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IOWA—Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, possibly showers southeast. Sun rises, 6:17 a. m.; sets, 6:16 p. m. LOCAL TEMP.—6 p. m., 53; 8 p. m., 52; 12 m., 54; min., 55.

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ALLIES SEEK TO PRESS BULGARS ON TWO FRONTS

Offensive on Macedonian Line Started; Russians Helping Rumania

SOMME SITUATION LITTLE CHANGED

London, Sept. 11.—Attacks on Bulgaria from both the north and the south are apparently in preparation by the entente armies in the Balkans. The British have taken the offensive on the northeastern Macedonian front. They have crossed the Struma about forty miles northeast of Saloniki in an advance toward the Bulgarian border and are attacking the villages of Nevoljen and Karababes.

The British thrust, which may mean the beginning of an important offensive with the object of placing Bulgaria between two fires, is directed along the main road to Seres, north of Thabnos lake, the natural avenue of advance for an army pushing from the Bulgarian border.

Meantime the effort to encompass Bulgaria is proceeding on the north with the reported arrival of Russian troops in strong force to take the offensive against the Bulgarians who have invaded the Rumanian province of Dobruja, occupying large areas and capturing the fortress of Turtuki and Silistria.

In northern France the Germans yesterday and last night struck hard at both the French and the British, but according to the entente reports, were unable to regain ground lost last week.

In five attacks on the French south of the Somme from Berry to below Chaumes, the Germans used flaming liquid.

The British repulsed attacks upon Ginchy and attempted advances near Mouquet farm and Pozieres.

German and Bulgarian forces have captured the old Bulgarian fortress of Silistria, on the east bank of the Danube about sixty miles east of Bucharest, according to reports from Berlin, which add that the Rumanians and Russians fighting in Dobruja apparently have suffered very considerable losses during the last few days.

Berlin and Vienna concede a gain to the Russians in the Carpathians to the west of Snypt. The Russians are on the offensive from the Baltic to the wooded heights of the Carpathians.

Russian attempts to break through southeast of Lemberg, near Halicz, failed, according to Vienna.

ASSAULTS REPULSED.

Paris, Sept. 11.—Five times last night the Germans attacked positions newly won by the French on the Somme front. The war office announces they were repulsed each time with heavy loss.

The official report says the Germans employed burning liquid in making their attacks. The fighting occurred south of the Somme; from Berry to the region south of Chaumes.

BULGARS PUSHED BACK.

Paris, Sept. 11.—British troops on the front in Greek Macedonia took the offensive last night. They crossed the Struma river, the war office announced today, and attacked the Bulgarians, who are resisting desperately.

CHARGE OF IRISH IS TOO MUCH FOR TEUTONS

Britons on the Somme Front Make New Gains in Thrilling Assaults Aided by the New Guns.

With the British Army in France, Sept. 10.—Via London, Sept. 11.—The battle for the ridge between Thiepval and Ginchy redoubled in fury yesterday afternoon when the British successfully stormed the right bastion.

German trenches were destroyed over a four-mile stretch and their garrisons took refuge in shell holes and the fortified cellars of the village of Ginchy. The British troops left their trenches about 4:30 p. m. The main attack against Ginchy was entrusted chiefly to the Irish. The German fortifications consisted of cellars fitted with ingenious loopholes for rifles and machine guns and a mud fort in the center of a farm which bristled with machine guns.

The fighting was desperate but the Irish carried through their first attack in eight minutes. After half an hour's pause they again dashed to the assault and in ten minutes had established themselves in positions north of the village.

The right wing advanced more slowly east of Ginchy and the fighting continued all night. The German machine gun defenses were finally smashed by British shells.

On the rest of the battle front the Germans made good their defense in High wood, but lost ground and prisoners both east and west of it. The total number of German prisoners taken so far in this fighting is about 400, most of whom are Bavarians. The Germans fought hard to hold their last position on the ridge, but the weight of the British howitzer fire and the impetuosity of the attack were irresistible.

