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FRENCH AND BRITISH CONTINUE TO MAKE GAINS ON WEST FRONT

FRENCH GAINS ON SOMME FRONT AT MAUREPAS YESTERDAY FOLLOWED BY HEAVY GERMAN ATTACK LAST NIGHT.

Germans, However, Were Repulsed with Heavy Losses, According to Paris Statement—Ge. Also Made Unsuccessful Attack on Fleury During Night. Russians are Continuing Their Advance Along Entire Asiatic Front and Turks Have Already Evacuated Bitlis—Thiepval Clery on Western Front are Now Almost Surrounded by Troops of Entente Allies as Result of Yesterday's Advance Against the Germans—Russians Said to Have Massed Powerful Russian Army Near Roumanian Frontier to March on Bulgaria by Way of Dabrudja.

French gains on the Somme in the vicinity of Maurepas yesterday were followed by a heavy German counter attack last night. Paris claims today that the Germans were repulsed with heavy losses. On the Verdun front the Germans attacked Fleury during the night, but unsuccessfully.

It was announced from Petrograd today that the Russians have resumed their advance along the entire Asiatic front and that the Turks have evacuated Bitlis. The Russians have retaken the town of Mush in Armenia and captured 2,300 prisoners at Rachta.

The British and French armies made simultaneous gains yesterday on the western front, when Maurepas was completely occupied by the French troops, and the British made an advance of three yards south of Thiepval, and captured many prisoners. With the capture of Maurepas, the French now almost surround Clery, and the French troops are directly in front of the Comblès, an important railroad center.

Reports from Budapest say that the Russians are massing large forces along the Roumanian frontier with the intention of invading Bulgaria by way of Dabrudja. Powerful Roumanian forces are also gathering along the lower Danube.

The capture of Maurepas by the French is admitted in a German statement today.

A London war office bulletin says that after hard fighting on the Somme front, the British lines have been advanced several hundred yards near Delville wood.

Eight Killed by Zeppelins.

London, Aug. 25.—Eight persons were killed and thirty-six injured in the Zeppelin raid last night, when one hundred bombs were dropped, it was officially announced today. One of the Zeppelins reached the outskirts of London.

DEMOCRATS YIELD TO THE PROTESTS

PROPOSED STAMP TAX ON INSURANCE POLICIES, INCLUDE LIFE INSURANCE STRUCK FROM EMERGENCY REVENUE BILL.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 25.—The Democrats of the finance committee today, yielding to the protests from all parts of the country, struck out of the emergency revenue bill, the proposed stamp tax on insurance policies, which proposed a tax of one-half a cent on each dollar of premium on all policies, including life insurance.

WEATHER FORECAST
New Orleans, La., Aug. 25. —The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight and Saturday is fair.

MAY ADJOURN WITHIN WEEK

THE ADMINISTRATION FORCES IN CONGRESS WORKING TO ADJOURN CONGRESS.

WORK WILL BE RUSHED

Senate Leaders Plan to Pass General Deficiency Bill as Soon as it Comes From House, Then Pass Revenue Bill and Adjourn.

Washington, Aug. 25.—The administration leaders in congress today are planning adjournment for next Friday or Saturday.

Senator Simmons, chairman of the finance committee, said he believed this could be done unless unforeseen developments arose.

Their progress includes the intention to pass the general deficiency bill as soon as it comes from the house next Thursday, then pass the revenue bill and adjourn.

Pass Army Bill Again.

Washington, Aug. 25.—The army appropriation bill, which was once vetoed by President Wilson, was accepted by the house today with the revision approved by Wilson and the war department, and goes again to the president for his signature.

WILL ASK FOR BID FOR ERECTING NEW PLANT

CITY COMMISSIONERS MET THIS MORNING AND PASSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASK FOR BIDS ON NEW PUMPING PLANT.

This morning the Board of City Commissioners met and consulted with the engineers regarding the plans for the proposed pumping station to be erected at the city lake.

