

## ALLIES SMASH AT BULGARIANS ON 150-MILE BATTLE LINE

Serbs Drive Upon Right Flank to Relieve Northern Army. Veles Scene of Desperate Battle.

Greek Attitude Uncertain as King Constantine Makes New Demand for Written Guarantees of Allies.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—From the Albanian border of Serbia to Strumnitza in Bulgaria the southern Serbs, aided by French and British troops, are smashing at the Bulgarian lines along a 150-mile front.

At the western flank the Serbs are hurling their columns desperately to cut through a way to the relief of the northern main army reported in retreat to the Montenegrin territory.

At Veles the Bulgarian force is in hard straits. Before them are the Serbo-French forces and to their back in the north is a heavy detachment of Serbs, while at Krushevo, northwest off Monastir, a Serbian force threatens the hold of the Bulgarians on Babuna pass and Priep.

RELIEF ON WAY. Moving southward to aid the Bulgars is the main Austro-German army of invasion supplied with heavy artillery. This army has already reached the Vardar valley, according to Vienna dispatches.

Dispatches from Sofia via Vienna report a severe French reverse on the left bank of the Tezra river, which would indicate that the Serb advance upon Veles had been checked. This Serb force was in touch with the left bank of the French column.

Control of the Belgrade-Nish, Nisba-Tekub, and Eskub-Mitrovitza railroads will enable the Teutonic forces on the Kosovo plain to secure supplies from the home by an all-rail route, which, though very round-about, is easier than the shorter but difficult overland route from the Morava valley.

The Germans are sweeping west of Prilina to the Montenegrin frontier at the same time that the Austrians are operating to the west of Mitrovitza.

King Demands Written Guarantees From the Quadruple Entente

LONDON, Nov. 28.—Demand upon the entente powers for written guarantees of concessions, a long conference between Premier Skouliou and King Constantine, a hurried cabinet meeting, and a message from the Kaiser to the Greek King have swiftly turned the Balkan situation again into one of uncertainty.

Decisive action by the entente powers is believed here to be the only means of ending Constantine's pretexts for further delay and negotiations.

According to military sources, it is believed that the Greek attitude hinges upon the inadequacy of the forces at the disposal of the allies to block inroads upon Greek territory by the Austro-German and Bulgarian forces.

Number in Field. Today's Athens advices put the total allied forces at only 125,000. London and Paris advices say 40,000 to 45,000 more are on their way. That the Serbs can be of much further assistance is questioned.

The Germans and Austrians are understood to have at least 150,000 in the field. It is estimated Bulgaria can add 600,000 and Turkey is believed able, as soon as they are fully armed, to increase the total by nearly 1,000,000.

The situation would be somewhat changed if Russia should hurl a strong force into the Balkan warfare. Rumania would make further difference should she join the allies. But these contingencies are said to be looked on in Athens as uncertainties.

Views of King. Constantine is understood to be determined to adopt no policy which will antagonize Germany and mean an invasion of Greece if the allies are defeated.

Reports that a partial demobilization of the Greek army has begun or is about to begin, in compliance with the allies' demands, have not yet been verified to the satisfaction of Italian statements.

Constantine apparently has decided it is out of the question for him to promise to disarm and intern the allied troops if they should be driven back from Serbian and Bulgarian into Greek territory.

## WILSON MEETS WHITLOCK ON NEW YORK TRIP

Conferences With U. S. Envoy to Belgium and Col. House Features of Crowded Calendar

EAGER TO FINISH MESSAGE

Cheered by Theater Audience When He Appears in Box With Mrs. Galt.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—President Wilson had a busy Sunday today. He rose early; held several conferences; met his fiancée, Mrs. Norman Galt; went to church; took an automobile ride and planned to leave for the Capital at midnight.

Before going to meet Mrs. Galt Mr. Wilson received Brand Whitlock, of Toledo, minister to Belgium, who is in New York for a short rest, and also conferred with Robert Lansing, Secretary of State, who came here yesterday.

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## Imprisoned For Years In Own Home, Grace Marshall, Still a Child At 28, Must Learn All Over Again To Talk



Left—MISS MINNIE RUSE, Grace's Nurse. Right—MRS. IRENE JAMES, Grace's Aunt.



Grace Marshall mother

## OBREGON CLOSES IN ABOUT VILLA

Northern Leader's Army of 12,000 Men Near Capture, Carranzistas Say.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Nov. 28.—All General Villa's forces in the state of Sonora are concentrating at Basuchil, a small settlement thirty miles west of Cananea, according to Carranzista advices received here today.

Gen. Jose Rodriguez joined Villa's main column today with 4,000 men. Villa's army, it is said, now numbers more than 12,000.

NOGALES, Ariz., Nov. 28.—General Villa's army is trapped. General Obregon gave out a statement today which he said that the northern leader was completely surrounded by Carranzista forces who are closing in from the four directions.

The bulk of Villa's army, he says, left Magdalena yesterday, going toward Chihuahua, Villa's stronghold. A Carranzista army of 3,000 men is marching westward to meet Villa.

General Duquesne is closing in from the south with 6,000 troops and Obregon himself has sent 5,000 soldiers from this point to follow Villa's retreat. Obregon expects to have Villa a prisoner before the end of next week.

Thirteen Mexicans who were caught looting last night were executed at daylight.

More than 200 straggling Villistas offered their services to the Carranzistas. They were promptly given food and new clothes and placed in the ranks.

The body of Private Stephen Little, who was killed yesterday in a border fight between American soldiers and Mexican troops, was shipped last night to his mother, who lives at Fairmont, N. C.

