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The struggle in the Somme region of northern France, renewed with the heavy Franco-British attack on Thursday, is being kept up by the Germans themselves. Last night they counter attacked on the French line, reoccupying parts of Aplaincourt and neighboring trenches.

Paris asserts, however, that a French attack resulted in the capture of all the ground.

There also has been further fighting north of the Somme, where the French claim an advance on the Malisee ridge along the road from Bouchavesnes to Molennes.

A cessation of important operations along the British front east of the Struma, in Macedonia, is indicated in today's official statement from London. The Bulgarians, who have fallen back to the Seres-Demir-Hissar railroad, are said to be massed in strong force all along this line.

Berlin, Oct. 14.—The battle for the town of Aplaincourt, south of the Somme, has been revived with German success, says the official statement today. The Germans gained a portion of Ambod wood and have taken 400 prisoners.

British and French divisions, with a total of more than 1,000,000 men, virtually have been annihilated in the Somme battle, says the Overseas News Agency. According to figures from Swiss sources, the Russian losses from Jan. 1 to Oct. 1 were about 1,000,000 men. The news agency's military critic writes: "The heavy sacrifices made by the British and French for the capture of each square yard on the Somme is proved by the fact that within three and one-half months the Russian divisions virtually were annihilated."

[Ninety divisions represent a total of considerably more than 1,000,000 men. There are about 12,000 men in a French division. Fifty-five divisions, owing to their great losses, were able to engage in combat only twice, fifteen divisions three times and three divisions only four times.]

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The sinking of the French cruiser, Gallia was reported from Paris, Oct. 9. She was a 16,000-ton vessel, 574 feet long, and built in 1913. Of the 2,000 troops on board, some 1,800 men were reported to have been picked up by a French cruiser and landed on the southern coast of Sardinia.

Germans Regain Lost Positions. Paris, Oct. 14.—The Germans delivered a strong attack last night on Aplaincourt, south of the river Somme, and recaptured part of the village, as well as trenches northeast of it. It was officially announced here today. The French immediately launched a counter attack.

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Gain Passes of Budenzland. Berlin, Oct. 14.—Troops of the central powers have gained ground in the vicinity of the frontier passages of Budenzland, in Transylvania, says today's German official statement. Three hundred Roumanians were taken prisoner.

The small French cruiser Rigel, built as a submarine destroyer, was sunk in the Mediterranean Oct. 2 by two torpedoes fired by a German submarine. It was officially announced here today. German submarines on Oct. 4, the statement adds, sank the river auxiliary schooner Gallia, with Serbian and French troops on board bound for Saloniki, and about 1,000 were drowned.

Ferdinand to Assume Command. Bucharest, Oct. 14.—King Ferdinand, of Roumania, it was announced today, personally will take supreme command of the Russian and Roumanian armies. Russian reinforcements are soon expected in Roumania.

A mission of French officers, which will include General Beraudot, a well known military strategist, also is coming to Bucharest.

Hold Potatoes For Higher Prices. London, Oct. 14.—In a speech in the reichstag, Herr von Batocki, president of the German food regulation board, intimated an intention to resign, owing to dealers holding stocks of potatoes in expectation of higher prices according to a dispatch from Amsterdam today.

Attacks With Bacilli Denied. Berlin, Oct. 14.—The British wireless service states that German airplanes

which attacked Constanza, Roumania, recently dropped poisoned sweets and bombs infected with cholera bacilli," says the Overseas News Agency. "The shamelessness and meanness of such statements, which are surpassed only by the credulity and stupidity which the British attribute to their allies."

(The statement referred to evidently is an official Russian announcement of Oct. 12, which said that airplanes which attacked Constanza dropped poisoned sweets and garlic infected with bacilli.)

LIEBKNECHT WINS POINT.

Reichstag Refuses to Sanction Court Martial of Socialist Leader. Berlin, Oct. 14.—The reichstag committee today refused to sanction the court martial at Thorn against Karl Liebknecht. The committee also recommended that the reichstag demand to see the report of proceedings before finally sanctioning the sentence imposed on the socialist leader.

In the case of the socialist deputy, Otto Tuelke, the committee refused liberal action brought against the deputy on behalf of General von Bissing, governor of Belgium, and his staff. [Dr. Liebknecht is at present under sentence of four years and one month imprisonment imposed by court martial for "military treason." Pending the appeal of this sentence the court martial is continuing its investigation against him, alleging he attempted to incite the soldiers there to rebellion.]

