

## BRITISH FORCE ENTRANS FOR BULGAR FRONT FOR INVASION

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port of Initial Body.

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North in Attempt to Divert  
Austro-German-Bulgar Op-  
erations in Serbia.

ATHENS, Nov. 5.—Two di-  
visions of British troops are  
on their way from Saloniki today to  
the Bulgarian frontier.

More soldiers are entraining to  
follow the initial force.

The force, by a short overland  
march, can make its crossing into  
Bulgaria from the south near  
Strumnitza, or continuing by rail,  
reach the eastern border near the  
Aegean Sea coast in the vicinity  
of Xanthi.

Inasmuch as French troops are  
already operating about Strum-  
nitza, the former destination is  
deemed the more likely.

RUSSIA TO CO-OPERATE.

It is considered certain that the plan  
is to divert the Bulgarians from their  
operations in Serbia by a formidable  
invasion of their own country.

From the British forces' move in Bul-  
garia's direction it is surmised here  
that assurances had been reached of com-  
plete Russian arrangements to strike  
the Bulgarians from the northward.

This seems to be borne out by news  
that Rumania has refused the German  
request to intern two Russian torpedo  
boats in the Danube, on the ground that  
navigation of the river is free and con-  
sequently not in violation of Rumanian  
neutrality.

The Rumanian attitude is as good,  
from the Czar's standpoint, as permis-  
sion to send his troops through Rou-  
mania, since by a 120-mile journey by  
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## CHARGE MASSACRES AGAINST GERMANS

Swiss Reports Declare Invad-  
ers Are Guilty of Frightful  
Atrocities.

## Bryan Throws Down Gauntlet to Wilson On Defense Question

Marks Complete Break Between President and For-  
mer Premier—Fight in Congress Expected to  
Be Bitter—Fear Felt That Democratic  
Party May Be Split.

William Jennings Bryan, former Secretary of State, today threw  
down the gauntlet to President Wilson on the issue of national de-  
fense. On the heels of the President's speech before the Manhattan  
Club in New York, calling on the country to aid him in preparing the  
nation's defenses against the possibility of hostile invasion, Mr. Bryan  
came out today with a vigorous denunciation of the whole defense  
movement.

Taking the President's speech as his cue, the former Secretary  
attacked it as representing a "false philosophy," and as aiming at a  
"complete reversal of the national policy." The whole statement was  
as plain a notice as Mr. Bryan could give that the full weight of his  
influence will be directed to a defeat of the President's program.

## MAY SPLIT DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

Although marking the complete  
break between the President and the  
man who made him President, the  
statement of Mr. Bryan did not come  
as a surprise to national Democratic  
leaders. The President himself, as  
shown by his speech last night, an-  
ticipated it. For in taking a stand  
squarely in favor of better prepara-  
tion the President asked support in-  
respective of party, and served notice  
that he would call on those who differ  
with him to disclose their interest in  
the country's welfare.

With the issue now squarely drawn  
between the two foremost men in the  
Democratic party, it may be expected  
that the fight in Congress over the  
defense program will be bitter. And  
while the Administration has every  
confidence that the sentiment in favor  
of better preparedness will prevail,  
there is equally strong reason to be-  
lieve that Mr. Bryan's course will split  
the Democratic party and do more  
than anything else toward encompas-  
sing Democratic defeat in 1916. A.J.

## MORE TROOPS SENT AGAINST VILLISTAS

Carranza Moves Force of Ten  
Thousand to Support of Gen-  
eral Dieguez.

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, Nov. 5 (via  
Galveston).—Ten thousand constitu-  
tional soldiers are en route from Jalisco  
to Guaymas to aid General Dieguez in  
an advance against Villa, according to  
a dispatch received here today from  
Mexico City. It was also reported that  
the Great Britain had recognized the Car-  
ranza government.

Dispatches confirming the killing of  
four Americans—two surgeons and two  
chauffeurs, who were aiding Villa's  
wounded in the battle of Agua Prieta,  
were received by the State Department  
from Consul Carothers at Douglas,  
Arizona.

