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WAR IS CARRIED ACROSS BORDER AND INTO GREECE

Allies Entrenched Five Miles Inside Greek Lines, Await Enemy

TERRIFIC ARTILLERY BATTLE BEING FOUGHT

Bulgars and Teutons Sweep Serbia—Forcing Allies Back to Solonica

Athens, Dec. 14.—Along the Serbo-Greek frontier a great artillery battle is proceeding. Dispatches report that Bulgarian shells are screaming across the line into Greece, but that no material damage has been done to property.

From Salonika came reports that small bands of Bulgarians are five miles within the Greek border, but these stories lack confirmation. It is thought, though, that the entente and central allies will be battling within Greece before many hours. The main force of allies is entrenched four miles inside Greece, while the central powers' pursuit has apparently been halted while leaders hold military conferences.

Allied wounded have been pouring into Salonika for 24 hours. They declared that despite the numerical superiority of the enemy, they could hold the Strumica front a fortnight if necessary. They lost comparatively few men and scarcely any supplies, though some reports have placed the loss in men extremely high. The remainder, it is admitted, however, narrowly escaped annihilation and capture.

Bulgar headquarters at Giyegoli have been established in the former American Red Cross hospital, erected during the typhus epidemic.

Demobilizes Half of Army.
Athens, Dec. 14.—News-papers announced here today that Greece will demobilize 50 per cent of her troops under the agreement she has just made with the allies.

This agreement provided for a clear path to Salonika for the retreating ally forces. Several days ago, it was reported that Greece would demobilize, as the allies desire. Whether the reported 50 per cent demobilization will be satisfactory is unknown, though from the ally standpoint it will mean quite a degree of protection from any future molestation, should Greece abandon her apparently friendly attitude toward them.

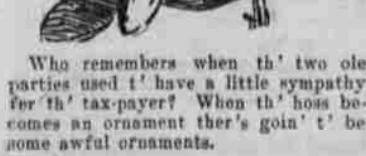
French Soldiers Slaughtered.
Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Dec. 14.—Pursuing the French down the Vardar valley, Bulgars cut off one group and slaughtered many of their soldiers, according to the Sofia official statement today. Among the prisoners was a French battalion commander.

The pursuit continues, said the statement. The fact that it did not mention Bulgarian occupation of Giyegoli and Lake Doiran was taken to mean this fact had been delayed in transmission.

Trouble in Russia.
Berlin, by wireless to Tuckerton, N. J., Dec. 14.—Serious domestic disturbances in Russia have interrupted telegraphic communication, it is reported here today.

Montenegrins Captured.
Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Dec. 14.—The Austrians have captured 2,600 more Montenegrins, the war office said today. The enemy has withdrawn southwest and south of Ploevje.

Abe Martin



Who remembers when th' two ole parties used t' have a little sympathy fer th' tax-payer? When th' hoss be comes an ornament ther's goin' t' be some awful ornaments.

Will Send Photographs of Murder Suspect

Portland, Ore., Dec. 14.—Portland police were much interested today in the efforts of Cheyenne, Wyo., to identify a man resembling George Bartholomew, under indictment here for the murder of John Lind, whose body was found a trunk in the Willamette.

According to telegrams from Cheyenne, a man giving the name of Smith was arrested there yesterday because of his resemblance to photographs of Bartholomew. He denied any knowledge of the trunk murder, declaring that he could prove that he was at The Dalles, Ore., when it was committed.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 14.—Photographs of William F. Smith will be forwarded to Portland for police there to use as possibly George Bartholomew, indicted for the murder of John Lind. While Smith answers the description of the alleged slayer, Chief Embury doubts that he is the right man.

Not Known at The Dalles.
The Dalles, Ore., Dec. 14.—Inquiry today among hotel and restaurant men failed to uncover any knowledge of William Franklin Smith, arrested at Cheyenne, Wyo., because he resembled photographs of George Bartholomew, wanted at Portland in connection with the murder of John Lind. Messages received here stated that Smith had said that he was a chef, and that he had been at The Dalles when the Lind murder was committed.

FEDERAL LEAGUE TO GO OUT OF BUSINESS

Under New Conditions Salaries of Players Will Be Pruned

New York, Dec. 14.—The great baseball war is to be ended by the elimination of the Federal league or a merger of the Federal and International leagues, the New York Sun declared this afternoon.

The paper declares it has reliable information that the Federals have agreed to withdraw the law suits against organized baseball that have been pending in Federal Judge Landis' court since last January.

It is a forgone conclusion, said the Sun article, that the Newark and Baltimore Federals will be transferred to the International league.

