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TEUTONIC ALLIES CRUSH HARD-PRESSED SERBIANS

Trap Is Being Steadily and Remorselessly Closed—Monastir Now On Verge of Capture—Possibility of Declaration of War Between Italy and Germany—Russia Believed To Be Preparing to Send Large Force Into the Balkans

Berlin, Nov. 26.—Their ranks already badly weakened by captures and privations, the Serbians today are fighting to escape complete crushing by the Teutonic armies.

But the Teutons steadily, remorselessly, are closing their trap on the Plain of the Black Bird in western Serbia, while the remnants of the northern Serb army seek to make their way into Montenegro. Meantime the Austrians are driving southward to help their Bulgarian allies expel the forces of the entente powers.

With Scutari, reported now as the location of Serbian government officials after shifting from pillar to post, there is a possibility of some aid from that direction for the Serb forces, but experts here believe that the Serbs will be cornered and slaughtered before they can either dash across the Montenegrin frontier or receive this desired succor.

The battle about Prilep, in southern Serbia, still rages.

Monastir is on the verge of capture. Possibility of a declaration of war between Italy and Germany is foreseen in the dispatch of Italian forces to the Balkan campaign.

Reports indicate that Italy is prepared to send at least 40,000 men there. Meantime, the action of Russia is being closely watched. The belief is growing that she has determined to lead a vanguard force into the Balkans in an effort to turn the scale against the Teutons.

Austrian forces operating on the Plain of the Black Bird have reached a point south of Mitrovicita to Vucurn. German forces are trying to relieve the pressure resulting from the increase of allied forces in the Vardar valley.

Meantime, Berlin confidently believes that a few days more will see developments of importance in the Serbian theatre—another victory for her arms, more striking than she has yet obtained.

Greece Backs Allies.

Paris, Nov. 26.—As a sequel to settlement of the Grecian diplomatic crisis, the allies are landing further forces at Salonika, according to reports today, in the assurance that they will not be molested.

Experts here believe, however, that the allies do not intend to attempt an extensive sweep in Serbia, instead, it is thought, they will swing northeast from Salonika in south central Serbia to Sofia.

Communications with Constantinople can be cut there as readily as anywhere, and in addition to relieving this aim, the allies would have the advantage of striking at the vitals of Bulgaria.

THIRTEEN DEAD IN ARKANSAS CYCLONE

Forty More Are Injured, Some of Them Fatally, Near Hot Springs

Hot Springs, Ark., Nov. 26.—Thirteen persons are known to have been killed and 40 injured—six probably fatally—as the result of a tornado which ripped through the territory immediately east of here late yesterday according to advices received today.

The twister cut a path a quarter of a mile wide and four miles long through the district nearby, but skipped Hot Springs proper without damage.

The property damage is estimated at \$300,000.

The funnel-shaped storm moved ominously through a fertile farming district and fears were entertained for a time that the toll would be even vaster than is already known. Doctors from here have gone to the aid of sufferers.

The rescue parties from here worked all night in a terrific rain. Injured persons were brought here this forenoon for treatment and temporary shelter was arranged for the homeless.

The Crowder and Tenner families were either killed and wounded when their homes collapsed.

Grave apprehension is felt for several towns, as wire communications with them is cut off. Automobile parties set out this forenoon, however, to make their way over debris-strewn roads to learn the fate of these places.

TRIAL RESUMED OF STEAMSHIP OFFICIALS TODAY

Rumors of Mistrial Are Heard Because Juror Talked of Case

NORWEGIAN CAPTAIN IS PROSECUTION WITNESS

His Vessel Was Chartered to Take Supplies to Kron Prinz Wilhelm

New York, Nov. 26.—Despite rumors of a mistrial, the case charging Hamburg-American directors with customs violations in supplying German commerce raiders, and linking German Attache Boyed therewith, was resumed here today. The prosecutor denied that the government had evidence that one juror was undesirable because of statements he had made.

Olaf Neilsen testified that he commanded the Norwegian vessel Nephos when the Hamburg-American officials chartered her. The supercargo of the vessel Philadelphia introduced Neilsen to the defendant Heremester.

