

Fair to-day and to-morrow; moderate south to west winds. Temperatures yesterday—Maximum, 45; minimum, 35.

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## TROOPS OF FIVE EUROPEAN NATIONS CALLED TO COLORS

### Germany, Austria, Russia, Roumania and Serbia Make Active War Preparations—Continental Chancelleries in Turmoil.

## PEACE NEGOTIATIONS STILL CONTINUE

Constantinople, Nov. 29.—Following a meeting of the council ministers which adjourned at 10 o'clock to-night the Porte issued the following statement: "The pourparlers at Baghche are proceeding in a satisfactory manner and there is reason to hope that an armistice may be signed in a day or two."

London, Nov. 29.—Active war measures by Germany, Austria, Roumania, and Serbia proceeded to-day after an apparent lull of two days, and to-night the conflict which the European chancelleries have been trying to avert is no longer a possibility, but a probability. Meantime the Belgar-Turkish conflict on the Tchatalja lines has been resumed with renewed fury. The Bulgarians to-day enveloped two entire Turkish divisions near the village of Marhamli, between Dedaghathe and Demotica, and captured the entire force, consisting of about 10,000 men, including two generals and 300 officers. Eight mounted guns, with several thousand horses and great quantities of ammunition were captured.

A general mobilization order was issued late to-day, according to advices from Bucharest.

Eight thousand German reservists were ordered to-day to be ready to join the colors.

Replying to a question as to the preparedness of Germany for war, Gen. Josias von Heeringen, the German war minister, said to-day in the German Parliament: "Ready for war."

"I can give the positive assurance that everything necessary for the eventuality of war has been done."

A dispatch from Riga states that all the Austrian reservists residing in the Baltic provinces have been recalled.

Russian Mobilization. The Russian ministers are energetically pushing their war plans. Mobilized on the frontier in the vicinity of the points of centralization of the Austrian forces are 60,000 Russian troops ready for instant duty in the field.

Albania, having proclaimed her independence, to-day asked Austria's aid in repelling the Serbian occupation. This action very plainly pleased Italy, which country may yet be drawn into the imbroglio.

The Serbian government, in view of the hard fighting done by the Serbian troops against the Turks, is showing amazing alacrity in mobilizing formidable forces and rushing them to the chief objective points.

Serbia Ready for War. Despite the Turkish campaign, with which she may not yet be done, Serbia is taking every precaution to be able to do the lion's share of fighting in a second, and far greater, conflict. The Danube division has already occupied entrenched positions near the town of Semendria. The war office has called out the recruits of III and IIIA, and the ranks of the Turkish prisoners are being searched for Christian soldiers willing to enlist in the new cause. Hundreds of such Christians have been found.

According to the Vienna Reichpost, the Serbians plan another Tchatalja line of defense, and with that end in view cattle and cereals are being requisitioned in abundance to that point. There are already 100,000 Serbian troops encamped in the vicinity and the number is rapidly being swelled.

Announcing the taking of the Adriatic port, Gen. Jankovitch, the Serbian commander, telegraphed to Belgrade this statement: "We have taken Durazzo for perpetuity."

The Austrian premier to-day announced the speedy introduction of at least three measures providing for mobilization requirements.

## RABBI DENIES STORIES OF MASSACRES OF HEBREWS BY GREEKS

The Greek Legation in Washington has been officially informed of a letter received by Prince Nicholas of Greece, from the Grand Rabbi of Saloniki, in which the rabbi expresses his indignation against the calumnies spread by the Turks and other interested parties to the effect that the Greek soldiers committed outrages against the Hebrew population and synagogues of that country. The rabbi has informed the prince and leading representatives of the Hebrew race in Europe that the Greek authorities have established perfect order in Saloniki, and have everywhere extended protection to the Hebrew race.

## STUDENTS STORM EMBASSY.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 29.—Peace reserves were called out to-day to quell a demonstration at the Austrian Embassy by Russian students. Anti-Austrian sentiment is at a white heat among the students in the city who are holding mass meetings calling upon the government to assume an aggressive attitude.

