

PUSH TOWARD BUCHAREST ON THREE SIDES

Tectonic Forces Begin Con- verging Drive From Three Directions.

GREATEST DANGER IS FROM SOUTHWEST

Von Mackensen Forces Passage of Danube and Effects Junction With Von Falkenhayn's Troops—German Force Now Within Fifty Miles of Roumanian Capital—Bad Weather Causes Slackening of Operations.

The tectonic campaign against Roumania is developing rapidly with a converging drive on Bucharest from three directions in progress.

The immediate threat to the capital seems to be greatest on the southwest, where the invaders have approached to within fifty miles, after Field Marshal von Mackensen had effected the passage of the Danube at two points and erected a junction with the armies of General von Falkenhayn, which are pressing rapidly eastward after having broken the Roumanian resistance on the lower Alt.

Fighting on the Macedonian front has been less general on account of bad weather, but continued progress for the Italians, who are driving northwest, west of Monastir, is reported by Paris. Sofia declares the Italians were repulsed in this region. A Bulgarian counter attack northeast of Monastir in the Cerina river region was repulsed, according to the French war office.

Seemingly there is no disposition on the part of either the British or French to attack in force in the Somme region just at present. Extremely bad weather has been reported as prevailing on both fronts and such attacks as Berlin has recorded apparently have been local in character. London today, in its Franco-Belgian front, ignores the report on operations along the Somme and the Aisne regions, mentioning only the activities in the neighborhood of LaBassee to the north of Arras.

Berlin, via Sayville, Nov. 27.—German and Austro-Hungarian troops under command of Gen. Kraft von Dellmungen, advancing on both sides of the river Alt, in Wallachia, yesterday pushed back the Roumanian forces beyond the Topoloz river, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters.

The Topoloz is a tributary of the Alt, into which it flows at a point about forty miles south of the Hungarian border, below Rothenthurn pass. It runs parallel to the Alt over most of its course, about ten miles east of that river. This section of the front is northwest of Bucharest and its abandonment by the Roumanians was forced by the Austro-German advance further south, flanking the Alt line.

The Roumanian forces, which had retreated from the Danube town of Orzava, were pushed further to the southwest by the Austro-German troops, the statement adds, and the Roumanian force has now been blocked by the approach of other Teuton forces in the rear.

In this sector twenty-eight officers and 1,200 men have been captured by the Teutons, who also have taken three cannon.

Bulgars Occupy Zimlitz.

Sofia, via London, Nov. 27.—The Bulgarian-German forces under General von Mackensen have crossed the Danube at two points east of the Alt valley, according to an official statement issued by the war office today. The statement follows:

"An Italian battalion which attempted a counter attack near Tarnova was repulsed. After artillery preparations, the enemy unsuccessfully attacked hill 1068, east of Paralovo. On the rest of the front there was lively artillery fire. In the Dobruja, there was artillery firing and patrol engagements. The enemy has entrenched before our positions. Detachments of our troops, co-operating with the Germans, were first to cross the Danube near Stiva, and after some fighting took the town of Zimlitz, where a large quantity of grain was found. The Germans crossed the Danube near Somovir and occupied Ialaco and Rakovitz.

"Near Turpu Severn parties of our troops crossed from the right bank of the Danube and co-operated in the capture of the town."

Artillery Activity Near LaBassee.

London, Nov. 27.—"Our artillery was active last night in the neighborhood of LaBassee," says today's official report from the Franco-Belgian front. "Otherwise there is nothing to report."

Bulgars Repulsed by Serbs.

Paris, Nov. 27.—Bulgarian forces on the Macedonian front launched a counter attack on the Serbians in the Cerna river region last night the war office announces. The Bulgarians were repulsed with heavy losses. The Italians continue to make progress in the region west of Monastir.

Roumanian Resistance Unbroken.

Ancient Rite For Burial of Dead Monarch

Vienna, via London, Nov. 27.—The coffin of Emperor Francis Joseph has been finally closed but the body will remain lying in state until Thursday, the day set for interment.

At the burial in the crypt of the Capuchin, an historic ceremony will be carried out which was designed to impress the monarch's successor that in spite of all pomp a sovereign is merely a mortal. The funeral procession will be halted at the entrance to the vault by a challenge from within: "Who is there?" The reply will be made: "His most serene majesty, the Emperor Francis Joseph."

The challenger will then reply: "I know him not." Responding to a second challenge the announcement will be made: "The emperor of Austria and apostolic king of Hungary is outside." The challenger will answer: "I know him not."

When for the third time the voice will be heard: "Who demands admission?" the reply will be: "A sinful man, your brother Francis Joseph."

