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French by Destruction of Railways Effected Their Retreat Almost Unscathed—British Retirement Was Made With Great Difficulty—Their Successful Withdrawal Was Largely Due to the Gallantry of Three Irish Regiments—Austro-Hungarians Continue Their Attacks on the Serbians in the Albanian Mountains and on the Montenegrins in Their Hills—There Has Been Increased Artillery Activity in the West.

London, Dec. 12, 1915. p. m.—The Anglo-French troops, who last week began their retreat from their advanced positions in the Balkans, are now approaching, if they have not crossed, the Greek frontier and the attitude Greece will adopt becomes more and more important.

Despatches from Athens and news available in London indicate that the master which was the Greek and allied military authorities at Saloniki, is being amicably arranged and that the allies will not require to that city without any interruption on the part of the Greeks and will be permitted to remain there.

Questions Seriously Occupying Greece. Questions which are seriously occupying the Greek government are those to do with the use of the railways, which are needed for the Greek troops and the demoralized Greek population.

Withdrawal of British Difficult. The British who have advanced farther from the railway to the Greek frontier, are finding it more difficult to accomplish when required to do so.

What the next move will be is known only to the allied staffs, but it is generally believed that the Anglo-French forces will fall back to Saloniki, where they will be fortified.

Continued Attacks in Albania. The Austro-Hungarians continue their attacks on the Serbians in the Albanian mountains and on the Montenegrins in the hills, but apparently their advance is considerably checked.

Increased Artillery Activity. There has been increased artillery activity on the western front since the arrival of colder weather.

Difficulties Attending Evacuation of Belgrade. Told by Dr. William D. Sharpe, Who Was There.

New York, Dec. 12.—Dr. William D. Sharpe of Brighton, Ontario, who said he was in charge of the British military hospital at Belgrade for three months previous to the occupation of the Serbian capital by the Austro-German forces, arrived here today on the steamer Clyde from Liverpool.

British Oil Tanker in Distress. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 12.—The British oil tanker Shamonee is in distress off the coast of Newfoundland.

Professional Skater Takes His Own Life. Joseph L. Pettin Had Appeared in Many New England Contests.

Rev. Dr. Meyer Elkin. Hartford, Conn., Dec. 12.—The Rev. Dr. Meyer Elkin, one of the best known rabbis in New England, died in hospital here tonight after an operation.

Abandoned Eight Field Guns During Further Retreat Expected. London, Dec. 12, 8.50 p. m.—Casualties aggregating 1,500 and the loss of eight field guns were reported today as being taken from the front.

Cabled Paragraphs

Greece to Withdraw Troops From Saloniki. Paris, Dec. 12.—According to information received here from Athens today the Greek government had agreed to withdraw its troops from Saloniki.

58,000 AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN PRISONERS LET FREE. By the Teutonic Forces During Their Drive Through Serbia.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—(By Wireless to Sayville).—Twenty-five thousand Austro-Hungarians who had been made prisoner by the Serbians were freed by the Teutonic forces during their drive through Serbia, a statement issued by the Overseas News Service today says.

GERMAN EMBARGO ON EXPORT OF DYESTUFFS. Notwithstanding Great Britain Has Granted Permission For Its Shipment.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Failure to move dyestuffs from Europe to the United States is due to Germany in its embargo on the export of dyestuffs, a statement issued yesterday at the state department.

BRITISH ATTACK REPULSED. NEAR NEUVE CHAPELLE. Endeavored to Surprise the German Lines There.

Berlin, Dec. 12, via London, 5.45 p. m.—Repulse of a attack by a British division in the region of Neuve Chapelle on the French front is officially announced in today's army headquarters' statement.

AMENDMENT TO PREVENT ANY WAR OF AGGRESSION. Senator Owen Would Submit It to Popular Vote.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Senator Owen of Oklahoma today introduced a constitutional amendment to prevent any war of aggression by this nation with any other nation.

MASSACHUSETTS ANTI-SUFFRAGISTS SPENT \$64,000. During the Recent Campaign—Suffrage Advocates Expended \$87,000.

THREE BRITISH BATTALIONS SURRENDER TO TURKS. Were Surrounded Near Kut-el-Amara—Further Retreat Expected.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—(By Wireless to Sayville).—According to private advices from Constantinople, the British Overseas News Agency today, "Three British battalions of the army that retreated down the Tigris from the city of Bagdad, were surrounded by Turkish troops near Kut-el-Amara and surrendered."

BRITISH STEAMER ASHORE ON ST. PIERRE ISLAND. Crew of Thirty, with the Exception of a Cabin Boy, Were Rescued.

St. John's, N. F., Dec. 12.—The British steamer St. Kilda, bound from Sydney, C. E. to Lewisport, N. F., with coal, ran ashore on the west side of St. Pierre island today and probably will be a total wreck.

