

# 2,500 TROOPS TO DEFEND BORDER

## FRENCH ONLY CAN SAVE THE SERB FORCES

Authorities Express Belief  
That Army Will Soon Be  
Without a Country.

## SURROUND MONASTIR

Report Says City Encircled  
by Bulgarians—May Not  
Wait for the Germans.

Berlin, Nov. 27, (via London, 3:20 p. m.)—German troops advancing in Serbia have occupied the heights of the left bank of the Sinitza river, west of Pristina. German army headquarters announced today. The Austrians are advancing southwest of Mitrovitz. The capture of 2,500 more Serbians is recorded.

The text of the statement is as follows:

"In the region southwest of Mitrovitz the territory as far as the Klina sector has been cleared of the enemy by Austro-Hungarian troops. The number of prisoners taken in and around Mitrovitz has increased by 1,700.

West of Pristina, the heights on the left bank of the Sinitza river have been occupied by German troops. An additional 500 prisoners fell into our hands.

"On the western and eastern zones of the war no events of importance have occurred."

London, Nov. 27, (noon.)—The Serbians soon will become an army without a country unless the French should defeat the Bulgarians, four divisions of which are said to be hammering at the French lines. Reports from various sources say that Monastir has been surrounded by Bulgarians and that they may not wait for their Austro-German allies before entering the Macedonian capital.

The main Serbian army, retreating in a southwesterly direction before Field Marshal von Mackensen's troops, may find rest even in Greek territory, as it is reported here that the invaders of Serbia would not hesitate to cross into Greece. Apparently the German leaders expect the Serbians and their allies will await attack in Greece. It is said these operations will be under the supreme command of Field Marshal von Mackensen.

British Winning.  
Additional reports from the battle at Ctesiphon, in Mesopotamia near Baghdad, indicate that the British forces won a substantial success instead of suffering a reverse, as first accounts led everyone to believe.

The diplomatic representatives at Athens of the entente powers are still active, their latest effort to settle definitely all outstanding questions being the presentation to the Greek premier of a note detailing measures deemed indispensable for the security and freedom of action of the allied troops.

Rumania Obscure.  
The situation along the Rumanian frontier, where a great Russian force is said to have gathered, is still obscure. The display by the Rumanian public of feeling in favor of the entente is regarded in London as an indication that the nation is in a position to disregard the demands of the central powers.

No definite news has been received of the renewed Austro-German offensive in Galicia. It is expected, however, that this movement will be pushed energetically for the political effect on Rumania.

Retake Park Town.  
The battle between British and Turkish forces at Ctesiphon, near Baghdad, which for a time looked like a check to the Mesopotamian expedition, is now reported to have been a success of first importance.

Information received today is that the retirement of the British after the evacuation of Ctesiphon, occasioned by the lack of water, was only temporary. After the Turks withdrew in the direction of Baghdad, as announced officially, yesterday, the British reoccupied their former positions, encountering no opposition as they took possession of Ctesiphon for the second time. The British troops at once began the work of clearing the Turkish trenches, which were filled with dead or wounded soldiers. The British captured a large quantity of arms and ammunition, in addition to 1,300 prisoners previously reported.

Ctesiphon has been the scene of many fearful battles. The ancient city was besieged and plundered a dozen times by Greek and Roman invaders

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## ANOTHER ADVANCE



## BULGARIA OUGHT TO BE SATISFIED

Correspondent Asserts People are  
Urging a Stop—Content With  
Present Triumphs.

Paris, Nov. 27, (12:50 a. m.)—Newspapers of Bulgaria, wires a Saloniki correspondent, are declaring that Bulgaria, having conquered Serbian Macedonia, should be satisfied with its triumphs, and, seeing that Thrace is being retained by the Turks, should not further the fears of the Serbians.

In fact, Bulgarian newspapers say, there are now seven Turkish divisions at Sull, northeast of Deleaghatch, one covering the actual condition of the navy and a discussion of the policy already outlined by Secretary of the Navy Daniels; another discussing the army and Secretary Garrison's report, and a third dealing with conditions in the organized militia.

Delegates representing every state in the country and practically every large city are expected to attend the conference.

Included in the list of speakers are Governor David I. Walsh of Massachusetts, Luke M. Wright, former secretary of war, Lafayette Young of Des Moines, former United States senator, Governor Edward F. Dunne of Illinois, Henry A. Wisewood, president of the Aero club of America, and Governor E. L. Philipp of Wisconsin.

## CAMPBELL CASE IN HANDS OF JURY

Fate of Negro Trustee Accused of Murder of  
Warden's Wife Is Hanging in Balance.

