

RUSSIANS ATTACK IN MASSED LINES

Desperate Fighting Renewed in Bukowina, Near Border of Bessarabia.

FRONT IS 40 MILES LONG

Germans Also Making Serious Assaults on Northern End of Eastern Line, While Muscovites Now Threaten Mitau.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Although Petrograd remains silent on the subject, the public is inclined to believe the Russians are undertaking a great offensive in Bukowina, near the Bessarabian border.

Official Austrian reports, telling of attacks by dense masses of Russian troops, indicate that an important battle is under way.

The fighting centers at a point near Terebnitz, a small town just within the border of Northern Bukowina, but a simultaneous attack is being made along an extended front, reaching from the Pruth to a position north of the Insulter, about 48 miles. The latest advice is that the Russian assault is being continued, accompanied by an equally heavy bombardment.

Unofficial reports from the extreme northern part of the eastern front say that the Germans have made a serious but futile attack in the region of Lake Hahle, while the Russians, west of Lake Ranner, are threatening Mitau. These opposing attacks create a delicate situation, as a successful advance by either would endanger considerable forces of the defeated opponent.

The Germans and Austrians have begun a general withdrawal along the entire front in Macedonia, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Rome, quoting a message from Salento to this effect. The reported withdrawal is attributed to the Russian advance in Bessarabia.

VIOLENT STRUGGLE GENERAL

Russian Staff Estimates Important Issues Are at Stake.

PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 29.—German and Russian official bulletins regarding the operations in the Pruth River incidentally declare that the battles are proceeding. The importance of the engagements seems to be considered by the Russian military critics as great.

The general staff commentators lay stress on the difference between these struggles and the last notable collisions between the Russians and the Germans before the period of calm. The battles of Castoruk, Novo Alexish and elsewhere between the Pruth River and the Carpathian Mountains were sporadic and designed only to correct positions on different parts of the line before the cessation of strategic movements on account of the approach of winter.

It is agreed now that a struggle is proceeding in the extreme southwest line and that apparently it is equally ardent everywhere. It is intimated that both sides are aiming at the accomplishment of exceedingly important tasks.

The expectation here is that the outcome of this gigantic, but still obscure struggle, will be a transformation of the military position in the Russian theater of war. It is unanimously agreed among the military observers that the aspect of the eastern front will be changed within three or four days.

SCHMIDT IS FOUND GUILTY

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minutes, instructing the jurors to find Schmidt not guilty unless the prosecution had convinced them beyond a reasonable doubt that he had not aided in the purchase of the dynamite, but had actually "recommended, aided and abetted the blowing up of the Times building."

"You are instructed to find the defendant not guilty," said the judge, "even though it may have been proved that he had aided in the purchase of the dynamite."

After the verdict had been announced, Chief A. Trevelyan, secretary of the California State Building Trades Council, who had been named frequently in the testimony, loudly declared that the result meant industrial war in Los Angeles.

"Send word to Lincoln Stephens," he said, "that the Golden Rule is dead. There will be a strike in Los Angeles. They will pay for this."

Lincoln Stephens played a prominent part in the sensational case of the trial of the McNamara brothers, James and John, in November, 1911, when the accused dynamite conspirators pleaded guilty after two jurors and a detective employed by the defense had been arrested and admitted jury bribery.

James McNamara confessed to the murder of Charles Hagerty in connection with the dynamite case of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to wreck the Lewellyn Iron Works, was sentenced to a term of years by Judge E. R. McManis on Christmas day, 1912. He is serving a 12-year sentence.

"I can stand this if the country can," remarked Schmidt, as he was led back to jail. He referred to the announcement of his counsel that the case, if necessary, would be fought through to the highest courts.

Several jurors said the testimony that finally convinced them was that of Donald Voss Meserve, the man who caused the arrest of Schmidt in New York February 12 last.

Schmidt was indicted like the McNamara brothers, on 29 charges of murder. Search for him and for Captain apparently had been practically abandoned until Meserve entered the case in September, 1914.

Meserve, known as "Voss" until he appeared as the principal witness against Schmidt, Meserve, according to his testimony, was a settler near Seattle of persons holding radical social, economic and political beliefs.

