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## CONSTANSEA, RUMANIA' PORT IN GERMAN HANDS

(Special Bulletin)  
Berlin, Oct. 23.—Constansea, Rumania's greatest seaport, has fallen before the armies of Field Marshal Mackensen, it was officially announced this afternoon.  
The capture of the port is the greatest single achievement for the Central Powers since Rumania's entry into the war eight weeks ago. The victory is hailed by German military men as more important than all the allied gains since the Somme offensive began. Official dispatches from the German and Bulgarian war offices indicate that the Russians and Rumanians suffered a disastrous rout.

(By United Press)  
Sofia, Oct. 23.—The Bulgarian right wing smashed through the Rumanian defenses and has arrived within six miles of the important Rumanian seaport, Constansea, according to an official statement.  
The capture of the seaport, Tulza, twelve miles south of Constansea, was reported early Saturday afternoon. The six-mile advance since then indicates that the Rumanians have suffered a severe defeat.

The Rumanians are being rolled back along a forty-five-mile front. Dobrudja is under tremendous pressure by the superior German, Bulgarian and Turkish forces. Mackensen's vanguard is within a few miles of the Constansea-Cernavoda railway. This line, which is carrying supplies to the Russian troops in Rumania, and with its two important terminals, is the objective of the Germans' great effort.

The Rumanian left center wing is yielding. Topral, Sair and Tulza, the main supporting positions of the Rumanians, and which defend Constansea, have fallen before Mackensen's advance. The Rumanian right wing is strategically defending the important Danube bridge at Cernavoda and are repulsing the attack of the enemy. For the second time since the German campaign to crush Rumania, Bucharest has appealed for help.

Germans Give up Gold.  
Berlin, Oct. 23.—A new spirit of optimism has been inspired throughout Germany by Mackensen's and Falkenhayne's victories over the Rumanians. This is expressed in the remarkable sacrifices to the old gold fund. \$125,000 worth of gold has been donated during the last five days. Farmers, servants, crown princes and others are among the contributors. The nobility are giving their gold plate and jewelry.

Will Seek Writ.  
Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 23.—Having failed in his effort at Washington to get the case taken up direct by the United States Supreme Court, Judge Murphy of Asheville, will be here Monday to institute a petition in the United States District Court before Judge Henry G. Connor for writs of habeas corpus in the interest of Hardy Wiggins and Merritt Miller, of Graham county, who are scheduled to die in the electric chair on Friday of next week for the murder of Phillip Phillips.

This is the case in which Hardy Wiggins was recently taken from the death cell at the state's prison and conveyed to Pullen Memorial Baptist church and there immersed in the baptismal pool of that church by the pastor, Rev. Lyman Diltz, who is greatly interested in both the condemned men and believes them innocent. He has been doing considerable work in their interest and believes that Ed Williams, a negro, who is serving a life sentence for the murder of the wife and children of Phillips, is the real murderer of Phillips. Diltz quotes Arch Deacon Hughes, of the Episcopal church, who has had much to do with Williams in his prison work at the state farm, as being satisfied that Williams is the real murderer of Phillips.

Governor Craig has heretofore intimated that he would not interfere with the sentence of the two men, having, however, granted to present a respite to allow them time to have their case taken to the Federal Court if they desired to do so.

## RETIREMENT OF THE CITY OF DOBRUDJA

French Storm Important Position. No Infantry Action Reported on Somme Front.  
(By United Press)  
Paris, Oct. 23.—Following a short bombardment, the French late last night stormed and captured Hill 128, northwest of Sailly-Saillies, according to an official statement.

British Report Shelling.  
London, Oct. 23.—Considerable shelling by the enemy between Lezars and Guedecourt is taking place. There is no infantry action on the Somme.

Russo-Rumanian Retreat.  
Petrograd, Oct. 23.—The Russians and Rumanians continue their retirement at Dobrudja under the heavy enemy pressure, although they are offering stubborn resistance.

Cannot Stand Hughes.  
Republican Elector Withdraws In Order to Support Wilson  
AFRAID OF "OLD GUARD"

J. W. Dawson, of West Virginia Finds the "100 Per Cent, Candidate" Evasive.  
Charleston, W. Va., Oct. 23.—J. W. Dawson, of Charleston, coal operator, in a letter to State Chairman Joseph H. Gaines, of the Republican State Committee, asked that his name as a Hughes Elector at large be withdrawn from the Republican ticket.

