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# A NEW THRUST BY TEUTONIC ALLES

## Have Started a New Offensive Along the Moldavian Front, to Cut Off Retreat of Enemy

### DESPERATE BATTLE TOOK PLACE NEAR SESMEZO

#### Field Marshal Von Mackensen Has Reached Dumitrestea and Has Captured Several Villages—The Rumanian Province of Dobruja Has Been Cleared of Its Defenders—In the Verdun Region the Forces of the German Crown Prince Have Repulsed Attacks by French Troops Against the New German Positions on Le Mort Homme—British and French Troops Have Carried Out Successful Raids on the West Front at Various Points.

Pressing in on southern Moldavia from three sides, apparently with all their vigor, the forces of the central powers are making progress against stiff resistance. On the Transylvanian-Moldavian frontier, in the region north of Rimnik-Sarat, and in the Dobruja opposite Braila, Berlin reports, the Austro-German and Bulgarian troops are advancing.

A new thrust seemingly has been started by the Austro-Germans along the Moldavian frontier, thus adding to the difficulties of the Rumanians and Rumanians already hard pressed from the south and east. Several lines of positions and 1,400 prisoners were taken by the invaders in the first day of their offensive into Moldavia from the west, which may have for its purpose the cutting off of the retreat of the Russo-Rumanian troops now operating along the southern Moldavian border.

Along the River Kasnia and west of Coveha, Petrograd says, Rumanian troops were driven back nearly a mile. A desperate battle also is reported as taking place near Sesmezo, near Ona, and within the Moldavian boundary.

Field Marshal von Mackensen has reached Dumitrestea, about 12 miles

## Paraphrases

### Spanish Minister on Peace Mission

London, Dec. 29, 6:22 p. m.—Marquis de Villalobar, Spanish minister to Belgium, has started for Madrid after a visit to Berlin. The minister is charged with a peace mission.

### ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH BRITISH PRIZE COURT

Whereby American Claimants May Appear Before It Without British Counsel.

London, Dec. 29, 6:40 p. m.—As the result of conferences between Sir Samuel T. Evans, president of the British prize court, and Robert P. Skinner, the American consul general, an arrangement has been concluded under which American claimants to cargo in the British prize court may make their appearance before the court without engaging local legal aid. It is announced that it will be necessary, however, for all claimants "to enter appearance" this being the formal action to notify the court of their intention to appear in defense of their interests, which may be done by an agent in London qualified to do so by power of attorney. This power of attorney may be executed by the absence claimants in favor of the consul-general, who, if requested, it is announced, will take the necessary steps precedent to the submission of the affidavits. The cost of entering appearance is purely nominal, consisting of payment of two shillings for stamps. As many cases are pending in which the value of the goods is so inconsiderable that the owners would not be justified in employing an attorney, it is pointed out that the new arrangement will enable them to secure judgment without any expense.

### CARRANZA IS BUYING MUNITIONS IN JAPAN

Has Transmitted a Million Pesos in Gold in Payment.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 29.—The Carranza government has recently transmitted a million pesos in gold to Japan in payment for war munitions. It was learned here tonight from a well-informed source that the shipment of munitions already has been received, according to this source, and the second invoice is said to consist chiefly of artillery shell and field guns, including anti-aircraft guns.

The same authority claims to have information that the two new cartridge factories established by the Carranza government, with a capacity of 75,000 cartridges a day each, are equipped with the latest type of American machinery shipped to a firm in Spain and then shipped to Mexico by way of Vera Cruz.

### YAQUI TRIBE REFUSES TO SURRENDER ARMS

Including Women and Children, Are Encamped at Lencho, Sonora.

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 29.—The Yaqui Indian tribe, 2,000 of which, including women and children, are encamped at Lencho, Sonora, has definitely refused to surrender its arms and ammunition to the Carranza government, according to arrivals here today. The refusal was made known through Mori, the tribal spokesman, with the statement that the Mexican government will continue negotiations in an effort to bring about this end in a peaceable manner. An absolute surrender of arms by the Indians, the program of civilization, lands and establishment of the tribe around the village of Bacum cannot be carried out.

### SCHOONER FANNIE PALMER ABANDONED AT SEA

Five Master the Last of the Once Famous Palmer Fleet.

Boston, Dec. 29.—The five masted schooner Fannie Palmer, with her crew of 20, was abandoned at sea during a voyage with coal from Newport, R. I., to Cartagena, Spain, her captain reported by cable to agents here today. The crew was saved, probably by transfer to a passing steamer, and landed at Gibraltar.