Meserve's mother, known as Gertrude Voss, and also a resident of Home Colony, was said to be a friend of Emma Goldman, and after he had engaged to find Schmidt, Meserve, according to his testimony, was directed to New York in search for the man. He went to live at the home of Miss Goldman in New York, and met Schmidt at the Goldman house under the name of Joe Hoffman.

Schmidt, Meserve said, confessed to him on the night of September 26, 1914, that he not only had a part in the conspiracy which resulted in the blowing up of the Times building, but that his only regret was that he had not carried it out alone.

Meserve remained in New York until February 13, when Schmidt was arrested on Broadway, and after a brief struggle was taken into custody. Captain was arrested on the night of February 13, officers taking him from bed in a little shack where he lived.



ALFONSO GREETING HIS FLYING MEN.

LABOR TO CONSIDER

British Trades Congress to Discuss Conscription.

WELSH MINERS PROTEST

Important Provincial Newspaper Denies Government Has Shown Nation That Compulsory Service Is Necessary.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A special trades congress to which all societies affiliated with the labor movement are invited to meet in London January 6 to consider the government's bill for the compulsory enlistment of single men which Premier Asquith will introduce in the House of Commons next Wednesday.

The calling of the Congress is the result of a protracted conference of the Parliamentary committee of the trades union congress, the executive committee of the Labor party and the management committee of the general federation of trades unions, held today under the presidency of Arthur Henderson, president of the board of education.

Issue Regarded as Serious.

An official report of the conference says:

"The national situation arising out of the government's proposal with regard to the compulsory enlistment of single men was fully discussed. It was agreed that the importance of the issue involved is so serious that any decision on behalf of the trades union and labor movement could only be reached by a national conference of representatives of the entire movement."

The recommendation later was discussed with the Parliamentary Labor party and received its full concurrence. One reason for the recommendation, the official report of the conference says, was the "prominent views expressed by a resolution at the trades union congress last September, that resolution strongly opposing conscription in any form."

The executive committee of the Miners' Federation of South Wales met today at Cardiff and unanimously adopted a resolution against the "ministerial efforts of certain party politicians and a section of the press to impose conscription on the people."

The resolution asks the Miners' Federation of Great Britain to call a national conference immediately to protest against any form of conscription. Although other Liberal organs seem to be at least resigned to the idea of compulsory military service, the Manchester Guardian, which is the most important provincial newspaper, declares:

"Nothing can be more unsatisfactory—or, we will say, irrational—than the way in which the government appears to be drifting into a reversal of one of the greatest of our national traditions and dividing the nation, hitherto so splendidly united."

The Guardian accuses the conscriptionist party of seizing the opportunity presented by the war to give effect to a preconceived policy, without regard to the actual needs of the war. It continues:

"They desire to militarize us as Germany has been militarized. But England has no intention of being militarized and if compulsory service is to be accepted by them without entailing the risk of grave social trouble, it will be first necessary to show them exactly what is the immediate and vital need for it which otherwise cannot be met."

The Guardian denies this has been done or even attempted. Instead, it says, the public has been treated to an irrelevant discussion regarding the

AMERICANS HELD UP

Germany Bars Those in Vienna Without Citizenship Proof.

MODIFICATION IS ASKED

United States Ambassador to Austria Takes Steps to Help Detained Travelers to Reach Holland on Way Home.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Americans in Vienna not possessing certificates of birth or naturalization are being detained through the refusal of German Consuls to issue their passports for travel in the German empire. Ambassador Penfield reported the situation to the State Department today by cable.

The Ambassador said he had made representations on the subject to the German embassy in Vienna and had asked the American embassy at Berlin to secure a modification of the regulation which prevents Americans from returning to their homes and excludes American-born or naturalized citizens who have not required additional documents from Germany.

The dispatch, dated Vienna, December 28, and forwarded through Minister Skovall at Bern, follows:

"German consulate at Vienna refuses to issue American passports for travel in German empire unless bearers present certificates of birth or naturalization. Americans here not possessing these documents correctly are being detained."

"Have presented matter to German embassy, with request for modification of present regulation to enable American citizens to return to their homes, and have informed embassy at Berlin, requesting their good offices in presenting matter to German officials."