"The supercargo told me that we were to sail to Tenerife and meet certain ships at sea," Neilsen testified. "I was told that I would receive \$1,000 gratuity and protection if anything happened."

The real purpose of the Nephos, however, Neilsen declared, was to meet the German raider Kron Prinz Wilhelm later interred at Newport News.

"But our cargo of coal caught fire," he explained, "and the ship was damaged. We sold the cargo at Tenerife, and the home office then notified me that the charter was cancelled."

"Supercargo Florer told me not to worry for the German consul and the Hamburg-American line would protect me if the Nephos was seized."

Over objections of the defense, Chief Engineer John Olsen was allowed to testify that a customs officer was coming to examine the Quesada's papers at Pernambuco when Captain Suhren threw them overboard in a leather bag.

"The trick he pulled off if I had seen the papers," he testified. "Afterwards I saw the papers in the customs office. Sailors had got a shark and cut him open, after which they found the papers inside the animal."

SERBIANS STARVE WHILE INVADERS OVERRUN NATION

By William G. Shepherd.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Monastir, Nov. 23.—(Delayed.)—Serbia is starving.

Even her animals, fleeing before the invaders, are dying of hunger along the roadsides and up the steep mountain paths.

In large areas there has been no food for days. Great packs of dogs are prowling, like wild animals, in search of food. The world has developed no scenes of greater horror. The Nish-Monastir road is a highway of agony, more dreadful than the corpse-strewn trails of the old Klondike. It is lined with dead horses, interspersed with human bodies—dead from exhaustion and starvation.

Refugees are streaming in here, semi-delirious from privations or hysterical joy at reaching safety.

After a 20 day trip from Nish, Madame Slavko Grojch said to me today: "Even the horses we rode were starving. Some of them fell exhausted and died before our eyes. We were members of a government party, but most we could get to eat daily was a scanty half loaf of bread."

"Other women and children, as well as men, dragged along each day foot by foot, with little or nothing to eat. Women who had fallen ill from lack of nourishment, lay beside the road to die—surrendering their children to the care of strangers."

"Only a narrow horse trail through Albania now leads to Serbia since the Bulgars cut the railroad line. The same road supplies Montenegro and Albania, we are facing starvation, too."

"But the happenings in Serbia make the blackest page in history."

M. Michotte de Welle, Belgian minister to Serbia, a member of Mme. Grojch's party corroborated her story.

"Before I left," he said, "I offered the servants money. They cried 'We can't eat gold.' They said, 'For God's sake have you no bread?'"

"One night we heard the wild scream of a man along a mountain road. We learned afterward that he had been murdered for a little chunk of bread."

"Serbia is looking to America for relief. Germany must let America help these people. They are cut off from the world and they will starve by the thousands unless they are fed soon."

Upon arrival here, Madame Grojch wired the Rockefeller relief organization, asking for aid for the stricken country.

Food is extremely scarce at Monastir. Even the hospitals lack fuel, and the fall of the city is expected very soon. In such an event, thousands of fugitives en route here will be caught on the wish trail without food and with no refuge except the mountains.

Only a miracle can save them.

SPECULATE ON GERMAN WINTER FRONT IN EAST

Retirement From Dvina Line Indicates End of Campaign

GERMANS REPORT TELLS OF ADVANCE IN SERBIA

Lord Kitchener Arrives At Rome From Dardanelles District

London, Nov. 26.—Convinced that the general German retirement from the Dvina line, marks abandonment of Teutonic hopes of capturing Riga before spring, military experts are interested today concerning the choice the Germans will make for their winter line. That they have already prepared trenches and entanglements to the rear is likely, but how far back is not known.

The breakdown of the German offensive is attributed to an increase of Russian munitions, to German shortage, and to the weakening of the German line for reinforcing the Balkans.

Press reports today said that evacuation of Mitau is under way, and that great lines of trenches, hidden by miles of barbed wire, are building in the rear, while further back field railway lines are being thrown up to connect with the center of Germany.

