

BULGARIA ASKS AN ARMISTICE

French Chief Refuses Request as British Capture Strumnitz.

RUSE SUSPECTED BY ALLIES

Premier Sends Envoys to Discuss Peace Terms, but Entente Armies Continue Drive—10,000 Prisoners Taken.

London, Sept. 30.—The British forces on the Macedonian front have captured the Bulgarian city of Strumnitz. Announcement of the capture was officially made here.

The text of the statement reads: "British troops, preceded by yeomanry, entered Strumnitz while Anglo-Greek troops stormed the heights of the Belaschitz mountains north of Lake Doiran. The British have taken more than 30 guns and much ammunition."

Foreign Secretary Balfour and Andrew Bonar Law, the chancellor of the exchequer, have gone for a conference with Premier Lloyd George regarding Bulgaria's quest for an armistice.

Washington, Sept. 30.—Military men here say the capture of the Bulgarian city of Strumnitz by allied forces on the Macedonian front breaks the strongest link in the Bulgarian defense and leaves no serious obstacle to the allied march into the country.

Paris, Sept. 30.—Gen. Francis De Espercy, commanding the allied armies in Macedonia, has telegraphed the French government that a high Bulgarian officer has presented himself in the name of General Torodov, commanding the Bulgarian army, asking suspension of arms for 48 hours to permit the arrival of two authorized delegates from the Bulgarian government.

The minister of finance, Laptcheff, and General Loukoff, commanding the Bulgarian second army, are on their way to the French headquarters with the assent of King Ferdinand to arrange the conditions of the armistice and eventually the terms of peace.

The French commander reports that the Bulgarian request reached him through an intermediary, the general commanding the British army in the east, forming a part of the allied command. General D'Espercy's reply therefore asked the Bulgarian delegates to present themselves to the British lines.

General D'Espercy says that as the Bulgarian request might be a military ruse to allow the regrouping of forces and the arrival of re-enforcements, he made a reply declining to grant an armistice but promising to receive duly qualified government delegates.

The allied troops in Macedonia have captured more than 10,000 prisoners, says a statement from the French war office. More than 200 guns also have been taken.

The text of the French commander's reply to a letter brought by the Bulgarian officer read:

"My response, that I send through the Bulgarian officer bearing the letter in question, cannot be, by reason of the military situation, other than the following:

"I can accord neither an armistice nor a suspension of hostilities tending to interrupt the operations in course. On the other hand, I will receive with all the courtesy the delegates, duly qualified, of the royal Bulgarian government, to which your excellency alludes in the letter. These delegates to present themselves in the British lines, accompanied by a parliamentary officer."

"FRANCHET D'ESPERCY."

The hope that there will be no question of peace with the central powers until they have been brought to admit their guilt was expressed by Nikola Pachitch, the Serbian premier. He voiced this hope after having pointed out that the allied successes on all the battlefields had opened up a prospect of the end of a struggle that had been imposed upon the world by the Germanic powers.

Premier Pachitch said he was glad that the great allied powers had proclaimed their sympathies with the liberation of the Czech-Slovaks and the Poles.

London, Sept. 28.—Premier Malinoff of Bulgaria has made an offer of an armistice to the allies, according to a Berlin message transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Copenhagen. The message states that the premier's offer was made without the support of other members of the cabinet or of King Ferdinand.

According to statements from Sofia by way of Jassy, it is added, a counter-movement against the action of the premier has already been set on foot. (This would seem to indicate that a revolution is in progress in Bulgaria.)

Russ Plan Efficient Army.

Vladivostok, Sept. 30.—If given the support of three divisions of allied troops, General Galda, commander of the Czech-Slovak forces, said he could hold the bolshevik armies on approximately the present line.

Weapons Made by Million.

Washington, Sept. 30.—According to announcement made by ordnance department 146,322 machine guns, 2,437,297 rifles and 221,801 pistols have been produced since the entrance of the United States into the war.



M'ADOO OPENS DRIVE WILSON IS ASSAILED

\$6,000,000,000 IS SIZE OF THE NEW LOAN.

Secretary Says We Can't Lick Kaiser Unless We Back Up Pershing and Our Boys.

New York, Sept. 26.—Six billion dollars is the minimum amount which the people of the United States are asked to subscribe for the fourth Liberty loan, according to an announcement by William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, in an address here on Tuesday night outlining the government's plan for the campaign, which starts next Saturday.

The loan, which will bear 4 1/2 per cent interest, will run for 20 years, maturing October 15, 1938, unless the government should exercise its reserved right to redeem the bonds on or after October 15, 1933.

Asserting that, without the vast sum "we cannot lick the Kaiser," Mr. McAdoo made a special appeal for the subscriptions of corporations and wealthy individuals, as returns from the third Liberty loan indicated that wealthy corporations and persons of large means had not responded "commensurately with their abilities to help."

