

PREPARE TO DEFEND BUCHAREST

FIGHTING FORCES IN BALKANS

Rumanians Outnumbered Four
Times at Tutrakan Where
They Suffered
Defeat.

FATAL IS IN DANGER

Made in Transylvania, But
Must be Rearranged to
Protect Bucharest From
Capture.

RUSSIAN TALKS ABOUT THE WAR

Chief of General Staff Does
Not Think Germany Will
be Able to Make
Advance.

NO HELP FROM TURKS

Four Hundred Thousand Men Must be
Sent to the Aid of Austrians
to Save Them From
Defeat.

RUSSIAN TALKS ABOUT THE WAR

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
[General Alexieff, chief of the
Russian general staff, known in Petrograd
for his aversion to newspaper
correspondents, has given to a United
Press staff correspondent, the only
representative of an American press
association or newspapers at the
czar's headquarters, the following in-
terview regarding the possibilities of
a great German offensive in the
east.]

RUSSIAN TALKS ABOUT THE WAR

[By William Philip Simms, United
Press Staff Correspondent.]
IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS,
RUSSIAN ARMY, Sept. 9.—Germany
must send four hundred thousand to
the aid of the demoralized Austrians
if she hopes to stiffen their resistance,
General Michael Alexieff, chief
of staff of Emperor Nicholas II's
armies, told the United Press today.
"Furthermore, German troops must
provide the driving power if Von
Hindenburg attempts the great eastern
offensive talked about in Berlin.
The Austro-Germans cannot count
upon the Turks for substantial aid,"
said the man who directs the move-
ments of Russia's millions of troops.
The Turks can send no more than
forty thousand men to support their
Teutonic allies.

RUSSIAN TALKS ABOUT THE WAR

General Alexieff received me in a
small, plainly furnished office adjoin-
ing the headquarters of Emperor
Nicholas. A flat top desk, a few
chairs and maps were the only fur-
nishings. The general sat behind the
desk like an American business man.
He resembles much the pictures of
Rudyard Kipling. His hair is begin-
ning to turn white over the temples.
The long ends of his white mustache
turn up, slightly above the fighting
line. His eyes are deeply set, small,
grey and piercing. He wears silver
rimmed spectacles. In conversing
he habitually pens lines, as if draw-
ing rivers and roads, sketching in
arrows, showing the direction of at-
tacks.

RUSSIAN TALKS ABOUT THE WAR

I asked him if he credited the re-
port of an Austrian German-Turkish
combined offensive against Russia.
"Despite the encircling ring of the
allies and the continued pressure
they are exerting on all sides, I would
hesitate to say that such an offensi-
ve is impossible," he replied. "The
biggest mistake a general can make
is to underestimate the enemy.
Should such an offensive develop, it
would be for us to beat. I am most
confident this the Russian army can
do."

RUSSIAN TALKS ABOUT THE WAR

"On January 16 the Germans started
a counter offensive on the Ipa.
It failed. Future offensives stand to
meet the same fate."
"I will not say that the Austrian
armies on our front have been
crushed. They are, however, badly
demoralized. The Germans have
filled in the gaps with twenty divi-
sions, thus affecting a stiffening, but
the Austrians are still badly disor-
ganized. From the Turks, not more
than two divisions are available for
the Russian front, so if the com-
bined offensive comes, the Germans
must carry the principal burden."
"The Russians have shown what
they are capable of doing when prop-
erly equipped. They are now enter-
ing the third winter of the war,
stronger than ever. Their defeats at
the start of hostilities were due to

RUSSIAN TALKS ABOUT THE WAR

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Holdup Men Get \$12,000 After Killing Paymaster

