

## BRITISH ARMY DEPARTS FROM DARDANELLES

Expedition Which Met With Disaster at Suvla Bay Is Sent Elsewhere

FORCES ON THE TIP STILL HOLD GROUND

Teutons Preparing to Make Drive Against the Foe at Salonika Base

Paris, Dec. 20. — Fighting between small detachments of Greek and Bulgarian troops is reported in a dispatch from Brindisi, Italy, to the Havas News agency. It is said several Greek officers and soldiers were killed or wounded and that the Greek government is hastily forwarding reinforcements to the scene of the fighting. The dispatch says that the disturbances occurred in the province of Epirus, at the western end of the Serbo-Greek border. A Bulgarian advance guard is said to have penetrated Greek territory after an encounter with Greek outposts, resulting in lively fighting.

London, Dec. 20. — The British troops at the Suvla and Anzac districts of Gallipoli peninsula have been withdrawn.

The following official statement was issued here today: "All the troops at Suvla and Anzac together with their guns and stores have been successfully transferred, with insignificant casualties, to another sphere of operations."

The Suvla bay and Anzac cove positions are on the north coast of Gallipoli peninsula. Anzac cove is about sixteen miles from the tip. Suvla bay is five miles farther on.

As no mention is made in the British announcement of the allied position in the Seddul Bahr position, at the tip of the peninsula, it is not clear whether the withdrawal of troops indicates a decision to abandon the effort to force the Dardanelles or means merely a readjustment of the allied forces.

There had been no previous hint of such a move, although the question had been raised whether in view of the failure to make appreciable headway at the Dardanelles and the urgent need for additional troops at Saloniki, the Dardanelles forces should be withdrawn.

Attack Expected.

London looks for an attack on the allied positions at Saloniki. There is no official information as to the number of French and British troops in Greece, which has been estimated recently at about 200,000. Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey have at their disposal several times that number of men, although Greece is opposed to the use of Bulgarian or Turkish troops for an advance on Saloniki.

The allied troops at Saloniki are being reinforced steadily. This Greek port is within easy sailing distance of the Gallipoli peninsula.

If recent unofficial advices concerning the Egyptian situation are authentic Great Britain may feel the necessity of increasing her armed forces there. It has been reported that the Germans and Turks are preparing a formidable expedition to invade Egypt, capture the Suez canal and cut off England from India. According to one account, this enterprise has been placed in the hands of Field Marshal von der Goltz, the German commander of the first Turkish army. The Germans are reported to have constructed a double track railroad to the Egyptian border through southern Syria.

TO DRIVE ON SALONIKI.

Paris, Dec. 20. — The Saloniki correspondent of the Petit Parisien, in a dispatch concerning hostilities on the Serbian theater, says:

"The Germans have begun again to concentrate forces apparently with the object of fresh operations. The Bulgarian army is seriously weakened and will be replaced in these operations by Turkish forces. Turkey has been instructed and has agreed in principle to give an understanding to Greece to evacuate Greek soil as soon as the entente allies are defeated, but it remains to be seen whether Greece will permit the Turks to enter her territory, after refusing to have the Bulgarians."

MONITORS SHELL COAST.

Berlin, Dec. 20. — Entente allied monitors yesterday shelled the German positions at Westende on the Belgian coast, but were finally driven away by land batteries, says the official statement issued today by German army headquarters. The statement adds that German aviators attacked the town of Poperinghe, near Ypres, numerous hostile troops being concentrated there.

## New Leader of British Forces in North France



Hailed as the "man of the hour," General Sir Douglas Haig succeeded Sir John French as commander of the army in France and Flanders on Dec. 16. General Haig is only fifty-four years old, the youngest commander in the present war. He is a Scotchman, born in Fifeshire, is tall, powerfully built, dour and masterful, and so close a student of his profession that he was nicknamed "von Haig" by his friends.

## GREEKS EXPECT TEUTONS TO CROSS THE BORDER LINE

SALONIKI BEING VACATED TO THE ALLIES; GOVERNMENT WINS ELECTION.

Saloniki, Dec. 19. (Via Paris, Dec. 20.) — The highest Greek military authorities declare it to be their belief that an Austro-German attack on Saloniki is inevitable. The Greek general staff will quit Saloniki tomorrow. The last remaining Greek troops, save one infantry regiment, have been transferred to Kozani. The entente allies have ordered the evacuation of several villages around Saloniki by the civilians for military reasons.