The portals will then open and the procession enter.

Nicholas and Ferdinand to Confer.

Copenhagen, via London, Nov. 27.—A Sofia dispatch to Berlin says Emperor Nicholas of Russia has arrived at Kely on his way to Roumania, where he will confer with King Ferdinand.

Retire From Alt River Line.

Bucharest, via London, Nov. 27.—The Roumanians have retired from the line of the river Alt, the war office announces.

INEZ MILHOLLAND BOISSEVAIN DEAD

Noted Suffragist and Lawyer Succumbs to Illness Brought on by Strenuous Campaigning in Behalf of Hughes—Woman Who Proposed.

Los Angeles, Nov. 27.—Mrs. Inez Milholland-Boissevain, widely known woman suffragist and welfare worker, died in a hospital here shortly before midnight Saturday night after an illness of ten weeks. She was 30 years old.

Mrs. Boissevain was stricken suddenly while addressing an audience in this city during the recent political campaign, and fainted on the platform of the meeting. She was removed to the hospital and her husband and parents rushed from New York to join her here. Miss Vida Milholland, her sister, was with her when she was stricken and has been in constant attendance since that time.

Mrs. Boissevain's illness was diagnosed as splenic anemia and blood transfusion was resorted to in attempts to improve her condition. Miss Vida Milholland twice gave blood for this purpose and on one other occasion, friends submitted to the ordeal in hope that benefit would result.

In the thirty years of her life Inez Milholland-Boissevain accomplished more and won more praise and criticism than falls to the lot of most men or women who live out the allotted term of years.

Her father, a noted political and calm debater in America, feminist to a degree that amazed the nation when she proposed several times to the man who became her husband, daughter of wealthy parents and actively identified with the strikes of the poorest classes since that time.

Mrs. Boissevain continued to practice law and to work in the suffrage cause.

SAFE CONDUCT DENIED.

British Foreign Office Refuses Passage for New Austrian Ambassador.

London, Nov. 27.—The foreign office here today refused to grant a safe passage to Count Adam Tarnowski von Tarnow, the new Austro-Hungarian ambassador to the United States.

NECK BROKEN BY AUTO.

Mount Vernon Dealer Killed When Car Overturns at Bridge Approach.

Cedar Rapids, Nov. 27.—The body of Eas Smith, Mount Vernon, automobile dealer, with his neck broken, was found beside his car about one and one-half miles from town. Apparently he had lost control of his car, which was overturned at a bridge approach.

Anxious Not to Offend.

The automobile manufacturer wanted a picture symbolizing speed, and his advertising manager suggested Mercury, sketching rapidly the figure of the messenger of Olympus.

"That's a good idea," commented the manufacturer. "But who was this Mercury, anyway?"

"Oh, Mercury was the god of speed, you know."

"A good one. Then we can't use it," declared the auto man. "We can't get mixed up with anybody's religion; it wouldn't do."—Boston Transcript.

In peace times the potato crop of Germany totals about 45,000,000 tons, much of which is dried for human consumption, as well as food for cattle.

REBUTTAL FOR JONES BEGUN

Sensational Red Oak Trial Enters On Its Third Stage.

BROTHER OF MOORE CONSULTED SEER

Plaintiff Given Opportunity to Ridicule Mrs. Tompkins' Story as Originated in Mind of Fortune Teller—Jones' Attorneys Severely Grill Landers, Who Told of Seeing Albert Jones Enter Moore House Night of Murder.

[By Staff Correspondent.]

Red Oak, Nov. 27.—Counsel for Senator Jones in his damage suit against J. N. Wilkerson this morning centered their attack, both on cross examination and in rebuttal testimony, on the evidence given by E. H. Landers, of Shenandoah, that on the Sunday night of the Moore murder about 8:15 o'clock he had seen a man whom he believed to be Albert Jones go into the home of Joe Moore.

Landers was given a further cross examination, during which Jones' counsel introduced in evidence a letter which he admitted having written from Shenandoah to Marshal Horton at Villisca on June 23, 1913. In this he said he saw the man enter the Moore home either on Saturday or Sunday night. In answer to his uncertainty at that time he said the statement was "evasive." Landers said he "evaded his real conscience" to shield Jones.

Top Poston, husband of Mrs. Landers' sister, was put on the stand in rebuttal testimony and testified that on the Sunday evening in question Landers' wife was at his restaurant helping and that Mr. Landers had come down shortly after supper and that they "sat and talked in front of the safe until 10:30 o'clock. He said he and his wife had been in the room with the Poston also said that he served W. B. McCaull with his breakfast after 8:15 o'clock on the Monday morning after the murder.

