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ROMANIAN FORCE SHOT TO PIECES, RUSSIA REPORTS

Cavalry Almost Annihilated. Fall of Braila Expected Today.

(By the International News Service.) Berlin, via Sayville wireles, Dec. 18.—"According to Russian reports," says the Overseas News Agency, "the Rumanian cavalry has been almost annihilated. The Russians ascribe the most appalling loss to lack of military experience on the part of the Rumanians, whose cavalry recklessly hurled itself against infantry in fortified positions. Thus, according to the Russian newspaper Onesti Listok, the Rumanian crack cavalry regiment, of which the Queen of Rumania is the honorary head, lost at least five-sixths of its men. The Rumanian loss of officers is altogether two-thirds of the total in active service."

Near Besarabian Border. Field Marshal von Mackensen's whirlwind drive in the Dobruja has carried the Teuton troops within twenty-six miles of the Besarabian border. In three days this army has advanced fifty miles from its long maintained positions between Cernavoda, on the Danube, and the Teuton center, on the Danube. This important development is recorded in last night's supplementary bulletin of the Berlin war office. It states that Mackensen's troops have "crossed the line Sabadagh-Pecineaga. The left wing of this army, beyond Pecineaga, on the Danube, is now less than twenty miles south-east from Braila, the important Rumanian Danube port which with Macin and Galatz forms the last remaining source of supplies from Besarabia. Across the swamps, due west of Pecineaga, stands the Teuton center, which links the Dobruja army of Falkenhayn's forces. The latter's left flank is on the Danube. Thus, Falkenhayn and Mackensen have established their 100-mile front on an almost horizontal line from Buzen to the Black Sea, a formidable attacking front against Moldavia and Besarabia.

The central Russian forces west of the Danube have been marking time during the last thirty-six hours awaiting the advance of the Dobruja army. Now that this army has come up to its topographical level, the "big push" against Moldavia and Besarabia is expected to be launched momentarily.

Braila's Fall Expected. Braila, threatened from three sides, is expected to fall today. The capture of Rimnicu-Sarat, the railway city north of Buzen, also is imminent. Petrograd officially announced yesterday that the Rumanian army had been arrested in the region of the Ploesti Railway and around Batous (sixty-two miles south-west of Braila).

There is every indication, however, that this temporary halt in the Teuton offensive has been voluntary. Across the border, since it was strategically vital to give the Dobruja army time to come up to the line of advance. More than 15,000 Rumanians have been taken prisoners and 1,000 cannons have been captured in the recent Teuton victories, according to a special order issued by the commander-in-chief of the Bulgarian army in which he thanks his troops for "the complete victory over the Rumanian army" and for the "virtual extinction of Rumania, which now seems probable."

BOY OF 13 ARRESTED IN MURDER MYSTERY

Hounds Go to Youngster's Home from Scene of Double Tragedy.

(By the International News Service.) Mason City, Ill., Dec. 18.—Jack Thomas, a 13-year-old boy, was arrested late this afternoon by deputy sheriff investigating the murder of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Becker, wealthy farmers, who were shot and killed in their home three miles from here last night.

The child was brought straight to the Thomas home. In the house deputy sheriffs found the 22-caliber Remington pump gun. Back of the house they found fourteen empty shells which gave indication of having been fired recently. The bullet, the sheriff said, corresponded with those found at the Becker home.

A pair of overshoes spattered with mud and some dark fluid were also found. The boy explained that the dark spots were blood stains from a rabbit hunting trip last week. The gun, he said, was also used on the trip.

ASTOR EMPLOYEES GIVEN BONUS.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Employees of Fernalff, the estate of Vincent Astor, at Rhinecliff, were made happy today when it was announced that they were to receive a 10 per cent bonus on the wages earned during the year 1915.

BAN ON CHRISTMAS SWEETS.

Roma, Dec. 18.—A decree has been issued forbidding for two weeks the manufacture of candies or cake or their transmission by the post or railroads. The decree further forbids hotels to serve meals containing more than one course. The decree will prevent the sending of an enormous number of Christmas dainties intended for soldiers at the front.

