

BULGARS AND ITALIANS ARE NOW AT WAR

Formal Declaration Made by Government at Rome—Expected to Send Army or Fleet to Aid Allies.

NOTICE IS SERVED ON GREECE BY THE ALLIES

Informed That Interpretation of Treaty With Serbia is Not Satisfactory—Say It's Her Duty to Help.

BERLIN, Oct. 19.—Austro-German troops have captured Obrenovatz in Serbia. It was officially announced today by the German war office.

ROME, Oct. 19.—A Salonika dispatch to the Tribuna reports that all Greek troops have landed on the Bulgarian coast.

ROME, Oct. 19.—Italy declared war against Bulgaria today. Italy's declaration of war means that she will send an army of a fleet, and may be against the Bulgarian allies of Germany in the Balkans.

ATHENS, Oct. 19.—The allies have rejected the Greek government's interpretation of the treaty between Serbia and Greece. It became known today. Ministers of England and Russia so notified the Greek foreign office on Sunday.

The two envoys also gave notice that the entente powers would considerably reinforce the allied troops in the Balkans.

They made it plain that the allies considered it the duty of Greece to help in the defence of Serbia against Bulgarian attacks and that their governments did not agree with the Athens interpretation of the Serbo-Greek pact that the present conditions make it unnecessary for Greece to act.

CAPTURE RAILROADS. LONDON, Oct. 19.—By capturing Vranje, on the Salonika-Nish railway, the Bulgarians have struck their hardest blow at the Serbs.

The Serbian army in the north, which is engaged on a front south of the Drina, Save and Danube rivers, is cut off from further Anglo-French reinforcement.

When the Bulgarians occupied Vranje in the valley of the Morava river, they not only cut the railway but got between the Serbs in the north and the Anglo-French forces that have just entered southern Serbia.

The Bulgarian army at Vranje is the second of three Bulgar forces that invaded Serbia. It has advanced nearly 20 miles into Serb territory despite

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VIOLENT ATTACKS MADE BY TEUTONS

All Are Repulsed Says Paris Report—Hold Positions Recently Captured.

PARIS, Oct. 19.—German troops are continuing their violent attacks in which they have already suffered tremendous losses, against the French northeast of Soissons. The war office announced today that three severe attacks with grenades were made by the Germans last night in the Boisensatch region, but that each one was repulsed by the French infantry, supported by batteries.

The following communique was issued by the war office: "During the night the Germans launched three violent attacks with grenades in the Boisensatch to the northeast of Soissons. Our infantry, firmly established in the positions recently captured, completely repulsed the assailants every time with the support of our batteries."

"To the south of the Somme there was sharp rifle firing on both sides in the sector of Ithons.

"In Champagne, some conflicts with bombs and petards occurred to the east of Navarin farm.

"DUMMY OFFICERS" BACK ON THE JOB

"Drive to the Right" Signs Are Replaced at Busy Intersections.

Having been given a coat of white paint and having undergone other improvements, six rejuvenated "dummy" traffic officers replaced the six of the central street intersections presented a neat appearance Tuesday morning.

The signs, having been in the hands of a blacksmith since five of them were run down and damaged by recalcitrant autoists and teamsters, may now be read from all directions.

"Why did you paint 'em white?" a police official was asked. "So automobilists can have the pleasure of splashing muddy water over them," was the bromidic retort.

However, all vehicles were making deep turns to the right at the crossings where they have been installed, Tuesday morning. As a means of handling traffic in the daytime, according to the members of the board of public works, the signs work out suitably, but after night they are difficult to see. This difficulty was the cause of their early disability in the opinion of local officials.

SHOOTING SCRAPE TO BE AIRED IN COURT

Steve Vargo Arraigned on Charge of Having Fired at Patrolman Gorka.

As the result of a shooting scrape recently occurring on W. Ford st., in which Patrolman Steve Gorka was made a target, Steve Vargo, 715 W. Ford st., was arraigned in city court Tuesday morning upon charges of shooting with intent to kill. He was also accused of assault by one John Mazlin, 823 Indiana av., who also alleged that he had been shot at several times by Vargo.