"I have been a great admirer of Judge Hughes since the insurance investigation in New York years past," says Mr. Dawson in his letter. "I was for him originally when Mr. Taft was nominated and elected President, and at that time hoped to some day see Judge Hughes President of this country. But I was at Chicago during the Republican Convention in June; I have been a student of public questions since that time; I have read Mr. Hughes' public addresses with a great deal of anxiety; I do not find in them any good reason why we should change administrations at Washington at this critical period.

Says Hughes' is Evasive  
I do not find in Mr. Hughes' addresses that candor and directness of assertions which I had expected of him. When questions are put to him on matters vital to the United States he qualifies his replies with evasions and fails to meet the issues squarely, as a powerful lawyer does when he is convinced that he is working on the wrong side of the case in court and that his client is not entitled to a favorable verdict, all of which is disappointing to me.

"And when summing up the entire situation I am convinced, whether correctly or not, that Judge Hughes occupies the same position toward the national Republican party that Judge Robinson (Republican candidate for Governor of West Virginia) does toward the Republican party of West Virginia, and that a vote for Hughes would, in fact, be assisting to turn over the United States and the destinies of these 100,000,000 persons to the corrupt guard, dominated, controlled absolutely by such men as Barnes, Penrose, Crane and Smoot, and I will never be a party to such treachery to our country.

"Old Guard" Would Control  
"That crowd, I believe, if Judge Hughes became president, would dominate and control the destinies of this country solely in the interests of what is popularly called the 'invisible government,' which knows no political party, no loyalty to country, recognizes the right of no private citizen and whose only objects are to enrich and place power in the hands of a favored few."

## No Disturbances Followed Killing Austrian Count

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 23.—A more and better State Fair than was the event of the week in Raleigh just passed, under the direction of the same old Secretary and the new President, who has consented to serve a second term. Mr. Tufts is a man of affairs, and he pulled with Colonel Pogue and his assistant, Secretary and Treas. Denson, to the limit, which went very strong in every aspect of a successful event.

It was a happy, joyful crowd that filled the fair grounds with their presence, and the order preserved was excellent, that fact being due to the system to which it was entrusted. These things are important because however meritorious an exhibition may be it can be marred by trouble-raisers, if they are allowed to have their way. They didn't get very far at the Raleigh State Fair, and everybody is to be congratulated.

Everybody that knew each other renewed the acquaintance and many new friendships were pledged. That's a reason why it's worth while to attend the North Carolina State Fair, and those who come can recount many other good reasons. So they come again and again.

Treasurer Denson has a goodly sum on the right side of the ledger to the Association's credit. But it costs a lot of money to finance a State Fair like this one and therefore the next Legislature will be asked to appropriate ten thousand dollars annually to help keep so good a thing going.

This week the negroes are the beneficiaries of the white State Fair Association, using the grounds and race course buildings and other utensils for doing something too, to better the condition of themselves and the common good.

Yes, They Talked Politics  
Some of the visitors rubbed noses politically, also, more or less. Indeed, as the erudite and polite scribe would put it, not a few proboscises took on quite an unfashionable hue for this time of the new era of improvement of the erstwhile stolid servant. Ahem!

But the son of Mr. Discovery states that the one thing lacking was the ardor which is a "sine qua non" that cannot be distilled from "hiskers" and the like. So the good mixers didn't really get their money's worth this time. Of course there's a reason for a good many things that does not appear on the surface. Yet a fool is born every minute and somewhat like the persistent of-fee holder they don't die fast enough to suit some people.

Yes, it's an intricate proposition and it will never puncture the magnificent intellects that soar aloft on special occasions until it makes one sore under his breeches while he sits and sits and sits and looks at it. God knows why such things should be allowed. I don't.

But as he parson would say let us get back to our text, and while doing it for Heaven's sake let us try and bear in mind that we are dealing in the present tense, and that present-day methods are the fashion. And yet, where's the man who doesn't love old-fashioned folks, especially the honest and rudimentary "hbits" of God's own people so close to nature that the scoundrel makes them his special object of prey. These tillers of the soil were here during the Great State Fair week from all over North Carolina, and the Southern Express Company and the various railroad lines brought the fruits of their toil here to exhibit before a people proud of them. They are stickers, and the supply of tar hasn't given out yet. Let us reverently and devoutly hope as true North Carolinians, that it never will, under God's wise providences.