Mine Superintendent Bled Death While Robbers Es- caped With Satchel Full of Cash

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
MARTINS FERRY, Ohio, Sept. 9.—Rankin, superintendent of the Florence mine of the Youghiogheny Coal company here, held up by two auto bandits today, robbed of \$12,000 and shot and killed.
Rankin was in a taxi, driven by P. Pickens. The money was the weekly payroll of the miners.
The holdup occurred under a grade crossing between this city and the mine, about three miles out, shortly before noon.
Two foreigners ordered Pickens to stop. Rankin, who was armed, immediately suspected a holdup and jumped out of the taxi. He was eight feet from the machine when one of the bandits shot him. The bullet severed an artery. The highwaymen, covering the driver, grabbed the money which Rankin had in a satchel, and sped away through the woods. Pickens lifted Rankin into the taxi and sped back to the hospital here. Rankin died as he was being lifted from the car. He had bled to death.
Sheriff C. Butler and Chief of Police Hyland commandeered five automobiles, loaded the entire police force of Martins Ferry and a number of armed citizens into the cars and sped away in pursuit. Blood hounds also were put on the trail.

DIME LOAF IS ORDERED BY BAKERS

Master Bakers Executive Com- mittee Recommends That the Five Cent Loaf be Abolished.

ALSO ASKS EMBARGO

Increased Price of Flour and the De- creased Profits, Cause Action Which Will be Na- tion Wide.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
CHICAGO, Sept. 9.—Another blow
has been dealt Mr. Average Consumer.
Bread makers throughout the coun-
try today were expected to follow the
lead of the National Association of
Master Bakers, the executive commit-
tee of which yesterday passed a resolu-
tion "recommending that bakeries
cease to make a five cent loaf and
confine their standard output to the

Today's Iowa News

By United Press Leased Wire

Ended His Life.

BATAVIA, Iowa, Sept. 9.—Samuel P. Whitmore, 28, member of one of the wealthiest families in Jefferson county, committed suicide in the presence of his wife and other members of the family at the residence of his parents last night. Whitmore was suffering from a fit of despondency because of his inability to refrain from the use of intoxicating liquors.
He attempted to end his life while attending the state fair at Des Moines a week ago, when he took carbolic acid.

Very Valuable Bridge.

SIoux CITY, Iowa, Sept. 9.—Booze seekers have made the draw bridge connecting Iowa and Nebraska extremely valuable. During July and August, tolls collected amounted to over \$16,000, mostly from persons going to and from Jackson, Neb., to obtain liquor. The bridge recently sold at public auction for \$288,000.

He Was Despondent.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Sept. 9.—James Elder, who killed himself near Sioux City Thursday, was despondent over the death of his little daughter, Edna, according to local relatives of the man. Elder's body was expected to arrive here this afternoon.

Waterloo Claims 35,000.

WATERLOO, Iowa, Sept. 9.—Estimating the population based on figures in the new city directory, Waterloo claims 35,000 today.

Found Dead in Bed.

PANORA, Iowa, Sept. 9.—Charles A. Bink, publisher of the Vidette was found dead in bed Friday.

Instantly Killed.

LOGAN, Iowa, Sept. 9.—A woman, thought to be Grace Harrison, 824 South Fifty-first street, Omaha, Neb., was struck and instantly killed by an east bound Northwestern passenger train here last night.

MAINE TO VOTE NEXT MONDAY

Rockribbed State Has Been Shaken to Her Foundation by Campaign Oratory This Week.

THE WIND-UP TONIGHT

Republicans Expect Partial Victory While the Democrats Are Claim- ing Everything in Sight.

[By Perry Arnold, United Press Staff
Correspondent.]

AUGUSTA, Maine, Sept. 9.—The raucous voice of the campaign spell binder is resounding throughout Maine today. Her rockribbed foundations are staggering underneath the weight of words spilled during the last few weeks, for on Monday Maine exercises her ancient prerogative of "pointing the way."
Forty-eight hours before the battle of the ballots, it appeared from the tone of voices of leaders on both sides that Maine would be registered partly in the republican column. Judging from predictions from both republican and democratic leaders, sifted down, the republicans are expecting a victory, but not a complete one. The democrats are still claiming everything and the con-

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HIS MIND RETURNED SUDDENLY

Peculiar Case of Man Who Had Been Wandering in a Haze for Three Months.