On cross examination he admitted this was the first time he had ever served breakfast to McCaull that early in the morning.

Wilbur Landers, 14-year-old son of E. H. Landers, was also on the stand this morning for the defense, being called upon to testify that his father had not eaten supper at home on the Sunday evening of the Moore murder.

[By a Staff Correspondent.]

Red Oak, Nov. 27.—The third inning of the sensational slander suit of Senator F. F. Jones of Villisca against J. N. Wilkerson, arising from the detection of the murder of the Villisca boys, was begun in district court here late Saturday afternoon.

The defense formally rested its case after 3 o'clock and the plaintiff immediately took up the introduction of rebuttal testimony. The past two weeks during which the trial has been in progress have seen two innings of hot thrust and parry before Judge Rockefeller, and the jury of twelve. For the plaintiff, there were first witnesses who testified of occasions and meetings at which it is claimed Wilkerson made the alleged slanderous statements.

The defense entered upon its inning and for the past seven days testimony has been introduced on behalf of the detective seeking to establish justification and to connect Jones with the murder. In this inning of the trial which began late Saturday plaintiff will seek to tear down and impeach the testimony of the defense.

Seer Started Story?

The day was replete with tense moments as the trial progressed and in one of these what the attorneys for Jones characterized as the genesis or beginning of the weird tale of Mrs. Vina Tompkins that she overheard a murder plot on the banks of the Nodaway was revealed. It came when Ross Moore, brother of the murdered man, was on the stand, and he recited how he had made a visit to the scene of the old slaughter house on the Nodaway where the plot was alleged to have been heard. Asked as to how he came to make this visit, he said that he had gone there on the suggestion of Mrs. Hamilton, a Red Oak character who has gained some reputation as having the power of second sight, etc., and that she told him he would find an axe there. Attorney Beeson, for the plaintiff, brought this out with evident satisfaction.

Edward Landers was again on the stand and subjected to a terrific grilling by Jones' attorneys. He reiterated his statement amid almost breathless silence that he saw whom he believed to be Albert Jones enter the Moore home on the night of the murder. As before, however, his statement was qualified by the statement that he "believed" it and this was surrounded with somewhat more positive statements on further questioning from the Wilkerson attorneys.

Few Witnesses After Wilkerson.

The offensive had practically completed its case in chief with the testimony of the defendant Wilkerson himself but several witnesses were called to the stand. Charles Moore, a brother of Joe Moore, was put on the stand to tell of his dead brother's experiences, declaring that his brother, Joe, had been in the employ of Senator Jones for about twelve years, prior to the time he established a business of his own six years before his death.

Mr. Moore said that when his brother went into business for himself and quit the employ of Mr. Jones he took with him the John Deere line of implements formerly handled by the Jones store. His brother's business was "pretty good" and growing at the time of his death, Mr. Moore testified.

Another brother of the murdered

STOCK EMBARGO AGAIN IN FORCE

Illinois Veterinarian Closes Chicago and East St. Louis Yards.

APPLIES ALIKE TO CATTLE AND SWINE

Suspected Cases of Foot and Mouth Disease in Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri Cause of Action—Not Certain of Nature of Disease—Iowa to Put Up Bars if Foot and Mouth Ailment is Shown to Actually Exist.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 27.—Orders closing the national stock yards at East St. Louis and the union stock yards at Chicago against shipment of any cattle, sheep or swine, except for immediate slaughter, were issued by State Veterinarian Disen today, following receipt of news of a suspected outbreak of the foot and mouth disease in Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri.

Outbreak Only Suspected.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 27.—The action of the Illinois authorities in quarantining Kansas and Missouri is understood to be precautionary and due to the arrival at the Kansas City stock yards of a car load of cattle from Chase county, Nebraska, which are suspected of having foot and mouth disease.

Dr. Bennett and Houck, of Chicago, federal inspectors, are to examine the cattle at Kansas City today and until their report is received no action will be taken here. The cattle in question did not pass thru the Omaha yards.

RADIO WARNS OF U-BOAT NEAR U. S.

Incoming Vessels Told to Look Out for Hostile Ship—Two German Sub- marines May Be Planning Raid— Many Vessels in Danger Zone.

New York, Nov. 27.—Six steamships arriving here today from European and West Indian ports report they caught wireless warnings yesterday to keep a watch for belligerent warships, but none was observed. The incoming vessels took such precautions as shrouding the lights during darkness and having the lifeboats swung out. The arrivals today included the American liner Lapland, from Liverpool; the Italian ship Dup D'Aosta and Nipoli, from Mediterranean ports; the Danish vessel Frederik VIII, from Scandinavian ports; and the Burmudian, from Bermuda.

