

ALLIED AND SERB FORCES GIVE BATTLE

Contest is Now Being Waged on Heights of Vlassona and Kolchana — Two Serb Towns Are Evacuated.

ISLAND OFFERED GREECE FOR HER AID IN WAR

British Force at Solonika Has Not Moved as It is Feared Athens' Government May Join Teutons.

LAUSANNE, Oct. 21.—Greece is heavily reinforcing its army on the Bulgarian front, according to the Greek journal. Important infantry and artillery forces have been sent to the border. Trenches are being constructed.

PARIS, Oct. 21.—A dispatch from Athens states that Bulgarian troops have captured the Serbian city of Radujevatz on the Danube near the Roumanian frontier.

ZURICH, Oct. 21.—Correspondents of Swiss newspapers in Italy telegraphed today that Gen. Count Cadorna, commander of the Italian army, had begun an advance with his full forces in several Irredentist provinces and give succor to Serbia.

NISH, (Via Paris), Oct. 21.—Bulgaria's army has cut the Nish-Salonika railway by recapturing Vranje, the Serbian war office admitted today. The official report of the Serbian war office follows: "Fighting is in progress on the Alexandrovatz-Kerzina line. Bulgarians hold the right bank of the Kaolontz and the Tchar-Vlassina line on the east bank. Bulgarians have retaken the Salonika-Nish railway line near Vranje and communication between the Serbian army and Salonika has been cut. The pressure of the enemy in the north is very strong."

ATHENS, Oct. 21.—Uskub and Kumanov, two important Serbian towns on the Salonika-Nish railway have been evacuated by their inhabitants as a result of the rapid advance of the Bulgarians, according to reports received here today.

It is believed King Ferdinand's troops will occupy both cities within a few hours. A great battle between the Serbians and the Anglo-French allies on one hand and Bulgarians on the other, has developed on the heights of Vlassona and Kotschana. The Bulgarians are trying to cut their way through toward Monastir. In the Negotin region, west of Strumitza, the Bulgarians are attacking fiercely, but the Serbs claim that the assaults were repulsed.

The rapid advance of the Bulgarian troops in southern Serbia, compared with the slow and painful progress of the Teutonic armies in the north has caused great surprise here. The Serbians, after abandoning Istib and Kotschana, fell back toward Uskub, which is at the junction of the Salonika-Nish railway and the line running north from Mitrovitza. Shortly after the Serbians retreated all communication between Nish and Uskub was cut.

The diplomatic corps in Nish has left for Kraljevo.

ACCUSE BULGARIANS.

PARIS, Oct. 21.—Bulgarian troops are accused in dispatches from Athens

JAPANESE TROOPS IN RUSSIAN ARMY

Armored Train is Captured by Austrians—Attacks Repulsed by French.

VIENNA (by wireless), Oct. 21.—Great quantities of Japanese arms and ammunition are being used by the Russians on the eastern front. The following official announcement from the Austrian war office bears upon the subject: "In the vicinity of Putilova (Russia), our troops destroyed an armored Russian train. We captured two machine guns, a great amount of Japanese arms and ammunition and other material."

Correspondents at the front declare that great numbers of Japanese troops are fighting with the Russians, but all have been compelled to don Russian uniforms and discard their Japanese ones.

REPUULSE GERMANS. PARIS, Oct. 21.—Following a terrific bombardment three French infantry attacks were launched by the Germans, but all were repulsed, according to an official communique issued by the French war office today.

SOCIAL FEDERATION WILL HAVE EXHIBIT

Results of Cooperation Will be Shown at State Charities Convention.

An exhibit that will place South Bend in a conspicuous place among the other exhibitors is being prepared for the 24th Indiana State Conference of Charities and Corrections, to be held at Richmond, Ind., Oct. 30 to Nov. 2. Whereas each of the other exhibitors probably will have separate exhibits showing the work of their correctional institutions and organizations, South Bend will have one elaborate exhibit showing the work which in this city has been placed under the supervision of the Federation for Social Service.

