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ALLIED ARMY'S POUR OVER BORDER READY FOR GREAT CONFLICT

Ottoman Troops Are on the Defensive Against Soldiers Combined Balkan States

TWO TOWNS STRATEGIC POINTS Largest Hostile Force on Continent Since Eighteenth Century.

TURKS SPREAD DISEASE GERMS! Microbes of Typhus and Cholera Carried by Army Motors.

MUSTAPHA PASHA CAPTURED Bulgarians Begin Operations at Two Places Simultaneously and Drive Sultan's Troops to Full Retreat.

BULLETIN CETINJE, Montenegro, Oct. 20.—It is officially announced here that the Montenegrin forces captured the town of Pluva yesterday. The battle lasted two days.

ATHENS, Oct. 20.—After a four-hour engagement, the Greeks yesterday defeated the Turks from their strong positions which they had taken in the defense of Ellassona, at the foot of Mount Olympus, and occupied the town. The crown prince Constantine was in command and received a baptism of fire. The Greek troops showed great courage. Their losses were small. The Turks retired toward Sarandaporo Pass, where the main forces had concentrated. The Greeks occupy all the heights to the north of Ellassona and a decisive battle is imminent.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—At the mountainous front of 300 miles from Kirk-Kiliseh in the east to the tip in the west the advance of the allied armies into Turkey continues. The Turkish army appears to be acting on the defensive. Its outposts are slowly withdrawing and are attempting only to screen the way for mobilization while the allied forces are marching toward the front.

Adrianople and Uskupa are being watched as the strategic points for the first great battle. Adrianople is defended by modern fortifications with 200 of the most modern guns. It is the main gateway to Turkey and should give the invaders a long siege. The town of Mustapha Pasha, seventeen miles to the north, already has fallen into the hands of the Bulgarians and the meager announcements of the event indicate without serious resistance. The approach to Uskupa is more difficult.

Greek Fleet Disappears. The whereabouts of the Greek fleet is unknown, but one report has it that the fleet has sailed to find Turkish ships, while the Greek government has proclaimed a blockade of part of the southern coast of Turkey.

The Turkish legations deny indignantly all reports that Turkish army doctors are preparing to scatter disease germs. These denials are made in reply to a despatch received yesterday in London and vouch for by the Greek minister that Turkish doctors had gone to Janina, in the south of Albania, near the Grecian frontier, carrying with them typhus and cholera microbes.

Greeks Drive out Turks. ATHENS, Oct. 20.—The Greek army, under command of Crown Prince Constantine, after four hours fighting today, dislodged the Turks from strong positions commanding Ellassona, near the Grecian frontier. The batteries crossed the Arta river into Epirus and occupied the heights of Grimbou. Detachments of Cretans have arrived at Athina.

Bulgarians Take Town. SOFIA, Oct. 20.—In taking the town of Mustapha Pasha, the Bulgarian army, with Harnam as a center, attacked the right wing of the Turkish forces and occupied the village of Kourale, which dominates Mustapha Pasha. The Turks were forced to fall back into Mustapha Pasha and this also they were compelled to desert. As they retreated they blew up the railway bridge over the Rist or Mariza, cutting off communication with Adrianople.

The noted Macedonian leader Sandusky, (Continued on Page Two.)

THIRD TERMERS RETURNING Many Former Mainstays of Moozers Back to Taft.

WOULD PRESERVE THE PARTY Realize Republicans Are Real Progressives and that Back of Them Are True Interests of the United States.

By CHARLES D. HILLEN, Chairman Republican National Committee NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—(Special.)—"All Republicans should work for the success of the entire party ticket, as against the bull moose and democrats who are united to destroy the republican party."

Those were the words of a man who more than any other brought support to the third term's cause in Massachusetts, Charles S. Baxter, in returning to the republican fold. He had headed the Bay state's delegates-at-large for Roosevelt's nomination in the republican national convention and afterwards was considered one of the mainstays in the third term's campaign in New England.

Like Murray, Booth and George England in the west, substantial, thinking men in the east have realized in due time the true purpose of the third term candidacy and have determined to support their party against the combination that seeks to destroy its agency for good in the nation.

