

FRANCE AND GERMANY PREPARE FOR WAR

ARMY CORPS
MOBILIZED BY
GREAT POWERS

Conflicting Statements Regarding Balkan Situation—France Orders Reservists to Join Colors—German Masses Troops on Border.

Armistice at Constantinople About to Be Signed—Austria to Attack Serbia.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—Serious depression of the Berlin and Vienna bourses with warlike news which seeped in hourly from widely separated points on the continent confirm diplomats in the belief which is freely expressed in the service clubs here tonight that Europe in fifty years has never been as near a general conflict as she is at this hour.

This belief is strengthened by the very paucity of news received from the centers of frictions and by the fact that the customary reticence of the Horse Guards and the admiralty as to British preparations today has been absolutely impenetrable. Activity is general at both the army and navy headquarters and in Downing street but even information as to the whereabouts of the major part of the Mediterranean fleet is denied and while it is known that all is ready at Woolwich arsenal and at Aldershot details of the foreign office precautions are simply not to be obtained.

This reticence in British quarters, taken with the grave news from the continent is causing the opinion here that matters are most grave.

France Is Prepared

The fact that reservists have been ordered to be ready to join the colors on brief notice is taken as indicating that France is much nearer a war footing than the brief dispatches from Paris would indicate. It is believed here that Parisian correspondents have been quietly asked not to dilate on French military matters at this time.

Real information as between Serbia and Austria primarily and between the Balkan allies, France, Russia and England and Germany, Austria and Italy as groups is vague. Practically nothing of certain importance has come from Austria direct save that the forts at Belgrade are being heavily armed supposedly in preparation for a possible attack by an Austrian torpedo boat flotilla which has departed down the Danube and of the progress of which, or its destination, nothing is known although much is suspected.

750,000 Men Under Arms

While conflicting reports have come in from German, Austrian and Russian sources, it is known positively that more than 750,000 men

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DEATH SENTENCE
NOT PERMISSIBLE
IN ETTOR CASE

SALEM, Mass., Nov. 25.—Death sentence will not be imposed upon Joseph Ettor, Arturo Giovannitti on trial here today for the murder at Lawrence, last winter, of Anna Lopizzo, a woman striker, regardless of the jury's findings.

This much was made certain today when Judge Quinn instructed the jury that the only verdict which could be returned against the defendants, if found guilty, was second degree murder, which carries a penalty of life imprisonment.

Judge Quinn's instruction came as a surprise to both the prosecution and the defense. The court, however, directed the jury that Caruso might be convicted of either first or second degree murder.

At 4:30 o'clock the jury had been out 2½ hours, but there were no indications of a verdict.

SCHEMED FOR
DESTRUCTION OF
LOS ANGELES

Sworn Testimony That McNamara Planned Complete Destruction of City Given by McNamara—Dynamite and Fire to Be Agents.

Panama Canal Destruction Also Projected—Examination of Witness by Defense Begins.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 25.—Sworn testimony that John McNamara planned complete destruction of Los Angeles was given by Orville McNamara today at the dynamite conspiracy trial in the United States court here. McNamara's testimony of the witness stand was unexpected. He also said that McNamara planned to dynamite all non-union jobs at the Panama Canal.

"Burn the city of Los Angeles off the map," McNamara alleged John McNamara told him. "Make it a landmark like San Francisco was right after the big earthquake."

McNamara said McNamara planned to send three or four "good men" to Los Angeles, start fires in different parts of the city and then simultaneously dynamite the water system.

Motive That Prompted

"The motive that prompted my career of crime was that my mind was inflamed by the minds of others—men like John McNamara and H. S. Hoekin. I did not do it for money. I was informed that we had everything to win and nothing to lose."

This was the first answer made by McNamara to a question by Senator John W. Kern of counsel for the defense, in opening the cross examination of the self-confessed dynamiter. Kern's question was:

"What was the motive that led you to engage in the business of destroying property—was it the money you received?"

The direct examination of McNamara closed today with his testimony which led him up to the time of his arrest in Detroit by operatives of the William J. Burns detective agency.

