

## TEUTONS WITHIN TWELVE MILES OF BUCHAREST

### Russian Check Has Short Life— German Drive Being Renewed After Short Delay—Bulgars Repulse Russians on Rumanian Front— German Raids on Somme Repulsed.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Field Marshal Von Mackensen's drive against Bucharest from the southwest and south is again in full swing. Its stoppage by the Russo-Rumanian offensive in this sector, reported yesterday, was evidently only temporary, for Petrograd today announces occupation of Gradichtea by the Teutonic forces. Gradichtea is on the Bucharest railroad line directly south of Bucharest and its capture places Von Mackensen's advance within a scant 12 miles of the capital.

On the northwest the Rumanians are also falling back under General Von Falkenhayn's pressure. They are reported on the retreat in the Pitschti-Ergovisa sector making a virtual closing in of the drive from the mountain passes.

### Serbians Renew Advance.

The Serbians have renewed their successful advance in Macedonia, capturing a height north of Grunishite and driving the Bulgarians in the direction of Stravina, four miles to the northeast, according to the French war office statement today. Desperate battles have been in progress for some days in this region, which lies beyond the Cerna river, east of Monastir. Herita yesterday declared that the hill positions near Grunishite were still firmly in the hands of the Germano-Bulgarian forces.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 4.—The war office announces that the Teutonic forces have occupied the village of Gradichtea, south of Bucharest. Ostrinate fighting is proceeding between Alexandria and Bucharest. Gradichtea is 12 miles south of Bucharest.

### On Rumanian Front.

SOPIA, Dec. 3, via London, Dec. 4.—Desperate fighting on the Rumanian front in which the Bulgarians repulsed seven attacks made by the Russians is reported in the official statement issued by the war office today. Two tanks are said to have been destroyed and a third to have fallen into the hands of Turkish troops.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—Serbian troops have captured a hill north of Grunishite, on the Macedonian front, east of the Cerna river bend, the war office announces.

The communication follows: "At a point to the east of the River Cerna on December 3, Serbian forces occupied a height north of Grunishite. The enemy was driven back in disorder upon Stravina.

"There has been nothing to report from the remainder of this front."

### Germans Make Raids.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—Two German raids on small French posts in the region of Barleux on the Somme front were repulsed easily last night, it

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## ASK DISMISSAL OF ANTI-TRUST CASES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The department of justice today asked the supreme court to dismiss anti-trust prosecutions instituted before the European war against British and German steamship lines for alleged combinations in trans-Atlantic and South American shipping, now dissolved by the war. New York federal courts held that the suits brought against the American-Asiatic Steamship company, the Prince Line, Ltd., Paul F. Gerhard, Francis J. Zimmerman and others, should be transformed by the war "into an autopsy instead of a determination of live issues." The government asked the right to renew prosecutions should the alleged combinations be resumed when peace comes.

## GREEK KING IS CAUSE OF RIOTS STATE BRITISH

### British War Lord in House of Commons Implicates Constantine and Government—Situation Considered as Grave—Order Has Been Restored in Athens.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—In the house of commons today Lord Robert Cecil, war trade minister, said the British government considered King Constantine and his government to have been involved in the events at Athens and that the British government, in conjunction with its allies, would take immediate steps to bring about a radical solution of the question which had arisen.

The situation in Greece, said Lord Robert, was one of extreme gravity. Despite formal and repeated assurances of the Greek king and government that no disturbance would be permitted, a most treacherous and unprovoked attack was made on the entente allies' detachment landed by the French admiral on Friday. Many casualties had resulted, but a full account had not yet been received.

The British government, Lord Robert said, carried the responsibility of the Greek king and Great Britain was considering in conjunction with her allies immediate steps to secure a radical solution of the situation which had arisen.

The feeling against King Constantine, who is charged with having done everything possible to embarrass the allies, has been growing here, and demands that some steps be taken to check his activities have become more insistent. Some circles have credited the government with protecting him because of his relation to members of the British and Russian royal houses.