MEDIATORS IN SESSION

Mexican and American Congresses Seek Solution of the Much Discussed Border Problems.

New London, Conn., Sept. 11.—The American-Mexican joint commission resumed today its effort to find a solution for the problems along the international boundary. This was the third joint discussion. Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican delegation, presided.

Since their meeting three days ago the American members have devoted much time to a study of government reports on the various phases of the border problem.

They are counting also on the personal knowledge of the situation which Maj. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss will be able to supply on his arrival from Washington. Before the meeting began Secretary Lane expressed confidence that a constructive plan of action would soon take definite shape.

So far there has been nothing more than general mention of the Mexican request that Gen. Pershing's forces be withdrawn from Mexico. The basis of the plan for policing the line that has been talked over, however, is the return of the American troops to their own territory, ensuring that movement the first step toward establishing a permanent system of protection against border bandits.

An inquiry which has for its object the return to Mexico of Americans with property interests there was begun here today by the commission. It was indicated that if the facts disclosed warrant it, the state department might withdraw its warning that Americans stay out of the neighboring republic for the present.

BIG STRIKE TO SPREAD

Nearly a Million Workers in New York Asked to Quit Work to Aid Street Car Unions.

New York, Sept. 11.—With the leaders of 750,000 labor men of Greater New York and vicinity threatening a sympathetic strike, traffic on the subway and elevated lines in Manhattan and the Bronx impeded and the surface systems in those two boroughs and Westchester county virtually tied up, the general strike situation assumed a more serious aspect today.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, declined to discuss the probability of a general strike, but union leaders asserted that if necessary 50,000 union men could be called out within six hours.

CHURCHES TO HELP INCREASE WAR LOAN

Berlin, Sept. 11.—Archbishop Dabrowa of the archdiocese of Gnesen-Posen has instructed the clergy to invest as much as possible of the funds of their churches in the new German war loan, the Overseas News agency says.

The municipality of Wiesbaden has subscribed 30,000,000 marks to the loan.

WOMAN FOUND DEAD.

Iowa City, Sept. 11.—A coroner's inquest was to be held here today over the body of Mrs. Frank Amish, 43 years old, wife of a carpenter here. Mrs. Amish's body was found Sunday by her husband in a garage at their home. The police believe she took poison while temporarily insane on account of ill health.

MAINE ELECTION BEING WATCHED

National Issues to Receive First Test at Hands of Bay State Voters

Portland, Me., Sept. 11.—Voters of Maine to the number of 140,000 or more went to the polls today to elect a governor, two U. S. senators, four representatives in congress, a state legislature and a state auditor.

National issues have been brought to the fore and party leaders brought hundreds of speakers into the state, including former Justice Hughes, former Vice President Fairbanks, and members of President Wilson's cabinet, to persuade the voters to line up with or against the national executive and the majority in congress.

Maine, however, is normally republican, and the democratic leaders insisted that something more than a scant republican victory would be required to constitute repudiation of the administration, while a democratic plurality, however, would be accepted by them as an endorsement.

Fair weather prevailed and this was expected to cause a big vote, equally desired by both sides. A governor, auditor, four congressmen, two U. S. senators and a state legislature will be chosen.

The state officers are now democratic, and that party has one U. S. senator and one of the four congressmen.

In 1914 the progressives cast 18,226 votes for governor. How they would split today was a matter of dispute. Both sides claim they will receive sufficient progressive support to carry the election.

The polls opened at 6 o'clock and must close not later than 5 p. m. Many returns will be slow, as some twenty towns are plantations are without telegraphic or telephone communication with the outside. However, the result should be indicated before midnight.

GUARDSMEN VOTE.

Laredo, Tex., Sept. 11.—Members of the second Maine regiment of national guardsmen doing duty along the Mexican border today voted in the elections held in their state. The privilege was accorded under a law passed by Maine during the civil war, authorizing soldiers in the field to vote.

The ballots will be sealed and forwarded to the secretary of state of Maine.

