

RETREATING RUMANIANS DRAWING DEFENSE LINE ALONG THE BOZEU; WHERE THEY MUST STOP TEUTONS

TOPROTECT WALLACHIAN FORCE, INVADERS MUST BE CHECKED AT RIVER

Mackensen's Force and Bulgarian Army Threatening Defenders.

RUSSIANS DRIVING HARD IN MOLDAVIA

Little Fighting of Important Nature Reported on Other Fronts.

Indications today point more strongly than ever to the probability that the new defensive line of the Rumanians, following their retreat from Bucharest, will be drawn along the Buzeu river, forming the southern boundary of their northern province of Moldavia.

Additional reports from Petrograd indicate a considerable measure of success by the Rumanians' northern army in holding up the Teutonic advance, northeast along the railroad from Ploesti, north of Bucharest, to the town of Buzeu, located at about the center of the Buzeu river line, which stretches westward to the lower reaches of the Danube.

It is necessary to the apparent purpose of the Rumanians for them to prevent an Austro-German advance here until the Rumanian forces further south in eastern Wallachia, retreating from the region between Bucharest and Tchernavoda, have reached the Buzeu river line, unless, indeed, the Rumanian military authorities have decided to retain a hold on more of eastern Wallachia than it now seems their purpose to defend.

These Rumanian forces are threatened not only by Field Marshal von Mackensen's Danube army, but by new contingents of Bulgarians which have crossed the Danube between Silistria and Tchernavoda. Meanwhile the Russians are hammering away at the Austro-German line on the western frontier of Moldavia and report making headway in the valleys running toward the west. Their object apparently is not only to hold the Moldavian frontier safe, but possibly to achieve an eventual success in working west into Hungary and cutting in behind the Austro-German supply line leading into Rumania from the north.

N. P. LEAGUERS AND EQUITY MEN MEETING

Effort Being Made This Afternoon to Effect Settlement of Picking Plant Situation.

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 11.—A conference of Nonpartisan League and the Society of Equity interests is under way here today to effect a settlement of the picking plant situation. Lynn Frazier and other prominent leaguers and H. M. Casey, president of the equity plant, Anthony Walton, and several others are participating. The purpose is to avoid a break between the league and the society which was threatened when the league several days ago attacked the Equity Society's plan.

NEW LITIGATION IN BISMARCK PAVING CASE

Work in Down-town District Attacked by Todd Land Company—Nature of Case Not Known.

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 11.—Subpoenas were served today on members of the Todd Land company, who are paving firm of Hanlon and Oles, which paved the down-town district in Bismarck, citing them to appear before Judge Amidon in Fargo, December 13 to answer to petition of attorney filed by the Todd Land company of which Alexander McKensie is one of the principals. The Bismarck paving has been in litigation since first undertaken last spring, but heretofore attacks have been centered on district number two, comprising the residence section. The nature of the suit which has brought the Todd Land company has brought could not be learned today.

Emperor William Had Visit With New Ruler

Berlin, Dec. 11 (by wireless to Sayville).—Emperor William has returned from a visit to Emperor Charles. The German emperor, who was accompanied by Field Marshal von Hindenburg, visited the Austrian emperor in his camp at Austro-Hungarian headquarters.

- THE WEATHER. North Dakota: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; continued cold. UNIVERSITY READING. 7 a. m.—1; maximum 10; minimum —1; wind northwest, 11; miles; precipitation .04; barom. 30.25.

CHAMP CLARK AND DEMOCRATS TO WORK ARM-IN-ARM IN NEW CONGRESS



James R. Mann greeting Speaker Champ Clark.

This picture, taken on the opening day of the present congress session, shows there are no bitter feelings between the leaders of the Democrats and Republicans in the lower house. James R. Mann and Champ Clark have pledged themselves not to work for partisan advantage alone, but to co-operate as much as possible for the nation's good.

NO WARRANT FOR HIGH PRICES OF COAL, IS CHARGE

Federal Investigation Begins—No Shortage, Prosecutor Declares.

New York, Dec. 11.—The federal government's inquiry into the high cost of living began today with preparations for a grand jury investigation of the coal business. Similar investigations will be made in Chicago, Detroit, Toledo and Cincinnati. These inquiries will be interlocking and will exchange information. According to Frank I. Swacker, federal prosecutor, representing the department of justice, the government already has discovered that there has been no shortage in the supply of anthracite at this port and no warrant for the high prices charged by some dealers. Mr. Swacker said that the grand jury would consider also evidence relating to conspiracies in fixing the prices of food commodities.

