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## SERB FORCES, PURSUING ENEMY FROM MONASTIR, TAKE MANY PRISONERS

Several Villages Are Captured by Victorious Allied Troops — Teutons Are Bringing Up Reinforcements to Make Stand.

Russian and Rumanian Armies Continue Retreat Before Advancing Austro-German Lines—Germans Withstand New Attacks.

London, Nov. 21.—Continuing their pursuit of the defeated German and Bulgarian troops on the Macedonian front, the Serbians have captured several villages and taken a great number of prisoners, Reuters' Saloniki correspondent reports. The German and Bulgarian troops have received reinforcements and are offering severe resistance.

**ENTENTE TROOPS ADVANCE.**  
Berlin, Nov. 21.—Attempts of Serbian troops to advance in the Moglenica region of the Macedonian front yesterday were defeated. It is announced officially. In the Monastir district the entente troops are still advancing.

**PRESS TEUTON LINES.**  
Paris, Nov. 21.—Troops of the allies are pressing the German-Bulgarian rearward detachments to the north of Monastir, according to the official announcement on the progress of hostilities in the Orient, given out by the French war office this afternoon.

**Russo-Rumanian Forces In Retreat**

Petrograd, Nov. 21.—The Rumanian forces in southwestern Rumania have retired in the face of Austro-German attacks to the region of Filisiah, northwest of Craiova, according to an official statement issued by the Russian war department.

**GERMANS REPEL ATTACKS**

Berlin, Nov. 21.—German and Austro-Hungarian troops which are invading Rumania repulsed several attacks by Russian troops north of Campulung last night. The statement says that the Teutonic troops are now before Craiova.

**Allies Along Ancre**

Berlin, Nov. 21.—The German positions on both sides of the Ancre and in the St. Pierre Yaast Wood were shelled heavily by the allies yesterday, the war office announces. There was a revival of artillery activity in the Champagne.

## FIRE UPON BY U-BOAT, VESSEL FOR U. S. FLEES

British Steamer, Bound Here, Makes Escape After Three Shots.

New York, Nov. 21.—The British steamship *Siamese Prince* returning in ballast after delivering a cargo of horses at Brest for the French government, was fired upon without warning, presumably by a German submarine, off the French coast on Nov. 4, according to officers of the vessel, which arrived here today.

Three shots were fired, the officers said, two in quick succession, which passed over the port quarter, and a third soon afterward, which dropped into the water astern. The lifeboats were swung out, the crew of 42 and the 54 hostlers and life preservers and the ship put on full speed.

The craft which attacked was not sighted at any time, owing partly to weather conditions, and the officers of the *Siamese Prince* were unable to say whether their vessel was pursued. The hostlers included many Americans. It was stated.

The attack took place at 7 a. m., 200 miles at sea, while a high wind was blowing and with heavy waves running. No attempt was made to torpedo the ship, which is owned by Furness, Withey & Co., and which carries no passengers. The officers of the vessel judged that the attacking boat was about one mile distant.

**Wilson to Retain Main Features of Railroad Program**

Washington, Nov. 21.—President Wilson's recommendations for railroad legislation in his address to Congress will be virtually the same as those embodied in his special address last August when a nation-wide railroad strike was pending. The President discussed some of the details today with the cabinet.

**THE WEATHER**  
Fair tonight and Wednesday. Continued cold.

## BERLIN DENIES VIOLATING HER U-BOAT PLEDGE

Reply to United States in Rowanmore Case Defends Submarine's Acts.

Berlin, Nov. 21.—Secretary Joseph C. Grew, of the United States embassy, today received the German reply in regard to the sinking of the British steamer *Rowanmore* and three steamers which were lost in September. In regard to the *Rowanmore* the German government denies that the submarine fired on lifeboats containing members of the crew and maintains that the men on the *Rowanmore* owe their lives to the precautions taken by the Germans and the skill with which their operations were carried out.

In respect to two of the remaining steamers in question, the German government states they were not sunk by German forces and maintains that the *Antwerpen*, the third steamer, was destroyed in full accordance with the rules of international law.

