

### BERLIN EXPLAINS EVACUATION OF FORT MONASTIR

BERLIN, Nov. 20.—"Monastir's evacuation by the Germans and Bulgarians," says the Overseas News agency, "was a measure which had been prepared for several days by the chief command of the central allies. The Serbians had crossed the river Cerna and, advancing northward with superior forces, had reached the height north of Chegal after engagements in which the tide of battle fluctuated and during which General Otto Von Below, at the head of the German riflemen, stormed and captured a height.

"The height taken by the Serbians was upon the same level as Monastir, so that the Serbians were able to observe the German-Bulgarian positions and were able to shell them from the flank. Simultaneously, strong French forces advanced upon the positions from the Monastir plain. The maintenance with heavy sacrifices of a position without any importance as regarded the general strategic situation would not have been justifiable. Therefore the evacuation of Monastir was a matter of course, as it was lacking in military importance.

"The Germans and Bulgarians occupied positions on the hills north of Monastir, from which they dominated the basin of the Cerna. Monastir is under the range of our guns, which means that its position is insecure.

"The occupation of Monastir does not in the least change the strategic situation in the Balkans."

BERLIN, Nov. 20.—New German formations have reached the Macedonian front, it is announced officially. The new positions north of Monastir were taken up without pressure from the allies. Serbian advances in the Moglenia region were repulsed.

### CATHOLIC BAZAAR MOST SUCCESSFUL

After a most successful week, the bazaar given in the Davis building for the benefit of St. Mary's academy closed Saturday night. About \$1,500 was cleared, the sum to be largely expended by the sisters of the academy in meeting an interest payment of \$13,000 in January.

Winners in the various raffles were: Mrs. Folger, crown doll; Ruth Bowne, a dress from Mrs. Sooy-Smith; Mrs. Cullen of North Bend, linen and china; Mrs. Liden of Jacksonville, bungalow set; Mr. Noonan of Portland, china; Mrs. Grant Burroughs, luncheon set; Mrs. Ray Cole, lemonade set.

### HANSON TO DISCUSS FINANCING OF CITY

At the request of a number of ladies of Medford, Colonel Howard A. Hanson, who has been employed by the city as special counsel in the matter of devising a comprehensive plan for the refinancing of the city, has consented to discuss the proposed plan at the public library, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. A general invitation is extended to all the ladies of Medford, who are interested in the subject.

### INITIATIVE FAILS IN MINNESOTA

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 20.—Minnesota voters declined on election day to approve the proposed provision for the initiative and referendum, according to results tabulated at the state house today. The vote was: Yes, 185,644; No, 51,068, falling short of the required majority of all votes cast at the election, the total vote being 419,924.

### HOLLAND PAINED BY BELGIAN DEPORTATION

LONDON, Nov. 20.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Wireless Press says the Dutch government has instructed its representative at Berlin to notify the German government that a painful impression has been produced in Holland by the deportation of Belgian civilians.

### For Bravery In Action



### WEED ROBBERS APPREHENDED BY CHIEF HITTSON

The two men who Friday night held up and robbed the night operator at the Southern Pacific depot at Weed, Cal., were apprehended by Chief of Police Hittson in Medford and waiving extradition papers were taken Sunday night to Weed to stand trial. They gave their names as Earl Weltchel and Norman Solsman.

Sheriff Howard of Siskiyou county wired Chief Hittson concerning the robbery Saturday morning. In the afternoon Hittson picked up the first suspect, who Sunday morning, was identified by the operator. This suspect had been in Medford a number of times before, and at these times was accompanied by another man. Sunday afternoon Hittson observed the companion alight from a north bound train.

On being taken into custody he was identified as the second member of the duo. When he was searched he was found to be carrying three Colt automatics with 275 rounds of ammunition.

Hittson was assisted in the case by Maurice Custori, special agent of the Portland division of the S. P. and John Thomas, special agent of the Portland division.

### TO REFUSE LICENCES TO AUTO VIOLATORS

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—Spenders and reckless motorists of all kinds when arrested will hear their police records on their operators' licenses, if a bill now being framed by the California State Automobile association becomes law at the next legislature. The law, it is expected, will put a stop to criminal carelessness in driving motor vehicles, as under the provisions of the bill no motor vehicle operator will be issued a new license unless he can show a clean slate.