VILLA THREATENS TO BURN FAMILIES

Mexicans Must Join His Command or Women and Children Will Be Massacred—Carranza Troops Engage Bandit Bands.

Chihuahua City, Mexico, Oct. 14.—Carranza forces in command of General Arrieta, of the Jimenez, Chihuahua, garrison, engaged a bandit force at El Carmen, Los Sorianos and San Andrea ranches, southwest of Jimenez, killing a number of the bandits, taking several prisoners and capturing saddled horses and ammunition. A report made by General Arrieta to General Trevino, today, stated. The command of General Arrieta also has cleared the Rio Florido district, southwest of Jimenez, of bandits.

Villa is forcing men to join his command under threat of burning their families unless they comply with his demands. A document signed by Villa shows. This document, refers to Reyes Estrada, and reads: "I concede a traveling pass to Reyes Estrada with the object of his joining our forces and prevent a surprise attack. If he does not fulfill his agreement within ten days he shall be considered as our enemy and expose his family to be burned."

The hills near the city are being entrenched and cannon placed on the higher points. Outposts are sent out to prevent a surprise attack. An infantry troop is now en route to Coahuila, under command of Gen. Jose Santos.

Villa's Command Growing

San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 14.—Francisco Villa, at Pedernales with a command of considerable size from Sept. 30 to Oct. 2, according to word received at General Funston's headquarters today. Pedernales is on the Mexican Northwestern railway, about thirty-five miles southeast of Guerrero.

Stop Sale of Army Equipment

San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 14.—A campaign to stop the sale of army equipment has been started by officers of the department of justice with the result that several civilians arrested here were out on bail today after hearings before Justice Edwards. The sale of shirts, hats, uniforms, leggings, and shoes is prima facie evidence of violation of the federal statute prohibiting either purchase or sale of such articles, which provides a maximum penalty of two years in jail and \$500 fine.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA WOULD BAR U. S.

Protest Lodged With Peking Government Against Railroad Concessions to American Capital and For Reconstruction of Grand Canal.

Peking, Oct. 14.—Japan and Russia entered protests today against concessions for railway construction in China which have been granted to Americans. Prince Nicholas Koudschoff, the Russian minister to China, lodged a protest at the Chinese foreign office against the proposed American railroad from Shuan-Cheng, Shansi province, to Lanshow Fu. He alleged that the Chinese minister in Petrograd promised verbally eighteen years ago that Russia should have the privilege of building railroads in the neighborhood of Mongolia.

The disputed line is to run for a distance of approximately 400 miles. The agreement entered into between the Simms-Pearry Company, of St. Paul, with the Chinese government empowers the American company to contract equal mileage elsewhere, if the protest holds.

Mr. Hayashi, the Japanese minister to China, today protested against this government's agreement with American contractors for the reconstruction of the grand canal in Shuan-Tung province. The Chinese government contends that Germany must be defeated before the claim of Japan to the German rights holds.

No Diplomatic Issue Involved

Washington, Oct. 14.—The Japanese and Russian protest against the Chinese contract with the American International Corporation for railroad building had not been officially reported to the state department today, but officials expected to hear from Minister Reinsch at Peking. At present, however, there seems to be no diplomatic issue to involve this government.

In the near future wireless apparatus will be installed in all important police stations.

Ship at Sea

East-Bound U Boat Observed Chasing Danish Steamer Hellig Olav.

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Submarine Mile in Rear When Sighted by Freighter Bovic—Olav Said to Be Carrying No Contraband—Large Fleet of Freight and Passenger Steamers Preparing to Sail From New York.

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The Bovic, in fear of attack, because of being a freight ship, put on full speed and headed directly west. As she passed out of sight of the other vessels, the Danish boat still seemed to be endeavoring to escape from the submarine. The submarine was about one mile to the east of the Bovic. This was about 8:30 a. m.

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Delayed Ships to Sail. The largest fleet of steamships that has left this port since the submarine raid off Nantucket last Sunday is due to sail today. United States destroyers are still searching for a secret base for German submarines, but so far without success. Captains of incoming steamers were questioned by skippers of out-bound vessels for any information of the German submarine, but without success.

