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## ROMANIANS RETREAT AS GERMANS ADVANCE

Teuton Victory Complete—184 Cannon, 120 Machine Guns Captured.

## RUSSIANS TAKE 500

New Ypres Offensive Expected as Allies' Next Move—Greeks Mobilize.

By United Press  
BERLIN, Dec. 9. (wireless via Sayville).—The Rumanians are in complete retreat before the two advancing German army wings in Rumania today, according to the official statement. Since December 1 the Rumanians have lost more than 70,000 men to these two armies, with 184 cannon and 120 machine guns. Several thousand of these include a force of Rumanians which endeavored to make its way from the passes northeast of Sinaya toward the southeast. Many cannon were also captured.

## Intercepted Orders Lost Bucharest?

By United Press  
BERLIN, Dec. 9.—The fall of Bucharest was in part due to the discovery by German soldiers of orders for the Rumanian general staff before the orders reached the Rumanian officers. At the beginning of von Falkenhayn's offensive at Red Tower Pass, the Rumanians dispatched a French aeroplane with orders notifying a second Rumanian army to come to their assistance. The aeroplane was shot down and the orders discovered. After finding the orders, von Falkenhayn was able to checkmate the Rumanian relief scheme, attacking the enemy in the rear.

This is the second time in the Rumanian campaign that the Germans have obtained orders disclosing the contemplated movements of the enemy.

## Rumanians Continue to Retire.

By United Press  
PETROGRAD, Dec. 9.—Both the Rumanian and Russian forces in Wallachia are continuing to retire in face of the "unceasing hostile pressure," the War Office announced today.

## Russians Support Rumanians.

By United Press  
BERLIN, (via wireless to Sayville) Dec. 9.—The Russian forces in full strength have arrived to cover the retirement of the Rumanians, and a furious seven-day fight has been raging on the wooded Carpathians and Transylvanian front. The Russians have suffered heavy losses, and the Germans have gained along the entire front.

## Russians Take 500 Prisoners.

By United Press  
PETROGRAD, Dec. 9.—Russian troops have dislodged the enemy from two heights west and south of Valeputna, taking 500 prisoners, today's official statement asserted. Six machine guns, one cannon and two bomb-mortars were also captured.

## Greek Royalist Forces Mobilize.

By United Press  
LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Greek situation reached its most critical stage today. Mobilization of King Constantine's royalist forces, reports of Teutonic negotiations with the monarch, departure of Allied subjects from the capital and concentration of Allied forces near Athens were among the important elements giving concern today. All dispatches from the capital are greatly delayed.

## Germans Claim Triumph in West.

By United Press  
BERLIN, (via wireless to Sayville) Dec. 9.—The most serious attacks made by the British and the French since the last allied attack at Ancre, November 18, were repulsed with bloody results today, according to the statement of a semi-official news agency.

## Greece Takes Strong Stand.

By United Press  
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 9.—Greece has notified the Entente powers that she will make no further concessions to them and that the government will regard further demands as cause for war, according to a Budapest newspaper.

## French Surprise Succeeds.

By United Press  
PARIS, Dec. 9.—A surprise attack against a salient part of the German forces in the west was successfully carried out by French troops, according to an official statement. A Ger-

## THE CALENDAR

- Dec. 1-16—Landscape Design Exhibit, Faculty Room (107) University Library Building.
- Dec. 11.—Recital by Fanny May Ross, pianist, and Josephine Barlow, reader, in Stephens College Auditorium at 8:15. The public is invited.
- Dec. 12.—Interpretative recital, "Othello," Christian College, 8:15 p. m.
- Dec. 14.—Cecil Fanning concert, Phi Mu Alpha series, University Auditorium at 8:15 o'clock.
- Dec. 13.—Yellowstone National Park Travelogue at 7:30 p. m. in the University Auditorium by Charles Norton Hunt.
- Dec. 16.—"The Magistrate" by Pinero at 8:15 p. m. in the University Auditorium.
- Dec. 19.—Concert by the University Chorus at 7:30 p. m. in the University Auditorium.
- Dec. 21.—Christmas holidays begin at 4:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon.
- Jan. 3.—Christmas holidays end at 8 a. m. Wednesday.

man mine was destroyed and prisoners taken around Hill 304 on the left bank of the Meuse. A brisk shelling is being continued.

## New Ypres Offensive Next Move.

By United Press  
BERLIN, Dec. 9.—A new offensive near Ypres Bend is expected to be the next effort on the part of the Allies on the western front in their operations in that theater of war, according to news bureaus.