An unfavorable impression has been created also by the report that King Constantine had recalled all his pro-German advisers at Athens and while the news has been rather meager, there has been a tendency to believe that the allies had suffered a rebuff.

### Athens Is Quiet.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Order has been restored in Athens and all civilians and soldiers off duty are being disarmed, according to a semi-official statement issued at Athens yesterday afternoon. This statement, as forwarded by Reuter's correspondent, is as follows:

"Last night was perfectly quiet. No incident occurred. Today the city is resuming its normal aspect.

"By order of the commander of the garrison of Athens, all civilians and soldiers off duty are being disarmed. The departure of the French detachment from the hospital is following the consent of the Hellenic government to land over six batteries to Vice-Admiral De Fourmet. A committee of Greek and French officers is investigating the reasons why Greek troops came to blows with the allies, despite direct orders to the contrary.

The first shots, which started the fighting in Athens on Friday, are said in an Athens dispatch to the Star to have been fired by a reservist who enrolled only on Thursday.

### Greeks Held Innocent.

BERLIN, Dec. 4.—The German government does not consider that

## WILSON GIVEN BIG MAJORITY IN UTAH

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 4.—The official canvass of votes cast in the presidential election follows: Wilson, democrat, 84,025; Hughes, republican, 54,122. Senate: King, democrat, 80,895; Sutherland, republican, 56,862. Governor: Bamberger, democrat, 78,208; Morris, republican, 59,522. Congress: First district, Milton H. Welling, democrat, 49,935; T. C. Hoyt, republican, 29,992; Daniel Konold, socialist, 2,124. Second district: James H. Mays, democrat, 29,847; Charles R. Mabery, republican, 37,778; Murray R. King, socialist, 2,446.

## EIGHT HUNDRED MILLION ASKED FOR DEFENSE

### Ambitious Program May Necessitate Addition to Estimates Before Congress—Ten Million for Army Payroll—Million for Protection of the Canal Zone.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Estimates for maintaining and strengthening the army and navy during the fiscal year 1918 indicate that Congress will be asked this winter to provide about \$800,000,000 for that purpose.

The total of estimates already submitted and made public today when Congress convened is \$757,584,500 to cover the military activities of both departments. Statements made by navy officials to the house naval committee, now considering that bill, have foreshadowed, however, large supplementary estimates to be submitted later, and a similar situation exists at the war department. The preliminary estimate for the army is \$373,074,565, an increase of about \$70,000,000 over the amount appropriated for 1917. The navy total is \$379,151,701. Panama canal fortifications will take \$5,358,300, an increase of about \$300,000.

### Ten Million for Payroll.

More than \$10,000,000 of the army increase will go into the payment of regulars, national guardsmen and members of the reserve. A total of \$97,794,995 is sought under the payroll and the estimates show that the number of privates provided for under this section is 258,594. Of that total, 94,279 would be in the regular service and 164,315 in the national guard.

Provision is also made for the payment of 25,000 members of the regular enlisted reserve and for full rate payment of these men for fifteen days' field training during the year. The provision for payment of reserve officers is \$3,151,983, and that for paying national guard officers \$3,396,940.

Another \$2,000,000 of the increase will go to the aviation section.

### Money for Canal Defense.

A separate item submitted, it is stated, at the request of the navy department in the Panama canal estimates, is \$250,000 for the establishment of an aviation station in the zone.

For the protection of the canal it is shown that \$780,000 is to be expended for armored cars and locomotives, searchlights and other equipment for the mobile troops which army officials have declared must be ready to repel an attack by land.

In round figures, an additional \$13,000,000 will be spent for the training and equipment of the national guard, and \$10,000,000 more than the 1917 appropriations for reserve stores of ammunition, guns, rifles and field artillery. A million additional is asked for armored motor cars, \$1,500,000 additional for civilian training camps, and \$5,000,000.