The work for civic betterment is being carried out in South Bend along unique and original lines which is placing the city in a position which residents of the city fully appreciate. It is only in Oakland, Calif., where such work as is done through the South Bend recreation committee is being carried out after plans in any way similar to those followed here. Also there is no other city in this state which has unified the social service work under one supervision as has been done here.

Of the members of the federation those which will have exhibits at the Richmond conference will be the Y. W. C. A., Children's dispensary, Playgrounds association, Anti-Tuberculosis league and the Associated Charities. The exhibit of the Playgrounds association is in readiness and is comprised largely of photographs which show in vivid detail the remarkable work which has been accomplished through the community center playgrounds. Samples of poster, programs, etc., which have been used during the year by the community centers are also a part of the exhibit.

FRUIT BECOMES MORE PLENTIFUL ON MARKET

Michigan Grapes Sell at 20 Cents a Basket and Extra Fine Pears at \$1 a Bushel Thursday.

Fruit is rapidly taking the place of other produce on the public market. Thursday morning there were several wagons loaded with apples, pears and peaches. A load of 450 baskets of grapes came in from the Pleasant Valley farm, near St. Joseph, Mich. These were clean, sweet, hand-picked grapes and a large part of the load was sold off in a short time at 20c a basket. There also came from this farm some unusually large Kiefer pears which were held at \$1 a bushel.

There were some canned strawberries and cherries on the market Thursday which sold at 30c for two quart jars; horse radish sold at 10c a glass; elder, prepared especially for apple butter, went at 15c a quart; watermelons, two for 5c; pumpkins, 10c each; windfall apples, delivered, 60c a bushel; chickens, 15c for old and 17c for young.

TOM EDISON IS HONORED

Edison Day Being Celebrated Throughout the Country.

Thirty-six years ago the first successful incandescent light was announced by Thomas Edison and today the United States is honoring the man who made many things possible. At that time kerosene lights predominated although in a few of the better class of homes gas lights were used. Stores were poorly lighted and the world was altogether a different world at night than from what it is now.

The new light soon became popular and in a few years practically all of the larger towns had adapted it for lighting purposes. South Bend was not slow to follow and since that time the brightness of the night has been on the increase.

EXAMINERS FILE REPORT

Accountants Finish Work of Going Over County Books.

Field examiners from the state board of accountants filed their report of the financial conditions of the county departments with the county commissioners Thursday. The figures in the aggregate show that during the year 1914-1915 the common school fund was \$155,458.17, and that the congressional township funds were \$26,653.79.

The report of the treasurer's report showed that there was \$249,921.69 in that fund, and in the common school offices the receipts for the year had been \$7,262.70.

SPEEDER LOSES LICENSE

Jitney Driver Cannot Operate Machine For Three Months.

E. W. Johnson, 1118 E. Fox st., for the third time in recent months, was convicted of exceeding the speed limit. In city court Thursday morning, and as a result his license was revoked for three months and he was fined \$50 and costs. It was the first time in the history of the court that such a penalty was ever imposed. Johnson is a jitney bus driver.

WILL TRY CASES HERE

Two Actions Are Venued From Laporte Circuit Court.

Two Laporte cases were venued to circuit court Thursday. Finley P. Mount, receiver for the Rumely Co., is plaintiff. He asks in one instance judgment of \$17,500 against Edward Rumely on a promissory note, alleged to be due, and \$23,500 from the Interlaken school, which is likewise held, according to the complaint, by the Rumely corporation.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Daniel E. Landow, machine hand; Maude Mabel Heich.

DEFENSE TO PLACE BLAME ON MORGAN

Reported That Dead Man Will be Accused of Having Been Responsible For All New Haven Deals.

MELLEN ON STAND WHEN COURT OPENS

Tells of Changes in Traffic System Since 1890 — Is Now Convenient to Journey to New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—When Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, today resumed the witness stand in the United States district court to continue his "inside story" of the financial gyrations that accompanied the gobbling up by the New Haven of the transportation facilities of New England, steam, trolley and water, it was reported that the defense, before the conclusion of the conspiracy trial, would spring a surprise by laying all the responsibility on a dead man, J. P. Morgan.

