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CAMPAIGN TO TAKE THE DARDANELLES MAY BE ABANDONED: TOLL TOO BIG

BRITISH SINK A DESTROYER IN BALTIC SEA

One of Germany's Big War Vessels Reported Torpedoed by Submarine.

OTHER BOATS ESCAPE

Two More of Fleet Said to Have Steamed Away on Seeing Ship Flounder.

Copenhagen, Oct. 15, (1:32 p. m.) A British submarine torpedoed and sank a German destroyer this morning at the southern entrance to the Sound, a narrow strait between Denmark and Sweden, which connects the Baltic with the North Sea. A great explosion followed the striking of the torpedo and the destroyer foundered immediately.

A message from Falsterbo, Sweden, which brought news of the incident, adds that another German destroyer and a cruiser, which were accompanying the destroyer that was sunk, speeded to the southward.

[illegible] were taken off by a Danish steamer. According to this account [illegible] of the destroyer's crew [illegible]

[illegible] were given as a result. According to this account [illegible] German cruiser and three [illegible] were engaged with the British [illegible] The German cruiser [illegible] to shoot the attack of the [illegible] was bombarded [illegible] continued for some time. [illegible] Danish [illegible] which sank with a [illegible] The other German [illegible] ought to have surrendered, [illegible] Denmark [illegible] Sweden.

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[illegible] a correspondent [illegible] interview [illegible] inferences is [illegible] Denmark [illegible] with Serbia [illegible] intervention by [illegible] and Germany.

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[illegible] the most [illegible] taking place in [illegible] which, at [illegible] the plans made [illegible] for forcing the [illegible] their opponents. [illegible] Vandervelde (Socialist) was loyal in support [illegible] and others, expressed dis- [illegible] the speech in the [illegible] on the Balkan situation [illegible] of Foreign Secretary Grey.

[illegible] operations in the [illegible] have been [illegible] change since the capture of Belgrade, except for brief forays by Germans and Bulgarians. Depending [illegible] in declaring war, Bulgaria claims her neutrality was violated by Serbia. Official announcement was [illegible] and declared war on Germany [illegible] was made today.

On the western front the British have gained considerable ground, some of which they subsequently lost. Conflicting claims regarding the possession of Hill 70 were ended by the statement of the under-secretary of war that the British official report had been even incorrectly, in reality only claiming the capture of mining works around this position.'

COLLISION SINKS THE PONCE DE LEON BOAT

Madrid, Oct. 15, (via Paris, 2:30 p. m.)—The Spanish gunboat Ponce de Leon was sunk yesterday in a collision with the merchant vessel San Jose near Tilpona, off the Spanish coast. The crew of the gunboat was saved.

The Ponce de Leon was a small warship, displacing only 195 tons, and was built in 1895. She was 135 feet long, 26 feet beam and 11 feet draught. Her armament consisted of 2 five-pounders and two machine guns. Her speed was 12 knots. Her complement consisted of 43 men.

THE MODERN "APLAS"

INDENTIFY BABE WITH FOOTPRINT

Chicago Hospital Adopts New Method in Hopes of Eliminating Usual Confusion.

Chicago, Oct. 15.—Use of footprints to prevent confusion in the identification of babies was adopted today in Chicago's lying-in maternity hospital.

The prints are obtained in the first hour of life and the method used is the simplest possible. The infant's feet are pressed against an ink pad and then the tiny foot is placed against a paper of moderate size on which the impression of the tiny lines is made.

This new method of identification is regarded as a permanent record of value from a scientific standpoint. Experts say the lines will never change. There will be no chance, they contend, of a possible substitution of babies.

SURPRISE ATTACK IS MADE BY SERBS

Attempt to Obtain Possession of Several of Bulgaria's Strategical Points.

Sofia, Oct. 15, (via Wireless to London, Oct. 15, 7:55 a. m.)—The Bulgarian general staff issued tonight its first official statement relative to military operations. The communication, which charges the Serbs with being the aggressors, follows:

"Tuesday night the Serbians attempted a surprise attack at several points near Trun, Bualovgrad and Kustendil with the object of taking possession of Bulgarian strategical points commanding the road to Sofia. The attempt was frustrated by Bulgarian troops posted near the threatened points. Later our troops succeeded in driving back the Serbians. The fighting continues."

War Forced On Bulgaria, Too.

Berlin, Oct. 15, (via London, 11 a. m.)—Bulgaria is welcomed by the Lokal Anzeiger as a new ally of Germany. The paper asserts that Bulgarians would have remained at peace if it had been possible but that war was forced on them just as it was on Germany.

"Reports that Bulgaria had attacked Serbia first came as a surprise," says the newspaper, "but now we know Serbia crossed the Bulgarian border without a previous declaration of war. Bulgaria thus was fully justified in her attack. Our new ally not only will fight with us, but will confer with us."