The parliamentary elections today passed quietly. A mere handful of voters was out, making the extraordinary precautions against demonstrations appear needless. The polls were established mostly in churches and soldiers with fixed bayonets were on guard. The newspapers supporting M. Venizelos, the former premier, whose adherents abstained from taking part in the elections, comment bitterly on the empty triumph of the government.

BULGARS HELD BACK.

Paris, Dec. 20. — "It is stated that the German answer to the Greek protest on the question of the entry of Bulgarians into Greek territory was handed in at noon Saturday," says the Athens correspondent of the Figaro. "Germany, it is understood, declared that notwithstanding the military necessity which required the pursuit of the retreating entente allies, the imperial government, taking note of the popular Greek sentiment, had ordered the immediate halt of the Bulgarians."

"The concentration of Austro-German forces for an invasion is said to be under way. When this concentration has been completed a definite decision will be taken. Thus the question has not been settled by the reply but in official circles optimism reigns. The Austro-German forces are estimated at about 120,000 with much heavy artillery. It is said they will be entirely ready next Thursday."

VON BISSING TO QUIT.

Rome, Dec. 20. — General von Bissing, German government general of the occupied portion of Belgium, is to retire from the governorship on January 1, on account of ill health, according to a dispatch from Antwerp to the Correspondenza.

## HONEYMOONERS AT HOT SPRINGS

President Wilson and His Bride Go to Virginia on Wedding Jaunt

ABANDONS GOLF TO ANSWER MESSAGES

Groom Keeps in Close Touch With Capitol By Means of the Telephone

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 20. — President Wilson and his bride abandoned plans to play golf today to reply to hundreds of messages of congratulation from personal friends, relatives and officials. Since reaching here the couple has remained in such deep seclusion that only members of their immediate party have seen them. They expected, however, to take an automobile ride late today. Their private railroad car was sent away today.

Arrangements for a Christmas celebration at the president's hotel were being made today. There will be a large Christmas tree and a special musical entertainment. Members of the families of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson may come for the holiday but no definite plans have been made.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 20. — The golf links on the countryside here today lured President Wilson and his bride, formerly Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt, on the second day of their honeymoon. They had brought their clubs from Washington and planned to spend several hours on the course. Mrs. Wilson is a devotee of the game, the president having taught her since they became engaged. Every arrangement had been made to allow the distinguished couple to spend their honeymoon quietly in the seclusion of the mountains of the state in which they were both born. A section of a hotel was set apart for them and secret service agents attempted to keep off a corps of photographers and moving picture operators.

Mountains and hills, wild and romantic, entirely surround the green plains of the warm springs valleys. Winding roads and steep trails lead up the slopes of these highlands, and Mrs. Wilson will have unlimited opportunity to indulge her fondness for walking with the president. Numerous motor trips have also been planned by the couple, two white house automobiles having been shipped here for their use.

Congratulatory messages from almost every part of the world continued to reach the president and his bride today. Many of them were to be personally answered from here. The president plans to attend to only the most pressing public business during his stay here, but he will keep in direct telephone communication with Secretary of State Lansing and other officials.

President Wilson arose shortly after 7 a. m., today and after breakfasting in his private apartments, began the task of clearing up the volume of accumulated personal correspondence in order that he and his bride might later play golf. The president called in his private stenographer and dictated responses to messages of congratulation received from rulers in Europe, South and Central America, and from personal friends in this country.

The day was ideal for golfing and the president and his bride had arranged to spend several hours on the links.

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## MANY SERBS ARE LOST IN RETREAT

Berlin, Dec. 20. — "Military circles in Sofia," says the Overseas News agency, "estimate that 50,000 Serbians escaped the forces that were attacking them. Of these, the Bulgarians say, 30,000 attempted to reach Scutari, making the effort without either artillery or baggage, at least one-third of them perishing."

"The other 20,000, according to these estimates, marched into Albania where a large number of them were killed by the Albanians. "Only small contingents of the Bulgarian first army were sent against these refugees, and no further events of importance are anticipated in the zone of war where they have been operating."

EX-CONGRESSMAN DIES.

Chicago, Dec. 20. — Robert A. Childs, a former congressman and forty-two years an attorney here, died at his home yesterday. He was 70 years old. He was a veteran of the civil war, active in republican politics, and was a presidential elector in the campaign of 1884.

