

THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

September 18, 1915.
Austrians withdrawing in sector of the Volhynian triangle of fortresses northeast of Lemberg.
Russians began evacuation of Vilna.
German attacks on Dvinsk renewed.
French artillery severed great bridge across the Meuse at St. Mihiel.

September 19, 1915.
Germans entered Vilna.
British squadron shelled German coast defenses in Belgium.
One German submarine sank another by mistake.
Italian dirigibles bombarded Aisovizza.
Bulgaria announced an armed neutrality.

September 20, 1915.
Hindenburg's forces reached Vileika.
German artillery shelled Serbian positions on south bank of Danube near Semendria.
Artillery duels along the west front.

September 21, 1915.
Russian Vilna army successfully escaped.
Germans repulsed near Vilna and Smorgon.
French made gains in Champagne and Lorraine.
Russians sank German submarine in Black sea.
General mobilization ordered in Bulgaria.
British Chancellor McKenna announced new taxation.

September 22, 1915.
Italians dislodged Austrians from the Dolomite valley.
French aviators raided Stuttgart, bombing palace of king of Wuerttemberg.
Russian armies assumed the offensive.

September 23, 1915.
Russians reoccupied Lutsk in Volhynia, capturing 6,000 men.
Russians won battle at Vileika.
Germans driven back near Pinsk behind Okinski canal.
Austrian garrison evacuate Monte Coston.
Germany in note to United States promised to observe visit and search law.
French aeroplanes attacked German positions in Lorraine and the Argonne.

September 24, 1915.
Germans made furious assault on Dvinsk.
French made gains at several points.
German submarines sank five British steamers.
Greece ordered mobilization of army and navy.

WORTH KNOWING

A total of more than a billion feet of lumber was saved by California mills during 1915, according to statistics compiled by the United States forest service. The report includes figures from 135 mills, 35 of which had cut 9 per cent of the total. Of 13 kinds of wood sawn, redwood led with a total of 418,824,000 feet, board measure. With the exception of about 1,000,000 feet, board measure, it was all California timber.

The per capita use of gas in Massachusetts showed a decline in 1915 as compared with the previous year. The total production of gas of all kinds amounted to 15,796,630,000 cubic feet in 1915, while in 1914 it was 15,536,223,500 cubic feet, a gain of only 1.7 per cent in actual output. During the year the population of the state increased about 2.5 per cent.

In the last 18 years the British electric light industry has grown from 38 private companies, with a capital of \$30,000,000, and 23 municipal plants, with a capital of \$10,000,000, to 276 private companies, with a capital of \$395,000,000, and 323 municipal plants, with a capital of \$299,000,000.

The Japanese are paying much attention to Australian ores suitable for refining or smelting in Japan. A party of Japanese engineers is about to visit Australia to make a study of this question.

William Harlow Reed, professor of geology in Wyoming university until his recent death, had the honor of finding what is said to be the largest skeleton of a dinosaur ever discovered. The find was made in Wyoming.

New regulations of the United States steamboat inspection service require persons to be twenty-one years old before being licensed as masters or chief engineers.

To warn of fire damp in mines an Austrian has invented a porous vessel through which the gas penetrates, makes electrical connections and rings a bell.

AGAINST JOINT BORDER FORCE

Organization of Rurales to Keep Down Bandits.

BLISS AND JOINT BODY

General Presents Statement Of the Situation Which Would Follow Pershing's Withdrawal.

New London, Conn.—A suggestion that the Mexican government create a constabulary for border duty similar to the rurales of the Diaz regime was made during a brief session of the American-Mexican joint commission, which concluded the second week of the deliberations. Apparently the plan for a joint police force, previously discussed, was abandoned as impracticable after the Commissioners had conferred with Maj. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, assistant chief of staff of the United States Army.

Bliss Tells Of Situation. General Bliss made to the joint commission a dispassionate statement of the situation he believed would follow General Pershing's withdrawal from Mexico before a properly constituted constabulary is created to relieve his troops. It is understood he pointed out problems in the way of an effort to create a border police under dual authority.

There is reason to believe the American commissioners have sought to impress their Mexican conferees with the view that Mexico must recognize responsibility for the depredations her nationals may commit on the border if good relations are to be unimpaired. The whole question of creating a non-military police force to hunt down bandits in their hill retreats is based on this feeling, and it is believed the suggestion that the Carranza Government undertake this task for itself as an international obligation came from the Mexican commissioners.

Advantages Of Force Pointed Out. The theory is that a force of carefully selected mounted police could be disposed in small posts in the hill country. The chase would become an individual pursuit rather than a military movement, which becomes ineffective if the bandits scatter and mingle with peaceful residents. The police would check up the comings and goings of every man in a suspected community.

