

BALKAN LEAGUE NOT ASSURED

Serbia Not Ready to Concede All Demands Made by Bulgaria.

BREAKING POINT IS OVER MACEDONIA

Bulgars Want All of Territory and Serbs Will Refuse to Cede Entire Province—Friendly Neutrality or War on Side of Entente Allies Momentous Question—Great Struggle Continues on All Fronts.

London, Sept. 4.—In the absence of marked changes on any of the battle fronts the English public has again turned its attention to the diplomatic situation in the near east and to rumors of tentative movements toward peace negotiations.

It is announced officially at Nish that the final draft of Serbia's answer to the note of the quadruple entente is ready and will be presented shortly. It is presumed here that the reply on the whole will be favorable in regard to concessions to Bulgaria, although little hope is entertained that Serbia will grant her late enemy all the territory demanded in Macedonia.

Advices from Sofia indicate that unless the whole of Macedonia is conceded there is little chance of re-establishment of the Balkan league. It is pointed out in official circles at the Bulgarian capital that compliance with the program of the entente allies means actual participation in the war, while agreement to the appeals of the central powers implies merely friendly neutrality expressed in permitting the shipment thru Bulgaria of arms and other war supplies for the Turks.

Great Struggle Continues. While diplomats are seeking to engage the sphere of the war, and while talk of peace is in the air, the great struggle continues along all fronts without interruption. The Russians are fighting desperately along the Dvina, protecting the shortest road to Petrograd. They are developing a counter offensive before Vilna, which evidently is designated as the chief field marshal Von Hindenburg's right flank.

French artillery is pounding the German trenches along the western front.

Germany Denies Lines Are Broken. Berlin, Sept. 4.—"Rumors that the French and British have succeeded in breaking thru the German lines at Arras are absolutely untrue," says the Overseas News Agency. "To the contrary the German line in the west are more secure than was the case several months ago. It is evident that rumors of this nature are being spread by Germany's enemy to influence public sentiment."

Pressing Toward Riga. Berlin via London, Sept. 4.—The German army engaged in the battle for possession of the Russian port of Riga has won another important victory. Army headquarters announced today the capture of the bridge head at Friederichstadt on the Dvina about forty miles below Riga. The Germans captured 37 officers and 3,325 men.

Violent Artillery Duels. Paris, Sept. 4.—Particularly violent artillery engagements took place yesterday to the northeast and to the south of Arras and at other points between the Oise and the Aisne, according to announcement made today by the French war office.

Germany Launches Super-Submarines. Berlin, Sept. 4.—A dispatch from Christiania states that a German submarine of a new type, far larger than any previous vessels of this character, has been observed off the northwestern coast of Norway. This is regarded in Berlin as confirming reports that Germany is about to place in commission super-submarines, far exceeding the best of her other submarines.

MARTIAL LAW IN HAITI. Admiral Caperton Proclaims U. S. Military Rule For Island Republic. Port Au Prince, Haiti, Sept. 4.—Rear Admiral Caperton, in command of the American expeditionary forces, today proclaimed martial law at Port Au Prince and other districts occupied by American troops.

No Disorders Reported. Washington, Sept. 4.—Rear Admiral Caperton notified the navy department today that he had declared martial law in Port Au Prince and vicinity. He acted in pursuance of his general orders to do whatever was necessary to preserve peace. No unusual disorders were reported and the action was regarded as a precautionary one against threats of the natives.

BARK W. T. LEWIS STILL AFLOAT. Ship Attacked by Submarine Does Not Sink—Is Waterlogged. London, Sept. 4.—Word was received at Lloyd's today that the British bark William T. Lewis, owned in San Francisco, is still afloat. She is waterlogged.