The *Antwerpen* was built at Newport News for the Standard Oil Co. and was on her maiden trip to London when she was sunk. She was a vessel of 11,300 tons.

## FLOWERS SPREAD FOR ALLIES AS MONASTIR FALLS

Troops Enter City in Triumph as Defeated Bulgarians Abandon City.

Paris, Nov. 21.—The allied troops entered Monastir on the heels of the retreating Bulgarians, according to a description of the fall of the city telegraphed the *Pett Journal* by its correspondent on the Serbian front. The despatch, which is dated Sunday, says: "The last Bulgarian patrol of seventeen troopers left the city at 9:30 a. m. just as the allies advanced guard entered. Women showered flowers on the victorious troops as they marched through the streets. The night before the enemy, after defiling three through the main street, pillaged all the stores and toward midnight set fire to the ambulances, barracks, forage depots and all buildings of a military nature."

The retreat began about 3 a. m. The officials had evacuated the night before and nearly 3,000 Bulgarian families left two days ago. The infantry was not clear of the outskirts until 5 a. m. The enemy is being closely pressed by our troops but bad weather makes both pursuit and retreat difficult.

The enemy will attempt to form up on a line 17 miles to the north which was prepared two months ago and which passes approximately along the Topolchani heights by the village of Kleapo, Kanaritchi and Hill 1508 of the Visoko range. During the last two days he has been obliged to abandon an enormous quantity of material. We found among other things at Monastir a number of locomotives which will be precious to us."

## AMERICAN LINER AGROUND, ALL ON BOARD ARE SAFE

Lifeboats Brave Heavy Seas and Take Off Passengers and Crew.

Dover, Eng., Nov. 21.—Fifty-three passengers and crew of the American steamer *Siberia*, stranded on Goodwin Sands, were landed at Deal today by the *Kingdown* lifeboat.

The rescued persons from the *Siberia*, which stranded during yesterday's gale, had a distressing experience during the 24 hours they were on the steamer awaiting assistance, in momentary peril of the steamer being engulfed in the treacherous quicksand.

Fruitless efforts were made yesterday by lifeboats from neighboring stations to rescue the passengers. Several men of the lifeboat crews were injured and boats narrowly escaped destruction. The *Siberia* is still aground.

## 341 KILLED, 667 ARE WOUNDED IN RUSS EXPLOSION

Petrograd, Nov. 21.—It is announced officially that 341 persons have been killed and 667 wounded by an explosion at Bagartzia.

## CHARGE OF SHORT WEIGHT AGAINST COAL MERCHANT

Prominent Stratford Business Man Under Arrest—State Police Act.

EDSON W. HALL SAYS IT'S ALL A MISTAKE

Left Weighing to Foreman, and Latter Left It to His Daughter.

"Who weighed the coal?" That is the question, going the rounds in Stratford today, that promises to become as permanent as the old town's history, as the immortal query, "Who struck Billy Patterson?" The coal in question was a load—or was it a ton?—sold by Edson W. Hall, one of the town's best known merchants, who has conducted, for many years, a coal yard at 555 Broad St. Mr. Hall lives at 1536 Main street.

Hall is under arrest, charged with selling at short weight. Owing to his prominence in town, and his extensive property interests the authorities did not deem it necessary to exact a bond for his appearance, when the case is called in the Stratford Town Court tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Hall was taken into custody this forenoon. State Policemen Virell and Stiles gathered the evidence last Friday on which the warrant for his arrest was issued. Deputy Sheriff E. Mills Tomlinson served the warrant on Hall at his office today.

Virell and Stiles spent several hours on Friday watching the coal teams weigh the yard of Hall. At length they halted a team driven by Lewis Munn, an employe of Hall. The team was destined for the home in Church street of James P. McNamara, manager of the Stratford bowling alleys.

The state policemen turned the team about, had it driven back to Hall's scales and weighed. There is a question as to what the weight, as recorded under the supervision of the state officers, showed.