To Destroy Canal

Before the direct examination of McNamara ended he testified that John McNamara planned to send him to Panama, there to locate a government magazine, steal the dynamite and blow up the canal. McNamara told him, Orville said, to carry out this work even if he found it necessary to enlist as a soldier.

A broad grin swept the faces of the defendants when Orville told of a scheme he alleged was planned by John McNamara. Arrangements were practically made, Orville said, for a "strong arm" gang to sweep down on the motor speedway here on the day of the big race and steal the gate receipts. This money, Orville said, was to be used for future dynamitings.

McNamara then detailed the trip he made to Detroit with Jim McNamara.

At this stage of Orville's testimony,

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ENGINEERS WIN PARTIAL VICTORY

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 25.—General managers of the railroads affected met Grand Chief Warren S. Stone of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers here today to consider the award of the board of arbitration appointed to settle existing disputes affecting 30,000 engineers on fifty-two railroads.

Except that he was satisfied with the awards, Stone refused to comment on the findings of the board.

"We consented to arbitrate matters affecting the whole country," said Stone, "and there is nothing to do other than to abide by the findings of the board. This I do cheerfully and will take steps to put the decision into effect immediately."

The award is considered a partial

THREE OF THE CHIEF CHARACTERS CONNECTED WITH FAMOUS
VIRGINIA MURDER CASE WHICH IS NEARING ITS CONCLUSION

WESLEY EDWARDS.



MISS MAUD IROLER.



CLAUDE S. ALLEN.

Floyd Allen and his son, Claude Swanson Allen, are awaiting their death in the Virginia penitentiary at Richmond, Va., for the assassination of Judge Thornton L. Massey and six other persons in the Hillsville (Va.) court house a year ago.

Miss Maud Irroler is the sweetheart of Wesley Edwards, who is on trial in Wytheville, also charged with the Virginia murders. She is in daily attendance at the trial and hopes to render service.

20 MEET DEATH
IN EXPLOSION; BIG
PLANT DESTROYED

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Nov. 25.—More than twenty persons are believed to have met death this afternoon in an explosion which wrecked the dry starch plant of the Corn Products Refining company. One body, burned beyond recognition, was taken from the ruins shortly before 3 o'clock. About twenty-five persons, all seriously injured, were taken to a hospital.

The starch building was about 200 feet from the main building, a panic ensuing among the employees in the main structure.

The estimate of the dead was determined by the number of employees in the dry starch department unaccounted for. The survivors are certain that at least 24 perished. A fire followed the explosion and this hampered the search for the bodies.

Up to a late hour this afternoon fourteen bodies have been recovered from the ruins. But it is impossible to reach an accurate estimate of the total number of deaths.

The plant is located at the extreme southern limit of Waukegan.

About 125 persons were employed in the starch plant. It is estimated that at least 13 girls are among the dead. Latest reports place the number of injured at 25. Several of the injured, according to hospital surgeons, will die.

The property loss is estimated at \$100,000.

REDDING YOUTH
TRIED FOR MURDER

REDDING, Cal., Nov. 25.—The trial of William E. Stumens, for the murder of William C. Landis, opened here today before a crowded court room. Public sentiment is with Clements, who alleged his victim killed his mother, Mrs. W. C. Bradford on May 13 last.

"Yes, I killed Landis," he said. "He killed my mother and then he goaded me to desperation by playing 'Just another shovelful of dirt on mother's grave.' Then I shot him and I am glad of it."

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ROGUE PEARS WIN
FIRST HONORS AT
NEW YORK SHOW

A three box exhibit of Bosc pears grown by the Bear creek orchards in this valley has just been awarded the blue ribbon over all pear exhibits at the New York state fair. They attracted a great deal of attention and far outclassed all other pear exhibits shown.

The victory of Rogue river Bosc in New York has an added significance inasmuch as New York was the first state to grow Bosc, that pear being introduced there by Patrick Barry one of the leading horticulturists of the nation. He brought the variety from Belgium.

