southwest of Veles, where they hope to check the French advance on that town, and in the direction of Babuna pass, further west. There has been a revival of hard fighting on the western front. The Germans claim to have captured 300 rifles of a trench near Ecurie, while the French report the repulse of German attacks against the labyrinth of rtois and also against Tahure, in champagne.

The Russians continue their offensive.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., Nov. 15.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight and Wednesday is fair and warmer.

TEXAS FARMER SUICIDES

Young Farmer Near Snyder Ends Life as Result of Domestic Troubles. Snyder, Texas, Nov. 16.—Albert Cox, a young farmer, living near Camp Springs, east of here, killed himself late yesterday with a rifle. Domestic troubles are said to have been the cause of the suicide.

OFF TO WAR ZONE

Thirty-Six Surgeons and Thirty-Six War Nurses to Serve in Europe. Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 16.—Thirty-six surgeons and thirty-six nurses, comprising the second Harvard unit, will leave here late today to sail tomorrow for hospital service in the European war zone.

DALLAS LEADS FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS

EARNED MORE NET PROFITS DURING OCTOBER THAN ANY OTHER REGIONAL BANK IN RESERVE SYSTEM.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The federal reserve bank of Dallas during October earned more net profits than any other regional bank in the federal reserve system, according to a statement issued today by the federal reserve board.

Dallas' net earnings for October were \$16,772. Richmond was second in net earnings with \$16,739. New York's gross earnings of \$30,478 were the greatest, while Richmond was second in gross earnings, with \$26,872 and Dallas was third with \$25,642. Dallas' expenses were not so high as Richmond's. Chicago's gross earnings were \$23,232.

CITY WANTS PARCEL POST DELIVERY

BUT UNTIL VOLUME OF BUSINESS IS SUCH AS TO WARRANT THE EXPENDITURE, NONE WILL BE ESTABLISHED.

The question of a parcel post free delivery for the city has been agitating the minds of the citizens for some time, and several efforts have been launched to secure it for this city, but so far without success.

Congressman Carter has been in communication with the department on this subject for some time, and has been assured that as soon as the business of the city will warrant, the delivery will be established.

It costs a good deal to maintain this service, and until the volume of business is such as will warrant the expenditure, no city can hope to secure it, however much it might convene the people. It is predicted, however, that within the next year the service will be established in this city, as the volume of business is constantly increasing.

WARREN NOT CANDIDATE

Former Senator Will Not Be "Dry" Candidate for Governor.

Terrell, Tex., Nov. 16.—Former State Senator Robert L. Warren today announced that he is in no sense a candidate for governor, or other office.

This statement was made in response to published reports that he is being considered as the prohibition gubernatorial candidate in the next campaign. Warren declared that he had retired from politics.

New York state will produce 35,100,000 bushels of potatoes this year, as against more than 53,000,000 last year. The total production of the United States also falls off. New York produces this year about one-tenth of all potatoes grown in the United States.

MANY CLAIMS WERE FILED YESTERDAY

IT SEEMS THAT MANY HAVE DISCOVERED AILMENTS SINCE EXPLOSION THEY NEVER KNEW EXISTED.

It seems that a number of people have suddenly discovered that they suffered personal injury as a result of the recent explosion, although the discovery was not made until a very few days ago, and in some instances a few hours ago. As a result, 27 came forward on crutches and canes yesterday and, amid groans and lamentations, and the able coaching of "counsel for the plaintiff," filed their monikers or made their mark, and returned home to await the result.

The Santa Fe has shown a disposition to act "on the level" in all settlements with claimants in this city, and it is the general opinion that the claim agents will check up most of the late comers to the citizens' committee, the members of which are personally acquainted with them, and who, as a rule, are familiar with their previous condition, and let them say whether the claim is a just one or not. One member of the committee stated this morning that it was a "mortal cinch" that they will not stand for any holdup whatever, and some of the recalcitrant ones will have to show mighty good cause for complaint, or be turned down.

Up to last night, the claim agents had settled and closed 1,406 of the total number filed, and had hoped to settle all without calling on the committee to any general extent, but evidently they are going to be compelled to pass upon a few of the claims filed.

OPENING OF THE PALACE LAST NIGHT

MORE PEOPLE CAME THAN COULD BE SEATED, SUPERB MUSIC, GOOD VAUDEVILLE AND PRETTY CLOTHES.

The opening of the Palace theater last night by the Ardmore Amusement Company was made a society event. The people wore their handsome gowns, that is, the women folk did, and the men brushed up their old suits, bought fresh shaves and looked about as sweet as an Ardmore man can look. But the women were beautiful to behold. The bright little woman who occupied the office and sold tickets was handsomely dressed and the full dress suits of the show were in full display. Carnations that were shipped from Dallas by LeRoy Bickle, that picture show enthusiast who used to live here, were given to every guest of the Palace yesterday afternoon, and last night. Everybody went, but everybody did not buy a ticket. There was a good reason. The little woman who sold the tickets refused to do any wrong, and when the theater was full to overflowing, she refused to take the money. So there were some who wanted to see the new play house that went away disappointed.