Russ Retreat Described as Masterpiece of Terrifying Devastation

Geneva, Switzerland, Wednesday, Sept. 1, via Paris, Sept. 4.—(Delayed in transmission). The Lausanne Gazette published a letter from an Austrian officer fighting on the eastern front in which he says: "The Russian retreat is a masterpiece of terrifying devastation, which recalls the retreat of 1812. There is an immense area of flames behind the retreating Russian armies, caused by burning houses and crops. General Mischken is followed by well organized detachments of Cossacks, whose duty it is to burn everything behind the army. They accomplish their task implicitly. "When the Honveds tried to enter Krylow in pursuit of the Russians every street was aflame. They were unable to pass thru the huge furnace and lost many hours by going around the town by indirect roads. "When the Austro-Hungarians arrived at Vladimir-Volynskiy they found the town burning, and the town of Verba was also blazing. Every village on the Volynskiy plain as far as Kovel was in flames. The Austro-Hungarian troops had no shelter for days. "The roads are indescribably cut up and obstructed. Convoys arrived a day and a half late. It would take fifty soldiers to draw one car out of a mud hole. Thousands of men worked on repairs on allways from Sokol to Vladimir-Volynskiy, and if the road had not been repaired in time we would have met with disaster."

FOURTEEN START IN ST. PAUL AUTO DERBY

Star Pilots Compete in 500 Mile Race at New Automobiles—Earl Cooper Leads at Fifty Miles—Burman is Forced Out.

Port Snelling, Minn., Sept. 4.—Promptly at noon Starter Wagner sent on their way the fourteen cars entered in today's 500 mile automobile race.

Resta, Anderson, Cooper and DePalma comprised the first squad to leave, the others following at periods of ten seconds. Ideal weather prevailed.

One car, No. 10, was withdrawn just before the start of the race. Its driver, O'Donnell, however, took the wheel of car No. 7, and alternated in the driving position with Henderson, the regular driver.

At the end of the first fifty miles Earl Cooper led the field. His time was 33 minutes 7 seconds, for this distance. Cooper was being crowded by Anderson. Burman, after holding the lead for nearly thirty miles, suffered a broken engine valve and was forced to withdraw from the race.

At the end of 100 miles Anderson led, closely followed by Cooper. Anderson had driven this distance at an average speed of 90.81 miles an hour. DePalma, in third place, at this point was forced out of the race at the end of 102 miles by a broken pump in his machine. Resta was in fourth place up to this time. Ralph Mulford was forced out of the race by a broken spring, after covering 118 miles. He had been in sixth place. Henning also was out with a broken valve at this point.

At 150 miles Cooper had again jumped into the lead, taking it from his team mate, Anderson. His average speed for this distance was 89.19 miles an hour. Ralph DePalma went into second position, Anderson third.

CONVENTION TO REPORT. Proposed Revisions in New York State Constitution to be Submitted. Albany, N. Y., Sept. 4.—New York's constitutional convention, which convened April 7, suspended all rules and prepared to finish drawing its proposals so they may be submitted to the revision committee late tonight or tomorrow. Several important subjects remained to be acted upon today.

Foremost among these was the proposal to permit legislative enactment of a living wage law for women and children, and the placing of victims of occupational diseases under the workmen's compensation act.

In its closing hours today the constitutional convention refused to abolish the death penalty and voted to raise the salary of the governor of New York from \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year, effective Jan. 1, 1917.

The proposal to permit juries in first degree murder cases to decide whether convicted persons should be electrocuted or sentenced to life imprisonment, was beaten by a decisive vote.

PEACE TALK NOT WELL RECEIVED

London Newspapers Make Bitter Comment Regarding German Move.

OFFICIALS SAID TO BE TALKING HEED

Evidence That "Proper Peace Overtures" Would Be Received and Considered by British Government—Hope of Pope Benedict Is That United States Will Move to Secure Consent to Conference Between Belligerents.

London, Sept. 4.—Reports from Washington that efforts in the direction of peace negotiations are receiving impetus from German sources are commented on generally by London newspapers which take the view that if such a movement has been launched it is with the object of procuring diplomatic and financial support from neutrals.

"There is no doubt," says the Pall Mall Gazette, "that a mockery of peace is to form the theme for a widespread peace campaign in neutral countries."

Altho it has been established rather definitely that London has no part in the initiation of formal peace discussions, it is explained that official circles are interested keenly in news of activities in this direction.