OPEN LAMP CAUSED MINE EXPLOSION

Forecast of the Findings of Coroner's Jury Shown by Evidence

Ravensdale, Wash., Nov. 26.—It is reported today that the coroner's jury investigating the explosion in the Northwest Improvement company's mine here two weeks ago, which killed thirty-one miners, will find the explosion was caused by a miners open lamp igniting a pocket of gas. There had been doubt as to whether a gas pocket or a premature blast was responsible for the tragedy.

The finding of a dead miner with his lamp open and the body in such a position as to indicate the explosion originated in a peak in the roof of the third level, led to the jury's findings.

Coroner Mason has subpoenaed between 50 and 100 witnesses to testify at the inquest next Wednesday, at which time an effort will be made to fix the blame for the presence of such a body of gas in the mine.

Families of the dead miners have been extended credit at the company's store until further notice.

The United Mine Workers announce that the relief fund has reached \$290.

MAY DODGE ISSUE OF PROPOSED BONDS

Increase of Internal Revenue Taxes Planned by Secretary McAdoo

Washington, Nov. 26.—The administration will dodge a bond issue if possible in getting funds for its increased military program and for its other commitments of needed dollars.

In issuing to the public a "suggestion" that increased internal revenue taxation provide additional moneys Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo denied this is a "program," but politicians said today he plainly meant that congress should "take the tip" and act accordingly.

He suggested that lowering the exemption on income taxes—for single persons from \$3,000 to \$2,000; for married persons \$4,500 to \$3,000—would be an excellent means of getting more money. At the same time, he would have income taxes above a certain point increased. Retention of the emergency "war tax" and the sugar duty along with taxation of gasoline and other semi-luxury commodities is favored. McAdoo estimated that the country will need \$12,806,394 additional revenue in 1917, including the \$93,800,000 required by the preparedness program.

with J. J. McNamara at its head and Schmidt as a co-conspirator.

District Attorney Woolwine sprung a surprise when he stated that Orrie E. McManigal, star defense witness, who the prosecution expects to definitely connect Schmidt with the McNamaras, would not be called to the stand for two weeks. He was expected to take the stand early this week.

FORD IS ACTIVE IN PEACE EFFORTS

Auto Manufacturer Conferred At Baltimore With Cardinal Gibbons

Washington, Nov. 26.—Signed statements from officials high up in the governments of both the allies and the central powers, declaring that they are ready for peace, are in his hands, Henry Ford announced today upon arriving here for a conference with President Wilson.

"Folks who say my plan is foolish have the greatest surprise of their lives coming. There is both material and other evidence that we will succeed," he said apropos of his plan to start a peace ship to Europe to attend a peace conference.

"Out of the trenches by Christmas" has become our slogan. I can say most seriously that it is not an empty boast," he continued.

Ford announced that he is prepared to spend "one, two, three or as many millions as are needed to conduct an anti-preparedness program in America, and that he will open an office in Washington for that purpose.

He plans to telegraph every university in the United States to ask them to name the faculty member or student who has done the greatest peace work within the university, so that this person may be added to the peace ship complement.

Apropos of the preparedness subject, Ford said:

"America is proposing to build up such a system as other nations avoid they are trying to destroy by this war."

He planned to visit Supreme Justice Hughes late this afternoon, and Cardinal Gibbons at Baltimore this evening. He returns to New York tomorrow to take personal charge of peace endeavors.

Germany Gives Up Expectation of Levying Great War Indemnity

By J. W. T. Mason. (Written for the United Press.)

New York, Nov. 26.—An indication that Germany doubts her ability to impose an indemnity on the entente allies in the event of peace is contained in Berlin reports that new war taxes are proposed. Hitherto Germany has paid its war expenses on borrowed money.

Finance Minister Helfferich stated last August that there would be no levy of taxes before the indemnity Germany would demand from conquered territory would be sufficient to meet all her expenses. This statement, five days later caused British Secretary of War Sir Grey to utter his now famous remark, that so long as Germany is fighting for "supremacy and tribute, the war must go on."

Introduction of the tax bill in Germany indicates that a pressing necessity has arisen. Retirement from Helfferich's original promise that the war would be conducted on indemnities has caused much depression to the fragile economy of Germany's young manhood and economic sacrifices, the burden of taxes will be added. This may become the final straw which will break German militarism.