Convicts Take College Course.

Berkeley, Cal., Oct. 15.—Fourteen inmates of the Folsom state prison, the University of California announced today, have enrolled in a new correspondence course of instruction as teachers. With the establishment of the normal course, the inmates of the two state prisons have the benefit of a complete curriculum, from primary instruction to full university training. At Folsom 520 prisoners are taking the university's correspondence courses.

STACKPOLE DIES OF NEW DISEASE

New York Attorney Succumbs to Poisonous Infection of Anthrax—Was Nation Wide.

New York, Oct. 15.—George F. Stackpole, the lawyer, of Riverhead, Long Island, who was stricken with anthrax several days ago, died at Bellevue hospital early today of heart failure resulting from the poison of the disease.

Mr. Stackpole's death came after a rally which caused his physicians to believe the most serious phase of the disease had been passed and that he would recover. He was conscious until within five minutes before he died and told his wife he realized that death was near. Until the last few minutes he tried to cheer up his relatives and throughout the greater part of his illness encouraged them with hope of his recovery.

The determined struggle made by Mr. Stackpole, who was 71 years old, and the unusual nature of his disease, common to cattle but rare among human beings, attracted public attention throughout the country. Physicians watched the case closely to observe the effect of the anti-toxin which was rushed here from the bureau of animal industry at Washington to combat the deadly anthrax germ.

In all 130 cubic centimeters were injected in three or more days. After the third injection the dreaded epidemic was stayed. Although the physicians were greatly encouraged they warned Mr. Stackpole's relatives that there was danger that his heart would yield to the poison infection of the malady.

Growing Weaker.

Benbow City, Ill., Oct. 15.—Dr. John C. Helper, who for nearly two weeks has been suffering from anthrax which developed from a mosquito bite, was growing weaker today but still was conscious. Hope for his recovery has not been abandoned.

PRESIDENT GIVES HIS BEST WISHES

Wilson Sends Dunne's Daughter Congratulatory Note on Her Approaching Marriage.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 15.—Although Miss Aileen Mary Dunne, daughter of Edward F. Dunne of Illinois, has received scores of gifts in anticipation of her marriage Oct. 20, to William Corboy, a young attorney of Chicago, she is cherishing most a simple note from another prospective visitor to the marriage altar — President Woodrow Wilson. In his note the president said:

"My Dear Miss Dunne: May I not wish for you in your approaching marriage the greatest happiness and contentment, and may I not convey through you my warmest congratulations to Mr. Corboy. I wish I might have the pleasure of being present on the 20th to convey my felicitations in person.

"Cordially and sincerely yours,
(Signed) "WOODROW WILSON."

JUST WOULD KISS EDISON GOODBYE

An Great Inventor Boards Train for Exposition Many Young Women Gather About Him.

West Orange, N. J., Oct. 15.—Thomas A. Edison, chairman of the new naval advisory board, is on his way to San Francisco today to be present at the celebration of "Edison Day" at the Panama-Pacific exposition. He is accompanied by Mrs. Edison, her sister and William Dubilier, a storage battery expert.

A crowd gathered at the railway station here last night to bid Mr. Edison farewell. "I feel like a prince," said the inventor, leaning a few steps to prove it. "I'm going to travel to San Francisco like a prima donna," he added as he looked over the private car in which the party will make the journey. "My old friend Henry Ford sent this car for me. He will join us in Chicago."

As Mr. Edison was about to board the train a number of young women gathered about him and some of them insisted on kissing him goodbye.

IS RECOMMENDED THOMPSON SAYS

Chicago Mayor Tells Spokane He Has Received 1,600 Telegrams for Closing Saloons.

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 15.—That he had received 1,600 commendatory telegrams from Chicago since last Sunday when the state law regarding closing of saloons on the Sabbath was enforced in that city, was the statement made to newspaper men here by William Hale Thompson, mayor of Chicago, on his way home at the head of a party of 49 Chicagoans from the San Francisco exposition.

The messages, Mr. Thompson said, came from all ranks of society. Many were from women, not a few being from wives of saloon keepers, one of them remarking that last Sunday was the first time her husband had spent the day at home in 15 years. Not a single message criticized him for his action, he added.

Mr. Thompson was enroute today to Helena, Mont.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Rain tonight and probably Saturday, not much change in temperature.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 44. Highest yesterday 71, lowest last night 44.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 5 miles per hour.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 63, at 7 a. m. 100, at 1 p. m. today 88.

Stage of water 4.4, no change in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

SAY ENGLISH MAY GIVE UP TURK EFFORT

Because of Continued Failure British Ready to Quit Dardanelles Attack.

SUFFER HEAVY LOSS

Official Figures of Their Casualties Nearly Reach One Hundred Thousand.