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Mrs. Bedford Deavers, a sister-in-law of Deavers, saw the shooting. She said Clay was shot in the back. She could give no reason for the tragedy. Clay and Deavers were together last night at the deathbed of a neighbor, P. T. Millet, and it is thought some difference arose there.

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KANSAS CITY GETS CHURCH CONVENTION

Convention City of 1917 Selected by Churches of Christ by Unanimous Vote—Judge J. N. Haymaker, of Wichita, Kan., is Elected President.

Des Moines, Oct. 14.—By unanimous vote Kansas City today was chosen as the meeting place of the 1917 convention of the Churches of Christ. Judge J. N. Haymaker, of Wichita, Kan., was elected president of the general convention, the ruling church body. Following are the officers, all of whom were unanimously chosen: First vice president, Rev. George A. Campbell, Hannibal, Mo.; second vice president, E. N. Bowman, Chicago; third vice president, Mrs. R. S. Lathrop, Kansas City, Mo.; treasurer, Col. F. W. Fleming, Kansas City, Mo.; recording secretary, Rev. W. E. Crabtree, San Diego, Cal.; correspondence secretary, Rev. Graham Franklin, Liberty, Mo. Members of the executive committee (four years): C. C. Chapman, Los Angeles, Cal.; Rev. J. H. Goldner, Cleveland, O.

Messages of greeting and expressing hope for advancement of church unity were received today from the convention of the Protestant Episcopal church, at St. Louis, and from Rev. J. A. Marquis, moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, Cedar Rapids.

HARDING VOTES SCARCE.

Few Ballots Cast For Republican Nominee in Hardin County. Special to Times-Republican. Eldora, Oct. 14.—At a meeting of the township township, Hardin county, Community Club, Friday evening following a program of singing and speaking, a straw vote on governor was taken. Out of seventy-seven men and women voting, Meredith received 64, Harding, 13. There were 38 men for Meredith and 11 for Harding. Of the votes cast by the women, 25 were for Meredith and 2 for Harding.

The vote is all the more remarkable when it is understood that Providence township in normal years is about four to one in favor of the republican candidates. It is significant, too, that this vote was taken on Friday, the 13th.

FOOTBALL PLAYER EXPELLED. Colored Athlete at S. U. I. Confesses to Theft of Watch. Special to Times-Republican. Iowa City, Oct. 14.—Fred Slater, negro star tackle on the Iowa freshmen eleven, today confessed stealing a watch from the clothes of a fellow player during the latter's absence from the gymnasium.

He has been expelled from the team and the university and ordered to leave the city. There will be no prosecution, if he goes immediately. He came here from Clinton, Iowa, with a four-year scholarship. He is a graduate of the Clinton high school. He was a fraternity member here.

Eldora Pioneer Dead. Special to Times-Republican. Eldora, Oct. 14.—Mrs. James Bachman, a pioneer resident of Eldora, died Friday afternoon, aged 84 years. Mrs. Bachman had been in poor health for several years and practically an invalid for a number of weeks. Mrs. Bachman's maiden name was Emma Bruch and she was married to James Bachman in Slatford, Pa., June 6, 1855. The following year the young people came to Iowa and Eldora, and have made this place their home ever since. Mrs. Bachman is survived by her aged husband and two daughters, Mrs. Alice Gardner, of Eldora, and Mrs. Lillie Schilling, of California. The funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon from the Christian church.

Big Prizes For Auto Races. Chicago, Oct. 14.—Fifteen thousand dollars in prizes will be distributed to those of the twenty-one automobile drivers who come without the prize list of the Grand American automobile race here today. The race is over a distance of 250 miles. Several drivers made the circuit of the two mile bowl in tuning up at a rate of more than 100 miles an hour.

Coast Train Wrecked. Watsonville, Cal., Oct. 14.—The fast coast route Southern Pacific train, northbound from Los Angeles to San Francisco, was derailed seven miles north of here at 7:50 o'clock this morning when the rails sprang. Two baggage cars, two Pullmans and coaches overturned. One woman and two cooks were injured.

BORDER STILL NEEDS TROOPS

President Says Stay of Soldiers Will be Indefinite.