HINDENBURG IS HONORED

Emperor William Confers Grand Cross of the Iron Cross Upon His General.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—(Via Amsterdam and London), Dec. 11.—Emperor William has conferred upon Field Marshal von Hindenburg the grand cross of the Iron Cross with an autograph. "My Dear Field Marshal," the Rumanian campaign which with God's assistance, already has led to such brilliant successes, will be valued in the war history of all times as a bright example of the strategic art of genius. You have again conducted great operations with rare prudence as regards splendid arrangements, with the greatest energy in carrying them out, and you proposed to me with far seeing thoughtfulness measures which directed the way to a united blow. To you and your well-tried assistants of the general staff the thanks of the fatherland again are due. With proud joy and satisfaction I have received the news of your and with sure certainty, full of confidence in such leaders, looks into the future. But I desire to give special expression to my deepest thanks by conferring upon you at the first of my generals the grand cross of the Iron Cross. "Your grateful and always very affectionate king. —"Wilhelm."

"On to North Dakota!" Is Cry of Chicago Maidens; Special Train May Bring Number Of Fair Candidates For Prairie Wives

"Is There to be Auction Sale?" Another Prospect Asks.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 11.—Louis W. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern railway, and son of the late James J. Hill, who brought the popular North Dakota bachelors to Chicago on three special trains, took steps yesterday to close a deal between the bachelors and the Chicago girls, who have announced their desire to marry the right one. "You may be sure," said Mr. Hill, who is quite delighted with the success of his role as cupid, "that I will have a handsome wedding gift to all girls who marry among the North Dakota bachelors."

Girls to Invade State. Those close to Mr. Hill asserted that he had been giving some consideration to a special train or trains to carry the Chicago girls who look with favor on the Dakota matrimonial project through the state of North Dakota, and probably even in to Minnesota, to see the country where they are offered fine homes, and meet other bachelors who did not grasp the present opportunity to come to Chicago. He has received several present messages along that line from points along the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, and the bachelors of the northwest seem desirous to foot the bill for whatever expense there might be. Yesterday was visiting day for the bachelors. Many of the girls who wrote to them set a date for Sunday because they held positions which required them to be away from home during the week.

Chicago girls certainly are workaholics, by jing," quoth one of the eligible, "and that is what I like about them."

Mr. Hill said his apartment book was loaned to the last party. Grand Forks Branch Office. The two branch offices of Cupid in North Dakota are established and ready for business. It was announced today. A mass of letters sent by husbandless girls of Chicago who want to go forward to the farm, was forwarded to these offices by express last night. The representatives of the bachelors farmers are located at Grand Forks and Sherwood, in North Dakota. A. G. Bonde is in charge of the Grand Forks office and Bert Green heads the Sherwood office. These men, who travel extensively among the farmers of the state, will take care of the distribution of the letters to eligible of the state. "We predict there'll be a bunch of weddings in this state in the next month," said the two commissioners of Cupid.

Chicago Men no Good, Others Say—Call Them Cabaret Hounds.

Many Letters. In the meantime the letters continue to pour in—jolly letters, anxious letters, shy and hesitant letters and wistful letters. A few of the confessional notes, wrenched in the innermost heart by the phantom Opportunity, are: "I am five foot ten, weigh 175 pounds and considered by my friends a fine looking woman. I am no trifler; really mean business. I feel I can make a charming wife and companion, being of a sweet and loving disposition." Addressed to one bachelor in particular. "I hope my specifications will meet with your approval, as of the six faces printed in the Tribune I'm in love with yours. It seems to call to me." "I have grown tired of city life and city men and desire a home and husband who will be kind to me. I don't care for young men. If you are under 34 do not answer. I am 34."

Chicago girls are better looking than my fellows I ever saw in Chicago and a lot honest. Please come around to my house and you will see that I am not the kitchen-sink, babyish doll that probably you North Dakotans take us city girls to be. We are just as good as you can find in [Continued on Page 2.]

MARINA CASE A VIOLATION OF GERMAN PLEDGE

State Department Announces That it Has Such Information.