Apprehension still is felt in shipping circles here in view of the large number of passenger and freight steamships nearing this port and the reported proximity of German submarines. Rumor that two German submarines have broken thru the allied cordon and were on their way to the Atlantic coast received recognition in the general warning sent out last night by the British cruiser Lancaster. The warship, stationed fifteen miles south-east of Sandy Hook, cautioned all steamships flying the flags of the entente allies to beware of hostile sub-loats on this side of the Atlantic.

Dr. Anderson, who had had some stock observation does not believe the ailment discovered here is foot and mouth disease.

DAILY RATIONS COST ABOUT FORTY CENTS

Hope That Expense of Feeding Members of Chicago Diet Squad Might Be Decreased Is Fading—Cost of Food Alone Is Considered.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Hope that the expense of feeding the twelve members of the Chicago health department's diet squad might drop below the prescribed cost limit of 40 cents a day per person, has been abandoned. Dr. John Dill Robertson, the commissioner, said today.

"The exact cost is going to be close to 40 cents maximum for the food alone," he said. "We have made no allowance for light, heat, service or other overhead expense."

With the beginning of the sixth day of the two week test, there was a net gain of five pounds in the aggregate weight of the twelve members of the squad. Breakfast consisted of stewed apples, oatmeal mush, toast and coffee.

GERARD VISITS LANSING.

Trial Conference With Secretary Before Departure For Berlin.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Ambassador Gerard had a final conference with Secretary Lansing today preparatory to sailing for Germany, Dec. 5. In official quarters today the impression prevailed that the delicate nature of the submarine situation and the deportation of Belgians to Germany were discussed. Mr. Gerard probably will see President Wilson tomorrow.

VILLA IN RETREAT.

Reported to Have Been Completely Driven Away From Chihuahua City.

Mazatec, Mex., Nov. 27.—Judge Francisco Martinez, of the court of letters here, announced today he had received information from official sources that Villa had been completely driven away from Chihuahua City and was retreating toward the mountains.

Begin Official Canvass.

Des Moines, Nov. 27.—The state official canvass today began, the first of the votes cast in Iowa at the last general election. The council will canvass all votes except those for governor and lieutenant governor. The state legislature will canvass those votes in joint session.

NEWS OF THE DAY T-R. BULLETIN.

The Weather.

Sun rises Nov. 28 at 7:22; sets at 4:24; Iowa—Cloudy tonight, possibly rain in extreme east portion; slightly cloudy in west and central portions; Tuesday generally fair; warmer in extreme western portion.

Range of temperatures at Marshalltown: Sunday 52 and 35; Saturday 46 and 24; Nov. 26, 1915, 54 and 26. At 7 this morning, 46; yesterday, 35.

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MUNITIONS LADEN SHIP IN DISTRESS

Norwegian Steamer Niels Nielsen, Bound For Vladivostok With War Supplies, Facing Destruction in Gale, 250 Miles West of Seattle.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 27.—The Norwegian steamer Niels Nielsen is in distress, 250 miles west of Seattle, according to advices received today by the United States naval radio station here. Wireless advices were that the vessel had lost her propeller and was attempting to return to an American port. The United States steamship South Dakota and others vessels in the Pacific are proceeding to the location given by the Nielsen.

The message received by the government radio station here indicated that the Nielsen was virtually helpless. The Nielsen sailed from Seattle on Nov. 20, for Vladivostok, carrying a cargo of munitions, it is said.

Carried Valuable Cargo.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The Norwegian steel steamer Niels Nielsen, 8,800 tons, was carrying a general cargo, including war supplies to Vladivostok. Her crew was entirely Norwegian. The vessel is valued at \$1,000,000 and the cargo is even more valuable.

Disabled in Heavy Gale.

Northhead, Wash., Nov. 27.—Wireless messages received here said that the Niels Nielsen was facing a heavy southwesterly gale and was badly in need of assistance. The coast guard cutter Snohomish is among the vessels that have gone from Puget Sound to her assistance.

JOSEPH BROOKS KILLED.

Well-Known Theatrical Manager Falls From Eighth Floor Apartment.

New York, Nov. 27.—Joseph Brooks, theatrical manager, was killed today by a fall from his eighth floor apartment in West Seventy-ninth street. He was 65 years old. Several weeks ago Mr. Brooks suffered a nervous breakdown.

Mr. Brooks was general manager of the Klaw & Erlanger productions, and was actively associated with many of the theatrical successes of that corporation. He was the first producer of "Ben Hur" and at various periods manager Booth, Barrett, Fanny Davenport, Lillian Russell, William H. Crane and others.

