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TEUTONIC FORCES MASS AGAINST ALLIED ARMIES

HEAVY FIGHTING IS IN PROGRESS

In Southeast Corner of Serbia between Central Powers and Entente Allies.

SERBIANS ARE IN RETREAT

French Expedition is Placed in a Precarious Position and May Be Retiring.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—With the Serbian armies in retreat behind the Albanian and Montenegrin frontiers, it is reported the bulk of the German and Bulgarian armies is being concentrated against the Allied armies holding the southeast corner of Serbia. Heavy fighting has been in progress there for the last few days.

There is no confirmation of hints from various sources that the French troops have been forced definitely to abandon the positions held by them since the beginning of the campaign. The fall of Monastir and the southward progress of the German and Bulgarian forces, however, have placed the northern wing of the French expedition in a precarious situation and withdrawal from the angle formed by the Vardar and Cerna rivers apparently has begun.

Constant arrival of fresh forces and war materials at Saloniki give evidence that the Allies have no intention of abandoning their efforts in this region.

Although the Germans have announced the capture of Ipek, Montenegro, the pursuing Austrian and Bulgarian armies evidently are confronted with a harder task on the Montenegrin frontier than elsewhere. The Montenegrins continue to offer spirited resistance and to check the invaders wherever possible by sharp counter attacks. In Albania the Serbians, who have been compelled to leave behind quantities of war material, appeared incapable of organized resistance. Even an orderly retreat is made difficult as the Serbians are encumbered with large numbers of civilians and prisoners and according to some reports have been set upon by Albanians.

The latest despatches state that the French are bringing heavy guns into action in the Strumitsa section. A battle of large proportions between the Bulgarians and the Franco-British troops appears to be pending.

FRESH BRITISH TROOPS ARRIVE AT THE FRONT

LONDON, Dec. 8.—British reinforcements ordered to Mesopotamia before the advance to Ctesiphon, near Bagdad, began are already arriving at the front. J. Austen Chamberlain, secretary of India, was able to inform inquiring members of the House of Commons Wednesday.

Beyond this and the statement that the casualties at Ctesiphon and vicinity totaled 643 killed, 3,330 wounded and 354 not yet accounted for to which has to be added losses of 300 during the retreat, he declined further information of the operations.

TUBERCULOSIS

Causes Death of Mrs. Nellie Hartman of Bridgeport.

Mrs. Nellie Hartman, aged 31 years, wife of Joseph Hartman, of Bridgeport, died at her home there at 10:35 o'clock Monday night after a lingering illness of tuberculosis. Surviving relatives of the deceased girl are, her husband, Joseph Hartman, a daughter, Helen Virginia Hartman, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Danley, her parents. No funeral arrangements have been made yet.

CANNING FACTORY TO BE BUILT SOON

Company Buys Floranus Reynolds Farm to Grow and Pack Fruit.

The Sunnyside Orchard Company, a new concern here, which recently obtained a state charter, is preparing to establish a large orchard and build a canning factory on the Floranus Reynolds farm at Reynolds Sidings, a few miles northwest of the city. The company has purchased ninety-three acres of the Floranus Reynolds farm and work of converting it into the uses desired by the company is to be started in the near future. The farm is situated both on the Fairmont-Clarksburg Interurban line of the Monongahela Valley Traction Company and on the Short Line branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, which will give it splendid shipping facilities. An expert orchardist is to be engaged to manage the orchard and another expert will be engaged as superintendent of the canning factory. Part of the fruit from the orchard will be marketed and the rest will be canned. The company has a capital stock of \$80,000, a large percentage of which has already been subscribed. George R. Jackson, Clarksburg attorney, is president of the company, and Floranus Reynolds is secretary-treasurer.

STEAMER SAFE

At Alexandria, Egypt, although Reported Torpedoed Few Days Ago.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A telegram from Alexandria, Egypt, received today by Lloyd's says that the American steamship Communipaw reported sunk off the coast of Tripoli by a submarine arrived there Monday. It is inferred that possibly some confusion has arisen in regard to the identity of the vessel torpedoed. If the report of the torpedoing of the Communipaw is substantiated it must have discharged its cargo of oil and have been on the way to another port when attacked. It is recalled that the point at which the Communipaw is said to have been sunk corresponds closely to the position of the American tank ship Petro-life, when it was attacked by a submarine on Sunday.

