

# ALLIES FORTIFY SALONIKI FOR TEUTON ATTACK

Germans Reported Preparing to Advance into Greek Territory—Bulgars Advance Will Arouse Greeks—Election to Be Held Sunday With Liberals Abstaining.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The unprecedented military situation in Greece has developed a new crisis.

The allied troops, which, according to the estimates of British newspapers, number 200,000, are fortifying themselves about Saloniki, digging trenches and placing guns. It is reported that the Germans are preparing to advance into Greek territory to attack them.

Whether the Bulgars also will cross the border is a vital question to the Greeks. It is believed a Bulgarian advance would rekindle old enemies and might draw the Greek people into the conflict.

### Greek Election Sunday

The Greek general election will be held tomorrow, but it is not expected the result will have any controlling influence on the policy of the government. The party of former Premier Venizelos has refrained from putting candidates in the field and the soldiers under arms, constituting a large proportion of the electorate, will not vote. King Constantine remains indisposed.

According to the Athens correspondent of the Times, the German minister at Athens told Premier Skoufoudis that the Germans were compelled to attack the Anglo-French forces.

The landing of Italian forces in Albania is likely to prove an important factor, as the Italians may be able to attach themselves to the remainder of the Serbian army for concerted action.

### Bulgars Ship Batteries

SALONIKI, Greece, via Paris, Dec. 18.—Dispatches received by the entente army officers here report the arrival at Sofin, Bulgaria, of eight batteries, each made up of three seven and one-half-inch guns which are bound for Saloniki.

The work on the fortifications here is being pushed as rapidly as possible. The entente officers are advertising in the newspapers for workmen and are employing on the work all Serbians who are not subject to service in the army. It is expected that complete control of the railways, the station and the railway yards will be taken over by the Anglo-French Sunday.

Entente troops and munitions continue to arrive here.

### The Christmas Spirit

If through the year one sees what one believes would be acceptable to his friend, why not buy it, if it can be afforded, and instead of giving it on the birthday keep it for Christmas?

There is real pleasure in all that pertains to Christmas, even in the shopping. Try to put the spirit of it all into all you buy. That means joining the Spugs, so far as useless giving goes, and receiving from the clerks interest and courtesy.

Gifts, large or small; cards or words, money or love—nothing matters but the spirit, the Christmas spirit.

### IT'S RATHER UNUSUAL—



DR. PHILIP NEWTON

—for an American physician to become a general in the Russian army. Dr. Philip Newton of Washington is now General Newton of the Russian army. At the outbreak of the war he joined a Red Cross unit bound for Russia in order to forget his grief at the drowning of Miss Alice Dorothy Nixon, his fiancée. He was placed in charge of a hospital at Kiev. There he met the Princess Shubofskaya of Petrograd, a volunteer nurse. They were married. Now he has been made surgeon of the czar's sixth army corps, with the rank of colonel, the highest given any American with a European army.

# DURABLE PEACE DELEGATES REACH SWISS CAPITAL

BERNE, Switzerland, via Paris, Dec. 18.—After many hardships in getting across the frontier enough delegates to the international congress to study the basis of a durable peace arrived today to permit of a meeting of the executive council. A long session was held behind closed doors, the purpose being to give out a statement later. Seven nations were said to be represented, but the names of the delegates and the countries they represent are being withheld for the present owing to the embarrassments and dangers resulting from participation in peace meetings.

Officials of the council maintain, however, that they are not conducting peace propaganda and are not seeking to influence toward that end, but are preparing solely for the international social and economic conditions which will result after the belligerents make peace. Resolutions to this effect probably will be adopted to free the organization from the difficulties it is experiencing in carrying on its work.

# TEUTON INVASION CLEARS MONTENEGRO

BERLIN, Dec. 18, by wireless.—The Teutonic invasion of Montenegro has resulted in clearing a considerable portion of the eastern section of the country. The war office announced today that the territory northeast of the Tara river, southward from Mojkovac, about 25 miles from the Serbian border, has been occupied.

In the fighting which resulted in the capture of Bjelopolje, 1950 prisoners were taken, among them a small number of Montenegrins. In the last five days Austria-Hungarian troops have taken 13,500 prisoners. On the eastern front only small engagements among patrols are reported. Near Niadzol lake two officers and 225 men were captured.

### BANK CLERK IN TOILS

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manufacturing war supplies in this country and also the amounts of money placed in certain banks to the credit of the allies.

### Telegram in Pocket

Detectives said they found in Scheindl's pockets a telegram referring to a shipment of rifles to the allies. The message was from the Banque Belge Pour l'Etranger to a New York bank.

Scheindl told of meeting Koenig, who he said used an alias, last May, according to detectives, and of having kept in touch with the German consul here since the opening of the war. The prisoner, who said he was a German reservist, declared that when he met Koenig, of the Hamburg-American line, at an uptown hotel arrangements were made for him to obtain cablegrams and other documents at the National City bank. For this work Scheindl told the police he has been receiving about \$25 a week.

Police claim today that they found among Koenig's effects papers indicating that he had had relations with Scheindl.

### Due to Confession

The arrest of Scheindl, Koenig and Richard Emil Leyendecker, a New York antique dealer, were directly due to a confession made several weeks ago by George Fuchs of New York, a relative of Koenig.

Koenig, it is charged, has been the head of the German secret service in the United States since the beginning of the war.

The purpose of the alleged attempt to block the Welland canal a few weeks ago was to prevent the movement of supplies down the St. Lawrence river to the entente allies.