The Fannie Palmer, recently sold to Jacob S. Winslow of Portland, Me., was one of the American vessels placed on the British "blacklist" because of a cargo of coal delivered at Buenos Aires which, it was claimed, reached German consignees. The schooner registered 1732 tons.

### OVERLAND LIMITED TRAIN WAS TWO DAYS LATE

Delay Was Caused by Severe Blizzard in Wyoming.

New York, Dec. 29.—The Overland Limited of the Chicago and North-western Railroad reached the terminal here today two days late. The train was held up by a blizzard yesterday. Overland is expected tonight and the one day today may arrive tomorrow morning.

A blizzard in Wyoming, the worst in years in its effect on road traffic, accounted for the delays.

### OBITUARY

Rev. Dr. James Glenworth Butler.

New York, Dec. 29.—Word was received here today of the death at the age of 96 of the Rev. Dr. James Glenworth Butler, prominent clergyman and author, at his residence last night in Eobenton, N. C. He was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., was graduated from Yale theological seminary in 1850 and held pastorates in Brooklyn and Philadelphia. From 1863 to 1871 he was editor of the American and Foreign Christian Union. He spent twenty years compiling a series of eleven volumes entitled "The Bible Work," a commentary. He produced numerous other noted Biblical works.

Dr. Butler was known to many noted men. During the Civil War he met Abraham Lincoln and a friendship sprang up between them.

London, Dec. 29, 6:35 p. m.—News was received here today of the death in Brussels of G. Bulle, Mexican charge d'affaires in Belgium. He had been one of the chief secretaries of the commission for relief in Belgium since the inception of the work. In accepting the position, he stated that as a representative of a "country without a government" to a "government without a country" he could do no better than devote his efforts to relief work.

## Russian Regiment Abrupt Ending of Print Paper Probe

### WENT DOWN WITH FINNISH STEAMER OIKOMNA

#### VESSEL STRUCK A MINE

All on Board With the Exception of Fifty Persons Are Said to Have Been Drowned—1,500 Horses Also Went Down With the Steamer, Which Sank in a Few Minutes.

Berlin, Dec. 29 (By Wireless to Sayville).—The Finnish steamer Oikomna, of 1,070 tons, with a regiment of Russian coast artillery, from the Aland islands, on board, struck a mine and sank in a few minutes, according to a despatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung from Copenhagen. All on board, with the exception of fifty persons, are said to have been drowned.

The steamer was bound for Helsinki. In addition to the men lost,

## Condensed Telegrams

Levi Henry Ellikell, professor of Greek at Amherst, is dead.

N. Y. Ambulance Company No. 3 left Moellen, Texas, for home.

Fire destroyed Peterson's mattress factory at Oswego, N. Y., at a loss of \$20,000.

Sir Hiram Maxim, the inventor, who died recently, left an estate valued at \$485,000.

The Swedish Foreign Office denied the rumor of direct negotiations for peace in Europe.

Capt. Urban Wetzel, Eighth Ohio Infantry, died of diphtheria at the base hospital at Fort Bliss.

Gold to the amount of \$33,000,000 was ordered from Ottawa for the account of J. P. Morgan & Co.

Orlando F. Weber resigned as vice president and assistant general manager of the Maxwell Motor Co.

The Stanley Aniline Chemical Works of Lockport, N. Y., increased its capital from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

Exports of foodstuffs from the United States for the first eleven months of the year amounted to \$670,000,000.

The engine house of the Boston and Maine railroad, Newport, Vt., was destroyed by fire and four locomotives badly damaged.

Iona E. Parker, of Newark, N. J., died in the City Hospital; of burns received when her dress caught fire from a gas stove.

The French government, it is announced, has refused to ratify the proposed compromise settlement of the Tientsin concession dispute.

United States Ambassador Page had a long interview with Baron Sonnino, the Italian Foreign Minister, in regard to President Wilson's note.

Borough President Connolly of Queens announced the appointment of Richard S. Newcombe of Flushing to be Commissioner of Public Works.

The friends of Nicholas Longworth in the House of Representatives are booming him as a compromise Republican candidate for the Speakership.

Announcement was made of the resignations of Capt. Edwin Moody and First Lieut. Roy Wilbur of Company H, First Regiment, N. G., N. Y.

The Cambria Steel Co. will spend \$7,000,000 at Johnstown, Pa., in the erection of a new steel mill, and a new plant to manufacture car wheels.

Five persons are missing and more than a score injured as a result of the explosion of an acetylene plant in the cellar of the Madison Hotel at about 10:30 p. m.

A verdict of murder in the second degree was returned by the jury in the case of Alfonso Brannan, charged with the murder of his wife at Cape Vincent, N. Y.