Hall today, in discussing the case with a reporter for *The Farmer*, said that it was 214 pounds short of a ton. He explained this on the ground that no one had weighed the coal. It was simply an error.

Hall had left it to his foreman, Henry Blake, 18 years in his employ. Blake, according to Hall, left it to Miss Florence Blake, his daughter, who is a clerk in the Hall coal office. Miss Blake thought her father had supervised the weighing of the coal, according to Hall, and in the division of responsibility, no one weighed the coal.

## JITNEY DRIVERS WHO CHEAT WILL FORFEIT LICENSE

Police Threaten Arrest For Those Who Don't Give Fares Full Ride.

Jitney drivers who dump passengers from their machine before the destination stated on their license is reached, will have their licenses revoked, the first time notice of this practice is brought to the attention of the police, in the future. Lieut. Wheeler, head of the traffic squad, states that he has received innumerable complaints of late concerning jitney drivers who, when they have only a few passengers left in their machine, tell them to get out before the end of the route is reached and turn back.

This morning he stated five passengers were dumped by a driver on the Stratford avenue-Ash Creek line and complaint was made to him. The passengers were told "to get out at Main street."

J. M. Switzer, of Dayton, Ohio, will give an illustrated lecture on commission government at the High school assembly hall tonight.

Mr. Switzer is a commissioner of Dayton, and his official duties have permitted him to attain a real grasp of municipal government by commission. His lecture is illustrated with several hundred slides.

The lecture is open to all voters of the city and will afford them an opportunity to get a fair insight into the proposition on which they will vote at the special election next Saturday.

## MEXICANS TOLD U. S. PLANS FOR KEEPING PEACE

Final Word in Border Mediation is Presented by Secretary Lane Today.

WILSON ENDORSES AMERICANS' VIEW

Expected That Carranzistas Will Recede From Attitude Recently Taken.

Atlantic City, Nov. 21.—The American commissioners today gave the Mexican mediators what is understood to be the last opportunity for an amicable settlement of the questions that have arisen because of Carranza's reported failure to provide adequate protection for life and property along the international border.

In joint session, Secretary of the Interior Lane, as chairman of the American commission informed Mr. Carranza's representative that that American punitive expedition would be withdrawn within a reasonable time and under conditions that would not impair the dignity of the American government or leave unprotected the territory just south of the border now patrolled by the Americans.

Incident to such withdrawal he outlined the manner in which the American government was prepared to guard the long line of frontier and to run down and punish any marauding band that attempted a crossing into the United States. He made it clear to the Mexicans that this government would not tolerate any restrictions on the pursuit of bandits by American troops.

How Luiz Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican commission, and his colleagues received what is regarded as the last word, of the American commissioners was not expected to be known until after the session came to an end this afternoon.

When Mr. Lane went into the conference room this morning he carried in with him the assurance of the President that he had unqualified backing of his plan. The Mexicans were aware of this, the President said, and it was regarded as probable that they would recede from the position they had taken.

## U-LINER SAILS AT 20 O'CLOCK

New London, Nov. 21.—The German submarine *Deutschland* sailed for Bremen shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The *Deutschland* is four days behind her schedule, in starting today, due to the fact that Friday, Nov. 17, the submarine struck a tug in leaving New London harbor.

The tug was sun k and five of her crew were killed.

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## Reckless Dash of Boy Into Street Results In Hurts

Attempting to cross the street by running between two moving automobiles, George Seelye, 16 years old, was knocked down and severely bruised this morning by Stephen Burroughs, Jr., near Terry place.

The Seelye boy who lives at 641 Wayne street, was playing with other boys in the street. An auto truck was going south in Main street, Burroughs following in his car, when the youth, his playmates afraid to cross, made a dash between the two cars. He was taken to his home after his injuries had been treated by a physician.

## Harvey Hubbell Company Denies Responsibility for Building Collapse

The Harvey Hubbell, Inc., the West End corporation sued for \$10,000 by George H. Nichols of this city, denied responsibility in the matter when the defense in the action was started before Judge Gager in the superior court.