## ADRIANOPLE NEAR TO FALL.

Sofia, Nov. 29.—The Bulgarians have been steadily advancing on Adrianople through last night and to-day, and now their most advanced lines are within 1,100 yards of the inner city.

## Eldridge E. Jordan Is Stated To Head Inaugural Committee; Formal Announcement Awaited

### Costello Probably Will Go to New York To-day to Arrange for the Announcement.

Eldridge E. Jordan is slated for chairman of the inaugural committee, it was stated last night on good authority, and his formal appointment by William H. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, may be expected to-day or Monday.

William V. Costello was reported, would be chairman of the general committee, he has been practically disposed of as the result of a conference of yesterday. Three names, it is understood, had been considered until the last—Eldridge E. Jordan, Robert N. Harper, and William V. Costello—and the influences brought to bear for each of them are said to have been national as well as local. It was rumored at one time that National Committeeman John P. Costello had, in fact, submitted to Mr. McCombs, whose prerogative it is to appoint all three names, with their recommendations, leaving to Mr. McCombs the selection of the chairman of the inaugural committee—a choice that actually is made by the District of Columbia National Committeeman of the victorious party.

Late last night, however, it was stated with apparent finality that Mr. Jordan had been decided upon. It was said to be probable that Mr. Costello would go to New York to-day and arrange with Mr. McCombs for the announcement. The contest for the inaugural committee chairmanship for Hill has been waged on larger political lines than ever before, it is said by old residents of the District. The position is one of high distinction, for it brings its tenant into close touch with the new President and generally establishes social relations of great influence. This year, despite the fact that Mr. Jordan, said to be slated for the place, is generally known as a Bull Moose, the political aspect of the contest has been especially prominent. None of the persons most directly concerned with the reports that Mr. Jordan had been selected would talk for publication last night.

### WILL BE HEAD OF INAUGURAL COMMITTEE.



ELDRIDGE E. JORDAN.

## OLDFIELD TO ASK COMMISSIONERS OFFICIAL PROBE OF MERGER PLANS

### House District Committeeman Will Demand Investigation of Proposed Traction Deal.

Mr. Oldfield returned in Washington late Thursday evening and immediately was informed of the proposed deal. As a result of the summer activities of the traction company, Mr. Oldfield has decided upon a course of action, which he hopes will accomplish two results, viz: hasten the action of the House District Committee on his public utilities bill and prevent the consummation of the proposed merger until his bill or the Gallinger-Works bill, which passed the Senate last season, and is very similar to the Oldfield measure, shall have been enacted into law.

## POMERENE TO ACT JOINTLY

### Resolutions Will Be Introduced in Both Houses of Congress Next Week.

Believing that the proposed merger of the Washington, Annapolis and Electric Company with the Washington-Virginia corporation is an effort to anticipate and evade the jurisdiction conferred upon the District Commissioners through his bill creating a public utilities commission, Representative William A. Oldfield, of the House District Committee, will introduce early next week a resolution calling for a thorough Congressional investigation of the proposed deal. Mr. Oldfield returned in Washington late Thursday evening and immediately was informed of the proposed deal. As a result of the summer activities of the traction company, Mr. Oldfield has decided upon a course of action, which he hopes will accomplish two results, viz: hasten the action of the House District Committee on his public utilities bill and prevent the consummation of the proposed merger until his bill or the Gallinger-Works bill, which passed the Senate last season, and is very similar to the Oldfield measure, shall have been enacted into law. The Oldfield resolution will require the House District Committee or a subcommittee thereof to conduct the investigation. A similar resolution will be introduced in the Senate by Senator Pomerene.

## COMMISSIONERS CONTINUE FIGHT FOR PENSION FUND

### Congress to Be Asked Again to Supply Deficiency in Police and Firemen's Moneys.

Partial payments of pensions for police and firemen will be made in a few weeks, possibly a few days. The delinquencies forced upon the District by a lack of legislation often urged for the protection of some of the District's most faithful servants have been splendidly absent. Since July 1 the District's debts to the men who are sick or halt by reason of having done their duty have been paid in full, month by month. Since that day, the beginning of the present fiscal year, there has been a glorious increase in the receipts from the dog tax.

