

GERMANS BEGIN OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE RUSSIANS

STRIKE VOTE IS UNDER WAY AT NEW YORK

Unions Having a Total Membership of 164,500 Today Are Considering Sympathetic Walkout.

LEADERS SAY 200,000 HAVE QUIT THEIR JOBS

Rioting Breaks Out in Several Places and the Police Are Forced to Draw Revolvers to Enforce Order.

International News Service

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—While unions having a total membership of 164,500 were preparing to vote today on a walkout in sympathy with the striking traction workers there were bursts of rioting in the streets in which many people were hurt.

Surface and elevated trains were bombarded. At some points the police had to draw their revolvers to restore order. Many arrests were made.

The unions voting today included the New York Building Trades with about 115,000 members; the teamsters 20,000; the machinists 45,000 and others.

A general strike, it was declared, could not assume alarming proportions without the building trades, and strong pressure was exerted on the leaders in that branch of work.

Nearly 200,000 Out.

Strike leaders asserted that nearly 200,000 men, representing 27 unions had laid down their tools during the past 24 hours and predicted that by tonight 263,000 men and women would have quit work. Officials of the police department declare they have received no reports to justify the claims.

The Jewish holiday, which called for a suspension of work on the part of about 121,000 members of the United Hebrew trades, was still in force today and it could not be told how many would remain out in sympathy with the carmen.

The refusal of Pres't Shontz, of the Interborough, to treat with officials of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, loomed up today as a menacing feature and there was talk of a separate strike on the part of the elevated and subway motormen.

More than a dozen arrests had been made before noon for attacks on cars. At 3rd av. and 96th st. strikers tried to derail a car by placing a huge boulder on the tracks. When the car stopped it was showered with stones and all the windows smashed.

GERMAN REICHSTAG STARTS FALL SESSION

Powerful Influences Aligned to Bring About Fall of Imperial Chancellor.

International News Service

BERLIN, Sept. 28.—When the reichstag opened for its autumn session today the atmosphere was charged with tension that threatened to explode prematurely the various political "bombs" that have been laid during the past few months by the different factions.

Powerful influences have been aligned to bring about his fall, principally because of his recent attitude in the submarine controversies with the United States. The storm will break loose immediately after he has made his speech in which he will discuss the recent developments of the war and possibly the prospects of peace.

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Bomb Placed in Building When Warnings Are Ignored.

VALPARAISO, Ind., Sept. 28.—A book store was partly wrecked and windows in Valparaiso university nearby, were shattered early today by a bomb. The proprietor recently received a note saying his store would be destroyed unless he removed from the window advertisements of a moving picture show which had been boycotted by the university students.

Further Action Will Depend On Carranza

International News Service

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—The trend of negotiations between the American and Mexican commissioners whose meeting place is about to be changed from New London, Conn., to Atlantic City, now rests in the hands of First Chief Carranza. Upon the result of the conference to be held between the first chief and Eliseo Arredondo, ambassador-designate, now en route to the Mexican capital, will hinge the future relations between Mexico and the United States.

Both at the state department and the Mexican embassy here all information regarding the present or prospective status of the joint commission's work is withheld.

Fresh reports of another raid on the Texas border and that Pancho Villa again is headed for the Texas border today brought renewed apprehension to the state and war departments.

TRAIN ROBBERS STILL AT LARGE

Michigan Central is Held Up Near Detroit and Valuable Mail is Stolen.

International News Service

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 28.—Bandits who late last night held up the Michigan Central's fast Chicago-New York express and escaped after rifting the mail car, were still at large today. An all night search of the country and small towns about Detroit failed to reveal any traces of the robbers.

The value of the loot obtained must remain a mystery until postal authorities can check up on the two registered mail pouches, which the bandits made off with.

Officials declared today they have no estimates of their value.

Railroad officials and officers who led the search for the robbers were fairly confident today that the hold-up was conducted by men who were familiar with the trains' operation. This is the opinion of Engineer Palmer, who was running the train.

Robbery Bold One.

The hold-up was easily one of the boldest and most daring in modern railroad history. It took place within a few miles of Detroit proper, and two miles east of Dearborn, a small station.

It is believed the robbers boarded the train at Dearborn. They cut off the air brake, ran the engine and mail car down the track and left the six Pullmans stalled. They were able to get aboard the train after forcing the automatic block system, causing it to show a danger signal.

Two of the bandits crawled over the tender, confronted the engineer and fireman with guns and when the latter became unruly they knocked him unconscious. At the point of a gun the engineer led them to the mail car and it was a simple matter to open the check. There the two sacks of registered mail, the robbers ran the engine down, put out its fires and left it stalled. The passengers were unmolested.

