

MEDJIDIE IS OCCUPIED BY GERMAN ARMY

Russians and Roumanians Evacuate Village on Only Rail Route.

TCHERNAVODA NOW TEUTON OBJECTIVE

Retirement of Entente Forces From Medjidie Gives Von Mackensen Virtual Control of Constanza-Tchernavoda Railroad - French Commentators Consider Von Mackensen's Stroke Mainly Defensive One.

Virtually the entire Constanza-Tchernavoda railroad line in the Dobruja is now in the hands of Von Mackensen's forces, it appears. Russian official statements today admit the evacuation of Medjidie by the Russians and Roumanians. Medjidie is approximately twenty miles inland from Constanza, the Black Sea port and terminus of the railway, the fall of which to the armies of the central powers was reported yesterday.

Furthermore, Medjidie is little more than thirteen and one-half miles from Tchernavoda, where the Russo-Roumanian forces are preparing to make a stand at the bridgehead protecting the town. The only bridge over the Danube from Belgrade to the sea spans the river at Tchernavoda. The entente forces have fallen back to the mountain ridges.

The Somme front situation was little changed overnight. London reports the British have consolidated the ground gained by them yesterday in the neighborhood of Gueducourt and Les Boeufs, where the capture of 1,000 yards of German trenches was reported.

On both the north and southeast, Roumanian forces have made hammer blows of the Teutonic allies are rapidly flattening out the Roumanian lines and forcing them back.

In Dobruja, Field Marshal von Mackensen indicated a severe defeat upon the Russo-Roumanian flank, driving it to the Tzara Murak district, some sixteen miles northwest of Constanza, the Black Sea port he captured the day before yesterday.

In the center the field marshal also has made progress, forcing his way into Medjidie, and driving the Russians and Roumanians into the hills to the north, while on the Danube he has drawn nearer to the Tchernavoda bridgehead, by capturing the Danube town, Rashova, nine miles southwest of Tchernavoda. He has taken 6,700 prisoners, twelve cannon and fifty-two machine guns.

"Oct. 23 was like the preceding day, characterized by battles of great violence. In order to break thru at any price, the British and French continued attacks in which strong forces were employed.

In spite of their use of masses of troops north of the Somme, they suffered a heavy and sanguinary defeat. It is reported from the front that the dead are lying in rows one upon another. The conduct of our troops was as splendid as was possible.

South of the Somme, the French artillery forces were busy last night near the Transylvanian sector. Our machine gun fire made development of the attack impossible.

German Capture Rashova. Berlin, Oct. 24.—The capture of the Roumanian town of Rashova, in the Dobruja, on the Danube, by Tchernavoda, was announced today by the war office.

Artillery Engagements Along Somme. Paris, Oct. 24.—French and German artillery forces were busy last night south of the Somme in the Aplan-court-Chaumes sector. Our machine gun fire made development of the attack impossible.

Petrograd Admits Fall of Constanza. Petrograd, via London, Oct. 24.—The occupation of Constanza and Medjidie in Dobruja by forces of the central powers is announced today by the army office. The Russian and Roumanian troops retired to the heights north of these places.

Roumanian Attack Successful. Bucharest, via London, Oct. 24.—Roumanian troops made an attack yesterday along the whole Oltuz front, near the Transylvanian border. The war office announces the capture of ten machine guns and several hundred prisoners.

Hohenlohe May Succeed Sturghk. London, Oct. 24.—Prince Conrad von Hohenlohe-Schillingsfurst has resumed the office of Austrian minister of interior. A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, forwarded from Rome today, stated that Prince Hohenlohe had been appointed to succeed the late Count Sturghk as minister of interior.

British Airship Destroys German Craft and Sinks Three Others. London, Oct. 24.—A British naval airship, on Oct. 23, attacked four German seaplanes over the Belgian coast and succeeded in destroying one of the machines and chasing the others away, the British admiralty announced today.

On the afternoon of Oct. 23, a naval airship attacked four enemy seaplanes off Ostend. Our machine was under fire from all four seaplanes but succeeded in bringing down one, which was completely destroyed, and driving off the others.