London, Oct. 15, (1:12 p. m.)—The total of British casualties at the Dardanelles up to Oct. 9, according to official figures given here today, was 96,809.

Of this total the number of men killed was 18,957, of whom 1,185 were officers.

Casualties of the Australian contingents were 29,121.

Announcement of the great losses of the British forces at the Dardanelles follows the sensational speech in the house of lords last night of Lord Milner, who is said to have disapproved the expedition as hopeless. He suggested withdrawal of the troops from Gallipoli peninsula and their transfer to some other point. Lord Lansdown responded for the government that it was impossible to give up the undertaking and that the troops would continue in the Dardanelles operations or would be withdrawn.

Full Story Not Told

The losses given out today do not tell the full story of what it has cost the allies to attempt to force the Dardanelles. In addition to the British casualties are the losses of the French, concerning which no reliable information is available. The British total, however, bears out dispatches from correspondents of this front, who have described the loss of life as tremendous. In some instances, according to these advices, trenches and gulleys have been ranked with the dead. Turkish losses also have been described as very heavy.

CLINTON TAKES THIEF SUSPECT

Police Capture Man Believed to Be Wanted for Postoffice Robbery—Two Escape.

Clinton, Iowa, Oct. 15.—One of the three men suspected of postoffice robbery at Durant, Iowa, was captured and two others escaped after a revolver duel here early this morning.

Three officers stopped an automobile containing three men on the Mississippi river high bridge. In the midst of the questioning one jumped out, another opened fire on the officers and the third started the car. Two officers boarded the running board. One was scraped off against the railing of the bridge. The other officer held a gun to the head of one man, vainly ordering them to stop, until the driver of the car put his arm in the officers' ribs and ordered him to jump. The officer obeyed and opened fire, the suspects returning it. They escaped into Illinois and a posse is searching for them.

William Leonard, the man under arrest refuses to talk, even to the extent of divulging his history.

Burlington, Iowa, Oct. 15.—Two suspects arrested in connection with the robbery of the postoffice at Winfield, Iowa, of $500 worth of stamps, were released here today. No real evidence could be found implicating them in the crime.

Fulton, Ill., Oct. 15.—Armed with rifles, shot guns, revolvers and every conceivable weapon, a posse of a score of men, headed by Deputy Sheriff Bielema of Whiteside county is scouring the hills in the vicinity of Fulton for the two men, suspected of robbing the Durant postoffice last night. The automobile abandoned by the pair in Fulton was found riddled with bullet holes as a result of the revolver duel with the Clinton, Iowa, police early this morning. In the machine was a grip filled with burglar's tools.

The Durant postmaster was unable to open the safe. He sent in a call to Rock Island and this afternoon Charles Fiebig, local safe expert, and his son, Otto, left for Durant to open the strong box.

Franklin Frigate Sold as Junk.

Washington, Oct. 15.—The old wooden frigate Franklin, once the flagship of Admiral Farragut, today was placed out of commission preparatory to being sold for junk.

GAINS IN SERBIA REGARDED SMALL

German Invasion Is Reported to Have Advanced Less Than Four Miles South of Danube.

Paris, Oct. 15, (3:50 a. m.)—The Germans are attacking in great force near Passarowitza, which commands the Morava valley, according to a Nish dispatch to the Matin. The Serbs are resisting stoutly and it is asserted that the invaders have not advanced more than four miles south of the first at any point on the Danube front. The Bulgarians have been held in the Timok valley, where a new action is in progress along the entire front.

Marines of villages along the Montenegrin frontier have been instructed to watch for a band of irregulars who are armed with Mauser rifles. If Nish is seriously menaced by the Austro-German-Bulgarian invasion it has been decided to transfer the government to Mitrovitza, close to the Montenegrin frontier. Mitrovitza is the terminus of a branch railroad which connects with the main line from Nish to Salonika at Nakop.

PRESIDENT INSISTS ON HIS PAYING RENT

Washington, D. C., Oct. 15.—President Wilson today decided to spend next summer in New Jersey, in the former home of John A. McCall, at Elberon, near Long Branch. The estate, on which is a magnificent house, is known as Shadow Lawn. The president was offered the free use of Shadow Lawn by a committee headed by Representative Scully, which brought a letter from Governor Fielder. He insisted, however, that he would pay rent and said that if the committee pleased it could give the money to charity.

Premier Leaves Fortune to State.

Amsterdam, Oct. 15, (via London, 7:25 a. m.)—The will of Premier Eyschen of Luxemburg, who died Tuesday, bequeaths his entire fortune to the state to promote education in political economy. Director General Mongenast will temporarily take direction of state affairs.

THE WAR TODAY

British casualties in the Dardanelles operations have reached almost the 100,000 mark. An official statement in London today gave the figures as 96,809 up to Oct. 9, of which number 18,957 were killed, 1,185 of the killed being officers.