Vargo pleaded not guilty and the case was set for Oct. 22. He is being held under bonds of \$150.

Gorka interceded on the night of the shooting, having been called to quell the trouble by neighbors. Vargo is alleged to have shot several times at Mazlin, none of the bullets taking effect. When Gorka appeared on the scene, Vargo is alleged to have fired twice through a window. Gorka returned his fire, and one of his bullets struck Vargo in the hip. He has since been in the hospital.

ATTENDANCE IS LARGE

Municipal Recreation Committee Will Hear Reports Tonight.

Since Sept. 5, when only the Oliver and the Sample st. playgrounds were left under supervision, there has been a total attendance during 22 open days, of 16,800 at these two grounds. During the last month there has been electric lights at the Sample st. grounds, so that they have been used there Monday was 450.

A complete report of the work at the playgrounds will be given tonight at a meeting of the municipal recreation committee to be held in the office of Director Barnes. Other business will be attended to at this meeting.

CLUB TO DINE TONIGHT

Rep. Martin B. Madden to be Principal Speaker.

One of the best attended meetings of the Knife and Fork clubs ever held is expected at the October dinner of the club at the Oliver hotel tonight at 6:45 o'clock. Martin B. Madden, a member of congress from Illinois, will be the principal speaker, talking on "The National Defense." Farnham Bishop will deliver his illustrated lecture on "The Submarine."

Rome C. Stephenson will act as toastmaster, and Rev. C. J. Black, pastor of Lowell Heights M. E. church, will ask the invocation. Music will be furnished by the Oliver hotel orchestra.

EX-CHAUFFEUR IS HELD

Leo Allen Accused of Having Taken Automobile.

Leo Allen of Mishawaka, former chauffeur for D. B. J. Schafer, was arraigned in city court Tuesday morning upon charges of unlawfully obtaining possession of Schafer's automobile. It has been alleged that Allen took the car to joy-ride about the city, and left it on St. Louis blvd. with its steering gear broken and badly damaged in other ways. Allen pleaded not guilty and the case was set for Wednesday morning. He is held under bond of \$100.

WILL IMPROVE LIGHTS

Representatives of the Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. assured members of the board of public works at its regular meeting Tuesday morning, that the smaller incandescent lights on Franklin and Taylor sts., between Wayne and Sample sts., would be furnished with sufficient power to live up to the terms of the company's contract with the city. The works board had received several complaints from residents of this section who declared that the lights were dim and in other ways unsatisfactory.

ESTATE VALUED AT \$2,500

The estate of John F. Wesolowski was opened up for probate Tuesday morning in the superior court. Bridget Wesolowski, the widow, qualifying as administratrix. An estate valued at \$200 in personal property and real estate of \$2,000, the latter subject to a mortgage of \$1,100 is left. The heirs are besides the widow, Tillie, Mary, Joseph, Edward, J. J., Tillie, Mary, Joseph, Frank and Angie Wesolowski, daughters and sons.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

John Marciukowski, machinist; Mary Niemier, seamstress. Stephen Kovacs, laborer; Theresa Grundtner, domestic. Anton Horvath, farmer; Mary Roth.

MEX BANDITS WRECK TRAIN NEAR BORDER

Engineer Killed and American Soldier Shot to Death Near Brownsville—Troops Are Ordered Out.

ORDERED TO SHOOT ALL SOLDIERS ABOARD

Telephone Message Says Train Was Set Afire After All Passengers Had Been Robbed.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Oct. 19.—American troops rushed from Brownsville and Harlingen searched the country north of here today in an effort to find a gang of bandits who wrecked and robbed a passenger train on the St. Louis, Mexican and Southern railway last night a few miles from Brownsville.

Reports received at railway headquarters early today stated that the engineer of the train had been killed in the wreck, that an American soldier had been shot to death by the bandits and three other soldiers wounded and that three men had been shot, one of them fatally.

As soon as the news of the wreck and robbery was heard, four companies of infantry were sent to the scene in special trains and these forces were met by two troops of cavalry.

The train had on board a number of American soldiers acting as guards to prevent any attack by Mexicans. This had been a practice since the Mexican bandits along the border had increased in boldness.

