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TRAIN ROBBERS ARE FOILED IN EFFORTS TO CRACK EXPRESS CHESTS

SERBIA LOST TO INVADERS SAY LONDON

Trace of Critical Position of Overwhelmed Serbs Is Realized by British.

DISASTER IS CERTAIN

In Consideration of Situation English Believe Only Miracle Can Save Them.

[illegible] 27 (12:20 p. m.)—The [illegible] of the Serbians, which [illegible] since the beginning of the Austro-German and [illegible] invasions as "an affair of [illegible] days," is no longer a [illegible], but the literal truth. Leading opinions regarding the outcome of the Balkan conflict, which [illegible] reports of the determined Serbian resistance and the [illegible] at which the invaders are [illegible] yielded to the conviction that it will take something in the [illegible] of a miracle to avert a disaster for Serbia.

[illegible] Asquith's exposition of the Dardanelles campaign in the house of [illegible] yesterday is regarded as an indication that the allies, if they [illegible] been able to offer Serbia [illegible] sufficient to meet her needs. The appeal of the Serbian premier to England [illegible] to everything Serbia can [illegible] and that troops reaching her in [illegible] indicates the existence of the Serbians as fighting [illegible] last chance.

Forces Draw Closer.

Austro-German and Bulgarian forces are now within 20 miles of each other, [illegible] southwest and southeast of Serbian capital, and advancing armies are advancing along a hundred mile front. [illegible] of the Danube, Austro-German [illegible] in regard to the Belgrade-Uskub railroad, shows that the Germans occupied the east 20 miles from Belgrade, the Serbians the next [illegible] the Bulgarians the next [illegible] and the French the last 40 miles to the Greek frontier.

No news has been received here [illegible] the reported recapture by the Serbians of Nish.

Communication Doubtful.

[illegible] communication between Austro-Hungary and Bulgaria for way [illegible] has not been established, [illegible] the proximity of the two armies of the race conquerors makes [illegible] communication at least doubtful.

[illegible] continue to describe the situation of the Serbians as critical, [illegible] accounts which have reached here concerning the capture of Pirot show the Serbians defended every [illegible] rationally and no quarter was given on either side. Although [illegible] Serbians are said to have [illegible] the Serbians left to one side 5,000 prisoners, all the others remain in the death [illegible].

Field Marshal von Hindenburg's troops [illegible] Russian robbers, but thus far has not advanced sufficiently to shake the Russian defense. South of the Pripet the Russians are struggling to regain the [illegible] situation on upper Dniester, with no material changes.

Bulgars Are Pushed Back.

Athens, Oct. 26 (6 p. m., via Paris, Oct. 27, 10:10 a. m.).—The Bulgarians have been completely driven out of Gevgeli, on a line extended from the Vardar east to Kriddalo and Lake Mesta. They have been pushed back also from Vales to the outskirts of Ilinp, probably rendering their Kumanovo-Vranya line untenable owing to the menace of a Serbian attack on both sides.

Offensive operations against Nish have not proceeded beyond Pirot. The Austro-Germans are making the most violent efforts but their progress is extremely slow. The city of Nish is threatened and seems to be in no immediate danger.

Prince Peter George arrived at Saloniki this afternoon.

Calm Forces Joined.

Berlin, Oct. 27, via London, 4:46 p. m.—Direct connection between the Austro-German forces in Serbia and the Bulgarian army of General Boyadjeff has been established on the Danube river east of Brza Palanka, according to the officials announcement given out today by the German army headquarters staff.

Judge Dies After Operation.

Wichita, Kan., Oct. 27.—Preston E. Gillett, judge of the 25th judicial district of Kansas, died at a local hospital early today, following an operation for appendicitis Monday. Judge Gillett was 55 years old and had served continuously in his present position for 25 years. His home was at Kingman, Kan.

THE HARVEST

GERMAN BANKER BEHIND SCHEME?

Steamship Passengers Tell of Balked Plotting of Indians Against White People.

San Francisco, Oct. 27.—An uprising of Indian troops which had for its object the massacre of all the white people of Hong Kong, China, as they came out of the churches, was stopped only a few hours before it was to break by the arrest of 12 Indians, according to passengers who arrived on the steamer Siberia Maru yesterday.

A chance remark dropped by one of the conspirators to a clerk in the French consulate at Canton, is said to have led to the detection of the plot which was to have been carried into effect nine weeks ago last Sunday.