## HINT GIVEN THAT U. S. WILL REFUSE FURTHER PARLEY

NEWEST NOTE TO AUSTRIA REGARDING THE ANCONA IS ON ITS WAY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20. — The new American note to Austria-Hungary regarding the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona was understood to be on its way today to Vienna. The communication was finally drafted by Secretary Lansing yesterday in a note which was cabled last night to Ambassador Penfield for presentation to the Vienna foreign office. It is expected to reach him by Wednesday night. The publication of the note will be delayed pending its receipt by the foreign office.

The new note is understood to be a reiteration of the original American demands and to hint that it is the last word of the United States. These demands are for disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona, punishment of the submarine commander and the payment of an indemnity for the Americans killed and injured.

A reply is expected within ten days. The continuance of friendly relations between the two governments depends on Austria's answer.

Up To United States. A diplomatic authority at Washington is authority for the statement that a diplomatic break, of one occurs, will be at the instance of the United States. He holds the belief that Austria will not accede to the demands of this country but will politely offer indemnity for the Americans killed and will refuse to punish the submarine commander or disavow the act. This in his opinion will put it up to the United States to either back down or recall Ambassador Penfield. Asked as to the effect of a break upon Austria, he said: "Austria will then be unhampered by the necessity of considering the United States and her submarines will be able to attack any ship flying the flag of an enemy. And if any more Americans are killed it will then be up to the United States either to prohibit Americans from sailing on belligerent ships or to send warships along to guard them, which would be a practical entrance into the war."

In Washington it is felt that the relations between this country and Germany are at almost the same tension as are those with Austria. The German government resents the effort of the United States to jerk Austria up with a sharp turn and entertains the belief that the United States is moving against Germany as well as Austria.

GREEK ELECTION HELD.

Paris, Dec. 20. — Election of candidates of the Gounaris party in a large majority of districts in Greece is reported by the Athens correspondent of the Havas agency. In Athens and Piraeus the party gained fifteen out of twenty-two seats. Adherents of Former Premier Rallis, the progressives and the Independents were largely outnumbered in the balloting.

The recommendation of Former Premier Venizelos that his followers abstain from voting was observed in Athens and the other important centers but in the rural districts it was adhered to less closely.

The present premier, M. Skouloudis, was not a candidate.

## TURKISH WOMEN MAKING PROTESTS

Paris, Dec. 20. — The opening of railroad communication from Turkey to Austria and Germany has resulted in a considerable increase in the price of necessities of life in Turkey, says a Havas dispatch from Athens. Turkish women have organized meetings of protest in Constantinople, which, the dispatch adds, were dispersed by troops.

## BELGIAN ROYAL PAIR NEAR DEATH

Paris, Dec. 20. — Details of the narrow escape from death recently of the king and queen of Belgium when German aviators threw bombs upon the fishing village where the royal couple now reside, are printed today by the Petit Journal.

The king and queen were coming out of church from mass with the rest of the congregation, says the paper's correspondent, when six German aeroplanes appeared, flying low. Apparently they were coming from Ostend. The king at once told the people to scatter and take shelter but the aeroplanes approached so rapidly that few had time to comply with his instructions before the machines were over the village. Two bombs fell a few yards from the king and queen but they were not hit by the flying fragments. (The correspondent continues: "This is the fifth air raid which has been absolutely unjustified, since the village is unfortified and is inhabited only by fishermen. What makes it worse is that the aeroplanes came from the section of the German front commanded by the prince of Wurtemberg, first cousin of the Belgian queen.")

## PLEASED WITH FAIR PROJECT

Dr. Slaughter Thinks Scheme Is Best Thing Ever Tried in This Locality

WOULD ADVERTISE THE COMMUNITY WELL

County Legislator Says It Will Make People Talk of Local Products

Dr. A. W. Slaughter, one of Wapello county's representatives in the general assembly, is unqualified in his support of the proposal to organize a fair or exposition in Ottumwa that will serve the entire south part of Iowa and northern Missouri. Dr. Slaughter is ardently in favor of the project and when interviewed had the following to say:

"I don't know a better thing to do than go ahead with this proposed fair, about which there is so much discussion in each day's issue of the paper. I don't know why the old county fair was allowed to go out of existence for I understand it was a success insofar as it quit business without debts and earned something for the investor while in existence. As an advertisement for the town and community, I can't conceive of a more advantageous plan. We are so located here that patronage should be easily secured especially in the way of exhibitors. Fine shows of all kinds of grain, live stock, farm products in general as well as manufactures of various kinds can be obtained readily enough for Ottumwa is on many railroads and so situated with reference to other fairs that the best exhibits possible should be available here both on the way to and from other expositions."