## British Take a Machine Gun.

By United Press  
LONDON, Dec. 9.—British raids on the German positions in the neighborhood of Neuville Saint Vaast and also in the Souchez district have been successful. General Haig reported today. In addition to the other losses a machine gun belonging to the enemy was taken.

## D. A. R. GIVES TO RED CROSS

Report of Annual State Conference Heard at Yesterday's Meeting.  
The Columbia chapter of D. A. R. contributed \$5 to the Red Cross Seal Organization at its meeting at the home of Mrs. J. C. Whitten, 214 Thilly avenue yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Whitten and Mrs. A. J. Meyer were the hostesses.

Following the regular business meeting, a musical program was given by Miss Dorothy Bartholf and Miss Marie Wilhelm Bailey of Christian College and Mrs. C. C. Bowling. A report of the annual state conference held recently at Louisiana, Mo., was given by Mrs. T. W. Whittle, Mrs. E. W. Stephens and Mrs. L. H. Hannah.

## NEW CABINET CHOSEN

Lloyd-George Makes Good as Premier—Announcement of Names Soon.

By United Press  
LONDON, Dec. 9.—Lloyd-George has been successful in his latest task, forming a new cabinet, according to English reports. Formal announcement of the personnel of the new cabinet is expected to be made at the session of the House of Commons next Tuesday.

It is believed that in the meantime, Lloyd-George will reach a settlement on the present Nationalist trouble. Incidentally he would cement the parties in a unity of action. Other parties have formally pledged their support to the new regime.

## England Needed Strong Men.

By United Press  
BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Comment, which typifies public expression, said today: "Dictator Lloyd-George was appointed at a time when England needs a strong man to pull her out of a bad military fix."

## German Public Is Skeptical.

By United Press  
BERLIN, Dec. 9.—The downfall of Asquith and Grey in England probably means two more years of war, the Berlin public believes. Lloyd-George's victory everywhere is regarded as a temporary setback to peace negotiations. Most people are skeptical of success of the head of the new ministry.

## CANT FILL ORDERS FOR STEEL

Demands Pile up on the United States Corporation.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The unfilled orders on the books of the United States Steel Corporation November 30 set a new record at 11,058,524 tons. This is an increase of 1,043,282 tons over the October 31 total.

## A Daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Nowell.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Nowell, Jr., of 120 Westwood avenue, at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. She has been named Dorothy Anne.

## SINKING!



## MORE COLD STORAGE THIS YEAR, U. S. FINDS

Government Investigators Say Holdings Show Big Increase Over 1915.

## GRAND JURIES BUSY

Detroit, Chicago and New York to Share in Work of Reducing Prices.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The recent investigations of the Department of Agriculture show tremendous increases in cold storage holdings over last year. These remarkable disclosures have attracted the attention of the government, which is investigating the high cost of living.

## Chicago Has New Food Discoveries.

By United Press  
CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Acting on the latest discoveries that four men control the egg supply of Chicago and the Middle West and that two sets of books have been kept by the cold storage men, U. S. District Attorney Clynne and his assistants today set about arranging their evidence for the grand jury Monday. Railroad embargoes on foodstuffs and added vigor in the federal food investigation are expected to push prices lower again today, although the storm sweeping the Mississippi Valley may check the decline temporarily.

## TO GO EAST ON PAPER MISSION

H. J. Blanton to Represent Missouri in Print Material Case.

H. J. Blanton, owner of the Monroe County Appeal, has been appointed by the Missouri Press Association to go to Washington this week to appear before the Federal Trade Commission in the investigation the Government is making into the tremendous increase in the cost of white paper. Mr. Blanton will accompany William Southern, Jr., of the Independence Examiner, who represents the dairies of the state, and George W. Marble of Fort Scott, Kan., who represents several daily newspapers of that state.

## STATE FLOWER IS SUGGESTED

Missouri Horticultural Society Favors Wild Crabapple Blossom.

The wild crabapple blossom will be the official flower of Missouri if the decision of the Missouri Horticultural Society has any influence in the selection. The society at a recent meeting unanimously voted in favor of the blossom and sent the decision to the Missouri Historical Society in Columbia. These two organizations will petition the Legislature at the coming session to vote the crabapple blossom the official floral emblem of the state.

## T. R. SAYS TO READ STORIES OF ACTION

In Letter to E. W. Stephens Roosevelt Gives Names of Favorite Books.

## WRITES IT HIMSELF

Former President Doesn't Like "Abou Ben Adhem"; Prefers Scott's Novels.

The chief recreation that E. W. Stephens has is reading. With his publishing plant, the building of the new state capitol and various other activities, his time for reading, however, is limited. So a short time ago he wrote to Theodore Roosevelt asking him to advise him on what are the best books for a busy man. He asked for advice on poetry, fiction, bibliography, travel and adventure.

