

SERVIANS RETAKE BELGRADE AUSTRIAN INVADERS BEATEN

VIENNA CALMLY ADMITS DEFEAT BY TINY SLAV NEIGHBOR—FIGHTING IN HUNGARY AND POLAND INDECISIVE IN CHARACTER

London, Dec. 14.—The Serbians after a fierce battle have recaptured Belgrade, according to a Nish dispatch to Reuters' Telegram company.

The most striking feature of the day's official news is the candid admission by the Austrian government of the defeat of the Austrian army in Serbia and apparently of the abandonment of its third attempt to invade its Slav neighbor.

Battle in Hungary

The progress of the war in northern Hungary is less definite. German wireless reports in candor equal the Austrian bulletins. They speak of the "severe resistance," which the German and Austrian arms are encountering in South Poland and in Galicia, adding that it is evident the Austrian forces in the Carpathians are not numerically strong enough to clear the Russians out of Hungarian territory. But the Austrians claim that they are driving down the northern slopes of the Carpathians the Russian invaders, who were last week in occupation of several towns south of that mountain range.

Poland is fast becoming another Belgium in point of suffering, while the opposing armies drive each other back and forth, occupy and reoccupy cities and villages and inflict upon the inhabitants bombardments similar to those suffered in Belgium and northern France.

Looting and Cruelty

More than 400 Polish towns have been ruined, according to various accounts of correspondents. Each army accuses the other of looting and cruelty. The flight of the civilians from Lodz was one of the most tragic episodes of the war, while one correspondent pictures the fate of Kalisz as a repetition of Louvain, with the slaughter of 400 civilians and the sacking of the city.

Civil War in Poland

A distressing feature of the fighting in Poland lies in the fact that the blood kindred are pitted against each other. There are several hundred thousand Poles in the Russian ranks and several hundred thousand more in the ranks of the Germans and Austrians.

The Germans claim a distinct gain in their position in northern Poland, although they are not believed to be so near Warsaw as the report last week indicated. On the other hand, the Russians announce a strategic re-arrangement of the forces in that field, which strengthens their position.

An Austrian Success

In a late report tonight the Austrians announced that they have recaptured the important point of Dukla to the north of Przemysl and Cracow, but nearer to the former, with the capture of 3,000 prisoners.

The main issue in the eastern theater of the war—whether the German and Austrian armies aided by the German operations in northern and central Poland and the Austrian advance across the Carpathians, will shake the Russian grip from the Przemysl and Cracow fortresses—remains unchanged.

No News in West

The day has shown no important developments in the western theater. The French war office reports artil-

FRIENDS URGE HIM SO SEN. MYERS WILL RUN

REP. EVANS ALSO ADMITS THAT HIS SUPPORTERS ALSO WANT HIM TO MAKE RACE

Washington, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Senator Myers today confirmed reports of Montana newspapers that he is a candidate for re-election. He said that prior to his recent visit home he expected to return to the practice of law at the end of his present term in the senate, but that at the request of many democratic friends he has decided to be a candidate for re-election and since his return here has written some of them accordingly.

Senator Myers declined to discuss the reported candidacy of Representative Evans and Governor Stewart.

Representative Evans today, while declining to say he is a candidate for the senate, admitted that his friends have urged him to enter the race.

The secretary of the interior has requested the Montana senators to recommend a receiver of the land office to succeed George O. Freeman, whose term has expired.

BRITISH PURSUING LAST GERMAN REMNANT

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 14.—Two British warships have entered the straits of Magellan in pursuit of the German cruiser Dresden, which has taken refuge in Punta Arenas.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 14.—The German cruiser Dresden, now at Punta Arenas, damaged, will be allowed to make repairs, but must sail immediately after.

Tokio, Dec. 15.—It is reported here that a German converted cruiser, the Cormoran, has entered the harbor of Guam, in the Ladrones archipelago.

MUTILATOR OF DEAD PROMPTLY PUNISHED

Berlin, Dec. 14, via London, Dec. 15.—The newspapers today print the story of the killing and mutilation of a German sentry and comment appreciatively on the quick justice meted out by the French. The soldier was found dead, December 4. His ears had been cut off. The day following a French officer appeared before the Germans under a flag of truce and expressed the abhorrence of his regiment at the action of the culprit, who, he said, already had been condemned and shot.