Vienna Report  
Vienna, Oct. 23, via Berlin, to London, Oct. 21.—The Austrian premier Count Stuerghk, who was assassinated while at dinner Saturday by Ludwig Adler, a publisher was shot three times. Count Stuerghk was dining at a hotel when the publisher attacked him. Three shots were fired all of which took effect, the premier dying instantly.

Heard in Paris  
Paris, Oct. 23.—Premier Stuerghk was shot while dining in the hotel Meissl Und Schaden, in the Kartner Strasse. Three bullets from Adler's revolver lodged in Count Stuerghk's head, killing him instantly.

Washington, Oct. 23.—Organized labor's official appeal to its membership in behalf of President Wilson's re-election was made public today at the American Federation of labor headquarters. It is in the form of a circular letter to all officers of organized labor calling on them to hold special meetings if necessary to consider the issues of the campaign, and see to it that wage earners go to the polls to protect their interests against "Wall street."

The letter is signed by Samuel Gompers, president; James O'Connell, vice-president, and Frank Morrison, secretary, as the federation's labor representation committee, and it has been sent to the heads of all affiliated organizations.

In reviewing the record of the administration, it praises the President's course in foreign affairs, declaring that war he has secured all the protection and benefits that would have accrued from a successful war, and asserts that at home the labor movement "has been able to secure recognition for the rights of human beings and opportunity for all to participate in the affairs of the nation in a degree that never before has been accomplished."

## News From The State Capital

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Are You a Political Vagrant?  
Yes, I had time to ask Chairman Warren what the chances are at this time of continuing to hold on to the reins of a good government—I'm always willing to take a chance even if it does land a fellow in "poverty row." That is not hell by a long shot.

Chairman Warren sends a message to the country people and their near neighbors in the small towns and villages throughout the State.

It is this, some of it repeated, but can't be said too often: Nothing can beat an active and working democracy in State and Nation—and no apologies are made to the critics who call organization machinery (the line of cleavage is open to all). Therefore, it is necessary to register—next week, but right now.

So many good men are careless about this important matter. It is nothing to the discredit of their friends to try and get them to attend to it, and none should be no less afraid of the gilded "patriot" without a party who calls them ward heelers. Show them gentlemen that epithet what you can do for them.

Damn a coward! and you'll find 'em sneaking around in every precinct. You are not their kind. The balance follows:

Good government in North Carolina depends upon the success of the Democratic party, and everybody knows it. The gentlemen of affairs who come here and east their lot with us know it, although they are believers in the principles of the Republican party and practised them in their former homes. If anybody can add anything to this argument he has the floor.

LLEWXAM.  
Wednesday evening, at eight o'clock, at Trinity Episcopal Church the wedding of Miss Cornelia Justice Josey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Josey, and Mr. Henry Toole Clark, will take place, and immediately following the marriage there will be a reception of the bride and groom at the home of the bride's parents.

Tonight Mr. and Mrs. Henry Irving Clark will give a bridal tea, following the rehearsal, to the bridal party.

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## CARRANZA'S CHEIF, OZUNA KILLED BY VILLA BANDITS

Remainder in Chief of DeLoy Troops Slaughtered. Successor is Wounded.  
Are Making an Attempt to Reach Mountains in Southern Chihuahua. Have Looted and Burned Several Additional Villages.  
(By United Press)  
El Paso, Oct. 23.—General Ozuna, commanding the defunct expedition and sent to crush Villa, was killed in Saturday night's clash with the bandits. The commander was literally cut to pieces. Colonel Martin Halinas, who succeeded to the command, was seriously wounded, according to United States agents' information.

The bandits are still operating through southern Chihuahua. They have attacked a number of additional small towns, looted them and burned most of the houses. They are apparently retreating toward the mountains. The deLoy troops are endeavoring to cut off this retreat.

Government mine rescue men are directing the rescue. Feverish work has been in progress all night. Crowds are surrounding the shaft and are aiding in the work. Some of the bodies that have been brought to light were horribly bruised and mangled. Little hope is entertained for the lives of those that still remain unaccounted for, although it may be that they were able to scramble into some crevice and thus keep alive.

