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BULGARIANS REPULSED BY SERB-FRENCH

RETREATING TOWARD STRUMITZA TO AVOID DANGEROUS FLANK ATTACK

ATTEMPTS TO CUT RAILWAY FAILED

Anglo-French Expedition Believed to Have Placed Bulgaria in Bad Predicament.

London, Oct. 25.—The Teutonic and Bulgarian campaigns in northern and eastern Serbia are being pushed according to plans. The Bulgars, who crossed the Timsik, taking Pralovo, are now only a few miles from Germans, who crossed the Danube near Orsova.

In the south French troops joining the Serbians inflicted severe defeat on the Bulgarians at Krivolak, forty miles north of where the Saloniki-Nish railway crosses the Greco-Serbian border. As a result the Bulgarians at Istip, Veles and Uskup, are in danger of being flanked and are reported to have retreated toward Strumitza pursued by French and British.

While the Germans' first desire is to open a route through northeastern Serbia and Bulgaria to Turkey may be on the eve of being accomplished, military experts believe the Anglo-French expedition has put Bulgaria in a bad predicament, and the Germans may find difficulty in reinforcing their army in the Balkans in the face of the Russian and western offensives.

The Italian campaign is assuming the offensive all along the line, threatening the fortress Gorizia and forcing Austria to strengthen her lines.

All fronts over Venetia last night and today inflicted several persons and damaged several historical buildings. The French claim the capture of a German salient north of Lomenin in Champagne and the British are renewing attacks on the German positions on the north and western lines.

The Russians are fighting pitched battles in Riga and Dvinsk regions in an effort to retake ground lost to Von Hindenburg last week. The Germans claim these attacks were repulsed.

The Teutonic forces crossing the Iloukai river retired in the face of a superior Russian force. The Austrians claim an advance west of Komanow. The German campaign in Courland is interfered with by British submarines.

Gradek, Serbia, Oct. 25.—The double attempt of the Bulgarians to cut the railway at Veles and in the Velandovo section was completely defeated. The Friday attack on Veles was given up. The entire Bulgarian strength has been directed southward from Istip along the Gradenska river, spreading over a five-mile front and comprising the villages of Grabovo, Glanovo, Piran, Vozel, Kalkova, Kachova and Kodova. The objective was the short stretch of railway along the east bank of the Vardar river.

The attack though furious soon developed the inferiority of the Bulgarians in contact with experienced French and English troops. Heavy losses were reported along the entire line. The Bulgarians are withdrawing up the Gradekar valley, leaving the French in possession of the railway from Salznik to Negotin.

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APPEALS TO U. S. TO AID ARMENIANS

Persian Consul General Says Half Million Have Been Victims of Atrocities.

Washington, Oct. 25.—In an appeal that half a million had been driven from their homes and tortured or murdered, H. H. Topakyan, Persian consul general to the United States, today urged the state department to do everything in its power to bring an end to the persecution of Armenians by Turks.

CHARLTON GETS SIX YEARS FOR KILLING WIFE

AMERICAN HELD FOR MURDER IN ITALY IS FOUND GUILTY

TO SERVE ONLY MONTH IN JAIL

Italian War Amnesty Act Means Prisoner Will Only Serve Twenty-Nine Days.

Como, Oct. 25.—Porter Charlton, who killed his wife in their villa on Lake Como, on June ninth, nineteen ten, was today condemned to six years and eight months imprisonment. The trial began here October fifth but was delayed until October eighteenth at the request of Charlton's lawyers.

Charlton, who fled to America and confessed, said he hit his wife with a mallet while she was abusing him, put her body in a trunk and threw it in the lake. He was held prisoner in the jail at Jersey City before being extradited. American alienists declared him insane.

The jury here held Charlton was only partially responsible. He will serve only twenty-nine days because of Italy's war amnesty act.

ALL AMERICAN COTTON EXCHANGE

Alien Members Elected After November First to Be Curtailed.

New York, Oct. 25.—A plan to make the New York cotton exchange a distinctly American institution by curtailing the privilege of alien members elected after November first will be voted on October twenty-seventh, according to a decision reached by the members today.

AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE MAKERS REPORT INCREASE IN EXPORT

Washington, Oct. 25.—Foreign countries bought seventy-four million worth of American automobiles and parts the past fiscal year the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce announced. This is an increase over the previous year of over thirty-six millions. There are prospects for exports in the calendar year of a hundred and twenty millions.

Schmidt Asks New Trial

New York, Oct. 25.—The appeal for a new trial for Hans Schmidt the New York priest convicted of murdering Anna Amuller here, several years ago, was to be argued before the court of appeals here today. Attorney A. G. Koebbe was assigned to Schmidt case, by the court.

FULL SUPPORT FOR DEFENSE PROGRAM

Mobilization of Administration Forces Completed When Representative Hay Assured President He Favored Army Increase—Already Approved by Senate Committee—Navy Program Previously Approved.