Each conspirator was found to have in his possession 25 English sovereigns, the same amount found on the Singapore mutineers several months ago. It is charged that the money was furnished by a German banker in Hong Kong.

USE WEAPONS OF CAVE DWELLERS

British Army Has Resorted to Huge Clubs Weighted With Lead and Studded with Tacks.

Toronto, Oct. 27.—British troops fighting in Flanders have adopted the weapon of the ancient cave men for hand to hand fighting in the trenches, according to a letter received by the Rev. A. L. Beaupre from his nephew who is at the front with the Canadian contingent. In his letter the writer says:

"For our very latest weapons we have gone back to the early days. It is a club, so according to the military vocabulary, a 'knobkerrie,' similar to a policeman's truncheon weighted with lead and very liberally studded with hob tacks. It is for hot hand to hand affairs in a narrow trench.

"This morning a dare-devil corporal of ours with four companions crept over to the German listening posts armed with these weapons. In this case the Germans were not listening good enough. The chaps just reached over the parapet and clumped them on the nut and three very astonished Fritzes returned to consciousness in our No. 42 trench. Some weapon is that club."

Another Given Death Sentence.

London, Oct. 27, (1:54 p. m.).—Official announcement was made today that another spy had been put to death. The announcement says the prisoner, charged with espionage, was tried recently by the general court martial, found guilty and sentenced to death. This sentence was confirmed and was carried out this morning.

THE WEATHER

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

Fair tonight and Thursday, warmer tonight.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 39. Highest yesterday 61. Lowest last night 37.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 2 miles per hour.

Precipitation none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 42, at 7 a. m. 83, at 1 p. m. today 31.

Stage of water 5.5, no change in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

AUSTRIANS TAKE DECISIVE STAND AGAINST ENEMY

Armies Are Offering Great Resistance to Onslaught of Italians and Russians.

Vienna, (via London) Oct. 27, 6:35 p. m.).—The Austrian war office issued the following official statement:

"Southwest of Czartorysk Austro-Hungarian troops repelled several attacks by Russian sharpshooters and captured two officers, 500 men and one machine gun. On both sides of the road to Czartorysk from the northwest German regiments repulsed the enemy. Total Russian losses in this district for the day reached four officers, 1,100 men and 10 machine guns.

"Yesterday on the Doberdo plateau attempts of the enemy to take our bridgehead positions from Gorze and Tolmino up to Krn, all ended in complete failures for them. At Krne three Italian attacks collapsed before our fire. The enemy's night attack on Mrzlerch failed.

"Late in the evening our troops repulsed an attack on the height west of Sasso Doro. Early this morning a second attack against a position of Kocarme failed.

"Our forces advancing from Vhsgrad drove the enemy back on the frontier. The royal imperial troops and the army of General von Koeves operating in the northwest corner of Serbia, are approaching upper Kolubara and the Valjevo positions which the Serbians evacuated before our cavalry.

Gain Hill Positions.

"Austro-Hungarian detachments sent south from Gognjenac wrested from the enemy after fierce fighting strong hill positions south of Lazarevac. German troops have driven the enemy across the Arangelovac river and these forces are engaged in a battle at Topola and the hills to the east.

"The mountainous country in the bend of the Danube east of Kladovo narrows line for the greater part been cleared of all hostile forces.

"On Oct. 24 an Italian aviator bombarded the town of Trieste, killing three inhabitants. His visit was returned by our naval aviators with a visit to Venice."

The version of the Austrian official statement received today by wireless from Berlin states that heavy losses were sustained by the Italians in recent attacks. These passages apparently were stricken out by a British censor.

In referring to the fighting on the Doberdo plateau, the statement says that 3,000 Italian dead were counted before the front of one Austrian regiment. Another paragraph says:

"During the latest attacks on Monte Sabatino the Italian losses were at least 2,500. In attacks against Podgora, which failed, the Italians made use of poisonous gas."

THEATRES ASKED TO RELIEVE SOLDIERS

New York, Oct. 27.—The German and Austrian governments are encouraging the theatres and music halls of those countries to give performances to amuse men wounded in the war, according to letters from Germany received by a New York theatrical agent, who says he was asked to book high class musical acts, comedians, sketches and novelties and send to Germany.

Scenes in the hospitals when volunteer vaudeville players go there to sing and dance are described as pathetic.

"It takes the soldiers' minds off their suffering for the moment and aids in their recovery," the writer said.