CONFIRMATORY REPORT OF THE SHIP'S SAFETY

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—A despatch from Alexandria, Egypt, apparent confirmatory of the report received by London Lloyd's that the oil tanker Communipaw was safe was received today by the Standard Oil office here. This message stated that the Communipaw reached Alexandria on Sunday last and would sail for New York on Tuesday (yesterday).

INJUNCTION

Is Obtained by Fred O. Blue in Matter of Carrying Liquor in Railroad Baggage.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 8.—An injunction prohibiting the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company from allowing the transportation of intoxicants in the personal baggage of its patrons when the packages are labeled as containing alcoholic liquors was granted by Judge Sam D. Littlepage in the circuit court today. The petition asking for the restraining order was filed by Fred O. Blue, state prohibition commissioner.

PINCHOT

And Willis Urge Co-operation and Federation of the Country Churches.

COLUMBUS, Dec. 8.—Gilford Pinchot and Governor Frank S. Willis, of Ohio, spoke from the state platform here Wednesday to urge co-operation and federation of country churches and elimination of emphasis on denominational differences. They were on the program at the opening session of the national conference of the Commission on Church and Country Life, of which Mr. Pinchot is chairman. About 700 delegates from church and agricultural organizations in all parts of the country had arrived Wednesday for meetings of the commission.

ASSUME OFFENSIVE.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—Following their recent defeat by the Austrians in northeast Montenegro the Montenegrins assumed the offensive on Monday and it is reported officially threw back their opponents to their old positions.

WAR RELIEF

Measures Directed from the United States Are Prominent on Program.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—War relief measures directed from the United States and description of work done by American surgeons and nurses in the European war zone had important places on the program of today's annual meeting here of the American Red Cross. Former President Taft presided. Efforts of the Red Cross to relieve conditions in Mexico City and the story of the organization's aid to those left destitute by the Eastland disaster in Chicago were related. President Wilson was expected to preside for a time at the afternoon session.

FORT DESTROYED.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8.—Fort Cognolee, one of the most important of the old defenses of Namur, Belgium, has been completely destroyed by an explosion, according to a local newspaper, killing eighty German soldiers.

NOTED BELGIANS PAY VISIT TO U. S.



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Baron Ernest de Cartier (top) and Edmund de Wiart.

These noted Belgians arrived in the United States last week. Baron Ernest de Cartier is Belgian minister to China. Chevalier Edmund Carton de Wiart is Belgian minister of justice. They declare there is no particular significance attached to their visit here.

GERMAN EMPEROR

Has a Personal Interest in the Withdrawal of the Two German Attaches.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Emperor William has a personal interest in the withdrawal of Captain Boy-Ed and Captain Franz von Papen, attaches of the German embassy here. State department officials have been informed that as the attaches were personally appointed by Emperor William, he personally probably will give the order for their withdrawal. It is understood that the officials considered it probable that the Berlin foreign office was aware of the United States in declaring the attaches persona non grata so that when a report of the incident is made to the emperor it may be complete in all details.

MORE JURORS

Are Drawn to Do Service at the Present Term of the Criminal Court.

Additional criminal court jurors have been drawn as follows: E. W. F. Waldeck, Lee Queen, P. F. Caulfield, Charles W. Lee, A. L. Probst, A. E. Crimm, A. D. Harrison, Marshall O. Davis and Thomas A. Long. Mr. Waldeck was drawn to appear December 7 for duty, and the others December 13.

VESSEL DRIFTING.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Captain Garlick, of the disabled steamship Minnesota, in a wireless received here last night, said that the last battery of six boilers collapsed Sunday morning and since that time the vessel had been drifting helplessly. He said that more assistance was imperatively needed.

LUNCHEON

Is Taken at the White House by Members of Democratic National Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Members of the Democratic national committee were the luncheon guests of President Wilson at the White House Wednesday. President Wilson was seated between Chairman McCombe and Vice Chairman Foster Cummings, of Connecticut. Thomas J. Pence, elected secretary Tuesday, and Joseph P. Tully, the president's private secretary, occupied seats not far from Mr. Wilson. The luncheon was served in the state dining room.