### FRANCE IN POSSESSION OF RAILROAD LINES

PARIS, Nov. 20.—Albert Clavelle, former under secretary for negotiations, assumed office today as director general of transport and importations with supervisory powers over all matters connected with traffic.

He immediately summoned the general managers of railway lines and outlined to them a comprehensive scheme of government control. It will be his duty to relieve congestion of railway and water traffic, and to supervise execution of decrees restricting importations.

### GREEK STUDENTS IN PRO-ALLY RIOTS

LONDON, Nov. 20.—The Greek government has ordered that the university at Athens be closed owing to disturbances on the part of the students. Reuter's Athens correspondent cables.

ATHENS, Nov. 20.—A number of students of Athens university comprised the principal portion of the crowd in pro-entente demonstrations held yesterday. They were headed by Professor Petmezas of the law faculty of the university. An endeavor was made to secure a mass meeting of the students for the purpose of adopting resolutions to King Constantine in favor of abandoning neutrality and espousing the cause of the allies.

Loyalist students objected to this and a fight ensued which the police had to be called upon to quell. During the melee several persons were hurt.

### PET DOG BRINGS \$15,000 VERDICT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Mrs. Teresa Bump of Baltimore, searching for a place to put her pet dog, excluded from her stateroom on the steamer Rochambeau, was thrown down by a jurell of the ship and got a verdict of \$15,000 against the Compagnie Generale Trans-Atlantique.

By dismissing the company's appeal, the supreme court today put the verdict into effect. Abram L. Elkins, now ambassador to Turkey, was Mrs. Bump's attorney.

### AXE OR HATCHET KILLED MRS. M'DANIEL

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Nov. 20.—An axe or hatchet caused the death of Mrs. Harriet Moss McDaniel in the judgment of Dr. A. B. McGoethan, according to his testimony in the criminal court here today.

The blows which caused her death could not have been made by the revolver of Prosecutor Oscar D. McDaniel, the slain woman's husband, who is on trial on an accusation of the murder, the witness said.

### Short Line Enjoins Bill

BUTTE, Mont., Nov. 20.—The Oregon Short Line railroad has filed suit in the United States district court here to enjoin B. K. Wheeler, United States district attorney, from beginning any action to secure enforcement of the Adamson law in this jurisdiction against the railway. The allegations are similar to those contained in many other similar suits filed in various parts of the country.

### BRYAN TO STAY IN NICE DRY STATE

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—The "dry Chicago" campaign opened today when W. J. Bryan addressed a meeting of the Dry Chicago federation. Mr. Bryan was asked as to a recurrence of the report that he was to move his home to Asheville, N. C.

"I don't mind denying it again," said Mr. Bryan. "Why should anyone leave a nice dry state like Nebraska? We expect to spend our winters in Florida and part of our summers at Asheville, but our home will remain at Lincoln."

### BOOZE SHIPMENTS BREAKING RECORD

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 20.—Extra office room was taken today by the Wells Fargo & Co. here, its officials said, to accommodate the rush of liquor shipments being made from California before Oregon's absolute prohibition "bone dry" amendment becomes effective in January.

Saturday night the line of consignees was so large all could not be given their shipments. Under the present prohibition law, stated amounts of liquor can be imported.

### FROST CLEARED OF BRIBERY CHARGES

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—Albert C. Frost, wealthy promoter; Oliver W. Bourke and Bert D. Wing, a lawyer, were found not guilty of bribery by a jury in the federal court today.

Frost was accused of having bribed Bourke in the so-called \$10,000,000 Alaska land fraud case of 1913. Bourke was a juror in the case and Frost, who was acquitted, the defendant. Wing was alleged to have been implicated in the fraud.

NOTICE.  
Mrs. C. F. Brown come home, your husband wants you. 205

### TO LOAN POSTAL BANK DEPOSITS TO MUNICIPALITIES

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 20.—Congress will be urged to pass legislation whereby money on deposit in the postal savings banks may be loaned to municipalities for the purpose of building model homes for its citizens, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the American Federation of Labor convention today. An alternative suggestion, contained in the resolution, is that the government shall establish such a system of credits that the people may borrow money for a long term of years at a low rate of interest to build their own homes.

"We believe it is an easy matter for the government to take such steps to relieve the working people in the industrial centers of the unsanitary homes that are now unfit for habitation," the resolution says.