Mail For New York.

The mail taken is believed to have been practically all Chicago matter, destined for New York.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Smith, with an automobile load of deputies, got to the scene here after midnight and searched all night. They worked more or less in the dark, however, as the robbers worked so silently and speedily that they left no traces. The number of bandits engaged varies. The engineer saw three, but it is believed others were standing guard. It is thought they escaped in an automobile.

Former Officer Ends His Life

International News Service

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 28.—Col. F. W. Roe, U. S. A., retired, son of the late Admiral Roe, shot and killed himself on the veranda of his home at Fort Orange, Fla., this morning. The act was witnessed by his physician, Dr. H. K. Dubois, who was entering the gate.

Breeding over his illness which has afflicted him for the past three years, is supposed to be the reason for the suicide. The body will be sent to Washington where his mother lives. He leaves a widow and three children.

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WILLIAMS TO DELIVER TALK HERE TONIGHT

Mississippi Senator to Answer the Critics, Justice Hughes Especially at the High School Building.

EXPECTED TO TOUCH ON EUROPEAN WAR RESULTS

Has Been Selected As Personal Representative of Pres't Wilson—Is Due Here This Afternoon.

International News Service

Attacks that have been made on the democratic administration's foreign policy, the Adamson eight-hour law and other accomplishments, will be answered tonight by John Sharp Williams, United States senator from Mississippi, in a speech at the high school at 8 o'clock. This will be the first big meeting of the democratic campaign in St. Joseph county, and for this reason much importance is attached to Sen. Williams' talk.

Pres't Wilson has appointed Sen. Williams as his personal representative during the campaign. Democrats point out that the senator from Mississippi is in a better position to know the situation in America and because of this he was named as an emissary to take up Pres't Wilson's cause in the issues that have been raised by Charles Evans Hughes, the republican presidential nominee.

Will Discuss Situation.

The problems that Pres't Wilson has faced as a result of the European war likely will form one of the main topics of Sen. Williams' speech tonight. Announcement Wednesday night that following a speech at Long Branch, N. J., Saturday, the president will take more active part in his campaign may cause Sen. Williams to discuss more fully the attitude of Pres't Wilson on many of the issues.

Sen. Williams has been in politics for more than a quarter of a century and has been one of the democratic leaders. In several congresses when the republicans were in power, Sen. Williams, who then was in the lower house, was the democratic candidate for speaker. His knowledge of the activities of former administrations places him in a position to compare the present administration with others.

Those in charge of the democratic headquarters did not learn the time of the speaker's arrival until this afternoon. Frank D. Butler of Indianapolis, manager of the Indiana speakers' bureau, was to send word to the local men, who were to make arrangements for meeting him.

Richard Ethel will act as chairman of tonight's meeting and will introduce the senator.

Will Provide Band.

There will be nothing in the nature of a rally in connection with tonight's meeting at the high school. All of this will be saved for the Adair meeting to be held here on Oct. 27. Band music will be provided tonight, but the 63-time rally will not be held until the democratic candidate for governor comes to the city.

It is expected that a large number of local democrats will go to Elkhart Friday night to attend the meeting at which Vice Pres't Thomas R. Marshall will speak. A band will be taken over to Elkhart to head the South Bend delegation.

GASOLINE CATCHES FIRE

Structure Holding Up New York Subway Walls Threatened.

International News Service

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—The wooden superstructure holding up the walls of the new 7th av. subway between 9th and 20th sts., was threatened with destruction today when a quantity of waste gasoline, near a storage tank, caught fire. After an hour it was put out. Dense clouds of smoke rolling up through the shoring over the subway excavation attracted a crowd so big that police reserves had to be called out.

BREWER DIES

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 28.—Adolph Zang, millionaire mining magnate and until Chicago went "dry" the largest brewer in the west, died here today from hemorrhage of the stomach. He was vice president of the German-American Trust Co.

Japan's Action is Causing Much Comment



BARON HAYASHI, HIS SON & DAUGHTER. (DINE FILM SERVICE.)

The appointment of Baron Hayashi, former Japanese ambassador to Rome, as minister for Japan in Peking, has created much comment in Japan and China. Baron Hayashi is of much higher rank than any other diplomat at Peking and this unusual procedure on the part of Japan has been looked at with suspicion by the Chinese, although the baron has publicly advocated a friendly policy toward the Chinese for some time.

QUESTION OF LAND CONTROL IN SUIT

International News Service

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—The federal government this afternoon began a fight in the supreme court whether the millions of acres of public lands in the United States are to be controlled by state or national authorities. The fight also involves "the power of the United States to reclaim its arid lands," which are in great quantity in the west and south.

