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GERMANY ASSAILED ON ALL SIDES

OFFENSIVE IN BALKANS IS STARTED

Lines Open up on Germans in Serbia While Hammering Away at Other Points.

BATTLES ARE RAGING

Pressure Now on Four Fronts May Draw Rumania into War Against Austro-Germany.

By Ed L. Keen, United Press Staff Correspondent.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—Indications that the long expected offensive of the allies in the Balkans may have begun, were contained in dispatches received here this afternoon.

By a sudden blow on the Dolran front, thirty-five miles north of Salonika, French troops have captured the railway station at Dolran, evacuated by the allies when they retreated from Serbia last fall.

An Athens dispatch to the Central News at about the same hour reported a great battle raging on the Balkan front. The allies have occupied not only the Dolran station, but high ground adjacent, the dispatch said.

The British war office thus far made no announcement of the beginning of the great drive expected to sweep the armies of the central empires out of Serbia. For several days, advices from German sources, however, have reported increasing anxiety at Berlin over rumors that the allies' Balkan offensive was about to begin, while the great triple offensive on the western, eastern and Italian fronts was under way.

The allies, Berlin reported, planned to squeeze the Austro-Germans and Bulgars by pressure on four fronts simultaneously hoping at the same time to draw Rumania into the war against the Austro-Germans.

The news of the allied success in the Balkans, followed announcement of new and sweeping successes by the Russians in their advance against Lemberg from the southwest.

The Slavs are crossing the Bistritza river, three miles east of Stanislau and have made a rapid advance against the important city of Halitz, at the same time continuing their advance on the Sereth river further north with large captures in prisoners.

The western front has been comparatively quiet for the past 24 hours, though the British office this afternoon advised slight additional gains northwest of Pozieres and near Bazentin-Le-Petit. Some dispatches also announced further progress in the fighting around Goritz.

No important fighting has occurred on the Balkan front since last December, when the Anglo-French expeditionary forces under General Sarraill retired from southern Serbia, under heavy pressure by superior forces of Austro-Germans and Bulgars.

HEAT WAVE HAS BEEN BROKEN

Storm of Last Night in This Section, Marks the End of the Boiling Weather.

SOME DAMAGE WAS DONE

Heavy Property Loss and Live Stock Drowned in Floods Caused by the Rain and Wind.

CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—Reports of heavy property damage and loss of stock in floods caused by rains which fell last night throughout Illinois, Iowa and parts of the middle west were received here today. It is estimated that the losses will run into the thousands of dollars.

At Rockford, Ill., and districts nearby, houses were demolished and hay, wheat and oats stacks were blown away by the high wind. Street car service was abandoned in the afternoon, when the power plant was put out of commission.

The hardest hit places were at LaSalle, Spring Valley and Tiskilwa, Ill., where severe washouts on the Rock Island railway were reported.

Telegraph and telephone communication was out at several places. Parts of Chicago were wrapped in darkness last night when power wires were obstructed by electrical storm disturbances. Nearly half an inch of water fell in the first fifteen minutes of the cloudburst.

The weather bureau declared today the storm broke the heat wave and that from now on it will be cooler.

Baby Cyclone.

AMES, Iowa, Aug. 11.—A baby cyclone swept through the northern part of Polk county yesterday and near Slater did considerable damage to corn and buildings.

A. Christopher, with a ditching gang, said the men could not keep their feet in the storm and laid flat on the ground and held to the corn stalks to keep from being blown away.

BALKAN WAR CALLED JOKE

Germany Makes Light of Allies Offensive and Makes Cheerful Report.

BERLIN, Aug. 11.—Repulse of "slam attacks" by weak enemy detachments in the Balkans south of Dolran was announced by the war office this afternoon.

On the Russian front German troops are being re-grouped to conform to altered Russian positions, it was announced.

HE WILL ALSO CROSS COUNTRY

President Wilson Intends to Make Long Campaign Tour This Fall.

SHORTAGE WHEAT CROP NO EXCUSE

Government Will Take a Hand if There is Unwarranted Rise in Price of Flour.

SPECULATORS ACTIVE

Figures Show That There is Plenty For All and no Occasion For Becoming Alarmed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—There will be no serious shortage in the wheat crop,—Department of Agriculture.

If there is any unwarranted rise in the price of flour, we will get busy.—Federal Trade Commission.

