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RUSSIANS ADMIT LOSS OF CONSTANZA AND MERJIDIE

FIELD MARSHAL VON MACKENSEN'S ARMY OCCUPIED THOSE TWO TOWNS IN DOBRUDJA YESTERDAY, PETROGRAD ADMITS.

Russian Statement Says Russian and Rum[illegible]n Troops Driven From These Towns Have Occupied Hei[illegible] North of These Two PointsSerbians Operaitng in the [illegible]a Region on Macedonian Front Have Won New Success[illegible] Says Paris—Counter Attacks Launched by Bulgarians [illegible]e Stopped by the Serbian Artillery—Both French and G[illegible]an Artillery Forces Were Busy Last Night South of [illegible]e Somme River, Where the Artillery Duel Raged in the Biacres-Ablaincourt Region—No Infantry Action on French Front Last Night.

The occupation of Constanza and Merjidie in Dobrudja, which Field Marshal von Mackensen captured yesterday, is announced by the Russian war office today.

Under hostile pressure, the statement says, the Russian and Rumanian troops retired to the heights north of these places.

The Serbian troops, operating in the Cerna region on the Macedonian front, have won new successes, according to a Paris announcement.

The counter attacks launched by the Bulgarians were stopped by the Serbian artillery.

The French and German artillery forces were busy last night south of the Somme, where an artillery duel raged in the Biaches-Ablaincourt region.

There was no infantry action on the French front on the Somme last night, the statement says.

British Get More Trenches.

London, Oct. 24.—More than one thousand yards of German trenches near Guoudecourt and Les Boeufs, north of the Somme, have been captured by the British.

SEVENTEEN MEN DROWNED.

Steamer Victim of Tropical Hurricane October 15. Three Saved.

New Orleans, Oct. 23.—Seventeen members of the crew of the steamer L. Edward Hines, including Captain F. M. McKeKige Jr. of New York, were drowned when the steamer was sunk in the Caribbean sea, 45 miles east of Belize, British Honduras, in the tropical hurricane on October 15, according to a wireless message received here today from its eBlize agents by the Otis Manufacturing company, which had the steamer under charter. Only three members of the crew were saved, the message stated.

Federal Hand in Strike.

New York Oct. 23.—Federal mediators have intervened in an effort to settle the strike of motormen and conductors who were employed on New York's transit lines, according to announcement made last night by William B. Fitzgerald, general organizer of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employes, under whose direction the strike was called. Mr. Fitzgerald said he had placed the strikers' case in the hands of the federal officers.

Lumbermen Here.

E. C. Collins, who was with C. A. Sammons in the lumber business in this city for years but who is now in the same line of business at Durant, was here today on a business trip. Mr. Collins sold his home place in this city but has purchased other property here and is expecting to see Ardmore grow faster now than it ever grew before.

Now turn to the want ads.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., Oct. 24.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is unsettled with rain. Wednesday unsettled.

DIRECTORS OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HOLD MEETING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND HEAR REPORTS OF IMPORTANT COMMITTEES. DEPOT QUESTION SETTLED.

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce met yesterday afternoon for the purpose of hearing reports from several important committees and suggest future plans for the welfare of the city. The transportation committee was the first to respond with the following report:

"We your committee on transportation recommend that a permanent macadam toll road be built from Ardmore to the oil fields and that papers of incorporation for an amount sufficient to construct the road be immediately filed and work commenced at the earliest possible moment. We your committee will, if this is approved, get to work on disposing of the stock and building the road."

(Signed) Wirt Franklin, chairman; J. E. Hamilton, B. A. Simpson, Barney Feagin, Denny Fitzgerald, members of the committee.

In making the report Mr. Franklin stated that regardless of any railroad facilities to the field this road should be built and that if the board of directors approved of the plan he and his committee would "do the work" The report was immediately adopted.

The matter of accepting the revised plans of the Santa Fe depot was disposed of by accepting the report of the committee which favored it. I. M. Putnam, however, vigorously opposed acceptance, still maintaining his original position that the depot should be larger and built with a view to meeting future conditions. Considerable time was consumed on this matter, but when the final vote was taken Mr. Putnam was the only one to vote No. "It's not a matter of opposing the Santa Fe. That road deserves the utmost consideration and gratitude of this city, but we do not have to surrender a principle to do this. I think yet that we could show them where they could give us a much better and commodious structure at little extra cost."