The names of workers in San Francisco, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Boston and other cities are said to have been discovered among documents seized by the authorities in a raid upon the offices of Koenig & Leyendecker.

### Mistletoe Superstitions

What superstitions cluster, thick as its berries, round the mistletoe! In old times such were its magic powers that it was worn as an amulet and potent love potions were brewed from it. It cured wounds, enabled any who held it not only to see ghosts but to compel them to speak. And that its magic is not all lost will be proved this Christmastide in thousands of our homes, where its white berries lend sanction to the osculatory homage paid to pretty faces.

# BELGIAN SOLDIERS RESTING ON BEACH IN OWN COUNTRY



About all that is left of the country over which King Albert held sway can be seen in this picture. The Germans hold all of Belgium, except a small corner in the northwestern part of the country. The picture shows Belgian troops coming down to the beach to rest after a long vigil in the trenches.

# ORIGIN

A woman, they say, thought of the first community Christmas tree. It was erected in Madison square, in New York city. There was something stimulating, something highly infectious, in the idea, for now cities and villages all over America are erecting Christmas trees in their public squares, says the delineator.

They are wonderful things, these community Christmas trees, not for their beauty alone, but for the spirit they arouse in the towns where they are found. They are the village center for Christmas joy. Christmas services, without sectarian barriers, are held about them. Christmas carols are sung at their bases. None so poor or so world worn or so hurried but he must see, must thrill with friend and stranger alike to this tree for all the world. It brings the child in the manner to every soul in the community.

The Christmas tree is essentially a symbol of the north and of the home. Yet it is inextricably blended in our minds with our faith, which is desert bread.

Most of the great religions of the world were born of some solitary spirit who sought the lonely sand waste and there wrought out that which made the desert of his soul "blossom like the rose." He who gave us the great faith went again and again out into the burning yellow barrens, where the tender, brooding, violet sky awaited him; where all the desert world, so fearful in its unadornment, so overwhelming in its solitude, found focused in him all its pulsing radiance, as though in him were centered the heartbeat of the universe. In the verdureless, sand driven, star hung desert the babe with his listening ear heard, with his dreaming eyes saw, with his throbbing heart felt, the faith that turned men's faces forever from the clod to the cross.

Why, then, should the fir tree stand in our public square, sign and symbol of that desert birth? What were its physical history, why should breathless thousands, hungry of body or of spirit, looking on the great pine tree hung with electric bulbs, backed by skyscrapers, topped by smoke, find in its incoherent beauty the urge to set in motion by the desert bread babe?

One would have said of the home Christmas trees that, after all, it was the gifts that gave them their glamour. There are no gifts on the community Christmas trees, yet thousands and thousands of us look on them with the thrill that belongs to faith alone. One wonders why.

Perhaps this is the season: The community Christmas tree symbolizes that which the home Christmas tree does not. It symbolizes Christmas for all the world. It means that the dawn of real brotherhood is tinting

our horizon. It means, and particularly this Christmas it means, that in spite of poverty and bloodshed, in spite of greed and despair, there are in increasing numbers in the world those who would share with the world all that sacred beauty and hope that are the individual's holy of holies, the most difficult of all one's spiritual riches to share.

It is the symbol of green forest beauty, of the druid's wild faith, of the Teuton's largeness and always of giving, giving. Not strange that forever in our minds it should be inseparable from the birthday of him who gave supremely, not strange, but utterly soul satisfying, that finally we have joined our hands and placed the Christmas tree in the market place—symbol that, at last, man may give himself to man.

"God bless us!" said Tiny Tim on Christmas day. "God bless us every one!" Dickens dreamed of a Christmas festival that should belong to all. His Tiny Tim, lame and wistful, might have foreshadowed the joy starved world that now crowds around the market place tree, saying as he said, "God bless us every one."

### PRESIDENT'S ULTIMATUM

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Close study of Austria's reply to the American demands that there should be a disavowal of the acts of the submarine commander in sinking the Ancona, his punishment, reparation for American lives lost, and assurances that the incident would not be repeated, did not reduce the gravity with which officials viewed the situation.

Washington's City Christmas "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

This sentence, blazing from a brilliantly lighted electric placard raised almost to the dome of the capitol, reflected the predominant sentiment of thousands who assembled at the capitol plaza to celebrate Washington's "community Christmas." A giant Norway spruce, illuminated with glimmering red, white and blue electric bulbs; the Marine band, a huge electric star of the east and a chorus of 1,000 singers, with the capitol itself outlined as the background against the dark curtain of the sky, made a scene of impressive beauty.

### Grant's Christmas

In 1870 President Grant's father spent Christmas at the White House. The sons came home from college, and Nellie and her friends made the old house ring with good times. Mrs. Fremont gave them a dancing reception, and the sewing club of which Nellie was the president had a wonderful Christmas entertainment, furnished mostly from the White House.

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The registration board will, therefore, sit in the council room at the city hall, corner Front and Sixth streets, from one until seven o'clock p. m. every day, except Sunday, for three days more, including today.

Every voter in each ward should make it a point to come early so as to avoid the usual rush the last few days.

There is no other time or place to register. No witnesses are required for this registration.

Do not bother the members of the board with questions as to why this registration is necessary, etc. The law requires it and the city officials have no other alternative.

However, a proposed amendment to the city charter to be voted on at the coming election will, if carried, do away with this continual bothersome registration.

Dated December 13th, 1916.

ELMER T. FOSS,  
City Recorder.