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ROUMANIA IS READY TO ENTER

MORE FRICTION WITH GERMANS

Offensive Movement against the City of Saloniki Seems Not to Have Begun.
TEUTONS ARE MASSING
An Important Offensive by Germans is Expected to Begin in the West Soon.

While recent reports of the actual opening of an offensive movement by the Teutonic Allies against Saloniki appear to have been premature, the cables continue to bring accounts of various troop movements held in military quarters to indicate that such an offensive is probably not far distant. Athens despatches today tell of continued concentration of German, Austrian and Bulgarian forces on the Greek frontier, together with the transfer of heavy artillery southward from Nish.

With such a movement in the Balkans in prospect, the reports that come out of Roumania command increasing interest. Avicines from Allied sources declare that the friction between Roumania and the Central Powers has increased and that Roumania, supposedly in view of the reported threatening attitude of Germany and Austria, has collected forces close to the Austrian frontier.

There is a paucity of news of active operations in any of the war fields, probably for the good reason that few important movements are now actually in progress. The chief capitals of the Entente Allies, however, appear to be impressed with the idea that an important offensive is shortly to be begun by the Germans in the West. The belief is prompted by the military movements noted in recent days, considered to presage something out of the ordinary.

The latest official bulletin from Constantinople reports improved conditions for the Turks, who apparently have recently been under extremely severe pressure by the Russians. Although the Ottoman forces around Erzerum seemingly have not been successful in undertaking an offensive, they have been able to repulse all the renewed Russian attacks, they declare.

No change in the situation in Mesopotamia is indicated, the British army still being stalled on the Tigris some distance down the river from Kut-el-Amara, it appears.

GERMANS CONCENTRATE ON GREEK FRONTIERS

MILAN, Italy, Feb. 7.—A German official says that French aviators report continued concentration of adversary forces on the Greek frontiers. German re-enforcements are advancing from Uskup to the northwest of Giegl, fresh German regiments having arrived at Monastir and Austrian forces are concentrating around Tehekivoko, a Bulgarian frontier is confirmed.

KITCHENER TO LEAVE BRITISH OFFICE OF WAR

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Changes of great importance in the direction of the war are contemplated, says the Daily Sketch. It asserts Earl Kitchener probably will leave the war office. The Sketch also says Sir William Robertson, now chief of staff, probably will take over active direction of the war without interference except from the cabinet as a whole and that a civilian of real ability for organization will become secretary for war. In event that Earl Kitchener leaves the war office, the Sketch adds that he will undertake work of an important character elsewhere.

LINCOLN DAY

Commemoration is to Be Held in Court House Here Coming Saturday Evening.

A public meeting will be held in the court house Saturday evening, February 12, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, under the auspices of Custer Post, No. 8, Grand Army of the Republic, and Nathan Goff Camp, No. 4, Sons of Veterans, to commemorate the birth of our beloved and martyred president, Abraham Lincoln. The committee on arrangements has prepared program for the occasion and former State Senator Charles G. Coffman will preside. Homer W. Williams will make the principal address. Judge Raymond Maxwell will read and comment on Lincoln's Gettysburg address. Walter M. Morris, Felix O. Sutton and others will make short talks on the life of Lincoln. The exercises will be interspersed with patriotic and sacred songs.

All soldiers, sons of veterans, ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and other patriotic societies of the city are cordially invited to be present and participate as well as all the white and colored people of the city and county to do honor to the greatest president the nation ever has had.

COALITION

Of Miners and Railroaders is Said to Be Disapproved by President White.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Labor leaders here say that a movement is underway to bring about concerted action among members of the four great unions of railway employes and of the United Mine Workers in their demands for increased wages or shorter working days. It is stated that if this plan were put into effect it would bring about combined action by 750,000 men, and affect the mining fields of Pennsylvania, Colorado, and the South.

The movement is said to have the approval of W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen and of W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. Representatives of the railroad unions are said to have been sent to Mobile, to confer with the United Mine Workers of America, who are gathering there for a conference with the operators tomorrow.

It is reported here that John P. White, president of the United Mine Workers of America, has disapproved the proposed coalition.