A suit against the Utah Power and Light Co., the Beaver River Power Co., and Lucien L. Nunn of Salt Lake City, is being used as a test case.

The suit was brought in force the defendants to get permission from the federal government or cease operating electric power plants in the Utah on public lands, permission for which was given by the state. The power companies contend that the state's permission for operation of the plants cannot be nullified by the federal government.

HUSBAND WILL TAKE WIFE BACK

International News Service

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 28.—"She's a girl who knows no wrong—as square as a dollar. And I'll stick to her through thick and thin!"

Joseph Leduc, Chicago merchant and clubman, arriving at the Jefferson hospital today, thus immediately took up the cudgels for his wife who was shot and dangerously wounded by Mrs. Harry Belzer of Brooklyn, who killed Joseph C. Graveur, of New York, and herself after finding Mrs. Leduc in a room in the Walton hotel.

Mrs. Leduc at last broke her silence today.

Mrs. Leduc said she was visiting relatives here when Graveur communicated with her and invited her to attend the theater Tuesday night. She said Graveur insisted on taking her handbag to his room in the Hotel Walton while they were at the theater and after the performance she accompanied him to the room to get the bag. A moment later Mrs. Harry Belzer burst into the room and began firing.

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GERMANS AND ARMORED CAR STAGE BATTLE

Monster Land Ship Runs Out of Gasoline But is Rescued When Infantrymen Reach Scene.

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Dugouts Fail to Furnish Protection From These New Machines of War—Rout Many Germans.

By Frederick Palmer.

(Accredited Correspondent with the British Army, of the Press of the United States.)

AT THE BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE, Sept. 28.—With a lull prevailing after the two days' battle which gained five villages, and after 5,000 prisoners were taken, the correspondent has gleaned from participants many stories, not only of courage and impulse, but of humor and paradox possible only in such a complicated and remorseless warfare as that of the grand offensive.

The most wonderful of all perhaps was that of one of the "tanks" or new armored motor cars, which started for Berlin on its own initiative. This monster land ship, ambling and lumbering along did not wait for the infantry after the taking of Guedecourt, but plodded over shell holes and across lots looking for food like some pre-historic lizard. Some of the men were bound to find another German trench and engage the occupants with its machine guns. In this it succeeded, but it ran out of gasoline.

Germans Seek Revenge.

When the Germans found this strange creature, with its impenetrable steel hide, stalled, curiosity and a desire for revenge was a flip to their courage. They went after it with the staking avidity of the prehistoric mammoth that had its bulk fast in one of the alleys of Cave Dwellers' row, while they tried to avoid the thrusts of its deadly tusks.

No such game was ever seen before on this western front, which is used to all kinds of bizarre fighting. According to the account veraciously given by officers, while the "tank" machine guns were blazing right and left and taking heavy toll of life, some Germans managed to creep along their trenches under the fore and hind legs of this crushing beast and then they swarmed over it looking for an opening through which they might strike at its vitals.

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They fired their rifles into its joints and bombed it all over, but to no avail other than burglars trying to jimmy their way into the turret of a battleship. All the while its machine guns were kept busy at all the human targets in reach. Its crew, all chosen daredevils, concluded to stick until they were starved out by the Germans found the proper can opener to get them out. Finally British infantrymen, seeing the "tank's" distress, did not wait on any general's orders to remain at their objective which was already gained. They were out to save that impounded comrade. With a cheer the British rushed the Germans and overwhelmed them. When the crew of the "tank" heard laughing and shouting in English they opened the door and called out:

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What Greece Can Bring Into War

Greece can put an army of 200,000 and 225,000 men in the field, according to the most reliable estimates. The country has compulsory military training and most of her soldiers are veterans, having served in the two Balkan wars.

Six battleships, one battle cruiser and two armored cruisers form the nucleus of the Greek navy, which has been reorganized by the British navy. At present there are numerous British naval officers serving on Greek ships.

Greece's best ships are the Killis and Lemnos, formerly the United States battleship Idaho and Mississippi.

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GREECE IS READY TO DECLARE WAR

Report That She Has Decided to Join Allies is Passed by British Censor.

International News Service

LONDON, Sept. 28.—Announcement was made by the foreign office that up to noon today no official confirmation has been received of reports that Greece has entered the war on the side of the allies.

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LONDON, Sept. 28.—Greece's decision to enter the war on the side of the allies as reported in a news agency dispatch from Athens, has been followed by immediate preparations to put the Greek army on a war footing. It is believed that King Constantine has already signed a decree of mobilization.

The Greek army and navy will be supplied with great stores of arms and munitions by the allied nations. M. Venizelos, former premier, and leader of the pro-ally party, has become the man of the hour in Greece. His prestige ranks with, if it does not overshadow, that of King Constantine.