There are straws in the winds which indicate that what are designated as "proper peace overtures" on the part of Germany would meet with consideration. However, the general public, not so well informed as is the government, probably will regard such overtures as premature.

POPE CONTINUES HOPEFUL

Seeks Co-operation of United States to Secure Peace.

Washington, Sept. 4.—Efforts of Pope Benedict to bring about peace conference in Europe continued an absorbing subject today in official circles here. Press dispatches from Rome quote the pope as expressing the belief that the United States is now in a position to address both groups of belligerents on the matter of peace with the possibility of inducing them to take the preliminary steps which would lead to negotiations for the cessation of the war, attracted considerably by attention in a conference of the pope's representatives in Rome.

The pope's statement confirms reports in Catholic circles here that he was hopeful that the United States might make an effort to get the belligerent nations to sign an agreement to enter a peace conference. The belief was expressed by prominent Catholics here that the pope's address would be a powerful factor in the settlement of the financial condition of the leading belligerents would compel consideration of peace overtures before the opening of another winter campaign.

SHORT DAY FOR OIL EMPLOYEES

Twenty-five Thousand Men in New Jersey Benefit by Standard Order.

New York, Sept. 4.—Announcement of the adoption of an eight hour day by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey was made here yesterday on behalf of the board of directors of that concern. Twenty-five thousand workers were said to be affected by the order, which would become effective Sept. 15.

The employees in New Jersey heretofore have been working on an average of ten hours a day. The announcement reads: "In accordance with the policies of this company to keep its wages and working conditions equal to, or in advance of, the wages and working conditions of other men doing a similar class of work, it has been decided to adopt the eight hour day. This change will be made without loss to the men. As it will be necessary to make certain change in the present methods of conducting the plants, the eight hour day will become effective on Sept. 15."

BRITAIN TO GET U. S. LOAN.

Bankers Arranging Credit of \$500,000,000 Foreign Exchange Rates Rally.

Villard, Ex-German, Deplores Movement to Form Clans in U. S.

Stockbridge, Mass., Sept. 4.—Oswald Garrison Villard, publisher of the New York Evening Post, in an address before the Laurel Hill Association here today, declared that the movement among American citizens of foreign, especially German, descent to form bodies apart from the citizenship, presented a far-reaching domestic issue which the American people must conquer.

Mr. Villard said an important factor in the continuance of the American "melting pot" lay in educating immigrants to the proper duties of citizenship.

He said he was "born on German soil, of a German father." Foreigners becoming American citizens should be made to understand, Mr. Villard said, that there can be no divided citizenship or loyalty or allegiance under the American flag; that no one can accept political obligations here while at heart loyal to another social system, another entity or another code of laws.

Such a sum would be too great for rapid digestion in the opinion of some authorities.

FIVE PERISH IN ORPHANAGE FIRE

St. Francis Girls' Directory at San Francisco Destroyed—Bravery of Nuns Saves Many Lives—Children Marched Out of Building.

San Francisco, Sept. 4.—Fire destroyed the St. Francis girls' directory, a Catholic orphanage near here, early today, with the loss of at least five lives. When the fire was discovered the children were marched out of the building. They were quartered in nearby homes and it was believed that all had escaped.

The first search of the ruins disclosed the body of Elizabeth O'Brien, 4 years old, and four others. Fifty-two children and several blind and aged women were housed in the four-story frame building. They were awakened by the flames and only the heroism of the nuns prevented greater casualties.

It was finally established that only five perished. Another body identified was that of Katherine O'Brien, Elizabeth's sister. The remaining three were burned beyond recognition.

TO OUST RED TAPE.

Orders Efficiency Investigation as Result of Charges by Senator Kern.

Washington, Sept. 4.—As a result of the disclosures made in an investigation of the affairs of the internal revenue bureau Secretary McAdoo has appointed a committee to investigate the efficiency of the bureau. The committee is headed by W. P. Malburn, assistant secretary of the treasury.

The investigation into the internal revenue bureau was made after charges of inefficiency were presented to the secretary by two employes last year. These charges were investigated by a committee of internal revenue employes, the committee's findings have never been made public.

