

TEUTONIC ARMIES TO PART COMPANY ON BULGARIAN FRONT

Not Certain Whether Austrians Will Turn Against Serbia or Strike at Kiev to Menace Rumania.

EARLY MOVE IS EXPECTED

French Continue Violent Bombardment of the German Trenches—Russians Still Falling Back.

London, Sept. 6.—Considerable mystery has resulted from a message from Vienna announcing that the German and Austrian armies on the eastern front are preparing to part company. The statement announces that yesterday Field Marshal Archduke Frederick, commander in chief of the Austrian army, bade official farewell to Field Marshal von Mackensen, the German commander at Brest-Litovsk. Henceforth, it was stated, the two commanders were to cease cooperating.

The message says it is believed the Austrian army that has been operating in Poland shortly will be moved in the direction of Serbia.

Military experts are divided in their opinion as to whether the Teutons will strike at the Balkans next or advance on Kiev and Odessa in an attempt to project a wedge between the Russian armies and Rumania. The German and Austrian commanders at Brest-Litovsk yesterday is thought to be significant of early developments in one of the two fields.

Petrograd in its latest statement, admits a retirement of the Russians to the north bank of the Dvina in the sector where the desperate struggle to protect Riga and the road to Petrograd is in progress.

Riga Defenders Firm. North of Vilna, where the German lines have apparently made little progress of late, the Russians claim to have continued offensive operations and to have gained ground against the Germans, with the capture of more than a dozen machine guns and 300 prisoners.

German troops fighting toward the Russian port of Riga have won a notable victory in the capture of the bridgehead at Friederichstadt, on the River Dvina, about 40 miles from Riga. German army headquarters announced today.

Petrograd yesterday admitted that the Russians had withdrawn across the Dvina at a point near Linden after a stubborn battle. In taking the Friederichstadt position the Germans captured more than 3,300 prisoners, including 87 officers. All the forts of Grodno are now in possession of the Germans and the Russians are retreating eastward. They left six heavy guns to the Germans while 2,700 of their men were taken prisoners.

Paris, Sept. 4.—Particularly violent artillery engagements took place yesterday in the northeast. The fighting in the south of Arras and at other points between the Oise and the Aisne, according to announcement made today by the French war office.

French Fire Violent. Military observers abroad incline to the belief that the persistent bombardment of German positions presages an offensive movement by the entente allies in the west.

The text of the French communication follows: "Yesterday saw artillery engagements of particular violence to the northeast and to the south of Arras, in the sectors of Rollinourt, Wally and Bretecourt, as well as between the Oise and the Aisne in the region of Quennevillers and near Novvroun.

"In the environs of Vauquois we exploded several mines, which seriously damaged the enemy's positions. "There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front."

UNITED STATES WILL DETAIN SUBMARINES

Delivery Cannot Be Made Now—Boats Built For Use of British Navy.

Quincy, Mass., Sept. 6.—Officers of the United States navy will be detailed on board the 10 submarines recently constructed at the yards of the Fore River Shipbuilding company for the British government, after the boats leave the shipyard. This information was contained in a formal statement issued today by J. W. Fowell, president of the corporation. The statement says: "The department has consented to detail those officers so that all questions as to the possibility of the removal of the boats from this country to the possession of a belligerent during the present war is eliminated. It has further been arranged that when the boats are completed they will be sent to the Boston navy yard, where they will remain until such time as a disposition satisfactory to all parties can be arranged."

Both aviators were engaged in reconnoitering expeditions in the same direction. Bertin's landing point was about four miles beyond that of Boyer. On returning after executing his mission, Bertin saw Boyer's machine in flames. He landed in face of a heavy fire, picked up his comrade and flew back to the French lines, with a fragment of shell in his thigh. The aeroplane was struck in 38 places by bullets and pieces of shell.

DISCOVERS PROCESS FOR PRODUCING DYES

Eastern Concern Expected to Have Its Product on Market Within Two Weeks.

New York, Sept. 6.—The discovery of a process by which dyestuff materials can be manufactured from crude American products was announced here tonight by Dr. Thomas H. Norton, of the department of commerce, after a series of conferences with representatives of a corporation by which the process is controlled. Although the character of this process was not divulged, Dr. Norton declared he had called it to the attention of the department at Washington with the statement that it probably would solve the problem concerning the American manufacturers who are unable to obtain the normal supply from Germany during war times.

