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RUMAN RETREAT IS PRECIPITATE

By C. W. Ackerman
Headquarters of Field Marshal von Mackensen, fifty kilometers from Bucharest, Dec. 1. (Via Berlin and wireless to Sayville, Dec. 4.)—German troops today were within 10 miles of Bucharest. The Roumanian retreat is so precipitate that the German advance columns on Thursday and Friday, hotly pursuing them, lost touch with the German infantry, backing them up. The slower-marching infantry was unable to keep up with the advance column in pursuit. Officers all declare the morale of the Roumanians is completely broken. It is not expected they will be able seriously to defend their capital city.
Field Marshal von Mackensen and General von Falkenhayn, however, are taking no chances. Every road leading toward Bucharest from the south, the west and the north is packed with German, Austrian, Hungarian and Turkish troops, carrying

all equipment necessary for a siege of the city.

Ackerman's despatch was written Dec. 1. Since that time Russian official statements have detailed a strenuous effort by Russian forces to stem the German tide of advance. The point of greatest menace to Bucharest was to the south—and this is probably the section where Ackerman's despatch puts the German forces within ten miles of the capital. The Russian statement of last night claimed retirement of the German-Bulgarian forces in this section after defeat and capture by the allied forces, of prisoners and booty, including at least 26 guns. In the light of Ackerman's dispatch, indicating that the German advanced skirmishers were pursuing the Roumanians so hotly that they had lost contact with the infantry forces backing them up, the Russian victory becomes more apparent. Presumably it was this advance skirmish guard upon which Russian and Roumanian troops inflicted defeat, probably because of the very fact that they lacked infantry backing.

HEAVY SHELLING AROUND GUEDECOURT

London, Dec. 4.—Heavy hostile shelling around Guedecourt and Fonquevillers and a British bombardment of German positions around Monchy was reported by General Sir Douglas Haig from the front today.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Federal officials stated today that Jack Johnson, the negro ex-champion boxer, is in the United States and that his arrest is expected soon. He is wanted for jumping his bond after a white slave conviction.

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Japanese Wood Veneer Boxes for enclosing your Christmas gifts. These boxes are decorated with wisteria, iris and other Japanese designs. Smaller sizes make nice candy boxes.

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GRADICHTEA IS TAKEN BY GERMANS

Petrograd, Dec. 4.—Retreat of the Roumanian forces south of Bucharest in the face of reinforced attacks by the Teutonic forces, was admitted in today's war office statement.
The German troops took Gradichtea.

Between Alexandria and Bucharest, and also to the south, the statement said, the enemy, who had been put on the defensive by attacks from the allied forces, was reinforced and attacked Gradichtea, later occupying that city.

The Roumanians who had been attacking the rear of this force were themselves attacked and defeated.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Portland, Dec. 4.—Today's market quotations were:
Wheat—Club, 142; bluestem, 148.
Oats—No. 1 white feed, 35.00.
Barley—Feed, 37.50.
Hogs—Best live, 9.75.
Prime steers, 7 @ 7.25; fancy cows 5.75 @ 6.00; best calves, 7.00.
Spring lambs, 9.25.
Butter—City creamery, 40; country, 30.
Eggs—Selected local extras, 46.
Hens, 14; broilers, 16; geese, 11.
Copper 30.

PACIFIC TERMINAL CASE IS DECIDED BY COURT

Washington, Dec. 4.—The supreme court today held the interstate commerce commission had the right to permit railroads to charge less on freight to the Pacific coast than they charged to inland cities along the coast. This disposes of the famous Pacific terminals case.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—Officers of the chamber of commerce traffic bureau, which has been fighting for some time to keep freight rates to terminal points lower than the rate to inland cities declared today that the Washington decision means that their battle is won. For several years inland cities on the coast have made a hot fight on "back haul charges," while coast cities have held that a lower rate to them was necessary in order to permit them to meet water competition. If the rate to seaport cities should be raised, it would mean that the railroads could not compete with steamship lines and merchants would spend thousands more than before, it was held.

Envelopes at the Courier.
Horsepower.
Horsepower, which is a term adopted as a unit in estimating force, is strictly theoretical and is much greater than most horses have the strength to perform. It is the force required to raise 33,000 pounds one foot high in one minute. A rough way to estimate the power of a steam engine is to multiply together the area of the piston in inches, the mean steam pressure in pounds per square inch, the length of stroke in feet and the number of strokes per minute and divide the product by 33,000.

THOMAS W. GREGORY.
Attorney General of United States Investigating Raisin in Coal Prices.



VILLA TAKES LOOT FROM CHIHUAHUA

El Paso, Dec. 4.—After systematically looting and evacuating Chihuahua City, Villa is today marching westward toward the mountains of western Chihuahua, carrying four trainloads of loot and supplies. At 7 o'clock Sunday night, Mexican government troops reoccupied the northern capital without bloodshed. In the first message exchanged after the wires were reopened between Chihuahua and the border nothing was said of the fate of the six Americans who were known to have been in Chihuahua City when it was captured by Villistas a week ago. Relatives of the missing men and United States department agents here at once despatched telegrams to the American residents of Chihuahua City, but early today no replies to these messages had reached the border.

In Juarez today troop trains with fresh supplies of ammunition were preparing to start south. Unofficial advices stated the relief columns of General Murgia and the remnants of General Trevino's command had marched into Chihuahua City from the south and that the new artillery brought up by Murgia is employed on the dominating hills of Santa Rosa. Every preparation is being made to garrison the city more heavily than heretofore. A conservative estimate by Carranza military authorities places the number of de facto troops now in the northern capital at 8,000.

From unofficial sources, it was learned that the loot gathered by the Villistas was enormous. The bandits carried everything of value in wagons to trains at the Mexican Northwestern station. Automobiles were commandeered to haul Villista officers about the streets while the sacking of the city was in progress. More than \$200,000 worth of coin and bullion was part of the booty taken by the bandits, one account states. So great was the terror of the natives that some even helped the bandits loot their own homes and helped carry away the loot. From Tuesday until Saturday the robbery went on.

Five modern guns of 75 and 80 millimeter caliber were pulled down from Santa Rosa hill by Villistas and taken along, while the remaining three were disabled. Mining men declare they have information that Villa captured 7,000 rifles, 60 machine guns and quantities of ammunition.

BUTTERFAT CONTENT OF ICE CREAM UPHELD

Washington, Dec. 4.—The supreme court today held constitutional ice cream laws of Iowa and Pennsylvania. The decision, in effect, upholds ice cream laws of nearly every state in the country prescribing percentage of butterfat to be used in the ice cream.

BORAH WOULD REPEAL NATIONAL GUARD LAWS

Washington, Dec. 4.—Repeal of those sections of the army reorganization bill dealing with the national guard will be asked in a bill which Senator Borah will introduce tomorrow.
"The time has come," said Borah, "to find out if we are satisfied with the national guard after the experience on the border."

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