He pointed out that of the 18,000,000 Americans who subscribed for the last loan, only 22,500 including corporations, bought bonds in excess of \$10,000.

"It would be preposterous," he said, "to say that there are only 22,500 men, women and corporations in America able to lend more than \$10,000 each to their government in Liberty bonds."

Applauded by a crowd which filled Carnegie hall, Mr. McAdoo said, in part: "No man can shirk his duty without incurring the just reprehension of public opinion. The acid test will be applied and the shirker, whether from military service or in the field of labor or in the ranks of the wealthy, will be unable to withstand the finger of scorn which will be unerringly pointed at him."

U. S. FLYER SINKS U-BOAT

Ensign J. F. Carson Engages in Fierce Battle With "Sub"—Uses Machine Gun and Bombs.

London, Sept. 27.—The first case in which it is known that a submarine fought back when attacked by a seaplane resulted in the probable destruction of the submersible by an American aviator, Reserve Ensign J. F. Carson, it was announced by the admiralty. With shrapnel from the elevated forward gun of the submarine bursting around his seaplane, Ensign Carson maneuvered until he was able to pour machine gun fire into the crew, felling two of them and driving the others aside. The submarine submerged, and as it was diving two bombs were dropped on it. Within a few minutes the bow of the U-boat appeared on the surface and remained visible about four minutes. More bombs were dropped on it and it is believed the undersea craft was either badly damaged or destroyed. Ensign Carson's machine, with two others, was on patrol when the submarine was sighted on the surface.

BRITISH WIN TWO TURK PORTS

Gen. Allenby's Cavalry Occupies Haifa and Acre—Prisoners Total More Than 25,000.

London, Sept. 26.—British cavalry, pushing up the Mediterranean coast of Palestine, have occupied Haifa and Acre, it is officially announced. Allied troops have reached Es-Salt, 15 miles northwest of Amman. The total number of Turks taken prisoner will exceed largely the 25,000 already reported. General Allenby's remarkable success in Palestine was achieved against a total enemy strength of 100,000 Turks, according to unofficial dispatches reaching London.

Alleged Hun Spy Arrested.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 30.—Alleged by federal agents to be the directing head of German espionage and propaganda work in western Pennsylvania, Charles F. Banning, reputed millionaire, was arrested at the Duquesne club.

American Gets Eighth Plane.

With the American Army in France, Sept. 30.—Eddie Rickenbacker shot down his eighth enemy plane north of Verdun. Rickenbacker's propeller was riddled with bullets and he was barely able to land safely in a field.

INFLUENZA STOPS NEW DRAFT CALL

Orders for Entrainment of Registrants Between October 7 and 11 Canceled.

6,139 NEW CASES IN CAMPS

Massachusetts Reports 60,000 Cases of Spanish Influenza—Health Commissioner Appeals to U. S. Officials for Aid.

Washington, Sept. 28.—Because of epidemics of Spanish influenza in army camps, Provost Marshal General Crowder on Thursday canceled orders for the entrainment between October 7 and 11 of 142,000 draft registrants.

During the 24 hours ending at noon Thursday, 6,139 new cases of influenza in army camps had been reported to the office of the surgeon general of the army. One hundred and seventy deaths, resulting chiefly from pneumonia following influenza, and 723 new cases of pneumonia also were reported.

Boston, Sept. 28.—There are fully 60,000 cases of influenza in Massachusetts, in the judgment of Bernard W. Carey, epidemiologist for the state department of health.

The number of new cases during the 24-hour period ending at noon Thursday, Mr. Carey said, was 2,143. Deaths reported for the same period were 76. These figures, however, did not include this city, where 50 deaths from influenza were reported.

The alarming reports from many sections of the state caused State Health Commissioner Eugene R. Kelley to appeal to federal authorities for assistance.

All theaters, moving picture shows, dance halls, "and other unnecessary places of public assembly," in this city were ordered closed from midnight Thursday until October 6.

New York, Sept. 28.—The spread of Spanish influenza in this city shows no signs of abating. The health department received reports of 174 new cases during the last 24 hours.

Rome, Sept. 28.—Prof. Claudi, director of the military hospital at Catrone, announced that he had discovered and isolated the bacillus of Spanish influenza. The disease, which was brought in by repatriated prisoners, is raging throughout the country.

BANKERS PLEDGE ALL TO WIN

Convention is Swept by Patriotic Demonstration—Messages Exchanged With President Wilson.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Pledges of the nation's last dollar and its last drop of blood to winning the war were made by the bankers of America in a great patriotic demonstration at the Auditorium theater when the climax of the forty-fourth annual convention of the American Bankers' association was reached in a session that ran riot with thrills.

Dignity and conservatism were forgotten on the part of quiet, reserved men, as the session was made electric with the spirit of the war.