The wreck and hold-up had apparently been carefully planned. The engine was ditched a few miles north of Brownsville, and five bandits then dived through the train. Reports to military headquarters here said that the bandits' leader ordered his men to shoot all American soldiers on board.

Dr. E. S. McCain, a deputy health officer, was shot through the abdomen and fatally injured. Peace officer Harry Wallace, another passenger, was shot through the hand and hip.

A telephone message from Olmito, received shortly after midnight, said that the bandits had set fire to the train after they had robbed the passengers.

IS "FIRST CHIEF"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Gen. Venustiano Carranza was today recognized as the head of the defacto government of Mexico by the United States. This action was formally taken in a note dispatched to Eliseo Arredondo, Carranza's confidential agent here, by Sec'y of State Lansing.

The note stated that the government of the United States was glad to recognize the defacto government of Mexico, of which Carranza is to be recognized as the head. Carranza is to be recognized as the head of the government at any time to receive an ambassador from that government and that it will dispatch a United States ambassador to Mexico City as soon as possible. Arredondo was asked to communicate this information to Carranza.

From the question as to whether the United States should recognize Carranza against the protest of some of the most influential clergy in America, the president and state department turned today to the problem of choosing an ambassador. The character of the first American envoy to the revolutionary government in Mexico will determine how far Carranza is to listen to counsel from the white house.

Henry P. Fletcher, now ambassador to Argentina, is strongly urged by a group anxious that a man experienced in handling Latin-American affairs be given this post. On the other hand it is learned that the friends of Brand Whitlock, now minister to Belgium, are urging that his notable work in the war zone be rewarded by the ambassadorship. Friends of former Gov. Folk of Missouri, and ex-Gov. Martin B. Glynn of New York are also urging their claims.

GERMAN SPY EXECUTED

LONDON, Oct. 19.—The British war office announced today that a German spy has been shot and another sentenced to five years penal servitude. This is the eighth spy to be executed since the war began.

PREMIER ASQUITH IS CONFINED TO HOUSE

LONDON, Oct. 19.—Premier Asquith has been stricken with illness at the critical moment when opponents of the government are making their fiercest attacks upon the cabinet. His physicians have ordered him to give up all work for a few days. The following bulletin was issued at the premier's residence today: "The prime minister is suffering from an attack of gastro-intestinal catarrh. This necessitates a few days' complete rest."

As far as could be learned today no successor to Sir Edward Carson as attorney general has yet been decided upon and it is probable that no choice will be announced until Premier Asquith resumes his duties.

LICENSING THE CHAUFFEUR AT LAST



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CHARLTON LOSING GROUND AT TRIAL

Friends Say Desire to Shield Wife May be Cause of His Conviction.

COMO, Italy, Oct. 19.—The proceedings so far in the trial of Porter Charlton, who slew his wife and cast her body into lake Como, look bad for a verdict of acquittal for the young American. Friends of the prisoner, at the resumption of the trial today, declared that Charlton had lost ground during the first day of the proceedings, and the youthful axuricide was sharply arraigned by his own lawyers, for his manner of telling his story to Baron Sciacca, the presiding judge, and the jurors.

"Charlton must abandon the attitude he has taken toward his wife's memory," declared Signor Scotto, counsel for the defense. "The prosecution maintains that Charlton premeditated the crime and committed it, but if Charlton would reveal all he knows he could disprove this. If he is to save himself he must go to greater lengths in his revelations concerning the abnormal woman who was his wife."

"The truth is that on the night of the crime Charlton had a revolver in his pocket, but he did not use it. Charlton has not told this fact to the court, but he must do so. It will certainly show that if the crime was premeditated, Charlton would have shot his wife instead of using a wooden mallet to beat her to death."

"Also Charlton must tell the court that his wife was always more or less under the influence of alcohol. He believes that this will blacken the memory of the dead woman, but if he is to save himself from a long sentence of imprisonment he must abandon this attitude of chivalry."

