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BIG BATTLE ON BALKAN FRONTS

Reports Are Contradictory, Both Sides Claiming Minor Successes

ALLIES ANNOUNCE GAINS IN CENTER

Berlin Hears of Victory for Bulgarians Along the Struma River

Berlin, Aug. 24.—Defeat of the entente forces along the Struma river on the Macedonian front in northeastern Greece was announced by the Bulgarian war office in a statement issued yesterday at Sofia.

The statement says the entente forces took flight, leaving the ground covered with dead and that up to the time the statement was issued the bodies of more than 400 dead had been counted. Large quantities of ammunition and supplies, including eight machine guns, were captured by the Bulgarians.

The Italian artillery is displaying increasing activity along the Isonzo front, according to the Austrian headquarters report of August 23. No important infantry engagements anywhere along the Austro-Italian front are reported.

French infantry delivered several attacks last night near Thiaumont work, northeast of Verdun. These assaults, the war office reports, were unsuccessful.

LONDON REPORT. London, Aug. 24.—On the Somme front in the neighborhood of Guillemont the Germans last night made a strong attack in an effort to regain lost ground. The official statement issued here today says the attack was repulsed after a severe struggle in which the Germans sustained heavy losses.

Neither the Bulgarians nor the entente forces on the Macedonian front attempted vigorous offensive actions yesterday.

There has been artillery activity on the Dobruja front," says an official statement issued here today, "but no infantry action. On the Struma front our artillery dispersed Bulgarians who were entrenching on the left bank of the river. The enemy's artillery shelled Orlak bridge.

The Serbians are on the same line as reported yesterday.

FRENCH REPORT. Paris, Aug. 24.—After an intense bombardment of the Soyecourt woods the Germans attacked with grenades the French positions south of the Somme last night but without avail, says today's war office statement.

Positions between Fleury and Thiaumont, which had been taken by the French, were violently shelled by the German guns.

WAR SUMMARY

Interest today is centered on the new allied offensive on the Saloniki front. The Bulgarians have advanced along the Struma valley and are now facing the Serbians. No action of first importance has yet been reported, however.

Dispatches tell of the determination of the Greek commander at Seres to resist the Bulgarians and of volunteers being organized for his assistance by the Venizelos leaders at Saloniki.

On the western front the British and Germans are fighting desperately around Thiapval and Gillemont.

GYPSIES GET BILLS TO BLOW; THEN BLOW

Union Aug. 24.—Two auto loads of gypsies came into town. One of the women dropped into the restaurant owned by Mr. Stewart and persuaded Mr. Stewart and John Lalley, who was there at the time, to let her have some bills and she would tell their fortune by blowing through them. She got a roll of bills of Mr. Lalley and after telling his fortune returned them to him. Mr. Stewart then let her have a \$5 bill which she blew through and it disappeared with her outside where she got into one of the cars and they went east. Mr. Lalley then counting his bills found a \$10 and a \$1 bill had also blown away with Mr. Stewart's bill.

WOMAN SCRATCHED BY MAD PET CAT

Bellevue, Aug. 24.—Mrs. Antone Thola, living in the country near here, was severely scratched by a pet cat which had been sick for a week. She became alarmed when her arm began to swell and came to a physician for treatment. He had the cat killed and sent to Iowa City for examination and was notified to send Mrs. Thola there at once for the Pasteur treatment as the cat had marked symptoms of hydrophobia.

PLAN TO EXHIBIT FISH AT STATE FAIR

Sabula, Aug. 24.—Deputy Fish and Game Warden A. C. Babcock and crew have commenced gathering small fish for the storage tanks. In addition to supplying the car with fish for consignment to the inland waters of the state, Mr. Babcock has been commissioned to make a collection of all the different fish native to the Mississippi to be placed on exhibition at the state fair. After the fair is over many of the specimens will be left in the state aquariums.

BOARD OF CONTROL LOSES ANIMAL

\$2,000 HOLSTEIN BULL DIES EN ROUTE FROM INDEPENDENCE TO DES MOINES.

Des Moines, Aug. 24.—The state board of control lost a \$2,000 Holstein bull which was being transported from the state hospital at Independence to the state fair for exhibition purposes. The animal became overheated in the car and was found dead when the train reached this city.