Mr. Roosevelt replied almost immediately to Mr. Stephens in a letter of two pages in his own hand-writing. Like that of many great men, Colonel Roosevelt's hand-writing is not the easiest to read, but in the books recommended is reflected the strenuous life of the writer. That the heroes of the books and poems named are the true ideals of the man from Oyster Bay and that he has tried to make himself like them is evident in his selections. Nearly all are rugged stories of adventure and exploration, of fighting men and bold travelers, with a few political tales to add spice. Here is the letter in full.

"Dear Mr. Stephens,

"I am very busy but I can't resist the appeal you make and send you a few lines.

"I never made that remark about 'Abou Ben Adhem'; I care for that poem only mildly.

"In poems of action: Take Longfellow's 'Saga of King Olaf'—indeed all 'The Tales of a Wayside Inn'; Tennyson's 'Ulysses'; Browning's 'Childe Roland to the Dark Tower Came'; the first two books of Milton's 'Paradise Lost'; Drayton's 'Agincourt'; Scott's 'Marmion' and all his ballads; Julia Ward Howe's 'Battle Hymn'—which is healthy reading for Americans at this time. Novels: Cooper's 'Pilot,' 'Two Admirals,' 'Spy' and 'Pathfinder'; Scott's 'Antiquary,' 'Guy Mannering,' 'Rob Roy,' 'Waverley,' 'Ivanhoe,' 'Quentin Durward,' (in both Scott and Cooper skip most of the part about the heroines); Thackeray, 'Pendennis,' 'Phillip,' 'Vanity Fair,' 'The Newcomes'; Dickens' 'Mutual Friend,' 'Tale of Two Cities,' 'Nicholas Nickleby,' 'Pickwick'; Owen Wister's 'Virginian' and all his volumes of short stories; Bunner's 'Short Sixes'; all of Joel Chandler Harris; Owens' 'Voodoo Tales.'

"Other books: Hayer's 'Life of John Hay'; 'Life of Cavour'; Livingston's 'Missionary Travels'; Dana's 'Two Years Before the Mast'; Marco Polo's 'Travels'; Selous' 'Hunter's Wanderings or Travel and Adventure.'"

"Sincerely yours,  
THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

## THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Fair with slowly rising temperature Sunday.  
For Missouri: Generally fair Sunday; slowly rising temperature.

## FACTORY MEETINGS POPULAR

125 Attended Yesterday's Noonday Hamilton-Brown Program.

One hundred and twenty-five Hamilton-Brown employees attended their regular weekly noon day program yesterday when the Epworth League Quartet of the Methodist Church and Edward B. Olsen, violinist, furnished a musical program. Several vocal numbers were rendered by the quartet composed of Misses Ruth Barnes and Lois Goff; Messrs. Ira Drymen and F. P. Gutekunst, and two solos by Mr. Olsen.

At the conclusion of the program, R. C. Pifer, Y. M. C. A. State Secretary for Missouri, gave a short talk, congratulating the factory committee on the success of the meetings and offering suggestions for the benefit of those attending. Mr. Pifer's experience in conducting sixteen noon day meetings a week in Dayton, Ohio, a few years ago enabled him to suggest interesting and practical ideas for the meetings. W. H. Braselton, the superintendent, said yesterday:

"I think they are fine. The boys all like them and would dislike to give them up now. If our entire force had been here today there would have been at least a hundred more present."

J. C. Moore, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and Mr. Capehart, his assistant, are doing much to assist the factory committee in obtaining good speakers and musicians from week to week.

## DECLAMATION CONTEST PLANNED

Y. P. B. Offers a Diamond Ring in One Event, December 12.

The Y. P. B. of the W. C. T. U. will have a declamatory contest at the Christian Church at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night, December 12. (The first part of the evening will be devoted to the Babies' Diamond Contest for children less than 6 years old. The winner will receive a diamond ring.

The program for the evening is: Prayers by the Rev. T. W. Young; music: "The Little Boy", Anna Mae Poole; "Not Fit to Be Kissed", Nell Henninger; "Sing a Song of Sixpence", Millard Stewart; piano solo, Mable Ballenger; "The Naughty Weed", Margaret Cluck; "The Frog", J. K. Wright, Jr.; quartet, Elliott, Everett, Watson and Astroh; presentation of ring by Mrs. John Esrey.

Then will come the Y. P. B. Gold Medal Contest; readings; solo, Mrs. J. Schwabe; readings; Epworth League Quartet; presentation of medal by Mrs. Woodson Moss; benediction by the Rev. M. A. Hart.