Joliet, Ill., Nov. 27.—The fate of "Chicken Joe" Campbell, negro trustee accused of the murder of Maide Odette Allen, was put in the hands of the jury this afternoon. Under Judge Hooper's instructions, four verdicts are possible: Guilty, with the death penalty; guilty, with life imprisonment; guilty, with a 14-year minimum prison sentence, and acquittal.

State's Attorney Martin, concluding the prosecution's final argument, told the jury that Campbell's defense was founded on falsehood and that the defendant had repeatedly lied on the witness stand. He ridiculed the theory that Mrs. Allen died as the result of an accident, and demanded the death penalty for the accused man.

## START INQUIRY INTO CAUSE OF SHIP FIRE

Bordeaux, France, Nov. 27, (11:30 a. m.)—An inquiry has been begun by the government to ascertain the cause of the fire on board the British steamship Barkdale, which arrived here yesterday from New York, with a cargo of horses and cotton. The Barkdale was several days out when smoke was observed emerging from number 4 hold. The hatches were closed and the fire made little progress during the remainder of the voyage.

On arriving here the hold was opened and flooded. Only 100 bales of cotton were destroyed.

## CONVENE MEET OF SECURITY LEAGUE

First National Conference of Body  
Being Held in Chicago—Recommendations Made.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—The National Security League, which opened its first national convention here today, is prepared to make demands for full publicity for the technical recommendations of army and navy experts on problems of national defense, it was announced by officials of the league.

Three separate reports are to be presented to the conference today, one covering the actual condition of the navy and a discussion of the policy already outlined by Secretary of the Navy Daniels; another discussing the army and Secretary Garrison's report, and a third dealing with conditions in the organized militia.

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## ARMY DEFEATS NAVY

New York, Nov. 27.—The Army defeated the Navy in the annual football game played this afternoon in Brush stadium before a tremendous crowd by a score of 14 to 0.

First period: Army, 7; Navy, 0. Second period: Army, 7; Navy, 0. Third period: Army, 14; Navy, 0. Fourth period: Army, 14; Navy, 0.

## ANOTHER NOTE TO GREECE GOVERNMENT

Athens, Nov. 27, (via Paris, 3:40 p. m.)—The ministers representing the quadruple entente sent to the Greek government yesterday a new collective note outlining certain measures which the powers desire Greece to take in conformity with the preliminary agreement reached recently.

Premier Skouloudis has a long conference with King Constantine after receiving the note. A cabinet meeting followed.

## Zealandia Back Again.

New York, Nov. 27.—The American steamer Zealandia, which was searched off Progresso, Mexico, by the crew of the British cruiser Iris, arrived today and reported having been pursued last night by an unknown cruiser, which she escaped by running inside the three-mile limit. The Zealandia still carried her cargo of resin, with which she left Pensacola for Progresso. Captain Devantier, her master, formerly was in the service of the Atlas-Hamburg-American line, and her crew are almost all Germans, it is said. The Zealandia is owned by the Fiske Trading company of New York.

## GIVES APPROVAL M'ADOO PLANS

Senator Simmons of North Carolina  
Announces Himself as Favoring  
Suggestion.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Senator Simmons of North Carolina, chairman of the senate finance committee, who, in a formal announcement, approved Secretary McAdoo's suggestion for raising by internal taxes the additional revenue required to meet the initial expenses of the administration's defense program, was ready today to begin consideration of revenue problems which his committee will help to solve.

Senator Simmons also announced that he favored adequate national defense and merchant marine legislation and said that he was convinced that the income tax exemption was far too high and that gasoline and automobiles should share the burden of the war tax.

Senator Smoot of Utah, prominent republican member of the finance committee, also was out with a statement today in which he attacked Secretary McAdoo's general financial statement. He asserted the belief that all the secretary's revenue estimates were too high and those for expenditures too low, and that misleading bookkeeping changes had been resorted to.

## CHESAPEAKE BAY DISASTER SCENE

Steamer Vivoli Catches Fire With 88 on Board—One Dead and Four Are Missing.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 27.—One person is dead and four are missing of the 88 people known to have been on board the steamer Vivoli, which was burned last night on Chesapeake Bay. Mrs. Eva Bowden, a passenger, who was ill, died on a life raft shortly after leaving the steamer. The missing are two children of Captain Howard, and two of the crew. It is thought they may have been taken aboard a tug.

The rest of the passengers and crew were taken off by vessels which had been attracted by the blaze. The cause of the fire could not be learned.

## AN ENORMOUS LOAN RAISED BY FRANCE

Paris, Nov. 27.—Paul Leroy Beaulieu, the economist, estimated today that subscriptions to the new French war loan may amount to 20,000,000,000 francs (\$4,500,000,000). Of this amount perhaps one-half will be cash subscriptions, the remainder representing conversion into the new loan of earlier issues of treasury notes and national defense bonds. No official figures are yet available, and other estimates of the total are at wide variance with that of M. Leroy Beaulieu. Officials of the treasury department express great satisfaction with the results thus far. Lines of subscribers at the Bank of France and many other places today were as long as those which waited yesterday.