VILLA'S SOLDIERS FIRE ACROSS LINE

American Troops Return Fire Killing Many Mexicans

Nogales, Ariz., Nov. 26.—Drunk Villa soldiers, returning after evacuating Nogales, started firing across the border into American territory at 11:30 o'clock today.

The Twelfth United States infantry returned the fire, killing many and clearing the streets. No one was wounded on the American side.

Batteries C and D, Sixth United States field artillery, arrived here shortly before noon and immediately took up positions on the border.

The Villista garrison is reported to have been trapped by Obregon's Carranzistas four miles south of Nogales. Heavy firing is audible here.

Colonel Sage himself ordered the American soldiers to fire on the Villistas. He was in command during the entire skirmish.

Deulatory firing across the line continues.

Colonel Cardenas, commanding the Carranzistas, swooped down on Nogales this afternoon and took possession, driving the scattered Villistas to the south.

He held a conference with Colonel Sage and assured him that order would be immediately restored. He immediately set about policing the city.

General Sell is due here tonight. He will take command of the American troops. The Seventh and Twentieth United States infantry will arrive later in the day.

TWENTY-FIVE SAILORS LOST IN BREAKERS

Chilean Ship Dashed to Pieces On Rock—Bound for Coast of Vancouver

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 26.—Twenty-five men went to their death in the raging sea and were hurled on the rocks of a 300-foot cove, on the west coast of Vancouver island when the Chilean ship, was battered to splinters in the storm which swept the north Pacific coast yesterday afternoon.

She went on the rocks at 2 p. m. and within three hours had been pounded into junk by mountainous breakers, which swept her from stem to stern.

The crew never had a chance. It was impossible to launch the boats, and suicide to try for the shore by swimming. So they clung to the rigging and watched death racing toward them.

The C. P. R. steamer Princess Maquinna Gillean, attempted to rescue the doomed men, but the violence of the storm made it impossible for the liner to venture near enough to be of any assistance. She dropped anchor, but with 60 fathoms of chain out, the heavy breakers snapped it and smashed the windlass. After a battle with the seas for two hours the Princess Maquinna gave up and stood by as the waves finished the big iron windjammer.

The Chilean ship was captured by Captain Desolmes. She was formerly the British ship Kinross. Built at Liverpool in 1877, she was one of a fast disappearing type of windjammer. Her capacity was 1,262 tons net.

Her owner is Oelckers Hermanos, and her place of registry Valparaiso.

Schooner cove and the adjoining coast of Vancouver island is known as "the graveyard of the Pacific" because of the numerous shipwrecks which have occurred there.

A Canadian lifesaving crew is stationed at Uchelet, near the scene of the wreck, and a lifesaving power boat hurried to the ship's rescue yesterday, but it was unable to get much closer than did the Princess Maquinna.

PROSECUTION WOULD SHOW NATION-WIDE CONSPIRACY

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 26.—Further clashes between the defense and the prosecution in the M. A. Schmidt murder trial marked the opening of the case today when Edward Field Clark, alleged dynamiter, took the stand to further corroborate the testimony of Pat Dugan, tending to show that a nation-wide dynamite conspiracy existed.

PREPARING FOR CONFERENCE

New York, Nov. 26.—Henry Ford went to Baltimore today to confer with Cardinal Gibbons and to invite him to embark on Ford's "peace ship" bound for Europe in an effort to end the war. If the cardinal cannot do so, Ford will ask for approval of the Ford peace conference so that Catholics from neutral nations can support the movement.

Afterward, Ford will go to Washington to accompany Mrs. Schwimmer, foreign peace advocate, to see President Wilson and present resolutions which the women's peace conference at The Hague adopted recently.

Just who will constitute the passengers aboard the peace ship is in doubt, but Ford is anxious to have a large representation of state governors.

TWO NATIONS READY

Washington, Nov. 26.—Two neutral nations are ready to act now for creation of a peace congress of all neutrals, Madame Schwimmer, Hungarian peace advocate, said today she would inform President Wilson in his conference. She said she would present material evidence that the belligerents are tired of the struggle and that they are only awaiting the invitation of neutral countries to discuss peace terms.

