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RUMANIA WAS SCARED

Some insight into the Rumanian retreat in Transylvania, announced by the Associated Press during the last few days, is given by the military expert of the New York Times, who says that King Ferdinand's troops, which have not been in a battle since the last Russo-Turkish war, simply were unable to stand up against the crack German troops.

Germany swung against Rumania with a momentum that was put in the drive against Serbia and Belgium and France, but the Rumanian leaders, the military expert says, became panic-stricken and retreated in haste, the king in the meantime appealing to the entente allies to send help at all cost.

With the arrival of French officers and large reinforcements of Russians, however, the Rumanians, who have been yielding slowly recently, will recover their morale and will yet give a good account of themselves. Ferdinand's troops have not raised themselves in the estimation of neighboring powers and they must acquit themselves with bravery before they can hope to assume the place accorded them before they encountered first class fighting men.

A GREAT ACT

If we were not inclined towards President Wilson we could not refuse to support him for one great piece of constructive legislation passed under his direction. The federal reserve act, the passage of which literally freed the country from the money power, is enough to make every thinking man want Wilson re-elected. And we know of one Republican, nationally at least, who has contributed \$10,000 to the Wilson campaign fund. The federal reserve act liberated this big manufacturer, and he could rejoice as he turned loose the kale.

With the recognition of the Venizelos government, the waning power of Constantine soon will be so faint as not to be observed. The king of the Greek people ran counter to public feeling, acted contrary to the interests of his country, and divorced most of the strong leaders of Greece by his do-nothing policy. Probably Greece would be better off without going into war, but a people who have been taught from infancy to hate the Turk, could not be expected to look with complacency on a contest in which it seemed probable Turkey might become stronger.

Such a thing is not probable in the least but it would strike the Hon. Jake Newell like a bolt from the blue if the Hon. Greene should win the race for representative from this district after Jake had been doing all the work for the past several years. Wouldn't that be irony?

Persons who have visited the mountains in Watauga say the chestnut crop is not only short, but that the nuts are faulty. Watauga is there with the best apples in history, however, and that is compensation worth while.

The difference between an independent paper and a party organ, as we have gathered from reading our exchanges, is that one says what it thinks practically all the time while the other says what it thinks only in off years.

The Asheville Times, which has undergone a splendid change since Brother Chambliss went with it, announces that it will print a Sunday paper, beginning Sunday. Here is success to it.

Mr. J. F. Click, who is an old hand at the game, is doing the grind on the Mercury during the absence of Editor Berkley, who is on a visit to his old home in the far west.

American athletes carried off the major prizes in contests with Scandinavian athletes at Stockholm. Though not surprising, this is gratifying.

The New York papers probably will not cut down the size of their Sunday papers, but it does no harm to keep after them.

Mr. Hughes continues to talk about the Adamson law, but the country does not seem interested.

The gentleman who gave a carload of coal to the Volunteers of America here was a friend indeed.

If the weather man only will behave himself for four days. Catawba will make all of 'em sit up and observe the fair.

A week from today the fair will open.

Osborne's Resignation Birmingham News. The resignation of "Tom Brown" from the superintendency of Sing Sing prison because of lack of cooperation from the state prison authorities, inspires the question:

Is the world ready to temper justice with mercy in its treatment of offenders against society's laws? Is society in the large prepared to believe that social salvation should be made free, even to those who have once offended, and, for that offending, have been once shackled or worn stripes or been shut out from the light of day?

Forget the sentimental side of the matter, if you please. Just consider that here or there is a man who has once worn the badge of crime; what shall we do with him? Once he is removed from society, shall he be interdicted from a return to that society?

Osborne's immediate reason for resigning is that 54 out of 84 "lifer" trustees employed at responsible

tasks outside their cells must hereafter be closely confined. According to a ruling of James M. Carter, superintendent of state prisons, the new order clearly means to decide that when a man is once sent there for life, there shall be no more upward looking and the light; he must forget the man's stride, save only that species of it which involves the lockstep; that good behavior, diligence, the little daily acts that separate the striving prisoner from the brute in the making, if there be such in the world, shall count for naught after the key turns in the cell.

Doubtless there will be a fight made by Osborne's friends before his resignation is accepted, but the man himself probably will quit the struggle altogether. His efforts to get a full and fair trial for his honor system and the Mutual Welcome league have met with repeated rebuff by men in high places—old world men, men of the temper of those who, 70 years ago, clubbed and beat and manacled insane men because they knew no better.

The wonder is that the world should destroy men possessed of their faculties. It is not the minds of madmen by setting them to work. Poe was right. There is a certain perversity in the deeds of men—a marked consistency which there seems no way to define properly. But here is a quite general impatience going in the world, in spite of its orthodox holder, that the savagery which is beginning to wonder what way-showers are for if it be not to teach and lead? Why should social saviors appear if their regenerative influences be not felt after a reasonable length of time? Or must all of them go Christ's path? Must each man who attempts to do and damned because of his efforts to cure without killing?

Since Osborne's theories work in practice will the powers not let him be? Or do great gospels penetrate the minds of men by leaps, and must long intervals pass between those movements? There were the dark ages—400 years of them—and then spirituality was rediscovered. Will Tom Brown have to die and be buried before the men who might today assist him decide to rename Sing Sing the "Osborne Sanitarium?"

OHIO REPUBLICAN BETS STATE IS FOR WILSON

New York, Oct. 17.—Democrats about headquarters were considerably encouraged when an Ohio man, generally known as a Republican, arrived with a lot of even money to place on Wilson carrying that state. There had been a further marked tendency toward even money of late days, some wagers having been reported on the basis of 9 to 10 that President Wilson will be reelected. The Daily News was able to secure

today the confidential figures from both Tammany Hall sources and the Republican leaders relative to the probable result in this state. This is important too, for publication purposes, because the impression is growing that Mr. Wilson can scarcely win the Empire state.

The Murphy organization is claiming that it will roll up an old-time majority of 100,000 in greater New York. Privately Democratic leaders say they expect in the interest of regularity to give Mr. Wilson a majority in the greater city of 75,000. The Republicans say this majority will not exceed 50,000.

These are the figures of Herbert Parsons, who expects to do some more hunting in North Carolina shortly following the election. Mr. Parsons insists that the Democrats cannot get the electoral vote of this state, unless they roll up a majority of something like 120,000 in greater New York, and this Mr. Parsons thinks is out of the question.

Figures from disinterested sources, based upon polls and straw votes indicate that Mr. Hughes will carry New Jersey by about 20,000, but many Republicans assert that the Republican plurality will be twice that number.—W. A. H. in Greensboro News.

CANADIAN TRAINMEN DEMAND CONCESSIONS

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