## LAUDS BANKS ON HANDLING GREAT CRISIS

New Federal Reserve Banks  
Are Able to Cope With  
Great Emergencies.

## MUST BE REGULATED

System as Yet Not Sufficiently  
Perfected—Now Experiencing  
Expansion.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Praise for the federal reserve banks and the effect they have had on the finances of the nation was voiced today before the conference of the Western Economic Society by Edmund D. Hulbert, a Chicago banker, who reviewed present financial conditions.

Mr. Hulbert said that no one familiar with the facts could doubt that had the federal reserve banks been in operation in August, 1914, as they are today, there would have been no suspension of payments in this country.

"Violent contractions in money and credit are always followed by periods of expansion which, if unchecked, lead almost certainly to another crisis," said Mr. Hulbert. "We are now passing through just such a period of expansion. The function of the federal board to contract credits in a period of over-expansion is just as important as its function to expand credits in a time of excessive contractions."

## Action Difficult to Check.

"The farther the pendulum is allowed to swing in one direction the more difficult it will be to check when it starts the other way, and as the present tendency to expansion is beyond the control of the federal reserve board, it is quite possible that a tendency to contraction may eventually follow which will also be beyond control, although the machinery of the federal reserve banks is much better designed to cope with conditions of contraction than with conditions of expansion."

"What we want is to set the country accustomed to having the brakes put on at both ends, so that fluctuations of rates shall be confined to narrower limits. The financial safety of the country depends on this. Most of the financial crises we have had are traceable to over-expansion of credits caused by a long period of low interest rates."

The speaker declared that fears that the federal reserve banking act would decentralize banks and materially reduce the deposits of country banks in metropolitan vaults, had not been realized, and that there had been an actual increase of about forty per cent in such country deposits in city banks since the law went into effect.

## Now Beyond Control.

Referring again to the present period of expansion Mr. Hulbert said: "On account of the comparatively small amount of federal reserve notes in circulation, the present situation is entirely beyond the control of the federal board, but there are some things it could do, such as forcing the retirement of the federal reserve notes that have been issued amounting now to about \$155,000,000, and raising the official rate of the federal reserve bank as a warning."

Professor H. J. Davenport of the University of Missouri held that the chief danger from the European war, to American resources was not in the inevitable weakening of the economic resources of the warring nations, though in the long run that would be a serious matter; but that much more serious and more prompt in effect would be the methods of war finance general in Europe.

## New Rates Approved.

Washington, Nov. 27.—New commodity rates from Chicago to Des Moines, Iowa, based on the rates from Chicago to the Mississippi river, plus a pro rata of the rates from the Mississippi to the Missouri river, were approved today by the interstate commerce commission.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for  
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline  
and Vicinity.

Generally fair and colder tonight and Sunday, with the lowest temperature tonight about 25 degrees. Temperature at 7 a. m. 31. Highest yesterday, 44. Lowest last night, 21. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 4 miles per hour. Precipitation, .52 inch. Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 90; at 7 a. m., 93; at 1 p. m. today, 71. Stage of water, 7.5; a rise of .8 in last 24 hours. J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

## English Ask If Sea Trust Is Approved

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—Great Britain has informally asked the United States if it would unofficially approve the American Overseas Trust, and the state department has replied that under no circumstances could any sanction be given to an organization which would receive preferential treatment over other American shippers.

It developed that part of the plan of the trust was to organize subsidiaries in neutral countries and that a measure of supervision was to be given to the British government by permitting access to the books of the concern in neutral countries.

State department officials declared today that the Overseas trust organizers now realize that they could not hope to get moral assistance from the American government so long as their plan contemplated preferential treatment for one set of American shippers as against others. That feature now has been abandoned and a representative of the trust is in London negotiating with the British government to the end that the latter will have no connection with the new organization.

The department of commerce, it was explained, had not given its approval to the Overseas trust, merely stipulating that the plan would be acceptable if no discrimination was practiced. It was made plain that the Washington government would exercise much caution in dealing with the question in order that no action may be construed as a recognition of the British order in council.

## FORD PEACE PLAN IS SLAPPED AGAIN

Cardinal Gibbons, in Conference With  
Detroit Manufacturer, Cites  
Difficulties.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 27.—Henry Ford, the Detroit manufacturer, called on Cardinal Gibbons today to pay his respects and outline his plans for his proposed peace commission to Europe.

The cardinal devoutly echoed Mr. Ford's hopes for a successful culmination of the project by Christmas, but he was averse to giving his formal approval. He said he felt there were too many formidable difficulties in the way to hope for its successful culmination.