## Baby's Hair Had To Be Red, Wife Says

Husband's Order Listed As Cruelty In Her Suit for a Separation.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—John Ross Stuart is being sued in the supreme court for a separation by Mrs. Evelyn M. Stuart, who charges he insisted on having a red-haired child.

Blind Tiger Crusader Is Slain From Ambush

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 28.—Deputy sheriff Grady Granger, of Kufsa, Ala., active in blind tiger crusade, was shot from his motorcycle from ambush late yesterday by an unknown party and instantly killed.

Authorities are making an investigation on the theory that the deed was committed by some blind tiger operator whom the sheriff's forces had been running down.

## MISS EMMA DAVIES, Easton Agent of the Children's Aid Society, who Rescued Grace.

Kept in Solitary Confinement by Father and Step-Mother, Girl-Woman Loses Power of Speech and Must Be Taught Every Function of Life; Many Neighbors on Eastern Shore Thought Her Dead.

By THEODORE TILLER.

A woman of twenty-eight years, with the mind and body of a child and senses benumbed by long years of solitary confinement in her father's house, is learning to talk again today down on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

She is named Grace Marshall, and her story befits the Middle Ages rather than this day of civilization and science, of medicines, and the humane treatment of the afflicted.

Two weeks ago the existence and the plight of this child-woman were virtually unknown except to her family. A very few residents of St. Michael's thought of her—if they thought at all about her—as merely an unseen invalid. Grace Marshall's name passed no one's lips; she had been forgotten. To most of those who ought to have cared she was as one dead.

Less than ten days ago she was brought staring into the sunlight that beamed on Frank Marshall's farm. She had been reclaimed, by strangers, from an 8x10 room as dark as some of the dungeons of medieval times.

The room was unlocked at the law's demand by a stepmother who wore its key, tied to a soiled string, about her neck. Once before, when an inquisitor came without an officer of the law to rescue Grace Marshall, entrance to the farm-house prison of the emaciated girl had been denied.

This episode had prolonged for a few days the solitary confinement that soon would have ended any way by death.

Grace Marshall's family said they were taking "a lunatic" out

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## TRUCK DRIVER ARRESTED FOR MOTOR KILLING AT DRUMMOND

William O. Soper, Clarkeburg Huckster, Alleged to Have Confessed Hitting H. A. Latimer Last Wednesday.

Will Claim, However, Accident Was Unavoidable, Charging That Victim Stopped While Crossing the Road.

William O. Soper, a huckster, of Clarkeburg, Md., was arrested this morning charged with having caused the death of H. A. Latimer at Drummond last Wednesday evening.

According to Sheriff E. Peyton Whalen, of Montgomery county, and Lieutenant Giles, of the Tenleytown police station, who made the arrest, Soper admitted he was the man who operated the automobile truck which crushed out Mr. Latimer's life on the Rockville pike.

Soper was taken to the Rockville jail after his alleged confession, and held without bond. Immediately after his arrival he communicated with Attorney John A. Garrett, of Rockville, and engaged him as counsel.

## UNAVOIDABLE, HE SAYS.

Attorney Garrett talked with Soper at the jail and stated afterward that his client admitted running down Mr. Latimer, but would plead that the accident was unavoidable because of semi-darkness and the alleged fact that Mr. Latimer did not continue across the road after starting.

The arrest of Soper had been controversial since when first charged with responsibility for the death of Mr. Latimer. He was unaware of the death of the alleged victim of his automobile truck, and almost collapsed when told of it.

The arrest of Soper had been contemplated for forty-eight hours, Sheriff Whalen and Lieutenant Giles having satisfied themselves Thursday night that he was the operator of the automobile truck which caused the accident, keeping Soper under surveillance, in the expectation that he would surrender himself to the authorities.

When Soper was taken to the jail, he was charged with the killing of Mr. Latimer, they say, he admitted he was the man wanted, and made a full confession.

Received a "Tip." Sheriff Whalen, Lieutenant Giles and the local police department chief credit for the arrest. He expressed his thanks to Sheriff Whalen, Soper's two detectives to co-operate with him in the investigation of the case and search for the driver.

Whalen then informed Soper that it became known that the driver had eluded capture, some unidentified person telephoned to Lieutenant Giles and informed him that a man living at a residence could tell of the condition of an automobile truck owner living there on the basis of an agreement, and that this would solve the mystery as to the whereabouts of the man sought.

This "tip" was followed, and the arrest and confession of Soper resulted. At 12 o'clock last night Sheriff Whalen, Lieutenant Giles, and Deputy Sheriff Hewitt rapped on the door of Soper's home and awakened him from sound slumber. Soper inquired what their business was.

"You ought to know," replied Sheriff Whalen. "You are wanted for hitting a man with an automobile."

"I am not the man you're looking for. It must be somebody else," Soper is reported to have said.

Whalen then informed Soper that it was known that he operated an automobile truck past Drummond at the time the accident occurred and added that he may have been a mistake and you did what you could to avoid the accident, but you can't claim the man."

## Widow of Serbia Martyr Visits U. S.

Mrs. Ernest P. Magruder, widow of the Washington physician who sacrificed his life in relief work in Serbia, has arrived at Glendale, Md., on a visit to the parents of her husband.

Mrs. Magruder came from Scotland, where she has been for several months, and will return to that country to spend Christmas with her young son.

Dr. Ernest P. Magruder was a volunteer when Serbia invited its distressed call early in the war and doctors were needed to fight not armies but typhus. Dr. Magruder succumbed to the fever soon after reaching the stricken country and his name today has its place among the list of martyrs in the medical profession.

After a few moments' conversation about the accident, Soper inquired as to the condition of the man run down by the truck. Informed that Mr. Latimer had died the morning after the accident, Soper reeled backward, placed his hands on his head and appeared to be on the verge of a breakdown.