CANNON TAKEN.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—It was announced at the war office Wednesday that eighty cannon were taken with the capture of the Montenegrin town of Ipek.

CONTEST TO PICK THE HEROINE FOR TELEGRAM'S FILM

Coupons Will Be Printed Daily and on Them All Votes Must Be Cast.

Girls and women—Who will be Ruth? My, what a furor! The telephones of the Telegram have answered hundreds of questions about the photograph to be produced by the Telegram and shown at the Robinson Grand, since it was announced in Tuesday's paper.

The first coupon for your voting will appear Thursday. Be sure to start in early as there is going to be a great rush for the coupons, and as your political sweetheart, brothers, fathers and husbands would say—"vote early and often."

The picture to be produced by the Telegram will have Clarksburg locations for its background, Clarksburg scenery, Clarksburg streets, Clarksburg buildings and houses and most important of all will be determined by those getting the highest number of votes in the "Who Will Be Ruth?" contest. Ruth will be the one getting the greatest number of votes and the ten supporting characters in the picture will be the next ten receiving the next highest number of votes. So there is a good chance for many of you.

Get Busy Today. The thing to do is to get busy today. Line your friends up to vote for you. If you are too modest to do your own besting and you have a girl friend who you think would make a good motion picture actress, cut some coupons and vote for her. The moment you or your girl friend is in the race, others will see your names and begin helping you along. Who knows but that the successful contestants will have the opportunity to become prominent in the motion picture business, if you show talent and have the proper camera pose. The chance offered to display your talent should not be overlooked, with this opportunity confronting you. Many girls who heretofore were in obscure positions are now making thousands of dollars by acting for the movies. Try and see what you can do, even though you haven't any professional ambitions.

The photograph to be produced in Clarksburg for the Telegram by the McHenry Film Company, will be shown when completed at the Robinson Grand.

The contest starts tomorrow, Thursday—will you be one of the successful ones in the "Who Will Be Ruth?" picture?

Conditions of Contest. Any young lady over sixteen is eligible. Votes must be filled in on the coupons published in the Telegram. The coupons will be published in the Telegram every day, beginning Thursday, December 9, and ending Tuesday, December 21. The Telegram reserves the right to reject any of the contestants. All coupons must be deposited in the ballot box at the Telegram office or mailed to the contest manager, care of the Telegram, before 8 p. m. of the night of December 21. Any one with professional, dramatic or screen experience is not eligible. Watch for nomination blank and voting coupon in the Telegram Thursday.

This is not a subscription contest and none will be asked to solicit subscriptions or collect money.

BIG SUM

Is Called for in the Estimates for River and Harbor Work.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM) WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—River and harbor expenditures estimated by the war department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1916, calls for an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for a nine-foot stage improvement on the Ohio river below Pittsburg, as against \$3,605,000 of the current year's appropriation spent on that work by direction of the engineers. The estimate for the Monongahela river is only \$28,460; \$211,208 was spent on this river the present fiscal year ending June 30 next. No other West Virginia rivers are specifically estimated for in the bill of estimates issued today. The total estimate for rivers and harbors, including continuing-contract work, is \$45,839,510.

TO DISCUSS SPEECH.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8.—Despatches from Berlin state that Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, has gone to confer with Emperor William at army headquarters. It is said that purpose of his visit is to discuss with the emperor the details of the chancellor's coming speech in the Reichstag.

TAKEN IN TOW.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—The disabled Hill liner, Minnesota, was taken in tow at 8 o'clock Tuesday night and is proceeding here at a rate of three knots an hour, according to a wireless message received Wednesday from the wreckage steamer Inagua, which with the tug Dauntless, reached the vessel Tuesday at a point 700 miles south of here.

INJURIES

Received When Struck by Yard Engine Causes Death of Wilson Loughery.

Wilson L. Loughery, aged 47 years, engineer at the Reserve Gas Company's gas station at Wilsonburg died at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning in a local hospital of injuries received Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock when he was hit by a Baltimore and Ohio yard engine at Wilsonburg.