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## REPORTER CHARGED WITH MURDER IS DECLARED SANE

THOMPSON FALLS, Mont., Dec. 4.—Miss Edith Colby, on trial here charged with the murder of A. C. Thomas last September, was called to the witness stand today and testified that a coat which was introduced as evidence was the garment she wore on the day she shot Thomas. State's witnesses had testified that she drew the revolver from a pocket in the coat, although the garment was shown today to be without pockets. The defense then announced that its case was complete, and B. K. Wheeler, special prosecutor, began introducing testimony in rebuttal. Mrs. J. L. Hartman, wife of the county sheriff, and Miss Ellen Stinson, a nurse, testified that from their observation of Miss Colby in jail that they considered her sane.

## DEPORTATION OF BELGIANS LEADS TO ANTWERP RIOT

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Two Belgians who have arrived at Sluiskill, Holland, from Ghent report that there was a revolt in Antwerp on November 30, in which between 200 and 300 inhabitants and many German soldiers are said to have been killed, according to a Reuter Amsterdam dispatch today quoting a Sluiskill correspondent. The reported revolt was due to a call upon the inhabitants for work in Germany.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 4.—The newspaper Les Nouvelles says the Germans are beginning to reduce considerably their requirements as to the number of unemployed to be deported from Belgium and that the greater part of the men who presented themselves at Liege last week were sent back to their homes. Only a few men were taken from the surrounding villages.

The newspaper adds that apparently the protests of neutrals have begun to produce some effect. Invalids and boys of 15 years who have returned to Ghent, Les Nouvelles says, report they were forced to work on trenches in the district of Sotons, and that their food was bad and their treatment harsh.

## ALLEN, FIGURE IN SEATTLE SCANDAL BREAKS FROM JAIL

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 4.—Perclay V. Allen, serving a term in the King county jail for unlawfully living with Miss Anna Danielson of Iowa, who died in convulsions July 15 in Allen's apartment in Seattle, escaped this morning, along with Harry Gardner, who is said by the police to be nationally known as a pickpocket.

The men were employed as trustees. They tore down a partition between a store room in which they were working and the office formerly used by the county treasurer, and ran away. Allen, who professes to be a physician, met Miss Danielson, a wealthy woman, on a steamer voyage from San Francisco. Soon afterward the couple began living together in an apartment. After the death of Miss Danielson, her relatives sought to prosecute Allen for murder, but Seattle officials said there was insufficient evidence, and Allen was prosecuted on a minor charge. After Allen had been convicted and begun to serve his term of one year in the county jail, it was found that he and Miss Danielson had been married in Tacoma, and steps had been taken to prosecute Allen for bigamy, he having been already married.

## FEAR SUBMARINES OFF CANADA COAST

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 4.—The Dominion naval department has ordered all vessels in Canadian waters to carry only such lights as are absolutely indispensable to safe navigation. It was announced today. Unofficially, it was said, the precautions were due to the reported possibility of German submarine operations on the Atlantic coast.

The order, which again placed this city in comparative darkness a few days ago stated that "a real emergency does not exist."

## INJURED DRIVER NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Dec. 4.—Frank Galvin of Indianapolis, the automobile driver, who was injured in the race at the Uniontown speedway Saturday afternoon, suffered a sinking spell at the hospital early today and physicians said he could not live out the day. The other injured were so far recovered that all were discharged from the hospital this morning.

## RAISE NATIONAL BUDGET FIGURE \$84,000,000

### Statement Laid Before Congress by Treasury Department Calls for \$1,268,715,834 for Running Government, Increase Due in Part to High Cost of Living.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Estimates of the expense of all branches of the government for the fiscal year 1918, for which the session of congress assembling today, must appropriate funds, total \$1,268,715,834.

This sum is exclusive of \$325,355,820 to be appropriated for the postal service, which is expected to be returned to the treasury by postal revenue and a sinking fund appropriation of \$69,784,000 toward the public debt.

