

SERBS GRIM IN EFFORT TO HALT TEUTON HORDES

SALONIKI, Oct. 20, via Paris, Oct. 22.—Officers of the French and British expeditionary force in the Balkans, who returned today to Saloniki from the Serbian front assert that notwithstanding the odds against which the rare fighting, the Serbians which they are fighting, the Serbians "I would not advise you to bet 10 cents that Serbia will be crushed," said one of these officers. "Last Thursday we were north of Raika, in the sector where the Austrians and Germans are making their principal attack. It took them nine days to gain eight miles on that front. "We saw long lines of Prussian and Austrian prisoners going to the rear. The Serbian line is absolutely unbroken. The Serbians are fighting every inch of the way."

GOTHAM STATUTE HONORS MEMORY FRENCH HEROINE

The erection of a pedestal for a statue of Joan of Arc in Riverside drive parkway overlooking the Hudson river was in progress today. The cornerstone was laid yesterday in the presence of representatives of France and America. Maurice Hoffmann, commercial attaché of the French embassy at Washington, paid a tribute to the United States in the spirit of sisterhood between this nation and France. The bronze statue which is now ready to be set in place, depicts Joan of Arc with sword raised mounted on a charger. The base will be supported by arches composed of stones taken from the dungeon in which the martyred heroine of France was kept prisoner just before her execution.

FIFTY-FIFTY—THAT'S BORAH! HE'S HALF THIS, HALF THAT, AND ONLY FIFTY PER CENT A CANDIDATE

(Here's another article by the Mail Tribune's political expert on presidential possibility.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 22.—When compromise possibilities are considered for the republican presidential nomination, William Edgar Borah of Idaho comes first to mind. Borah is the "50-50" candidate.

He is 50 for the Penrose-Hallinger-Smoot-Taft machine, and 50 for the Roosevelt-Johnson-Pinchot-Murlock progressive crowd.

Like old Mr. James, he has a smile in both directions. He is and he isn't. That's Borah. He can sit on the platform at Boise and nod his head affirmatively to everything the colonel has to say about the Chicago convention, and he can still remain "regularly republican." He can be for woman suffrage, but he convinced that the democratic doctrine of "states rights" prevents his support of the proposed constitutional amendment.

He can prosecute Meyer and Haywood and retain the confidence of organized labor; he can vote for his Idaho schedules in the Aldrich tariff bill and lend moral support to the La Follette insurgency; he can pull for the popular election of senators and yet work with his state machine; he can make a speech against seating Lorimer, and vote frequently with Uncle Ike Stevenson; he believes the people are competent to choose their senators, but are not competent to recall a judge; he is opposed to chartered monopolies, but regards public ownership of railroads as too radical a proposal; he is against trusts, but does not believe in trying to regulate them by commissions.

He's so honest he doesn't believe entirely in his own case. He's so judicial he almost gets the opposing counsel to argue his side of the controversy. He's so square his face has begun to take on the appearance of a rectangle. His opinions and his hair are parted in the middle. They are very evenly balanced.



Nobody is better material for a compromise candidate. But Borah is not a candidate. He is only 50 per cent a candidate. He was a candidate—in the sense that Barkis was a candidate—and then he ceased to be a candidate, and gave out a statement that his candidacy was "all off."

Even with his half-and-half policy, Borah is not covert. He has the courage of his percentage. You can put your finger on him at any time and know that he has not jumped into the next pasture. He will fight for his rotten of his fine opinions with equal punch. And he has the brains to make even anti-conservation momentarily plausible.

Personally he is democratic and a good mixer. He has an excellent labor record. He was made head of the labor committee in the senate, and instead of killing legislation, as expected, reported out an eight-hour bill for government contracts, a child labor bill and a bill to create the department of labor with an official of the cabinet at its head. He also led the fight in the senate to secure an investigation into the mining troubles in West Virginia, when civil rights were set aside by martial law.

Borah was born June 29, 1855, in Wayne county, Illinois. He was one of a family of ten. His paternal ancestors were German. The name was originally DeBorah. His mother was Irish.