HORSE FLESH FOR STEAKS.

London, Dec. 18.—In London's Belgian quarter, entirely in the possession of Belgian refugees, horse flesh today is selling at 12 cents a pound for steaks, 10 cents a pound for horse sausage and 14 cents a pound for smoked horse flesh.

Lake Superior Closed.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 18.—With the arrival of the steamer Morse, navigation on Lake Superior closed for the season.

Only 50 Hours to Havana Via Atlantic Coast Line, 1406 N. Y. Ave. n.w.—Adv.

British and French Lose 5,100,000 Troops

(By International News Service.) Berlin (via Sayville wireles), Dec. 18.—The losses of the British and French since the beginning of the war are more than 5,100,000, says the Overseas News Agency today, basing its report on figures emanating from competent military authorities.

The French losses are placed at 3,800,000 and the British at 1,300,000. This does not include the colored troops fighting with both armies, says the agency, and these figures will probably reach several thousand more.

TO ANSWER DOVE

British Premier Replies Today to German Peace Offer.

(By the International News Service.) London, Dec. 18.—Premier Lloyd George at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon will rise in the House of Commons for the most important speech of his career and the most far-reaching utterance in the history of the British Empire in many decades.

He will give the answer of the entire powers to the central powers' offer of peace. At the same time he will outline the policy of his government.

Almost completely recovered from his cold, the new British Prime Minister was at his desk all day today arduously working over his speech which will decide whether the war is to go on until either set of belligerents is forced to its knees or whether the allies are willing to enter into negotiations for peace offered by the central powers. His address is expected to take up at least an hour and a half.

A mild surprise was caused by the official news today that A. J. Balfour, secretary of foreign affairs, is going on a three weeks' vacation. Indisposition as a result of his recent illness is given as the reason.

This leaves the work of the foreign office at this important time in the hands of Lord Robert Cecil and Baron Harington, under secretaries.

YOUNGSTER SLEEPS OFF DRUNK IN SCHOOL ROOM

Lad Samples Remnants from Party Pa Had—Finds Plenty of Kick.

Special to The Washington Herald. New York, Dec. 18.—Amadeo Nico, 8 years old, was taken from his classroom in Public School 8, Poplar and Hicks streets, Brooklyn, today, suffering from alcoholic gastritis.

The child staggered into Miss Gibbons' room and went to sleep. After Dr. Harper of the Brooklyn Hospital had examined Amadeo he drank a man's share of liquor, the Children's Society started an investigation.

Agent Sylvester Nash reported to the Children's Court that there was a party last night at Amadeo's home, in Main street, and that before school, without anybody knowing it, the lad sampled the source of last night's joy. Amadeo's relatives said, however, that the child rode to the hospital. His two younger sisters, Carmella and Teresa, were taken to the society's quarters as lacking proper guardianship.

SHOOT WOMAN TWICE, THEN KILLS HIMSELF

Horetta Brown Perhaps Fatally Wounded by Tiffany Fairbanks.

Horetta Brown, a negro woman, 26 years old, 65 Myrtle street, was shot and probably fatally wounded by Tiffany Fairbanks, a negro, who then committed suicide by shooting himself in the head at 12:30 o'clock this morning.

On coming to the house where the woman lived Fairbanks ran immediately up to the woman's head and the other in her breast. He then ran downstairs, stumbled into the landlady, rushed back upstairs and fired two bullets into his own head, dying instantly. The police are holding as witnesses three women and a man.

Lieut. Dunnigan and Policemen Mansfield and Newton surrounded the house after the shooting. A policeman was left in charge of the premises. Fairbanks' body was sent to the morgue pending an inquest.

WOULD PENALIZE USER OF LIQUOR

Smoot Measure Ditched by Senate—Senator Williams Deplores Half-heartedness.

After voicing his opposition to the Sheppard prohibition bill in the Senate as a half-hearted anti-alcohol measure and a proposal for "geographical" and "quantitative" morality, Senator John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, yesterday announced his purpose of offering an amendment today providing for a prohibitory bill which will penalize both drinker and distributor of alcoholic liquors.

