

BATTLED HIGH UP IN THE CLOUDS

The Austrians Cross Mountains of 11,000 Feet.

MAKE A DASH INTO ITALY

Penetrate Enemy's Country For Five Miles—Daring Of Foe Equal To Their Own, Say Italians.

Rome, via Paris.—The effectiveness of Italian Alpine troops in repulsing two Austrian attempts to cross the frontier through passes of the Alps at an altitude of 11,000 feet is praised by the Italian War Office in the official statement. The announcement says:

"In the steep, rugged zone of the Furva Valley the enemy, who, on the 4th had reconnoitered by patrols, which were immediately driven back through the Vicz Pass (10,000 feet high), delivered an attack on the night of the 5th across the Forno Glacier against our troops posted near the hotel of the same name, while another detachment advanced through the Gedevale Pass (11,000 feet) against those of our troops who occupied Capanna Cedese.

"The watchfulness of our Alpine troops, who, notwithstanding glaciers and high peaks, are incessantly active, succeeded in frustrating this bold double maneuver, and the enemy was soon repulsed. He was then counter-attacked and forced to flee.

"In Cadore small encounters turning in our favor are reported in the high valleys of Anser and Visdende. In one of these fights we took prisoner 40 light infantrymen.

"Isolated infantry and artillery actions also took place in Carnia, in the Valley of the Torrent of Pontebbana. An Austrian detachment trying to climb the Italian slope was attacked and put to flight."

Got Five Miles Into Italy.

Brescia, Italy, via Paris.—The exploit of Austrian troops called for audacity and endurance which Italians concede rival feats of their own Alpine soldiers, of whom they are so proud. The Austrian mountaineers succeeded in penetrating Italian territory for some distance before they were driven back.

The Austrians made their advance through the Furva Valley. They were obliged to cross granite mountains 11,000 feet high, covered with snow. They also made their way over the Forno Glacier, the largest of 60 in that region, being eight miles wide.

After surmounting these difficulties the Austrians succeeded in penetrating five miles beyond the border, but when detected and attacked by Italian troops were forced to fall back.

11-CENT POSTAGE STAMP NOW.

Government To Issue It To Meet Parcel Post Need.

Washington.—A 11-cent postage stamp will soon make its appearance. The new stamp was made necessary by thousands of packages upon which the fee for postage and insurance amounts to 11 cents, and the Postoffice Department reached the conclusion that a 11-cent stamp would save time at the postage-stamp counters. The new stamp bears the head of Franklin in profile from Houdon's bust. It is the same shape and size of other stamps. Ordinary stamps now embrace denominations from 1 to 12 cents, together with 15 cents, 20 cents, 30 cents, 50 cents and \$1.

KILLED LEARNING TO RUN AUTO.

Thomas Anderson, Golfer, Runs Over Embankment.

Orange, N. J.—Thomas Anderson, aged 30 years, a golfer, was killed near Montclair by being crushed under his automobile, which went over an embankment. Anderson was learning to operate the machine. Two demonstrators were injured. Anderson was the professional golfer at Montclair Golf Club and a former open champion of Pennsylvania. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and was a brother of the late William Anderson, former national golf champion of the United States.

ZEPPELINS RAID AGAIN.

Six Persons Killed, 23 Injured; 14 Houses Badly Damaged.

London.—Official announcement was made of an airship raid on the east coast of England. The official announcement says that six persons were killed, 23 were injured and 14 houses were damaged seriously by bombs and that one Zeppelin was probably damaged, but escaped.

\$2,500,000,000 MORE FOR WAR.

German Federal Council Calls For New Credit.

London.—A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam says: "A Berlin telegram received here states that in a bill voted today by the Federal Council for a supplementary Imperial budget for 1915 a new credit of 10,000,000,000 marks (\$2,500,000,000) was asked for.

A LITTLE TRAGEDY IN EVERYDAY LIFE



BALKANS NOW TO PLAY BIG ROLE

Both Sides Make Desperate Efforts for Support.

ISSUE IS FAR-REACHING

Allies To Smash Their Way Through the Dardanelles Before the Teutons Can Get To Constantinople.

London.—Movements overshadowing in importance even the operations in Poland are being made in the Balkan theater of war.

British operations against the Dardanelles and Austro-German threats against Serbia are beginning to evolve themselves into a race for the support of the Balkan States.

Everything points to a vigorous offensive by the Austro-Germans against Serbia at an early date with the object of crushing the Serbian army in order to force Bulgaria to give free passage to Teuton forces needed for the relief of Constantinople.

