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RUMANIA'S BIG SEAPORT CAPTURED BY GERMANS

Mackensen's Armies Drive Rumanians and Russians Back and Rumania's Greatest Seaport, Constanza, Is Taken by Them—Capture Puts End to Landing Russian Troops by Black Sea—It Also Cuts Railroad That Supplied Army—Artillery Fighting Only Along the Somme Front

Berlin, Oct. 23.—Constanza, Rumania's greatest seaport, has fallen before Field Marshal Mackensen's armies, it was officially announced this afternoon.

Capture of the city is the greatest single achievement for the central powers since Rumania entered the war eight weeks ago. The victory is hailed by German military men as of more importance than all the gains made by the allies since the Somme offensive began.

Official dispatches from the German and Bulgarian war offices indicate that the Russo-Rumanians have suffered a disastrous rout.

Smashing northward along the Black Sea coast, Mackensen's army occupied first the Rumanian port of Tuzla and then swept onward through strongly fortified Rumanian lines of defense, marching twelve miles to Constanza in a little more than two days. The rapidity of the Teutonic advance is accepted as an indication that the Russians and Rumanians became demoralized and made an extremely disorderly retreat.

An official statement from Sofia earlier in the day, reporting the capture of a village six miles south of Constanza, prepared Berlin for news of a great victory.

Mackensen's left wing is now approaching Cernavoda, the war office announced.

No surprise was manifested here when it was announced that Mackensen had pushed on through the ruins of the old Trajan's wall and had occupied Constanza itself.

Since Rumania entered the war, Russian transports have been bringing Slav troops, munitions and other war supplies to the aid of the Rumanians. Large bodies of Russian troops have arrived in Rumania through the port of Constanza, whose capture by the central powers effectually puts an end to the transportation of reinforcements via the Black sea.

The thirty-five mile Constanza Cernavoda railway, leading across the Danube, is the carrier over which Rumania has derived a large quantity of her supplies. The Teutonic right wing is now astride that railway at Constanza, while Mackensen's center and left wing are swinging forward to capture the remainder of the road. Mackensen is aiming principally at Cernavoda and the great bridge over the Danube.

Rumanians Swept Back

London, Oct. 23.—With their lines intact, the Rumanians are being rolled back on a 45 mile front in Dobruja under tremendous pressure by superior German, Bulgarian and Turkish forces.

At the Rumanian capital the situation is regarded as serious, said a Petrograd dispatch today.

Mackensen's advance guards already have approached to within less than 10 miles of the Constanza-Cernavoda railway. The line, carrying supplies into Rumania and the road over which Russian troops transported to Constanza have been brought into Rumania with its two important terminals, is the objective of the Germans' great efforts.

The Rumanian left wing and center is giving way. Top Raizer and Tuzla, the main supporting positions of the Rumanian flank defending the seaport of Constanza, have fallen before Mackensen's advance.

The Rumanian right wing, defending the strategically important Danube bridge at Cernavoda is beating back enemy attacks.

For the second time since the Germans began their campaign to crush Rumania, an appeal for help has come from Bucharest. The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News returning from the Rumanian capital telegraphed that he was asked by a high Russian personage to emphasize the seriousness of the situation.

King Ferdinand himself sent a similar plea following the Rumanian defeat in Transylvania.

Petrograd dispatches today revealed for the first time the reasons for the severe defeat suffered by the Rumanians in Dobruja. Premier Bratino believed when Rumania entered the war what Bulgaria either would sue for peace or would not fight against Rumania or Russia. Only weak forces were left to guard the Bulgarian border while the main Rumanian army poured into Transylvania.

French Capture Hill 128. Paris, Oct. 23.—Following a short artillery bombardment French troops late last night stormed and captured hill 128, northwest of Sailly-Saillies, it was officially announced today.

South of the Somme, the Germans bombarded during the night, but made no new attacks.

Considerable aerial activity was reported by the war office. Enemy fliers bombarded Lunville, but there were no victims. Twenty-four French war planes dropped four tons of projectiles on the Havange Bossines works and different railroad centers.