"I do not believe in this thing of differentiating between the man behind and the man in front of the bar. If it's wrong to sell it, it's wrong to drink it. Some folk say they drink whisky for medicinal purposes. I have had it prescribed for me for all sorts of infirmities and it hasn't done me a bit of good," said the Mississippi Senator.

He condemned the bill as confiscatory of the property of dispensers and manufacturers of liquor.

"Let's be honest about it. If we must have a heavy fine and term of imprisonment for the man who bought the drink would be the real way to stop the evil. 'I'd like to see complete prohibition tried in this country for ten years,' he said. 'It'd like to see the abstemious period begin and, when it ended, the Senators who are behind this bill aren't brave enough to advocate such a measure. Let's put the members of the Supreme Court, of the Senate and other august bodies in jail, too, if this bill is right in principle.'

The Senator announced that he would not be a candidate again. He said his convictions on the liquor bill were in no sense guided by the thought in Mississippi, because the liquor there left it to him what his fundamental beliefs and convictions on morality should be. He said when a man abandoned his individual views on fundamentals he was neither honest with his constituency, his God or the Constitution.

Senator Williams followed Senator Oscar Underwood, of Alabama, who spoke at length in favor of his amendment for

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SON OF MARK HANNA WEDS FOURTH TIME

Secretly Married to Divorcee Having an Allowance of \$12,000 a Year.

(By the International News Service.) Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 18.—It became known today that Dan Hanna, son of Mark Hanna, was married secretly on November 2 to Mrs. Molly Covington Warden. They are spending their honeymoon in Mr. Hanna's large country place in the Berkshires.

This is Hanna's fourth marriage venture. The new Mrs. Hanna was one of the most attractive girls in Pittsfield twenty years ago. She is said to be about forty-seven years old now.

John Warden, whose wealth was said to be \$200,000, became interested in her, had her educated, and married her. For a number of years they lived in a villa at Nice. But Warden divorced her and gave her a yearly allowance of \$12,000.

WHITE HOUSE PUNCH—TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

That's the Question Agitating Persons Invited to Diplomatic Reception.

Once upon a time, and it wasn't so very long ago, the chief anxiety of fortunate persons invited to the White House receptions was to get the exact location of the punch bowl.

But times have changed and the most question in Washington last night was: Will there be any punch at the White House reception to the diplomatic corps tonight?

If there is, what will Maj. Pullman do about it? What will Judge Pugh, of the City Police Court, have to allege tomorrow morning?

Barely a week ago Judge Pugh assessed a fine against a District resident because beer was served at a family affair. The justice said it was against the law to follow his logic, it is against the law to treat; a man cannot buy his wife, his sweetheart, a lodge brother, a friend from "back home," or the chauffeur a drink. The law is dead against it, says Judge Pugh. Treating or drinking at your own freestide is outlawry.

Now, if the President reads the papers and as chief magistrate of the nation he concurs in the views of Judge Pugh, there is going to be about 150 dry, disappointed, dressed-up diplomats and dignified denizens of the Capital in the White House tonight.

Transport and Warship, Flying French Flag, Sunk By Teutonic Submarines

(By the International News Service.) Berlin (via Sayville wireles), Dec. 18.—The admiralty issued the following statement tonight: "A submarine on December 11 sank by a torpedo, southeast of the Island of Pantelleria, the armed French troop transport Magellan, of 4,300 tons, with more than 1,000 white and colored troops on board.

"Another submarine on December 12 heavily damaged a French warship of the type *Virgo* by a torpedo, fifty-five nautical miles east-southeast of Malta." Battleships of the *Patris* type are 14,625 tons displacement.

OMEN OF PEACE

Wilson Glad to Learn Teutons Will Consider Any Reply.

President Wilson considered another step had been taken toward ending the catalytic war in Europe when he learned yesterday that any reply the entente allies make to the German peace proposals will be considered by the central powers.

The information was unofficial, but came from an authoritative source at the German Embassy.

In neutral diplomatic circles it was said the representatives of the allies had informed their several governments it would be unwise to reject flatly the offer because of the strong sentiment in favor of peace here.