The floral decorations were arranged by Woerz Bros., and the flowers were furnished by them. The decorations were all that could be desired. The pictures were good and the vaudeville act was especially good.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hudson took advantage of the occasion to entertain a large number of friends. They invited a large number of friends. They invited with choice seats at the theater and after the show all the seventy were taken to the Vencedora and served with refreshments. The evening was a delight to all who spent it at the theater and the visitors to the city declared the new play house to be a thing of beauty, a joy forever, and in credit to the city of Ardmore.

PROXY MARRIAGE LEGAL

Denver Girl and Man in Java Married Last January.

Denver, Colo., Nov. 16.—The proxy wedding enacted here last January between Miss Eugenia Catpwell of this city and John Peter Schoiton of Java, has been allowed to stand. The union was formed because the bride did not like the climate when she reached the tropical island. The ceremony was performed with David H. Fouse, a newspaper man, as proxy for the real bridegroom, who went through a similar ceremony in Java. Confirmation of the yows was made necessary by the Dutch law governing Java, so as to render the marriage legal.

ELKS' CLUB WAS TOUCHED LAST NIGHT

IVORY BILLIARD AND POOL BALLS AND VICTROLA RECORDS TAKEN BY UNKNOWN PARTIES AFTER CLOSING HOURS.

When the janitor of the Elks' club opened the doors this morning he discovered that someone had entered the club rooms after closing hours last night and had taken three ivory billiard balls, one ivory pool ball and about fifty dollars' worth of records for the Victrola.

How entrance was gained was a mystery this morning, but one of the members insisted last night that he heard someone walking in the dance hall above the reception parlors, but failed to discover anyone when an investigation was made.

The total value of the articles taken was estimated to be about \$100. The case was turned over to the city and county officials who are conducting an investigation.

DEESE RALLY MONDAY NIGHT AT SCHOOL

CARTER COUNTY HELPING IN THE CAMPAIGN TO DRIVE ILLITERACY FROM THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

The campaign started in the state for the purpose of driving illiteracy from the state is bearing fruit in Carter county. There is a movement on in Oklahoma, not only to give the child better educational advantages and to teach them to read and to write and such knowledge of arithmetic as is needed for ordinary business. This movement includes the moonlight school campaign and along with it goes a great enthusiasm for education.

One of the educational rallies was held last night at Deese, a few miles northwest of Ardmore. Deese is a small town, it has a good comfortable school building, it has some of the best prairie lands in the county in the district and a bunch of progressive farmers that would do credit to any state. John T. Spears has been elected to teach the school there this year. The patrons have raised the funds necessary for a nine months' school and three of these months were taught during the summer. The six months' term will be begun about the first of December. So, on Monday night, Prof. Spears had arranged for an educational rally. Supt. Richards of the Ardmore schools, M. L. Thurston, superintendent of the county schools and A. J. Hardy, county attorney, were there. All the visitors made speeches on the subject in hand, there were talks by the men and women of the Deese community. The house was crowded, and the fires of determination to drive illiteracy from the state, burned brightly.

BOND THE CITY FOR ANOTHER PIPE LINE

C. L. BYRNE HIT THE KEYNOTE YESTERDAY WHEN HE SAID: "BOND THE CITY AND LET US GRAB INDUSTRIES."

At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon, C. L. Byrne hit the keynote when he advocated the bonding of the city in order to build a pipe line to the gas fields to convey gas to this city, that it may be offered as an inducement to manufacturers to locate their plants in this city. The suggestion was offered after some discussion relative to cheap fuel and better roads to the oil fields. The secretary of the Chamber of Commerce showed the assembled business men what he was up against when he was confronted with the proposition of furnishing cheap fuel. Ardmore cannot compete with other cities unless it is in a position to meet competition, and with the present facilities for conveying gas, there is no chance to do so.

Mr. Byrne's suggestion met with the hearty approval of those present, and before the next meeting all legal phases of the question will be settled, and if possible, the city will be asked to build this line.

The question of voting bonds will meet with some opposition, according to the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, but not enough to defeat it. The city could afford to build this line, as it would be more than repaid for the outlay within a very short time, and would be the means of doubling the population. The city has a fine example of municipally-owned plants in its waterworks. The Ardmore water works are not only self-sustaining, but pay a major part of the other city expenses as well. One business man stated today that if Bob Dick had never done another thing for the city while mayor the citizens should erect a monument to him for building this magnificent water plant.

Secretary West stated this morning that he was very much pleased with the spirit shown at the meeting yesterday afternoon. It looks to him as if the citizens who are interested in the city are beginning to awake to the fact that they must do something if they hope to keep abreast of the times. He stated that he was not only in favor of bonds for a pipe line but was also in favor of bonding the townships traversed by the roads to the oil fields, and build a permanent highway, under state supervision, according to the new road law, in order to get state aid. The city in the past has raised many thousands of dollars by private contributions for repairs on the highways that has practically been wasted. The Chamber of Commerce and the best business men and farmers of this county are demanding permanent roads that may be traveled the year round, and the only way open to do this is through raising money by bonding.

All these questions will be up for discussion at the smoker to be held the night of the 29th but it is believed by that time some plan will have been evolved that will bring speedy results.

Canadian War Loan.

Ottawa, Nov. 16.—It is expected that within the next ten days or two weeks the Canadian war loan, which will be offered only in the Dominion of Canada, will be advertised. Financial institutions and the public will be especially invited by the minister of finance to participate in the loan.

CALL TO BANKS

Washington, Nov. 15.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for report of national banks at the close of business November 10.