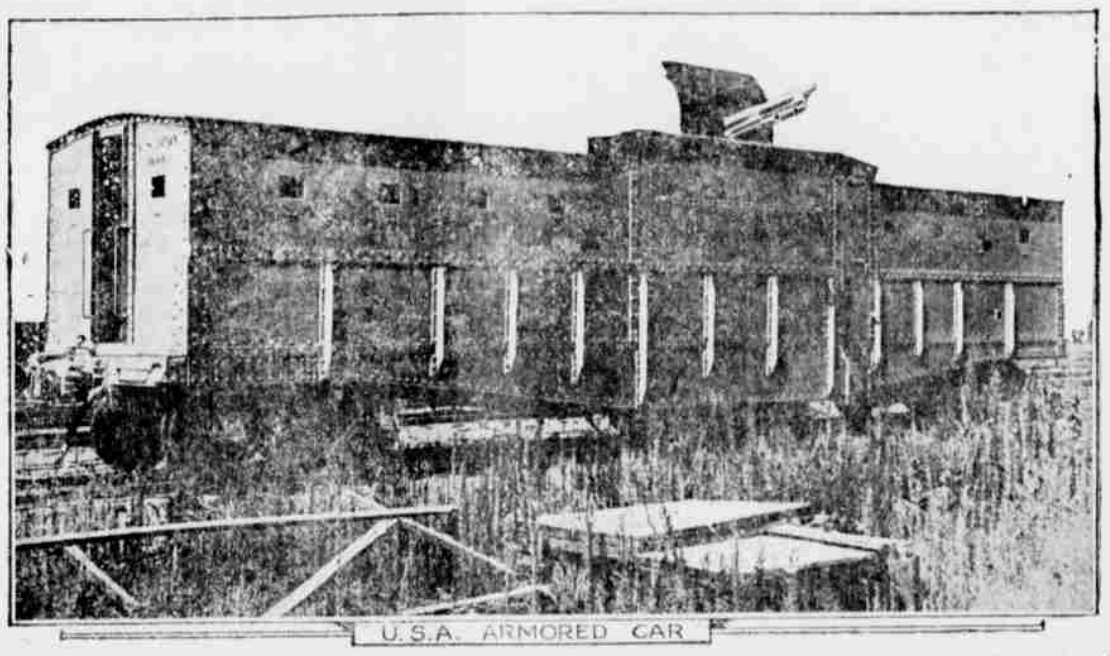
The band committee headed by Arthur Adams made its report and asked that the Chamber of Commerce guarantee the committee $2,500 a year for this purpose. Mr. Adams stated that the committee could secure a man of national reputation as a director and composer and that the band would be made self sutaining. The matter of financing the band was referred to the committee, which will make another report.

The following members of the board of directors were present: S. A. Apple, Perry Maxwell, B. A. Simpson, Barney Feagin, Wirt Franklin, J. E. Hamilton, I. M. Putnam, K. Dyer.

Returned From Galveston.

W. T. Roberts and Ed Shields, who motored to Galveston, have returned. They visited all the prominent cities of Texas and had a very enjoyable trip. Their auto gave them no trouble whatever.

UNITED STATES ARMY'S ARMORED CAR MEETS TESTS OF ORDNANCE EXPERTS



U.S.A. ARMORED CAR

The first armored railway car ever built for the United States army was satisfactorily tested by army ordnance experts at the Sandy Hook proving grounds. The car, which is of forty tons, mounts on its top one 3-inch field gun and has ports in its armored sides from which twenty machine guns can be operated, was designed by the corps of engineers and was built in Indiana. The car was completed and delivered in just twenty-seven days after the order was placed, and $1,000,000, it is said, will purchase and equip about twenty trains of ten cars each.

The car has been described as a moving block house, built of heavy steel and intended for patrol work and for action against mobile troop organizations. It is not intended to resist artillery fire, although shell proof cars are also said to be a matter of study in the army at present. As a matter of fact, one gondola car which mounts a single 4.7 inch howitzer is now at Sandy Hook waiting to be tested. This car was built by the ordnance department of the army.