Dwight De Mole in New York is another who has returned to the republican party from the bull moose herd, disgusted with too much "bossism" and the refusal of the New York "Progressive" legislature to endorse a good member of the legislature who had made a record as the author of progressive legislation. Other organizations, as the Hearst Independence league, could endorse Strauss for governor, but no support must be given by the third term's adherents to any candidate on any other ticket.

Republicans Real Progressives. That progressive doctrine can and will be best established through the agency of the republican party is the convincing belief which has determined many voters to give no further heed to those whose chief purpose is acknowledged to be, to destroy that party, with a record replete with progressive legislation. The republican party and its continuance in power, it is perceived, is worth more to the cause of real progress in the United States than all the promises of its co-constructionists.

F. M. Murphy, a prominent railroad man of the southwest, has analyzed the campaign in these words: "Many men are ready listeners to the political clapnet of the demagogue, but they are not necessarily fooled or hypnotized. Men in all lines do their own thinking these days, and they are not apt to vote against their own interests. That's what the president will be re-elected." Discussing the third term's western and southwestern trip, Mr. Murphy says further: "Roosevelt's visit to our section did him no good. He undoubtedly lost rather than gained voters. He talked a great deal about himself but serious people are tired of the topic and the exhibit. He tried to have the voters in the Mississippi valley believe that if elected president he would deepen the Mississippi river by utilizing the employees now at work on the Panama canal. We expected he would request as a reward that the Mississippi there should be changed to "Roosevelt" river. In Illinois he held out similar promises, concerning the drainage canal, and some of us would have no objection to giving his name to a drainage canal."

Votes Are Not Broad. After all the cry for a change to something we know naught of, for a return to a government "of the people"—as if this had been other than the people's government since the constitution was adopted—the voters have given timely heed to President Taft's significant words: "Votes are not broad, constitutional amendments are not work, referendum do not pay rent or furnish houses, recalls do not supply employment, or relieve inequalities of condition or of opportunity." Senator Elihu Root, in his speech notifying President Taft of his renomination, said: "You are for progress along all the lines of national development, but for progress which still preserves the good we already have and holds fast to those essential elements of American institutions which have made our country prosperous and great and free. You represent the spirit of kindly consideration by every American citizen, toward all his fellows, respect for the right of adverse opinion, peaceable methods of settling differences, the spirit and the method which make ordered and peaceful self-government possible, as distinguished from intolerance and hatred and violence." That is the stature of the man who will be re-elected president of the United States.

Gamblers' Threats Against Rosenthal Told Before Jury

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Witnesses in the trial of Police Lieutenant Becker testified today to two points which the defense considered vital to its case. These are: That the raid on Herman Rosenthal's gambling house on April 17 was made after evidence against it had been obtained by the police. The state charges that the raid was a "rake." That "Bald Jack" Rose and "Bridge" Weber, two of the self-confessed accomplices to Rosenthal's murder, who have turned state's evidence, threatened to kill Rosenthal weeks before he was murdered. Another witness, Louis Pitt, brother of Becker's so-called press agent, swore that Jack Rose had gone down on his knees in the Tombs and said: "On the grave and on the memory of my dead mother, I say that Becker had nothing to do with this affair." Other witnesses, a police lieutenant and his wife testified that they had visited Becker at his home on the night of July 17, forty-eight hours after Rosenthal was shot, and that Becker was there from 10:30 o'clock until they left at 11:45 o'clock. Jack Rose testified that he was with Becker elsewhere during those hours.

COMMERCIAL CLUB'S NEW HOME EXQUISITE Two Floors of Woodmen Skyscraper Fitted with Niceness for Business

RIVAL ANYTHING OF THEIR KIND Artistic Effect, Coupled with Plans for Utility.

MARK EPOCH FOR ORGANIZATION Reveal Extent of Mercantile Growth of the City.

FORMAL OPENING HELD TODAY Open House in Form of Reception Will Be Held in Evening, Beginning at Eight O'clock, for Three Hours.