Since Saturday, the French have taken 450 prisoners on the Chaulnes sector. The Germans exploded a mine southeast of Damesnil but were unable to occupy the crater.

No Infantry Fighting. London, Oct. 23.—Considerable enemy shelling of British positions between Lesars and Guedecourt last night was reported by General Haig today, but no infantry actions of importance occurred on the Somme front.

South of Ypres, the British occupied the lip of two mine craters formed yesterday.

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DEMOCRATS SAY HUGHES HAD MADE "HYPHEN" BARGAIN

Claim He Had Agreement With Pro-Germans As To Foreign Policy Plank

WAS BID FOR SUPPORT OF GERMAN SYMPATHIZERS

Chairman Willcox "Denies the Allegation and Defies the Allegator"

New York, Oct. 23.—A second statement from the democratic national committee, quoting a "plank" adopted by the American Independence conference following an "agreement" reached with Charles E. Hughes, followed by a challenge from Republican National Chairman Willcox for the democrats to produce such an agreement, kept the political hot boiling here today with the hyphen issue.

The democrats charged that Hughes entered into a secret agreement with the pro-German organization, Willcox entered emphatic denial and characterized the charges as "the cheapest kind of advertising in the interests of a lost cause."

The democrats quoted, what was said to be the plank adopted by the American Independence conference, calling upon the people to "condemn the secret surrender of American rights to Mexico and European nations," and "support Hughes."

At republican headquarters a telegram received from Frank Sieberlich, who was present at the session between Hughes and representatives of the conference, denying that the republican candidate made any promises. The telegram follows:

"The statement made by Mr. Hughes relative to the conference with the committee of the American Independence conference is absolutely true. Mr. Hughes saw the committee, of which I was a member, made no promises, did not criticize Roosevelt and made no statement to the committee that he stood for all American rights."

After giving out this telegram, Willcox said:

"If the democrats have any kind of agreement, why don't they present it? They have my consent to find any kind of agreement. This is the cheapest kind of advertising for a lost cause. There was nothing secret about the conference Mr. Hughes had."

Willcox went on to say that all manner of citizens and groups of citizens had seen Hughes, but that he had made no promises in any "shape, manner or form."

Speaking of the lack of secrecy, Willcox took a fling at the democrats by declaring he didn't think the "same could be said of Burleson and others who have sought out certain racial interests."

"I don't think Mr. Hughes would have a conference at midnight with a beer party," he declared. The chairman said none of Hughes' conferences were secret, and added that in the various organizations, who had sent committees to see him, the American Rights committee was included.

Charge Agreement Made. New York, Oct. 23.—Following the meeting of representatives of the American Independence conference and Charles E. Hughes at which the democratic national committee charges an "agreement" was reached between the republican candidate and German propagandists the conference made the main plank of its platform advocacy of Hughes' election, the democratic committee asserted in a statement today.

This plank, according to the statement from national democratic headquarters read:

"We call upon the American people to use the opportunity which the present campaign offers to condemn the secret surrender of American rights to Mexico and to European nations and to support the man who has openly pledged himself to maintain these rights."

The democratic statement charges that shortly after the incorporation of this plank, J. P. O'Mahoney, of Indianapolis, and Victor Ridder, editor of the Staats-Zeitung, addressed a meeting of the members of the American Independence conference in Chicago on newspaper publicity and outlined the secret purpose of the conference to support Hughes for president and fight for the election of certain congressmen.

"When the time comes that professional propagandists can attempt to dictate the election of a president in the interest of a foreign country, it is time for Americans to stand up and repudiate such attempts," National Chairman Vance McCormick declared. He said that, regardless of politics, he considered it a duty to give publicity to such attempts.

Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall, who visited democratic headquarters today, predicted that any party or candidate trying to hook up with propagandists would be crushed.

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FORTY-EIGHT DEAD IS TOLL OF STORM ON LAKES FRIDAY

Three Vessels Known To Be Lost and Lakes Strewn with Wreckage

LITTLE HOPE OF FINDING ANY OF MISSING ALIVE

Unidentified Wreckage Indicates Death Toll May Be Much Larger

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 23.—With the departure of a revenue cutter this afternoon, the search for bodies of victims of Lake Erie's "black Friday" storm was vigorously begun.