Governor Fielder of New Jersey refused to grant a reprieve to William A. Ashbridge of Camden, N. J., who is under sentence to die in the electric chair next week.

One man was drowned and five others are believed to have lost their lives when the canal tug *Delaware* was swamped by high seas just east of the breaker, near Cristobal.

Misha Appelbaum, founder of the Humanitarian Cult, requested Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, to deliver a peace telegram from the cult to the Kaiser.

Henderson S. Martin, vice governor of the Philippines, has resigned and is returning to the United States because his wife's health will not permit continued residence in the islands.

Capt. John L. Duffy, commander of the American steamship *Cheung*, torpedoed off the Mediterranean coast of Spain, Nov. 26, arrived at New York on the French line steamer *Rochambeau*.

The Outdoor Showmen of the World, an organization of circus proprietors, performers and managers interested in outdoor amusements, have elected Frank P. Spellman of Newark, N. J., president.

Owners of the British steamship *Telena* have filed a \$100,000 libel suit against the Merchants and Miners' union of Philadelphia, which the *Telena* was in collision in the lower Chesapeake two weeks ago.

Typewriters instead of pens for school children were advocated by Prof. Franklin Bobbitt of the school of education of the University of Chicago in addressing the Illinois women's legislative congress.

Residents for a distance of five blocks in Flatbush, L. I., were "in the dark" for half an hour Thursday night. The trouble was caused by the blowing out of a fuse on Avenue H, near Ocean Avenue, in an electric light manhole.

A net gain of 61 votes for Thomas J. Scully, democrat, in his contest with Robert Carson, republican, for the congress seat from the Third New Jersey district, was shown in the returns from Monmouth county on recount.

Fifty-six members of a night school class narrowly escaped injury when a fire starting from an explosion of chemicals in a laboratory, destroyed the Fargo High school building, and adjoining property, at Fargo, N. D., at a loss of \$100,000.

GERMANY TO ESTABLISH A SUBMARINE MAIL

Deutschland and Her Sister Ships to be Used for That Purpose.

Berlin, Dec. 29. (Via Wireless to Sayville).—The mail to be carried on the merchant submarine *Deutschland* and her sister ships, the German postal authorities announce, will be known as "Submarine mail" and it will be despatched to the United States, Central and South America, the West Indies, China, the Dutch East Indies and the Philippine Islands. All letters for transmission by submarine must be sent to Bremen and must bear the inscription "Submarine Letter."

Carranza 61 Years Old.

Queretaro, Mex., Dec. 29.—General Venustiano Carranza spent today at the home of friends near here, celebrating his 61st birthday.

## More Neutrals in Accord with Wilson

### NORWAY, SWEDEN AND DENMARK SEND IDENTIC NOTES

#### MAKE NO DIRECT OFFER

Despatch by Spain of a Strong Protest to Germany Against Submarine Activities Has Overshadowed Interest Among Washington Officials in Peace Negotiations.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The three Scandinavian nations, Norway, Sweden and Denmark, through identic notes, the Norwegian copy of which was handed by Minister Bryn, have expressed their "deepest sympathy" towards the establishment of a durable peace and their "deepest sympathy" with all efforts to shorten the war.

Unlike the Swiss government, which offered to help in any way, "no matter how modest," the Scandinavian countries make no direct offer of co-operation. The fact attracted particularly interest because Norway particularly has been one of the greatest sufferers from the war among the neutrals.

The state department made public the Norwegian note without comment and lined up with the policy of silence adopted by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, no other official information concerning peace moves was forthcoming during the day.

The Norwegian note, with which those from Denmark and Sweden are identic, follows:

"It is with the most lively interest that the Norwegian government has learned of the proposals which the president of the United States has just made with the purpose of facilitating measures looking toward the establishment of a durable peace, while at the same time seeming to avoid any interference which could cause pain to legitimate feelings.

"The Norwegian government would consider itself falling in its duties towards its own people and towards all humanity if it did not express its deepest sympathy with all efforts which could contribute to put an end to the ever-increasing suffering and the moral and material losses. It has every hope that the peace conference which will arrive at a result worthy of the high purpose which inspired it.

"Most of the South American nations, it was indicated today in diplomatic quarters, will not send communications regarding the president's note, on the official grounds that the information addressed to them largely for their own information and not to solicit action. Holland, whose attitude has been the subject of much speculation, also was said to be unlikely to take any action owing to the feeling there that it might appear unneutral to one side of the American's action, no further information of the eventual peace conference in that country. Beyond the fact that the Spanish cabinet has not yet decided on Spain's action, no further information has come to the Spanish embassy today.

Turkey's Reply in Washington.