## BILL IS ALREADY FRAMED

### District Government Simply Wants Power to Guarantee Its Debts of Honor.

But by January 1, possibly sooner, receipts from the tax on dogs will not be so gloriously large, and the District will be driven back to its old habit of paying its debts of honor by compromise. Officials of the District said last night that the day of doom has nearly come, and unless Congress applies itself in its first days of December to enactment of the needed laws, policemen and firemen and their widows and other dependents will have to be satisfied with just as much of their pension money as the fortuitous resources of the police courts and the variant dog-taking offices will supply. Legislation Probable. That Congress will enact this legislation soon after its convention next Monday is probable. The people of the District are asking, through their Commissioners, who have presented draft of a bill to Congress, only the privilege of paying the pensions. They are not asking for funds from the Federal Government, even on the half-and-half principle. The people of the District want to pay their debts to their faithful guardians, and in the bill which was offered Congress in their behalf, only an opportunity, not a contribution, was asked. With the necessary members of Congress, whose appropriate committees have approved and recommended, may reasonably be expected to recognize the importance of this need of the District and pass finally upon legislation over whose merits there can be no dispute. The firemen's relief fund is made up from donations, fines imposed upon members of the fire department, monthly assessments of \$1 on its officers, a portion of the Police Court fines and forfeitures, and a portion of the dog tax receipts. The police relief fund is similarly made up. Receipts and Expenditures. Since 1888 total receipts and total expenditures of the two funds have been: FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

## ELOPE TO CAPITAL; WED; DISAPPEAR

### Rich Brooklyn Girl and Chauffeur, Sought by Police, Are Married Here.

While Mabel Pastre, seventeen years old, of 475 Fifteenth Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., was being frantically sought by her father, Alexander E. Pastre, a wealthy garage owner, who invoked the aid of the police and announced through the newspapers that he would forgive his daughter if she had happened to run away and got married to Joseph Kemp, a chauffeur, a girl who gave her name as Mabel F. Pastre and her age as nineteen, was being married in Washington to a man who is reported to be Harry S. Kent and his age as twenty-one. The bride must have been Alexander Pastre's runaway daughter, for a dispatch from New York late last night stated that the frantic father had received this telegram from Washington: "Am married and happy. Will be home in a week. 'MABEL'." Father Pastre wired back his blessing, adding: "Come home soon."

## RETURNS FROM EUROPE.

### Young Mrs. Alsop Joins Husband

Nineteen-year-old bride of Septennarian Millionaire Returns from Trip to Europe. With rings on her fingers, Mrs. Edward B. Alsop, the pretty nineteen-year-old wife of the septennarian millionaire, who has a home at 125 Twenty-first Street, Northwest, is back after her tour of Europe with several women friends, and soon will return to Washington with her husband, who remained at home while his bride was seeing the old country. Mrs. Alsop, formerly Effie Pope Hill, lauded in New York Thursday, with Mrs. Alice Martin, Mrs. Tom Pierce, who had been of her party, remains abroad. Mrs. Alsop was delighted to get back home, she said, and she and Mr. Alsop were reported to have left immediately for the Capital. At the Alsop home it was stated last night, however, that they were not in Washington. The trip abroad was very wonderful, Mrs. Alsop is quoted as saying. The more she is quoted as saying, the more some very handsome rings and other jewels, indicating that she had plenty of spending money. Altogether she had a grand time, she said. The sheriff stated that he had sent out the notice because the personal property offered at the sale will be such as would appeal mainly to men of wealth as curios and ornaments. The recipients of the notice include J. P. Morgan, Andrew Carnegie, Vincent Astor, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., William G. Rockefeller, John D. Archbold, Howard Brubaker, Frederick Vanderbilt, Chauncey M. Depew, Peter Doelder, Payne Whitney, Lee Shubert and others.