Experts of government departments thus united today in saying that there is no need to fear because of the small wheat crop expected this year. Even if there were a serious shortage—if not a bushel of wheat were harvested,—this nation would live, as one official said, "on the fat of the land."

Two government departments said they are ready to meet any manipulation of wheat or flour—the department of justice and the federal trade commission. Congress probably also would be involved—as in the present gasoline investigation. "If we find evidence of unfair methods and price boosting, either by complaint to us or by our own commission, we shall get busy," said Commissioner Davies of the federal trade commission.

The wheat crop this year is expected to be 654,000,000 bushels. On this basis of 5.3 bushels per capita a year—the average consumption—with 75,000,000 bushels required for seed, the requirement would be about 620,000,000 bushels. This would leave thirty four million bushels for export.

Last year the crop was a record one—1,012,000,000 bushels. About 250,000,000 bushels were exported. The year before 333,000,000 bushels went abroad, but the average year average is only 125,000,000 bushels. Experts predict that as Europe acclimates herself to the war, the demand upon this country will be less pressing.

The 34,000,000 export margin this year has excited speculators, the department men said, causing them to forget that 75,000,000 bushels of last year's crop are left in the hands of farmers who were unable to dispose of it and 75,000,000 bushels more are in elevators and warehouses.

Ask Embargo on Wheat. WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Declaring that unless congress acts, the price of bread surely will advance beyond the reach of the average consumer, the National Association of Master Bakers today petitioned the house and senate to impose an embargo on wheat.

At the same time it was announced at the office of the federal trade commission that Vice Chairman Hurley who left for Chicago last night, had gone armed with authority to investigate the proposed increase in bread prices, agreed to by the Master Bakers association.

"The advance in the price of wheat fifty per cent within thirty days, is largely due to the war in Europe," said the master bakers' petition.

"It certainly is the part of wisdom to conserve such wheat supplies as we have. If no relief is afforded by the proper authorities, there will inevitably be a considerable increase in the cost of bread.

VOICE FRAZZLED FROM SPEAKING

Presidential Candidate Hughes Faces Busiest Day on His Schedule Within Nine Days.

IN MONTANA TONIGHT

Eating Home Made Bread and Oranges, With Throat Sprays by the Doctor, Frequently.

[By Perry Arnold, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

BISMARCK, N. D., Aug. 11.—With his voice pretty frazzled out, Presidential Candidate Hughes today faced what was probably the busiest day scheduled on his whole trans-continental trip.

He had eight "end of the train" speeches in North Dakota and Montana towns before arriving in Billings tonight for one of his "big speeches." Talks were here, Mandan, Dickinson, Medora, Beach, Glendive, Forsyth and Miles City.

Because of the strenuousity of this program the republican candidate went on training schedule today.

His voice accustomed for the past few years to the conversational tone of the supreme bench, will have to be coddled along very carefully from now on if he is to finish the speaking schedule ahead of him during the next four weeks.

Dr. D. E. Dittman, his physician and physical adviser on this tour, is assiduously spraying the candidate's strained vocal chords several times each day. Governor Hughes is following a suggestion which former Senator Chauncey M. Depew made to him at the time he stumped New York on the anti-trust bills, not to talk on the train, saving even in conversation, as far as possible, since it always strains the voice to try to talk loud enough to be heard on a moving train.

Hughes is also taking exceeding care with his diet and is particularly strong on fruit. His favorite breakfast is orange and always before he retires, he drinks the juice of one or two oranges. The nominee's voice was very hoarse today and it is an apparent effort for him to talk.

Mrs. Hughes led a gentle rebellion today. Heretofore local committees have been anxious to have her sit on the platform during her campaigning, but from now on the governor's helpmate will sit in the audience.

"I want to be where I can hear my husband and see him when he speaks," she told Laurence H. Green, the governor's secretary, who is looking out for her comfort on the trip.

Mrs. Hughes is taking no maid, so her husband, the republican presidential candidate, is buttoning dresses up the back.

Mrs. Hughes seems to be standing the fatigue of the trip splendidly, although she misses no opportunity to take a walk. Hughes sprang a new hat today. Half an hour after he had donned it there was a gaping hole in the crown. The governor purchased the new Kelly which is a brown fedora with a slightly curled up brim. In Chicago, and some jealous local committeemen yanked it down too hard on the hook today, causing the hole.

The candidate and Mrs. Hughes ate real home cooked bread today. Mrs. Rose E. Upton Bascom of Fargo baked it of original Dakota wheat and sent it to Mrs. Hughes last night.