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BRITISH CASUALTIES IN SERBIA, 1,500. Abandoned Eight Field Guns During Further Retreat Expected.

City Hotel, Northampton, Burned. Northampton, Mass., Dec. 12.—Twenty guests of the City hotel were drawn from their rooms early yesterday by a fire which partly destroyed the building.

Five Cities Want Annual Report of Sec. Daniels

INDICATIONS ARE GOOD FOR ST. LOUIS OR CHICAGO

HONOLULU MAKES BID

Members of the Republican National Committee Are Arriving in Washington for Their Meeting on Tuesday

Washington, Dec. 12.—Most of the hallmarks of the republican national committee had reached Washington tonight for their meeting Tuesday to discuss upon the time and place for holding the 1916 convention of the republican party.

Five Cities Make Bids. Five cities want the convention—Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco and Honolulu—and so far as can be learned most of the committee members have been notified of the bids.

Meeting Will Be Harmonious. Apparently the meeting will be harmonious. The question of reduced representation has been settled.

Dinner Tonight. One of the events of the gathering of the republican clubs will be a dinner to be given at the National Republican League and the League of Women Voters.

Over Committee Designations Recommended by Steering Committee. Washington, Dec. 12.—The first week of the sixty-fourth congress, which is destined to be historic in the nation's annals, brought about virtually harmonious organization in both houses.

TALK OF GREAT RAILROAD STRIKE IN THE SPRING. If Necessary to Enforce a Demand for an Eight Hour Day.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Talk of a great railroad strike in the spring if necessary to enforce a demand for an eight hour day is being revived.

BARGE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SUNK BY COLLISION. With Three Masted Schooner Off Seakonnet Point.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 12.—Barge No. 782, which was carrying a quantity of lumber, is believed to have been sunk in a collision with an unidentified three-masted schooner off Seakonnet Point last night.

PROTEST AGAINST THE BRITISH EMBARGO ON THE EXPORTATION OF LOGWOOD FROM JAMAICA.

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REPRESENTATIVE STEPHENS OF CALIFORNIA INTRODUCED A BILL ASKING A HIGHWAY FUND OF \$100,000,000.

THE DISABLED HILL STEAMER MINNESOTA, WHICH IS BEING TOWED TO THE PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO, WAS LAST NIGHT WITH A SOUTHEAST GALE BEHIND HER HELPING TUGS.

FIVE SUBMARINES UNDER CONSTRUCTION FOR RUSSIA BY THE ELECTRIC BOAT CO. PLANT AT VANCOUVER, B. C.

SCULPTOR PAUL MERIOT SUICIDES. Paul Meriot, a New York sculptor, committed suicide early yesterday at the home of Lillian V. Bruno.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMSHIPS. Rotterdam, Dec. 11.—Arrived, steamer Ryndam, New York.

Condensed Telegrams

Kaiser Wilhelm will go to Brussels for a three-day visit.

The Norwegian Parliament will not award the Nobel peace prize this year.

The Danish steamer Minsk, reported sunk, is now reported to have been beached.

The Ford Motor Car Co. has secured 20 acres of land adjoining its Detroit plant for additions.

A bill was introduced in the Senate by Senator Thompson of Kansas, providing for national-wide prohibition.

The Spanish Government will permit the American trade mission to be free of duty and transportation tax.

Edward Hossom Owen, a cloth merchant of Manchester, Eng., bequeathed \$750,000 to the Salvation Army.

Fire destroyed the plant of the German-American Foundry at Bonton, N. J. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

Two men were injured, and all traffic stopped by a freight wreck near Andalusia, Pa.

The Colonial line steamer Concord, which sailed from New York, was obliged to put back to port with a broken propeller blade.

Five members of the French Trade Commission sent to inspect materials for the Yacobi Indians on the Mexican west coast has been quitted.

An extra guard was placed about the Pittsburgh Black & White mill, following an attack by striking choppers.

An earthquake of four minutes duration was recorded by the seismograph at St. Louis, Mo., on Dec. 12, from 3:16 to 3:20 yesterday afternoon.

George B. Beard, aged about 70, one of the best known business men of Lewiston, Me., died in a Portland hospital, following an operation.

Richard Elmore, 65 years old, of Stapleton, S. I., was found frozen to death on the coast of the Fox Hills Golf Club, where he was employed.

Rumania's requisition of a merchant ship is reported to be a precautionary measure to prevent the sale of any ships to foreign powers.

Fire destroyed a building occupied by Hand, McNally Co., publishers, at 100 N. 10th St., St. Paul, Minn., following an explosion of dynamite.

The Cambria Steel Co., and M. A. Hanna & Co. have purchased jointly five 100-ton freight steamers from steamship lines of Tonawanda, N. Y.

The Derby plant of the Secoy Manufacturing Co., was purchased by the Maxim Munitions Corporation, and will be used to manufacture cartridges.