All state federations of labor and organized labor everywhere were urged in an adopted resolution to make the injunction question the paramount issue in all of their future political activities. Such activities should be continued, the resolution says, until a law is operative in every state that will "protect the rights and liberties of all citizens in so far as the illegal, unconstitutional and unwarranted use and abuse of the writ of injunction is concerned in trade disputes."

### MURPHY NAMED PRISON WARDEN

SALEM, Or., Nov. 20.—Charles A. Murphy, Pendleton, Or., was appointed warden of the Oregon state penitentiary here today by the state board of control. Murphy will succeed John W. Minto, who was deposited last Tuesday. Over twenty candidates were considered. Murphy is a Spanish war veteran. Among the candidates was W. A. Greive, county assessor of Jackson county.

### ASK UNCLE SAM TO OPERATE PHONES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Government operation of telephone lines and an extension of the parcel post was asked by the National Grange as a means of bringing producer and consumer together, in resolutions taken up at today's meeting, for which an apparently overwhelming sentiment developed.

The Grange also will consider state and municipal milk distribution and national prohibition.

### CITY CUTS COST COAL TO PUBLIC

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Nov. 20.—The city of Terre Haute, through the mayor, entered the retail coal business today and greatly reduced the cost to the consumer. Residents of the city, through the municipal market, were able to buy Indiana coal at \$2.75 a ton. Dealers were asking \$4 a ton for the same grade of coal. Mayor Gosson has leased a mine and hired 200 teams to haul the coal to the city.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 20.—William Jennings Bryan at a conference with delegates to the convention of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union here Saturday advised the women to do "everything possible to stimulate rivalry between the democratic and republican parties in the cause of prohibition."

### OLD AGE PENSIONS FOR MEMBERS OF MINERS UNION

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 20.—Recommendation that old age pensions be paid to members of the United Mine Workers of America after they are 65 years old, and to disabled miners under that age, will be made by the special committee appointed by John P. White, president of the organization, to investigate the matter. A report will be submitted to the next biennial convention in Indianapolis in January, 1917.

The committee's report will advise against establishing a home for aged miners, according to a statement made at the organization's headquarters. The recommendation for old age pensions will suggest a per capita tax of 25 cents a month on the 400,000 members of the organization in the United States and Canada during the next five years, and the payment after 1923 of a monthly pension of \$20 to all miners more than 65 years old. Incapacitated miners under 65, owing their injuries to accident and having no means of support, will receive the same pension.

No miner would be eligible for a pension unless he had been a member of the union continuously for ten years and paid the pension tax for five years.

### OFFICIAL COUNT ON AMENDMENTS MAKES NO CHANGE

SALEM, Nov. 20.—The official vote on secretary of state: Cannon 22,444; Otcott, 200,322.

For supreme court justice, Bright, P. 38,125; Burnett, R., 142,268; Hosmer, S., 28,302; Moore, R., 123,299; Oliver, D., 72,424.

For dairy commissioner: McKinnon 23,949; Mickle, 159,271; Remple, 23,833.

Amendments: Single item veto, Yes 144,337, No 53,824, majority for 87,513. Ship tax exemption, Yes, 118,984, No 65,787, majority for, 53,197. Negro suffrage, Yes 90,004, No 100,147, majority against 10,143. Single tax, Yes 43,430, No 154,488; majority against 111,058. Pendleton normal, Yes 96,516, No 109,932, majority against 13,416. Anti-vaccination repeal, Yes 98,438, No 65,000 majority against repeal 2,212. Repeal blue law, Yes 125,737, No 93,574, majority for repeal 32,163. Brewers' bill, Yes 85,937, No 139,329, majority against 53,392. Prohibition, Yes 114,826, No 109,571, majority for, 5,255. Rural credits, Yes 111,801, No 84,514, majority for 27,287. Tax limitation, Yes 98,206, No 84,966, majority for 13,240.

### DISTRIBUTE ASHES OF I. W. W. LEADER

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—One hundred and fifty envelopes containing ashes of Joseph Hillstrom, or "Joe Hill," as he usually signed himself, were distributed to as many delegates to the tenth annual convention of the Industrial workers of the World today. The ashes will be scattered by the locals of the I. W. W., to which 450 other envelopes have been mailed, according to the wishes of the decedent, who was executed in Utah for murder.

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