Abandonment of the costly Gallipoli expedition was suggested in the house of lords last night by Lord Milner, who advanced the idea of the transfer of the troops on the peninsula to another field. The government would not commit itself as to whether the troops would remain or be transferred.

Greece will not intervene in the war on behalf of Serbia at present. She has officially notified the British government. Premier Zaimis, in the notification statement, declares that the Greek government holds that intervention by Greece in the present circumstances is not called for under the treaty with Serbia.

A German torpedo boat destroyer was sunk by a British submarine today in the passage connecting the Baltic and the North Sea, known as The Sound, a Copenhagen dispatch states. A German cruiser and another destroyer in the vicinity hastily steamed away southward, the dispatch adds.

British submarines recently have been active in the Baltic near the scene of the incident of today, several German steamers having been sunk by them.

Formal announcement was made today that Serbia had declared war on Bulgaria.

The first war statement issued by the Bulgarian general staff, dated Thursday night, accuses the Serbians of initiating the offensive. It declares the latter on Tuesday made a surprise attempt to obtain possession of strategic points in Bulgaria commanding the route to Sofia, but were defeated and driven back.

A press dispatch from Nish to Paris declares that the German forces have not progressed more than four miles south of the Danube at any point, while the Bulgarians are being held along the border.

Greece is being financed by the entente allies to an extent sufficient to pay the expenses of the keeping her army mobilized, according to an Athens dispatch to Milan. The sum of $6,000,000 already has been advanced, it is declared.

In the Dardanelles the Turks claim to have inflicted heavy losses on the allies near Anafarta by the use of bombs and to have had a similar success near Seddul Bahr in hand greuade attacks. Allied torpedo boats have been driven from the narrows by the fire of Turkish batteries.

SHOOT THREE IN SOUTH IN FREE FOR ALL

Contest Over the Mayoralty Vote Results in a Pitched Battle Between Parties.

REPORTER IS KILLED

Others Were Injured—Ballot Boxes Thrown in Street—Militia Is Called Out.

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 15.—Three men were shot shortly after noon today at the rooms of the city democratic executive committee, where the contest over the mayoralty primary of Tuesday is being heard.

It is said the shooting occurred at the moment set for calling the meeting of the executive committee to order. And that the boxes containing the ballots cast in Tuesday's primary, which were to be canvassed by the committee, were thrown into the street. Great confusion followed and excitement in the city is intense.

Joseph Black of the democratic executive committee is reported to have been shot in the abdomen. It is reported he is dead, but hospital authorities refuse to confirm this. A man named Wingate is said to have been seriously if not fatally wounded.

Sidney J. Cohen, a newspaper reporter, was killed and four men shot in a melee that occurred just outside the room where the democratic city executive committee was to meet.

Militia Called.

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 15.—As soon as Governor Manning received notice of the shooting he ordered the Washington light infantry of Charleston under arms, and placed Colonel E. M. Blythe of Greenville in charge of the militia during the absence of Adjutant General Moore. The governor also ordered the Charleston board of control to close the dispensaries.

Governor Manning this afternoon called four companies of the Columbia battalion of militia under command of Major Marchant, to assemble in their armories and await eventualities in Charleston.

Later Governor Manning called the entire second regiment of the national guard under arms to await eventualities in Charleston.

W. A. Turner was shot in the right knee and seriously injured; W. E. Wingate received a serious scalp wound; H. L. Wheeler was shot in the arm, and Jeremiah O'Brien was shot in the ankle.

The committee was just about to be called to order to canvass the returns of last Tuesday's primary at which the trouble was threatened. A fight started in the room adjoining that in which the committee was to meet. The cause has not been determined.

The scuffling occasioned by the fight had hardly started when a fusillade of shots was heard from the committee room. This continued for several minutes as the committeemen and spectators made a frantic rush to get out.

Policemen were stationed in the committee room adjoining, but no arrests had been made two hours after the shooting and so far as known no one knows to know who fired the first shot or who kept it up.

RETURN WILL TO RESTING PLACE

Famous Document Made Out by Martha Washington to be Formally Given Fairfax County.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 15.—Governor Stuart has ordered that the will of Martha Washington, recently returned to the state by J. Pierpont Morgan, be given into the custody of Fairfax county, from which it was stolen during the civil war. It will be formally delivered to the chairman of the Fairfax board of supervisors Monday and will take its former place in the court house.

Governor Stuart acted under a ruling of Attorney General Pollard who held that the will must be returned to Fairfax county, as a part of the county's records, in compliance with the executive act which authorized the state to bring suit against Mr. Morgan for its recovery. When Mr. Morgan voluntarily returned the will, which had been found in his father's collection of historic manuscripts, he requested that it be placed in Mount Vernon and offered to build for it a fire proof receptacle.