Senator A. M. McCall, member of the state board of control, said that the dead bull was perhaps the pride of all the state herds. The state board did not intend to place the animals from the state institutions in competition with other livestock entered. The best specimens from all state herds will be shipped to the fair to be exhibited in order to demonstrate what can be done in Iowa in improving the dairy herds.

Herds from the state hospitals at Cherokee and Independence have arrived. Others will be in later. The Otis herd from Willoughby, O., which has arrived reported the loss of a Shorthorn bull valued between \$1,000 and \$2,000. The animal could not stand the heat. It died while on the way from Chicago to Des Moines, and all of the other livestock has arrived in good shape. The barns at the fair grounds are filling rapidly.

STATE REUNION IS ON AT LAMONI

LATTER DAY SAINTS FROM ELEV. EN COUNTIES IN IOWA AND MISSOURI GATHER.

Lamoni, Aug. 24.—The annual Lamoni state reunion, an encampment of Latter Day Saints from eleven counties in Iowa and the edge of Missouri, is now in session on their grounds one mile south of Lamoni. There are about 100 tents on the grounds, with 600 campers. The attendance on Sundays runs from 1,500 to 2,000.

The grounds are owned by the reunion association and comprise twenty acres of well wooded land with good water and excellent conveniences of electric and telephone service.

A camp newspaper is maintained in addition to recreational equipment for the young and special musical activities. A big dining tent feeds hundreds at a very low cost.

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WRECK'S LOCATION RECALLS TRAGEDY

Brookfield, Mo., Aug. 24.—The location of the Monroe City wreck appears to be an unlucky spot for the Burlington, as it was near this point during the civil war, in 1864, that two trains eastward bound—a passenger with Count Harris as conductor and Jack Tidale as engineer, and freight with Dick Knight as engineer, were held up and burned by a band of guerrillas, supposed to be under the command of Bill Anderson. Mr. Lacy, father of Jas. W. Lacy, former superintendent of the city water department, was express agent. Engineer Tidale, it is said, was forced at the muzzle of a revolver to get fire to the passenger train.

Soldiers were sent out from Hannibal and a slight skirmish took place, but they arrived too late to prevent the entire destruction of the two trains. The freight train, that was loaded largely with hides, tallow, etc., made a mighty blaze. No lives were lost. John McGowan was engineer on the train that was promptly on the scene with supplies for repairing the track.

TWELVE HUNDRED MILE TRIP

Macon, Aug. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Falkinburg, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Nutting, of Davenport, returned from a month's trip through Illinois and Indiana, visiting relatives at several places en route. They visited several days in the vicinity of Elkhart and Goshen, Ind. Mr. Falkinburg says the roads were good most of the way, they are graveled all the way from a point in Illinois which makes a very fine road. He says their crops took good both in Indiana and Illinois and especially the small grain crops in Illinois, which is one of the largest they ever raised. During their trip they traveled over twelve hundred miles.

SUPERVISORS TURN DOWN ROAD BIDS

Muscatine, Aug. 24.—At the meeting of the Muscatine county board of supervisors, bids were received on various fills throughout the county and the figures received on the fill of the Mad Creek bridge in Sweetland township were rejected and authority given to advertise for new bids. A contract was awarded to George Brown for the filling of section 1, which provided for the grading also of the Pike Creek bridge. The fills necessary in section two, which covers the Muscatine-Cone road were received and placed on file and no action taken. Regarding the coal bids received, same were placed in the hands of a committee consisting of Supervisors Nyenhus, Wood and Frers with power to act and it is expected that the contract will be awarded at a special meeting of the committee in the near future.

MISSOURIAN IS BACK FROM JAPAN

FRANK MARTIN OF COLUMBIA SAYS WAR WITH JAPAN A REMOTE POSSIBILITY.

Columbia, Mo., Aug. 24.—That a war between the United States and Japan is a remote possibility; that Japan is not keeping vigil on the United States so much as upon the movements of China, and that the Japanese are a versatile and progressive people is the opinion expressed by Prof. Frank Lee Martin of the school of journalism of the University of Missouri, who has returned with his family from a stay in Japan of fifteen months.

In May, 1915, Prof. Martin was given a leave of absence from the university. He went to Tokio, where he was employed as news editor of the Japan Advertiser, an English newspaper published in Tokio.