URGE NEW TRIAL FOR REV. SCHMIDT

Confessed Slayer of Little Anna Annuller May be Granted Another Hearing.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 27.—Briefs attacking and opposing a new trial for Hans Schmidt, convicted for the killing of Anna Annuller in New York in 1913 and now under sentence of death, were filed with the court of Appeals today.

In asking a new trial, Alphonse Koehler, attorney for Schmidt, asked that he be given an opportunity to present evidence that the Annuller girl met death as a result of hemorrhage following an operation. He averred that the conviction was obtained largely on Schmidt's confession, since repudiated, that he cut her throat with a razor, "in obedience to an eternal voice which said she should be a sacrifice of love and atonement."

Schmidt, at the time of the murder, was performing the offices of a priest of a Roman Catholic church. The confession showed that Miss Annuller had lived with him.

RECOVERS FROM FATAL ANTHRAX

Dr. J. C. Heiper Is Completely Cured of the New and Much Dreaded Disease.

Bunker Hill, Ill., Oct. 27.—Dr. J. C. Heiper, who a month ago was stricken with anthrax, today was pronounced completely cured by his physician. Dr. Heiper's wife was largely instrumental in bringing about his cure. Throughout the greater part of his illness she applied, at 15-minute intervals, an antiseptic treatment to a wound on the physician's neck which had been caused by the disease.

Dr. Heiper believes he contracted the disease from a infected bite. For a week both he and the physician in charge of the case held very faint hope for his recovery.

The only paramount ill effects left in the disease is a three-inch scar on Dr. Heiper's neck, where the flesh had been eaten away.

CHURCH FOLK HOLD CONCLUDING MEET

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 27.—The concluding sessions of the biennial meeting of the National Council of Congregational churches were held today. The several missionary and educational bodies which have met as a part of the great gathering will conclude their labors tonight.

In the opinion of clergymen and laymen alike, the meetings this year have been the largest in point of attendance in the council's history, and the delegates' body has been fully as large as in any previous convention.

Battleships Go to Haiti.

Washington, Oct. 27.—Marines from the battleship Connecticut were sent to reinforce the garrison at Haiti, 15 miles from Cape Haitien, yesterday, after the patrol under Captain Campbell had been fired on by snipers. There were no casualties.

Fireman Hurt in Collision.

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 26.—Fire Captain James Killoran was fatally hurt and seven other firemen were injured today when a motor truck, responding to an alarm, crashed head-on into an electric package car on Central avenue. Captain Killoran, sitting with the driver, was thrown under the wheels of the interurban car and fractured his skull.

FIFTH MAN IS ARRESTED IN TEUTON PLOT

Max Breitung, Other One Named in Conspiracy Appears and Gives Self Up.

UNDER $25,000 BOND

He Furnished Necessary Security and Was Released —Trial Next Week.

New York, Oct. 27.—Max Breitung, the fifth man named in the conspiracy which detectives allege was formed to destroy ships laden with war munitions for the allies, surrendered today to the authorities. He appeared before United States Commissioner Houghton, accompanied by counsel, and after the government's complaint had been read to him he was held in $25,000 bail for further hearing next week.

Furnishes Bond.

Breitung, who is a relative of Edward N. Breitung, the banker of this city and Marquette, Mich., furnished the necessary bond and was released. He came here directly from Chicago, he said, as soon as he heard of the proceedings in order to give himself up.

Lieutenant Robert Fay, Walter I. Scholz, Paul Daeche and Dr. Herbert Kienzle, charged with being conspirators with Breitung, were still held in jail today. Their hearing is fixed for next week.

Conspiracy a Big One.

Detectives under Chief Flynn continued their investigation of the stories told by Lieutenant Fay of the German army and others alleged to be concerned in the plot to blow up war munition vessels or supply plants in America. Meanwhile they awaited the arrival here of Max Breitung, who is named in the complaint filed by Chief Flynn as one of the alleged conspirators. Breitung left Chicago yesterday and was expected to arrive here today. It was reported today that after Breitung had been taken into custody of the federal authorities they would make further disclosures indicating that the conspiracy was the most serious plot uncovered in this country since the war began.

Persons Higher Up?

None of the federal officials would admit that any persons higher up in the conspiracy were sought, despite reports Fay and Walter Scholz were acting under the direction of superiors.