Carothers did not confirm Villa's  
charges that the Americans were shot  
down while under a Red Cross flag. He  
said they were shot because they were  
in some way got between the firing  
lines.

Dr. Thigpen and Miller, of the Can-  
nana Copper Company, and J. D. Tynd  
and A. L. Wilson, chauffeurs.  
The Americans had gone from Can-  
nana to aid Villa's medical corps.

General Villa's forces are being con-  
centrated at Naco and at Anavichi  
Prieta, half way between Naco and Agua  
Prieta, according to a dispatch to the  
War Department from General Funston.

"Everything is quiet at Agua Prieta  
today," Funston said. "There are now  
about 2,000 Villa soldiers in Naco. Villa  
informed Major Evans that he intended  
to bring his army to Naco for rest and  
resupply. I have two squadrons of the  
Tenth Cavalry at Naco, which I believe  
is sufficient to meet any emergency."  
Villa has compelled the Cannana  
Consolidated Copper Company to fur-  
nish him considerable quantities of sup-  
plies, and the company is expected to  
be for fear of destruction of the property  
and railroad.

Funston said Villa had intimated he  
intended to move his army to Hermosillo  
from Naco. Funston also said that  
Gen. James Parker had taken command of the cav-  
alry at Douglas were incorrect, and that  
he merely stopped off there briefly on  
his way to San Francisco.

## SEA COMBED IN VAIN FOR STEAMER AFRE

Wireless Messages Sent Out in  
Effort to Get in Communica-  
tion With Reo Lagos.

HALIFAX, Nov. 5.—Wireless mes-  
sages are being flashed out today in an  
effort to get in communication with the  
British steamer Reo Lagos, reported  
about 90 miles south of here, but early  
this afternoon the marine and fisheries  
department had no further word. It  
is thought probable that the Reo is  
still in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. There  
is continuing her voyage to Queens-  
town or has put back into Halifax for  
repairs.

## TWO PLUNGE TO DEATH IN FALL OF SCAFFOLD

Workmen on New Church at  
Eleventh and K Streets  
Northwest Are Killed.

FOREMAN HAS CLOSE CALL  
Leaps to Safety as He Hears  
Cracking of Platform Hold-  
ing Stones.

Two men plunged to their deaths  
amid the debris of timber and blocks  
of stone, when a scaffold on the new  
Asbury M. E. Church (colored)  
Eleventh and K streets northwest,  
fell about 8 o'clock today. A third  
man was seriously injured. The dead  
men are:

HARRY B. BELT, thirty-five years  
old, a carpenter, living, the police are  
informed, in Hyattsville, and  
JOHN SILK, thirty-five years old, a  
stone mason, of Towson, Baltimore  
county.

William Walker, a colored helper,  
thirty-three years old, of 713 Twenty-  
fourth street northwest, was perhaps  
fatally hurt.

Are Conducting Inquiry.  
The police of the First precinct and  
Coroner J. Ramsey Nevitt are con-  
ducting an inquiry. Most of the walls  
of the new church had already been  
completed when Belt, Silk and Walker  
went to the top of the scaffold on the  
K street side of the northeast  
corner of the church to work.

"I screamed and he jumped up and  
leaped away from me," said the fore-  
man of stonemasons, there, were  
several fifty-pound stone blocks and two  
or three sections of service angles,  
each weighing about 70 pounds, on the plat-  
form. At the time of the accident  
Nagle was on the ground directly be-  
neath the stinging.

Saved by Quick Jump.  
"The first warning I had," said Nagle,  
"came when I heard the timbers above  
me crack. I leaped from under the  
staging and reached a construction shed  
just in time to escape injury."

"Nagle, together with other workmen  
and Policeman F. B. McGinnis, cleared  
away the timbers and stone which  
plunged down the men. All were alive  
when taken from beneath the pile."  
Nagle and Policeman McGinnis did  
not wait for the arrival of an am-  
bulance, but, after service angles and  
timbers, rushed the men to Emergency  
Hospital.