CARRANZA TROOPS MENACING BORDER

Fire at Ranchers and Texas Rangers—Agent of First Chief Makes Denials—Clashes Continue.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 6.—State department officials said today they had no advice to substantiate current reports that Mexican troops were concentrating along the border in northeast Mexico, although the situation is viewed with increasing apprehension. Practically all mobile forces of the regular army are at the disposal of Major General Funston.

The Pan-American conference has decided to wait a few days longer before meeting again in order to give General Carranza ample opportunity to reply to their appeal for a general conference. His representatives here believe rejection of the appeal will be forwarded soon.

Brownsville, Tex., Sept. 4.—Forty Carranza soldiers fired across the Rio Grande on an American ranchman named Drew today at Cavazos, four miles west of Old Hidalgo, Tex. This report was received at Fort Brown this morning from Captain McCoy, commanding United States cavalry at Mission, Tex. They also fired on a party of Texas rangers near the same place. All valuable cavalry is being rushed to the scene.

Soldiers and armed citizens today continued the search for Mexican bandits operating north of Brownsville. No additional clashes have been reported. The possees have found two bombs left by the Mexicans. They were filled with bolts and other scrap iron.

Carranza Consul J. E. Garza, of Brownsville, told Col. R. L. Bullard, commanding the border patrol here, this morning that the firing on an American ranchman near here yesterday was the work of enemies of General Carranza, who sought to bring about trouble between the United States and Carranza. Garza said he had requested General Carranza to place a strong patrol on the Mexican side to stop border raids.

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 4.—A special to the Light from its correspondent with the border troops, says: "A posse of citizens led by Sheriff Vann, of San Benito, in approaching a small native house at the Agua Negra ranch, shot and killed two Mexicans, who ran and refused to halt. It was found later that a young daughter of a Mexican named Ramirez, had been killed by a stray bullet and her mother fatally wounded. The women were in the house which was in the line of fire."

The shooting took place about a quarter of a mile from the scene of the recent fight between soldiers and raiders Thursday afternoon. The two Mexicans were identified as local residents of the neighborhood. The correspondent adds: "Friday morning a detachment of the Twelfth cavalry, under Lieut. Matt Bristol, arrested five men near New Braunfels station, seven miles southwest of San Benito. One, mounted upon a mule, made a dash for liberty, but was shot down. The remaining four are held by the soldiers pending instructions."

This clash is believed to be the one described in unofficial reports to Brownsville last night.

DEFIANT WITNESS HAS INQUIRY COURT BLUFFED

Denver, Colo., Sept. 4.—The military court of inquiry investigating charges against Adjutant General John Chase and other officers of the national guard of Colorado, considered means of bringing C. D. Elliott back from the Rocky Mountain National park dedication before deciding definitely upon a plan of action. Elliott is believed to have been summoned before the military tribunal and refused to answer questions relating to his alleged activities in seeking evidence against state and militia officers and Colorado coal operators.

Extradition could be sought only after the returning of an indictment or the filing of an information charging Elliott with a felony.

Diplomacy and Wife Place King of Greece in Ticklish Position



KING CONSTANTINE.

London, Sept. 4.—Overnight developments placed King Constantine, of Greece, in a ticklish situation. Serbia has agreed to surrender her part of Macedonia to Bulgaria if Greece will surrender that part which fell to her as the result of the Balkan wars. Macedonia is Bulgaria's price for reforming the Balkan league and entering the war on the side of the quadruple entente.

King Constantine swayed by national interests on one hand and by his queen, who is a sister of Emperor William, of Germany, on the other, has a difficult role to play. The queen is violently pro-German as a matter of course. The Greek government, under the leadership of Premier Venizelos leans toward the entente allies. But the king has the final say and upon his shoulders now rests the responsibility of deciding what policy will be pursued by the Balkan states.

Meantime German and Austrian troops are said to be gathering on the Balkan frontier. It is believed their purpose is to inaugurate a drive through Bulgaria, Serbia and Rumania to carry relief to Turkey.