Paul Sieb, who has been living in New York under the name of Karl F. Hungerford since last February, and who acted as a broker in the sale of some of the explosive ingredients sold to Fay, is quoted today as saying that two months ago Max Breitung asked him to buy 500 pounds of potassium chlorate. Sieb said he sold the chemical to Breitung for $110. Two weeks ago he said, Dr. Herbert Kienzle asked him to buy 100 pounds of trinitrotoluol for Fay and that Dr. Kienzle introduced him to Fay. He said that he obtained 25 pounds of the chemical and sold it to Fay.

Fay admitted he wanted to blow up something with the T. N. T. but he did not mention destroying ships at sea," said Sieb. "He said he wanted to blow up the main chemical plant in this country which was supplying a certain acid to the manufacturers of high explosive shells. He said they would go in this plant at night when no one would be there and so no lives would be lost. I know now that it was a fake story told for my benefit."

The plot became known to the authorities when the man from whom Sieb bought his chemicals reported the purchases of explosives to the French naval attache here and he in turn notified the police.

PITTSBURGH FIRE VICTIMS INTERRED

Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 27.—Six girls, victims of the fire which Monday afternoon destroyed the factory of the Union Paper Box company, with the loss of 13 lives, were buried today, and the remaining bodies will be interred tomorrow. All the injured remaining in the hospital were said to be improving, and doctors held out hope for Gertrude Niedt, who yesterday was believed to be dying.

Judge Carter to Remain in Chicago.

Chicago, Oct. 27.—Judge Orrin N. Carter of the supreme court of Illinois, who has been at the bedside of his wife at a local hospital, and who himself has been suffering from nervous indigestion, does not expect to return to Springfield for the present, as the court is expected to adjourn today. His temporary residence at the hospital was a matter of convenience, his son stated today. Mrs. Carter was said to be on the road to recovery.

USE AEROPLANES TO STOP GERMAN ATTACK AT LOOS

French Employ Aviators to Check New Assault Begun by the Teutonic Forces.

Paris, Oct. 27, (2:25 p. m.).—Another attack was made last night by the Germans in the region of La Courtine, where heavy fighting has been in progress for some time for possession of the German salient. The war office announced today that this attack had been defeated. The statement follows:

"South of Loos our aeroplanes drove back and dispersed by their fire strong patrols of the enemy.

"In the Champagne in the course of the night the Germans attempted a new attack against our trenches at La Courtine. This attack was checked immediately by our infantry fire and exploding grenades and failed completely.

"The night was calm on the rest of the front."

Shoot Down Aeroplane.

Berlin, Oct. 27, (via London, 4:21 p. m.).—The German official report from the Franco-Belgian front given out by the war office today follows:

"After the explosion of a French mine on the Lille-Arras road an unimportant engagement developed, which soon ended in our favor.

"Northeast of Souchez, on the Champagne the French during an attack with hand grenades penetrated one of our advanced trenches in the small hood. They were driven out during the evening.

"In aerial combat Lieutenant Boeckhoff shot down his fifth enemy aeroplane. It was a French biplane carrying British aviators who were captured.

"Two more aeroplanes were brought down behind the lines of the enemy, one of them was destroyed completely by our artillery. The other fell at a point north of Soissons."

German troops under Field Marshal von Hindenburg have penetrated Russian positions over a front of more than a mile in the fighting in the Dvinsk region, the war office announced today.

The statement follows:

"Dobrien, east of Vissgrod (Dvinsk), has been taken.

"The armies of Generals von Koeves and von Gallwitz have driven back the enemy wherever he has made a stand.

"As regards the main forces the general lines of Valjevo-Morawa (on the Lim) Dvorin has been reached. East of this line, the Jadovnik and Bara have been crossed on both sides of Sjelakovacsee. In the Pek valley Nerodimka has been taken.

"Forces advancing to the east of Uroeva captured 12 lower earthen near Kladovo.

"At Ljubcovic, on the Danube east of Brza Palanka, direct connection with the army of General Boyadjeff (the Bulgarian commander) has been established by patrols. The right wing of this army is pursuing the enemy from Negotin in northerly and northwesterly directions. Fighting continues for possession of Knjazevac."

The report in regard to the eastern front follows:

Penetrate Russ Positions.

"South of the Abeli-Dvinsk railway our troops penetrated Russian positions in the region of Tvisciany over a front some two kilometres (1¼ miles) wide. They captured six officers, 40 men, one machine gun and two mine throwers. The positions won were retained in spite of repeated Russian attacks. We evacuated only the church yard of Szeszuli, one kilometre northwest of Garnunowen during the night.