As to the belligerents, Turkey's reply to the president's note was identical with those of Germany and Austria, was received. Bulgaria's is expected tomorrow.

Extensive discussions still persist in the State department about the fundamental and undecided whether it was designed purpose of the president's note ed primarily to promote peace or for America's own guidance. In respect, however, that their government's reply will be short and appreciative. The real impossibility of peace from the viewpoint of the belligerents was equally pointed out in their lengthy reply to the central powers, where they can speak directly and to the point, without fear of wounding a friendly neutral.

Spain Protests Submarine Warfare.

The despatch by Spain of a strong protest to Germany against submarine activities apparently overshadowed in interest the peace negotiations. The Spanish ambassador saw Secretary Lansing recently and the secretary of the State department has outlined fully the attitude of the United States. No secret is being made of the fact that the German submarine activities furnish the cause of the protest. American government officials referred to in the president's note to the belligerents.

## Legislation Favorable to Reorganization of B. & M.

### Might Be Obtained in Vermont and New Hampshire.

Boston, Dec. 29.—A belief that legislation favorable to the reorganization of the Boston and Maine railroad might be obtained in Vermont and New Hampshire in 1917 was expressed in the federal court heretoday by former Governor George H. Prouty of Vermont and Frank P. Carpenter of Manchester, N. H., both directors of the road, who testified in the receivership hearing. Lack of a definite plan was the reason ascribed by Mr. Carpenter for failure to obtain such legislation in New Hampshire last year.

Mr. Prouty and Mr. Carpenter, together with three other directors of the Boston and Maine, testified that reorganization was the only basis on which the road's credit could be firmly established. A settlement by compromise of the \$4,000,000 claim of the Hampden railroad was also favored by each of the five directors "as a moral and business obligation."

## Expert Says Bomb Was Practically Harmless

### The One Found Under Residence of Gov. Spry at Salt Lake City.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 29.—The bomb which was placed in front of Governor William Spry's residence Christmas day was practically harmless according to S. B. Moore, an explosives expert. Mr. Moore's statement declares that there was only a small quantity of explosive in the bomb.

Chief of Police White announced today that rewards offered for the apprehension of the person who placed the bomb now aggregate \$11,000.

## START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

Make a canvass of those who attend to that little duty and they will tell you that Norwich is an excellent place to shop. Such of course applies to those who are acquainted with the stores of this city, but there is no reason to feel satisfied with the opinion of those who are familiar for there are thousands who can be convinced of the same thing if there is a disposition on the part of the business houses of the city to bring about that acquaintance.

Getting acquainted with the buying public may or may not be the easiest sort of a task. It all depends upon the manner in which it is attempted. If it is expected to result from waiting for people to walk past your store it is a hopeless outlook. What is needed is publicity and there is no better or surer way of reaching them than by means of the advertising columns of The Bulletin.

No better New Year's resolution could be made that to promise your business a chance to grow through an advertising campaign conducted throughout the year in The Bulletin. It pays others; it will pay you. Start the New Year right.

In the past week the following matter has appeared in its column:

Bulletin	Telegraph	Local	General	Total
Saturday, Dec. 23..	79	180	797	1056
Monday, Dec. 25..	85	142	278	505
Tuesday, Dec. 26..	86	140	194	420
Wednesday, Dec. 27..	98	169	177	444
Thursday, Dec. 28..	110	163	253	526
Friday, Dec. 29..	84	134	173	391
Totals .....	542	928	1872	3342

1,500 horses went down with the ship, according to the same source, an other liner plying between Abo, Russia, and Marihuam, likewise struck a mine, and a large number of persons on board are missing. The accidents, according to the newspaper, are attributed to badly anchored Russian mines belonging to the Finnish bay mine fields.

## PRESIDENT WILSON HAS SIGNED THE FERRIS BILL

### Opening Up 640-Acre Homesteads for Stock Raising Purposes.

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Wilson late today signed the Ferris bill opening up 640-acre homesteads for stock raising and grazing purposes. It is accounted of great importance to the western states.

The bill passed the house a year ago, the senate on the closing day of the last session of congress, and final agreement was reached between conferees last week. Representative Ferris of Oklahoma, its author, said tonight that a considerable part of the 300,000,000 acres of public lands in the west and the 375,000,000 acres in Alaska could be utilized for stock raising under the law. Thus, he said, thousands of homeless citizens would be able to gain homes. The law raises the homestead unit from a maximum of 320 acres to 640 on arid, semi-arid, non-irrigable and non-timbered public land.

The bill was strongly endorsed by the interior department which informed congress that it would result in having 100,000 head of cattle in the west "greater than during the most prosperous days of the cattle kings."