Bids will be asked for the erection and installation of this plant and also for dismantling the filtration plant southwest of the lake.

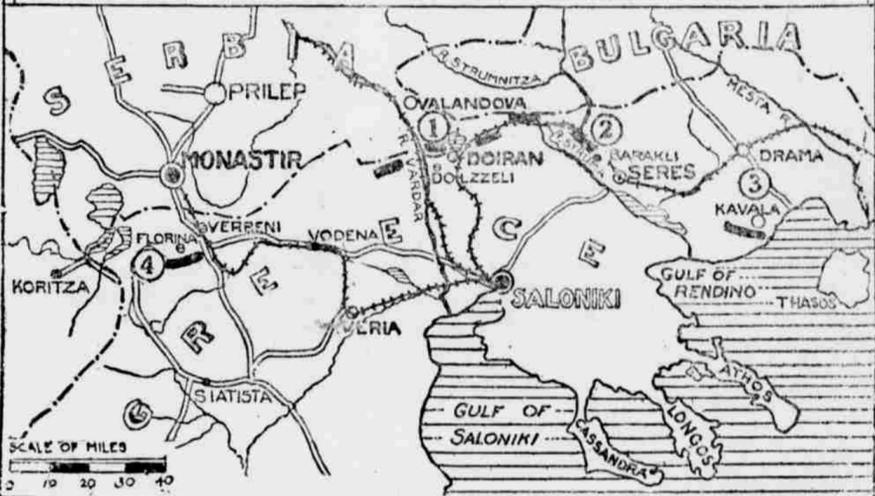
The new plant will be located on the north side of the lake, east of the dam, in a most commanding site. Nothing has been learned as to the disposition of the present equipment, whether any of it will be used in the new plant or not. The pumping pit of the present plant is below the surface of the lake, and the building has several times narrowly escaped inundation. In the absence of Mayor Mullen, Commissioner J. M. London is acting mayor.

Laura Nash, a negro, got tired of "his mundane sphere yesterday afternoon, and after purchasing her burial clothes, took a huge dose of cyanide and announced that she was ready to go to heaven. She is dead.

GREECE NOW BATTLEFIELD IN ALLIES' EFFORT TO ATTACK TEUTONS FROM ALL SIDES



ALLIED GENERALS ON SALONIKI FRONT



MAP OF OPERATIONS IN GREECE

The entente allied defensive on the Saloniki front is being pushed up in the center, although Teuton-Bulgarian attacks are being made on both flanks of the line as shown on the accompanying map. Anglo-French troops are operating northeast of Doiran (1) and have crossed the Struma and are attacking a line of Bulgarian positions west of Seres, the strongest point of which is at Barakli (2). Bulgarians who crossed the Metsa on Sunday have reached the port of Kavala (3). On the extreme left of the front the Serbians have taken some first line positions from the Bulgarians, but have lost the town of Banica, which is south of Florina (4). The heavy black squares on the map mark the approximate position of the battle front. The photograph shows General Milne, British; General Moschopolous, Greek; General Boyovitch, Serbian, and General Sarrail, French, inspecting troops. Serrail (marked with an X in the picture) is highest in command of the allies on this front.

WILSON CONFERS WITH BROTHERHOODS AND RAILROAD HEADS

HOURLY CONFERENCE AT WHITE HOUSE TODAY BETWEEN WILSON AND EMPLOYEES—RAILROAD HEADS THERE NOW.

Today's conferences were called to discuss proposals which have developed out of the original plan of settling the controversy—After conference between Wilson and the representatives of the Brotherhoods today, latter refused to discuss conference, other than their spokesman, who said situation remains unchanged—Some of Railroad Heads said to be opposed to eight-hour day under any conditions.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 25.—President Wilson summoned representatives of the employers and the employees involved in the threatened railroad strike to the White House today for a conference to discuss the proposals which have developed out of the original plan of settlement.

The employees saw the president at 10:30 and the employers later in the afternoon. The four brotherhoods' heads remained with the president for an hour and one-half, but would not make any statement on leaving.