When asked by a Missouri reporter his opinion of Japan, Prof. Martin said: "I have returned home with a somewhat jumbled idea of those people, because, as many are liable to do, I have changed my opinion of the maso often. I decided that they were uncivilized and crude, then thought that they were a stupid, half cultured lot of beings, and then when I had seen something more of them, the fact that they were a wide awake, resourceful and thoughtful people came to me.

"There seems to be a feeling among a great many people here that the Japanese are standing ready to grab at the throat of the United States, but I think there never was an idea so mistaken as that. On the other hand, however, the Japanese are paying a great deal of attention to what the Chinese are accomplishing and they are thinking a great deal as to just what part the Japanese will play in the future political status of that country."

When asked about the moral status of the Japanese, Prof. Martin said the standard was very low, but that conditions were improving to a large degree. He said the statistics on suicides put Japan well at the top and that the cause of this seemed mainly to be family troubles.

"The characteristics of the Japanese press that struck me more forcibly than perhaps any other one factor was the rigid censorship that prevails there. In the office of the Advertiser are four Japanese interpreters whose work it is to look over the Japanese papers and clip out the articles that are of particular import for reprint. But even though a certain article appears in some Japanese paper, the Advertiser may receive orders from the police department to stop further publication of the articles and the order must be obeyed.

"Suppose that the premier, the highest official under the mikado, gives out to an Advertiser reporter a statement regarding some political or international question. Although the interview comes from the highest official in government circles, its publication can be, and often is, prevented by an order of the police. The police act in this matter upon their own initiative.

"Accuracy, the importance of driving home the facts in a news story is a thing that is almost foreign to the papers of Japan. It may appear in a Japan paper that some high official has eloped with his servant girl, and the news will be elaborated upon extensively. Upon investigation, however, it will be found that the report is unfounded and that the story originated by some one's cook telling the neighbor's servant, the neighbor's servant tells her mistress, the mistress tells her neighbor and so on until the papers get the news."

E. T. MEREDITH, DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA



ENGINE BREAKS AWAY CAUSING WRECK ON HILL

Tractor Collides With the Water Wagon, Throwing Driver to the Ground

STEVE OVERTURF IS ONLY ONE INJURED

He Has Bones in His Foot Crushed; Wreckage Lies Across Car Tracks

The breaking away of a traction engine outfit belonging to George Cramblit and its subsequent collision with a water wagon just ahead caused the injury of Steve Overturf and piled up the wreckage at Sixth and Court streets about 8 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Overturf was removed to the Ottumwa hospital where an attending physician found him to be suffering from a severe crushing of several of the smaller bones in his foot. He was also bruised and shaken up as a result of the accident.

When at about the middle of Court Hill the engine started to slide. Mr. Cramblit says he would have been able to turn it up Sixth street if the water wagon had not been driving ahead of him. He was not able to avoid a collision and when the machine struck the wagon it knocked the tank and Mr. Overturf, the driver, to the ground. The engine turned almost in an opposite direction and ran up over the curbing linking some of the curved parts of the top around a tree in front of Mrs. W. C. Wyman's residence.

The separator, which was following the engine, was not reversed in its direction but ran close to the walk in front of the tractor. The whole thing piled up into a mass of broken iron, steel, splintered wood and bent tin. The fire in the engine was immediately cleared and Mr. Cramblit and several of his helpers began loosening the twisted and torn parts of the machinery so that it might be removed from the street.

Car traffic was delayed for a few hours while the wreckage was being cleared. One car stopped at Sixth and the other above the scene of the accident and the passengers transferred.

SEND BOOKS TO SOLDIERS.

Des Moines, Aug. 24.—Iowa library commission has shipped 350 books to Brownsville for Iowa militiamen to read. The Iowa commission is the first of twenty-three in the United States to do this for state soldiers.

TO HELP SOLDIERS.

Montpelier, Vt., Aug. 24.—The Vermont legislature met today in a special session, called to devise means for the support of dependents of members of the national guard on duty on the border.