The present investigation is said to have been ordered largely as a result of the insistence of Senator Kern, of Indiana, who was interested in the internal revenue bureau investigation last year. Senator Kern believes the government has been deceived by the various fiscal bureaus, and particularly in the income tax division of the internal revenue bureau, is losing millions of dollars annually in taxes.

BORDER WAR IS CAUSING ALARM

Situation Viewed With Increasing Apprehension in Washington.

ALL MOBILE TROOPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Report of Concentration of Mexican Soldiers Across Rio Grande Lacks Official Confirmation—Meeting of Pan-American Conference Delayed to Give Carranza Ample Time to Reply to Peace Appeal.

Washington, Sept. 4.—State department officials said today they had no advice to substantiate current reports that Mexican troops were concentrating along the border in northeast Mexico, altho the situation is viewed with increasing apprehension. Practically all the mobile forces of the regular army are at the disposal of General Funston.

The Pan-American conference have decided to wait a few days before meeting again in order to give Carranza ample opportunity to reply to their appeal for a general conference. His representatives here believe a rejection of the appeal will be forwarded soon.

Formal notice that the signers of the Pan-American appeal for peace in Mexico acted in their official capacities as representatives of their governments in affixing their names to the document was on its way today to General Carranza.

Reply to Carranza's Query. The committee in answer to Carranza's inquiry as to whether the signers of the appeal were acting in their personal capacities or for their governments. It was sent by Secretary Lansing, speaking for the other diplomats who signed the document.

Official here today awaited some indication as to what, if any, effect the reply will have on Carranza's response to the appeal itself. The date for holding another meeting of the Pan-American conference probably will not be fixed pending receipt of Carranza's reply.

President Wilson has cabled the president of Brazil his appreciation of the work done for the United States in Mexico by Senor Don J. M. Cordero de Oliveira, Brazilian minister to Mexico City.

Stray Bullets Kill Women.

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 4.—A special to the Light from its correspondent with the border troops says: "A posse of citizens led by Sheriff Vann, of San Benito, in approaching a small native house at Cavazos, four miles west of Old Hidalgo, Tex. This report was received at Fort Brown this morning from Captain McCoy, commanding United States cavalry at Mission, Tex. They also fired on a party of Texas Rangers near the same place. All available cavalry is being rushed to the scene.

Carranza Consul J. E. Garza, of Brownsville, told Col. R. L. Bullard, commanding the border patrol here this morning that the firing on an American aeroplane near here yesterday was the work of enemies of General Carranza who sought to bring about trouble between the United States and Carranza. Garza said he had requested General Carranza to place a strong patrol on the Mexican side to stop the border raids.

Rangers Kill Seven Mexicans. Seven Mexicans were killed in a battle this afternoon between Texas Rangers on the American side, and the Mexicans, believed to be Carranza soldiers, on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande, near Old Hidalgo, Tex. The battle was still raging at 2 o'clock.

There are said to have been forty Mexicans in the original party. They fired across the Rio Grande this morning on a Texas ranchman, near where the fighting is being waged this afternoon. No one on the American side had been killed when the last report was received here.

Cardinal Vasary Dead. London, Sept. 4.—The death of Cardinal Claudius Francis Vasary is announced in a dispatch to the Central News from Amsterdam today.

Five Autoists Hurt. Special to Times-Republican. Iowa City, Sept. 4.—Former Alderman Carl Gaulocher and five companions were injured, when an automobile turned turtle at a turn in the highway near North Liberty last night.

T-R BULLETIN NEWS OF THE DAY

The Weather. Sun rises Sept. 2, 5:59; sets at 6:28. Iowa — Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; not much change in temperature.

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Markets and General: Selling by Longs Weakens Wheat. Favorable Weather Sends Corn Lower. Cattle Trade Steady. Hog Prices Hold. Lansing Breaks Into Lamefit. ANDERSON LEADS GARDNER. Easterner 1 Up on Western Rival For Detroit, Mich., Sept. 4.—John G. Anderson, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., led Robert A. Gardner, of Chicago, 1 up, when the forenoon half of their thirty-six hole match for the national amateur golf championship had been completed. Gardner easily outdrove the easterner, but the former's extremely poor putts lost him four holes. Each went out in 29, and they were even at the turn. Anderson came in at 71, one stroke more than par, and Gardner took 38.