HUNGER RESPONSIBLE FOR NEW YORK CRIME

New York, Dec. 14.—The police of New York city are trying to prevent crime by helping men in want. Police Commissioner Woods tonight told members of the federal club of the Sixth assembly district, asking for the co-operation of the public in making his policy of crime prevention effective. He said: "The professional has almost disappeared. Today those arrested are chiefly boys and men who have been driven to desperation by hunger."

HESITATE TO SEND WARSHIPS TO CANAL

Washington, Dec. 14.—Colonel Goethals' reiteration of his request for destroyers for use in influencing neutrality laws in Panama, canal zone was the subject of conferences today between Secretary of War Garrison, Counselor Lansing of the state department and Rear Admiral Fisk, chief of the navy's bureau of operations. No decision resulted and it was indicated tonight that, because of the delicacy of the questions involved and the scant information furnished by Colonel Goethals, it might be several days before any action was taken.

Secretary Garrison early in the day received a cablegram from Colonel Goethals in reply to his request for details concerning the call for destroyers. This message was not made public on account of its confidential nature, but Mr. Garrison said in Colonel Goethals' judgment, misuse of radio-communications within canal waters and the necessity of preventing misuse of the zone as a base of supply for belligerents, required the presence of swift moving war vessels.

"On THE TRAIL OF THE LONESOME PINE"



RIGHT OF NEUTRAL NATIONS TO BE PRESSED

PAN-AMERICAN UNION WILL TRY TO EXCLUDE ALL WARSHIPS FROM HEMISPHERE

Washington, Dec. 14.—Secretary Bryan has called a meeting Wednesday of the commission of nine recently appointed by the governing board of the Pan-American Union to devise plans for a more vigorous assertion of the rights of neutrals in the present war.

Although the recent naval battle in the South Atlantic has given England control of the commercial situation, the diplomats here are continuing their efforts to have all belligerent warships excluded from the waters of this hemisphere.

MEASURES TO RETIRE EMERGENCY PAPER

Washington, Dec. 14.—Steps were taken today by the federal reserve board to make retirement of emergency currency issued on commercial paper shortly after the outbreak of the European war more attractive to banks.

PROPOSAL TO REPEAL NEW LIQUOR LAW

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 14.—A movement seeking to repeal the prohibition law adopted at the November election was begun today when Ferdinand Schmidt, a wealthy resident of Seattle, filed with Secretary of State I. M. Howell, a copy of a liquor bill, he proposes submitting to the legislature by initiation next month. A special election for submission of the bill to the voters is asked for November 2, 1915.

The proposed law would become effective January 1, 1916, the same date as the new prohibition law.

SEVEN DIE BY GAS EXPLOSION IN OHIO

EIGHT OTHERS INJURED IN BAD ACCIDENT IN CLEVELAND—SAVED BY FIREMEN

Cleveland, Dec. 14.—A natural gas explosion in a two-story apartment house in Madison avenue tonight killed seven persons, seriously injured eight, and wrecked the building. Windows for a block around were broken and persons in a drugstore across the street were injured by broken glass.

The explosion blew out the walls of the building and the wreckage at once caught fire. Firemen dragged the dead and dying from the blazing mass at the risk of their lives.

SUBMARINE SINKS TURKISH BATTLESHIP

London, Dec. 14.—The official bureau announces that the submarine B-11 torpedoed the Turkish battleship Mesoudieh in the Dardanelles yesterday. The submarine went under five rows of mines to reach her victim. Although pursued by gunfire and torpedo boats, the submarine escaped, after being submerged nine hours. When last seen the Mesoudieh was sinking.

SHERIFF TAKES SON ON MURDER CHARGE

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 14.—Sheriff J. S. Eggers of Greenup, Ky., left here tonight with his 17-year-old son, Ernest, who is wanted in Kentucky to face trial on a charge of murder. Father and son appeared before Governor Ferris late today and waited hearing on extradition.

POSSIBLE TO AVERT STRIKE IN COLORADO

UNION OFFICIAL SAYS CONFERENCE ON ARTICLE FOUR, WHICH HAD BEEN WAIVED IN OTHER FIELDS, MIGHT HAVE HALTED WAR

Denver, Dec. 14.—"If the Colorado Fuel & Iron company allowed the strike to be called without going into a conference with the strike leaders, to see whether they would consent to the elimination of Article 4," declared Edward L. Doyle, secretary-treasurer of district 15, United Mineworkers of America, in his testimony today before the federal commission on industrial relations, "they did themselves and every one else an injustice."