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SPIES FIGURE IN NAVAL WAR GAME

DEPARTMENT HEADS TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO CONCEAL WHEREABOUTS OF FLEET.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—The navy department had a spy scare today. It was entirely theoretical, however, and was based on the fear that information concerning the location of Rear Admiral Helm's "blue" fleet defending the Atlantic coast against a tactical assault by Admiral Mayo's "red" fleet, might reach the invaders by wireless from foreign merchant ships clearing from American ports.

This information, it was pointed out, might be gathered by "foreign agents" from incoming ships which had sighted the "blue" fleet and given to outgoing vessels for transmission after the three mile neutrality limit was passed. It was considered entirely probable that officers of the invading fleet before the war game actually started did not overlook the opportunity to establish an espionage system similar to that with which American authorities might have to cope in time of real war.

For this reason details of the "blue" fleet's tactics were guarded at the navy department as carefully as if the nation's safety actually were involved. Amateur wireless stations are under censorship and those in charge of supervising the amateurs are taking precautions to guard against dissemination of military secrets.

As soon as an encounter occurs, an announcement will be made by the navy department, unless the disclosure would be of aid to the hostile forces.

LAND INVADERS REPULSED.

New Braunfels, Tex., Aug. 24.—An "invasion" of Texas was repulsed today by the first Illinois brigade which engaged in battle exercises under the observation of officers of the U. S. army.

The hostile "red" was outfanked, outmaneuvered and defeated in frontal attacks, according to the army umpires, who watched Gen. D. Jack Foster's disposition of the technical foe. Machine guns of the seventh infantry were whisked to and from the field in a fleet of new gray motor cars, which have displaced the mules.

HEISELS INCORPORATE.

Oskaloosa, Aug. 24.—Articles of incorporation filed with the county recorder, Dave B. Hawkins by E. J. Heisel of Fremont, whereby E. J. Heisel and Leonard Heisel, who are also secretary and treasurer and president respectively. The incorporation is to run for twenty years.

ACCIDENT AT NORTH ENGLISH.

North English, Aug. 24.—As Henry Faas and George Doll and their families were starting for Iowa City to attend the circus the big automobile in which they were riding turned turtle on a grade east of town. The occupants all escaped with minor injuries with the exception of Mr. Doll who had a leg broken. They were passing a team on the grade, turned out a little too far and the car rolled down the grade.

BRAKES FAIL AND GIRL IS CRUSHED

Toledo, Aug. 24.—The brakes failing when a heavily laden auto "talled" on a steep hill, the machine rolled to the bottom where it overturned in a deep ditch, near here.

Miss Vera Pool of Elberon, a 17-year-old girl, was crushed to death. The car was owned by Ray Shugart, who was driving. None of the others were seriously injured.

TO BUILD COMMUNITY HOUSE.

Cedar Rapids, Aug. 24.—The First Presbyterian church, which occupies in the affections of local people, regardless of denomination, the place of a cathedral, has let the contract for a community house to cost \$5,000. The structure will occupy the site of the chapel which has been removed and will face Washington square, the downtown show place of Cedar Rapids.

TEUTONS HINT AT MAKING RUMANIA BATTLE GROUND

BELIEF EXPRESSED THAT AT TACK WILL FOLLOW NATION'S JOINING ENTENTE.

Berlin, Wednesday, Aug. 23.—Via London, Aug. 24.—Government circles here, though none too optimistic, view the Rumanian situation calmly, taking the attitude that it is Rumania's next move. The feeling is that the central powers have done everything possible to meet Rumania's views and that Rumania, in persisting in the course desired by the entente and her own expansionist party, will find the central powers ready, in which event it is to be expected every effort will be made to insure that the new war theater is on Rumanian soil.

Information from Vienna indicates that the Austro-Hungarian government hearing in mind the results of the negotiations concerning Italy's claims before that nation entered the war, has been at no time disposed to offer Rumania similar concessions for fear that this again would be mistaken for a sign of weakness.

At this moment there is not discernible the slightest effort to persuade Rumania taking any other course than one due to her own initiative. The latest dispatch from Bucharest indicates a further cooling off of the war fever.

URGES "SAFETY FIRST."

Chillicothe, Mo., Aug. 24.—The Burlington route has posted cards in different places in town which are a part of their country wide campaign for safety first, urging drivers of motor cars and teams to be careful when crossing a railroad track, citing the fact that 3,894 persons were killed or injured last year because of careless driving.

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