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TEUTON ARMIES PLOW WAY THROUGH SERBIA

In Spite of Desperate Resistance Serbs Are Ground Beneath Three Invading Armies—Teuton Allies Must Get Fuller Control of Railroad to Salonika Before They Can Send Troops Or Supplies to Aid Turks In Constantinople Campaign

Vienna, Oct. 28.—Serbia's defenders are being ground beneath a wrestle offensive, smashing down upon three sides.

The Teutonic force is still plowing its way southward along a 100 mile front.

At the same time, the Austrians have gained the western frontier, while the Bulgarians control the eastern. Having joined hands at Lubicevac, west of Brsa Palanka, in the northeastern tip of Serbia, the central allies and Bulgarians are consolidating their positions preparatory to sending supply shipments to Turkey.

They yet have the task of getting stronger and wider control of the railroad to Salonika, if they would send their victorious legions to Constantinople and open the gateway to new and needed supplies.

The official statement today said: "Advancing on both sides of the Morava, the Germans have taken heights south of the Raca. They are advancing in the Mlava valley."

"We ejected the enemy from the heights of Topola with the bayonet."

"The Orsova army entered Brsa Palanka. The Bulgarians occupied Kajzevac. They stormed Dronovaglava, the key to the Pirot fortifications."

"East of Viecegrad, besides occupying Dobra, we have captured heights north of Milanovae mountain. The fighting continues."

STEAMER ASHORE

London, Oct. 28.—The British cruiser Argyle is stranded on the east coast of Scotland. Bad weather drove her ashore, and it is feared she will be a total wreck. Her crew was saved.

RUSSIAN TOWN TAKEN.

Berlin, Oct. 28.—General Von Linsingen's German troops have captured Rudka, west of Cantoryak, Russia, it was officially announced.

GERMANY IS AIMING AT INDIA AND EGYPT

The Balkan Drive Most Serious Thrust Yet Made Directly at England

By Ed L. Keen. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) London, Oct. 13.—(By mail to New York.)—The Teuton thrust in the Balkans is taken more seriously by England than any other phase of the world war. It has made her realize that while, as an island people with the biggest fleet in the world, she is practically immune from direct attack, the empire is open to indirect assaults of more vital import than an actual landing in England.

Without doubt, Germany's ultimate aim is Egypt and India. It is estimated that 1,000,000 Turks are awaiting the munitions Germany will furnish as soon as Serbia is crushed. Besides this, success in the Balkans will immediately solve for Germany the question of securing copper, cotton, corn and other raw products which she seriously needs.

Unfortunately for England, the danger to Egypt and India concerns the British alone. There is no threat against her allies. England must still do her part in Europe and yet meet the new peril almost alone.

ABE MARTIN



Th' more some folks have th' easier they seem t' hold th'ir own. Steam from a cookin' dinner is good for th' complexion. Don't shove, girls.

CARNIVAL TO RUN FOR FIVE FRIDAYS

Will Hold the Record For Executions When She Is Through With Job

A WEEKLY AFFAIR

The following is California's "hanging bee"—in eight chapters:

November 5—Louis Bundy at San Quentin penitentiary and Earl Loomis at Folsom.

November 12—Sam Robertson at San Quentin.

November 19—Charles Oxman at San Quentin and Glenn Witt at Folsom.

December 3—Nat Weston at San Quentin.

December 10—Thomas Miller and Fernando Mammillate at San Quentin.

Sacramento, Cal., Oct. 28.—Eight men will swing from California gallows in the next five weeks—paying a life for a life.

Only Governor Johnson can save them, and he is not likely to interfere, according to apparently reliable information today.

When California hangs these eight men and possibly two more before New Year's—she will have made a record of executions within her borders.

All of the eight cases are now before the advisory board of pardons, which has power to recommend that the governor intervene. But the board, it is understood, will do this, except perhaps to the extent of asking a reprieve in some case that may require further investigation. Two other cases are on appeal, and may be added to the record before the end of the year.

Four of the prospective gallows victims are youths—Bundy, Loomis, Oxman and Witt.