ACCIDENTAL MEETING

Sister Saw Lost Brother on the Street and This Caused Return of Reason to Demented Forester.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
AMARILLO, Texas, Sept. 9.—The sight of his sister's face brought Chas. Moore, U. S. forestry worker, back from a living death. Moore's mind has been a blank since he was overcome in a forest fire near Fraser, Colo., July 5. He has no recollection of events after he felt a sharp pain in his head. His wanderings eventually brought him to Amarillo, where he

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VERDUN BATTLE NEAR THE END

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GERMAN MORALE GONE

Enters Third and Final Stage Now, With French Steadily Winning Back Their Lost Positions.

[By Henry Wood, United Press Staff
Correspondent.]
WITH THE FRENCH ARMY AT
VERDUN, Sept. 9.—The Germans
are now entirely on the defensive at
Verdun.

The great battle begun 201 days
ago, has now entered its third and
final stage. The French are steadily
winning back their lost positions.
The battle will gradually die out like
an extinct volcano.

It has now been learned definitely
that the Germans were forced to re-
move huge quantities of artillery and
men from Verdun to the Somme front
three weeks ago to meet the new An-
glo-French offensive. This has had an
immediate effect upon the morale of
the remaining men. In February they
had been told they were to capture
Verdun. At the end of July they were
told it would be sufficient to
simply dominate the situation there.
But when they had been reduced in
numbers to merely a defensive garri-
son, after nearly seven months of
fighting, their morale was so shat-
tered that groups of prisoners have
been surrendering, some of them go-
ing through Verdun singing the Mar-
seillaise, French officers declare.

The seventh and last great German
massed attack was made on both
banks of the Meuse on July 10. The
French checked this blow immedi-
ately and took the offensive. Ever since
that time they have retained the in-
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Fighting on the west bank of the
Meuse has practically ceased. Hill
304 and Dead Man's hill are now num-
bered among the glories of the past.

East of the river, the Germans are
concentrating for a final, desperate
struggle to retain the forts of Vaux
and Daumont. Even on this sector
their resistance has been immeasur-
ably weakened. This fact I was able
to ascertain personally Thursday and
Friday when the German bombard-
ment let loose as a prelude to the at-
tempt to recapture trenches captured
by the French in the Vaux Chapitry
and Chenols woods on Wednesday.

This cannonading was incomparable
to the terrific fire from the German
guns that marked the early fighting
around Verdun.

Movies More Popular.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—Spanish sen-
ioritas are warming to the movies and
turning a cold shoulder on the activi-
ties of the treader and the well
known bull, according to latest ad-
vice from that country brought here
today by James Hawes, an English-
man. Bull fighting is rapidly losing
its popularity in favor of the movies,
the traveler said.

A Warm Welcome.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—The first
person to greet James A. Waddell,
"king of strike breakers," when he
stepped off his special train from Chi-
cago, was a process server. He is
being sued for \$5,000.

75,000 Moths.

OAK PARK, Ill., Sept. 9.—School
children, working to win prizes for
killing tussock moths, dumped 75,000
on the floor of the village hall. So
far more than sixty-five pounds of the
tree pests have been delivered to
officials.

Died of Blood Poisoning.

POSTVILLE, Iowa, Sept. 9.—Henry
Schroeder, 73, farmer, scratched his
hand on a barb wire two weeks ago.
He was buried today. Blood poison-
ing set in.

Farmer Strikes Oil.

FORT DODGE, Iowa, Sept. 9.—Bert
Craft has struck oil on his farm near
here, according to the state chemist's
test of a sample found floating on top
of water in Craft's well.

\$500 for a Girl.

NEVADA, Iowa, Sept. 9.—P. E.
Crocker was awarded \$500 for the loss
of his daughter, aged seven, who was
run down and killed by C. A. McGib-
bon two years ago.

Poisoned Youngsters.

GLIDDEN, Iowa, Sept. 9.—Roy
Eaton and two playmates are serious-
ly ill today from eating their catch of
several small fish which they cooked
in a poisoned tin can.

Another Report Received That the Mexican Bandit is on Warpath.

