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CALLS ON SECY LANSING Austrian Charge Discusses Dispute Over Sinking.

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GREEK TROOPS TO REMAIN NEUTRAL

SALONIKA, Dec. 18.—Greece will refrain from interference and maintain a policy of the strictest neutrality if the allies are attacked on Greek territory. Gen. Serrail, commander of the Anglo-French forces, received notification to this effect today. Col. Pailis, official representative of the Greek war office at Salonika, transmitted the following to Gen. Serrail: "In the event that the allies are followed by their enemies to Greek soil, the Greek army has orders to retire in order to leave the field clear to the belligerents."

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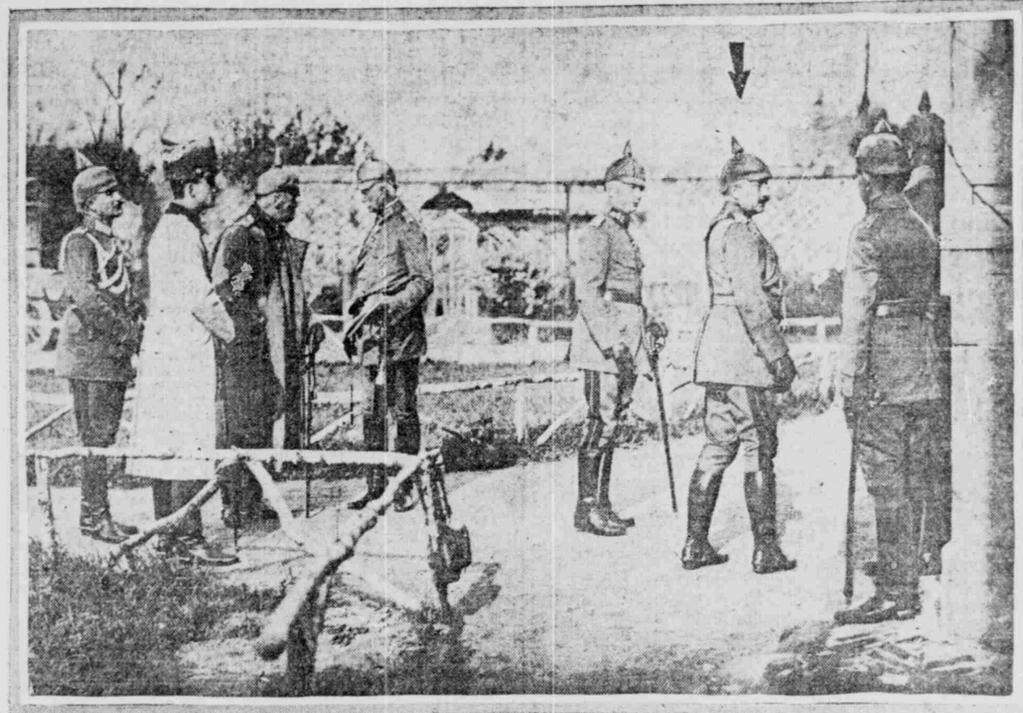
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VILLA CHIEFTAINS TO JOIN CARRANZA

Governor of Yucatan Prohibits the Sale of Liquor in His Territory.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The principal Villista chieftains, in conference at Chihuahua decided to discard Villa as leader and surrender themselves to Carranza, according to a dispatch tonight to the Mexican embassy here from Andres Garcia, consul at El Paso. The embassy was advised also that the governor of Yucatan has issued a decree prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor traffic and providing a minimum wage scale.

TORPEDO BOATS WIN

Best Hostile Air Craft in Battle on Turk Coast. PARIS, Dec. 18.—In the first battle that has occurred between a French torpedo boat and hostile air craft, the torpedo boats were victorious, according to an official statement issued at the ministry of marine today. The battle occurred off the Turkish coast. "Our torpedo flotilla having perceived two enemy hydroplanes near the shore, shelled and pursued them," says the official statement. "One succeeded in escaping, but the other, seriously damaged, capsized and was captured." "We took prisoner the naval officer and substitute officer, who formed his crew." The marine ministry also announced that a French cruiser had bombarded and entirely destroyed German war stores on the coast.

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