Bundy killed a messenger boy in Los Angeles; Loomis murdered a woman while attempting to rob her store in Sacramento; and Witt and Oxman killed a wealthy Los Angeles man while burglarizing his home.

Three of the men are negroes—Weston, Miller and Roberson.

Weston killed another negro; Miller, a porter, murdered a cigar store clerk in Santa Rosa after a quarrel; and Roberson killed Richard Lindsey in Colusa county when Lindsey went to the aid of his aunt, Mrs. Michael Blevisin, as the negro was about to attack her.

Mammillate killed an Alameda county storekeeper.

Laurence Conture and Ong Siang are on appeal. Charles Carson, the "silent convict," will not be hanged, as he is insane in the Stockton asylum.

Governor Johnson refused to let this wave of official killing continue in Thanksgiving week. Instead, he granted Weston a week's reprieve for other wise he would be hanged the day after the holiday.

Freak of Electricity Burns Two Badly

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 28.—J. E. Rhodes truck driver for the city lighting department, and William McTaggart and F. Fletcher, linemen, are at the Swedish hospital today, burned so badly that physicians say they may never be able to use their hands again, as the result of a peculiar accident yesterday afternoon.

The three were extending service wires to a residence when a 90,000-volt current from the high tension line of the Puget Sound Traction, Light and Power company, leaped several feet through the air, ran down the wires the men held and grounded through their bodies. All three were hurled several feet and rendered unconscious.

SOOME FOOD SCARCE.

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Oct. 28.—In a meeting between Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg and representatives of all parties of the reichstag, it was agreed that while there is enough food in Germany, the quantity of certain kinds is less than in peace times and price regulation by the government is necessary to insure equal distribution. Potatoes are plentiful.

ENGLAND WILL STAY.

London, Oct. 28.—"Certainly not," Lloyd-George said today in reply to a question as to whether or not unofficial exchanges with a view to peace were in progress between London and Berlin.

He declared that Premier Asquith's pledge that there will be no peace until Europe's freedom has been guaranteed, still holds good. Moreover, he declared, England would not think of peace except by agreement with her allies.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Friday generally fair except partly cloudy and occasionally threatening weather northwest portion; southerly winds.

MRS. C. H. CASTNER HEADS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Miss Mattie Beatty, of Salem, Chosen First Vice President Today

MISS MARION TOWNE WAS IN RACE FOR PRESIDENT

Eastern Oregon Towns Extend Invitations For Conference Next Year

Mrs. C. H. Castner, of Hood River, was chosen president of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs by a vote of 117 to 46 for Miss Marion Towne, of Roseburg, the other nominee for the office.

Mrs. M. L. T. Hidden, of Portland, who has been prominently mentioned as a candidate was not nominated though she received one vote in the final count.

There were 168 voters on the floor at the time the ballot for president was taken but two votes were thrown out because of doubt as to the choice of the elector. Mrs. Castner was nominated by Mrs. Sylvia Thompson, of The Dalles, and Miss Towne was nominated by Mrs. Bartlett, of Grants Pass.

The other officers elected were: First vice-president, Miss Mattie Beatty, Salem.

Second vice-president, Mrs. J. W. Tiff, Portland.

Recording secretary, Mrs. Sylvia M. Thompson, The Dalles.

Treasurer, Mrs. Sarah Jacobson, Portland.

Auditor, Mrs. F. H. Buchanan, McMinnville.

Directors, Mrs. Vincent Palmer, La Grande and Mrs. L. E. Bean, Eugene.

The corresponding secretary and the auditor are to be appointed by the president and have not yet been announced.

Invitations from Pendleton, Prineville and Siuslaw for the next convention were read and the city to be favored will be selected at this afternoon's session.

At the morning's business session the three amendments to the constitution offered by the revision committee were adopted. The amendment suggested by Mrs. J. G. Frankel limiting the terms of the officers of the federation to two consecutive years as at present. This aroused considerable discussion and argument for and against but was finally carried. It appeared to be the sense of the convention that more executive officers should be developed rather than maintaining in office the women who had shown particular aptitude and native ability along these lines.