Loughery was picking up coal from the railroad track to make a fire to dress some tools and apparently did not hear the engine until it was upon him. He tried to get off the track but was struck by the engine. He received a fractured skull, a broken rib and was internally injured. He was brought to this city and taken to the hospital where he died at the hour stated above.

Loughery had been in the employ of the Reserve Gas Company for several months, taking charge of the Wilsonburg station when it was opened. He moved to Wilsonburg from Sistersville.

The deceased man is survived by his widow, Mrs. Goldie Loughery, and three children.

Mr. Loughery was a member of the Sistersville Lodge Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The Howard Lodge of Odd Fellows, of Wilsonburg, will have charge of the funeral services here.

The body will be taken to Sistersville Thursday and the funeral services and burial will be held there Friday.

SUICIDE'S BODY

Is Found in Rear of Blacksmith Shop with Bullet Wound in His Head.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) PITTSBURG, Dec. 8.—The body of Samuel Schultz, aged 28, who last night shot and killed Ida Kritberg, aged 21, to whom he was engaged, was found in the rear of a blacksmith shop, not far from the scene of the crime, today. Schultz disappeared after the shooting and although the police searched all night, no trace of him could be found. There was a bullet wound in his head and the authorities believe he committed suicide.

DAVISSON

Attends a Meeting of Agricultural Leaders in the City of Chicago.

Howard E. Williams, commissioner of agriculture, has returned to Charleston from Chicago, where he attended a meeting of agricultural leaders for a conference on markets and rural credits. Flavius B. Davisson, member of the West Virginia house of delegates, from Harrison county, and Pro Coulter made addresses. The subject of Mr. Williams' paper, which was read before the Association of American Fairs and Expositions, was "Uniform State Action Regarding Bills of Health for Animals Exhibited at Fairs and Expositions."

DIVIDEND DECLARED.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The Western Union Telegraph Company directors Wednesday declared the regular quarterly dividend of one and one-fourth per cent and an extra dividend of one-half of one per cent making total disbursements of five per cent for the fiscal year.

TRANSFERRED TO VIENNA.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A Zurich dispatch says that the department of commerce and industry, which remained in Gorizia during the bombardment by the Italians until its buildings were struck by shells, has been transferred to Vienna.

TO CHASE SUB.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) ROME, Dec. 8.—The British authorities have given orders that the squadron of warships at Malta and the Egyptian squadron give chase to the submarine reported to have sunk the Communipaw. Descriptions of this submarine thus far indicate that it was of an unusually large size.

JUST ONE BILL.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM) WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Congressman Edward Cooper, the "baby" member of the West Virginia delegation, was not in any rush to plump all the bills he has prepared into the hopper on the opening day of Congress. He was becomingly modest in this regard, offering but one bill, a private pension bill which, if it passes, will remove the charge of desertion against Allan Greenleaf, of Huntington, and define his status as "pensionable."

RADICAL ARE TAX CHANGES

As Proposed by Mr. McAdoo, Secretary of the United States Treasury.

WIDER RANGE OF PERSONS Various Other Questions of Vital Interest Are Treated on in Annual Report.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Radical changes in the income tax to reach thousands not now subject to its provisions and to improve the machinery of collection were suggested to Congress today in the annual report of Secretary McAdoo as means by which the greater part of the additional revenue needed to pay for the administration national defense plans can be provided. The secretary proposed to lower the exemption limits so as to tax married persons with incomes as low as \$3,000, and single persons with \$2,000 incomes. The exemptions now are \$4,000 and \$3,000 respectively.

Increases in the collection force, a requirement that returns must be made of gross income in place of net income, and a change so that the tax shall not be withheld at the source, were among Mr. McAdoo's other suggestions. He made no estimate of the number of persons who might be taxed if the amendments were adopted nor the amount that might be expected, but in connection with his request for a larger collection force he pointed out that examination of the past personal and corporation returns showed that 83 per cent of those inspected disclosed that additional tax was due the government. On the basis of the examination, the secretary says that apparently more than \$4,500,000 in personal tax and more than \$20,821,000 in corporation tax still is due the government.