Telegrams of felicitation, good will and loyalty were exchanged between President Wilson and the convention. Governor Lowden, introduced and cheered as "Illinois' war governor," made an address and roused the delegates to the highest pitch of enthusiasm for the national cause, and President Charles A. Hirsch of the association gave the annual address, a speech of dedication of the whole resources of the banks of America to the war and the unlimited services of the bankers of America.

REDS END REIGN OF TERROR?

Premier Lenine Requests Return to Orderly Methods of Government—Thousands Slaughtered.

Amsterdam, Sept. 28.—The Russian bolshevik government has issued a decree rescinding its reign of terror, according to the Mir of Moscow. The question was discussed at a meeting of the central committee of the soviet, the newspaper says, and when Premier Lenine expressed an earnest desire to return to orderly methods of government a majority of those present supported him.

Washington, Sept. 28.—Details of Russian atrocities describing scenes of horror almost beyond belief were received by the state department.

The massacre of thousands in Petrograd and Moscow by the bolshevik mobs was reported to the department from the most authoritative sources. Prisons are packed so full that the unfortunate victims of bolshevik wrath are left without care to starve.

Prussian War Chief Quits.

London, Sept. 30.—Lieutenant General Stein, the Prussian war minister, is reported to have resigned, according to advice to the Exchange Telegraph company on Friday from Copenhagen.

Now Turkey Wants to Quit.

Paris, Sept. 30.—Rumors are again spreading that Turkey will seek a separate peace, says a dispatch from Lausanne, Switzerland. The public is agitated following the disaster in Palestine and the retreat in the Balkans.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Items of Interest Gathered From Many Points

Citizens of Thurston County raised \$1,000 for the Belgian children relief fund in less than two days.

November 13 to 15 are the dates set for the Nebraska Potato Growers' association convention at Scottsbluff.

Plans are already in progress at Omaha for the State Teachers' association convention, November 7 and 8. An effort is being made to have the University Students' Army Training Camp at Lincoln named Camp Pershing.

Three Nebraska boys died of Spanish influenza during the past week at the naval training station at Great Lakes, Illinois.

Fire believed to be of incendiary origin damaged the Holland lumber yards at Lincoln to the extent of \$20,000.

Douglas county's new service flag, which was unfurled at Omaha just the other day, contains 13,975 blue and 20 gold stars.

About 150 Liberty loan workers met at Geneva and perfected arrangements for raising the district's quota in one day, October 11.

A movement is under way among merchants of South Omaha to raise a fund to care for all wounded soldiers who return to the city from the war.

Eight cents a bushel and board where elevator is used, and 9 cents a bushel and board where corn must be scooped from the ground is the maximum price to be paid for corn husking in Cedar county this fall.

The complete classified record for the big manpower registration in Nebraska shows that 11,310 youths of the age of 18 were enrolled more than any yearly class up to the age of 45.

Plans are under way in Kearney county to make a service flag containing a star for each man of the county in the service, and a banner showing a picture of each soldier or sailor and the branch in which he is serving.

State Food Administrator Wattles at Omaha, has been advised that the government has placed a ban on powdered sugar. The idea is along the line of sugar conservation and retailers are prohibited from selling the powdered article to householders.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the potato reduction plant of the National Potash company at Antioch. The plant comprised two complete units erected at a cost of \$300,000. The building with the exception of the brick walls is a total loss.

State Publicity Director Maupin says that the \$5,000,000 of Nebraska capital invested in potash development in the western part of the state this year will produce \$20,000,000 worth of potash—90 per cent of the output in the United States.

Fire bugs are believed to have been responsible for a fire which destroyed the Kearney canning factory. The factory and contents valued at \$70,000, were a total loss. Three hundred thousand cans of corn and tomatoes were destroyed, 67 per cent of which was government property.

Increasing land values accounts for the big boost in valuation in Nebraska, according to figures given by the state board of equalization. Although nearly 400,000 acres of land has been added to the assessment rolls, the land valuations have increased over \$44,000,000.

Thousands of Nebraska lads between 15 years, 7 months and 18 years of age will register on November 14, when the United States Boys' Working Reserve throughout the entire country will be enrolled. The registration in Nebraska will be in charge of Leonard W. Trester, federal director for the state.

Cancellation of the October draft call by the War department because of the Spanish influenza prevailing at the camps, will release nearly 6,000 Nebraska registrants from immediate service. Nebraska's quota in the October call was 5,945 men, and they were under orders to entrain between October 7 to 11 for Camps Funston, Dodge, Pike and Cody. Men who were summoned to make up this state's contingent are now privileged to apply for induction into any branch of the service which is open.

Nebraska's hay yield, it is estimated, will be nearly five times greater than that of last year. The yield is estimated at 44,000,000 tons.