Mrs. M. L. T. Hidden offered an amendment requiring the standing committees to be nominated by the executive board and elected by the convention instead of being appointed by the executive board as at present. This resolution also called for some lively debate with Mrs. Millie Trumbull, of Portland, as the champion against it and Mrs. Hidden speaking in support of her resolution. Mrs. Hidden said that it was possible to build up in the women's federation a powerful political machine now that women were voters and that it were possible to secure a better representation if the women to head the standing committees were selected by the convention itself.

Mrs. Trumbull insisted that the heads of the standing committees were the hands of the president of the federation and that if the head of the committee were not in harmony with the president that too much time would be spent in scrapping that might be put to a profitable use. The resolution found other supporters and other objections and when put to a vote was lost.

The final report of the resolutions committee was postponed until this afternoon when it was found out that the election could not be held on schedule time as the debates on the amendment had taken up considerable time. The

BANKER IS ELECTED.

Ellensburg, Wash., Oct. 28.—E. L. Farnsworth, of Wilbur, banker, member of the legislature, was elected president here of the Washington State Good Roads convention, and Centralia was named as the next convention city.

Samuel Hill was elected honorary president. Among the speakers were Governor Lister and President Suzzallo of the University of Washington.

ONLY FROTH OF THE CONSPIRACY SKIMMED

Detectives Waited For Weeks to Get Guilty Higher-Ups In Their Net

New York, Oct. 28.—Arrests of the quietest in the German bomb conspiracy case has only dipped "the froth of the whole matter," a high government official today told the United Press.

Their detention crystallized months of untiring work by 35 picked detectives from the office of the collector of the port, under the direction of George Lamb.

These men kept watchful eyes on every vessel, and followed closely every suspect.

HEROES AND HEROINES OF THE PEABODY FIRE

Sister Adalgen (Sacred Heart) saved 25 children by tossing them into improvised life nets below a smoke and flame-filled window. She herself was burned and her garment was nearly eaten off by the fire.

William Armstrong found his sister Marie on the second floor tucked her under his arm, ran to the third floor, climbed out of a window and slid down the water spout.

John Birmingham jumped from the second story with his sister in his arms. He was hurt but also escaped injury.

Mary Litner, rescued from a window, told of trying to save her chum, Margaret Flynn. "I tried to carry her. Then I fell. That's all I remember," she said.

Maurice Harris, 10, dragged his one-legged chum, Thomas O'Shea, to safety.

Peabody, Mass., Oct. 28.—Fifty lives were snuffed out today and 12 persons will die as the result of a fire which swept the tinder-like St. Johns parochial school today, according to the estimates of firemen and physicians on the scene at 1:30 this afternoon.

Mothers temporarily insane with grief, half naked crying children rushing wildly in the midst of the broken about the building; a score of broken charred little bodies stretched in a row on the ground while the ruins smoldered and smoked—such was the scene as firemen delved among the charred timbers for more bodies.

Twenty-one had been recovered during the forenoon. Many were hurled to a crisis; others were trampled by their playmates in the mad rush to escape.

The fire swept the building just as school opened. Panic followed. Somber, black-garbed nuns tried in vain to lead the children out under the fire drill, but the flames and choking smoke prevented. Wild disorder ensued. Some children jumped into improvised life nets; others jumped to the ground.

Every ambulance in the city was rushed to the scene. They were intended to care for injured, but scores of mothers, who had sent their children, laughing to school, a brief time before required the aid of physicians and nurses. Women raved as they found charred flesh on their children's.

Shrieking children called pitifully for their parents as they dashed from the burning building. This added to the pandemonium. Hysterical mothers clapped their children in their arms, broke down in a frenzy of grief when they learned the flames or the pitiless heels of companions had killed their little ones.

Firemen and police, accustomed to pathetic scenes, broke down and wept.

Firemen Were Heroes.

Their work was heroic. Braving death, they rushed into the furnace and brought forth bodies, but the fire blocked their ascent to the upper floors, and then the remnants of stairways and floors crashed through to the basement, carrying with them some knew how many—bodies. Shells of the burned walls threatened to tumble momentarily. Meantime, through search for more bodies will be impossible until the seething ruins cool.

The water pressure was so poor that it was 10 minutes after the hose was coupled before water was thrown in to the blazing building.