Today will mark an epoch in the commercial history of Omaha. Today the Commercial club, which was born nineteen years ago and started its work for the upbuilding of Omaha industry in the small quarters at the top floor of the Board of Trade building, Sixteenth and Farnam streets, will establish itself in the two spacious top floors of Woodmen of the World building, Fourteenth and Farnam streets.

Today marks an epoch in Omaha's commercial history because of the fact that the Commercial club, which is the barometer of business growth and activity in this city, has expanded to twice its size in the last two years, many hundred times its original size, and forced itself into the largest and handsomest home of the kind in the United States. And it goes in there with the largest membership of any similar organization in the country and free from debt.

This event will be celebrated Monday night at the new quarters by a reception which will last from 8 o'clock until 11, when members and their families will go through the beautiful rooms and see what the expansion is and probably realize what it means.

It is hoped to have everything in its regular order for this opening, with additional decorations throughout, especially for the occasion. Practically all the furniture, draperies and decorations are now in place.

Lobby is Handsome. Guests will be taken in the elevator to the seventeenth floor and from the elevator will go directly into the handsome lobby of the club. The eighteenth floor has been reserved for the kitchen help of the club and no club members nor visitors to the building will be taken that far.

The very first peep into the club is a pleasing one. The lobby is magnificently decorated and in harmony with the rest of the rooms. It is finished throughout in blue and brown oriental effects and the floor is covered with the other carpet, with a rich Bigelow-Lowell-Wilton carpet. As the feet of the visitor sink into this his first thought is of the luxury and comfort of the new home. In a corner of the lobby to the right is an eight-foot marble staircase leading up to the rest room on the eighteenth floor. It is set off with a newel post, at the top of which is a mantled light. In the lobby the visitor will find the information desk directly in front of his right, at the side of which are seated the pages who will carry his messages to anyone in the club rooms. A bulletin board on the south wall is also for his convenience. On it will be posted committee meeting announcements and general bulletin information.

Down the hall to the right from the lobby are the offices of the club, the rooms for the commissioner and his assistant, the traffic bureau and publicity bureau. On the south side of this hall is the women's rest room, for the women visitors. It is furnished with Elizabethan furniture and replete with everything suggestive of luxurious comfort. The women committee paid more for the furnishings of this little room than for any other single office room in the quarters. Of the \$17,121 which was spent for the furnishings and equipment of the new quarters, quite a little sum came out for this room.

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DIAZ THINKS HE WILL WIN Rebel General Expects Many to Flock to His Colors.

WHOLE BATTALION IN MUTINY Soldiers Garrisoning Fort Union, on Island in Harbor of Vera Cruz, Revolt—Seeks Official Recognition for His Cause.

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, Oct. 20.—The soldiers of the twenty-first battalion, garrisoning Fort Union, located on an island in the local harbor, have revolted and joined the revolutionary forces of Felix Diaz.

The gunboats Bravo and Moroles opened fire on the rebels, killing several and wounding others. The soldiers of Fort Union remained inert, refusing to return the fire of their comrades. The situation at the island is especially serious, as Uluoa is also used as a penitentiary. Until the fire was opened by the Bravo and Moroles, following the desertion of the garrison at Fort Uluot, it was difficult to understand the attitude of the gunboats. Commodore Anseta, commanding the warships still loyal to the government, kept his guns and searchlights trained incessantly on the city, allowing no communication between the boats and shore.

Felix Diaz continues to regard his chances for a successful revolutionary movement through optimistic eyes. He today declared that the officers and crews of the gunboats here are with him and that Commodore Anseta himself had promised to join his forces, only changing his mind at the last moment before the Diaz movement was openly launched. When asked why his shore batteries did not fire on the federal warships, General Diaz replied that this would be wholly unnecessary. He felt that it would be extremely foolish to disable the boats, which he feels certain will enlist in his cause shortly. He declared he daily sent the crews water, provisions and money.