The number of probable dead stood at 46 this afternoon when it was learned that two sailors on the original list of the Colgate did not ship.

Properly lost from the ninety mile gale was placed at \$500,000.

A Real Black Friday. Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 23.—Probable toll of Lake Erie's "black Friday" storm jumped to 48 dead today with the arrival in Toledo of the steamer Mattheus with three bodies from the foundered steamer Merida and the finding of three other bodies of sailors of this ill-fated boat and of one body from another vessel.

The four bodies were recovered by the freighter Charlotte G. Breitung and taken to Sandusky, Ont. One of the four was found in a badly battered yawl marked "James B. Colgate." The other three were lifebelts marked Merida.

The dead: Merida, six bodies recovered, 13 missing and probably dead. Whaleback James B. Colgate, 21 missing; one saved, and one dead. Schooner D. I. Filer, six missing; one saved.

Exposure may add to the list of dead. Captain Walter J. Grashaw, Cleveland, skipper of the Colgate, who was picked up after he had clung to a raft for 36 hours, is in a critical condition in a hospital at Conneaut.

Some unidentified wreckage has been sighted. Search was begun today for the missing, though little hope was held out that any would be found alive.

"Black Friday" storm was the most disastrous Lake Erie has seen since the Great Lakes storm of November, 1913, when 17 vessels went down.

Lake Full of Wreckage. Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 23.—The steamer Mattheus, Captain Cunningham, arrived this morning with the bodies of three sailors wearing life belts of the steamer Merida. The Merida was bound for Buffalo.

The Merida, owned by James Playfair of Midland, Ont., sailed from Fort William, Ont., the middle of last week. The Merida was last seen Friday morning at 10 o'clock by the steamer Briton off the southeast shoals, Lake Erie.

Captain Cunningham reported the bodies were found 50 miles west of Long Point, Ont. He said the freighter Charlotte G. Breitung has also picked up four bodies in the same vicinity, believed to have been from the Merida, taking them to Sandusky, Ont.

The Merida, bound for Buffalo, was under the command of Captain H. S. Jones, of Buffalo. Her home port is Chicago.

Fear was expressed today that to the long list of casualties from the lake storm will be added all of the crew of 25 of the Merida.

Thirty-four dead is the now known toll of the storm, with possibly 21 of the Merida's crew unaccounted for.

The report of Captain Alexander McDonald of the Harvey Goulder that he had found the lake "full of wreckage," which he could not identify, caused the fear that other steamers as yet unreported may have foundered with loss of life.

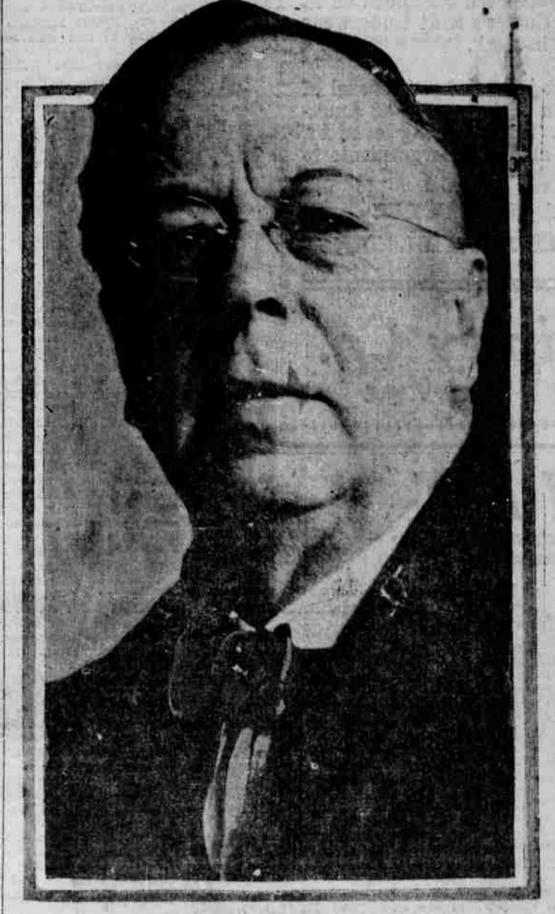
Captain Walter J. Grashaw, Cleveland skipper, was the only survivor of the whaleback James B. Colgate's crew of 25. He was picked up from a raft yesterday off Conneaut and taken to that port.