The German Ambassador, Count von Bernstorff, considers the existing situation already so important he has reconsidered his plan to attend the funeral of Prof. Munsterberg in Boston. Several days ago the German diplomat cancelled arrangements for spending a Christmas vacation in Florida.

President Wilson authorized the statement that he considered the peace controversy too delicate to permit of discussion in any official quarter. He said nothing could be done except await the developments which are expected to follow as soon as the peace note has been digested in Great Britain.

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REAL WINTER BEGUN WITH YULETIDE SNOW

Children and Grown-Ups Find Occasion for Joy in Coasting.

If the weather wasn't according to your liking last night, you would better shove your dissatisfaction or it might affect your Christmas spirit of good cheer because the three inches of snow which fell was just the beginning of a "real" winter, as predicted by the weather man after the first snowstorm last week.

Many of Washington's population may never see snow, but the weather man wintry properties, but there are many who do, as was evidenced last night by scores of yelling children and gay grown-ups coasting in parks and streets.

The storm swept the entire Atlantic coast. Train service was badly crippled. Trains from North and West were from half an hour to an hour late. Some trains from the South were two hours behind schedule.

Trucking companies experienced little difficulty.

"MURDERED" BOY ALIVE; SOLVES MYSTERY HOAX

Confessed "Slayer" Says He Lied Just to Please the Third Degree Men.

(By the International News Service.) Baltimore, Md., Dec. 18.—"Charlie" Klein, the 15-year-old boy for whose body detectives have been searching the Pen-Mar woods for several days, is at home tonight. He had no part in the murder of Barrett, 14 years old, had "confessed" to the police that he had killed Klein last June near Pen-Mar and had then hid his body in the woods.

When Klein learned of Barrett's confession he came here from Cumberland, Md., where he has been working since he disappeared from home last June.

Barrett, who is confined in St. Mary's Industrial School here, blames the detectives for his "confession." He said he told them at first that he had not harmed Klein, but they wouldn't believe him. After being put through the "third degree" he told of killing Klein "just to please them," he said.

TEIPER TRIAL NEAR END.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The trial of John Howard Teiper, accused of murdering his aged mother, came to a close at noon today so far as actual testimony is concerned.

Teiper was his own last witness, and when he stopped down from the stand Justice Wheeler adjourned court to give the lawyers a chance to prepare their final arguments. They will be presented tomorrow, and by Thursday Teiper's fate will be put in the jury's hands.

MASS MEETING FOR HIGHER PAY

Great Crowd of Government Employees Demands Just Compensation.

Despite inclement weather, more than 3,000 government and District employees gathered at Convention Hall last night to listen and cheer while labor leaders reeled the history of the movement for a general increase in salaries and the benefits of organization.

President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, handicapped by a cold—that affected his voice, but not his vigor—was the principal speaker.

"Employees who have not the courage or gumption to assert themselves have no rights that anybody will respect," he declared amid cheers. "I am fully convinced that Congress is willing to do its share in recognition of the exigencies of the hour," he declared.

The audience included representatives of every branch of the government departments and the District service, including 100 or more of the colored employees of the District force. F. A. Bliss, legislative agent of the Machinists' Union, presided.

Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, was the first speaker. He said that the American Federation of Labor had been the leader in the fight for the adoption of the eight-hour law, the child labor legislation and the other humanitarian measures that had been written upon the statute books.

The Federation, he asserted, was supremely confident that the legislative bill to be acted upon by Congress today will contain graded increases amounting to 20 per cent for employees below the \$300 grade, 15 per cent for employees between \$300 and \$1,200, and 10 per cent for employees between \$1,200 and \$2,000. In the face of the fact that the government will face a deficit of \$24,000,000, he stated that an increase on the income tax and the inheritance tax would provide the money for the increase.

H. M. McLaren, president of the Federal Employees' Union, reminded the gathering that the government was the largest employer in the country.

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Developments of a Day In Pay-Raise Campaign

Developments yesterday in movement for higher salaries for government and District employees:

1. Mass meeting at Convention Hall, addressed by President Samuel Gompers of the A. F. of L., adopts resolutions addressed to Congress.