General Diaz further believes the gunboat Progress, whose whereabouts has not been publicly known, today shelled and took the important port of Contracocho, which is also the northern terminus of the Tehuantepec railway. He said the local garrison was left in command of the rebel ally, Colonel Guervara. Today General Diaz sought official recognition for his propaganda by the United States government. He said he has represented his cause to the authorities at Washington through the American consul at Vera Cruz, claiming that his possession of two important seaports and an army of approximately 2,000 entitles him to proper recognition.

When asked if he expected an engagement with the federal Diaz replied in the negative. Many federal chiefs, he believes are about to join his forces and others are too much in sympathy with his cause to offer him battle. At least he said he does not expect a clash with the federalists today or tomorrow. The revolutionists now hold all the strategic points within the city with a thousand seasoned soldiers who have deserted to the Diaz banner and several hundred volunteers. The federal troops occupy a position ten miles beyond the outskirts. (Continued on Page Two.)

Governor Johnson Will Take Platform For Col. Roosevelt

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—Governor Johnson left here this afternoon at 2:45 o'clock over the Pennsylvania lines for New York, where he will complete arrangements to fill Colonel Roosevelt's speaking dates in the east during the remainder of the campaign and direct the fight. The complete itinerary has not been given out, but it is known the governor will campaign in New York City and state and hold several meetings in New England. He expected to spend at least one day in Maine and another in Massachusetts. He will travel by special train.

Judge Wakeley Has Turn for the Better

Judge Eleazer Wakeley, aged 50, dean of the Omaha bar, who has been seriously ill at his home, 67 North Nineteenth street, passed a comfortable day yesterday, according to his relatives, and he seemed to have regained some of his strength. Last Monday Mr. Wakeley suffered a painful fall.

Missouri Pacific Passenger Wrecked

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 20.—Several people were injured in a wreck of a Missouri Pacific passenger train today at Pleasant Hill, Mo., according to reports received here.

CLAIMS TO HAVE MADE SOME INROADS ON LIQUOR TRAFFIC

PORTLAND, Me., Oct. 20.—Mrs. Stevens of the Women's Christian Temperance union said in her address that the past year has been one of notable progress toward total abstinence in this country. Increased numbers of railroads have prohibited the use of liquor by their operatives, she said, and declined to serve liquors on their dining cars. As another evidence of the progress of abstinence, she pointed to the discrimination by life insurance companies against users of any intoxicants.

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COLONEL WILL TRAVEL TODAY Slight Setback of Saturday Will Not Prevent Home Journey.

Two Physicians and Colonel's Family Will Accompany Him—Condition of Wound Remains Satisfactory, Say Physicians.

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—Colonel Roosevelt's slight setback from having over-exerted himself in receiving friends yesterday will not prevent his departure for Oyster Bay tomorrow morning at 8:15 o'clock over the Pennsylvania railroad. His physicians admitted in their morning bulletin today that the noted patient had suffered from his energy yesterday, and they appealed to the public to aid in obtaining perfect rest for him. Their bulletin reads as follows: "10:30 a. m., Sunday, Oct. 20.—Pulse and temperature normal. The patient continues to improve. Colonel Roosevelt suffered somewhat from overtaxing himself yesterday. There is somewhat more discharge from the wound, but conditions of the injury are satisfactory. We have issued strict orders for absolute quiet. Arrangements have been made to send him home, believing conditions will warrant it at this time, although it will be necessary for him to be under surgical care for the next ten days. It would be a kindness if his friends and the public would assist in allowing him absolute rest and quiet for the next week or ten days."

Woman Taken Out of Wilson Meeting

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Governor Woodrow Wilson made two speeches tonight in New York and Brooklyn, closing his speaking campaign for the present. He will not make another speech, he announced, until Colonel Roosevelt has recovered. Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and her three daughters attended the big meeting in Carnegie hall.

CELEBRATE FORMAL OPENING OF LIVINGSTONE CHANNEL

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 20.—With the booming of guns and blowing of steamship whistles the Livingston channel from the lower Detroit river into Lake Erie was formally opened to commerce today, and a fleet of fifteen vessels passed through it and on to lower lake port destinations. The new channel was completed at a cost of \$10,000,000 and will relieve congestion in the dangerous lime kiln crossing, where rocky banks and swift current have heretofore troubled navigators and delayed traffic.