The contest was almost featureless. The men were adverse to taking chances and each generally required two putts to complete a hole. Four times Gardner seemed certain to tie or force ahead of his eastern rival but his putts, three feet or less from the cup, failed to go down.

Anderson and Gardner began their afternoon round early, play being resumed at 1 o'clock. Threatening weather cut down the gallery, but at times the sun peeked thru the clouds, giving promise of better playing conditions.

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FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT. Duncan Blask, Fort Dodge Pioneer Dies of Injuries. Special to Times-Republican. Fort Dodge, Sept. 4.—Duncan Blask, aged 54, a resident of this locality since 1886, died last night as the result of an automobile accident near Algonra Tuesday. A ruptured intestine, sustained when he was thrown from a car as the front wheels, locked, caused his death. Blask was formerly a farmer and was a wealthy land owner of this city. He leaves a wife and two sons.

TWO HUNDRED DEAD IN WRECK. Women and Children Among Victims of Mexican Railroad Disaster. Washington, Sept. 4.—Two hundred people, including many women and children, were killed in a train wreck a few days ago, 200 miles east of Mexico City. American Consul Silliman reported the accident to the state department today.

Another train following with forty-five American refugees aboard was delayed by the wreck but reached Vera Cruz yesterday.

STRIKE AT TORRINGTON.

Nine Hundred Employees of Hendey Machine Company Walk Out.

Torrington, Conn., Sept. 4.—More than nine hundred men, virtually the entire force at the plant of the Hendey Machine Company, walked out today demanding an eight hour day, 15 per cent increase in wages, and time and a half for overtime. The strike followed the refusal of the company to grant the demands.

LYNCH TENNESSEE NEGRO.

Executed by Mob After Once Having Been Rescued by Officials.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 4.—A negro named Wilson was lynched last night near Dresden for a crime against a white woman, after the circuit judge and the sheriff had once taken him from the mob.

Political Amnesty Granted.

Lima, Peru, Sept. 4.—The chamber of deputies has unanimously approved the law granting political amnesty.

NEGROES DENY MOHR MURDER

Three Blacks Held For Confession.

COMMISSIONS FORCED BY THIRD DEGREE

Police Officials of Two Towns Disagree as to Whether or Not Confessions Were Made—Negroes Say Dr. Mohr Was Killed by Jealous Husband Who Followed Party in Automobile—Blacks Join in Denial.

Providence, R. I., Sept. 4.—A denial that they had confessed to the murder of Dr. C. Franklin Mohr was made to the Associated Press today by George W. Healls, Henry Spellman and C. Victor Brown, the negroes, who, according to the police authorities, had previously declared they killed the physician at the instigation of Mrs. Mohr.

The representatives of the prosecution and the defense in the case of Mrs. Elizabeth Tiffany Blair Mohr, accused by three negroes of having hired them to murder her husband, bent their energies today in seeking to strengthen their respective sides. The officials of the town of Barrington and the county of Bristol, in whose jurisdiction Dr. Mohr was shot, admitted today that so far their case against the woman was a weak one. They pointed out that something more than the confession of the negroes was necessary.

Two Men Sought. The Barrington police are seeking two men, who are said to have overheard a conversation between two motorcyclists on the night of the shooting. Two of the negroes who have admitted their complicity in the physician's death rode to the scene of the crime on motorcycles.

Exonerates Mrs. Mohr. The denial was made in the county jail at Bristol, where the negroes are locked up pending a hearing in the district court at Warren, on Sept. 16. Healls, the chauffeur of Dr. Mohr's car, on the night of the murder, was the spokesman for the trio, but Brown and Spellman signified their assent to all that he said.

"Tell the people," Healls said, "that we are absolutely innocent and that we believe Mrs. Mohr knew nothing of this crime. We have never signed a confession and anything so said to the Providence police was said in a joking way or in a spirit of anger, but at the time the sun peeked thru the clouds, giving promise of better playing conditions."

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