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BULGARS BEAT FRENCH IN HARD-FOUGHT BATTLE

Allies Are Now Almost Driven Be Forced to Either Take Protecting Her Neutrality—B tions Following Desperate Serbians Retreating Still

of Serbia—Greece May r Fight Both In Pro- Occupy French Posi- ng—Montenegrins and Desperate Resistance

By Henry Wood.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
Rome, Dec. 11.—One of the most decisive battles of the war is believed imminent as the allies continue to evacuate Serbia.

Greek border, and declared that the place was still in the allies' hands at noon yesterday.

This seems the more probable, because both Athens and Salonika dispatches indicated that German forces intend to cross into Greece, if indeed, they have not already done so. It is expected they will make great efforts to drive the allies to Salonika and the sea.

Officially at least a part of the allies have evacuated Serbia heading toward Greece. Whether the forces of the central powers pursued them into Greece is not known. It is believed, however, that the allies will retire to Salonika.

Her paths may lead her to either the central or entente allies, or possibly she may be forced to fight independently, resisting first one and then the other, as they threaten her neutrality.

Propose Neutral Zone.
London, Dec. 11.—Press reports today said Bulgaria had proposed to Greece the creation of a neutral zone on the border of Greece, Serbia and Macedonia and that Greece probably would accept.

Military experts think that small bands of allies will be swept over into Greece and that fighting will occur in Greek territory. But they are confident that the allies can make a successful stand at Salonika which is protected by the warships of the allied nations.

Lemberg is Evacuated.
London, Dec. 11.—Rumors from Petrograd today repeated that the Austro-Germans had evacuated Lemberg in Galicia on account of an epidemic. Berlin ridiculed the report when it first appeared recently.

Fighting in Serbia.
Athens, Dec. 11.—The French continue their retreat in southern Serbia. Dispatches from the Greek frontier reported this today, though they did not mention the allies' evacuation of Serbia. These messages claimed the British, fighting for their lives, in the lower part of Serbia, were reinforced Thursday night, and maintained their positions in the face of heavy attacks yesterday. Further British retirements, however, was admitted to be inevitable.

Fight While Retreating.
Vienna, Dec. 11.—Montenegrins and Serbians are fighting a rear guard action, while the Austrians are hot on their heels south of the northern Montenegrin frontier, the war office said today.

Florida reports said that the hostile commanders had agreed upon a neutral zone on the Greek frontier nearby and had instructed troops neither to occupy or fire into the neutral territory.

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A FEW PROSPERITY NOTES.

Chicago bank clearings last month were 27 per cent greater than a year ago.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ARE GETTING SERIOUS

Ultimatum to Austria Un- answered—France Also An Offender

ACTING AMBASSADOR MAY BE GIVEN HIS HAT

Lusitania Affair Not Settled —England Will Also Be "Jacked Up"

"WAR WOULD FOLLOW"

Fire Breaks Out On a British Sugar-Laden Ship

New York, Dec. 11.—Discovery of a mysterious fire in her after hold drove the 3,740 ton sugar laden British freighter Tyinghame back in port today with her crew fighting the flames and a heavy smoke blanketing her.

CANNOT CARE FOR CROWDS WAITING TO JOIN THE ARMY

This Is the Result of Lord Derby's Campaign to Avoid Conscription

GREAT CROWDS AT ALL RECRUITING STATIONS

Examinations Dispensed With and Women Called to Aid Officers

London, Dec. 11.—In a whirlwind eleventh hour attempt to stave a conscription move, thousands of men today overwhelmed recruiting offices in their anxiety to enroll before Lord Derby's enlistment campaign ends at midnight.

BOPP CLAIMS MAIL HAS BEEN OPENED

Authorities Say It Is a Hop Dream and Indignantly Deny Charge

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Authorities angrily denied today charges by German Consul Bopp that his mail had been tampered with.

WOMAN OF CANADA SAVED WOMAN'S LIFE

Rescued Woman Who Taunt- ed by Her Husband's Mistress, Shot Her

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Jennie Hawkes will not hang from a Canadian gallows December 29 for murder of Mrs. Rossita Stoley, her husband's paramour.

MAKES NEW RE- CORD FOR TRIP

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Twenty-three hours and 59 minutes were clipped from the record for the trip from Honolulu to San Francisco by the liner Great Northern which passed quarantine today.

CONGRESS TO TRY PROB.

The state department planned to start action on the request of Germany that England be asked for a safe conduct for the pair.

STOCK MARKET STRONG DUE TO GOOD BUSINESS

Washington, Dec. 11.—The state department this afternoon announced its intention to request an explanation of the French cruiser Descaignes holding up of three American ships in the past week in Porto Rican waters.

ORTIE McMANGAL ENDS HIS TESTIMONY

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 11.—Unless he be recalled to the witness stand, Ortie McMangal is through with the M. A. Schmidt murder case today.

IMA HAS GONE HOME

The board of control has acted upon the petition of her parents for parole of their daughter, Ima Larsen, has been permitted to go home to warm the heart of "Rose" and "Tom" and also that of her eloquent advocate—Ella McMunn.

Are Trying to Get Rid of School Secret Societies

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Drastic action of the board of education in suspending more than 100 high school students in an effort to stamp out secret societies, today began to show its effect and it was believed that one of the principal factors in the disturbance, the Ivy club, would be disbanded.

Druggists May Refuse to Sell Any Alcohol

Druggists of the city are taking under advisement a proposition to refuse to sell alcohol under any conditions whatever after the first of the year when the new prohibition law goes into effect.

STOLE ANTIQUE JEWELRY

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Thieves early today stole the \$30,000 Ida Noyes collection of antique jewelry from the Art Institute, though they left tapestries valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars, and other collections untouched.

WAR ODDITIES.

Paris.—A British officer, entering a Paris cafe, "spotted" a German he had known at Bonn university, dressed in a French officer's uniform. The latter was soon "grabbed."

Miss Mame Moon addressed the Shakespeare club today on "The Effect of Refrigerator Car Seepings on Iron Railroad Bridges." Ever "thing is" velvet this winter — but not her father.



TO KEEP PART OF PRESIDIO FOR FINE ARTS PALACE

Washington, Dec. 11.—The house military committee has before it a joint resolution introduced by Representative Kahn of California, providing that land on the Presidio, San Francisco, be reserved for permanent maintenance of the Fine Arts palace of the closed exposition.

TWO MINERS KILLED 80 SHUT IN 20 HOURS

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 11.—After being entombed for more than 20 hours, eighty miners employed at the Windgar mine near Carbonado were rescued at 10:30 today, after desperate efforts on the part of an army of workmen to reach them.

GRAND JURY TO PROBE

New York, Dec. 11.—The federal grand jury here will probe not only strike plots, but likewise activities of German consulates, it was reported today.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Sunday unsettled probably rain west, rain or snow east portion and southwesterly winds.