RETAILERS AND FARMERS MAKE MEAT PROFITS  
Washington, Oct. 23.—Retailers of from eight to thirty-three per cent on sales of meats prepared at the great packing houses of the country and from fifteen to thirty-eight per cent on meats prepared for farms, according to a report sent to David F. Houston, secretary of agriculture, by a committee of five which he appointed to study the meat situation. The report is the last of five covering various phases of the meat situation.

Farmers who sold to packing houses got from fifty-four to 85 per cent of the retail price, according to the report. The packers got from two to nine per cent and the cost of marketing ranges from two to five per cent. Of the retail prices on locally prepared meat the farmers got from sixty-five to eighty-four per cent.

Mr. Houston, as well as other officials of the Department of Agriculture, are inclined to the belief that the per centages correctly reflect the situation as it is at present, although the figures were gathered during the years 1913 and 1914.

WHY HUGHES HAS BEEN A BIG DISSAPPOINTMENT  
His Campaign One of Fault Finding; He Has No Grasp of World Problems.

If the candid confessions of some of Mr. Hughes' warmest friends are accepted, he has disappointed them in his campaign speeches, he has disappointed them in the personal outlook he has disclosed on the great world drama being unfolded before our eyes. His campaign has been one long scream of analytical fault-finding, much of it petty and unimportant, while he has at no time arrested attention by flashes of constructive genius, intuitive grasp of the world problems or profound insight into the broadest questions of national policy.

He began in August by making a national issue of Mr. Durand and yesterday he was arguing lawyer like in Nebraska that the Adamson law would adversely affect the pockets of the farmers. At no time has he presented a paramount issue which the country could recognize as true to life.

What we have seen exhibited in the Republican candidate is a parrot-like statesman, and a parrot-like attributecial statesman Mr. Hughes cannot help being, given the mental attributes, the temperament and the training which have gone into the character of the man. Why he is a disappointment to many who welcomed his nomination with such high expectations is clear enough. He exhibits no quality of greatness. When one says he fills the ideal of eminent respectability at the bar and in politics, one says everything.

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In Greater New York no less than two hundred of these meetings will take place. A special program has been arranged for each. In the Bronx, ten thousand mothers will parade carrying banners proclaiming Woodrow Wilson the man of the hour, and the one who saved their sons from war. The parade will terminate with a huge mass-meeting which men and women orators will address. Throughout New York and the other States, this observance will be of the same spirit and scope.

## Supreme Court Will Face a Colossal Task

Washington, Oct. 23.—Flooded by something like 700 cases involving the whole economic structure of the country, the nine Justices constituting the United States Supreme Court today are grinding out decisions in what jurists expect to be one of the most memorable sessions in the history of the court.

Among the questions the court has to decide are: Are trusts of any sort legal? Are workmen's compensation laws constitutional? Are "blue chip" laws regulating capitalization of corporations constitutional? Is the new organic army law constitutional? Can the United States under existing treaties give a 5 per cent tariff discount to foreign goods? Are these shores in American waters? And 600 odds others.

For the first time since 1914, the court is sitting with a full bench, due to the addition of Associate Justices Brandeis and Clarke. This will enable the court to decide major cases considered too important to be decided by the depleted bench last year.

A difficulty is that Associate Justice McReynolds, former Attorney General can not sit in any of the government cases that originated or were on the calendar when he was directing the government's legal business. And Mr. Brandeis can't sit in any of the cases involving workmen's compensation or in many of the trust cases in which he has counsel.

On the court's decision in the Davester and United States Steel cases depends the whole future of the economic system of the country, according to attorneys. These cases will bring up for the first time the question whether a "good" trust is not one accused of unfair competition—is permissible. They also considered the most important trust cases of history—far more important than the Tobacco trust and Standard Oil cases.

The Reading of anti-trust cases will tell whether the Standard Oil monopoly shall be broken; the Pennsylvania railroad case whether the Interstate Commerce Commission has the power to order railroads to furnish additional equipment; the divorce cases will dispose of \$40,000,000 in litigation between the oil trust and railroads over the oil trust way mail pay cases; and the 5 per cent tariff discount case will test the validity of many trade treaties with the country.

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