CRIMINAL ACTIONS AGAINST BIG BUTTE MEN

Butte, Dec. 14.—Criminal action was begun in the district court here today against the directors of the defunct State Savings bank, charging them with accepting funds for deposit in the institution when they knew the bank was insolvent. The complaint was based on charges made by a real estate agent that the bank officials accepted a deposit of \$105 the day before the bank was closed. The defendants in the action are R. J. McDonald, W. R. Allen, Edward Hickey, C. E. Leonard, C. E. Kumpke and Arthur Pesham, all prominent business men of Butte.

CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS OPENED

Kansas City, Dec. 14.—Charitable organizations throughout this region have experienced heavy demands on their resources. In many of the districts churches and school buildings were thrown open for the homeless tonight.

COLD SNAP IN FLORIDA.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 14.—Forecasts of a 25 degree temperature tonight in central Florida set orange growers to work to protect their groves.

FIRST CHILLY WAVE PASSING EASTWARD

Chicago, Dec. 14.—The first cold wave of the year to seize the middle west probably will have passed by tomorrow night, according to the weather bureau, which tonight reported rising temperatures in the extreme northern states. The cold was passing to the east. Relief associations and private charities have contributed to hundreds. The police gave first aid to a score of ill-clad sufferers, who fainted from the cold.

MAYOR SMITH HELD NOT GUILTY

Criminal Libel Case Has Fallen Flat in Court in Bozeman

Bozeman, Dec. 14.—"Not guilty" was the unanimous verdict brought in by a jury in the case of the state against C. A. Smith, mayor of Butte, charged with criminal libel, which has been on trial here for four court days, being one of a number of cases growing out of the recent labor troubles in Butte, transferred from Silver Bow county on a change of venue. The specific ground of complaint in this case was an article appearing in the Butte Socialist which charged Otto Pufahl of Butte with being a "public degenerate from excessive alcoholism."

The prosecution sought to fix responsibility on Mayor Smith, who was formerly editor of The Socialist, while the defense maintained that the defendant was not editor of the publication at that time.

THREE WOMEN NURSES SAVE FIVE AT FIRE

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 14.—Three young women nurses saved the lives of five patients in the Thorn Hill sanitarium when it was discovered on fire today. The sanitarium stood in a remote inlet of the hills and men were scarce. The three nurses rushed through clouds of smoke and carried the helpless patients out to safety.

ANNE GOULD'S SON MAY LOSE ESTATE

Breslau, Dec. 14, via Berlin to London, Dec. 15.—The Breslau Zeitung demands the confiscation of the principality of Sagan, which stands in the name of Prince Howard of Sagan, son of Duke Helle and the Duchess of Teillyrand. The duchess was Anna Gould of New York. The confiscation is demanded as a reprisal against the alleged confiscation of German property in France.

TOTAL OF CASH IN VAULTS OF BANKS INCREASED

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STATEMENT OF BUSINESS OCT. 31 IN ALL THE NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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ALASKAN COAL O. K.

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WILSON GIVES MEXICANS ONE DAY

He Will Wait a Few Hours Before Ordering Battle Measures at Naco

COMMANDERS THERE NOT NOTIFIED YET

Although Authorities Have Had Ample Time to Comply With Our Demand

Washington, Dec. 14.—Although both Provisional President Gutierrez and General Carranza assured the American government that their forces had been instructed to confine their fire to Mexican territory, nothing official had been received late today to indicate the receipt of such instructions by the respective commanders at Naco. Officials here are unable to understand the delay in the delivery of the messages through American telegraph lines to Naco.

The general belief tonight was that President Wilson would wait at least another day, perhaps discussing the subject with his cabinet tomorrow, and then if the demands of the United States were not complied with the threat of the Washington government to return with artillery fire any firing into American territory would be carried out.

It Goes Right On

Naco, Ariz., Dec. 14.—Governor Jose Maytorena reiterated his denial today that he had received orders to cease firing in the siege of Naco, Sonora, which for two months has resulted in "stray" bullets and spent shells falling on the American side.

Bullets and spent shells from across the border fell today as usual, but without any reported casualties.