Lynn Abbott testified that he operated the factory at Long Hill, the walls of which collapsed in September, 1913, and buried Nichols. Abbott declared he wanted a place to manufacture electrical fixtures and Harvey Hubbell suggested that his Long Hill property might be used. H. D. Moon was engaged to erect the buildings, one of which collapsed. The bills for the building were charged to Abbott. The court reserved decision in the case.

## Stamford Brings In \$58,653

The county commissioners received \$58,653 from the sale of liquor licenses during their stay in Stamford yesterday. They issued 54 regular licenses at \$750 each, 11 wholesale at \$333 each, six drug at \$65 each and six club at \$100 each. On Thursday they will go to Danbury to issue licenses to dealers in that city.

## BEAUTIFUL COUSIN OF PRIEST, DOOMED TO BLINDNESS, HANGS HERSELF IN ATTIC OF RECTORY

## CALIFORNIA VOTE SURE FOR WILSON, HUGHES IS READY TO ADMIT DEFEAT

San Francisco, Nov. 21.—With the official count of the Presidential vote completed in all but eight counties, Republican state officials admitted there was little likelihood of California's electoral vote being split. Returns from 50 of the 58 counties in the state have been verified. President Wilson's plurality, based on these returns, will not be less than 3,415, Republicans say.

It is expected that returns from the eight missing counties will be filed with the secretary of state today. Officials of both parties agree that there is no likelihood of any changes in the result by the returns from these counties.

**READY TO ADMIT DEFEAT.**  
New York, Nov. 21.—Charles E. Hughes is expected to send his felicitations to President Wilson on his reelection either today or tomorrow. He is understood to have written a congratulatory letter, but has been asked to delay its transmission until after a conference of Republican national

## ELM COUNTRY CLUB MAY BE ORPHAN HOME

Negro Asylum in Milford May Be Removed to Exclusive Greens Farms.

With the possibility of the Elm Country club, formerly the George Jennings estate in Southport, soon becoming a large negro orphan asylum, with one large dormitory and several colony buildings distributed over the 30 beautiful acres of land in the exclusive Southport residential section now occupied by numbers of wealthy New Yorkers' homes, the neighborhood is aroused against the action of the owners.

From inquiry made today it appears that George S. Jennings, the present owner was unaware of the project for which the options recently signed by him were given. Negotiations were carried on, he says, by reputable real men of the vicinity and he has no knowledge of the colored institution to be reared in the midst of the summer colony.

Though Rev. George Tillman, owner of the Rescue Home for Old Ladies, recently established opposite Rivercliff park at the eastern approach to Washington bridge in Milford could be reached on the telephone today for confirmation of the statement, realty operators in this city declare that the new options are held for his purchase. There are two options, one expiring in three months, and a second option expiring at a later date mentioned in the first as a forfeit.

Real estate dealers declare that with the building of a new bridge across the Housatonic to replace the present light structure, the Rescue Home property in Milford will be a safeguard against this procedure that the present long term options are said to have been solicited.

Rev. Mr. Tillman came from Boston to this section of Connecticut several years ago. He located a home for the aged at Milford and has since carried on an elaborate system of collections in New Haven, Bridgeport, Milford and Stratford. Inquiry by charitable institutions has failed to divulge much information about the various purposes for which the institution is conducted. It is said certain religious rites are held by the inmates and baptisms in the river have attracted wide publicity. That the collections in Bridgeport and New Haven have been somewhat curtailed by the police of the two cities is asserted by the Charity Organization society of Bridgeport, which through having sent several investigators to the Rescue Home has been unable to collect much information about the actual conduct of the place. As far as can be learned both white and negro women have been welcomed and kept at the home.