DEFENSE ACT AT ISSUE.

Supreme Court Asked to Review De- cisions of Lower Courts.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Supreme court review of lower court decisions concerning the new national defense act, to hold state guardsmen in service for federal purposes despite their failure or refusal to take the new oath, was asked today by Alexander Emerson and A. P. Lowell, of Boston. Final ruling is sought to settle disputed questions of service obligations of state troops.

PREPARES FOR POLAR TRIP.

Road Amundsen to Buy Equipment For Expedition in 1918.

EGG BOYCOTT IN NEW YORK

Housewives League Starts Movement to Rout Speculators.

MOVEMENT MAY BECOME NATIONAL

Wholesale and Retail Dealers Give Approval to Plan For First Time—Speculators in Other Foodstuffs to Be Attacked Later—Wheat Prices Come Down With Crash, Due to Rumor of Armistice in Conflict.

New York, Nov. 27.—Co-operative action by American housewives to combat food speculators in an effort to reduce the price of necessities of life was indicated in the household embargo on eggs inaugurated here today. The movement has the indorsement of the National Housewives' League, John J. Dillon, commissioner of foods and markets, and John Hartigan, commissioner of weights and measures, representing the city. Wholesale and retail dealers also have given the proposal their approval as the only practical method of defeating the speculators.

This embargo is said to be the first one of its kind which has had the support of dealers. A meeting of the presidents of all the retail grocers' associations has been called for next Wednesday to work out a plan of co-operation between the public and retail dealers to strike at speculators in eggs and later to attack speculation in other foodstuffs.

Reports on other cities indicate that the movement is spreading thruout the eastern states.

WHEAT PRICES SLUMP.

Values Come Down With Crash on Big Selling Movement.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Wheat prices came down today with a crash, breaking in some cases as much as 9 1/2 cents a bushel. Big sales by some of the leading houses started a general movement to unload holdings and gave an opening for aggressive selling by bears.

Talk of the likelihood of an armistice in Europe had considerably to do with weakening the market and so too did the warnings of a fighting submarine in the Atlantic. Continuation of reference to a possible embargo by the United States was likewise a factor.

July wheat fell to \$1.45, as compared with \$1.54 1/2 to \$1.64 1/2 at the finish on Saturday.

GOMPERS RE-ELECTED.

All Old Officers of Labor Federation Chosen—Military Opposed.

Baltimore, Nov. 27.—That the spread of the trades union movement in Mexico would go far toward keeping that country and the United States at peace was the substance of an address shortly before the final adjournment of the American Federation of Labor convention by Carlos Lovelra, a fraternal delegate from Yucatan, Mexico.

Buffalo was chosen the meeting place for the 1918 convention. The following officers were re-elected unanimously, no other names having been presented: Samuel Gompers, president; James Duncan, first vice president; James O'Connell, second vice president; Joseph P. Valentine, fourth vice president; John R. Albino, fifth vice president; H. B. Perham, sixth vice president; Frank Duffy, seventh vice president; William Green, eighth vice president; John B. Lennon, treasurer, and Frank Morrison, secretary.

Fraternal delegates elected to the next national trades union congress: John Golden, New York, president of the United Textile Workers; Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois branch of the United Mine Workers.

Fraternal delegates to the next Canadian trade labor congress, Emanuel Kowalski, Rochester, N. Y.

The report of a special committee appointed to prepare a statement of principles upon which the federation declares its position with respect to "militarism" was adopted unanimously.

"The American trades union movement is convinced by the experience of mankind," says the report, "that militarism even in its less horrid manifestations brutalizing those influenced by the spirit of the institution."

"We are unalterably opposed to any form of physical training or any quality of mental education which would tend to inebriate the spirit of militarism. The child's immature and impressionable mind must not be taught to think, except with horror, upon the killing of human beings. To arouse the thought that their school hours are devoted to preparation for the possible use of arms against their fellowmen, is to brutalize their instincts and subvert the influence of the necessary lessons of humanity, peace and good will, which it is the duty of our public schools to impress upon them."

Fleeced by Wire Tappers.

Kansas City, Nov. 27.—Wire tappers have enriched themselves by \$7,500 within the last two weeks in operations here, according to statements of one of their victims to the police. The man, a Kansas farmer, spent yesterday in company with detectives seeking location of a pool room where he alleged he lost his money. The fake horse race was the method used.

Cedar Rapids Man a Suicide.

Cedar Rapids, Nov. 27.—The body of John Wilder, a bachelor, was found yesterday in the woods one and one-half miles from the city, with his throat cut. He had committed suicide.