"Such a fair as planned will help to build a sentiment for the improvement of this community. It will attract many here and make them talk about Ottumwa. I believe it the proper thing to do if properly handled and would favor it being made sectional rather than a mere county project. There is no reason why such an enterprise should not grow as big as the state fair if handled right."

The Newton Daily News has the following comment on the proposed Ottumwa fair.

Ottumwa is boasting for a fair there for all of southern Iowa and northern Missouri. Ottumwas believe that such an organized fair would be a splendid thing to bring the people of that section closer together in their business and especially in their agricultural interests and, incidentally, that it will be a boost for Ottumwa. Among other arguments put up in favor of having the fair there is the fact that it will make Ottumwa a center for the live stock industry. Newton is not the only town that realizes the benefits that can be derived from getting the interest of stock men centered about the town.

## TEST FOR CROOKS BEING TRIED OUT

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 20. — A system of psychological tests for criminals, recently inaugurated by the Berkeley police department under the supervision of experts of the University of California, has proved so successful that it is being employed in various other cities of the country. "Word has been received," Chief of Police August Vollmer announced today, "that the New York department is preparing to make use of the system, which recently was put into effect at Chicago and Seattle, Wash."

Henry Goddard of the Vineland institute of New Jersey was the inspiration of the Berkeley experiment which has yielded interesting light on the causes underlying criminality. The system, according to Chief Vollmer, has been of special value in juvenile cases.

## AMERICAN JOINS LEGION OF HONOR

Paris, Dec. 20. — Russell Greeley of Boston, director of the American Distributing service of Paris, who recently was injured in the motor car accident in which Dr. C. R. Cross of Brookline, Mass., was killed, and who is now convalescent, was formally presented yesterday with the decoration of the cross of the Legion of Honor. The emblem was pinned on his breast by Justin Godart, undersecretary of state for sanitary service. In a little speech M. Godart, in the name of the French government, thanked Mr. Greeley for the noble humanitarian work which he and a goodly number of his fellow countrymen have done since the beginning of the war.

JANE ADDAMS WELL.

Chicago, Dec. 20. — Miss Jane Addams, settlement worker and peace advocate, probably will be able to leave the hospital before Christmas, it was announced today. Physicians said she had nearly recovered from her illness, which for a time was reported serious.

## VILLA REVOLT AT END; "PANCHO" TO CROSS THE BORDER

EMISSARIES OF REBEL LEADER ASSURED HE WILL BE WELCOMED IN U. S.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 20. — An agreement was reached and papers were being signed at noon today whereby the Villa faction in northern Mexico concludes peace terms with the de facto government of Mexico. The conference was held between Mexican Consul Garcia and former lieutenants of Gen. Francisco Villa at the consulate in El Paso.

Gen. Francisco Villa is reported at Juarez. The signing of the peace agreement eliminates him from Mexican affairs.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20. — State department officials have decided that General Villa will receive the asylum accorded a political refugee should he enter the United States. This decision was sent last night to General Funston by the war department for transmission to Villa or his representatives. State department agents had reported that alleged intermediaries had requested Villa's immunity from arrest, saying that if this was given they believed Villa would abandon the fight against Carranza and retire to private life in the United States.

The state department does not conceal its desire to have Villa eliminated. Without him the revolution in the north will certainly fall, officials believe. The intermediaries also said that the plan was for the retirement from the field of the entire Villa army. Secretary Lansing announced that Villa had the right to enter the United States and would be given the same facilities of doing so as any other foreigner. A dispatch to this effect has been sent to General Funston, the secretary said, to be delivered to Villa.

## PASSENGER TRAINS MEET

Erroneous Order by Switchtender Results in Head-on Collision at Rock Island.

Rock Island, Ill., Dec. 20. — Passenger trains on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy collided head-on in the local yards at 7 o'clock this morning, due to an erroneous order by the switchtender. The Milwaukee train, which was out of Chicago, was going thirty miles an hour, the Burlington train was moving slowly. The Burlington train was bound from St. Paul to St. Louis. The Milwaukee locomotive was almost demolished by the heavier Burlington engine. The crew of the Milwaukee engine had a miraculous escape from death. They were pinned in the cab and had to be taken out through the windows. Passengers were badly shaken up, but none was seriously injured.