PRIMARYS IN SOUTH.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 11.—Democrats of Georgia, Louisiana and South Carolina will hold state primaries tomorrow to select nominees whose later election is assured, with few exceptions, by lack of second party opposition.

In Georgia a governor, twelve representatives and all state officials are to be nominated. Gov. Nat E. Harris is opposed for renomination by Hugh M. Dorsey of Atlanta, Dr. L. G. Hardeman of Commerce and Joseph E. Pottle of Milledgeville.

In Louisiana congressional nominations are to be made and contests have developed only in the sixth district, where former Gov. J. Y. Sanders and Ames L. Ponder are rivals for the place now held by Representative L. L. Morgan, and in the seventh, where Representative Ladislas Lazaro is opposed for renomination by T. A. Edwards and A. M. Barbe.

In South Carolina secondary primaries are necessary because no candidate for the gubernatorial nomination got a majority of votes cast in the first primary held two weeks ago. Gov. Richard I. Manning and former Gov. Cole L. Blease will contest again. For the same reason, Representative Wyatt Alken and F. H. Dominick are opponents in the third congressional district.

PINCHOT FAVORS HUGHES' CANDIDACY

Chicago, Sept. 11.—Gifford Pinchot, prominently with the progressive party, today made public a statement in which he announced his intention of supporting Charles E. Hughes. Mr. Pinchot said he is neither a democrat nor a republican, but a progressive and that in view of the fact that there is no progressive candidate for president, he must vote for either the democratic or the republican nominee.

"As a progressive I believe in nationalism," says the statement. "So does Hughes. I am certain that under Hughes the progressive policies will fare better than under Wilson, and that the safety, honor and welfare of the country will be immeasurably surer hands."

HANLY'S SPECIAL IN NORTH DAKOTA

Fargo, N. D., Sept. 11.—Swinging through North Dakota, which has been dry for a quarter of a century, J. Frank Hanly and other speakers aboard the prohibition campaign special train today proposed this state's experience as proof of practical results prohibition would bring.

Mr. Hanly in his addresses took issue particularly with former President Taft over a statement he once is quoted as making to the effect that a national prohibition amendment could not be enforced.

GERMAN SYMPATHIZERS START RIOT IN GREECE

French Legation at Athens Involed by Reservists Who Are Driven Out With Shots.

London, Sept. 11.—A Reuter's Athens dispatch says that Premier Zaimis had another lengthy conference with King Constantine Sunday afternoon, after which the cabinet met.

In regard to the shots fired in the neighborhood of the French legation, the dispatch says that the allies' demands have apparently been fully accepted, although nothing has been officially announced. The closing of the clubs of the reservists' league, a step demanded by the entente, was begun Sunday evening.

Paris, Sept. 11.—Additional details of the disturbance at the French legation in Greece Saturday are forwarded by the Havas correspondent at Athens. He telegraphed that while the entente ministers were meeting at the legation reservists forced an entrance, shouting, "Long live the king. Down with the entente!"

Four shots were fired. No one was injured. The reservists fled.

TO DISBAND LEAGUE.

Athens, Sept. 10. (Via London, Sept. 11.)—King Constantine personally has accepted the demand of the entente allies that the reservists' league, of which he is honorary president, be dissolved.

FIGHT CHANGE IN BREAD

Chicago Housewives Advised to Use the Scales to Make Sure Loaf Is Not Reduced in Size.

Chicago, Sept. 11.—Housewives of Chicago were today urged to weigh the bread they buy and to assist the city department of weights and measures in watching local bakers for violations of the antitrust laws and the ordinances against short weights.

The request came from William F. Cluett, in charge of this part of the department's work, who announced that he would have a corps of inspectors scattered over Chicago today to test the weights of loaves.

The announcement by a leading baking concern Saturday that for several days it had been cutting down the weight of its five cent loaf of bread was responsible for Mr. Cluett's message to Chicago housewives.

The U. S. district attorney, the state's attorney and the Chicago city council have already started investigations into the bakery situation.

Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 11.—War has been declared on the high cost of living. The housewives' league last night decided at a meeting to organize today and go before the council tonight in protest against the recent 20 per cent increase in the price of food.

ITALY HAS A BLACKLIST

Government Will Adopt The Lists As Already Prepared By The Britons and the French.

Paris, Sept. 11.—The Italian government has decided to adopt a black list system in principle, according to a Rome dispatch to the Matin. The dispatch says the lists already drawn up by France and England will be used with whatever other additional names the Italian government may decide upon.

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 11.—Charles E. Hughes, homeward bound, spent the last day but one of his first presidential campaign trip in Syracuse today. A vociferous crowd welcomed him at the station. The principal streets were dressed out in the national colors in his honor and for the opening of the state fair.

The nominee reviewed a long parade of automobiles and then had luncheon at the fair grounds, where he was scheduled to speak at 2 o'clock. Later, Mr. Hughes was to hold a two hour public reception and then attend a dinner given in his honor by the Allied club of Syracuse. Mr. Hughes was to leave at 11:35 p. m. for Plattsburg, where he will speak tomorrow night at the military training camp.

HUGHES GREETED BY NEW YORKERS

San Francisco, Sept. 11.—Warren K. Billings, who is alleged to have planted the bomb that was exploded along the line of march of the preparedness parade here July 22, resulting in the death of ten persons, was to be placed on trial today. Four other suspects are to be tried later.

A mass meeting was held last night to raise funds for Billings' defense. It was arranged by Robert Miner of New York, acting as the representative of the International Workers' Defense league.

CLARK STREET OUT TO CHANGE NAME

Chicago, Sept. 11.—Clark street, having reformed since the days when it was the haunt of confidence men and gamblers, wants its name changed and enough signatures were secured to a petition today to insure consideration of a proposal to rechristen it Broadway.

Business men on the street say out-of-town customers are frightened away by the stories told of Clark street and the preceding decade and say that though conditions are changed, the name is still a handicap.

FALLS IN FRONT OF MOVING TRAIN

Waterloo, Sept. 11.—Harry L. Greene, 28 years old, a brakeman on the Chicago Great Western railroad, was instantly killed here today when he stumbled and fell in front of a moving freight car which was being pushed in on a siding. He was hurrying to his home at Onawa on an extra run to see his son, born yesterday.

MURDERS WIFE; THEN KILLS SELF

Louis Hoffman at Buxton Is Perpetrator of Double Tragedy of Sunday

Buxton, Sept. 11.—Special: Louis Hoffman, 30 years old, murdered his wife and killed himself at their home here early Sunday morning. Domestic trouble is given as the cause for the tragedy.

Mrs. Hoffman, who had spent the night away from the house, was met at the door upon her return at 6 o'clock in the morning, by her husband who quarreled with her a few moments and then struck her twice with a hatchet, splitting her head. One shot from a revolver severed the jugular vein in her neck. Hoffman then stepped into his room and fired a bullet into his brain dying almost instantly.

The nine-year-old daughter of the couple was the sole witness to the tragedy. She ran from the house to get assistance when she saw her father strike his wife.

The Hoffman family had resided here for nine years and the man was employed as a shoe repairer in the company store. They moved here from Chicago.

No arrangements have been made for the funerals.

PRIVATE BANKS TO BE INVESTIGATED

Chicago, Sept. 11.—Rigid investigation of the private banks of Chicago was promised today when it was stated that the "private bank squad" in the office of State's Attorney Maclay Hoyle would renew the search for evidence of insolvency on the part of such institutions in the foreign sections of the city.

It was stated that at least one other bank would today fall under scrutiny. The recent closing of banks owned by Adolph Silver and Co. and John A. Krzywozewski, who was arrested in Grand Rapids, Mich., last week, led to renewed activity on the part of the state prosecutor.

TWELVE YEAR OLD BOY KILLS BROTHER

Davenport, Sept. 11.—Fred Wenzel, 6 years old, of New Liberty, was shot and killed by his brother, Herman, aged 12, Sunday, with a shot gun which he had loaded for a supposed marauder, who was thought to have been poisoning stock on their farm.