Advices from Sofia indicate that unless the whole of Macedonia is conceded there is little chance of re-establishment of the Balkan league. It is pointed out in official circles at the Bulgarian capital that compliance with the demand of the entente allies means actual participation in the war, while agreement to the request of the central power implies merely friendly neutrality, expressed in permitting the shipment through Bulgaria of arms and other war supplies for the Turks.

NEGROES' DENIALS CLEAR MRS. MOHR

Suspects Now Declare They Never Confessed Murdering Physician—Widow Innocent, They Say.

Providence, R. I., Sept. 6.—Confronted with the statements of the negroes repudiating their alleged confessions, Chief of Police Thomas F. Robins, of Barrington, who is in official charge of the whole case, said this afternoon that none of the three men had signed a confession. The only signed statement from them, of which he had knowledge, he said, was that in which Healls advanced the theory that robbery was the motive for the crime.

The denial was made in the county jail at Bristol, where the negroes are locked up pending a hearing in the district court at Warren on September 16. Healls, the chauffeur of Dr. Mohr's car on the night of the murder, was the spokesman for the trio, but Brown and Spellman signified their assent to all that he said.

Innocent, They Say. "Tell the people," Healls said, "that we are absolutely innocent and that we believe Mrs. Mohr knew nothing of this crime. We have never signed a confession and anything said to the Providence police was said in a joking way or in a spirit of anger."

"Dr. Mohr, to my knowledge had been threatened by several prominent Rhode Island people. I found a letter in his car from a man living on Elmwood avenue, in which he threatened the doctor, and said that if he did not cease his attentions to his wife he would fill him full of holes."

Healls declared that the doctor's automobile was followed on the night of the shooting and it was his theory that Dr. Mohr was shot by some men who jumped out of a car, fired at both the physician and Miss Burger and then wrecked the machine on a cross road.

At this point Brown broke in and denied that he ever had written or signed a confession.

Chauffeur Gives Theory. Healls, resuming his story, said: "When I started the machine in the barn Tuesday night it acted funny. On the way down the lights kept going out and the motor worked badly. I noticed by the headlights that a car was following me, but when I tried to speed up the machine to lose the one behind the engine went back on me, and finally stalled. The other car came up behind, slowed down and then went on. Just beyond where we stopped is a cross road. A few minutes after the car passed, the shooting began and I believe that the man jumped out of the car when it slowed down, did the shooting and then cut across lots to the car on the cross roads."

LONDON ESTIMATES PEACE PROPOSALS FROM GERMANY MIGHT NOT BE UNWELCOME

Stated That "Proper Overtures" on Part of Kaiser Would Meet With Consideration, But That Entente Allies Would Not Depart Far From Grey's "Irreducible Minimum," Including Restoration of Belgium, Freedom of France From Attack and Security For Small Nations.

LABOR LEADERS OF WORLD BACKING NEW MOVE

Samuel Gompers Declares American Federation Is In Close Communication With Organizations of Europe Looking to Restoration of New Era—Will Act When Time Comes, He Asserts—Vatican Said to Believe That Rapidly Vanishing Credits Will Force End of War.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, Sept. 5.—Out of the maze of peace rumors and activities there is a growing belief in Washington that the time may not be far distant when President Wilson will be called upon by the belligerents of Europe to act in the role of mediator.

There is little question regarding the attitude of Germany. The most significant intimation coming from the side of the quadruple entente is a statement from London that "proper peace proposals" by Germany would meet with consideration.

Whether or not President Wilson has been informed that Great Britain and her allies would enter into a discussion of peace has not been disclosed and the source of the intimation from London has not been made known. President Wilson yesterday made it clear that he would not consent to proffer his good offices until both sides to the controversy are in a receptive mood.

MEXICANS BATTLE WITH U. S. TROOPS

Seven Killed By Texas Rangers In Fight on Border—Neither Party Crosses Boundary Line.

Brownsville, Tex., Sept. 4.—Seven Mexicans were killed in a battle this afternoon between Texas rangers on the American side and the Mexicans believed to be Carranza soldiers on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande near Hidalgo, near Old Hidalgo, Tex. The battle was still being waged at 2 o'clock.

There are said to have been 40 Mexicans in the original party. They fired across the Rio Grande this morning on a Texas ranchman near where the fighting was being waged this afternoon.

No one on the American side had been killed when the last report was received here.