Moving swiftly and unhampered by women camp followers, who form the commissary of a Mexican military force, the rurales, it is believed, could do much toward putting a permanent check on brigandage.

The question of Mexico's responsibility to protect the American border will be discussed this week. The American Commissioners are disposed not to stand upon any technicality of laws, but to deal with the situation as one of fact, taking into consideration Mexico's social and economic conditions.

MARSHALL WILL RUN AGAIN.

Vice-President Is Notified Of His Renomination.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall was notified of his renomination for vice-president on the Democratic ticket, and formally accepted it's honor. The ceremonies were the first of the kind to be held in Indianapolis within the last few weeks. The other two notifications were for J. Frank Hanly, the Prohibition presidential candidate, and Charles W. Fairbanks, Republican vice-presidential nominee. A large number of prominent Democrats, including National Chairman Vance McCormick, from all over the United States were present at the notification.

NINETEEN MEN BURNED.

Several Thousand Pounds Of Smokeless Powder Explodes.

Wilmington, Del.—Nineteen powder workers were burned, at least six of them seriously, by the explosion of several thousand pounds of smokeless powder at the plant of the Du Pont Powder Company at Carey's Point, N. J. The flares originated in a blending tower in what is called the finishing area and while the company has not established the cause, the opinion is advanced that a piece of metal which was being worked through the tower.

MAN-KILLING ELEPHANT HANGS.

"Murderous Mary" Swung Up On Railway Crane.

Bristol, Va.—Tenn.—Condemned to death by the State authorities, "Murderous Mary," the big female elephant, which killed her trainer several days ago, hanged at Edwin, Tennessee. A derrick car of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway was used. Heavy chains were looped about the elephant's neck, and the steam-operated crane lifted the massive form into the air. The animal struggled for quite a while before death resulted from strangulation.

THE KIDNAPER



TREATIES WILL BE OBSERVED

Assurances Received From Japan and Russia.

FOR OPEN DOOR IN CHINA

The Recent Treaty Contains Nothing Which Will Interfere With the Integrity Of China Or the Open-Door Policy.

Washington.—Both Japan and Russia have given the United States formal assurances that the new Russo-Japanese treaty does not repeal or affect the treaties of 1907 and 1910, in which those nations pledged themselves to maintain the integrity of China and the open-door policy.

The assurances were given to Ambassadors Guthrie, at Tokio, and Francis, at Petrograd, in response to inquiries. The State Department received from Mr. Guthrie a note on the subject addressed to him by the Japanese Foreign Office, stating in unequivocal terms that Japan had not for a moment entertained an intention of departing from these policies. Department officials let it be known that the statements were entirely satisfactory and that inquiries regarding the new treaty, over which they had been considerably perturbed, probably would not be pressed further.

Department Gives Jap Note.

A statement issued by the State Department says: "This request was transmitted through Ambassador Guthrie August 15. An oral response was made at that time, reaffirming adherence to the 'open-door' policy, but the Japanese Government has now most courteously added in a note to the Ambassador, dated September 13, the following assurance: 'The Imperial Government desire to assure the American Government that the new convention is in no sense designed to repeal or to modify the provisions of Article 2 of the convention concluded between Japan and Russia on July 31, 1907, nor have the Imperial Government entertained for a moment any intention to depart from the policy to which they have avowedly committed themselves respecting the maintenance of the independence and territorial integrity of China, as well as the principle of equal opportunity for the trade of all nations in that country. On the contrary, they are as strongly convinced as ever of the usefulness of that policy in the interest of the general peace and stability in the Far East, which they have always very near their hearts.'"

Russian Reply Commented On.

The result of similar inquiries made for the State Department at Petrograd regarding the effect of the new treaty is commented upon by the State Department as follows: "The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Imperial Russian Government in like manner assured the American Ambassador, in response to his inquiry, that his Government had not withdrawn from the conventions of 1907 and 1910, but will maintain, unimpaired, the provisions of those agreements, notwithstanding the fact that no mention of them was made in the convention of 1915."

What Treaties Provided.

The treaties of 1907 and 1910 between Japan and Russia affirmed China's territorial integrity and the open-door policy. Article 2 of the 1907 treaty, which was reaffirmed with slightly different wording in the 1910 convention, reads: "The two high contracting parties recognize the independence and territorial integrity of the Empire of China and the principle of equal opportunity in whatever concerns commerce and industries of all nations in that empire, and engage to sustain and defend the maintenance of the status quo and respect for this principle by all the specific means within their reach."

HARRISON ADMITS MAIL ROBBERY

Confesses Looting B. & O. Train at Central, W. Va.

GETS 12-YEAR PRISON TERM

Bandit Relates Details Of \$102,000 Hold-Up For First Time To United States Marshal Smith.