The family had lost a fine stallion two weeks ago by poisoning and it was feared that the act might be repeated and the shot gun was loaded and kept in readiness. The children were playing with it, and the older shot and killed the younger.

CHICAGO PHONE LINES TO MERGE

Chicago, Sept. 11.—The fate of a city ordinance providing for a merger of Chicago telephone companies was expected to be decided today by officials of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. in New York.

Permission was recently granted by the local council for the consolidation of the two companies operating here, but the ordinance becomes void after midnight tonight.

The proposed deal provided for the purchase of the Automatic Co. by the Bell concern.

ALLEGED THROWER OF BOMB ON TRIAL

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MORRISON CASE NEARING AN END

Chicago, Sept. 11.—Efforts to conclude the court investigation of the affairs of Edward W. Morrison by the end of the day's session were insisted on by Judge Landis when the hearing was resumed this morning.

James R. Ward, formerly Morrison's attorney, again took the stand and was questioned about his accounts with Morrison.

FIRE DESTROYS STORE.

Marshalltown, Sept. 11.—Fire early today destroyed the store of Ideo & Co., at Ferguson, near here. The loss is estimated at \$8,000, half of which is covered by insurance. Spontaneous combustion is blamed for the fire.

SNOW IN COLORADO.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 11.—Snow is falling at Leadville today, according to reports to the local weather bureau. The precipitation amounts to nearly an inch.

SPAN OF HUGE BRIDGE FALLS INTO THE RIVER

Many Workmen Are Known to Have Perished; Crowds of Spectators Rush Launched to the Rescue.

Quebec, Que., Sept. 11.—The span of the world's greatest bridge collapsed and fell into the St. Lawrence river today with a loss of life seriously estimated. The company erecting the structure placed the number of deaths at upwards of twenty-five, but H. P. Borden, a member of the Quebec bridge commission, expressed the opinion that only three persons were lost. Several hours after the accident happened at 1:30 o'clock a special train into Quebec brought twenty men who had been injured.

Nine years ago a similar accident at the same spot took a toll of seventy lives. Today, ninety men were carried into the river when the 5,000 ton span, being raised from pontoons in an engineering feat designed to complete the \$17,000,000 cantilever suspension for transcontinental railway traffic, plunged a distance of fifteen feet into the water and sank 200 feet, perhaps never to be recovered.

Contradictory stories were told regarding the collapse. The pontoons had been removed and the span was being lifted by massive hydraulic jacks when, according to some of the spectators at the northern end of the span, the span fell with the breaking of girders. Frantic efforts were made to place a chain rope around the tottering structure but, with reports like shells exploding, the remaining supports snapped and the span disappeared with a tremendous splash. Some observers said the structure buckled at the center as it fell.

Groups of men at work slipped off into the water and others were knocked into space by flying debris. Scores of craft containing spectators went to the rescue and their endeavors prevented a larger loss of life.

The bridge was being constructed at a cost of \$17,000,000 in order to shorten the railway journey from Halifax to the Canadian northwest by 300 miles.

The bridge stands on the site of the structure which collapsed on August 28, 1907, with a loss of seventy lives.

The central span, which fell today, weighs more than 5,000 tons and is 640 feet long.

The span had been constructed on pontoons a few miles east of the bridge site and was towed into position immediately under the gap left in the anchor arms of the structure.

Chains with links thirty inches in diameter, together with girders, were then attached to the span and 3,000 ton hydraulic jacks commenced the stupendous task of lifting the span into place.

This work could be accomplished only a few feet an hour, and as the distance from the river level to the floor of the bridge is 150 feet, the engineers had not counted on completing the operation until the end of this week or later.

The bridge was to have been ready for train service next spring, marking an important milestone in Canada's engineering railway history.

SEED CORN WEEK NAMED

Governor Clarke Issues Proclamation Calling Attention To Importance Of Early Action.