## NORWEGIAN STEAMER KLAR IS TORPEDOED

London, Nov. 27, (12:26 p. m.)—The Norwegian steamer Klar has been sunk. The crew of eight men were landed.

The Klar was owned in Christiania. She was 149 feet long, 513 tons gross and was built in 1884.

## Mrs. Young on Pension List.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, who next week will relinquish her position as superintendent of Chicago's public schools, at a \$10,000 a year salary, will receive an annuity of \$400 annually, it was announced today. The sum will be paid out of the teachers' pension fund.

## THE WAR TODAY

While the Serbians continue to be driven nearer the border of their country and at points have retreated over it, the entente allies apparently are placing a formidable army in the Balkans.

Allied troops in large numbers continue to be landed at Saloniki, says a news agency dispatch from that city. The permission for the landing of allied forces at other Greek ports has been obtained from the Greek government, according to unofficial advices from Athens. Some 125,000 men are said to have already debarked at Saloniki, while 40,000 or 45,000 more are on the way.

A semi-official announcement in Berlin gives the number of Serbians taken prisoner by the Austro-German and Bulgarian troops at 101,000, while 2,000 Austro-Hungarians who had been captured by the Serbians were set free.

The British expedition in Mesopotamia is back again in possession of Ctesiphon, near Baghdad, after its recent temporary withdrawal a short distance because of lack of water, London is advised. Italian attacks on the defenses of Gorizia continue, Rome reports, the positions lately won being strengthened despite counter attacks.

Paris announces destruction of a German aeroplane which fell into the Aisne, the aviators saving themselves by swimming.

## ARE RUSHING SOLDIERS TO MEXICO LINE

Troops Scattered Along Border  
to Be Reinforced With  
1,700 Infantrymen.

## REPLY TO ALL ATTACKS

Americans to Give Vigorous  
Response to Any Further  
Firing From Enemy.

Nogales, Ariz., Nov. 27.—With the expected arrival today of an additional 1,700 United States infantrymen to reinforce the border troops, people here expressed a feeling of security such as had not been enjoyed since Villa forces took possession of Nogales, Sonora, following their defeat at Agua Prieta.

There was evidence of renewed confidence in every quarter and the belief was generally expressed that should there be a recurrence of the exciting events of yesterday when Villa snipers deliberately fired into American territory from the Mexican side, killing one, dangerously wounding another and slightly wounding still another United States soldier, such an attack would meet with prompt and vigorous response.

## 1,700 to Arrive.

The troops that were to reach here today composed a provisional brigade made up from the Seventh and Twentieth regiments of the United States infantry stationed at Douglas, Ariz. Herbert L. Cates, private in Company I, of the Twelfth infantry, was the most seriously hurt of the two wounded American soldiers. He was shot in the abdomen. An operation performed last night was reported to have resulted satisfactorily and it was believed that he had an even chance to recover.

The dead American soldier, Stephen Littles, was but 22 years old. He was shot through the head. His home was at Fairmount, N. C.

## Event Eight Looters.

Evidence that attempts at looting in Nogales, Sonora, would be summarily dealt with was conveyed to the American side last night in reports that members of General Obregon's forces, who entered the town following the evacuation by Villa forces, had executed eight alleged looters. Among them was a Caranza captain.

Latest reports of the casualties among the Villa snipers, whose firing into American territory precipitated the battle of yesterday, placed the total dead at more than forty.

Efforts to ascertain the exact location of the Villa forces who evacuated the Mexican town opposite here thus far have proved futile. It was generally believed, however, that they had escaped toward Hermosillo.

Major General Funston arrived today and assumed command of the 2,500 United States soldiers at this point.

## REPUBLICANS TO MEET IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Hotel reservations for republican delegations from nine states have been made here, it became known today, in the anticipation that the 1916 republican national convention will be held in Chicago. Senator John A. Weeks of Massachusetts reserved an entire floor for the Massachusetts delegation, also a suite for himself and one for W. Murray Crane, a former United States senator, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Minnesota and Iowa are among the states for which reservations have been made, it is said.

Individual reservations include the names of former Vice President Fairbanks, Myron T. Herrick of Ohio, Congressman James B. Mann of Illinois, members of the Indiana state central committee, and others.

Republican national committees will meet in Washington on Dec. 14 to decide where the party's convention will be held.

## May Deny Safe Conduct.

Washington, Nov. 27.—A request from the American Trans-Atlantic company for an American warship to convoy its steamer Winniebag from Buenos Aires was received at the state department today and, it is believed, probably will be denied. It is reported that British cruisers are lying in wait for the Winniebag, which recently was transferred to American ownership.