The Washington State Supreme Court affirmed the decision of the lower court preventing the sale of liquor in the state after January 1, 1916.

An order for a large number of pack saddles to cost about \$2,500,000 was received by the Studebaker Corporation from a European government.

A protest against the British embargo on the exportation of logwood from Jamaica was filed with the State Department by a delegation from New Jersey.

Emil L. Gerard was arrested while walking about the grounds of the Capitol in Washington carrying a sign saying "War is Murder, Preparation is Murder."

The United Mine Workers are seeking a joint conference between coal operators and miners of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and western Pennsylvania to arrange new contracts.

Emperor William and King Ferdinand of Bulgaria have sent personal letters to the British monarch congratulating him on the success of the Dardanelles campaign.

Representative Stephens of California introduced a bill asking a highway fund of \$100,000,000. He proposes a national defense highway giving employment to several thousand men.

The disabled Hill steamer Minnesota, which is being towed to the port of San Francisco, was last night with a southeast gale behind her helping tugs.

Five submarines under construction for Russia by the Electric Boat Co. plant at Vancouver, B. C. are completed and ready for delivery.

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CURT NOTE SENT AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

Regarding the Sinking of the Italian Steamship Ancona in the Mediterranean Sea

DEMANDS PROMPT DENOUNCEMENT OF THE ACT

Asks for Punishment of the Submarine Commander and for Reparation by the Payment of Indemnity for the Killing of Innocent American Citizens—Asserts That Unless the Demands Are Quickly Complied With Diplomatic Relations Between the Two Countries Will be in Grave Danger of Being Severed—Most Emphatic Declaration to Come From the United States Government Since the Beginning of the European War.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The text of the American note to Austria-Hungary regarding the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona, made public tonight, reveals a formal demand by the United States for prompt denunciation of the "illegal and indefensible" act for punishment of the submarine commander and for reparation by the payment of indemnity for the killing and injuring of innocent American citizens.

These demands follow a statement informing Austria-Hungary that "the good relations" of the two countries are being severed because of the law and humanity. The note attributes the shelling and torpedoing of the liner as "inhuman, barbarous" and a "wanton slaughter" of "helpless men, women and children."

In official and diplomatic circles the communication is regarded as being the most emphatic declaration to come from the United States government since the beginning of the European war. No attempt is made to conceal the fact that, unless the demands are quickly complied with, the severance of relations between the two countries will be in grave danger of being severed.

The text of the note, which was handed to the Austrian ambassador here Thursday by Ambassador Penfield, follows:

Text of the Note. The secretary of state to Ambassador Penfield: "Department of State, Washington, Dec. 8, 1915. 'Please deliver a note to the minister of foreign affairs, textually as follows: Information from Survivors.

Reliable information obtained from American and other sources indicates that passengers on the steamship Ancona shows that on Nov. 7, a submarine flying the Austro-Hungarian flag fired a solid shot toward the steamship; that thereupon the Ancona was torpedoed and sunk, and several persons were injured, among whom were citizens of the United States.

Public Statement of Austrian Admiralty. The public statement of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty has been brought to the attention of the government of the United States and received careful consideration.

The Austro-Hungarian government has no objection to the payment of indemnity to the citizens of the United States who were killed or injured, but it insists that the government of the United States should not demand that the imperial and royal government of Austria-Hungary should be held responsible for the act.

Asks for Punishment of Officer. "As the good relations of the two countries must rest upon a common regard for law and humanity, the government of the United States should not be expected to do otherwise than to demand that the imperial and royal government of Austria-Hungary should be held responsible for the act.

RELIGIOUS PARTICIPATION IN PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS. Approved by Rectors of 24 Protestant Episcopal Churches in New York.

New York, Dec. 12.—Rectors of 24 of the largest Protestant Episcopal churches in the city announced their approval of the determination of the Episcopal board of missions to participate with the representatives of the largest Protestant bodies in the forthcoming Pan-American congress.

POSTMASTER GENERAL BURLER'S ANNUAL REPORT. European War Has Cost American Postal Service \$21,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Postmaster General Burleson's annual report made public last night says the European war has cost the American postal service \$21,000,000, but that economies of administration have reduced the audited deficit to a little more than \$11,000,000.

BRYAN FAILED TO ANSWER SUMMONS. To Appear as Witness in a Libel Suit—May Be Adjudged in Contempt.

New York, Dec. 12.—William J. Bryan, former secretary of state, in an order signed by Supreme Court Justice Whitaker today, was declared in default for failure to answer a summons to appear as a witness in the suit for alleged libel brought by Petrus T. Tattaris against D. J. and S. J. Vlahito.

OBITUARY. Samuel Worcester. Hollis, N. H., Dec. 12.—Samuel Worcester, compiler of a dictionary, and widely known throughout the state as a linguist, died at his home here of heart disease yesterday, aged 75 years. He had been ill since the death of a son ten days ago.

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