"Above regulations practically exclude from Germany bona fide American-born and naturalized citizens, bearers of passports, but not having the required additional documents, and will tend to work hardship and delay, making it practically impossible for such persons to embark from Holland."

FRENCH TAKE TURKISH ISLE

Troops Occupy Castellorizo, Situated in Aegean Sea.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—French troops have occupied the Turkish island of Castellorizo (Kastellorizo), in the Aegean Sea, between the island of Rhodes and the Gulf of Adalia, according to the morning papers in Paris. The possession of Castellorizo as a naval base is characterized as indispensable.

Castellorizo is a small island of Asiatic Turkey, lying off the south coast of Asia Minor, 75 miles east by south of Rhodes. It has an area of 11 square miles and is inhabited mainly by Greeks.

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EX-SOLDIER ADMITS CRIME

Conscience Causes Voluntary Surrender After 12 Years.

CHURCH TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE.

The First United Brethren Church will have open house tonight from 8 o'clock until 12. The first hour will be devoted to preaching by Rev. J. T. Merrill, after which the young people will assume charge of the meeting and have a social and serve refreshments. The last hour of the old year will be devoted to prayer.

Files Cured in 6 to 14 Days.

DRUGGISTS EDWARD PAZOS GIVEMENT talks to cure itching, blind, bleeding, or protruding piles. First application relieves, 50c.

THE OREGONIAN ANNUAL IN PINK WRAPPERS.

The Oregonian Annual will be on sale Saturday morning, January 1. Copies desired for mailing will be rolled in neat pink wrappers, with necessary postage. Supplies of the Annual will be available at various prominent street corners, as well as at the Oregonian office, where addresses may be left. Copies all ready for mailing will be sent anywhere in the United States and its possessions, Canada and Mexico for 10 cents. The price for single copies unstamped is 5 cents each. Be sure to send copies of The Annual, Oregon's greatest advertising medium, to your friends in other states. Look for the pink wrappers.

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It necessitates a great sacrificing of profits for us, but at the same time affords you the greatest money-saving opportunities of the entire season. Every section of every department is involved. The offerings are all seasonal, fresh and desirable. For Friday we list a great number of these offerings, but not all, by any means. Just as tempting values are unmentioned. Come prepared to enjoy every moment you spend in our store on this occasion. Come expecting to find extraordinary values, and you'll not be disappointed.

Clearance Reductions in Women's Outing Flannel Gowns

98c For Women's \$1.50 and \$1.75 Outing Flannel Gowns—All Styles and Sizes in Plain White and in Neat Colored Stripes or Patterns.

49c For Children's Outing Flannel Gowns in Values to 75c—Desirable Styles and Colors in All Sizes—Well-Made Garments.

Children's Wool Sweaters at \$1.19

Heavy all-wool sweaters in fancy weaves, shown in belted styles, with two pockets. All colors and sizes from 1 to 5 years. Regular \$2 lines. Clearance \$1.19

Infants' 3-Piece Sets at \$1.98

Regular \$2.50 Grade Attractive, warm and durable three-piece sets of fine zephyr yarns. All sizes, in white and red. Regular \$2.50 Clearance Price \$1.98

All styles, colors in Knit Caps for women, children, val. to 75c at 48c Slightly soiled and broken lines of Knit Caps, val. to 50c, to close 10c

Extra! Special for Friday! Blankets and Auto Robes

Your Choice at \$3.95 For \$4.50 to \$5.00 Qualities In the Bedding Section, Main Floor

A great Clearance Sale special for Friday—a closing out of a splendid lot of Blankets, Comforters and Auto Robes in desirable colorings and qualities regularly sold at \$4.50 and \$5.00. Jacquard Comforters of the finest quality and in double bed size. Heavy Gray Wool Blankets formerly sold at \$5 a pair and fine Wool Comforters never before sold for less than \$5. Broken lines \$3.95 of our regular stock priced for rapid clearance. Friday \$3.95

A Great Coat Sale Friday

A Clearance of Broken Lines of Sizes, Attractive Styles in Fashionable Materials in Gray, Navy and Brown, Both Belted and Plain-Back Models, in Values to \$15.00, to Close Friday at \$8.85 For Choice