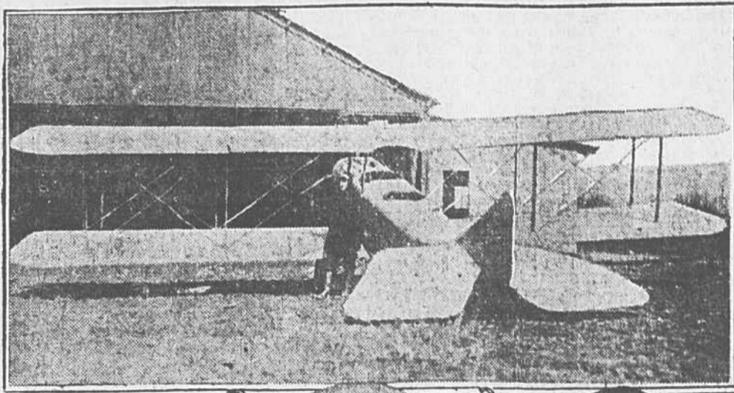
CIRCUIT COURT.

C. A. Osborn's suit against Stealey Heights for services as civil engineer is on trial in the circuit court. E. B. Templeman's suit as trustee for the Exponent against C. O. Fluharty was continued on motion of the defendant.

ACCEPTS NEW POSITION.

A. Brooks Blair has resigned his position with the Pittsburg and West Virginia Gas Company and accepted one with the Merchants National Bank.

EXPERTS SEE UNITED STATES NEXT RULER OF THE AIR



Thomas Brothers' military tractor aeroplane. Bottom, left to right: Henry A. Wise Wood, A. Santos-Dumont and John Hays Hammond, Jr.

Experts in aeronautics declare that the United States soon will lead the world again as the ruler of the air. They point to the new Thomas Brothers' military tractor aeroplane, built for the United States government, as evidence of their claims. Among those who say America soon will lead the world in flying are Henry A. Wise Wood, president of the American Society of Aeronautic Engineers; Alberto Santos-Dumont of Brazil, the leading aeronaut of South America, and John Hays Hammond, Jr.

STATE BOARD QUITE ACTIVE

TROLLEY
Car Passenger is Jailed under a Charge of Disorderly Conduct.

Charged with disorderly conduct on a New Fair Grounds street car, Harry Mulford, a young man, is a prisoner in the county jail awaiting a trial before a magistrate while officers are hunting a companion who was with him on the car at the time and against whom a like charge rests. Mulford was taken into custody by Deputy Sheriff John Siers at the end of the New Fair Grounds car line Sunday night after complaint had been made to the sheriff's office by the conductor. Threats had been made by the young man, it was alleged, that they would whip the conductor and they were waiting for the car when it made its return trip. According to the conductor, the young man made insulting remarks to two passengers while the car was outbound and were called down by the conductor. They took offense at what the conductor said, he declared, threatened to whip him and acted in a boisterous and disorderly manner.

CENSORSHIP LIFTED.

The Mexican government advises that messages are no longer subject to censorship and that the telegraph service is now subject to normal conditions.

SUIT DISMISSED.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—The suit of the Federal League against organized baseball filed a year ago under the anti-trust act was dismissed today by Judge K. M. Landis in the United States district court.

In Behalf of Taft Peace Plan League to Enforce Peace All over the World.

TO ORGANIZE A BRANCH

Prominent Clarksburg Men Are to Participate in a State Meeting at Parkersburg.

PARKERSBURG, Feb. 7.—The West Virginia Board of Trade and the League of Enforce Peace, of which ex-President Taft is head, are to co-operate in organizing a branch of the latter organization at a meeting to be held here on February 12, (Lincoln's birthday). The board of trade has sent invitations to its members everywhere throughout the state asking them to attend and urging their interest in the plan.

Among the prominent West Virginians who are members of the Taft league are ex-Governor William E. Glasscock, temporary state chairman; Congressman Howard Sutherland, Cameron C. Lewis, who is president of the board of trade, O. F. Payne, Ira E. Robinson, Melvin G. Sperry, Blanchard E. Hlatt, J. B. Finley, Virgil L. Highland, C. T. Dillon, the Rev. A. M. Gluck, Enoch Howard Vickers, and Roy Benton Naylor.

The League to Enforce Peace has been active since its organization at Philadelphia in Independence Hall last June, in behalf of the platform which was then adopted, which proposes that the United States enter into treaties with other powers, all of whom shall agree to try arbitration methods before going to war, the feature of the proposal being that all the nations use their joint economic and military forces against any nation beginning hostilities contrary to the agreement. This course, however, is to be used only to compel the submission of the dispute to an international court or council of conciliation, and not to enforce the decree. Nations may finally go to war, if unwilling to submit to the court's decree.

The West Virginia Board of Trade belongs to the United States Chamber of Commerce, which unites all of the important commerce chambers and boards of trade throughout the country. They recently voted in a referendum in favor of a world peace plan almost identical with that of the Taft league.