State Food Administrator Wattles is having 3,000,000 home cards printed for distribution throughout Nebraska, carrying a message of rigid economy in the line of foods without strict restrictions. A card will be placed in every home, he says, so that Nebraskans may have constant reminders of the suggestions of the food administration.

Chas. C. Pollard has leased the Chadron Chronicle for one year. Mr. Pollard is a Chadron man and an old hand in the game.

A movement is under way to form a consolidated school district in the vicinity of Bushnell and to construct a new \$40,000 building.

Omaha raised more money per capita for the Belgian babies last Saturday than any city in the United States. Over \$15,000 was contributed by people of the Nebraska metropolis. The amount raised in New York City was \$25,000.

Omaha barbers have decided to raise the price of shaves to 25 cents and haircuts to 50 cents.

An effort is being made to secure a large number of Indians to help harvest Box Butte county's mammoth potato crop.

The Kansas City federal reserve district, of which Nebraska is a part, is called upon to raise \$200,000,000 in the Fourth Liberty loan drive.

Nebraska's allotment for the Fourth Liberty loan has been placed at \$70,373,550. Nearly one-third of which must be subscribed in Douglas county.

Plans were perfected by the Nebraska Women's Christian Temperance union at its annual convention at Fremont to raise \$20,000 for war work.

Analysis of the casualty lists of the American army for the first eighteen days of September shows that the names of 140 Nebraska boys appeared on the honor roll during that period.

School children of Nebraska will be called upon to assist in the survey of cattle and hogs in this state, which will be made Oct. 15 under the direction of the state food administration.

The Liberty Loan Committee of Nemaha county has adopted the assessment method of obtaining subscriptions from residents during the progress of the Fourth Liberty loan drive.

Nebraska politicians by the score are rallying back and forth over the state now-a-days, telling the people why they must all be elected in November if the war is to be won. The state house at Lincoln is almost deserted.

Fred Cleveland of Nebraska City, federal food administrator for Otse county, told State Food Administrator Wattles at Omaha that the people of Otse county have learned the lesson of obedience to food regulations and rules and there are few violations in his district.

A member of the state railway commission will go to Washington next week to attend an express rate hearing before the interstate commerce commission in which a further increase in charges is asked by Director General McAdoo.

The resignation of Maude M. Wilson as state home demonstration leader and the appointment of Emma Reed Davison as her successor, has just been officially announced by Chas. E. Gunnels, director of the university of Nebraska college of agriculture extension service.

Nebraska's total registration on September 12, under the provisions of the new manpower law, was 158,157. Included in this total are approximately 1,200 names of men between the ages of 21 and 31. An investigation in under way to determine why in each instance these men have not registered before.

Disking the ground will kill the wheat-head army worm which has done considerable damage to spring wheat and oats in the shock in Kimball, Cheyenne and Deuel counties, says the state entomologist. The worms enter the ground to winter, he says, and disking will so disturb them that many will die.

The Nebraska supreme court has set October 11, as the date for hearing the celebrated potash test suit, in which T. L. Briggs of Antioch seeks to join the Board of Educational Lands and Funds from executing a mineral lease on a section of school land in Sheridan county to anyone else than himself.

Figures compiled by the federal food administration for Nebraska, show that in September, with an allotment of 4,158,000 pounds of sugar, Nebraska used 4,113,480 pounds, a saving of 44,520 pounds. These figures are exclusive of sugar used for canning purposes. Nebraska housewives used 2,616,160 pounds for canning fruits and vegetables, an increase of 1,337,480 pounds over the month of August.

Judge Welsh of the district court at Wayne ruled that teachers' conventions at Alliance "may not use the name, funds or membership privileges of the Nebraska State Teachers' association" in sustaining the injunction against the officers of the association. Supt. J. A. True of McCook, only witness for the prosecution, emphasized the fact that the constitution required at association meetings the membership as a whole. Despite the judge's decision the meetings at Alliance and Hastings will be held in accordance with present plans with the evident result of a divided rather than a united association in Nebraska.

All records for sheep receipts were broken at the South Omaha stock market last Monday, when a total of 67,000 head were received.

Auburn police authorities placed the proprietors of the local moving picture show under arrest for operating on Sunday. An effort will be made to enforce the state's "blue laws."

Nebraska's methods of publicity for conserving fuel is to be adopted by several states. Oklahoma has already decided to use this state's plans.

According to estimates made by the agricultural department at Washington, Nebraska's corn crop from August 1 to September 1 dropped from 290,000,000 bushels to just under 150,000,000 bushels.

The cornerstone of the new Evangelical Lutheran hospital at Falls City was laid with fitting ceremony. The structure will cost \$50,000 when completed.

After an existence of less than one year, the Ravenna Herald suspended publication. The News now has a clear field.