Leading critics in Italy and France consider this plan of the German general staff very serious. Should it succeed it would involve the complete failure of the Allies' efforts at the Dardanelles and the final immobilization of the Balkan States, whose cooperation is now sought by the quadruple entente.

The Allies' Hope.

No great hope is entertained that the Allies will succeed in inducing the Balkan States to intervene on their side but it is hoped that they will remain neutral.

In order to defeat the Germans at their own plan the Allies on Gallipoli have commenced a tremendous offensive against the Turks in a desperate effort to smash the Dardanelles defenses and reach Constantinople before Germany can throw an army through Serbia. More than 50,000 fresh troops have been landed on Gallipoli within the last week and their appearance has heralded a violent drive on the entire front.

Still more reinforcements, both French and British, are semi-officially reported en route for the Straits.

Intense naval activity is evident in co-operation with the land attacks of the Allies. Unofficial dispatches continue to report the torpedoing of the Turkish cruiser Goeben (renamed Sultan Selim after her purchase from Germany by Turkey) by a British submarine which penetrated into the Black Sea.

Demands for the opening of a path to Turkey are being voiced in Berlin and proclamations that Germany is preparing to send an army to aid the Turks are being spread broadcast in Constantinople, according to the latest advices.

PEACE IN OCTOBER.

Significant Orders Issued To German Forces In Flanders.

London.—A significant order of the day predicting a resumption by the Germans of a vigorous offensive in the west has been issued to the Teutonic armies in Flanders, according to the Amsterdam Telegraaf. An extract from this order telegraphed by the Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company follows: "Our work now is practically finished in the east and we are about to begin in the west. Peace is certain in October."

MAY WITHHOLD NOBEL PRIZES.

Will Be Reduced By Sum Of Defense Tax Next Year.

Stockholm.—The amount available for the Nobel prizes this year is 144,000 kroner (\$38,000) each, but it is possible that the distribution will be postponed. Next year the sum will be reduced by 20,000 kroner, this representing the amount of the new Swedish defense tax.

CARRANZA WARNS UNITED STATES

Also Latin American Envoys to Quit Meddling in Mexico.

MORE WARSHIPS GO SOUTH

Declares, In Effect, In Notes To Washington and Latin-American Countries That He Will Not Agree To Any Action By Pan-American Conference Which Will Frustrate His Ambitions.

Washington.—General Venustiano Carranza, first chief of the Constitutionalist faction in Mexico, has defied the United States and the Latin-American powers represented in the Pan-American Mexican conference to interfere in the internal affairs of Mexico.

In reply the United States ordered the remainder of the fourth battleship division of the Atlantic fleet to proceed to Southern waters. The Louisiana and New Hampshire are already on their way. The Connecticut is in Haiti. The Kansas and Minnesota are undergoing repairs and will probably go later. The collier Cyclops also has sailed. These ships will have on board about 3,000 marines and bluejackets.

Ships To Wait At Guantanamo.

The division is under the command of Rear-Admiral Walter McLean, whose flagship is the Louisiana. The vessels will establish a base at Guantanamo, Cuba, within easy striking distance of the Mexican coast.

As fast as possible the marines sent to Haiti to settle its troubles will be brought out and established at Guantanamo to await further orders.

While this activity was being displayed by the Navy Department, Secretary of War Garrison telegraphed General Funston, in command on the border, that every available soldier would be sent him if needed. General Funston now has 14,000 men on the line, with 7,000 more at Texas City, making a total of 21,000 men. The 7,000 men at Texas City will probably be moved to the scene of action.

Letters Breathe Defiance.

Carranza's letters to Secretary Lansing, Latin-American members of the Pan-American Conference and to the Presidents of Brazil, Argentina and Chile contained a solemn warning that any attempt by these countries to set up a government in Mexico would lead to serious consequences. These communications, which were made public by the Carranza agency here, breathed a tone of defiance that indicated a determination on the part of Carranza to fight.

To Fight Intervention.

Evidently with the purpose of showing that Carranza in his defiance to the United States was backed by his generals, a letter to Carranza, from Gen. Candido Aguilar, Governor and military commander of the State of Vera Cruz, in which he protests against outside interference in the internal affairs of Mexico and pledges himself to fight it, was made public.

The imposing documentary array was accepted in official circles here as tantamount to a flat declaration by Carranza that the only activity on the part of this or any other Government to which he will agree is the recognition of his Government and that he will oppose with force any attempt by the United States, acting alone or with the six Latin-American countries, to set up any other government in Mexico.