EXPECT DECISION
SOON BRIDGE CASE

A decision in the Medford bridge case is expected within the next few weeks by Porter J. Neff, who returned Saturday after arguing the case before the supreme court. Mr. Neff is confident of winning the case.

The Medford bridge case was commenced in the early summer when Benton Bowers and S. A. Carleton of Ashland brought suit to enjoin the county from building a new bridge over Bear creek in this city. E. D. Briggs appeared for the Ashland men and Mr. Neff for the county.

WEST VIRGINIA CHOOSING
SITE AT WORLD'S FAIR

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25.—To select a site and make arrangements for an exhibition at the Panama Pacific exposition in 1915, the fair commission from West Virginia is here today. Governor Glasscock was prevented from coming in person owing to the coal strike.

Epitome of the Balkan War.

The Balkan war, apparently about to end with the signing today of a week's armistice, has been one of the shortest, bloodiest and most decisive in history.

Montenegro began hostilities October 4, and Bulgaria, Serbia and Greece invaded Turkey within a week.

The Turks did not win a single important engagement, unless their defense of Constantinople may be considered one.

Of European Turkey, every square foot has fallen into the hands of the allies except Constantinople and a thirty mile square patch adjoining it and the towns of Adrianople and Scutari.

Few figures concerning casualties have been obtainable, but competent authorities estimated them today as follows:

	Killed	Wounded
Turkey	20,000	100,000
Bulgaria	10,000	40,000
Serbia	3,500	15,500
Montenegro	800	5,200
Greece	300	2,000

DEBS CHALLENGES
ENEMIES; ALLEGES
CHARGES ARE LIES

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Nov. 25.—Eugene V. Debs, socialist candidate for president at the recent election, is awaiting arrest here on an indictment from Girard, Kans., charging him with sending obscene matter through the mails. Indictments on a similar charge also have been returned against Fred Warrep, editor, and E. L. Pfifer, editorial writer of the Appeal to Reason, a socialist newspaper, published at Girard, Julius Wayland, late owner of the publication, recently committed suicide while the grand jury was considering the evidence against the accused men.

"These indictments," Debs said today, "are based on lies. It is the work of a clique of men who have boasted they would put us in the penitentiary, and either bankrupt or destroy the Appeal to Reason for certain exposures made by that paper."

"So far as I am concerned, workmen will not be held up for a cent for my defense. I defy the gang to do its worst. I shall accept no quarter at their hands."

LOS ANGELES NUT
ALSO COUNTERFEITER

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 25.—Police Detectives who returned today from San Luis Obispo, said that Carl Reidelbach who threatened the central police station with dynamite was held there one month in 1911 for having counterfeit coins in his possession. While in jail Reidelbach attempted to starve himself.

WOMAN ON TRIAL FOR
POISONING TWO FRIENDS

SEDALIA, Mo., Nov. 25.—To try Mrs. Pansy Lesh, claiming to have poisoned two women, a jury is being selected here today. It is expected that a verdict will be reached by tomorrow night.

It is the purpose of the court to try Mrs. Lesh first on the charge of poisoning Mrs. Quaintance and then for the slaying of Mrs. Cue.

The defendant will plead not guilty in both cases.

AUSTRIA READY TO FIGHT SERBIA

VIENNA, Nov. 25.—That the Serbians are mounting more guns in their forts at Belgrade is stated in a despatch received here today from Semlin, Hungary, which is located across the river from the Serbian capital. All soldiers that can be spared from Monastir and Prisrend are recalled to Belgrade by the Serbian government.

A continued movement of Austrian troops to the Russian and Serbian frontiers indicates Austria entertains but slight hope of amicably settling the Albanian dispute. Since yesterday 30,000 soldiers have reached Gravosa, an Austrian port on the Adriatic sea, and 16,000 more troops are expected today. Serbian soldiers are also rushing northward from Monastir and Prisrend.

FIRE DESTROYS
AUDITORIUM AT
STATE'S PRISON

Convicts Fight Blaze Successfully—Originates in Electric Wiring Over Stage—Loss Estimated at \$3,000—Death Nooses Exposed.