## PERILOUS RIDE ATOP A DISABLED HYDROAIRPLANE

T. Okuri Was Half Frozen by Waves Dashing Over Him Two Hours

New York, Dec. 29.—Perched atop a disabled hydroairplane and half frozen by the waves which had dashed over him for two hours, T. Okuri, a Japanese student aviator, was rescued from a perilous position four miles off the Staten Island shore late today. Captain of a tugboat saw him waving his arms for help and took him on board, but was unable to save the machine.

Okuri flew four miles out to sea to test the hydroairplane's pontoons. When he alighted on the water the waves washed over the engine, he said, and put the carburetor out of commission.

## PAUL HAFER GETS JAIL SENTENCE FOR LIBEL

Man Who Accused George Washington of Drunkenness.

Olmpla, Wash., Dec. 29.—As a libel of George Washington's memory, Paul Hafer of Tacoma, must serve four months in the county jail, the Washington supreme court today upheld the conviction of Hafer on a criminal libel charge. Hafer published an article accusing the first president of the United States of drunkenness and other irregularities.

## ERUDITE DEDUCTIONS BY EMINENT SCIENTISTS

Divulged at Biological Section of the American Science Association.

New York, Dec. 29.—War enthusiasts who maintain that a nation will lose its inherited virtue by not going to war are not supported in their theory by present biological knowledge, in the opinion of Dr. Jacques Loeb, head of the department of experimental biology of the Rockefeller Institute. Dr. Loeb addressed the biological section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science on "Biology and the War" today. He contended that "the struggle for existence" and "survival of the fittest" are no "laws of nature" in the sense of the term "law" as used in the exact sciences.

"The biology of which the war enthusiasts make use is essentially antiquated," declared Dr. Loeb, "and we need not be surprised to find that they consider war to be based upon what they call the 'biological law of nature,' 'struggle for existence' or 'the survival of the fittest.'"

"These war enthusiasts maintain that unless a nation engages occasion in war, it will lose its inherited virtues, especially courage, which are necessary for its survival. We do not need to argue whether the acts committed in a war, which are not only necessary for its survival, but which are the real or only manifestations of courage; we may also overlook the manifestations of virility left behind by invading or retreating armies."

"The assumption that virility or courage (whatever may be meant by these terms) will disappear if not praised in this form of war implies an unproved and apparently false biological assumption, namely, that functions not praised or acts not organized will disappear in the off-spring."

Addressing the American Anthropological association, Dr. Harley Stimp of the University of Pennsylvania explained a new biological theory of the spread of tuberculosis by blood pressure. By this method, he declared, traces of tuberculosis could be detected sometimes four years in advance of methods previously used.

## LIEUT. H. H. TAINTOR DISMISSED FROM ARMY

Passed Checks When He Did Not Have Sufficient Funds to Cover Them.

San Diego, Calif., Dec. 29.—Lieutenant H. H. Taintor, Twenty-First United States Infantry, who was tried here recently by a court martial on charges of conduct unbecoming an officer, has been dismissed from the army, according to word received here today from Washington. Lieutenant Taintor left today for New York.

The specific charges against Lieutenant Taintor, who was made to be a member of a prominent New York family, were passing checks on a hotel here and on a bank at Yuma, Ariz., when he did not have sufficient funds to cover them.

## 10,000 JACKRABBITS KILLED IN DRIVES IN TEXAS

In a United Effort to Reduce the Cost of Meat.

Amarillo, Texas, Dec. 29.—Belated reports tonight concerning the All-American jackrabbit drive, held in a united effort to reduce the cost of meat, indicate that not less than 10,000 jack rabbits have been killed in the various drives. Market prices quoted here tonight for dressed rabbits was 11 1/2 cents a pound.

## ALCOHOL REQUIRED FOR PRODUCTION OF MUNITIONS

Great Britain Making Arrangements to Secure an Adequate Supply.

London, Dec. 29, 6:55 p. m.—It was officially announced today that owing to the constantly increasing requirements of alcohol for the production of munitions and for other war purposes, the minister of munitions has appointed a committee representing the various departments of the government to consider the best means to adopt to secure adequate supplies.

## EXPORTS OF MANUFACTURES THROUGH NEW YORK

For 1916 Were \$2,785,331,906—A Billion More Than in 1915.

New York, Dec. 29.—Exports of American manufactures and commodities through the port of New York were \$2,785,331,906 in 1916, or approximately \$1,000,000,000 more than in 1915, it was announced today in a summary of the calendar year's business given out by Collector Dudley Field Malone.

The Canadian Parliament will open January 18.