It was reported that the jury would ask for a sentence of 20 years. Keen disappointment is felt by the prisoner over the fact that Micali Picardi, his senior counsel, is prevented by illness from being present. Picardi is regarded as a forceful, resourceful attorney, and

GERMANS LOST 80,000

Attempt to Capture Dvinsk Costly, Says Petrograd.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 19.—German losses in the attempt to capture Dvinsk were officially estimated at 80,000 killed and wounded today. The war office says it was learned through German prisoners that the defeats inflicted by the Russians on the Dvinsk front have provoked a serious quarrel between Field Marshal von Hindenburg and the kaiser.

President Didn't Make a Cent On His Three Bales of Cotton

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The venture of President Wilson into the business of buying and selling cotton has come to an end and the executive didn't make a cent. A year ago, in the midst of the "buy a bale of cotton" excitement he sought to encourage the cotton growers of the south by buying three bales of the staple. One of these bales was bought in Texas, one in Georgia and one in Oklahoma.

The cotton remained in the warehouses of the south until arrangements were made for its sale. Some time ago one bale was turned over by the president to a cotton celebration in New York state, which sold

MELLEN WILL BE FEDERAL WITNESS

Former Head of New Haven Will Take Stand When Opening Speech is Finished.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New Haven railway, whose testimony before the interstate commerce commission in Washington and the federal grand jury in New York was largely responsible for the indictment of William Rockefeller and the other millionaire directors of the road, was in the United States district court today ready to be one of the first and the greatest star witnesses in the conspiracy trial which Robert L. Batts, special assistant attorney general, should have completed his opening speech.

When the trial was resumed today, Batts continued his speech which was interrupted by the adjournment of court yesterday. He took up where he had left off showing to the jury, with the aid of a series of maps, the alleged swallowing up by the New Haven of the transportation facilities of New England, steam, electric and water, from 1892 to 1914.

AUSTRIANS ARE ACTIVE

Making Violent Efforts to Recapture Pregarina.

ROME, Oct. 18.—(Via Paris, Oct. 19.)—Intense activity is developing in the Austro-Italian theater of war. The Italian war office announced today that the Austrians are making violent efforts to recapture Pregarina, on the western shores of Lake Garda, in Trent.

Along the Tyrolean frontier there have been severe bombardments supporting infantry attacks. An important advance has been made by the Italian troops in the Monte San Michele sector on Carso plateau.

CONTRABAND ORDER IS TIGHTENED BY BRITISH

LONDON, Oct. 19.—British contraband regulations were tightened today by a decree prohibiting the exportation of cotton manufactures with the exception of lace and cotton waste to any European country except France, Russia, Italy, Spain and Portugal.

SINKS TWO SHIPS

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 19.—The German steamers Pernambuco and Soederham have been torpedoed in the Baltic by a British submarine. The Soederham is of 1,499 tons and the Pernambuco displaces 4,785 tons.

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Prosecutor Rucker Informs Judge That State Has Not Sufficient Evidence to Warrant a Trial.

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Other Cases Are to be Taken Up on Dec. 1—Court Withholds Sentence on Men Who Pleaded Guilty.

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Consults Attorneys. Judge Elchhorn then consulted the defense attorneys. "If we are going to try these cases, we ought to try them," answered Charles W. Miller, "but of course, if the state is not ready there is nothing else we can do."

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OPEN SWITCH IS CAUSE OF WRECK

Suburban Express Leaves Tracks Near Joliet, Ill. Several Injured.

JOLIET, Ill., Oct. 19.—Running at a 40-mile rate into an open switch on the outskirts of Joliet at 6:45 a. m. today, an inbound suburban express of the Chicago & Alton railroad was wrecked. The locomotive crashed into a switch engine. Three trainmen likely will die of their injuries. Several passengers were hurt.

Among the injured were: Jack Mulligan, Joliet, engineer, both legs broken, internal injuries. E. Hines, Joliet, fireman, both legs broken, concussion of the brain. Charles Grant, Joliet, brakeman, both legs broken, probably fatal internal injuries.

Mrs. W. R. Randolph Taylor of California, a passenger, both legs broken, condition serious. Rocky, Joliet, passenger, leg broken, internal injuries. More than 200 passengers, most of them residents of Joliet who work Chicago, were on the train. The engine into which the open switch was wedged, led to the tracks of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern railroads. The crew of the switch engine was hurt.