It was rumored that the defendants would attempt to show that all the acts alleged by the prosecution as in violation of the Sherman act were done on the orders of Mr. Morgan, who controlled the railway. Reports were current in the court room that the government today was not entirely content of obtaining a conviction. Mellen is the chief witness for the prosecution and it was said that his friendliness for the millionaire past and present directors, and their apparent friendliness toward him more or less disconcerted the attorneys for the prosecution.

Mellen, in his two hours of preliminary testimony, which covered completely the transportation situation in New England as it was in 1890, laid the foundation for his story of the absorption by the New Haven of the rival lines.

Mellen resumed the stand without ceremony. He came into the court room, apparently in a hurry just before the opening and without being called, was in the witness chair when Judge Hunt convened court. Mellen resumed his testimony where he left off yesterday, identifying on the blue print maps and describing the New England transportation lines as they existed in 1890.

In 1890, Mellen related, there were no through trains between New York and any New England point except Boston. To go to New York to any other point in New England required much delay and changing of trains. Now, according to Mellen, the public may travel without change from New York and other big eastern cities to all points in New England and may slip up into Canada with only one transfer.

Postpones Ruling. It was yet to be determined whether Mellen would give all his testimony at one sitting or be called later. Robert W. Mather, for the government, asked that the prosecution be allowed to examine Mellen piecemeal, keeping him on the stand not more than two days at the first time. Delancey Nicoll and R. V. Lindabury, for defendants, strenuously opposed this, demanding that Mellen give all his evidence and submit to cross examination without a break. Judge Hunt said he would rule in the matter later.

For more than an hour Mellen continued describing New England transportation lines as they were a quarter of a century ago. His memory for detail was astonishing. The accused millionaires listened in open-mouthed amazement and commented on his remarkable memory.

The first interruption of the day from the defense came when Lindabury strongly objected when Mellen was asked to tell of a conversation he had with Charles B. Clark, former president of the New Haven, at Washington at 9 o'clock today for New York. Miss Altha McCuen, Miss Esther Bull and Miss Dorothy Starr made up the party.

JUDGE BAKER IS DEAD

Aged Jurist Passes Away at His Home in Goshen.

GOSHEN, Ind., Oct. 21.—Judge John H. Baker, 83 years old, died at his home here shortly before noon today. He had been in ill health for some time.

ONLY SIX SHIPS SUNK BY SUBS, SAYS BERLIN

BERLIN, Oct. 21. (By wireless)—Six German merchant steamers have been sunk in the Baltic sea by British submarines, the admiralty admitted today.

It was stated that in addition to sending Zeppelin airships to hunt down the submarines "other counter measures" had been taken which were expected to inflict the damage caused by the British raiders. The losses it was said, have caused no interruption in German commerce in the Baltic and merchant steamers continue to play between Scandinavian and German ports. Movement of German troops by sea continues. No transport has been sunk.

THE MODERN COLOSSUS



"Equality of Opportunity." Men have for a long time demanded no less. The problem of the future is to make them content to take that and demand no more.—James J. Hill.

ROBERTS' APPEAL IS BEING HEARD

Claim That Judge Anderson Erred in Overruling Defendant's Motions.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Before Judges Kohlsaat, Mack and Alschuler, sitting as the United States court of appeals today, arguments were begun on the appeal of Donn M. Roberts, former mayor of Terre Haute, Ind., and 10 other men who were convicted and sentenced to Leavenworth prison, some months ago from Indiana. Frank Robey and Elias Salisbury, representing the convicted men, argued that Judge Anderson, the trial judge, erred in overruling motions for separate demurrers to each count of the indictments and in overruling the motions in arrest of judgment upon each count.