PRICE OF EXCHANGE RELATIVELY STEADY

Market Almost Stagnant Owing to Exodus of Financial Powers.

New York, Sept. 6.—Stagnation today followed the turmoil of the week in foreign exchange markets here to day. The relaxation was so complete that for more than an hour after the opening of the short business day not a quotation on any foreign money was available.

This was partly due to the big exodus yesterday from the financial district of bankers in close touch with the situation on the eve of the Labor day holiday.

Nominal quotations were: Sterling, \$4.87; francs, \$5.94; marks, 81; lire, \$4.44. None of these figures showed much variation from yesterday.

The market closed today at slight recessions from previous quotations.

ANOTHER GOLD CARGO EN ROUTE TO AMERICA

Fast Battle Cruiser Bearing \$40,000,000 Expected at Halifax Sunday.

Bangor, Me., Sept. 6.—It was reported here tonight that another shipment of British gold is due to pass through this city early next week on its way from Halifax to New York by express.

The money said to aggregate about \$40,000,000 is expected to arrive in Halifax Sunday or Monday in one of the fastest battle cruisers of the British navy which ship it is believed probably will bring the delegates to the conference soon to be held in New York to devise means of establishing the rates of foreign exchange.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 4.—Free out-gates as a means of reviving public interest in the Iowa State fair was suggested today by ex-Governor Carroll, who says the slump in attendance this year indicates that the expense of people coming from a distance has become burdensome. Members of the state fair board haven't taken kindly to the idea of free admission.

GRANT EIGHT-HOUR DAY. New York, Sept. 4.—Announcement of the adoption of an eight-hour day by the Standard Oil company, of New Jersey, was made here today on behalf of the board of directors of that concern. Twenty-five thousand workers were said to be affected by the order, which would become effective September 13.

MARTIAL LAW ORDER FOR PORT AU PRINCE. Port Au Prince, Sept. 6.—Rear Admiral Caperton, in command of the American expeditionary forces, today proclaimed martial law at Port Au Prince, and in other districts occupied by American troops. The people are calm.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 4.—Rear Admiral Caperton notified the navy department today that he had declared martial law at Port Au Prince and vicinity. He acted in pursuance of his general orders to do whatever was necessary to preserve peace. No unusual disorder was reported and navy officials here regarded the admiral's action as a precautionary one against threats of uprising against the American occupation.

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GERMANY TO EMPLOY NEW SUPER-SUBMARINE. Berlin via wireless to Sayville, Sept. 4.—A dispatch from Christiania states that a German submarine of a new type, far larger than any previous vessels of this character, has been observed off the southwestern coast of Norway. This is regarded in Berlin as confirming reports that Germany is about to place in commission super-submarines, far exceeding the best of her submarines hitherto.

FIVE ORPHAN GIRLS ARE LOST IN BLAZE. Catholic Orphanage Burns—Little Bodies Recovered From Debris. San Francisco, Sept. 6.—Fire destroyed the St. Francis Girls' directory, Catholic orphanage here early today, with the loss of at least five lives. When the fire was discovered the children were marshaled and marched out of the building by sister Mary Agnes and Mother Superior Margaret. They were quartered in nearby homes and it was believed all had escaped.

First search of the ruins disclosed the body of Elizabeth O'Brien, four years old and four others.

Another body identified was that of Catherine O'Brien Elizabeth's sister. The remaining three were burned beyond recognition.

SUBSCRIPTIONS POUR IN ON NEW WAR LOAN. Berlin, Sept. 4 (by wireless to Sayville).—Subscriptions to the third German war loan are coming in rapidly, in advance of the time set for the formal opening of subscription lists. The Berlin municipal savings bank has subscribed 45,000,000 marks as compared with the subscriptions of 30,000,000 marks for the first war loan and 40,000,000 marks for the second.

The agricultural central loan bank subscribed 25,000,000 marks. Seven other subscriptions amounting to 14,500,000 marks have been received.

ADMIRAL CAPERTON TAKES ACTION FOR GENERAL SAFETY—NO NEW UPRISING. Port Au Prince, Sept. 6.—Rear Admiral Caperton, in command of the American expeditionary forces, today proclaimed martial law at Port Au Prince, and in other districts occupied by American troops. The people are calm.

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