NEW NOTE WILL BE SENT FORWARD

Intended to Clear up Differences on Interpretation.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Announcement was made at the state department today that complete information now at hand covering the case of the British ship Marina, torpedoed with a loss of six Americans, makes it appear to be a "clear cut" violation of Germany's pledges to the United States. Full information on the case of the Arabia will be awaited before the next move is made, which is expected to take the form of a new note intended to clear up what appears to be differences of interpretation on what Germany's pledges in the Sussex case actually covered, especially with reference to unarmed ships.

Asquith's Fall a National Disaster, Derby Solon Shouts

London, Dec. 11.—James Henry Thomas, member of Parliament for Derby, and Conservative men's leader, addressing the men today, described Asquith's fall as a national disaster. He said it was brought about by press dictatorship, which would bring down David Lloyd-George, unless taken in hand. "This is the greatest crisis" he added, "in this great crisis" he added, "We must never lose sight of the fact that we have reached a stage in the world war when peace would be a triumph for German militarism. The present position is such that labor will win or lose the war. As we desire a speedy successful conclusion to the war we ought to support the government."

Manitoba Couple is Found Murdered Today

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 11.—Mr. and Mrs. James Vincent, living on a farm six miles from Stonewall, Man., were found murdered in their home this morning. The location is in a Galician settlement, and one of that nationality, working on the farm, has disappeared. Vincent is a prominent farmer.

Louis W. Hill Plays Role of Cupid With Consummate Art.

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Four Killed When Soo Train Hits Automobile

Frazee, Minn., Residents Meet Death at Vergas—Man and Wife Killed, Their Infant Unhurt.

Detroit, Minn., Dec. 11.—Four persons were killed when a Soo line train hit the automobile in which they were riding late last night at Vergas, Otter tail county. The dead: Alfred Koplin, Mrs. Alfred Koplin, Mrs. Philip Koplin and Mrs. Dettlinger. Francis Koplin, aged 13, son of Alfred Koplin, was seriously hurt, but an infant of Mr. and Mrs. Koplin was uninjured. All lived at Frazee, Minn. Prayers for Royal Family of Greece Omitted in Paris. Paris, Dec. 11.—Prayers for the royal family of Greece were omitted for the first time yesterday in the Greek church in Paris by order of the trustees of the church. Prince George of Greece was present. There was no manifestation during the services. Mr. Frazee, president of the Greek colony, delivered a speech, discommending King Constantine. The assembly appointed five members to visit the Greek legation and demand the suppression throughout the office of all emblems of the monarchy.

JUSTICES-ELECT CANNOT TAKE OFFICE TILL JANUARY, MEMBERS OF PROVISIONAL COURT DECIDE

EXPLOSION BLOWS DOWN WALLS OF BIG PLANT

Quaker Oats Factory at Peterboro, Ont., Damaged—Unknown Number of Employees Missing.

Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 11.—An explosion in the engine room of the Quaker Oats plant here today blew down the walls of the building, burying an unknown number of employees in the ruins, which caught fire. Twelve already have been rescued and taken to a hospital, severely injured.

SEALS OF OFFICE NOT TAKEN TODAY BY NEW CABINET

Lloyd George III and Unable to go to Palace With Members.

COMPLETE LIST IS MADE PUBLIC

Important New Officials are Food and Shipping Controllers.

London, Dec. 11.—Premier Lloyd George is ill. He was unable to go to Buckingham Palace today with members of his cabinet to receive the seals of offices from King George.

Official announcement was made that the premier was suffering from a severe chill and that on the advice of his physicians he was remaining indoors today.

Official announcement was made last night that the government had been constituted with a war cabinet comprising the following: Premier David Lloyd-George; Lord President of the Council, Earl Curzon, who also will be government leader in the House of Lords; Arthur Henderson, minister without portfolio; Lord Milner, minister without portfolio, and Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer who has been asked by the premier to act as leader in the house of commons and also as member of the war cabinet without being expected to attend regularly.

An important point in this novel organization is that it concentrates far more power in the hands of the prime minister than the British system has ever known before. Mr. Lloyd-George's proposals to Premier Asquith were for a war council of which the premier should not be a member, although he should have the power of passing its work. Mr. Lloyd-George has not hesitated to place himself in the position more closely resembling a dictatorship than he was willing to give his predecessor.

The war cabinet will hold daily sessions directing the prosecution of the war, and the freedom of Mr. Lloyd-George, Lord Milner and Mr. Henderson from their departmental duties will allow them to devote all their time to the war council, the work of the exchequer and government leadership.