The total appropriations for the fiscal year 1917 ending next June, exclusive of these two items, were \$1,184,154,517.

The income of some \$84,000,000 represents the general trend of the constantly increased cost of government, as well as the increased cost of living. Increases in compensation and in numbers of employees are to be found in the estimates of all branches of the government and to meet that tendency administration officials have attempted a policy of paring down all proposals for new projects with the exceptions of national defense, expenditures to meet the growth of the country and the many burdens thrust upon the United States by the war.

### Estimates Before Congress.

The estimates laid before Congress today by the treasury department follow:

Legislative	\$ 13,524,379
Executive	698,370
State department	6,315,847
Treasury department	165,681,233
Independent offices	8,139,724
Dist. of Columbia	17,885,026
War department	421,352,447
Panama canal	25,145,562
Navy department	382,497,537
Interior department	210,141,412
Postoffice dept.	1,745,760
Dept. of Agriculture	43,321,997
Dept. of Commerce	16,737,158
Dept. of Labor	4,696,667
Dept. of Justice	11,555,696

Total \$1,268,715,834

### Increases in Appropriations.

The greatest increases are of course in the estimates for carrying out the national policy of defense. Where the war department's appropriations for the current year were \$381,482,802 it estimates this year for \$421,352,447. The navy appropriation, which was \$315,613,781 for the current year, would, according to estimate, be \$382,497,537.

An estimate of \$12,239,356 for the Indian bureau represents an increase over current appropriations of \$1,262,712. This includes the cost of several projected irrigation plans. The estimates of appropriations required for the pension bureau at

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## EQUALIZE CROSS CONTINENT FARES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—All-year excursion fares and summer tourist rates from Chicago to San Francisco were ordered by the inter-state commerce commission today to be the same whether by way of Seattle or Portland, or by way of New Orleans or El Paso. The northern fares now are higher than the southern. The railroads were given until February 15 to comply with the order.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—Traffic officials of the Southern Pacific railroad said today's order of the inter-state commerce commission, making excursion and tourist rates between Chicago and San Francisco uniform whether by northern or southern routes, on the face of it, eliminates a seven dollar differential. It has cost seven dollars more to go by the northern routes. Seattle, Portland and Tacoma chambers of commerce inaugurated the fight for uniform rates.

## RESIGNATION OF MINISTERS ARE GIVEN ASQUITH

### Premier Announces Approval of Reconstruction by King George—Expectation in House of Commons—New Cabinet to Bring More Vigorous Handling of War Policy.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The expectation that an explanation of the cabinet crisis and its solution would be forthcoming when the house of commons met today was not realized. Premier Asquith simply announced King George had approved his proposal for reconstruction of the government which was forced by the demand of War Secretary Lloyd George and other ministers for a smaller war council with powers independent of the cabinet.

The premier suggested that the house adjourn after today's business, which was non-controversial, until Thursday.

A statement made by Sir James Henry Dalsell, liberal member of Kircaldy Burghs, that the resignations of all the ministers have been handed to the premier was not denied. This was taken as an indication that details of the reconstruction had not yet been agreed upon.

Lloyd George was not present during the sitting, but all the other prominent figures in the crisis appeared and were cheered by their adherents as they entered the chamber.

### Asquith Has Resignations.

Premier Asquith stated that the reconstruction of the government involved by departing in any shape or form of the policy pursued since the beginning of the war.

He did not deny that the resignations of all the ministers were in his hands.

## BOMBS IN CARGO CAUSE EXPLOSION RUSSIAN HARBOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The steamships blown up in the Russian harbor of Archangel several weeks ago with the loss of millions of dollars in munitions and other war supplies were destroyed by bombs placed in the cargoes of the ships at their piers of the Rush Terminal company in this city, it was charged today at police headquarters by the commercial agent here of the Imperial Russian embassy.