2. Employees make plans for pushing their fight when bill is considered by the House of Representatives today.

3. Senators Wardsworth, Kirby, Smith, of Georgia, and Williams agree that some revision of Federal employees' salaries is necessary.

District of Columbia appropriation bill is reported, with many increases in salaries, but no horizontal increases for employees of lower grades.

URGE DRAFT ARMY

Scott and Wood Link U. S. and Chinese Volunteers.

"The United States and China are the only-nations of size relying on volunteers for the defense of national existence," was the statement of Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, yesterday before the subcommittee of the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

Gen. Scott called attention to England's control of the sea and added:

"It should be pointed out also that our northern neighbor is in alliance with a powerful Oriental nation—another island empire—and for the same reason, when acting in alliance with a power which has control of the sea, has ability to send its army of 2,500,000 to any part of the world without danger of invasion.

"I think a mere statement of these facts makes it clear that at present we are practically defenseless before the veteran armies of our northern neighbor and could easily be crushed by the existing coalition of these island empires."

Wood Dubs N. G. Good. Major General Leonard Wood, commander of the Department of the East, and former chief of staff, told the committee that the National Guard was "a complete and terrific failure."

"You have seen its mobilization for border service," he said. "Nothing could be done but to send the National Guard to the front. The National Guard would then be in Mexico, it was pointed out, with no provision for its withdrawal, and the American border patrol would be maintaining a full strength to guard the boundary and back up Pershing.

There has been suggestion, however, that Carranza is not at all desirous of having the Pershing Column withdrawn, as it forms a bulwark between Villa and the western portion of northern Mexico.

VILLA BANDITS BURN AMERICAN AT STAKE

Body Riddled with Bullets While Flames Danced, Says Letter.

(By the International News Service.) El Paso, Dec. 18.—Another American has been burned at the stake by Villistas, according to a letter which reached here tonight. The victim was O. M. Northrop, an aged man, who had been a resident of Mexico for many years.

Northrop, according to information given to United States agents, was captured near Jimenez, while on his way from Torreon to the border. He had quit Torreon, the letter stated, because Mexicans had threatened his life.

The bandits, says the letter, stripped off all of the aged man's clothing, poured oil over his naked body, and set it on fire. As the flames began eating out his life, the bandits riddled his body with bullets.

Federal agents began an immediate investigation of the reports of this latest atrocity. They are seeking also to learn whether Northrop has any relatives in the United States.

ARCHBOLD LEAVES \$100,000.

New York, Dec. 18.—An estate of \$100,000 was left by the late John D. Archbold, president of the Standard Oil Company. It was announced here today after the filing of his will by Martin Casey, general solicitor for the Standard Oil Company of New York.

Mr. Archbold's Torrontown home and one-third of the remainder of his estate is left to his widow, Mrs. Annie M. Archbold. The rest of the property is will to Mr. Archbold's children—Mrs. Mary A. Vanburen, Annie M. Archbold, and J. F. Archbold, to be divided equally between them. There were a few minor bequests.

PARROT IN HERO ROLE.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—"Somebody's at the bell," croaked by a parrot in the home of William Shaughnessy, saved the lives of Shaughnessy and his aged wife today when the building caught fire.

When Mrs. Shaughnessy went to the door she was met by a burst of smoke and flames. Shaughnessy batted his way to safety, believing his wife behind him, but she had gone back for the parrot. In the smoke filled apartment firemen found her unconscious on the floor, the parrot in her hand.

BILLY ENDS "DRY" DRIVE.

Boston, Dec. 18.—Billy Sunday's fight to make Boston dry came to a dramatic windup today.

The city will vote tomorrow on whether the saloons are to go.

No campaign against the liquor interests in years has so stirred Boston. The liquor men, fearing a swing to prohibition, have waged an energetic advertising campaign during the past week.

Last year the vote was 40,000 for and 21,000 against liquor. It is predicted there now about 50,000 votes will be cast in tomorrow's election.