"Army group of General von Linsingen: West of Czartorysk our attack has progressed so far as the line of Kozarzyn and Kozomucha heights and to the southeast of Miedwiesze."

THE WAR TODAY

Franco-Serbian successes in southern Serbia probably have rendered untenable the Kumanovo-Vranya line of the Bulgarians along the Nish-Saloniki road, according to a Saloniki dispatch. The Bulgarians in this section are declared to be menaced by Serbian attacks from both sides.

In the Champagne district in France the Germans have again attacked the position of La Courtine, portions of which the French claimed to have held after its capture recently. Paris declares the latest attack was completely repulsed.

Hard fighting continues in the various sectors of the Austro-Italian front, where the Italians are driving their offensive movement for Gorizia and the approaches to Trent. Vienna declares the invaders have failed to make progress. Some slackening of the force of the attack on the Doberdo plateau is reported.

Vienna asserts that the Austrian aerial raid on Venice was in reprisal for an Italian air attack on Triest. Material damage to military property was inflicted, it is inflicted.

BANDIT GANG IS UNABLE TO BREAK SAFES

Ten or More Masked Men Hold Up and Rob Fast Passenger Train.

OBTAIN LITTLE LOOT

Succeed in Cracking Only One of Strong Boxes—Nobody Molested.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Oct. 27.—Peace officers of a dozen counties, hundreds of citizens and the bloodhounds of the state penitentiary at McAlester were searching east Oklahoma today for an outlaw gang of ten or more who this morning perpetrated the boldest train robbery of recent years in this section.

The east Missouri, Kansas & Texas southbound train No. 9, southbound, Chicago to San Antonio, was held up by the masked robber band near Chupadera before 2 a. m., the train crew trussed up with ropes, a guard placed over the messengers and methodical work commenced to rob the three express cars carried by the train. Despite the robbers' efforts, carried out with all the smoothness of a well rehearsed drama, their plans went awry, and they took away with them in their flight the contents of only a single safe. Three other safes defied their attempts at robbery and the men made no effort to molest passengers. What they obtained from the one safe which they opened was unknown early today to any one except express officials. The train often carries large amounts of money and securities, it is said.

Worked Two Hours.

For more than two hours, as the day was just beginning, the robbers held the train captive while they worked at the treasure chests. All the care of trained railroad men was exercised to prevent collision and wreck. The robbers, undoubtedly aware that they were on the main line of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, sent out guards to the front and rear of the train to signal to a stop any other approaching trains.

It was this caution which led to the first alarm being given that a robbery was in progress. A freight train was blazed in the rear of the passenger train. While the crew was being lined up by the robber guard, the freight engineer escaped and ran seven miles to Checotah, north of the scene of the holdup, from where he summoned assistance.

The bandits are believed to have boarded No. 9 at Checotah or some nearby point north of the scene of the robbery. After passing Onapa, a station without telegraph facilities at night, the train was in a sparsely settled territory, midway between Checotah and Kiefaxia, and near the Canadian River, remote from interruption and affording wild forests and marshes for escape. Here the robbers climbed over the baggage and mail cars into the engine and forced the engineer and fireman to stop the train. Next in order was the conductor, who was routed from the passenger coaches, then the other members

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COLLEGE FACULTY HAS PUT BAN ON FOOTBALL

Galesburg, Ill., Oct. 27.—The faculty of Knox college has decided that football shall be discontinued at least this year because of the death of Bryan Scott, injured in the game with St. Louis Oct. 15, and who later died. Immediately after the announcement of this action today the students started a petition to influence reverse action. The parents of Scott are said to favor continuing the game.

OTTUMWA BOY AIDS IN ROBBING STORE

Burlington, Iowa, Oct. 27.—Burglars secured about $200 worth of jewelry from the jewelry store of Thomas McLean of Fairfield, at an early hour this morning. Later two men were captured about five miles from town with the stolen property in their possession. They confessed. They gave the names of H. E. Graham and A. B. Spiwak of Ottumwa. One of them is an ex-convict.

Ships are Theoretically Sunk.

New York, Oct. 27.—A fleet of "hostile" warships which attempted to invade New York harbor last night in a war game had been theoretically sunk today off the entrance to the harbor.

The invaders sunk a defending fleet but then succumbed to the guns of Forts Hancock, Hamilton and Wadsworth.