The contestants in this event will be Elmer Windsor, Clara Pennington, A. D. Pitty, Dorothy Martin and Marion Schlotzhauer. These contestants have won silver medals and are now trying for the gold medal.

There will be no admission charge, but a silver offering will be taken up.

## ELKS PLANNING BIGGEST TREE

Christmas Celebration This Year to Be on December 24.

The largest tree in Boone County will be used by the Elks for their annual Christmas festival, which will be held at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, the day before Christmas. Dr. A. W. McAlester selected the tree on his farm a few days ago and decided to donate it to the Elks for the occasion.

Arrangements are being rapidly completed for the annual Christmas affair. The committee in charge of arrangements, which is composed of L. M. Price, Kirk Hays and Will Garth, hopes to make the affair larger and better than ever.

The committee will meet in a few days to consider a canvass of Columbia so that every deserving child will be remembered. Those in charge hope to have the names of the children presented as soon as possible.

## A DROP IN PRICE OF EGGS

Cost 40 Cents a Dozen Now, and the Demand Is Small.

The price of eggs in Columbia has fallen 5 cents in the last week. They are retailing at 40 cents a dozen now. They were selling at 45 cents a week ago. The price paid for eggs by the produce dealers has also fallen during the week. Buying at 30 cents last week, they are offering only 25 cents now. The fall has been steady. About one cent a day.

The merchants say that there is a falling off in the price of eggs each year just after Thanksgiving, and that this is the reason of the fall in price. The demand for eggs is very small, they say.

## VILLA MAKES THREAT OF NEW BORDER RAID

Report of Speech in Chihuahua City Contains Promise to Burn Towns.

## BANDIT NEEDS 25,000

U. S. Agents Gather Information About the Mexican Troops and Supplies.

By United Press  
EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 9.—That as soon as he obtains 25,000 more soldiers he will make a raid on the United States and burn every town he enters is reported to have been the threat by Pancho Villa in a speech at Chihuahua City.

At the request of federal officials at Washington, United States agents on the border have been gathering all possible information as to the number of men and amount of supplies and ammunition of the Villa bandit army. The information is reported to be ready for transmission to Washington. The purpose for this move on the part of the government authorities is not known along the border.

## Villistas Turn on Pursuers.

By United Press  
EL PASO, Dec. 9.—Fighting between the Villistas and Mexican government troops was in progress early today near Fresno, only ten miles from Chihuahua City. During the night General Murguia, Carranzista commander, hurried reinforcements to the relief of General Ozuna's column of cavalry, which had started in pursuit of the bandits after the evacuation of Chihuahua City and had fallen into a Villista trap, according to information received here by mining men and United States officials.

## BRYAN TO LECTURE IN ST. LOUIS

Says Prohibition Will Be Issue in Next Presidential Campaign.

By United Press  
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 9.—William Jennings Bryan arrived in St. Louis to make six speeches in two days and to be the guest of the W. C. T. U., the Federal Council of Churches of Christ of America and the Temple of Israel. The reporters cornered Bryan and, between swallows of grapefruit, took the following interview:

"Prohibition will be the big issue of the next national campaign—that is, if it doesn't beat the campaign here. I hope Democracy will espouse the cause. It is too early to predict, but not too early for hope. It is possible that a prohibition amendment may be submitted to Congress before spring.

"President Wilson's victory in the recent campaign was very gratifying to me, especially since it was gained without the assistance of New York. The country has been released from the delusion that a presidential candidate must be satisfactory to New York. The peace sentiment was strong enough to decide the voters of several western states. Women and the Progressives threw California to Wilson. The Adamson Eight-Hour Law gained many votes for Wilson."

## AMES ALUMNUS WEDS M. U. GIRL

John D. Lively and Miss Anna Thuenner Married Despite School Rivalry.

A romance started by the football rivalry between Missouri and Ames resulted yesterday in the marriage of Miss Anna Thuenner, a graduate of the University, and John D. Lively, both of St. Louis, according to the St. Louis Republic. She was a roofer for the Gold and Black, while he supported the colors of the rival institution.

Miss Thuenner is a daughter of Charles Thuenner, a St. Louis bank director and president of the Charles Thuenner Planing Mill Company. She is a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Mr. Lively is general agent for the Royal Union Mutual Life Insurance Company.

The couple departed yesterday afternoon for the East. They will visit New York, Washington and points in Virginia.

## Dallas Attorney Fatally Shot.

By United Press  
DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 9.—Lee Perkinson, former assistant county attorney, was shot five times by Clarence Platt, machinery salesman, on a crowded corner of Main street today. The shooting resulted from an altercation occurring in court. Perkinson is not expected to live.