PARTY IS ON WAY HOME

California Girls Will Spend Some Time in New York.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Mrs. Gaillard Stoney of San Francisco and her party of three girls who came here to inspect the World's Fair, today left for the two California expositions, left Washington at 9 o'clock today for New York. Miss Altha McCuen, Miss Esther Bull and Miss Dorothy Starr made up the party.

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Alleged Head of Moonshine Gang is Given Nine Years

FORT SMITH, Ark., Oct. 21.—John Casper of Kansas City, alleged head of the moonshine ring that came to grief in this city some months ago after defrauding the United States internal revenue department out of large sums, was sentenced in the United States court to serve nine years and three days in the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kas. He also was fined \$33,000. Others sentenced in connection with the same case were J. Henry Brown, Harrison, Ark., former internal revenue storekeeper and swager, two years in the penitentiary and \$1,000 fine; Charles Brewbaker, George Hartman of Kansas City, and S. L. Williams, Winston-Salem, N. C., former revenue officer, one year and

Late Bulletins

RUSSIANS GAIN

PETROGRAD, Oct. 21.—An important offensive movement has been commenced by the Russians north of Pinsk. Several German positions have been captured by the Russians in the region of Baranovitch. It was announced today by the war office, along with 3,552 prisoners, 10 machine guns, and a piece of artillery. Baranovitch is an important railway junction 66 miles north of Pinsk; and 105 miles south of Vlna. The Warsaw-Smolensk railway, and the Rovno-Vlna line passes through it.

ARE RETREATING.

BERLIN, Oct. 21.—(By wireless.)—German troops over-running the Str river have been forced to retreat from Tscharterusk. The war office announced today. They are now engaged in making counter attacks to regain the ground lost to the Russians.

CAUSE FOR THANKS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Pres't Wilson today issued his annual Thanksgiving proclamation dwelling strongly on the fact that this country has escaped being drawn into the world war that is raging in Europe.

RAISE TAXES.

ROME, Oct. 20.—(Via Paris, Oct. 21.)—New war taxes amounting to \$12,000,000 a year are contained in a government decree issued tonight. Profits of business concerns will be heavily taxed and the telegraph rates have been raised. Persons exempted from military duty must pay \$1.20 a year.

SAW OFFICERS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Officers of the United States monitor Tallabosse today reported to the navy department that they saw Dr. Koenek and Lieut. Koche, the German officers who violated their parole and fled from the German cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich at Norfolk, Va., in the Pennsylvania station at New York Sunday afternoon.

GETTING COTTON.

PEKIN, Oct. 21.—A traveller who has just returned from the interior of China reports the existence of 24 cotton plantations the output of which is being sold to the Germans.

RAILROADS BUSY DURING AUGUST

Report Shows They Made \$40 a Mile More Than in Same Month in 1914.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—The "million dollar" railroads of the country—187 of them—made \$40 a mile more in August this year than in the same month in 1914, the interstate commerce commission today announced. The net earnings per mile in August this year were \$426 against \$386 for the month last year. Gross revenues in August last year were \$272,306,183 and expenses \$174,879,973.

ORDERS ENGINES.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—The Illinois Central Railroad today ordered 59 locomotives for passenger and freight service from the Lima Locomotive corporation of Lima, O. The deal involved an expenditure of \$1,500,000. Fifty-four of the engines are to be of the milked type and the others of the Pacific type.

FORCED TO TAKE FLIGHT

Allied Torpedo Boat is Driven Off by Turks.

CONSTANTINOPLE, (via Berlin and Amsterdam, Oct. 21.)—A torpedo boat destroyer from the Anglo-French fleet that was bombarding the Turkish wings on the Gallipoli peninsula was compelled by the Turkish batteries to take flight, according to the following official statement today: "Of the Anglo-French fleet an enemy torpedo boat bombarded our right and left wing but was silenced. The ship then steamed away."

