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## SERBIAN ARMY IS NEAR CAPTURE

### SHOT THROUGH THE HEART WHILE STRAPPED IN CHAIR

Hillstrom Pronounced Dead Thirteen Seconds After Rifles Barked Out in Reveille of Death.

### CALLED THE MOST HUMANE EXECUTION

Made Insane Frenzied Attack on the Guards Who Came to Get Him and Lead Him Out in Yard to be Shot.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Nov. 19.—Shot through the heart while blindfolded, and strapped in a chair, Joseph Hillstrom, young I. W. W. leader, convicted of murdering two men here for robbery in January, 1914, was legally executed by the state today.

The pleadings of the Swedish government and President Wilson's intervention on two occasions, failed to save Hillstrom.

Hillstrom's unsupported defense that he was elsewhere at a married woman's house on the night the two men were murdered, was disregarded by the authorities. He went to his death with the woman's name, if true, his own secret. She did not come forward to save him.

Hillstrom was pronounced dead within thirteen seconds after he was shot at 7:45 a. m.

The doctors pronounced the execution "most humane" and "obviously superior to hanging." Hillstrom himself chose to be shot by a firing squad instead of dying on the scaffold. The Utah law gives a condemned man his choice.

Hillstrom went to his death fighting in an insane frenzy. In some unknown manner he had concealed a broom handle in his cell. When the door of the death cell opened, Hillstrom leaped upon the guards, swinging his club fiercely on their heads, severely cutting one about the scalp and face.

He was led to a big congress chair about twenty paces distant from five holes in the blacksmith shop door.

The guards quickly shoved him into the chair and buckled more straps about his legs and arms, rendering him helpless in the chair.

Hillstrom straightened up and moistened his lips with his tongue.

Physicians found on examination that his heart was pumping hard. They pinned a white target over his heart and the target stood boldly out against the dark shirt the doomed man wore.

Sheriff Corless shouted "aim." Five rifles were thrust out of the holes in the door.

"Fire, let 'er go," shrieked Hillstrom, grinning. He was plainly grinning, a horrible death grin, it seemed to the eye witnesses.

### TURKEY

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BERLIN, (via Sayville wireless) Nov. 19.—The sinking of a British monitor with its entire crew on the Tigris, is reported today in an official statement from Constantinople under last Sunday's date.

The vessel was one of those the British are using in their advance on Bagdad.

Two British land attacks at S. Bahr near the tip of the Gallipoli peninsula were announced in the art. One was quickly repulsed, the Turks, in the second the British reached the Ottoman trench where their flank was subjected to terrific fire and a counter attack eat them back.

On the Irak front an enemy aeroplane was shot down and its pilot and observer captured.

### BALKANS

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ATHENS, Nov. 19.—In an effort to distract the Bulgars from southeastern Serbia where they are sweeping everything before them, the French are hurling all their strength against the Bulgarian forces on the Vardar river today.

The French troops' situation is favorable. They have already won some successes and seem on the eve of gaining fresh ground, but it is feared they are not numerous enough to follow up their advantage to the utmost.

Message after message has come back from the front calling for reinforcements.

The Vardar river struggle has been of the most desperate character. The Bulgars were on the southwestern bank of the stream when it began.

They were forced back and across it by the deadly French artillery which more than offsets their numerical superiority.

Northeast of this battlefield, the British backed by French cannon, are still hammering at Strumitza's defenses. The Bulgars are holding out stubbornly.

In the southwest, Serb refugees are streaming across the frontier into Greece in ever increasing numbers.

The Bulgars invaders in this district seem to be ignoring the Vardar river fighting completely. They are advancing to the southward, through the upper Tzerna valley, completely overwhelming the weak forces of Serbs who oppose them.

### FRANCE

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] PARIS, Nov. 19.—Hotter fighting than the southern extremity of the Franco-German line has seen in weeks, is reported in today's official communique.

"In Alsace," says the report, "in the regions of the Uffholtz plateau and Hartmannswillerkopf, there have been fierce combats with artillery, trench engines and grenades.

A fleet of eight German aeroplanes attacked Luneville, and although five of them were quickly driven away by anti-airship guns, three succeeded in dropping a few bombs, but did little damage."

Submarine Destroyed. ROME, Nov. 19.—Destruction by France-Italian torpedo catchers of an Austrian submarine in the Mediterranean is reported here today.

Will Roosevelt Join the Allies? Rumor That Ex-President May Volunteer to Fight With Canadian Soldiers.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 19.—"Colonel Roosevelt certainly would make a bonnie fighter," said Maj. Gen. Sam Hughes, minister of militia of Canada.

Working southward from Uzice, to intercept the Serbs' flight westward, the Austrians are entering the Uvaca river section and southeast of there have occupied Javor, twenty-five miles west and a little north of Razka.

A little southeast of Javor, the heights near Gollja Planina have also been occupied.

### CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF BOMB CONSPIRATORS

State Department Delays Diplomatic Action Against Pro-German Propagandists in Order to Get Stronger Evidence.

### DISCUSSED AT CABINET MEETING TODAY

Formal Protest to Austria Over Sinking of Liner Ancona, is Expected to be Ready to Send Some Time Next Week.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—The state department is delaying diplomatic action against Austrian Consul Von Nuber and other teutonic agents involved in bomb, passport and other conspiracy charges, because criminal prosecution of the guilty persons is preferred by the administration.

The department of justice, however, was almost ready today to submit its evidence in the pro-German Austrian plots charged by Dr. Joseph Gorlick, to a grand jury.