"The situation, as far as we are concerned," said A. B. Garetson, spokesman for the employees, "is absolutely unchanged. No complete plan upon which the railroads agree has been tendered us. Our position

is the same as when we accepted the President's plan."

The strike negotiations have resolved themselves, outwardly at least, in to a more or less confused state. Expressions of optimism are lacking, and the feeling is general among the managers that the plan to include an eight-hour day will be found impractical.

EPIDEMIC NOW DECLINING.

Another Big Drop in Number of New Cases and Death in New York.

New York, Aug. 25.—The infantile paralysis epidemic showed another big drop today in the number of new cases and deaths. Twenty-two fatalities and ninety-four new cases were recorded for the twenty-four hours. This is the lowest number in months.

Odd Fellows meet tonight promptly at 8 o'clock. Degree work.

ESTIMATES OF LOCAL COTTON RECEIPTS

LOCAL COTTON MEN ARE LOOKING FOR THE TOTAL TO REACH ABOVE THE FIFTEEN-THOUSAND BALE MARK.

Estimates by cotton buyers in this city so far received place the total to be marketed from wagons in this city this season at considerably above that received last year, when the crop fell below the ten thousand mark.

Most of the buyers interviewed place their figures around the fifteen-thousand-bale mark and according to the present outlook their figures will not be far wrong.

The railroads have cut off a lot of the wagon receipts that formerly came to this city, which at one time was the largest inland cotton market in the world, but a majority of the growers would market their cotton here in spite of this fact if the roads of the county were passable during the fall and winter months. This is a grave question that is being agitated by the business men of the city, and will come to a showdown when the Board of County Commissioners next convene and the question of voting a bond issue is brought up.

The head of a new rake is so equipped with a spring that all the material is quickly emptied by a back stroke.

MORAN-MORRIS FIGHT STOPPED

OKLAHOMA AUTHORITIES WILL NOT PERMIT BIG FIGHT SCHEDULED FOR LABOR DAY.

VIOLATION OF LAW

Attorney General Freeling Issues Orders to Sheriff and County Attorney of Tulsa County Not to Permit the Fight.

Oklahoma City, Aug. 25.—Attorney General Freeling today issued orders to the sheriff and county attorney of Tulsa county and to the mayor of Tulsa not to allow the Moran-Morris fight to take place there on Labor Day.

According to the attorney general, the staging of this fight would be in direct violation of the state laws.

GABE PARKER'S NAME USED ON FORGED CHECK

INDIAN OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT A WHOLESALE FRAUD IS IN CONTEMPLATION—MAY STOP PAYMENT.

Muskogee, Okla., Aug. 24.—Indian officials Thursday received reports that government checks are being forged and put in circulation in the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations where a nine-million-dollar per capita payment is in progress. The first of these alleged spurious checks was presented at a bank at Coalgate on Monday. This was filled out in the sum of \$50 and was presented by an Indian for payment. Federal officers believe that the attempt to put it in circulation was premature and that a gang of counterfeiters had planned to use the payment as a means of defrauding the government out of thousands of dollars.

The purported signature of Gabe E. Parker, superintendent, was affixed to the check presented at Coalgate.

At the Five Tribes offices Thursday it was said that none of the spurious checks had turned up except at Coalgate, so far as the officials were informed. The situation is regarded as serious. It is generally known that the biggest of Indian payment is in progress and merchants and bankers could be made victims.

The incident recalls the epidemic of bad checks passed in the oil country two or three years ago. Someone got out an issue of Prairie Oil and Gas company checks which were cashed, and several thousand dollars secured from merchants.

MEXICANS ON COMMISSION COME SUNDAY

MEXICAN MEMBERS OF COMMISSION TO SETTLE BORDER DIFFERENCES START FOR NEW YORK SUNDAY.

Mexico City, Aug. 25.—The members of the Mexican commission to the conferences in the United States for a settlement of the differences between the two countries, agreed at a conference today to leave for the United States Sunday. They declined to discuss their instructions.