Cabinet of Four. For practical purposes the government will be by a cabinet of four. Whether there is any plan for meetings of all the heads of departments of cabinet rank is not known yet but councils in which the ministers of foreign affairs, war and the admiralty participate with the others whose duties directly concern war measures will be certain.

A meeting of the privy council will be held tomorrow for the swearing in of the ministers. The prime minister will make a speech in the house of commons Tuesday in which he will declare the policy of the new government and a bill will be introduced enabling the members to take their seats without going through the formality of a new election which the law demands when a member accepts a position under the crown.

The completion of the new government is twelve Liberals, fifteen Unionists, three Laborites and the president of the boards of trade and education and the shipping controller who have been attached to no parties.

The other members of the ministry who are not in the war cabinet are: Lord High Chancellor, Sir Robert Bannatyne Finlay. Secretary of state for foreign affairs—Arthur J. Balfour. Secretary of state for the colonies—Walter Hume Long. Secretary of state for war—Earl of Derby.

Secretary of state for India—Austen Chamberlain. President of the local government board—Baron Rhondda. President of the board of trade—Sir Albert Stanley. Minister of Labor—John Hodge. First Lord of the Admiralty—Sir Edward Carson.

Minister of Munitions—Dr. Christopher Addison. Minister of blockade—Lord Robert Cecil. A controller—Baron Davenport. Shipping controller—Sir Joseph Paton Mackay.

President of the board of agriculture—Dunland E. Prothero. President of the board of education—Mr. L. Fisher. First commissioner of works—Sir Alfred M. Mond.

Minister of the Duchy of Lancaster—Sir Frederick Campbell. Postmaster general—Albert Illingworth. Minister of Pensions—Geo. N. Barnes.

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FIRST MONDAY IN DEC. PROVISION NOT VALID; RETIRING MEN UPHELD

New Judges Held that Constitution Gave them Right to Sit in December.

AMENDMENT HAS CHANGED THIS

Spectacular Fight Featured by Scathing Attack by Robinson.

MAY NOT YIELD. Fargo, N. D., Dec. 11.—That the three justices-elect may refuse to recognize the decision of the provisional court and will stay at Bismarck ready to hear cases that may come up was indicated this afternoon by Wilkes-Lemke, attorney for the justices-elect. They have refused to recognize the provisional court and, therefore, probably will not accept the decision said Mr. Lemke. Undoubtedly any proceedings before the retiring justices will be subject to review by the new court when they finally are given formal possession of their places on the bench.

"As for salary payments," he said, "we believe the state officials who handle the pay envelope will exercise their own discretion in that matter, and will accept the contention of the justices-elect. They have in fact constituted the supreme court of North Dakota, rather than the outgoing justices and also that the provisional court was without jurisdiction."

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 11.—Three retiring justices of the supreme court of North Dakota will not be replaced by their successors, chosen in the recent election, until the first Monday in January, under a decision handed down today by the provisional supreme court, composed of district judges.

The justices-elect, J. E. Robinson, Luther E. Birdzell and R. M. Grace contended the state constitution fixed the first Monday in December as the time for the new justices to take their seats, and had declared that they had formally qualified last Monday.

The retiring justices, Charles J. Fisk, E. T. Burke and E. B. Gosh, held that an amendment to the constitution had eliminated the "first Monday in December" provision, thereby making the time for justices' qualification and assumption of office the same as for other state officers, which is the first Monday in January.

The decision also set aside the plea of the justices-elect that the provisional court, made up of four district court judges, was without authority to act.

The supreme court tangle has developed many remarkable features, the most spectacular of which was staged at the hearing last Thursday, when Justice-elect Robinson openly charged that the provisional court had been picked to decide against the justices-elect.

The provisional court was made up of District Judges Charles Pollock of Cass county, C. M. Cooley of Grand Forks, W. L. Nusselle of Burleigh, and W. C. Crawford of Dickinson.

The justices-elect were chosen by decisive pluralities in the November election. They were endorsed by the North Dakota Nonpartisan League.

The court held that the reference in section ninety-two of the constitution to the tenure of the judges of supreme court dating from the first Monday in December, 1889, had reference wholly to three judges, first elected, that judges of the supreme court are state officers and all members thereof, save the first three, begin their terms on the first Monday in January. The provision of the court defends its own constitutionality by upholding the right of supreme court justice when disqualified to sit to call in district judges.

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