[By Webb Miller, United Press Staff
Correspondent.]
EL PASO, Texas, Sept. 9.—"I
saw a report that the Mexican bandit
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FRIGHTFUL LOSSES BY GERMANY

In a Week of Fighting on the Somme Front, the French Claim to Have Taken 7,700 Prisoners.

ANOTHER BLOW STRUCK

Heaps of German Dead Have Been Found in the Captured Trenches South of the Somme.

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[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
PARIS, Sept. 9.—The French struck
another successful blow against the
German lines south of the Somme last
night, capturing a small wood east of
Belo.

The war office announced today that
7,700 prisoners have been made on
the Somme front since September 3,
and that German losses in recent at-
tacks on this front have been fright-
ful.

Turks to the Rescue.

[By Ed. L. Keen, United Press Staff
Correspondent.]
LONDON, Sept. 9.—Turkish troops
have come to the rescue of the hard
pressed Germans in Galicia and have
checked the Russian advance on the
fortified city of Halicz.

The German war office announced
this afternoon that the Turks have
driven back the Slavs, taking one
thousand prisoners. The Russian war
office reports the Turks and Germans
violently counter attacking to save
Halitz from capture.

This is the second time since the
Russians began closing in about Lem-
berg that the advance on the Galic-
ian capital was stopped by the
Turks. Several weeks ago Turkish
reinforcements halted a drive on
Lemberg from the east.

On the western front, the French
carried a German position south of
the Somme and the British captured
a wood north of the river in last
night's fighting. The official reports,
however, supported the German claim
that the allies infantry attacks have
grown less violent in the last twenty-
four hours.

The German-Bulgarian offensive in
Rumania apparently is slackening
under more stubborn Russo-Rumanian
resistance. Neither the German nor
Bulgarian war offices claimed any im-
portant gains today.

Hindenburg on a Visit.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 9.—German
newspapers today confirmed Paris re-
ports that Field Marshal Von Hinden-
burg is making his first visit to the
western front.

Hindenburg was at the Somme
front when the British and French
delivered their great smash this
week. The Cologne Gazette's cor-
respondent reported that the Kaiser's
new chief of staff looks younger and
fresher than ever. He is conferring
with the crown prince and other Ger-
man leaders and expects to visit the
whole front.

Twenty-one Prisoners.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—British troops
captured a German trench in sharp
hand to hand fighting in Fourceaux
wood last night. General Haig reported
this afternoon. Twenty-one prison-
ers were taken.

German Official Report.

BERLIN, Sept. 9.—The Russians
have been driven back east of Halitz
by heavy counter attacks after pen-
etrating German trenches, it was offi-
cially reported.

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SON WILLING TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE THE SUFFRAGISTS

Women With Talk Be- fore Their Convention at Atlantic City.

Robert J. Bender, United Press
Staff Correspondent.]
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 9.—
Edward Wilson left Atlantic City
yesterday morning early today, well
with the reception accorded
the National American Women
suffrage association.

The president had breakfast in his
room at the hotel this morning and at
9:00 o'clock rolled away in a big
automobile for the "summer white
house."

ever addressed, but suffrage leaders
said he made a hit.
"It was a happy moment in my life
when the president said he had
come here to fight with us," Mrs.
Carrie Chapman Catt, president of
the association said today. Previous-
ly she said to President Wilson:
"You have touched our hearts and
won our fealty." Although the presi-
dent in his speech last night, made
no promise as to how he would fight
with the suffragists "for the cause,"
the leaders seemed satisfied that he
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VILLA HAS 1500 MEN ALL ARMED TO THE TEETH

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EL PASO, Texas, Sept. 9.—"I
saw a report that the Mexican bandit
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along the line of his northward
march, according to a Mexican rancher
arriving in Juarez last night. The
rancher declared that Villa had 1,500
men with him, all full armed.

Texas rangers yesterday exchanged
shots with Mexicans across the Rio
Grand near Fabens, twenty-five miles
south of here, wounding one, it was
reported. The rangers had captured
a horse thief, who later escaped and
fled across the river. The rangers
opened fire, wounding him. Several
Mexicans concealed on the other side
of the river returned the fire, but
with no effect.