GEORGE FITCH, AUTHOR, DEAD.

Falls To Rally From Operation For Appendicitis.

Berkeley, Cal.—George Fitch, the author of Peoria, Ill., died at a sanatorium here, having failed to rally from an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Fitch was taken ill on Saturday. He had been visiting his sister, Miss R. Louise Fitch, who is a student in the University of California.

ALLIES STRIKE AT DARDANELLES

Land Fresh Troops and Launch New Attack.

ASSISTED BY BIG FLEET

Sweep Enemy Back On Krithia Road. Armies Battling To Open Way To Suvoy Bay Russians.

London.—The commencement of new and greater efforts to force the Dardanelles and thus bring succor to the Russians, and at the same time to influence the Balkan States, is the latest feature of the war news.

The renewed attempt against the Turkish positions, which apparently is in full swing, seems to be a concerted one. Attacks are being made at the tip of the peninsula, along the Krithia road, where a gain of 200 yards on a front of 300 yards has been made, and at Sari Bair, where an important crest has been occupied, according to Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton, commander-in-chief of the British forces.

"Elsewhere," General Hamilton's report continues, "a fresh landing has been successfully effected and considerable progress made."

This landing evidently was a surprise to the Turks, as 630 prisoners, a number of guns and a quantity of material are declared to have been taken by the British forces.

Italy To Lend Hand.

The forcing of the Dardanelles is realized by the military critics here to be of the greatest importance, for they assert that it is the only way that the Allies can render immediate aid to Russia and repay her for the great sacrifices she has made for the common cause. In addition, it is believed by the military observers that a success here would bring the Balkan States definitely over to the side of the Quadruple Entente powers in the war. Italy is understood to be prepared to lend a hand in the Dardanelles operations.

ARMENIANS DRIVEN OUT.

60,000 At Igdir and 100,000 Expected From Van.

Tiflis, Trans-Caucasia, via Petrograd and London.—The Armenian Bishop has received information that 60,000 Armenian refugees have arrived at Igdir, the principal outlet of the vilayet of Van.

It is expected that fully 100,000 will be driven from Van alone, and another exodus of Christians from Persia is feared.

Kurds are reported to have massacred 10,000 Armenians in the vilayet of Bitlis, throwing the bodies of the victims into the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

The war on this front has reached a degree of intensity hitherto unknown except in the period just preceding the Russian victory at Sary-Kamysh.

Paris Got Word Of Massacre.

B. Varadate, a member of the committee of the Armenian Social Democratic Party, writing to L'Humanite, of Paris, on August 2 said the committee had received word to the effect that the Turks, after massacring all the males of the population in the region of Bitlis, Turkish Armenia, assembled 9,000 women and children and drove them to the banks of the Tigris, where they shot them, throwing the bodies into the river.

COAL SHORTAGE EXPECTED.

Pennsylvania Railroad Is Storing Large Quantities.

Altoona, Pa.—Anticipating a shortage of coal next fall and winter, the Pennsylvania Railroad is taking steps to protect itself by storing thousands of tons at convenient points along the system. Two big storage stations have been established here. Since the start of the European war many miners have responded to calls to the colors. As a result coal companies have been obliged to advertise for miners.

CHRISTIAN DORFLINGER DEAD.

Pioneer Of Cut Glass Industry In The United States.

Honesdale, Pa.—Christian Dorflinger, a pioneer in the cut glass industry in this country and founder of one of the largest plants for its manufacture in the world, died at his home in White Mills, near here, from paralysis at the age of 87 years. He came to this country in 1845 from France, where he learned his trade, and introduced the industry in this region in 1863.

BANK BANDITS GET \$5,000.

Held 100 Citizens At Bay While Safe Is Dynamited.

Maple Hill, Kan.—Several robbers held more than 100 citizens at bay while companions blew open the vault of the Maple Hill State Bank, and escaped with \$5,000. It is believed there were seven men in the band. The first explosion aroused citizens who, when they reached the street, were met by armed men and forced to remain quiet until six charges of the explosive had been fired.

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STATE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Latest Doings in Various Parts of the State.

PREPARED FOR QUICK READING

Mrs. William Sweeney was fatally burned at her home in Catasauqua when she started down cellar to drop a quarter in the meter. At the head of the cellar steps stood a can of coal oil, over which Mrs. Sweeney fell, her clothing becoming saturated with oil. When she struck a match to locate the gas meter, her clothing became ignited.

Jerome Mogel, a farmer, Cacoosing, was attacked by three masked men as he was returning at midnight from the Reading markets with his wife and child. The men jumped from a darkened automobile. The flashlight frightened Mogel's horse and the animal bolted and dashed down the road.