By that time the flames had already taken their toll.

Help was summoned from Salem and Lynn because the local authorities feared a spread to other structures.

The first firemen on the scene had to fight their way through throngs of children, who had escaped from the building.

Sisters Braved Death.

Hysterical, their clothing stripped off in their mad rush, sobbing and some of them fainting, they clutched the firemen and begged them to save their playmates.

Sister Adalgen (Sacred Heart) proved herself a heroine, while the flames raged on the scene she remained 25 children by dropping them from a window into the outstretched arms of men below. Some of them she had to

FIFTY CHARRED BODIES; TWELVE MORE WILL DIE

Scene Horrifying Beyond Description—Little Burned and Trampled Forms Blocked Doors and Prevented Escape—Panic Stricken Children Leap From Windows—Charred Little Bodies Mute Accusers of Criminally Careless Officials

throw out of the window by main force for they clung to her skirts. Twice the smoke hid her. But each time it cleared and she was seen swinging another child over the sill.

Flames were licking the window when Sister Adalgen jumped, unajured, into a blanket eight men were holding. She was burned about the shoulders and hands and her black robe was eaten by the fire as she dropped pupils from the window. Only one of her charges was injured. He slipped out of the arms of a man below, and his leg was broken.

Maurice Harris, 10, making his way to the lower floor stumbled over the unconscious form of his chum, Thomas O'Shea, aged 8, a one-legged lad, and dragged him to safety.

The other 15 nuns, too, worked with rare courage. One broke away after she had been rescued, and shouted for someone to aid those trapped on the third floor.

Six bodies recovered this afternoon brought the total known dead to 27. One charred body, that of a girl in the attitude of prayer, was located during the early afternoon.

Sister Carmella Marie, the superior, is gathering statistics, but it is almost impossible to get full figures. Those who escaped went home the injured were taken to hospitals or homes, while neighbors harbored many temporarily.

BABY STORY OF FIRE.

Peabody, Mass., Oct. 28.—At least 21 children perished today when an explosion in the basement of St. Johns parochial school caused a terrible fire as 500 of them were gathered for the morning session. Their bodies were found, and it is certain that as many more are in the ruins. At least 20 are seriously injured.

Many were caught in a jammed doorway and were crushed to death as they sought to flee. A panic followed. Doors swinging inward were responsible for many deaths.

Before the first of the horrified children could swing back the doors, the rush behind them swept them into the fatal cauldron. Still others ran to windows and fire escapes. Bewildered, they jumped.

Neighbors, on hand before the firemen, caught the tiny forms as they tumbled through the air, by spreading out blankets as life nets and even catching them in their arms.

Little Bodies Block Doors.

When the firemen arrived they could not open the main doors owing to the mass of little bodies behind.

The flames spread so rapidly that when children on the top floors attempted to escape down stairways they were met with billows of smoke. The panic fast grew beyond the control of teachers. Most of the children on the lower floors escaped but many were trampled in the mad rush and some were overcome by the dense smoke.

The building was a mass of flames when the firemen arrived, and far beyond their control.

But casualties, it is thought, may reach 50.

Finally able to reach the front door, firemen found three tiny forms inside that had been so jammed against the door that it required strongest efforts to open it. The bodies were burned almost beyond recognition.

672 Caught in Trap.

The ages of the dead children ranged from 8 to 12 years. Nine of the charred crushed forms could not be recognized.

Six hundred and seventy-two children were just preparing to go to classes when a stifling smoldered smoke. She found the lower hall wrapped in flames, and at once sounded the fire alarm.

As calmly as she could, so as not to alarm her wards, the black-robed nun told the pupils to leave by the side doors. For a few minutes, while they were in the class rooms, the children maintained perfect order.

Then as they marched into the hall, a thick, hot smoke poured toward them and the flames crackled nearby.

Terror seized the sisters and the children seemed automatically. Seeing their charges helpless, the teachers ordered them to break ranks. As they did so, a rush for doors and windows followed.

Jumped From Windows.

Below, the townsfolk had already gathered. They brought the white-faced children in the windows out to leap until they brought blankets to use as life nets. Some obeyed. Crying and

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