A formal declaration of war by Greece would make her the 15th nation to enter the world conflict, and the 11th to take the field against the Germanic allies.

Impressed by Victories.

In some quarters belief prevails that the Greek government has been impressed no less by the growing pro-ally feeling in Greece than by the great victories which the Anglo-French armies are winning on the Somme front. Almost every day now brings news of fresh progress in that quarter and of growing demoralization among the Germans.

The future conduct of King Constantine is doubtful as he is reported as having said that "if the Greek people show that they no longer want him, he will retire to Germany with his family to make his future home."

Queen Sophia, a sister of the German emperor, was present at the Greek ministerial council at which it was decided to enter the war. She presented a tragic figure at the history-making conference.

News from Athens that seven Greek warships have joined the allied fleet has been followed by reports of further desertions from the army and growing strength of the national defense army of the revolutionists.

REVOLT SPREADS.

SALONKI, Sept. 28.—Revolutionary committee received information from Mytilene today that the island will join the revolution. Two thousand deserters and refugees today were enrolled in the revolutionary army. The recruiting continues.

Austria Starts Drive on Goriza

International News Service

ROME, Sept. 28.—Austria has begun a new offensive in an attempt to regain Gorizia. The town is under bombardment by the Austrian heavy artillery and, according to today's war office statement, "a few shells fell into the city."

On the whole Isonzo front a violent artillery duel rages. Gen. Cadorna's troops repulsed an Austrian attack on the new Italian positions on the summit of Mount Sief. The official report follows:

"The enemy's artillery was very active at Limone and between the Viovo and Vancotamon valleys. On the Asiago plateau our infantry raided and destroyed a strong Austrian entrenchment."

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HALT ADVANCE OF SLAV ARMY IN VOLHYNIA

Bulgarian Forces in Two Strong Attacks to Retake Florina Are Repulsed by Allied Forces.

LULLS SETTLES DOWN UPON SOMME FRONT

Kaiser's Forces Renew Offensive Near Verdun, But Fail in Attempt to Recapture Fleury.

International News Service

LONDON, Sept. 28.—Formal declaration of war by Greece against Bulgaria is expected hourly. News agency dispatches from Athens stated that the Greek government, with the consent of King Constantine, has decided to enter the war on the side of the allies, but up to noon the foreign office had not received any official confirmation of them.

The Greek revolution has spread to Mytilene and at least seven Greek warships have joined the allied fleet.

A comparative lull has settled down upon the Somme front, but at Verdun the Germans during the night assaulted the French positions on the Thiaumont-Fleury line, in a vain attempt to recapture Fleury village.

The long expected counter offensive of Field Marshal von Hindenburg against the Russians is apparently under way. Numerous attacks have been launched by the Germans on the eastern front all along the line from Riga to the Galician border. In Volhynia German pressure became so strong that the Russian advance was halted. Two fleets of Russian and German battle-planes and seaplanes clashed in a big sky engagement during a Russian raid on the aerodrome at Lake Abnert, and one of the Russian machines was lost.

Bulgarian forces in Greek Macedonia have made a determined effort to retake Florina and two powerful assaults were repulsed by French and Russian soldiers. Bloody fighting continues around the heights of Kalamakalin, northeast of Florina, where the Bulgarians succeeded in penetrating German trenches after suffering enormous losses.

LOSSES SMALL.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—The extraordinary smallness of the losses suffered by the British in their great victory at Thiepval and Comblain on the Somme front was the feature of the official report issued by the war office today.

There were small advances last night and the British are now only 800 yards from Faucourt-Pabbaye, the last of the official statement follows:

"During the night our line was advanced at various points between Martinpuich and Guedecourt. Outposts were established west and southwest of Faucourt-Pabbaye, within 800 yards of the village. On our left our new front has been consolidated on the ridge northeast of Thiepval. A battalion of enemy infantry, with a transport train, was caught under the fire of our artillery. In the fighting of the past we are singularly economical of life and our losses were small compared with the importance of our gains. Our total casualties were not more than twice the number of enemy prisoners. One division which had an especially difficult task allotted to it, took as many prisoners as it sustained casualties."

WIN IN EAST.

BERLIN, Sept. 28.—French and British attacks on the greater part of the Somme front were repulsed by the German troops, the war office announced this afternoon in its daily report.

An important success by the Austro-German forces in central Volhynia was reported. In recapturing the positions lost to the Russians on Sept. 22 near Korystynki, southeast of Vladimir-Volynski, the Teutons took 2,841 prisoners including 41 officers. Russian troops on the Riga front and around Lake Narotch were repulsed; the statement says.

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