Protest to Austria. WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—President Wilson and cabinet, today considered the formal protest to be made to Austria regarding the sinking of the Ancona.

Oh Piffle! [United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Published reports from Paris to the effect that Mrs. Norman Gall, fiancée of President Wilson was having some of her gowns made in France were classified as "piffle" today at the white house.

Dangerous Gales. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Dangerous gales on the Great Lakes, as high as 76 miles an hour were reported by the weather bureau today.

At Cabinet Meeting. WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—There were strong indications that the chief features of the cabinet meeting today was an extended discussion of operation of alleged pro-German propagandists said to be working this country with the resultant bomb explosions, munition plant fires and disturbances of trade conditions.

Denies the Story. NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Chris Rehban, secretary of the "friends of peace and justice society," today characterized as a "lie" a newspaper story that he had "shot the president."

New Development. EL PASO, Texas, Nov. 19.—An entirely new development in the Carranza-Villa civil war was the unexpected announcement by Col. Hipolito Villa in a patriotic address that the Villa forces under Gen. Canuto Reyes had occupied Torreon.

What the War Moves Mean By J. W. T. Mason, Former European Manager of the United Press.

### GERMANY

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BERLIN, (via Sayville wireless) Nov. 19.—The German air fleet attacked the British camp at Poperinghe on the west front Thursday, said today's official war office statement.

5,000 MORE PRISONERS. BERLIN (via Sayville wireless) Nov. 19.—Five thousand more Serb prisoners were taken by the Germans, Austrians and Bulgars Thursday, an official statement announced today.

### AUSTRIA

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BERLIN, (via Sayville wireless) Nov. 19.—A successful bombardment by Austrian aviators Thursday of the Italian San Nicolo and Alberoni forts and the Venice hangar, railroad station, gas plant and barracks is reported officially from Vienna today.

### ITALY

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ROME, Nov. 19.—Another raid on Venice Thursday night by five Austrian aeroplanes was announced officially today, but it was said little damage was done and that there were no casualties.

NEARLY SURROUNDED. VIENNA, (via Berlin, Amsterdam and London) Nov. 19.—Nearly surrounded in the mountains on the border of the Novibazar Sanja, the Serbs shatterd main army of the north is making today what probably is its last stand fight.

It is presumed the Serbs' present fight is made in the forlorn hope of reinforcements arrival from the south, of which there is a possibility.

ROUMANIA MUST ACT. ROME, Nov. 19.—Roumania's part in the war hangs on the decision of a cabinet council now in progress in Bucharest, today's dispatches from the Roumanian capital indicate.

AN ALMOST BLIZZARD. CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—Snow whipped by a strong wind, gave Chicago an "almost blizzard" today. Surface and elevated cars moved slowly and avoided accidents.

### THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and Vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday. Warmer Saturday.

For Iowa: Generally fair tonight and Saturday. Slightly colder east portion tonight. Rising temperature Saturday. Strong northwest winds diminishing tonight and shifting to the southwest Saturday.

River Bulletin. Flood stage change La Crosse ..... 12 7.0 x0.2 Dubuque ..... 18 5.4 x0.8 Davenport ..... 15 5.4 x0.8 Keokuk ..... 14 5.8 x0.2 St. Louis ..... 20 9.6 x1.2

Local Observations. Nov. Bar. Ther. Wind W'thr 18 7 p. m. ... 29.54 39 NW Rain 19 7 a. m. ... 29.49 39 W Cl'dy Precipitation in 24 hours .08 in. Mean temperature 42; highest 49; lowest 36; lowest last night 32. FRED Z. GOSEVICH, Observer.

### The War in Mexico

Latest Developments Among Our Revolutionary Neighbors of the South.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DOUGLAS, Ariz., Nov. 19.—General Villa reported wounded, was today attempting to retain his last foothold on Mexican soil.

The battle for Sonora state was raging at two separate points. Villa had attacked Hermosillo while General Obregon, commander in chief of the Carranza armies, was attacking rich Cananea.

cents lower than on the same day last year. The market is wobbling badly.

Today, with the blue blooded "white fancies" quoted at 72 cents a dozen. But several commission men said they believe the price for fresh eggs will go little if any higher and that the first sharp break in the storage egg market will bring fresh egg prices tumbling down.

George E. Cutler, Greenwich street wholesale egg dealer, admitted today that the egg men had expected to sell large supplies of cold storage eggs to British agents. But heavy war munition shipments and a scarcity of merchant vessels boosted shipping rates out of sight and made it unprofitable to send bulky cargoes of eggs to England.

Instead of sharing in the profits of the ammunition makers, the egg men today find themselves with about 525,000 more cases of cold storage eggs on their hands at this time than they had last year and no great demand for them.

ermments before setting out for Roma. There will be no powers of course, to enter into formal negotiations, but unquestionably they will possess information concerning the general outline of possible peace terms.

Not since the overthrow of the pope's temporal sovereignty, has a consistory been held from which such vast consequences therefore may spring as the coming meeting of prelates at Rome.

There can be little doubt but that the cardinals will be taken largely into the confidence of their own gov-

ernments before setting out for Roma. There will be no powers of course, to enter into formal negotiations, but unquestionably they will possess information concerning the general outline of possible peace terms.

Some of the belligerent governments can afford to neglect the opportunity which the consistory offers of participating in an informal discussion of reasons which are compelling the war to continue.

Certainly there will be large differences in the sentiments of the cardinals. The only hope that their comparisons of views may be beneficial lies in the fact that they are all men of national patriotism and will sincerely represent the interests of their fellow countrymen.