They died at 2:40 a. m. and Belt died  
a short time later.

The police are endeavoring to locate  
the relatives of the dead men.

## \$500,000 SPENT TO HOLD UP MUNITIONS

Government Has Evidence to  
Show Huge Sum Has Been  
Used in German Plot.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—The Govern-  
ment has in its possession evidence  
showing that more than \$500,000 has  
been spent by the operators of what is  
believed to be a nation-wide plot to  
prevent ammunition reaching the allies, it  
was learned from official sources today.

This, it was pointed out, was too large  
a sum to be expended by any private  
enterprise or any group of private  
workers. Officials are convinced that  
there is an organized group conducting  
the fiscal affairs of the plot.

Indictments of the Robert Fay and  
other men now under arrest are ex-  
pected early next week, and it was  
hinted that others might be named.

The probe into the affairs of Robert  
Fay, self-styled financial agent of the  
German army and alleged agent for the  
"higher ups," revealed today that his  
name is not pay, but Fajal, of Hungar-  
ian origin. Government officials doubt  
that he ever saw active service in the  
German army.

## WILKESBARRE STRIKE MAKES CITY A CAMP

Mounted Troops Patrol Prin-  
cipal Streets—Strike Break-  
ers Run Street Cars.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Nov. 5.—  
Wilkesbarre is an armed camp today,  
with munition motemen and strike  
breakers running street cars out of  
the company's barns for the first time  
in two days.

Mounted troops are patrolling the  
principal streets. Former patrolmen,  
former constables, and State troopers,  
and a few former United States cav-  
alrymen, mounted on an assortment  
of horses from surrounding farms, are  
on duty, prepared to disperse  
crowds of strike sympathizers. They  
are under command of John Moushan,  
formerly of the Pennsylvania con-  
stabulary.

Supplementing these forces, auto-  
mobile loads of police, are on  
duty ready for emergencies, and  
other policemen are keeping the side-  
walks clear of moving.

## Cronan's Pleas For Divorce Described By His Former Wife

Gives Rebuttal Testimony in  
Suit for \$7,000 on Alleged  
Agreement.

TELLS OF COURTSHIP  
Denies Lieutenant Commander  
Was Intoxicated at Time of  
Marriage.

"Oh, for God's sake give me a di-  
vorce," he said. He threw himself into  
my lap and cried bitterly, but I said,  
"No."

Such was the scene described by Mrs.  
Marie Cronan in Circuit Court No. 1  
today, where she told of the return of  
Lieutenant Commander Cronan from his  
cruise around the world in 1908, after  
he had written her from the Pacific  
coast that he did not want to live with  
her again.

It was Mrs. Cronan's first appearance  
on the stand in her suit brought against  
her former husband in which she asks  
for \$7,000 that she charges was not paid  
her as was agreed in an ante-divorce  
contract.

Nearly all the morning session was  
given over to direct examination by her  
attorney, Joseph Cox. Her cross-ex-  
amination by Attorney Arthur Peter is  
continuing this afternoon.

Tells of Courtship.  
The witness told in detail of the  
courtship and marriage of the naval  
officer, and said she had no fault to  
find with him until he left on the cruise  
around the world. It was during that  
cruise that he took up the matter of a  
separation with her by letter.

"One night in May, 1909, I was awak-  
ened late at night by a violent ring-  
ing of the door bell," said Mrs. Cronan.

"Who is there," I called, and a voice  
replied, "It's Billy, let me in."  
I opened the door and he went di-  
rectly to my room. He told me then  
that he wanted me to get a divorce  
from him. He said that he did not love  
me and had never loved me. I asked him  
if he had discovered this after he had  
met two young ladies that knew he  
had seen on the cruise. At first he  
said he did not know what I was talk-  
ing about, but later admitted that he  
was in love with another woman. It  
was almost entirely concerned with the  
household effects.

"Two Loving Hearts."  
"I've come to put my life's happi-  
ness in your hands," he said to me.  
"Are you going to stand between two  
loving hearts?"  
"What about my heart?" I asked  
him.