Roof and Stage of Hall Burned Up—Hydrants Give Trouble Which Gives Fire Big Start.

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 25.—A fire which originated from poor electric wiring above the stage in the auditorium at the state penitentiary this morning caused a loss estimated at \$3,000. The roof of the auditorium and the stage, which has complete fixtures, were destroyed. The remainder of the room which is forty by eighty feet in dimensions and has a seating capacity of 800 is unharmed.

Put Out by Convicts

The fire had a wicked appearance before being extinguished by the convicts with the prison apparatus. A gruesome sight was presented when the smoke began to drift away in the death chamber where five murderers are to be hanged on Friday, December 13. The two nooses could be plainly seen through the lurid hazing hanging spectre-like from the ceiling. It is believed that if a stronger breeze had been coming from the south, the scaffold which has sent fifteen to death in its history would have been destroyed.

The fire started at 10 o'clock and was soon practically beyond control. Immediately upon the alarm being given the convicts, practically all of them were set at work and they worked as if the building was their own, which indeed it is, as the auditorium is for their special entertainment.

Hydrants Give Trouble

There was trouble with the hydrants which gave the fire a great start, and the Salem fire department was at once called upon, responding with its full force, making a quick run.

As soon as the conditions were known some fifty special police were sworn in, armed and rushed to the scene, but their presence was not needed as the convicts all worked like trojans to extinguish the blaze.

PRESIDENTS MAY BE
MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Former presidents of the United States will become representatives-at-large of the people, have a seat in the house and draw \$17,500 salary throughout their lifetime, if a bill prepared by Senator Burleson of Texas is passed.

Being the second man on the house appropriations committee, Burleson, it is believed, will gain the approval of both houses for his measure.

RAYNOR'S DEATH
LOSES CONTROL
TO DEMOCRATS

Maryland's Brilliant Senator Passes Away After Lingered Illness—Funeral Will Be Held at Washington on Wednesday.

Republican Will Be Appointed in His Place Giving Majority in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Senator Rayner died at 6 o'clock this morning.

Senator Rayner's death changes the control of the senate. His vote gave the democrats 49, one more than a majority.

A. S. Goldsborough, a republican, is governor of Maryland and it is believed he will appoint William P. Jackson to fill the vacancy until the Maryland legislature meets in January to select Rayner's successor.

Senator Curtis of Kansas says that the election of one or possibly two democrats in Illinois and one in Tennessee probably will break the tie in the senate. Senator Rayner was ill for more than a month. Five times the physicians called his family to the bedside but on each occasion the stricken statesman fought off death and rallied temporarily.

The funeral will be held here Wednesday. The honorary pallbearers will be chosen from members of the senate and house. The ceremony will be conducted by Chaplain Pierce of the senate and interment will follow in Rock creek cemetery.

The details of the funeral are being arranged by the sergeant-at-arms of the senate.

JOHNSON'S VICTIM IS
FREED FROM PRISON

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—Lucille Cameron, of Minneapolis, the nineteen year old white girl, held in jail as a witness against Jack Johnson, negro pugilist, was released today by United States Judge Carpenter. The girl's release was secured by her mother, Mrs. F. Cameron-Falconer, who signed a bond which insures the appearance in court of her daughter at any time.

THIRTY NEW
INDICTMENTS IN
VICE SCANDAL

PORTLAND, Nov. 25.—According to an announcement made by Deputy District Attorney Collier the federal authorities will be approached on the matter of handling the Portland vice scandal.

Thirty or more new indictments have been issued, and many more are expected to be arrested today.

It is understood that Collier is preparing a brief to be submitted to the government officers as the result of evidences having been found that the operations of the vice ring extend from San Diego to Seattle.

The district attorney's office is in possession of letters and evidence showing that Portland is far from being the only city concerned in the scandal and many of those connected with the local phase of the scandal reside in other parts of the state.

The commercial club in this city have adopted resolutions calling for a thorough investigation. The organization will appoint a committee of fifteen in a few days to sift the matter to the bottom in an endeavor to get something tangible out of the many conflicting reports concerning the scandal.