CONDITIONS DO NOT WARRANT RETURN

President Makes Announcement in Reply to Inquiries Made by Governor Whitman in Behalf of New York Militiamen—Denial Made of Charge That Soldiers Are Being Detained Merely For Military Training.

Long Branch, N. J., Oct. 14.—President Wilson in a letter to Governor Whitman, of New York, sent Oct. 9, and made public today, declared that the emergency which caused the sending of the militia to the Mexican border "unhappily still exists". He added, however, that "in the near future it probably will be found possible to do more than has been done to relieve the embarrassments which military regiments have been forced to suffer."

President Wilson wrote to Governor Whitman in answer to a letter from the New York executive regarding the New York military organizations on the border. The president said it was impossible to set a date when the remaining New York regiments there could be released.

The president said he was advised that withdrawal of the militia "in all likelihood would have been followed by fresh aggressions from Mexico upon the lives and property of the people of the United States."

Not For Training. Mr. Wilson denied that any organization was being kept on the border to perfect its military training. The letter follows: "My Dear Governor Whitman: I have received your letter of Sept. 20 and have taken up with the secretary of war the situation as it affects New York troops on the border. I have been desirous to see that the emergency caused the members of these citizen military organizations by their separation from their families and their business pursuits.

"In order to minimize these sacrifices the war department is sending from time to time fresh contingents, and General Funston then selects for return to home stations and mustering out such units as in his judgment can best be spared. This policy has already resulted in the return of a number of New York and other organizations."

Emergency Still Exists. "The emergency which led to the call of the militia, was, as defined in my call of June 18, the possibility of aggression from Mexico and the protection of our frontier. This emergency still, unhappily, exists, and I am advised by the military authorities that the withdrawal of the militia at any time from the date of the original call up to and including the present would in all likelihood have been followed by fresh aggressions from Mexico upon the lives and property of the people of the United States. The militia have been called upon to repel invasion and are rendering services of the highest quality and of a most urgently needed character to their country.

"It would, of course, be impossible to set a date at which the relief of any of the remaining units can with certainty be accomplished. I am happy, however, to believe that the condition in northern Mexico is improving, and that in the near future we may be able to do more than we have done to relieve the embarrassments the organizations have suffered.

"I share your admiration for the spirit in which these men have served and are serving their country, and would be very sorry to have it supposed that their retention on the border is for any mere purpose of completion of their military training or any less commanding service than the preservation of our frontier from aggression. Very truly yours, "Woodrow Wilson."

LEGAL FIGHT FOR ESTATE.

Disposition of Property Hinges on Who of Them Died First. Denison, Oct. 14.—A law suit over the division of a large estate, hinging on the question of who died first, August Myer or his wife, both of whom were killed in a railroad wreck in Nebraska three years ago, was started in district court today. Both were taken from the wreck dead. It is claimed the only evidence indicating which died first was the position in which the bodies were found and where they were last seen in the car before the wreck occurred.

Husband's Fine Goes to Wife. Des Moines, Oct. 14.—Pity for the wife and baby of Victor Tassen moved Municipal Judge Mershon to leniency when the man was arraigned for driving an automobile while intoxicated yesterday.

Judge Mershon fined Tassen \$100. When Chief Jackson investigated the case he discovered that \$100 was all the family had and that the fine would leave Mrs. Pearl Tassen and her child destitute. Judge Mershon then turned \$90 of the fine over to Mrs. Tassen. Tassen and his wife agreed with the police magistrate and chief that it would be wise to sell their automobile.

Valley Teams Clash Today.

Kansas City, Oct. 14.—Every team in the Missouri Valley conference, except Drake, has games today. The list follows: Nebraska vs. Kansas Aggies at Lincoln. Kansas vs. Iowa State at Ames. Missouri vs. Washington at Columbia, Mo.

In the far southwest the University of Oklahoma meets Henry Kendall College, Norman. Arkansas will play the Oklahoma Miners at Fayette, Ark., and Texas A. & M. plays Louisiana at Galveston.

The Haskell Indians encounter Notre Dame on the latter's grounds.

Indiana Expects Close Score.

Chicago, Oct. 14.—Football elevens of the Universities of Chicago and Indiana meet today at Stagg field. Coach Steinhilf, of Indiana, said his men average 165 pounds and practically were new men, but he expected them to give the best seasoned Maroons a contest royal. Stagg had no prediction to make on the outcome.

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