RAILROAD WORKERS OPPOSE NEW LAW

Adamson Measure Objected to by Employees at Duluth and More Than 6,000 Men Petition President Wilson to Secure Its Repeal.

Duluth, Oct. 24.—Employees on railroads having division points here expressed confidence based on figures available today that they will have between 6,500 and 7,500 names on petitions of railroad men not affected by the Adamson law, to send to President Wilson as an appeal against the law. The petition is signed by men outside the engineering profession.

NOTED POLO PLAYER FALLS FROM AIRSHIP

Alexander Brown, of Philadelphia, Drops 100 Feet into Delaware River and is Drowned—Last Test Flight For Pilot's License.

Philadelphia, Oct. 24.—Alexander Brown, the noted polo player, fell from his hydro-aeroplane into the Delaware river at Essington, below this city, today and was drowned. Along with a number of other wealthy Philadelphians, Brown had been making frequent flights at Essington. He was in the air last night and today's was to have been his last for a license test. Brown was 100 feet up when the machine dropped into the river.

VILLA ATTACK ON CHIHUAHUA

Rebel Leader Said to be Battling at Gates of City.

PERSHING REPORTS FIGHT IN PROGRESS

General Trevino, Defending City, Said to Be Short of Ammunition—People of City Panicstricken, Following Villa's Defeat of Federal Force Under General Ozuena—Recruiting Officers in Iowa Ordered to Join Commands.

San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 24.—Confirmation of the report that Villa forces had reached the outskirts of Chihuahua City and were fighting in the suburbs with General Trevino's command, was contained in a dispatch received today by General Funston from General Bell, commanding at El Paso. General Bell's report is understood to be based on information from General Pershing.

That the people of Chihuahua have become panicstricken as a result of Villa's advance on the city, following his recent victory at Palomas over Carranza troops commanded by General Ozuena, was stated in the dispatch. Information reached the army circles from several sources that General Trevino is short of ammunition. It is pointed out that this might account for his failure to take more aggressive action against the bandits.

VILLA AMBUSHES CARRANZISTAS

Mexican Soldiers Trapped in Rocky Defile by Outlaw. El Paso, Tex., Oct. 24.—Francisco Villa led the Carranza vanguard under Gen. Carlos Ozuena into an ambush between Santa Ysabel and San Andres, on the western division of the Mexico Northwestern railroad, Friday, a report received by one of the federal department's agents here today stated.

According to this report, which was obtained by secret service agents for the federal department, Villa retreated to Chihuahua City, toward San Andres, forty miles on the railroad west of Chihuahua City, toward San Andres. This led the Carranza vanguard into the trap which Villa is said to have set for them, the government report stated.

The bandits, who were hidden in the rocky defile along the railroad, poured a heavy fire into the Carranza troops from behind rocks, according to the report. The same source of information claims to have confirmation of the report that Carranza troops then retreated to Santa Ysabel, then to Palomas, and are now reported to be in Fresno, the first station west of Chihuahua City. Carranza officials here admit there has been heavy fighting between Santa Ysabel and Chihuahua City, but Gen. Gonzalez, in Juarez, insists that he has received no details of the fighting. The report that Gen. Ozuena had been killed is receiving credence here in official circles.

NO MORE RECRUITING IN IOWA

Mustering Officers Ordered to Return to Commands at Once. Des Moines, Oct. 24.—The federal war department in advance of the order of the recruiting officer here today ordered officers directing enlistment throughout the state to return to their commands on the border. No reason was given for the order. The recruiting officers will start for the border Nov. 1.

Adjutant General Logan, of the I. N. G. today was advised by the war department that concentration of the Iowa guardsmen at the military post at Des Moines on their return from the border would not be permitted. The adjutant general first took up the matter with the mustering officer with the central department U. S. A., and finally with the war department, asserting that the return of the Iowa guardsmen to Des Moines in cold weather might result in much sickness.

General Logan, following the receipt of the refusal from the war department, asked for government funds with which to build frame shelters to house the troops at Camp Dodge.