Following is a list of those invited by the West Virginia Board of Trade to attend the meeting at Parkersburg on Saturday: In Parkersburg—S. D. Camden, J. B. Finley and Mrs. J. G. Cochran, president of the women's club. In Wheeling—Joseph C. Brady, H. G. Ogden, H. L. Kirk, A. W. Paul, George J. Mathison, I. V. Barton, J. A. Blum, George O. Nagle, J. Harold Brennan, Frank W. Nesbitt, Charles W. Bates, Robert Hazlett, Roy B. Naylor.

In Charleston—L. E. Smith, A. S. Alexander, W. G. Conley, Ira Robinson, O. F. Payne, Charles Loeb, D. C. T. Davis, Jr., J. W. Dawson, R. S. Spillman, A. J. Humphreys, G. W. McClintic, C. E. Krebs, W. B. Matthews, M. P. Shawkey, George M. Laidley, S. E. Puffer, J. E. Marsh. In Montgomery—E. E. Smart, V. C. Champe, O. J. Henderson.

In Huntington—Dr. L. V. Guthrie, C. P. Snow, H. A. Zellar, the Hon. D. E. Abbott, G. A. Northcott, O. I. Woodley. In Bluefield—F. W. Udy, Edwin Mann. In Lewisburg—Hon. Charles Dice. In Hinton—R. F. Dunlap. In Morgantown—Judge George C. Sturgis, ex-Supreme Judge Frank Cox, President Trotter, Dr. J. M. Callahan, Dr. E. H. Vickers. In Roanoke—W. E. Blake. In Fairmont—J. M. Hartley, E. C. Jones, the Hon. John W. Mason, the (Phillip) O. S. McKinney. In Alderson—T. Charles Bare. In St. Albans—W. E. Mohler, Dr. C. A. Zerkle, the Hon. E. C. Colcord, C. J. Pearson.

In Clarksburg—V. L. Highland, Capt. M. G. Sperry. In Grafton—The Hon. Ira E. Robinson, Blanchard E. Hlatt. In Fayetteville—Charles W. Osenton, the Hon. C. W. Dillon. In Sistersville—Mrs. Charles Monroe. In Mt. Hope—P. M. Snyder, W. E. Deegans. In Beckley—The Hon. J. Lewis Bumgardner. In McDonald—S. A. Scott. In Williamson—Charles C. Dudgeon.

TEIPER HELD

Without Bail on a Charge of First Degree Murder in Having Killed His Mother.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 7.—John Edward Teiper was arranged before Justice Louis W. Marcus in the supreme court here today on a charge of murder in the first degree in having killed his mother, Mrs. Agnes M. Teiper, January 30. Motion to admit the prisoner to bail was denied. The condition of Grace J. Teiper showed no improvement today and little hope was held out that she would ever be able to tell the story of the Orchard Park tragedy.

GRIEF OVER MOTHERS' DEATH PROVES FATAL

To Leroy E. Fleming, of Central Station, Who Dies in a Hospital Here.

Grieving over the illness of his mother, who died two weeks ago, Leroy E. Fleming, aged 44 years, an employe of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company at Central Station, was taken suddenly ill last Wednesday and was rushed to a local hospital where he died at 2 o'clock Sunday morning. Brain disease was said to have caused his death.

At the time of his mother's death Mr. Fleming was in good health and working regularly. Following her death he had not returned to work and his relatives became worried about his condition. Last Wednesday

he fell unconscious while walking about at his home and never regained consciousness from that time until he passed away.

Surviving relatives of the deceased man are Lewis Fleming, his father, who resides at Central Station; James Fleming, of this city; Walter Fleming, who resides in Arkansas; and George Fleming, of Lumberport, brothers; and Mrs. A. T. Brown and Mrs. G. N. Squires, of Central Station, sisters.

The body has been prepared for burial and will be taken to Central Station Tuesday morning on Baltimore and Ohio accommodation train No. 71 which leaves the local station at 7:30 o'clock, and the funeral services and burial will be held on the arrival of the train. The burial will be in the Pleasant Grove cemetery at Duckworth.

MRS. MARTIN DEAD

Wife of G. M. Martin, a Well Known Farmer of Sycamore, Passes Away.

Mrs. Ortha Martin, aged 58 years, wife of G. M. Martin, a well known and prosperous farmer of Sycamore, died at 11:20 o'clock Sunday morning following a long illness of a complication of diseases. The funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Sycamore Methodist church and the burial will be in the Sycamore cemetery.

Surviving relatives of the deceased woman are G. M. Martin, her husband; Collin S. Martin, of Pittsburg, Pa., a son; Mrs. Cecil Coffman, of Sycamore, a daughter, C. F. and T. E. Harbert are brothers and Mrs. Anna McCarty and Mrs. Clara Fortney, are sisters.