Martinsburg, W. Va.—The trial of Jeff Harrison, of San Antonio, Texas, for holding up a Baltimore and Ohio mail train at Central Station, W. Va., on the night of October 9, 1915, and looting a mail car of unsigned national bank notes to the amount of \$102,000, came to an abrupt termination in the United States Court here, when the accused man arose and declared to Judge Dayton that he wished to change his plea of not guilty, to one of guilty to that count of the indictment which charged him with placing in jeopardy the lives of Government railway postal officials.

District Attorney Walker accepted the plea and Judge Dayton immediately sentenced Harrison to 12 years in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. The trial of Eugene Diaz, an alleged member of the gang of bandits of which Harrison was the active head, and who was indicted jointly with Harrison, probably will not take place until next week. Diaz is alleged to have made a confession to District Attorney Walker, and is said to have implicated several others than those under arrest.

Harrison, for the first time since his arrest, talked freely with United States Marshal Smith, after being sentenced. He told of climbing into the engine cab and at the point of a revolver compelling Engineer Grant Helms, after the engine and mail cars had been detached from the rest of the train, to run the locomotive two miles down the track, where the mail cars were riddled and \$102,000 in unsigned currency taken. Harrison and his companion then fled to the woods, where they divided their loot and remained a few days. They then separated.

Harrison said he returned to his home in San Antonio, Texas, where he reopened his machine shop after burying \$28,000 under the floor. This was recovered when the Federal authorities searched the shop after his arrest. He said he had never killed a man, but was present when his gang murdered a postal clerk in Alabama several years ago. For his part in the crime he was sentenced to life imprisonment, but President McKinley commuted it to 10 years and President Roosevelt pardoned him after he had served seven years.

AMERICAN CITED FOR BRAVERY.

Robert Bowman, Of Illinois, Ambulance Driver In France.

Paris.—Robert Bowman, of Lake Forest, Ill., a driver of Section No. 1 of the American Field Ambulance Service, has been cited in the orders of the day for "scrupulous devotion to duty, never hesitating in the presence of danger." "From August 20 to 30," the citation continues, "he worked constantly, day and night, in the zone of an intense bombardment. His ambulance and wounded men whom he was transporting were struck by bursting shells. His coolness and presence of mind were remarkable."

COXEY SEEKS NOMINATION.

Former Leader Of Unemployed Wants To Be Senator.

Columbus, O.—Jacob S. Coxey, of Massillon, O., who more than 29 years ago led "Coxey's Army" of unemployed on a long march to Washington, fled papers with the Secretary of State as an independent candidate for United States Senator. Coxey is the only independent candidate for office on the Ohio ticket.

FRENCH CARRY ENEMY TRENCHES

Assault Lasting But 30 Minutes Yields First Line.

ANOTHER DASH TO EASTWARD

Following Up Their Rapid Offensive Movement, French Forces Capture Strategic Eminence and Marriers Wood.

London.—With the swiftest assault yet recorded in the Somme battle, the French captured the whole system of German first-line trenches between the region south of Combles and the Somme, accomplishing the feat in less than half an hour. Without a moment's halt they followed up this success and vigorously pushed forward to the east, reaping the fruits of their initial blow.

They took the strategically important Hill No. 145, and captured the whole of Marriers Wood. The end of this whirlwind attack saw the French in complete possession of the Teuton trenches as far as the Peronne-Bethune highway, which they are now menacing, having pushed their lines within a short distance of it, parallel to the Rancourt-Bouchavesnes sector.

Farther south they advanced their front to ridge No. 75, west of Feuillancourt. Today's successful drive adds ominously to the menace of Peronne. It netted the French 1,500 prisoners.

Germans Pound British.

South of the river there was no infantry action today. Nor did the British resume the offensive of this part of the front north of the Somme. The Germans throughout last night played their big guns against the British sector between Delville Wood and the Moquet Farm.

Berlin officially admitted this afternoon that Ginchy village was lost to the British yesterday.

An official review of the Somme operations says that numerous German counter-attacks between September 2 and 6 cost the Germans enormous losses. During this period the French captured 36 guns, 28 of them of the big calibre, 6 bomb throwers, 2 trench guns, 1 munitions depot, several hundred machine guns, one captive balloon and about 7,000 prisoners.

A Methodical Offensive.

Between August 28 and September 9 the French took 1,400 prisoners and 30 machine guns in the Fleury-Vaux-Chapitre sector, on the Verdun front. The summary continues:

"We are successfully pursuing our continuous methodical progress. German newspapers admit the crushing effect of our artillery, which enables our infantry to conquer ground at minimum losses. Our attacks have demoralized and decimated the enemy, and we have made numerous prisoners. The Germans remain, everywhere on the defense, even at Verdun, where we are progressing daily."