ROOSEVELT LAMBASTS BAKER

Attack on Revolutionary Soldiers "Blackest Slander Ever Penned." Albuquerque, N. M., Oct. 24.—Secretary of War Baker was the particular target for Col. Roosevelt's darts in his speech here. He called Secretary Baker's characterization of Washington's army "the blackest slander ever penned."

ROUMANIAN IS POOR FIGHTER

Army Shows Inefficiency in Meeting German Attacks.

Field Officers Too Careful of Big Guns to Cope With Experienced Teuton Strategists—Infantry Shoots Badly—Germans and Hungarians Capture Predeal, Transylvania, After Desperate Fighting.

Berlin, Oct. 24.—German and Austro-Hungarian forces, after a violent engagement south of Kronstadt, Transylvania, yesterday captured Predeal, says the German official statement, issued today. Six hundred prisoners were taken.

Medjidie, on the Tchernavoda-Constanza railroad, also has been captured. The army of Field Marshal von Mackensen has taken prisoners more than 8,700 Roumanians and Russians.

At the Head of Predeal Pass, Roumanian Frontier, With General von Falkenhayn's Army, Oct. 15, by Courier to Berlin, via London, Oct. 24.—In yesterday's battle around Predeal the Associated Press correspondent visited various German and Hungarian battery positions, where the men, undisturbed by Roumanian fire, kept up a fearful bombardment in the campaign of invasion of Roumania.

The men are at their work in almost a holiday spirit, for it is with a sense of deep relief that the Germans and Hungarians here, officers and men alike, have left behind them the trench warfare of other regions and thrown themselves into open field maneuvers against the Roumanians.

It was scarcely believable that after two years of life at the front infantrymen should rush to battle with songs. The German and Hungarian infantry were shot in the line of the Roumanian rifles and machine guns, they viewed the situation complacently, saying the worst of open field work was preferable to trench drudgery.

The Predeal battle is one of the few open field actions witnessed in this war by a correspondent, who was able to approach within less than 3,000 yards of the skirmishing. Roumanians Generally Routed. At 11 o'clock the Germans opened a desultory fire on the Roumanian trenches on the summit. 5,000 men, which an hour later reached its maximum fury. The fire was then directed mainly against the trenches 500 feet below the summit. For a quarter of an hour the Roumanians stuck to their trenches. Work coming from the artillery spotted the German positions, which seemed to have not been impressed, the artillery increased its fire. The Roumanian infantry still hung on for a time, but finally broke into view. The German artillery followed up the Roumanians with shrapnel.

COAL COMPANY TO SUE 2,500 STRIKERS

Alleges Men Violated Contracts, Demanding New Scale After Agreeing to Wages Approved by United Mine Workers of America. Punxsutawney, Pa., Oct. 24.—The Rochester-Pittsburgh Coal & Coke Company, whose mines are closed by a strike of 2,500 miners, who presented a new scale after the company had signed the scale of the United Mine Workers of America, announced today that suits would be filed against each miner and the individual locals. The company's lawyers are framing the petitions, which allege the men violated their contract in demanding a new scale. It is contended that the United Mine Workers' organization is just as liable to breach of contract as any corporation or individual.

M'DANIEL TRIAL PROGRESS

Work of Securing Jury May Be Completed by Wednesday. St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 24.—Pleased with their unexpected success yesterday afternoon with thirteen veniremen obtained, attorneys for both the defense and prosecution in the trial here of Oscar M'Daniel, prosecuting attorney of Buchanan county, charged with the murder of his wife, expected today to complete the list of forty from which will be chosen the twelve jurors. Belief that the actual trial with a jury selected might commence tomorrow was strengthened when Judge Thomas P. Ryan, who is hearing the case in the criminal court, excused witnesses and accepted veniremen until the opening of court on that day. Additional lists were ordered placed in the court room by Judge Ryan to make possible the holding of night sessions.