AUSTRIAN LOSS WAS 50,000 MEN

Killed, Wounded and Prisoners in Two Days of Fighting Before the Fall of Goritz.

PRESSING THE PURSUIT

Vanquished Troops Admit That They Were Surprised, Not Expecting the Attack so Soon.

[By John H. Hearley, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

ROME, Aug. 11.—The Austrians lost more than fifty thousand in killed, wounded and prisoners in the two days of fighting that preceded the fall of Goritz, according to dispatches received here today. This number was equally divided between prisoners and casualties on the field.

East of Goritz, Italian cavalry continues to press the pursuit of the retreating Austrians and is now reported to have reached the Lubiana plains. The Italian force that turned south from Goritz to drive the enemy out of the bend of the Isonez, has encountered most stubborn resistance on the Carso plateau where severe fighting is going on. The main body of Italians that crossed the Isonez, apparently has not yet joined in the pursuit. All dispatches from the front declare that only a part of General Cadorna's troops on that sector are now engaged with the retreating Austrians. Austrian prisoners report that the Italian blow at Goritz came as a complete surprise.

Their commanders believed that the Italian Isonez front had been stripped of both men and munition supplies to repel the Austrians in the Tertinno and anticipated no attack against Goritz for at least two months.

Reserves were rushed up to the Goritz positions Sunday night after the Italian attack began. They found the advanced Austrian positions blown to pieces and the Italians pouring through numerous breaches in the Austrian line.

THINKS SHE IS DEFEATED

Dr. Eva Harding Will Not Give Up, However, Until Official Count is Made.

TOPEKA, Kans., Aug. 11.—This state's "fighting woman," Dr. Eva Harding, probably has been defeated in her race for the democratic congressional nomination.

"I believe Corwin has been nominated," Dr. Harding said today, "but I am not ready to admit my defeat, until the official count is made Tuesday. The vote is too close for me to be beaten unofficially. Corwin claims the nomination by 125 votes."

The Kansas suffragettes believe if she has failed to get the nomination, it is due to the short-sightedness of the male voters.

If Rev. H. J. Corwin, Dr. Harding's opponent, has won, she will support him, according to her statement today.

Dr. Harding has received telegrams and letters by the hundreds, congratulating her on what the writers believed was her nomination.

MEN RESTLESS ABOUT STRIKE

Want Immediate Action in Regard to Their Demands for Eight Hour Day.

TROUBLE SEEMS NEARER

Although Matter is in Process of Arbitration, Danger of Great Strike is Not Passed.

[By John H. Hearley, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—The possibility of a nation-wide railroad strike affecting 400,000 employees and tying up more than 230,000 miles of railways, loomed nearer today unless a settlement is quickly reached, when Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers declared the men are growing more and more restless.

"We must have immediate action," said Stone. "Carrying a strike vote around in your pocket is like carrying a stick of dynamite. You can never tell what is going to happen. This controversy has dragged along so that our men are growing impatient. If it had not been for the earnest plea of the brotherhood presidents, this controversy would not have been submitted to the mediators. But our plea to give the government officers a chance to see what they could do, finally prevailed."

When asked whether he thought an attempt would be made to arbitrate the difficulties, Stone shook his head and said:

"The members of the United States board of mediation and conciliator are the personal representatives of President Wilson and that fact carries with it considerable weight; just how much remains to be seen. If this board is unable to reach any settlement it is doubtful whether any other board or commission could do so."

G. W. W. Hangar, one of the members of the federal board, presented some proposition of a secret character to the employees today. He returned later to a meeting of the mediators. When asked what the program was, he replied he did not know.

"We are making our plans hour by hour," he said. "We are hopeful but I can't predict what is going to happen. I can't say anything more."

While the mediators were meeting during the morning, the employees held another secret session. They will await further word from the federal board.

Report Tomorrow.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—The federal board of mediation and conciliation and representatives of trainmen's brotherhoods, including 400,000 railroad men of the country, today agreed to delay submitting any final proposition looking toward a settlement of demands made by the men until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Following several conferences held during the morning, President Stone of the engineers' brotherhood indicated strongly that prompt action must be taken by the board, but members of the board declared they were not ready to report at present.

"We are making our plans hour by hour," he said. "We are hopeful but I can't predict what is going to happen. I can't say anything more."

AMAZING RAPIDITY OF ADVANCE

Russians Are Galloping Ahead Through Enemy Lines With Fresh Victories Each Day.