"Then he began to plead with me,"  
she said, "for God's sake, give me a divorce,"  
he cried, and, throwing himself in my  
lap, he pleaded with me, but I refused  
to accept, and finally he left.

"Mr. Cronan came to see me a third  
time a short time later. He took me  
in his arms and asked me to forgive  
him. He said that he did not love any-  
body else, and we made everything up,  
and went to the top of the scaffold, each  
when he grabbed me by the throat."  
"What was the matter?" I cried. And then  
he drew back his arm and struck me.

"When Premier Zaimis and his "neu-  
trality cabinet" resigned yesterday, it  
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## BOARDERS OVERCOME BY ILLUMINATING GAS

Charles McNiles Is in Serious  
Condition at the Casualty  
Hospital.

John Maloney and Charles McNiles,  
who live at 210 E street northeast, were  
discovered early today accidentally  
overcome by illuminating gas. The  
men were given first aid treatment by  
Dr. Shinn, of Casualty Hospital, and  
Policeman Rott, of the Ninth precinct,  
and removed to Casualty Hospital. Al-  
though still in a critical condition, Mal-  
oney has regained consciousness. Mc-  
Niles, according to the hospital, is still  
in danger of death.

The woman who conducts the house-  
hold of Dr. Shinn, the men had been room-  
ing there. She smelled gas and investi-  
gating found it escaping from an open  
fixture.

## NEWMAN ASKS ABOLITION OF HALF-AND-HALF AT TAX PROBE

Commissioner Also Answers  
Charges Made Against As-  
sessor by Herbert J. Browne  
at Fiscal Hearing.

Works Complains Senate Dis-  
trict Committee Has Been  
Inattentive and Says It Is  
Hard to Get Laws.

Commissioner Oliver P. New-  
man told the fiscal inquiry com-  
mittee today that the half-and-  
half plan should be abolished and  
the Federal Government ought to  
take over all financial responsibil-  
ity for the conduct of the District  
of Columbia.

The chairman of the Board of  
Commissioners said Commissioner  
Brownlow held the same views.

Mr. Newman's statement con-  
stitutes the first official attack on  
the half-and-half principle since  
the Congressional committee be-  
gan an investigation of the equity  
of the arrangement which now  
governs the relations of the Fed-  
eral and District Governments.

Other highlights of today's hear-  
ing were:

HARD TO GET LAWS.  
Senator Works' complaint that the  
Senate District Committee had been  
inattentive to its duties for two or  
three years past and it was difficult  
to get needed legislation through that  
committee.

A defense of the committee by Sen-  
ator Sausbury. Both Senators are  
members of the committee.

Commissioner Newman's defense of  
the 1915 assessments of the new  
board of tax assessors and his reply  
to Herbert J. Browne's strictures re-  
garding the work of the assessor's  
office.

The Commissioner's suggestion that  
the Federal Government should con-  
stitute a committee, the "Congress-  
ional Committee," to study and re-  
vise what is a fair rate of taxation  
here—assuming that the Federal Gov-  
ernment will take over the entire  
management of the National Capital  
and assess its citizens without regard  
to a half-and-half law.

Recessed For Lunch.  
Mr. Newman had not concluded his  
statement when the committee  
recessed for lunch at 1 o'clock. He  
will continue this afternoon. Com-  
missioner Brownlow probably will follow  
the chairman of the Board of Com-  
missioners, and Commissioner Kutz is  
waiting to be heard.

The failure of Commissioner Newman  
to say that the National Commis-  
sioner Kutz advocates the abolition of  
the half-and-half principle indicates  
that his official line was more in favor  
of the existing system.