MINNESOTA PREPARES FOR IOWA GAME

Minneapolis, Oct. 24.—In preparation for the Iowa game next Saturday, the first conference contest of the Gophers' schedule, Coach Williams today put the team thru hard scrimmages. Scouts who attended the Purdue-Jowa game reported to the coach and Iowa plays were given to the team.

TWO KILLED IN WRECK

Cheyenne, Wyo., Oct. 24.—Two trainmen were killed and several passengers were reported slightly injured when Union Pacific Limited No. 7, west bound, collided with a freight train near Bushnell, Neb., late last night. Three cars of the passenger train overturned, charged with the killing of

NEWS OF THE DAY T-R. BULLETIN.

THE WEATHER.

Sun rises Oct. 23 at 6:22; sets at 5:06. Iowa—Rain tonight; somewhat warmer in north portion; Wednesday unsettled and colder, but probably rain or snow in east and west portion.

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Iowa News: Jones May Refuse Suits. Ducks Plentiful. Football Title Race Narrows. Indians Now Equal of Whites. I. N. G. Must Stay on Border. Farm News and Notes.

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Editorial: Down in the Iowa Basement. How Quick Those Waiters Are. It Holds Good in Iowa. Topics and Iowa Opinion.

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City News: Large Crowd Hears Meredith Speak. Classes in Citizenship Start Monday. Big Program For Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. Open House. County C. E. Convention Program Ready.

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Markets and General: Relief From Drouth Causes Wheat Break. Corn Weakens With Wheat. Cattle Market Weakens. Hogs Show Strength. Pershing's Army Neglected. William Black, an anti-Catholic lecturer, at Marshall early last year. It was hoped that the jury would be completed by noon.

EXPELS BAGGAGEMAN; HOLDS EXPRESS CAR

Traveler With Suitcase of Liquor Insists on Privacy After Storming and Occupying Coach—Compelled to Surrender to Sheriff. Special to Times-Republican. Missouri Valley, Oct. 24.—Last night a man unknown in this locality boarded an east bound passenger train on the Northwestern railroad here, threw the baggageman off the platform, entered the express car, locked the door and refused to leave or allow anyone to enter.

WARRANTS ARE WITHHELD.

Chicago Court Refuses to Permit Arrest of Police Chief Under Indictment. Chicago, Oct. 24.—Application for warrants for the arrest of Chief of Police Charles C. Healey, William Luthardt, his secretary, and others on charges of malfeasance and conspiracy was withdrawn by state's Attorney Hoyne today in the hearing before Chief Justice Olson in municipal court. Chief Justice Olson, in his ruling permitting the state's attorney to drop the charges, said that on the strength of evidence submitted he would have been compelled to refuse the warrants if he had the state's Attorney and Charles Essig, secretary of the Sportsman's Club of America, were indicted yesterday.

POTATO KING ARRESTED.

Charges Competitors With Attempt to Drive Him From Market. Des Moines, Oct. 24.—Gas and commodities were trying to run him out of the market, because he had forced the price of potatoes down, were made today by Charles Erickson, so-called potato king, when arraigned in municipal court here, charged with giving short weight. Erickson raises and sells his own potatoes, and his entrance into the local market recently resulted in a 50-cent decline in the price.

FIX CAUSE FOR DISASTER.

Explosion in Mine Due to Gas Entering Thru East Face. Marvel, Ala., Oct. 24.—Gas which entered the Roden mine thru an earth fissure caused by the recent earthquake felt in Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee is believed to have been responsible for the explosion Sunday, which killed eighteen men and resulted in the death of a rescuer.

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Captain of Incoming Ship Says Submarine Has Been Destroyed.

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WAR AT SQUATTER'S HUT.

Seven Shot, Two Killed, as Police, Sheriffs, and Marines Join Battle. Whitestone, N. Y., Oct. 24.—Paul Stier, sheriff of Queens county, was shot and killed and four policemen and a deputy sheriff were wounded late yesterday by Frank Taft, a squatter near here, before Taft eventually was killed by Police Sergeant James Fitzgerald after a siege of an hour and a half in which policemen, deputy sheriffs and bluejackets from the United States torpedo boat Hensley tried to capture Taft.

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