ALL BUT ONE OFFICER WOMEN.

Sons and Daughters Of Liberty End National Convention.

Newburgh, N. Y.—These officers were elected at the National Convention of the Sons and Daughters of Liberty: National Councilor, Walter D. Rhea, Philadelphia; Associate, Margaret B. Wolfkiel, Jersey City; Vice-Councilor, Mrs. Lottie M. Macomber, Malden, Mass.; guide, Mrs. Matilda Daywalt, Richmond, Va.; Inside Guard, Mrs. Ida Apel, Dayton, Ohio. The next convention will be held at Atlantic City.

PAGE ON AUSTRO-ITALIAN FRONT

American Ambassador Accompanied By Two Attaches.

Udine, Italy.—Thomas Nelson Page, the American Ambassador, arrived here for his visit to the Austro-Italian front. He was accompanied by Capt. Elvin R. Helberg, military attaché, and Lieut. Com. Charles Russell Train, naval attaché of the embassy. They were received by both the military and civil authorities, and will be guests of the supreme command of the Italian Army while they remain at the front, which will be about a week.

47TH EXHIBIT AT WINCHESTER.

Shenandoah Valley Fair Opens For Four-Day Session.

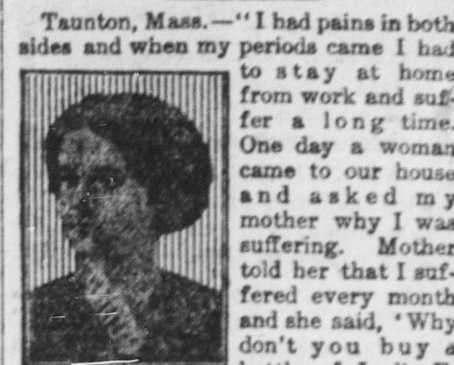
Winchester, Va.—The forty-seventh annual exhibition of the Shenandoah Valley Agricultural Society was opened here Tuesday with practically every inch of exhibiting space filled with exhibits. The grounds are crowded with many forms of amusement and games of chance. The Panama Exposition Carnival Company, occupying over 1,000 feet of frontage, is one of the principal attractions.

BANK ROBBED OF \$6,000.

Four Men Hold Up Cashier Of A Florida Institution. Miami, Fla.—Four men held up the cashier of a bank at Homestead, Fla., and robbed the safe of \$6,000. They escaped in an automobile. Posses are in pursuit.

GIRL COULD NOT WORK

How She Was Relieved from Pain by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.



Taunton, Mass.—"I had pains in both sides and when my periods came I had to stay at home from work and suffer a long time. One day a woman came to our house and asked my mother why I was suffering. Mother told her that I suffered every month and she said, 'Why don't you buy a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound?' My mother bought it and the next month I was so well that I worked all the month without staying at home a day. I am in good health now and have told lots of girls about it."—Miss CLARICE MORIN, 22 Russell Street, Taunton, Mass.

Thousands of girls suffer in silence every month rather than consult a physician. If girls who are troubled with painful or irregular periods, backache, headache, dragging-down sensations, fainting spells or indigestion would take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a safe and pure remedy made from roots and herbs, much suffering might be avoided.

"Write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass. (confidential) for free advice which will prove helpful."

TO SEEK MISSING EXPLORERS

Russians Who Went to Arctic in 1912 May Yet Be Living.

Apparently hope has not been abandoned entirely of rescuing the members, or some of them, of the Russian polar expeditions which sailed in 1912 in the steam schooner Saint Anna, under command of Lieutenant Brusiloff of the Russian navy, and the motor vessel Hercules, which was in charge of the geologist, M. Bonsonoff. Traces may be discovered in the northern Arctic, in the vicinity of Greenland, and of the North American archipelago.

Through the consul general for Russia appeals are made to all commercial enterprises, navigators, and scientific expeditions cruising in the polar seas and engaged in research work in these regions, and also to the inhabitants along the coastline, to devote efforts to the discovery of traces of the missing explorers.

Dr. Peery's "DEAD SHOT" is an effective medicine for Worms or Tapeworm in adults or children. One dose is sufficient and no supplemental purge necessary.—Adv.

It is said that a lion will not attack a trainer who is perfumed with lavender.

OH! MY BACK

A stubborn backache is cause to suspect kidney trouble. When the kidneys are inflamed and swollen, stooping brings a sharp twinge in the small of the back, that almost takes the breath away. Soon there may be other symptoms; scanty, painful or too frequent urination, headaches, dizziness, or rheumatic pains. Don't wait for these troubles to become serious—use Doan's Kidney Pills at once. You'll find no better recommended remedy.

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