A will written twenty-eight years ago for a man who died twenty-one years ago, has been found by the heirs of Adam Ernst and placed on probate in Berks county courthouse, whereby an estate valued at \$22,000 will be distributed. Ernst was a farmer of Penn Township.

Lancaster, Pa.—George J. Atkins, promoter of the Marietta Manufacturing Company, has closed a deal in New York for the manufacture of 2,000,000 rifles. The Marietta plant will be renovated and employment will be given 500 persons. An advancement of \$550,000 has been posted.

By the will of Miss Anna Hartranft, of Norristown, daughter of former Governor John F. Hartranft, her estate is divided between her sister, Marion, wife of E. W. Steckham, and her niece, Anna.

Richard Siler, aged five years, was drowned in the Susquehanna at Duncannon. He was playing on a wall along the river when he lost his footing and fell in, the swift current carrying him away.

The directors of Carbon County Industrial Society are making arrangements to illuminate the fair grounds with electricity this year, so that the fair, which will be held the last week of September, can be open evenings.

James E. Fairbanks, of Camden, N. J., a wire salesman, in the employ of a New York firm, dropped dead while talking business to A. P. Allebaugh, of Spring Mount. Death was due to apoplexy.

Christopher Burke, of Slatington, aged fifteen years, was struck by a Central Railroad of New Jersey train and injured fatally. He was removed to the Palmetton Hospital, where he died.

Mrs. Mary Pyott, of Garrettford, was hurt seriously by falling down the cellar from the porch of her home, while in the act of passing mail over to her brother.

Mrs. Rebecca Schureman Lawall, of Easton, widow of Cyrus Lawall, one of the few "real daughters" of the American Revolution, celebrated her ninety-first birthday.

Johanathan A. Ganster, George Russell and Martin Reddig, of Stonersville, secured five ground hogs by electrifying the ground by means of an electrical battery.

POOR QUALITY OF GRAIN IN STATE

Professor Surface Hears Unfavorable Weather Results in Deterioration Of Crops.

Harrisburg.—Rains, cold nights and generally unfavorable weather conditions are going to cost the farmers of Pennsylvania many dollars in deterioration of grain, according to Prof. H. A. Surface, State zoologist, who has been receiving reports from demonstrators traveling through the eastern part of the State and who now are investigating conditions in the western counties.

"In many cases the grain started to sprout while in the field. Considerable wheat has done this and I am informed that quite a quantity of rye suffered from the damp and the generally bad conditions," says Prof. Surface. "The oats crops, which we all thought was going to be such a valuable one and so much larger than usual, may be diminished more than other grains because of the damp. I have learned of large fields in which the oats have been cut, but which are wet through and through. This not only will make it difficult to handle, but unsalable in some sections.

"The most serious feature of the conditions will be that the grains will not command good prices, except where everything was favorable, and there may be a shortage of cattle feed in some sections, although in others they will feed the unsalable product. "Weather conditions have been bad and the frequent storms have caused much damage, more than we are aware of as yet."

Loss Funds If Not Acknowledged.

Hospitals and other institutions, voted appropriations for permanent improvements by the Legislature, stand to lose thousands of dollars by failing to file acceptances with the Auditor General. Under the Act of 1911, if institutions fail to file acceptances within sixty days, the appropriation reverts to the State Treasury.

Judges File Nomination Papers.

Four of the judges appointed to fill vacancies on Common Pleas Court benches in the last year filed petitions to be candidates for renomination. They are: R. W. Irwin, Washington, appointed by Governor Tener; R. S. Gawthrop, Chester; W. H. Shoemaker, Philadelphia, and E. H. Reppert, Fayette, appointed by Governor Brumbaugh.

Russian Official Studies Farm Methods

Secretary of Agriculture Critchfield was visited by Maximilian Groten, engineer of maintenance of way of the Imperial Russian Railways, who is in this country for the purpose of reporting to his Government on the improvement of agricultural conditions in Russia. He went over methods used by the State Government for the spread of farm knowledge.

State Educators Off To California.

Dr. J. George Becht, Secretary of the State Board of Education; R. B. Tietrick, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Thomas S. March, State High School Inspector, have gone to San Francisco to attend the National Educational Association. They represent the State's end of educational work.

Arsenal Contract Let.

The Beard Construction Company, of Lancaster, was low bidder at \$38,480, for construction of the new building at the State Arsenal. Ten other firms bid. The appropriation for the work is \$40,000.