Meantime, neutrals are waiting upon the president's approval before assuming the initiative. She intimated that the president, conferring recently with Henry Ford, gave him no favorable answer to the request that he sanction some kind of a neutral conference. She declared the women peace advocates

AMERICA TO BREAK ALL FORMER RECORDS FOR FOREIGN TRADE

By Perry Arnold.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
Washington, Nov. 26.—By the end of the year, America will probably have all the world's foreign trade records broken.

Exports, according to estimates today, will probably reach the enormous total of \$4,000,000,000, thus surpassing the greatest year, Great Britain, mistress of the seas, ever had.

Not is this remarkable prosperity record evanescent in the opinion of Secretary of Commerce Redfield. He counted the possibility of a bad slump in the figures after the war, due to the absence of heavy munitions exports which for months have swollen this country's export figures.

"We should look beyond the immediate causes and efforts into the future," he said. "Foreign nations after the war will come to us for machinery, steel, railroad stock and other supplies."

Naturally, he pointed out, these demands will mean a continuance of the nation's remarkable export trade of the past year.

The bureau of foreign and domestic commerce announced that for the year ended with October the United States imported \$1,691,748,013 worth of goods or nearly \$200,000,000 worth less than in the preceding year. In this way, the account stands preponderantly on the right side of the American ledger.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Saturday fair south and east portions; occasional rain northwest portion; colder tonight east portion; southwest—erly winds.

ABE MARTIN

Th' hardest job o' all is doin' nothin' 't vit ther's no fallin' off in th' waitin' list. Some fellers hain't got nothin' but a dress suit.



EVACUATES NOGALES

Nogales, Ariz., Nov. 26.—Villa's entire garrison at Nogales, Sonora, evacuated today, completely looting the town before they left. Villa ordered the garrison to join him outside of Hermosillo for a general attack upon that place.

General Acosta crossed into American territory and joined Governor Randall, who came over during the night.

All the Villistas wounded were brought across the line and hundreds of families are moving over in carts, wheelbarrows and even carrying their household effects on their backs.

General Obregon's Carranzista force is reported 13 miles out and expected to occupy the evacuated city before night.

Good order prevails in Nogales, Sonora, since the Villista troops evacuated.

INVADED BY VILLISTAS

Washington, Nov. 26.—Thirty Villistas, cursing United States Vice Consul Simplicio and Custom Collector Hardy, brandishing pistols and making a feint at attack invaded the United States at Nogales under lead of Colonel Terrazas, General Funston, United States border commander, reported to the war department today.

"Why they were not shot, I do not know," said Funston, "unless it was because of the suddenness of the attack and the fact that no responsible officer was on the spot."

Later, said Funston, the Villista Governor Randall announced they had fired on the American troops at Nogales but without American casualties. The known Mexican casualties were five. Large reinforcements have been sent to Nogales in view of this situation.

FINAL ISSUE IS NEAR

Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 26.—The Sonora situation was rapidly evolving itself today preparatory to a final decisive issue to determine the supremacy of Carranza or Villa.

GERMAN CRUISER SUNK

Potrograd, Nov. 26.—The German cruiser Frauenlob sank in the Baltic simultaneously with the Urdine, which was sunk by a British submarine recently, it was semi-officially stated today.

The Frauenlob, of 2,672 tons, carried 275 men.

REPORT GORTZ FALLEN

London, Nov. 26.—Reports that Gortz had fallen under the relentless bombardment of the Italian artillery were unconfirmed today. Latest accounts indicated that the defenders were in extremely desperate straits, however, so that the capture of the city was considered only a question of time.

HOLY WAR AGAINST FRENCH

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Nov. 26.—A holy war against the French in Algeria has been called, according to Constantinople advices today. Many Arab chieftains were said to be responding.

RUSSIANS ARE REPULSED

Berlin, Nov. 26.—Russian assaults on the northern section of the eastern front were repulsed, the war office announced today.

POLICE OFFICER DIES

San Francisco, Nov. 26.—Police Corporal Frederick Cook early today succumbed to the bullet wound inflicted during a running fight with bandits who robbed the Claremont cafe a few days ago. Discovery of a trail of blood near the scene of the holdup today led police to melixee one or more of the bandits was wounded.