The value in where it counts for the most—namely, in good materials, fine tailoring, fashionable lines and scrupulous attention to details. The styles are distinctive, smart and the range for selection is so broad that no woman need go away unsatisfied. Included are both belted and plain-back styles, in gray, brown and navy. \$8.85 Coats regularly sold to \$15. Clearance Sale Price Friday \$8.85

Women's Wool Dress Skirts, Values to \$10 at \$1.89 At this ridiculously low price we are closing out a special lot of Women's Wool Dress Skirts. Included are various styles in serges, poplins, gabardines and other materials. Only one or two of a size or style, in navy or black. Regular values to \$10.00. \$1.89 Clearance Price. While They Last.

Extra! Special for Friday! A Clearance of Remnants of Wash Goods

Hundreds of Pieces at 1/2 Prices Come Early for First Choice

A tremendous assortment to dispose of before stock-taking, and here is the sale that will cause rapid clearance. Included are all lengths, widths and weaves, in plain colors, white and desirable patterns. Cotton Suitings, Madras Shirtings, Silk-Mixed Dress Goods, Gingham, Lawns, Batistes, Percales, Voiles, Crepes, Poplins, Flannelettes, etc., etc. Wash Goods suitable for most any purpose. On sale Bargain Friday at 1/2 THE MARKED REMNANT PRICES

Clearance Sale Reductions in The Shoe Section

Thoroughly Reliable Makes in Seasonable Styles for Both Women and Children

Women's Shoes \$2.97 Reg. \$3.50 and \$4 Grades

Several leading makes to select from in patent, oiled, vici kid and gunmetal, in button styles, also vici kid, cloth-top shoes, Gipsy pattern and with kidney heel. Regular \$3.50 and \$4 \$2.97 grades. Clearance \$2.97

Children's \$2.25 Shoes, in sizes 8 1/2 to 11, now \$1.37 Children's \$1.60 Shoes, in sizes 5 to 8, Clearance 97c

Extra! Special for Friday! Stamped Pillow Cases at 19c Pr.

Regular 50c Grade A great sale in the Art Goods Section. 150 dozen pairs of Stamped Pillow Cases of good quality muslin. They come ready made and finished in the neat hem. Many designs to select from. The kind regularly sold at 50c a pair. Priced Bargain Friday at 19c

Stamped Scarfs and Pillow Tops 27c

Regular 50c Lines About half price for these fine Stamped Scarfs and Pillow Tops. Made of tan linen crash and finished with knotted fringe ends. Several different designs to select from. 50c lines on sale Friday at 27c

Extra! Special for Friday! Women's Fleece Und'rwear at 33c

One of the many underpriced offerings in our Knit Underwear Section. A special sale of women's fine fleeced, heavy cotton Vests and Pants in seasonal styles and all sizes. Garments regularly sold at 50c. Clearance Price 33c

Extra! Special for Friday! Women's Fleece Stockings at 19c

Regular 25c Grade A special underpricing of women's fast black, fleeced Cotton Stockings with rib top, all sizes. Warm, durable Stockings, sold everywhere at 25c a pair and splendid values at that price. On sale Bargain Friday 19c at only 19c

Extra! Special for Friday! Boxed Paper at 25c

Best 50c Grade An after-Xmas Clearance of Boxed Paper at half price. About 100 boxes in the lot, each containing two quires of paper with envelopes to match. They are large square boxes with colored picture covers. The kind regularly sold at 50c. Clearance Price Friday 25c

Hot Water Bottles and Syringes at 59c

Regular \$1 Grade About 200 guaranteed red rubber Hot Water Bottles and Syringes to close out at about half price. They come in sizes one and two and are the kind regularly sold at \$1.50. Clearance Price Friday 59c

Clearance Reductions Men's Section

Boys' 75c Ruffneck Gray and Red Sweaters, Clearance, 49c Men's \$1.50 Heavy Wool Shirts and Drawers, Clearance, \$1.35 Men's \$1.75 Heavy Wool Shirts and Drawers, Clearance, \$1.49 Men's \$1.25 Coat-Style Shirts, With Attached Cuffs, now 89c