"Many inaccurate returns are made," said the report, "some deliberately and some ignorantly, and there are without doubt, wholesale evasions of the law throughout the country. It is absolutely certain that the government is losing through inaccurate returns and evasions of the law a sum many times greater than the cost of the necessary field force to investigate and check the returns and to bring to account those who are failing to make returns as required by law."

In keeping with his recent announcement Mr. McAdoo suggested the present stamp tax and the existing duty on raw sugar should be retained in force and said again that no issue of bonds is necessary either to provide for current expenses or in anticipation of added burdens incident to a policy of military preparedness.

"The policy of providing for the expenditures of the government by taxation and not by bond issues" said the report, "is undoubtedly a sound one and should be adhered to. A nation no more than an individual, can go constantly into debt for current expenditures without eventually impairing credit. A wise, sound and permanent policy of raising the additional revenues required for preparedness and the expenditures of the government should therefore be devised and adopted."

Mr. McAdoo expressed the belief that with a return of peace in Europe customs receipts which fell off \$88,000,000 in the last year will increase and that the legislation suggested, with a provision to make the surtax of the income tax law applicable at \$10,000 instead of \$20,000, the whole or part of the additional revenues can be raised. Taxes on gasoline, crude and refined oils, horsepower of automobiles and "various other items" were also mentioned.

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WAR COUNCIL MEETS.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—The general war council of the Entente Allies held another meeting Wednesday morning at the general headquarters of the French army. The French commander-in-chief, General Joffre, presided.

PEACE HAND

Not to Be Extended until Germany's Enemies Realize They Are Defeated.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—In an address before a convention of the Progressive People's party the president, Friedrich von Payer, a member of the Reichstag, raised the question whether Germany "being the stronger and having won the victory ought to hold out her hands for peace." Herr von Payer replied to his own question by asserting this would be possible only when the enemies of Germany realized that they had been defeated as they had not thus far.

ABLE ADDRESSES ARE LISTENED TO

Into Fire Which Cost the Lives of Thirteen Persons is Begun by Coroner.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) PITTSBURG, Dec. 8.—The coroner's inquest into the Northside fire, which cost the lives of thirteen persons on October 25, opened today before a jury composed of six local newspaper proprietors. Forty witnesses including seventeen survivors of the fire have been summoned to testify. William C. Kimball, manager of the Union Paper Box Company, which occupied a part of the building in which the fire occurred, was the first witness.

COAL MEN MEET.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) FAIRMONT, Dec. 8.—The sixteenth annual session of the West Virginia Coal Mining Institute convened here this morning for a two days session. Governor H. D. Hatfield and President J. C. McKinley, of Wheeling, will address Thursday night's session. The election of officers will take place tonight.

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TRAIN WRECK

Near Entrance of a Tunnel on the Pennsylvania Railroad is Attempted.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) STEUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 8.—Pennsylvania railroad officials today were investigating an attempt made last night to wreck their fast St. Louis to New York train No. 32 at the entrance to No. 7 tunnel near Uniontown. Five minutes before the flyer was due a trackwalker discovered a three-ton sixty-foot steel rail bound to the track with heavy chains. Using boulders to break the chains he managed to clear the obstruction just as the train whistled for the tunnel.

Company officials do not credit the robbery theory, but think disgruntled trackmen recently discharged may have planned the wreck for vengeance.

INQUEST

By the Members of Ice Cream Manufacturers Association of West Virginia.

The fifth annual convention of the Ice Cream Manufacturers Association of West Virginia which has been in session at the Waldor hotel here Tuesday and today will come to a close Wednesday night when an elaborate banquet and smoker will be given to the visiting representatives by the ice cream manufacturers of this city. William D. McCormick, of the C. D. Cooley Company, of Pittsburg, has been selected as toastmaster and as Mr. McCormick is a clever entertainer all attending the banquet are guaranteed a good time.

All speakers on the afternoon's program were present with the exception of P. J. List, of the Mechanical Refrigerating Company, of Philadelphia, who was unable to attend the convention. His topic, however, was ably discussed by representatives of several other refrigerating companies.

The remainder of the afternoon's program was a short talk on "The Quick Return of Empty Packers," by I. N. Hagen, of the I. N. Hagen Company, of Uniontown, Pa. "Coosie and his Preparation" was discussed by...

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