Washington, Oct. 25.—Mobilization of the full strength of administration forces to support the national defense program was apparently assured today when Representative Hay of Virginia of the house military affairs committee after a conference with President Wilson said he favored the army increase. Senator Chamberlain of the senate committee has already approved the proposal. Representative Fay said he believed the bill necessary to provide the proposed increase in the regular army of more than a million men, the increase of coast defenses and an adequate armament and arm reserve would pass the house without serious opposition. The navy bill, H. R. 10000, which was approved by house and senate committees.

Canal Traffic Absolutely Shut Off by Slides.



How Earth Slid Down From Gold Hill to the Left. Narrow Channel Which Must Be Dug Out Every Day to Permit Row Boat Passage.

These photographs show the stupendous work ahead before Panama Canal can again be opened to navigation. Thousands of tons of earth and loose rock slid down from Gold Hill at the left as shown in the upper photo and completely blocked the canal, which was 300 feet wide at this point. The lower picture shows the dredgers at work keeping clear the narrow passage which permits a row boat to get through. This fills every day from the mud rising in the bottom, due to the pressure of the hills on the side of the cut.

The length of the closed passage is 1,500 feet. When this is opened to a width of 100 feet navigation will be resumed.

MEXICAN TELLS LEADERS' NAMES

Confessed Part in Recent Holdup and Gives Information Which May Lead to Arrest of Leaders in Border Raids.

Brownsville, Oct. 25.—Chano Flores, a Mexican arrested in connection with the recent hold-up of a St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico passenger train and killing several Americans, has confessed, according to the sheriff tonight and has given information which it is believed will lead to the arrest of the leaders of the outlaw gang operating on the border. So far eight men have been arrested.

CLINICAL CONGRESS OF SURGEONS CONVENES

Boston, Oct. 25.—The Clinical Congress of the Surgeons of North America opened here with an estimated attendance of fifteen hundred. Distinguished American surgeons will conduct the clinics and Dr. Charles H. Mayo of Rochester, Minn., will be inaugurated as president tonight.

Nevada Reaches New York

New York, Oct. 25.—The new dreadnaught, Nevada, recently built at Quincy, Mass., arrived today. She successfully completed the builders' trial in a trip from Boston, and will be taken up at the New York navy yard for official trials at sea, on which she must develop twenty and five knots.

Villa Forca Enter Race

Washington, Oct. 25.—State department dispatches report that as the forces of the Carranza government advanced Mico, eight hundred of the Villa forces entered. Practically all train service in northern Sonora is suspended.

BRYAN TOURS OHIO FOR DRYS

Ex-Secretary of State Begins Six Day Campaign for Prohibition Amendment—To Visit Forty-One Counties.

Columbia, O., Oct. 25.—William Jennings Bryan speaking at Steubenville this morning began a six days campaign for the state-wide prohibition amendment to the Ohio constitution, the election for which will occur November 2 on a special train, he will visit forty-one counties and deliver forty-six speeches.

FREIGHT SHIP BURNS NEAR CHARLESTON

Mallory Liner Colorado Abandoned By Crew—Had Cotton Cargo.

Charleston, Oct. 25.—Captain Devoreux of the Clyde liner Comanche, arriving here this afternoon, declared that his ship passed close to the Mallory freighter Colorado, afloat and abandoned off Cape Roman and that she was a blaze from end to end. Reports tonight indicate the crew was taken off either by the steamer Suzanne or the Clyde liner Lennax.

Charleston, Oct. 25.—The Mallory liner Colorado, which sailed from here last night, is reported afloat off Cape Roman. A report said the crew was rescued and were going to her aid. She carried cotton for New York.

TWELVE GIRLS PERISH IN FIRE

Many Jumped to Death When Box Factory Was Destroyed By Flames—Authorities to Investigate Cause of Fire.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 25.—Fourteen persons, thirteen of them young women, were killed and eight persons injured in a fire which swept a four-story building partly occupied by a box factory here today. The fire started in a feed store on the first floor and many girls trapped in the box factory were paniced in a cloak room. Several women signaled to from the second floor by two men working there and were caught as they jumped and lowered from the second floor. Authorities have decided to investigate the fire.

New York Stocks

U. S. C. at Exposition

President to Visit Columbus, O.

Aeroplanes Held Venice

King George in France

MANY STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK

Striking Employes of General Electric Co. Deserting Union After Three Weeks.

Schneectady, N. Y., Oct. 25.—A large majority of the thirteen thousand employes of the General Electric company, who have been on a strike three weeks for the eight hour day have returned to work. Machinists numbering between twenty-five hundred, and three thousand remained out, but the union last night having voted not to accept the agreement for a nine and a half-hour day at an increase of five per cent. The machinists made no demonstration as the others returned to work.

REPORT SHOWS DECREASE IN COTTON GINNED

THIRD REPORT OF SEASON GIVES TOTAL GINNED TO OCTOBER 1

S. C. REPORTED 581,978 BALES

Figures for This State Over Hundred Thousand Less Than at Same Period Last Year.