HERMIT SUPPOSED TO BE WEALTHY IS KILLED

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—A squad of plucked detectives today were working to trace the murders of Joseph Osborne, an aged recluse who lived in a small hut in a southern suburb of Chicago for 50 years. The old man's skull was beaten in and his head, face and neck were hacked in a dozen places by men who apparently had tortured him to make the recluse divulge the hiding place of his wealth. At one time Osborne was a prosperous wholesale grocer here, but for years he had been living the life of a hermit, and he was reported to be wealthy and to have had his hoard concealed in his shack. The detectives were holding 10 men and boys of the neighborhood today, although they admitted they had been unable to determine whether any money had been taken from the hut by the murderers.

THREE KILLED, SIX WOUNDED BY MEXICANS

American Soldiers on Duty on Border Are Attacked—Mangle to Kill Five of the Enemy.

BAND OF FIFTEEN IN BRILLIANT CHARGE

Carry Battle to Over a Hundred After Being Surrounded—Assaults Had Been Planned.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Oct. 21.—Gen. Funston, commanding the United States troops on the border, was advised this morning that three enlisted men of the regular army were killed and six wounded in a fight with Mexicans at Ojo De Agua early today. The American soldiers were on border duty when they were attacked by the Mexicans.

Five Mexicans were killed during the fighting, their bodies being found after the American troops had driven off the Mexicans.

The Americans killed were, Sergt. William Shafter, troop G, third cavalry, and first class privates Joyce and McConnell of company D, signal corps.

The wounded, according to advices to Gen. Funston, include privates Bowner, Behr, Langland and Kuble, all of troop G, third cavalry, and first class Sergt. Smith and Corporal Can-shall, company D, signal corps. Ojo De Agua is near the town of Mission, Texas.

There were 15 Americans in the attacked party, guarding the village of Ojo De Agua. There were 100 or more Mexicans in the band that delivered the attack. The Mexicans surrounded the Americans and then began firing upon them from all sides.

Of the Americans only eight had rifles, the others being equipped with service pistols. After vigorous firing the Americans charged and put the Mexicans to flight.

The Mexicans had evidently crossed from the Mexican side early in the night, well prepared for the attack. They were discovered before they could deliver a surprise attack and the firing immediately became hot and heavy.

The commander of troop G, Lieut. Edward N. Glass, had a narrow escape, a bullet passing through his hat. Within five days Mexicans have killed 15 persons in the vicinity of Brownsville.

SEEKS OFFICE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—William C. Thompson, secretary of state, recalled the then secretary of state, William Jennings Bryan, promised the ambassadorship to Mexico to "an Indiana democrat." Sen. John Worth Kern came to Washington today to demand the office for a Hoosier democrat. When the question of a successor to Henry Lane Wilson was under consideration, Sen. Bryan agreed to name John E. Lamb of Terre Haute for the job. Mr. Lamb died, however, and shortly afterward Sens. Kern and Shively visited Bryan and he promised them that when an ambassador to Mexico was named he would be an Indiana product.

HUERTA WILLING TO STAY IN U. S.

Knows What His Finish Would be if Turned Over to Carranza.

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 21.—Ex-dictator Huerta, who is in the Military prison at Fort Bliss was asked today about a report that Carranza was going to ask the United States to extradite him to Mexico. "I don't know what the United States would do with such a request," Huerta replied. "But I know what my finish would be if I were turned over to Carranza."

The Chihuahua city roundhouse of the National railways of Mexico and 14 locomotives were destroyed Tuesday by Villa officers, according to an American who arrived here from the state capital. The roundhouse was burned and the engines dynamited to prevent them being used by Carranza forces.

More than 100 miles of track between Torreon and Jimenez has been destroyed by the Villistas to delay Gen. Alvaro Obregon's progress northward. Strong elements in the Carranza party are advocating the adoption by Mexico of a Chinese-Japanese labor exclusion act modeled after but more drastic than the Chinese exclusion law of the United States.

Andrew G. Garcia, counsel for Carranza here, made the following statement tonight: "For four years I have dreamed of excluding Chinese and Japanese laborers from Mexico and now that the Carranza government is recognized I am going to begin a campaign to secure the adoption of such a law by my country."