MANY MINERS KILLED. Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 23.—The death list resulting from the gas explosion in the Marvel mine, 35 miles south of Birmingham will contain 15 and possibly 20 names, it became known today when the twelfth body was brought out by rescuers.

They reported at least three more bodies to be recovered and there are five others unaccounted for.

RAILROAD VALUATIONS. Washington, Oct. 23.—The interstate commerce commission announced its first physical valuation of railroads, placing the value of the Texas Midland railroad tentatively at \$1,382,004, and the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic at \$2,716,886. These are the costs of reproduction. The Texas Midland, less depreciation, is valued at \$2,257,417; the A. B. & A. at \$1,871,950.

Senator Chamberlain Speaks Tonight



George E. Chamberlain, United States senator from Oregon.

Senator Chamberlain will tell of the legislation passed by congress in an address at the Grand Opera House tonight beginning at 8 o'clock. Previous to the meeting at 7:15 o'clock an informal reception will be tendered the senator at the Marion hotel where everybody who desires is invited to meet him.

DETECTIVES DOUBT MURDERER'S STORY

Believe Barrett Murdered Wife and Stepson Hiding Bodies in Barn

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 23.—Detectives investigating the double murder confessed to by Benton L. Barrett, an aged wealthy Santa Monica farmer who surrendered himself to the police, telling them he had killed his wife, Mrs. Irene Barrett, and her son, Raymond Wright, today were inclined to doubt Barrett's story.

According to Barrett, both his wife and young Wright attacked him and he killed them in self defense. He told further how he burned the bodies and displayed a heap of charred bones to prove his story. But detectives declare the bones are not those of a human. Instead, the theory was advanced that the murder may have been premeditated, and with the charred bones and his story, Barrett thought he would be acquitted of actual murder at a trial, and surrendered himself for that reason.

Today detectives planned to move several tons of hay stored in the barn of the Barrett ranch, where it is believed the bodies may be hidden. Bloodstains and other evidence tends to show the deed was done in this barn and not in the yard of their home, as Barrett declared in his story.

A neighbor woman told detectives she heard four shots last Wednesday coming from the vicinity of the Barrett home.

Police Squads Wreck Seattle Drug Stores. Seattle, Wash., Oct. 23.—Police wrecking squads, armed with axes, reduced two downtown drug stores literally to kindling and broken glassware over Sunday. Marked coins had been exchanged for liquor in each place. They were the Washington Annex pharmacy, adjoining the Washington Annex hotel, and the People's Pharmacy, 210 Pike street. The value of fixtures and drug stocks destroyed aggregated more than \$12,000. Managers, pharmacists and Japanese porters were arrested, and each released on \$500 bail.

In a raid on the Lannon apartments, in the fashionable Queen Anne Hill district, 25 cases of bottled whiskey were confiscated. It was supposed to be blind pig stock. Harry Stanley, known as "Frisco," was arrested as the owner of the liquor.

You've got to take you hat off to the man who bows to the inevitable.

PREMIER'S ASSASSIN ALDER, IS INSANE

Expected Populace Would Make Demonstration Following His Deed

By Carl W. Ackerman. (United Press staff correspondent.) Berlin, Oct. 23.—Vienna authorities took prompt action to prevent demonstrations following the assassination of Count Karl Stuerghk, the Austrian premier.

The usual Sunday meetings were prohibited. Crowds gathered in the streets, indignantly over the shooting, but there were no disturbances. Dr. Frederick Adler, the premier's assassin, who displayed general coolness when first arrested, collapsed when he learned of the authorities' action. He told his jailers that he believed the Vienna crowds would be fired to great demonstrations by his act and expected other radical socialists to head the disturbance.

Telephone communication between Berlin and Vienna, interrupted shortly after the shooting was restored a few hours later.