\$10,000 Frisco Jewel Theft

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—Police today admitted they were at a loss to solve the mystery of a daring jewel robbery perpetrated at the St. Francis hotel here Wednesday night in which jewelry valued at nearly \$10,000 was stolen.

SPEED FEATURE FOR AMERICAN SCOUT CRUISERS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—The ten scout cruisers contemplated in the five-year building program to be recommended to congress will be the swiftest vessels of this class ever built, if tentative plans now under consideration by the general board are approved. They will be of greater displacement than the cruisers Salem, Chester and Birmingham, the only craft of the kind now in service, but will have a substantial speed of thirty knots or more an hour and a maximum speed probably in excess of the thirty-five knot gait at which the giant battle cruisers to be built will be able to travel in an emergency. The navy now has many destroyers which can make 30 knots in a calm sea and many more will be added within the five-year period. They are so low in the water and so light in weight, however, that they cannot maintain this speed in rough weather or for any considerable distance. The new scouts will be big enough and carry enough fuel oil to cross the Atlantic at a swifter pace than the fastest present-day liners, keeping up the pace in all but heavy storms.

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HUNTINGTON 'STUNG' ON ART PURCHASE

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Art circles here are stirred over a suit for \$100,000 brought by Henry E. Huntington of this city in the English courts to recover the purchase price of a painting bought from an English firm on the ground that it is not a genuine Romney. The painting is a portrait of Mrs. Siddons and her sister, Miss Fannie Kemble, the English actress. Isaac Simmons of the firm of Tomis & Simmons, from whom Mr. Huntington bought the painting, said today that it was guaranteed by his firm to be a real Romney. A firm of art dealers here refused to handle the painting in an exhibition of old English masters, he said.

SEES INCREASE YANKEE TRADE IN FAR EAST

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—The prospect of increasing American business with the Far East seems more promising now than at any time in recent years, according to Willard D. Straight. Mr. Straight was yesterday re-elected president of the American Asiatic association in its annual meeting here. Mr. Straight said America is confronted by a situation which make it impossible to take advantage of the present opportunities in the east owing to a lack of steamers flying the American flag in the trans-Pacific trade.

FOOTBALL DEATHS TO DATE NUMBERED 8

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—The death of Bryan Scott of Knox college, who died in St. Louis yesterday of injuries sustained in a football game, was the eighth football fatality this season, according to the statistics available today.

There were fifteen deaths attributed to the game last season.

COMPANY SEVEN RECEPTION TO GOVERNOR WITHYCOMBE

Indications point to one of the largest gatherings ever held in the city at the reception and ball to be given by the 7th company in their new armory in honor of Governor Withycombe and military staff on the 27th inst. No invitations are to be issued as the 7th company boys feel that the humblest citizen is just as much privileged to pay homage to the governor of the state as the most honored citizen.

The entire community is therefore invited to the speaking in the afternoon at 1:30 and the reception and ball in the evening. The reception to the governor, staff and ladies of the party, will begin at 8 o'clock and the dancing will begin at 9, the grand march being led by Governor and Mrs. Withycombe. In the receiving line with the governor and party will be the patronesses, who will be ladies of the community prominent in club and social affairs.

The new armory and club rooms are practically completed, only the finishing touches being necessary to have them in readiness for the dedication. Elaborate decorations are being installed befitting the occasion of entertaining the governor of the state. The ball is to be a full dress affair, the members of the company appearing for the first time in two years in their full dress uniforms.

An augmented orchestra is preparing to furnish music for the occasion, a large quantity of new music having been secured particularly for the occasion.

OBITUARY

Robert G. Morrow
Died—Robert G. Morrow at 6:20 p. m., Thursday, October 21, 1915. He was born July 16, 1845, in Hancock county, West Virginia, age 72 years, 2 months and four days. He served four years as a Civil war veteran in the 32nd Ohio regiment. He came to San Jose, Cal., from Nebraska, 15 years ago. Since that time he has resided in California and Oregon. He leaves four daughters, Mrs. Avon Hall of Medford, Mrs. C. F. Beckley of Medford, Mrs. W. L. Griffen and Mrs. C. C. Fullerton, both of Fowler, Cal. Funeral arrangements later. San Jose, Cal., papers please copy.

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