According to the official report of the explosion from Petrograd, 341 persons were killed and 667 hurt. According to the German Overseas News agency, seven steamers were blown up and 37 storehouses were razed.

This German report said that a German submarine was responsible, having torpedoed the steamer Baron Bredini, one of the ships at anchor in the harbor. The report described the harbor as resembling a "burning volcano."

The explosion occurred about November 16, although both the date and the circumstances are called from various sources were indefinite.

## WOMEN FORCED TO WORK IN FACTORIES

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The passage of the home army bill caused a panic throughout Berlin last week when it was realized that women would be forced into the factories, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. The dispatch says that there was a demonstration of women, mostly servants and wives of soldiers, outside of Charlottenburg town hall, who protested against the provisions of the measures and demanded bread and two days leave for all soldiers. The women also demanded peace, the dispatch says.

## SHORT SESSION OF CONGRESS OPENED TODAY

### Flood of Bills and Resolutions Confronts Legislators—Supply Bills First Item on Program—Democrats Claim Control of House—Will Hasten Railroad Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Congress assembled promptly at noon today for the short session, which will mark the closing of President Wilson's first term.

With a crowded program of legislation foremost in which is the president's plan for railroad legislation, senators and representatives settled down to work as Speaker Clark and Vice President Marshall brought down the gavel.

Today's opening was marked by the usual flood of bills and resolutions, many of which are expected to die in committee with the congress itself on March 4.

The energies of the administration leaders were at once concentrated on the passage of the big supply bills necessary for conduct of the government and upon the limited program of general legislation.

### Democrats Claim House.

Speaker Clark declared the next house, on the basis of the last election, would show at least 216 democrats without Scully of New Jersey or Beakes of Michigan. He conceded 213 to the republicans. Those figures do not include the independent group of four, which with the two in doubt make a total of 435.

"We have the control of the house without any doubt," he said.

The senate recessed until 3 o'clock to convene for the swearing in of three new members, Watson of Indiana, Fernald of Maine and Kirby of Arkansas. An adjournment until noon tomorrow as a mark of respect for the late Senator Clarke of Arkansas was next on the program.

### Rush Railroad Bills.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—When congress re-convened today President Wilson had the assurances of Speaker Clark and Representative Kitchin, majority leader, that they would try to hasten enactment of railroad legislation desired by the administration. Both expressed the opinion in a conference with the president last night that measures to supplement the Adamson law could be passed in the short session, but they asked the president's influence to eliminate the usual two weeks Christmas holiday recess.

Four bills, designed to touch the high cost of food were introduced today by Representative Fitzgerald of New York. Two propose a food embargo, one would regulate transportation of cold storage foods and another would regulate the admission of farm products and manufactured foodstuffs to the parcel post and reduce the rates on food.

### Summary of Day.

Opening day, sixty-fourth congress, second session:

Senate: Met at noon. Senators Kern and Gallinger appointed committee to wait on President Wilson with house committee. Recessed at 12:12 p. m., until 3 p. m. to swear in Senators-Elect Watson, Indiana; Fernald, Maine, and Kirby Arkansas, and then adjourn in memory of the late Senator Clarke of Arkansas.

House: Met at noon. Representatives Kitchin, Fitzgerald and Mann were appointed committee to wait on President Wilson with senate committee. Representative Fitzgerald introduced four bills, two proposing foodstuffs embargo, and one to regulate transportation of cold storage foods and another to regulate admission of farm products and manufactured foodstuffs to parcel post. Representative T. W. Harrison of Virginia was sworn in. Recessed at 12:56 p. m., until 3 p. m.

### SHIP REPORTED SUNK BROUGHT TO PORT

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Lloyd's Shipping agency announces that the British steamship Egesford, previously reported sunk by a submarine, has been picked up and is being brought to Liverpool by a government tug. The sinking of the Egesford was reported by Lloyds on December 2.