SOON TAKE STANISLAU

General Took Austrians by Surprise When He Whirled His Troops Forward to Halitz.

[By John H. Hearley, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

PETROGRAD, Aug. 11.—Striking westward with amazing rapidity, the right wing of General Letchitski's army has reached the Dniester river south of Mariampol, which is only ten miles from the important town of Halitz, it was officially announced today.

News of this important success temporarily overshadowed the advance against the city of Stanislau, south of Halitz, whose fall is now regarded as a matter of but a few hours. The war office announced that bridges are being thrown across the Bistritza river, three miles east of Stanislau, preparatory to an advance on the city and also reported fresh victories on the Sereth river, fifty miles east of Lemberg where several villages and woods were captured.

The town of Halitz lying at the railway crossing of the Dniester and but fifty-eight miles southeast of Lemberg, has been described as the key to any operation against the Galician capital from the southwest. It was expected that General Letchitski will first take Stanislau, then move northward against Halitz. The Germans are prepared for the most desperate fighting at Dniester river where they expect to block further advance of the czar's forces against Lemberg.

Letchitski evidently took the enemy by complete surprise. Throwing a force across the Zlota river, north-east of Stanislau, he began a swift advance against Halitz on the north bank of the Dniester. The official statement issued yesterday placed the advanced guard thirty miles from Halitz. Today's official statement reported the Dniester reached south of Mariampol, which is directly north of Stanislau and only ten miles from Halitz.

This unexpected maneuver not only is expected to force the immediate evacuation of Stanislau, but it also endangers the position of a large Austro-German force south of the Dniester.

On the Sereth river front, despite desperate Austro-German counter attacks, General Sakharoff continued his advance yesterday. Besides capturing several villages and woods, the Russians reached a commanding ridge on the right bank. In the last week the Russians have captured 268 officers and 15,000 men on this front.

The advances continue on the whole front southeast of Halitz, the war office announced. The Russian having captured 2,500 more prisoners. Fighting is now going on at several points.

To Open New Factory.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, Aug. 11.—The Boss Manufacturing company, makers of canvas and cotton gloves, with thirteen big plants in the country, one at Sioux City, today leased a three story building and will start a plant here September 1, employing between 300 and 500 men.

To Prevent Epidemic.

SEDALLA, Mo., Aug. 11.—Health officers today took steps to prevent an epidemic of infantile paralysis in this section, following the reporting of a case here last night. Howard Harper, 5, is in a critical condition.

MYSTERIOUS WIRELESS CALL FROM EMPTY SPACE

Submarine Bremen Thought to Have Asked Questions Early This Morning.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—The ubiquitous Bremen, Deutschland's sister ship, bobbed up again, this time via wireless.

Farmer Hanger Himself.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, Aug. 11.—Fearing the hot weather would ruin his corn crop, B. H. VanAuken, 80, a wealthy farmer living two and a half miles east of Central City, killed himself today. He was found hanging by the neck in a machine shop after he had told his hired man that he feared the crop was ruined. He is survived by a wife and three children.

Rather Peculiar Fate.

WATERLOO, Iowa, Aug. 11.—David Hanna was struck by a train and killed today and fate has been avenged. Four weeks ago a man was killed by a train near Council Bluffs and on his body was found a card with Hanna's name on it. The coroner's jury was about to return a verdict that the man was Hanna when Hanna in the flesh and spirit walked into the room. Now fate is avenged by Hanna's death in a similar accident.

New Physical Director.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 11.—W. L. Greiser, of Cleveland, Ohio, for the last three years Y. M. C. A. physical director at Marietta, Ohio, has been chosen as physical director for the Springfield Y. M. C. A.

Erratic.

Chicago—Evening Post: A dozen writers seem to be wrong on Hughes. You never can tell what "them literary fellers" will do.

AT LEAST SEVENTY-FIVE LIVES LOST IN THE FLOOD

Militiamen and Searching Parties Unable to Reach Some of the Towns.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Aug. 11.—The death list in Wednesday's flood disaster will be at least seventy-five, according to reports from rescue parties today.

Twenty-five more bodies have been recovered.

Many of the militiamen and those accompanying them, reported that they have been unable to reach many towns washed out. They are building new roads to get to them.

It may be several days before figures on all losses can be determined. Estimates of property loss in the three valleys were reduced today. It will probably not exceed \$2,000,000. The homeless number about 12,000.