MANY PERISH

When an Explosion Wrecks Great Skoda Armament Factory in Bohemia.

MILNA, Italy, Feb. 7.—A Bucharest despatch to the Secolo says that in the explosion at the Skoda armament factory in Bohemia, 195 workmen perished. Three buildings were blown up, including the one in which the famous 12-inch hydraulic cannon were made.

A Rome despatch, dated February 6, said that according to the correspondent of the Messaggero the great Skoda works at Pilsen had been partly destroyed as a result of an explosion.

CONVENTION

Of Charities and Corrections Association to Be Held Here in November.

Clarksburg was chosen as the place for the next convention of the West Virginia Association of Charities and Corrections at a meeting of the executive committee of the association in Fairmont Saturday. The convention will be held the week of November 20. John Sopher, secretary of the Clarksburg Associated Charities, who is also a member of the executive committee of the state organization, was instrumental in securing the next convention for this city. He reports that Saturday's meeting was an enthusiastic one with practically every member of the committee present.

DENTISTS MEETS.

The Monongahela Valley Dental Association decided at a meeting held at Grafton Saturday night to hold its next meeting Saturday, April 1, at Fairmont. A movement to begin oral hygiene lectures in West Virginia was launched. Following the meeting a banquet was served at the Willard hotel.

GAS RATE IS BOOSTED IN WESTERN SUBURBS

Two Cents Added in Adamston and Glenwood and Protest is Made.

Domestic consumers of natural gas that is supplied by the Clarksburg Light and Heat Company in the suburbs of Adamston and Glenwood have had their gas rate boosted two cents a thousand feet by the company, as a result of which complaint has been made to the Clarksburg Board of Trade for action through it by the West Virginia Public Service Commission. Consumers have been advised by officials of the trade board that the matter is being taken up by that organization.

The light and heat company furnished gas to domestic consumers of the two suburbs mentioned at the rate of eight cents a thousand cubic

feet by virtue of a franchise contract obtained by the Hutton Gas Company which the former some time ago purchased. The contract ran out a few months ago, but the raise in the rate was made on the postcard statements sent out to consumers the first of this month, being effective from the first day of the year.

Consumers alleged that the light and heat company has no right to raise the gas rate without first obtaining permission to do so from the state public service commission. It is also complained that no notice of an intended raise was made by the light and heat company. On the other hand, the light and heat company holds that it has the right to boost the rate to the same rate charged other consumers inasmuch as the contract it had under the Hutton Gas Company's franchise has expired.

AN ENGINE GOES THROUGH BRIDGE

On Vincennes Branch of the Big Four Railroad and Two Are Drowned.

VINCENNES, Ind., Feb. 7.—Two engineers were drowned today when the engine hauling Big Four passenger train No. 43 on the Vincennes branch went through a bridge on the Indiana side of the Wabash river south of here. The dead are: FRANK LANCASTER, age 60, of Mt. Carmel, Ill.

OLIVER HAZELTON, 40, of Mt. Carmel, Ill.

Owing to the high water the train was making the approach to the bridge at a slow pace. The bridge gave way as soon as the engine got on it, but the engine broke saving the remainder of the train.

The engine sank completely out of sight in the water which was within four feet of the rails.

About sixty feet of the bridge went down with the engine and it is thought that traffic on the line will be suspended for two weeks.

NO NEW DEMANDS LANSING ASSERTS

When He Speaks of the Berlin Despatch Quoting German Under Secretary.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Secretary Lansing today flatly denied that new demands had been made in the Lusitania case at a time when the German government considered the negotiations practically were at an end. He was speaking of the Berlin despatch quoting the references by Dr. Zimmermann, German under secretary of foreign affairs, to "new demands."

"This government," said Secretary Lansing, "has not increased the demands made in the Lusitania case as set forth in the notes of May 13, June 9 and July 11. I doubt if Dr. Zimmermann ever made the statement that new demands had been injected because he must know that it is utterly false." Secretary Lansing would not go into details or discuss Dr. Zimmermann's statement further. When Dr. Zimmermann's statement was published in this country, however, his reference to new demands was taken to apply to a possible construction on the word "illegal" in the proposed form of settlement. The other ground American officials could find for construing that as embodying a demand was the possibility that it might be considered applicable not alone to the destruction of neutrals on the Lusitania, but also to the methods by which it was sunk.

BIG FINE

LONDON, Feb. 7.—A fine of 7,000 marks is said by Reuters's Petrograd correspondent to have been levied on the people of the city of Vilna by the German authorities on the ground that the recent great fire there was of incendiary origin. The flames reached the headquarters of the general staff of the German army operating on the front between Vilna and Baronobich.