Incidental discussion among com-  
mittee members developed a disposition  
to rescind the George Taxal. An assessor  
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Reviews Assessor's Work.  
In addition to his formal statement  
favoring the abolition of the half-  
and-half plan, Commissioner Newman  
presented to the fiscal committee a re-  
view of the work of the Assessor's of-  
fice and a defense of the present Board  
of Tax Assessors. He went exhaustively  
into the Brown charges, calling atten-  
tion to the fact that most of the criti-  
cisms made by Herbert J. Browne  
concerned the 1912 assessments, with which  
the present District administration had  
nothing to do.

"The total increase in the assessments  
for 1915 over 1912," said Commissioner  
Newman, "was \$3,750,000, and of that  
amount \$1,500,000 was represented in  
the so-called business district. Of this  
\$1,500,000 increase, nearly \$500,000 was  
in the seven squares lying on both  
sides of Fifteenth and the increase  
per square being \$31.20."

Commissioner Newman said the present  
Board of Commissioners assumed  
full responsibility for the work of the  
existing Board of Assessors, but did  
not deem it their function to go into  
the work of the previous administration  
of the Assessor's office, which was criti-  
cized in the George Taxal report and  
by Mr. Browne.

"What may be called the Wilson ad-  
ministration of District affairs began on  
July 1, 1913," said Commissioner New-  
man. "The George Taxal report and as-  
sessment report was made in the summer  
of 1912, and was based on hearings of  
that period. The criticism made of the  
assessors' methods was made prior to  
the present administration."

Know of Criticism.  
"When Commissioner Siddons and I  
assumed office we were cognizant that  
there had been certain criticisms of the  
assessors' office for many years and we  
knew personally of a number of assess-  
ments which we thought to be im-  
proper."  
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Lieut. Commr. W. M. P. CRONAN.

## KING MAY DISSOLVE GREEK PARLIAMENT

Confers With Cabinet Members  
Separately — Zaimis May  
Await Election.

ATHENS, Nov. 5.—King Constantine  
conferred separately today with all the  
cabinet members following the minist-  
ry's resignation.

In approval of the attitude of Gen-  
eral Yanakitsa, war minister in the  
Zaimis cabinet, whose defiance of ex-  
Premier Venizelos' pro-war followers in  
parliament yesterday precipitated the  
cabinet crisis, King Constantine today  
appointed Yanakitsa his aide-de-camp.

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## VESUVIUS IN ACTION, ITALIANS IN PANIC

People Flee From Towns and  
Vineyards as the Volcano  
Threatens Destruction.

ROME, Nov. 5.—Vesuvius is again in  
violent eruption. Several villages are  
threatened today by advancing lava  
streams.

Panic-stricken by their danger, people  
are fleeing from towns and vineyards in  
the mountain's vicinity. The roads are  
filled with fugitives carrying their  
household effects.

Local officials have asked for troops  
to aid the refugees and prevent looting  
but the military authorities, in view of  
their requirements on the Austrian  
fighting front, are unwilling to spare  
soldiers unless the situation becomes  
very serious.

The whole country surrounding the  
volcano is mantled under a thick coat-  
ing of ashes.

## Grocery Store Damaged As Gas Engine Explodes

The front and side windows of the  
grocery store of Somerset R. Walters,  
Seventh and O streets northwest, were  
demolished early today by the explo-  
sion of a gas engine. The explosion  
No other damage was done, and none  
of the employees of the establishment  
were injured.

The gas engine is attached to a coffee  
roaster. The cause of the explosion has  
not been determined.

## Man Is Killed by Train While Tending Elephants

ELIZABETH, N. J., Nov. 5.—While  
carrying water for the elephants of the  
Barnum and Bailey circus, side-tracked  
on their way to Bridgeton, Conn.,  
their winter home, early today, Roscoe  
Frost, twenty-five years old, of Colum-  
bia, stepped on the main Pennsylvania  
track and was struck by an east-bound  
freight and killed.

## Edison May Get Prize.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 5.—Thomas A.  
Edison and Nikola Tesla were men-  
tioned here today as likely recipients  
of the Nobel prize for physics.

## Yuan Father of 31.

PEKING, Nov. 5.—President Yuan  
Shih-kai is the father of thirty-one  
children. The sixteenth son was born  
yesterday.