## JACKSON COMES TO THE SENATE

### Gov. Goldsborough Appoints Him to Place of Late Senator Raynor.

By the appointment of William P. Jackson, of Salisbury, Md., to the United States Senate to succeed the late Isidor Raynor, Maryland will be represented in that body by two millionaire lumber barons. Mr. Jackson, the new Senator, is a member of the firm of Jackson Bros. & Co., lumber merchants of the Eastern shore of Maryland. His father, the late William P. Jackson, was a Democratic Governor of that State years ago. His father served in Congress during 1905 and 1907-8. Senator Jackson's father was a Democrat back in the days of the early '70s. He did not respond to the Republican cause until the Cleveland administration began to show a strong inclination toward free trade. William H. Jackson, Sr., then drew lukewarm toward Democracy, and in a few years slipped over completely to the Republican party. It was the ambition of the elder Jackson to follow in the footsteps of his brother, the Governor, by being elected Governor and then to go to the United States Senate. This he has never been able to realize. Twice he came to Congress with the hope that a seat in the House would put him in line for these high honors at the hands of the Maryland people. Senator Jackson's father was a Democrat back in the days of the early '70s. He did not respond to the Republican cause until the Cleveland administration began to show a strong inclination toward free trade. William H. Jackson, Sr., then drew lukewarm toward Democracy, and in a few years slipped over completely to the Republican party. It was the ambition of the elder Jackson to follow in the footsteps of his brother, the Governor, by being elected Governor and then to go to the United States Senate. This he has never been able to realize. Twice he came to Congress with the hope that a seat in the House would put him in line for these high honors at the hands of the Maryland people.

## 15,000 DIE IN PHILIPPINE STORM

That 15,000 persons were probably killed and wounded in a typhoon that swept the Philippine Islands last Tuesday was reported yesterday in cable dispatches to the Bureau of Insular Affairs. The typhoon swept the Visayas and is said to have practically destroyed Tacloban, the capital of Leyte, and to have wrought enormous damage and loss of life at Cebu, the capital of the province of Cebu. Tacloban has a population of 12,000. Cebu has a population of over 30,000. Cebu is the terminal of the railroad from Iloilo. It is a most important sugar port.

## SHERIFF SENDS NOTICES OF SICKLES' AUCTION SALES TO GOTHAM MILLIONAIRES

New York, Nov. 29.—In an effort to help Gen. Daniel W. Sickles, Sheriff Harburger to-day mailed to about seventy-five wealthy men in New York notices of the auction sale that is to be held at the Sickles residence in Fifth Avenue next Wednesday. The personal property of the general will be sold to satisfy a \$500,000 judgment. The sheriff stated that he had sent out the notice because the personal property offered at the sale will be such as would appeal mainly to men of wealth as curios and ornaments. The recipients of the notice include J. P. Morgan, Andrew Carnegie, Vincent Astor, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., William G. Rockefeller, John D. Archbold, Howard Brubaker, Frederick Vanderbilt, Chauncey M. Depew, Peter Doelder, Payne Whitney, Lee Shubert and others.

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## FIRE DESTROYS M. A. C. BUILDING

### Swamp by a stiff northwest breeze, fire which was discovered late last night has destroyed the administration building of the Maryland Agricultural College at College Park; Md. The old building, erected in 1878, was burning at 2 o'clock this morning. Several other buildings are threatened. All efforts to check the spread of the flames seem impossible at this time.

While guests attending a dance were at supper fire broke out in the attic of the administration building. The cause, it is believed, was due to the crowding of electric wires. The new building, which was erected in 1904, at a cost of \$60,000, is said to be insured, while the old structure, which was erected at a cost of nearly \$300,000 more than half a century ago, is only partly insured. Owing to lack of water facilities, the fire spread with great rapidity, and the Hyattsville Fire Department, which responded, was unable to cope with the flames. At midnight two engine companies of the Washington Fire Department started for College Park in response to a call for aid. The new administration building housed about 25 students, all of whom got out safely. The old building contained about an equal number of cadets. Possibly all of the records of the college were removed from the building, which contained the president's office, the treasurer's office, and the board of trustees' office, besides the assembly hall.

## 21 DAYS For Shopping Before Christmas

HOLIDAY PLANS are about completed, especially by the young folk. Dad has not commenced to put a check on his checks, but is doing some figuring and thinking. BEFORE He tightens up get busy. It is the early bird that gets the best start. BE SELFISH—do your trading now in comfort, be waited upon by alert and wide-awake clerks, and avoid the rush and worry.

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