NEW YORK REGISTRATION INCREASES 25,000 NAMES

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—The four days allowed for the registration of voters in Greater New York expired tonight, with a total of 707,826 for all five boroughs. Notwithstanding early indications of a light registration these final figures are the largest ever recorded and show an increase of 25,000 names over the registration for 1908, the last presidential year.

BULL MOOSE CHIEFS SHOW THEIR COLORS OVER ELECTION SUIT

Epperson and Broatch Urge Secretary of State Wait to Appeal Election Ballot Case.

VEER FROM FORMER POSITION Turn Completely Around on Permitting Electors to Vote.

MORAL GROUND APPEARS LOST Attitude in Favor of Fair Deal Lost Sight Of.

REAL MEAT IN COCONUT Would Mean Regular Republican Committee Would Receive Judicial Sanction and Light of Moose Committee Dimmed.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Oct. 20.—(Special Telegram)—Secretary of State Wait is still undecided what action he will take in the matter of appealing to the supreme court from the action of the district court of Lancaster county in issuing a peremptory writ of mandamus directing him to put the Taft electors on the ballot as republicans. He has had a demand from W. J. Broatch of Omaha that he appeal the case, and other similar demands. What has made the situation peculiar one is that bull moose leaders, notably Chairman Epperson, who have professed to be so anxious to let the Taft supporters vote for their candidates for the presidency, now that the matter has been settled just that way by the district court, have veered completely around and demand that the case be appealed and the higher court asked to reverse the decision. Chairman Epperson attempts to justify his position by subordinating the moral issue to a legal issue. When he wanted the Roosevelt electors to get off and the Taft electors on, he wanted to do the act himself of substitution. The fact that the courts have decided that the thousands of republican voters cannot be disenfranchised by fraudulent acts of politicians disgruntled because they lost at the national republican convention, possesses no moral standing in Mr. Epperson's view despite the stress card by him on the moral atmosphere around bull moose headquarters prompting his anxiety for an amicable settlement of the complications of the electoral ticket.

Where Trouble Lies. Local Papers here in Lincoln charge that the meat in the whole coconut is that judicial recognition of the right of the regular republican committee to fill the vacancies makes Mr. Epperson's bull moose committee a sort of side show to the republican circus and he considers the temporary glory of his committee of more consequence than the election of Governor Aldrich and the state ticket. The decision follows the express letter of the Nebraska primary law that makes the national republican organization fountain head of the republican party and the regular republican state committee, of which Mr. F. M. Currie is chairman and which has been specifically accepted by the republican national committee, the proper lawful organization of the republican party in Nebraska as against a pretended republican committee waging a campaign to defeat the republican presidential candidates.

Position of Court. While the district court judges did not in their decision give their reasons for granting the writ of mandamus, it was clear to all who heard the arguments that the evidence introduced showing that the national republican committee had recognized the committee of which F. M. Currie is chairman as the regularly constituted republican state committee of Nebraska and the decisions (Continued on Page Two.)

The Weather

FOR NEBRASKA—Rain; cooler. FOR IOWA—Unsettled; probably rain. Temperatures at Omaha yesterday.

Hours.	Deg.
5 a. m.	47
6 a. m.	48
7 a. m.	49
8 a. m.	50
9 a. m.	51
10 a. m.	52
11 a. m.	53
12 m.	54
1 p. m.	55
2 p. m.	54
3 p. m.	53
4 p. m.	52
5 p. m.	51

Comparative Local Record.

1912, 1911, 1910, 1909.	46, 47, 48, 49, 50
Highest yesterday	52
Lowest yesterday	48
Mean temperature	51
Precipitation	.26

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:
 Normal temperature 52
 Excess for the day 0
 Royal deficiency since March 1 12
 Normal precipitation 17
 Excess for the day 10
 Total rainfall since March 1 23
 Deficiency since March 1 21
 Deficiency for cor. period, 1911-12, 13 inches
 Deficiency for cor. period, 1910-12, 9 inches
 T indicates trace of precipitation.
 L. A. WELSH, Local Forcaster.

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