Des Moines, Sept. 11.—In a proclamation signed and made public today, George W. Clarke, governor of Iowa, designated the first week in October as "seed corn week" for Iowa farmers.

The proclamation says in part: "Whereas, it has been demonstrated that the best results are obtained from seed corn selected prior to frosts of any consequence, and

"Whereas, good seed corn so selected means many hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Iowa farmer,

"Therefore, I do hereby announce and proclaim the first week in October as seed corn week in Iowa and urge upon the schools as proposed, and that throughout the state so far as practicable the seed corn for next year be selected and preserved as intelligent experience has determined to be best, to the end that Iowa's great crop may be made to approach its wondrous possibilities.

(Signed) "George W. Clarke, Governor."

FORD FILES REPLY TO LIBEL ACTION

Washington, D. C., Sept. 11.—Herbert Ford, through counsel, filed in the District of Columbia supreme court today his answer in the \$100,000 libel suit brought against him by the league of the United States on account of a newspaper advertisement impugning the motives of the league and officers in their preparedness propaganda.

Mr. Ford does not retract the statements complained of but declares he had reason to believe they were true and that they had been published broadcast throughout the country, made often in congress without being given a denial from the league, so he knew. He points out that he had untruly accepted service in the army in spite of the advice of counsel and he was not obliged to do so.

DEMOCRATS PLAN CAMPAIGN CLOSURE

Des Moines, Sept. 11.—Plans for the closing months of the state campaign were outlined today at a meeting here of the Iowa democratic central committee. All the county committeemen were present, with the exception of E. J. Feuling of New Hampton, committeeman from the fourth congressional district, who was expected to arrive late this afternoon. E. T. M. Smith, democratic candidate for governor, spent the morning in conference with the committeemen.

State Chairman Reynolds of Clinton said a statement outlining proceedings would be given out late this afternoon.

CLAIMS COURT ERRED AND ASKS FOR REHEARING

Charles Peterson Wants Have New Trial, Urging Error By the Judge

ECHO OF LUSITANIA DISASTER IN CASE

Claiming that the court erred in the case away from the Phillips Coal company, Charles Peterson, against whom a verdict was directed by Judge C. Vermilion last week in favor of Phillips Coal Co., has asked for a rehearing.

Ottumwa heirs of Evan Jones are combating the application of Mrs. Adams for a portion of Evan Jones' estate with a motion for a new trial. In the case of Rilla Stain vs. Ottumwa Taxi Line Co., et al., Grace Cook vs. W. C. Muldoon, et al., the defendant's motions were overruled and portions sustained. In both actions the plaintiffs have been given a week to amend their petitions.

In the case of Richard T. Price vs. John W. Breen, et al., the plaintiff's application for a receiver was denied because the property was not in the hands of the defendant. The plaintiff is given leave to amend his petition asking for an injunction to restrain the defendant from committing waste.

The Phillips Coal company's application to dismiss the case which D. Lilly has brought against it was denied by the court and the company given a week to plead.

Frank Stanfield has petitioned court for a divorce from May Stanfield. A decree of foreclosure was made in the case of E. J. Farrington vs. P. H. Farrington. Evans Farrington has been given a divorce from Fred M. Farrington.

GENERAL VILLA IS NOT NEAR BORDER

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 11.—Latest communication from Gen. Pershing, given out at Gen. Funston's headquarters, says nothing has been discovered which would place General Villa near the American line in Mexico.

Gen. Pershing said even the name as far south as Naniquipa had heard of the proximity of the band leader. It is supposed he is still near the Santa Clara canyon, or has even farther south.

Scouts of the American army have penetrated the Santa Clara canyon search of Villa's band and have found it there, Gen. Pershing's message to Gen. Funston said.

Gen. Pershing did not say so, but is believed here that the American scouts must have been supported at least a small force, as the canyon is more than fifty miles south of Valle and the southernmost American line.

This is the first indication in many weeks that Gen. Pershing's men have been operating at any distance from their base.

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