BORDER CRISIS PASSED; PARLEY WILL CONTINUE

Conferees Meet Today to Discuss Protocol Terms Opposed by Carranza.

(International News Service.) Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—The immediate crisis in American-Mexican relations was passed and passed late today at the second session here of the American-Mexican commission.

On the results of the session depended whether conferences would continue, or relations between the United States and its neighboring republic would revert to their former status. It was announced that another session would be held tomorrow morning.

A brief statement was made following the last session today, setting forth the views of Gen. Carranza on the protocol signed by the commission at Atlantic City last month.

For the first time, also, it was announced officially that Carranza had refused to ratify the protocol as agreed upon by the commission.

May Last Some Time. While no official mention was made of the present status of the conference, it was learned that the session probably would last until after the holidays. During this period, it is understood, Secretary of Interior Lane, chairman of the American section of the commission, will lay before President Wilson the objections made by Chief Carranza to the tentative agreement signed at Atlantic City.

These objections, it was stated unofficially, are to the following provisions of the protocol and the American section's understanding of it:

1. The indefinite character of the troop withdrawal clause.

2. American insistence on the right of troops to cross into Mexican territory in pursuit of bandits when the trail is "hot."

3. The alleged efforts of the administration to take a hand in Mexican international affairs.

Wilson's Views Important. On the attitude taken toward these points by President Wilson depends the future life of the commission, and the success or failure of its efforts to reach a basis of understanding of the future relations between this and the de facto government of Mexico.

It was pointed out tonight by those in touch with both sections of the commission that the Carranza government would have means to gain and everything to lose by terminating the session. The Pershing column would then be in Mexico, it was pointed out, with no provision for its withdrawal, and the American border patrol would be maintaining a full strength to guard the boundary and back up Pershing.

There has been suggestion, however, that Carranza is not at all desirous of having the Pershing Column withdrawn, as it forms a bulwark between Villa and the western portion of northern Mexico.

HELD FOR GIRL'S DEATH, DOCTOR PLEADS GUILTY

Remanded for Sentence After Telling of Illegal Operation on Bride.

(By the International News Service.) Detroit, Mich., Dec. 18.—Within an hour and a half after Dr. Henry A. Lounsbury, a well-known physician, had waived examination and pleaded not guilty in Justice Heston's court to the death of a girl, the Recorder's Court and was pleading guilty to manslaughter in causing the death of Mrs. Madeline Kramer. His plea was accepted and he was remanded to jail for sentence. This will not be passed until after Christmas.

An amazing confession, entailing an illegal operation, which resulted in death and the mutilation of a pretty 18-year-old bride, was obtained today from Dr. Lounsbury, the prosecutor asserted that Dr. Lounsbury confessed that Mrs. Madeline Kramer, 18, died on the operating table in his office following an illegal operation. Fearing exposure, the physician marked the body so as to suggest a criminal attack, and after secreting it in his cellar for twenty-four hours, took it in his automobile to a lonely pond on the outskirts of the city. Around the neck was knotted a rope, and in the mouth was a gag made from strips torn from the girl's underclothing. The body was found in a frightful state.

The police examined Ambrose Kramer, the girl's youthful husband. From him were obtained statements which directed suspicion against Dr. Lounsbury.

LOCOMOTIVES BRN FACTORY.

New York, Dec. 18.—Officials of the Arlington Company, manufacturers at Arlington, N. J., have begun to work their men in three shifts to catch up with orders. They realized that the boilers could not generate sufficient steam and contemplated laying off a shift of workers when an idea occurred to one of them.

He communicated it to the Erie Railroad and that corporation rented to the concern an Aurora store while 1,500 persons jostled for a view. He was paying an election bet in which he had wagered that his own majority for re-election would not exceed 250. His lead was 68. The judge sawed one-half cord of wood, which became the property of the winner of the bet.

RUSSIAN SHIPS BOMBARDED.

Blin (via Sayville wireles), Dec. 18.—Russian warships lying off Port Sulina, were bombed by German Army aircraft Saturday. It was officially announced to the press.

A Russian hydroplane was shot down near Sulina lies at the mouth of the Danube on the Black Sea.