The tested car is officially known as a light armored car, and the single three-inch gun which will be operated from it is mounted in a well on the top and in the center of the car. The gun well may also be used as a fighting top for troops using either machine guns or rifles. The twenty machine gun ports in the car are arranged eight to a side and two at each end. In addition, there are six observation ports. The car may be entered through steel doors from either side and from both ends.

The interior of the car is divided into three compartments, the two end ones being those from which the machine guns will be operated, while the center space will be used as the ammunition room. About twenty men are required to man the car, but in an emergency twelve could keep all of its guns in action. The car weighs about 80,000 pounds, is about 48 feet long and is operated on two sets of long, 10 feet wide and is operated on two sets of heavy trucks.

POLICE WILL GO AFTER ALL SPEEDERS

ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO DRIVE RECKLESSLY PAST SCHOOL HOUSES WHERE CHILDREN ARE LIABLE TO INJURY.

For some time Superintendent C. W. Richards of the city schools has been hoping that drivers of automobiles would use a little precaution when passing school buildings, in order that they might not injure children who were on their way to school, but inasmuch as the reckless ones pay little or no attention to the safety of others, yesterday afternoon he appealed to the police department and in the future there will be a lot of surprised individuals haled in the city court for reckless driving.

Assistant Chief of Police Will Frasher assured Superintendent Richards yesterday that he would personally see that the speeders would be arrested and further see that when they were brought into the city court and fined that that fine would not be remitted.

The city attorney has been instructed to draft an ordinance covering the traffic laws of the city. City officials state that the one now in force is not even a good "chimney corner law" and cannot be enforced. They say that in the future drivers will have to comply with the very letter of the law and that the young children of the city will have to secure a permit before they are permitted to drive a car at all.

This drastic measure is becoming necessary from the fact that the number of cars in the city is rapidly increasing and that the congested down town districts are extremely hard to navigate even by an experienced driver.

The city attorney will have the new ordinance ready to present to the Board of City Commissioners when it meets tonight.

Are Shipping Mules.

The second car of mules within the past two weeks passed through here today from west Texas to Ringling, consigned to K. and R. Tucker. Tucker Bros. are of the opinion that there will be a big demand for farm work stock next spring and they are preparing themselves to supply the demand.

MANDAMUS PROCEEDINGS DISMISSED

PRUITT AND WALKER CASE WILL BE HEARD BEFORE JUDGE FREEMAN — CASE WILL BE TRIED AT THIS TERM.

The mandamus proceedings prayed for in the criminal court of appeals by James H. Mathers, who as attorney for Carl Pruitt and Tom Walker sought to have Judge Freeman removed from sitting on the case have been dismissed and Judge Freeman will preside when the case comes to trial.

The reason assigned was the fact that the court did not wish to establish a precedent of removing district judges at the behest of those who desired their removal, sometimes for personal and not legal causes, and after due consideration of the facts by Attorney Mathers he decided to ask for its dismissal.

This case which involves some prominent citizens of this county will come up for trial some time during the present session of court.

At midnight last night the jury in the case of the State vs. Dave Slate, returned a verdict of guilty and assessed the punishment at six years in the penitentiary.

This is the case wherein the plaintiff is said to have waylaid and shot one R. R. Roland near Roundup last June after a difficulty arising over the possession of some farming tools. The defendant and deceased were distant relatives, but it is alleged that they have been at outs for some time.

The verdict of the jury was a surprise to all attorneys who have followed the case closely. They predicted that the punishment would be much heavier than assessed by the jury.

Today the case of the State vs. Fate Carruthers, charged with attempting the theft of an automobile is on trial.

Visiting From Washington.

George W. Ritewig of the bureau of animal industry, Washington, D. C., is here on a brief visit with his half brother, John R. Dexter. Mr. Dexter and his guest were in the oil fields yesterday. Mr. Ditewig visited the Fort Worth packing plants in an official capacity and took advantage of the trip to stop over in Ardmore.

ARE YOU GOING TO HELP WITH YOUR DOLLAR?

ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT FOR YOU TO DO YOUR PART IN RE-ELECTING PRESIDENT WILSON TO OFFICE.

There remains only a few days for southern Oklahoma democrats to send their contributions to The Ardmoreite to help pay the campaign expenses of President Wilson. There are thousands of democrats in southern Oklahoma who could well afford to contribute $1. Will you do it? Don't delay—send your dollar today.

Following is the amount previously contributed: $55.50

Contributed Today:

M. C. Boatright, Ardmore..... 1.00

BUFFALO BILL IS STRONG FOR PRES. WILSON

FAMOUS FRONTIERSMAN AND LIFELONG REPUBLICAN SAYS HE'S FOR WILSON; AND THAT HUGHES WON'T DO.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Oct. 24. — The greatest rough rider of them all, "Buffalo Bill" himself, has come out for President Wilson's re-election. Colonel Cody is a great admirer of that other eminent colonel and rough rider but he cannot unite with Theodore Roosevelt in endorsing Mr. Hughes.

"Buffalo Bill" had always been a republican until a few years ago, when he lined up with the progressives. How he stands this year is shown by a characteristic telegram sent by him from Kingston, N. C., to Frank L. Houx, secretary of state of Wyoming. Colonel Cody's announcement reads:

"Hughes can't ride Woodrow. He is pulling leather already, and will be disqualified. BILL CODY."

Colonel Cody has never been a democrat before, but he knows a real president.

WILSON IS GAINING IN THE NORTH

CHAS. F. COLCORD GIVES A VERY INTERESTING STATEMENT CONCERNING NATIONAL POLITICS. OIL MAN LIKES ARDMORE.

"The election November 7 promises to be a Wilson victory," said Charles F. Colcord last night at the Randol hotel. Mr. Colcord is the owner of the Colcord building in Oklahoma City and is one of the largest oil operators and refiners in the state.

"My health compelled me to spend the summer in the north," said Mr. Colcord, "and I had plenty of time to study the political situation and took advantage of every opportunity presented to get a line on the sentiment in the national election. Every time I stepped into a train I talked with the conductor. I found every one of these men for Wilson. Some of them are life-long Republicans but they are for Wilson this time. I learned further that there are 400,000 of these men solidly lined up and counting their families and those dependent upon them and they have a million votes for the Democratic nominee.

"I have not only investigated what the probable political course that labor would take but I have talked to old men and young men alike in all the walks of life. I find that they have great confidence in the leadership of Wilson, they believe he will maintain peace, they believe he saved the country from financial panic when the war began and that he will be able to prevent another threatened panic when war ends. They say with one accord that he has accomplished what he set out to accomplish, he has done these great things with honor and without financial loss and bloodshed.

"In the early summer I found some opposition to his Mexican policy. There were those who thought the Mexicans should be made to feel the power of our country in the line of battle, but that was a first thought. The second thought was the sober one, the reasonable one. The people came to realize that the Mexican depredations were being committed by a few outlaws and that we had no more right to judge the great republic by these men than Canada would have a right to judge us by a bank robber that might hold up and rob a Canadian bank. The people I have been among this summer say that the president was a better judge of the Mexican situation than they themselves were and they are proud of his leadership. They express appreciation of the courage of the man who can go against and win out over what seemed at the time to be a clamor for war.

"In addition to these people from the common walks of life I have had abundant opportunity to touch manufacturers and bankers in the east. I have come in personal contact with Boston and New York bankers, I have seen business men of Philadelphia. I have seen cotton mill men of the south and cotton goods brokers of New York. I was somewhat surprised at the attitude of these men. I had been led by newspaper reports to believe that big business is for Hughes, but I must confess I did not find it so. Business is looking for safety and itregards Wilson as safe. Hughes, they say, is an unknown quantity. They say he has preached from the stump what no American can really believe in, that the entire Democratic slate should be wiped clean when really there have been some very wholesome laws passed. Hughes understands that as well as any man and he is warping his own personal views and should he be elected he would be months in adjusting his acts to his own real manner of thinking. He would try to make good on the outline laid down by his speches and that would result in an entire change in legislation and the country is not ready for any readjustment.

"War came like a clap of thunder

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