## TROLLEY RAMS AUTO

In front of the Connecticut National Bank building at 12:30 today, the Ford automobile owned and driven by Michael Pittani, of 1888 Stratford avenue, was struck by a northbound North Main street trolley car. One of the rear wheels was nearly torn off the Ford and the front tire on the same side collapsed. Pittani blamed the motorman. The later said Pittani drove directly in front of him and for his own presence of mind in stopping his car quickly, more serious consequences would have resulted.

Joseph Montgomery, of West Orange, N. J., committed suicide by swallowing poison.

## Pins Note of Farewell To Bosom, and Ends Her Life in Attic of East Bridgeport Priest's Residence—Beautiful Poem Expresses Her Sorrow at the Parting.

## Tragedy Falls Church Members, Among Whom Gifted Young Woman Had Become Widely Admired For Her Charm and for Her Unselfish Work in Charities.

The inanimate form of Irene Chornock, 24 years of age, a beautiful and well educated Brooklyn girl, cousin of the Rev. Orestes P. Chornock, pastor of the Ruthenian Greek Catholic church, was found cold in death, suspended by a clothesline from the rafters in the attic of the church rectory, 717 Arctic street, this morning at 8:30 o'clock by the priest's wife.

Her heart broken by the knowledge that her fast falling vision would ultimately consign her to a life of total darkness, crazed by the horror of spending her future days in blindness, her ambitions, girlhood dreams and plans for the future forever dead, life failed to hold for her further joy—she had hanged herself.

Pinned to her breast was the following note, explaining her rash deed, culminating the letter with four lines from the immortal farewell of Moore, "The Journey Onward":

"This deed I have done myself. I have lost my vision. Life for me has lost its joy. I am of no earthly use, doomed soon to become a burden.

"So both we part from all we love. From all the lines that bind us; So turn our hearts, as on we rove, To those we've left behind us.

"IRENE."  
Before coming to visit her cousin, Father Chornock, the girl consulted an eye specialist in New York who had told her the condition of her sight was such that he could find no remedy for its restoration and that she eventually would be blind.

Three weeks ago she left her aunt and sister in Brooklyn, packed her bag, stating that she intended to pay a visit to her cousin in this city. She left home lamenting her misfortune and expressing a desire for help. She since has lived with the priest, and had been given a room on the second floor of the house.

Early last night she went to a nearby dentist to have a tooth filled. On her return she ate supper, left the church rectory and entering the dimly lighted attic, walked to the altar rail, spending some time in prayer.

At 9 o'clock she bade goodnight to the priest and his wife and signified her intention of retiring. As near as the authorities can learn the girl went directly to the attic of the house, having secreted a clothesline in the room.

Drawing a trunk from a corner of the attic she wrote her farewell note, pinned to her breast and then turned the trunk end upwards, and climbed on top of it. Grasping an end of the clothesline she fastened it around her neck, after forming a noose of the end.

She then threw the line over the rafter, repeated the operation, doubling the strength of the rope once more winding it about her neck and making the end secure. She then thrust the trunk from under her.

Her body was thrown with such impetus that her neck was broken and death occurred, according to Dr. J. F. Canavan, almost instantly.

This morning at about 8:30 Mrs. Chornock went to the girl's room to summon her to breakfast. The bed room was empty and there was no evidence that the girl had spent the night there. Thoroughly alarmed by the girl's absence and fearing the worst had happened in view of Miss Chornock's grief over her falling sight, the wife hurriedly summoned the priest and a search of the premises instituted.

On entering the attic the priest was horror stricken and his wife thrown into a state of hysteria by the scene which met their gaze. The girl's body dangled at the end of the rope, fully three feet clear of the floor and the overturned trunk was in the middle of the room.

The police of the second precinct were hurriedly summoned and Sergeant Flood dispatched to the scene. Dr. James P. Canavan was called. Assisted by Sergeant Flood, he cut down the body and freed the neck of the rope. An examination disclosed the fact that her neck had been broken, and the discovery of the note pinned to the dead girl's breast told the rest of the pathetic story.

Medical Examiner Garlick attributed death to suicide. The body was taken to the morgue.

Men and women members of the church were notified of the tragedy.