Washington, Oct. 25. The third cotton ginning report of the season, compiled from reports of census bureau correspondents and agents throughout the cotton belt and issued at 10 a. m. today, announced that 5,713,247 bales of cotton counting round as half bales, of the growth of 1915 has been ginned prior to October 15. This compared with 7,619,747, or 47.9 per cent of the entire crop ginned prior to October 15 last year, 6,973,518 bales, or 49.9 per cent in 1913 and 6,874,206 bales, or 51.0 per cent in 1912.

Included in the ginnings were 54,422 round bales, compared with 17,239 last year, 49,039 in 1913 and 41,745 in 1912.

Sea Island cotton included numbered 40,257 bales, compared with 39,078 bales to October 15 last year, 34,139 in 1913 and 15,060 bales in 1912.

Year	Alabama	Bales
1915	560,272	
1914	810,295	
1913	839,899	
1912	591,954	
Arkansas		
1915	281,490	
1914	379,261	
1913	322,181	
1912	300,351	
Florida		
1915	32,162	
1914	45,313	
1913	35,956	
1912	23,575	
Georgia		
1915	1,178,398	
1914	1,367,916	
1913	1,296,911	
1912	793,143	
Louisiana		
1915	273,894	
1914	225,274	
1913	164,034	
1912	203,127	
Mississippi		
1915	421,038	

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HOLD GERMAN OFFICER FOR BOLSCHHEME

PLANNED TO DISABLE VESSELS CARRYING MUNITIONS TO ALLIES

LIEUTENANT FAY LED CONSPIRACY

Held With Relative and Three Other Germans on Conspiracy Charge—Fay Confessed.

New York, Oct. 25.—Details of the plot to hamper munition shipments by placing clockwork bombs on the rudders or propellers of ships to disable the vessels on the way across the Atlantic were disclosed today by the confession of Robert Fay, a lieutenant of the Sixteenth Saxony Infantry, who admitted he came to this country last April through an agreement with the German secret service.

Fay, who was arrested with Walter L. Scholz, his brother-in-law Sunday, while they were in the woods testing explosives, is charged with promoting conspiracy. Scholz and three others, Paul Daech, Dr. Herbert Kienle and Max Bretting are also charged with conspiracy. Bretting, it is understood, was not apprehended. A hearing will be given all of them on November fourth.

Fay said he discussed the plot with Captains Von Papen and Boy-Ed, German military and naval attaches, but neither would have any part in it.

Scholz, in a statement tonight, said Fay got four thousand dollars from the German government. The bomb, he said, cost seventy to make.

Secret service men found quantities of acid and clorets of poison in a house in Weehawken and on a houseboat on the Hudson where Fay and Scholz lived and worked.

New York, Oct. 25.—Robert Fay, said to be a lieutenant in the German army and Walter Scholz, were arrested yesterday while testing explosives near Grand Wood, New Jersey, and charged with conspiracy. They will be held without bail pending an examination tomorrow.

The police headquarters announced that Fay after an all night grilling confessed. This morning he admitted he was a lieutenant in the German army. He came here two or three months ago, to experiment with a machine containing high explosives. This was to be attached to the propeller or rudder of a ship. It was so constructed that water would cause the rod connection a cog to slip and release a spring resulting in an explosion to disable the ship. This was for the purpose of delaying munitions shipments to the allies it is said. The arrest of Paul Daech was disclosed by the arraignment. Daech was arrested at Jersey City. He is also held. Detectives said that Daech gave them important information. He came here two years ago and is a graduate of Cologne University. Scholz is a mechanic and has been here two years. A large quantity of explosives and acid for making explosives was found in the rooms the men occupied in a Weehawken and Hoboken warehouse. A high power automobile held in Fays name was found in a Weehawken garage and a motor boat he is said to own at Hudson boat house. Ingredients for explosives were in the boat house. Detectives have watched the men for two months.

CHINESE MINISTER TO U. S. RECALLED

Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo to Replace Kai Fu Shah Who is to Be Recalled for Failure to Make Proper Reports on Sentiment in United States During Recent Japanese-Chinese Negotiations.

Washington, Oct. 25.—The United States government has been officially advised of the intention of China to recall Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, a Columbia University graduate and protégé of President Yuan Shih Kai, as minister here in place of Kai Fu Shah, who is being recalled. The recall of Shah, it is estimated is due to his failure to furnish China with comprehensive reports on the state of American public opinion, or to take active part in parleys here on the recent Japanese-Chinese negotiations. However, Shah has been acceptable to

ten United States. When Dr. Koo arrived in Washington three weeks ago he had been accredited an Chinese minister to Mexico. Koo is under thirty years old, took the degree of philosophy at Columbia and is thoroughly conversant with American customs and diplomacy. As under secretary of the Chinese foreign office he is credited with writing much of China's reply to the Japanese ultimatum. He is understood to be sympathetic with the proposed change in China from republic to pech...