A postmortem examination confirmed reports that all three bullets found lodged in the prime minister's head. Vienna dispatches today said that Baron Beck, former premier, is the probable choice as successor to the slain prime minister. Prince Tohenlohe, minister of the interior and the oldest member of the cabinet is temporarily filling the vacancy.

German socialists declare that Adler was insane. They say he was considered "peculiar" when he was a student at Munich several years ago.

Southern California Shaken by Earthquake

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 23.—All southern California from as far north as Fresno and Santa Barbara and as far south as the Imperial Valley took stock of damage done by the 15 second earthquake which visited this region at 6:45 last night, but no material damage was done.

A few dishes were broken, but aside from the general scare the quake was harmless.

Many people were at supper when the tremor came and were suddenly apprised of seismic disturbances by seeing their dishes slide across the table. From some quarters it was reported that a rumbling noise, something like thunder, accompanied the quake.

F. C. Elmer of Cleveland, Ohio, has made a fortune selling 5-cent pies.

CARRANZA'S ARMY IS BADLY WHIPPED BY VILLA BANDITS

General Ozuna, Sent to Capture Villa Is Reported Among Killed

ARMY IS CUT TO PIECES IN BATTLE SATURDAY

Chihuahua City In Danger and Commander Appeals for Aid

El Paso, Texas, Oct. 23.—That General Ozuna, commander of the expedition of Mexican de facto troops sent to capture Villa, was killed in Saturday's battle with the bandits, his command cut to pieces and Colonel Martin Salinas, who succeeded to the command after Ozuna's death, was seriously wounded, were the reports received here today by agents of United States government departments and transmitted to Washington.

Large forces of the bandits under personal command of Villa were encamped at Fresno, only 10 miles west of Chihuahua City last night, menacing the largest and best fortified city in northern Mexico, according to these reports.

From Mexican official sources no verification of these reports was available. Since Saturday's battle between Carranzistas and Villistas, an unusually rigid censorship has been maintained by de facto officials and representatives of mining companies were allowed to send only meager details of the fight. Chihuahua City papers print little of the battle except to say there was heavy fighting, resulting in a victory for the Carranzistas.

Villa Near Chihuahua. El Paso, Texas, Oct. 23.—Villista bandits have surrounded the western side of Chihuahua City, after driving the Mexican de facto government troops into the outskirts, and another attack upon the northern Mexican capital is believed imminent, declared an unconfirmed report reaching United States government departments here today.

Verification of this, however, is lacking and Carranza officials still insist that de facto troops are driving the bandits toward Santa Ysabel.

An official Carranzista statement dated Saturday and made public today by Consul Soriano Bravo states that heavy fighting between Villistas and de facto forces continued throughout Friday and Saturday with very heavy losses on both sides. The statement admitted Colonel Salinas was wounded.

Rush Reinforcements. Juarez, Mexico, Oct. 23.—Reinforcements from the Carranzista garrison here are being rushed to Chihuahua City today, following an appeal for aid from General Trevina, Carranzista commander at Chihuahua City. The appeal stated that Villista forces were near the city. Two troop trains were hastily loaded and started south with about 5000 infantry and 75 cavalry. De facto garrisons along the line of the Mexico Northwestern railway are also being called into the capital.

Bandits Are Victors. El Paso, Texas, Oct. 23.—United States government department agents here declared today they had obtained reliable information that Carranzista forces had sustained a severe defeat in the two day running fight with Villista bandits and that Villa's forces were now only a few miles outside Chihuahua City. The call for Carranzista reinforcements from Juarez is regarded as an indication that the situation is serious.

WOULD RE-OPEN CASE. Washington, Oct. 23.—Department of justice attorneys today presented to the supreme court a petition to review the Oregon-California land case, involving the constitutionality of the law passed by congress last session.

THE WEATHER. Oregon: Fair tonight and Tuesday; north to east winds.

THIS IS THE LIFE. Oregon: Fair tonight and Tuesday; north to east winds.

Abe Martin

Belts are replace' suspenders in some instances, an' if others their workin' together in friendly rivalry. Miss Fawn Lippinnet says that if she could live some period of her life over agin she'd select th' five years she wuz eighteen.