## BIG FIRE AT BURLINGTON

Tama Building in the Heart of Business District Damaged \$60,000 by Flames.

Burlington, Dec. 20. — A fire that originated in the rear of Sutter's and Ludman's drug store, caused damage amounting to about \$60,000 to the Tama building, a five story business and office structure in the heart of the downtown section.

The fire worked its way to the top floor through an elevator shaft and the entire fifth story is a wreck. The fire started at 3:30 o'clock and was not subdued until 8 o'clock this morning. L. B. Ringold's clothing stock is ruined by water as also is the stock of Kaut and Kriebbaum, tin and hardware. The office effects of two score professional men and others with offices in the building were damaged by fire and water.

## RECORD PAYROOLS AT STEEL PLANTS

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 20. — Payrools in industrial plants in the Turtle creek and Monongahela river valleys this week will be the largest in the history of the companies, according to conservative estimates. Because of the great activity in various lines of the steel industry, employees in the plants, which include many of the largest in the Pittsburgh district, will receive more than \$3,000,000, it is estimated. Approximately 150,000 men are employed in the valleys and every factory has been working to capacity, with many working overtime. War munitions are being manufactured at a large number of the plants.

STEAMER IS SUNK.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 20. — The steamship Cambria, formerly owned by the London and Northwestern railroad, but recently in the service of the British admiralty, has been sunk in the English channel, according to a cablegram received in this city, appearing in the Toronto Star.

## RESIDENCE IS DESTROYED BY COSTLY BLAZE

Building Occupied by C. G. Mann and H. E. Blackmar Burns With Contents

LOSS WILL REACH MORE THAN \$12,000

House and Furnishings Are Partly Insured; Think Furnace Is Cause

Value of house ..... \$7,000  
Blackmar's effects, etc. .... 3,500  
Mann's effects, etc. .... 2,000  
Total ..... \$12,500

INSURANCE  
House ..... \$4,000  
Blackmar's effects ..... 2,000  
Mann's effects ..... 1,400  
Total ..... \$7,400

The building occupied as the residences of H. E. Blackmar, 303 Gara street, and C. G. Mann, 604 North Market street, was practically destroyed by fire Sunday morning. The total loss is estimated at \$6,000 on the building and contents partly insured. The blaze is thought to have started from the furnace hot air ducts between the partitions of the house, which is a double structure. The fire was first seen by Mrs. Mann about 11 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Blackmar having gone to church. The fire gained rapidly and within a short time was beyond control of the department.

Mrs. Mann discovered the fire when smoke began to issue from under the door but before she had time to turn in the alarm the flames burst out in several places along the partition. The furnace is situated directly under the stairway in Mr. Blackmar's house and the flames found easy access to the upper floors of the dwelling. The fire being centered in the dwelling put the department at a disadvantage and within a short time the house was all ablaze. The flames spread rapidly through Blackmar's part of the house but the firemen succeeded in delaying the progress of the flames on the west side of the dwelling which was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Mann.

Called From Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackmar were on their way to church and were but a short distance from their home when they heard the fire alarm and their truck started out. They thought it was a false alarm and proceeded on their way where Mr. Blackmar was told of the fire by an usher. He did not get seriously as he had just left home leaving Mrs. Blackmar at the door. She went back where he found the alarm in flames.

The fire was then at its height when Mr. Blackmar made his way to the scene some of his furniture was saved from the house by the firemen. The alarm left the house and the fire was in care of by the neighborhood. The house is large and is situated at Market and Gara street, and is owned by Miss Mae Moore. The loss is placed at \$7,000 with \$4,000 insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackmar will suffer considerably by the blaze. The sufficient library which was valued at \$1,500 besides the remainder of household furnishings and wardrobe, is lost. Mr. Blackmar has \$10,000 insurance on the contents of the home.

Mann Loss Less.

The part of the house occupied by Mr. Mann was not so badly damaged by fire as the part in which Mr. Blackmar lived. The household goods belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Mann were badly damaged by water and Mr. Mann carries \$1,400 insurance on his household furnishings and estimates his loss over insurance at about \$600.

The fire department had difficulty in reaching the truck went up Court street to Sixth to Market and while on the hill the timing gears were ped. When the department reached the house it was filled with smoke. We call a blind fire, said Chief Charles Sloan. "While we were fighting the fire from the rear and first floor it crept into the upper floors along the partitions and through the roof."

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