Under the reported agreement, the Sun says the disposition of the Brooklyn Federal league club has not been settled. The paper asserts that "the fact that the Kansas City and Buffalo Federal league clubs are already bankrupt," made the negotiations easier.

H. F. Sinclair, who was once reported as a prospective purchaser of the New York National league club and later as backer of the New York Federal league club, is a close personal friend of President Tener of the National league and Garry Herrmann of the National Baseball commission.

The Sun declared that Sinclair assisted the magnates of both sides in the fight to smooth out his obstacles standing in the way of peace. It adds: "Sinclair will retain control of the Newark Federal league club, but it is not known at present how he is interested financially in the National league. The Giants will not be sold to him nor to any Federal league magnate."

The reported agreement to withdraw the Chicago suits is declared to have been reached during one of the recent secret conferences of the warring factions.

When the settlement has been consummated, the Sun declares the Federal league will pass entirely out of existence. It is understood that players who jumped from organized baseball clubs and signed contracts to accept Federal league offers will remain under the ban. The reported agreement would end contract jumping effectually, it is declared.

"The American league officials took no part in the negotiation," said the Sun, "but it is known that Ben Johnson and his colleagues will be satisfied with the outcome. Salaries of players will generally be cut and the magnates, who have been losing heavily for two years, will now have a chance to recoup their losses."

Exchanges Weaken But Market Is Strong

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New York, Dec. 14.—Speculators continued today not to be apprehensive about future relations between America and Austria. Prices on the stock exchange moved as though no Ancona note had been sent. If any concern was felt, it was extremely small, in Wall street, because there was no resultant movement. Prices were higher and the strength and activity increased until at the close of the market it was at its best level with trading the largest of the day. Crippled telegraph facilities affected the volume of trading during

AUSTRIA IS MAD AND UNCLE SAM OUT OF PATIENCE

Acting Ambassador Zwi- edinek Seeks Amicable Adjustment

VIENNA GOVERNMENT MUST YIELD TO DEMANDS

Kaiser It Is Thought Will Urge Austria To Take This Course

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Austro-American diplomatic sky seemed brighter today.

Informal and confidential negotiations between Austria and America in the hope of an amicable adjustment of the Ancona case, are being attempted. Acting Ambassador Zwiendinek's conference yesterday with Secretary of State Lansing was the first of several that are planned. Meantime, Ambassador Jenckel at Vienna will confer with Foreign Minister Burian.

That Germany will probably exercise a strong influence in the final answer of Austria is indicated from the fact that Zwiendinek is consulting German Ambassador Bartschiff.

In his preliminary conference Zwiendinek is understood to have sought from the secretary an idea as to just what form of answer America wants. Lansing is understood to consider a week sufficient time in which Vienna shall make reply to America's peremptory demands, but it is scarcely thought the first note will be definite, and officials do not expect the final reply within a fortnight.

The informal conferences are expected to provide a basis whereby Austria will concede what America wants. The general feeling is that Austria has no recourse but to answer satisfactorily. It is felt that she would hardly care to risk an increase of her enemies at this time. For this reason, officials inclined to take a somewhat more optimistic view of the situation than they had done heretofore.

Vienna is Surprised.
Geneva, Dec. 14.—America's sharp tone in her note to Austria on the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona has surprised Vienna officials. Some reports say, too, that it has aroused widespread anger. What Austria intends to answer is not hinted, however.

POLICEMEN TELL OF DISCOVERING BOMBS

New Evidence In Schmidt Dynamiting and Murder Case

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 14.—Members of the Los Angeles police force testified in the M. A. Schmidt dynamite and murder trial today. Sergeant J. A. Adams was the first to take the stand. He told of responding to a call from the home of F. J. Zechandelaar, secretary of the Merchants and Manufacturers association on October 1, 1910, after Officer Rice found a bomb in a driveway near the house.

Later, the same day, he was called to the home of General Otis. A suspicious suit case had been lying near the house. When Officer Rice cut the suit case open, smoke curled forth and they heard a startling buzzing sound, Adams said.

The officers started and ran in all directions. When about 150 yards away, the bomb exploded, tearing a hole in the earth and shattering the windows of the Otis home.

Adams estimated that when it exploded the bomb was 150 feet from the house. In the cross examination Attorney McKenzie of the defense frequently refreshed Adams' memory of the occasion by reading extracts from the transcript of testimony he gave before the grand jury, the month following the explosion.

When asked if he remembered testifying before the grand jury, Adams said: "I can't recall whether I did or not."

The testimony of his brother officers was of the same nature, and corroborated his own.

The Berlin exchange rate declined 3-8 to a new low mark, while the exchange of Denmark and Sweden broke sharply this morning.

VON KOOLBERGEN IS A BRITISH SPY SAYS ATTORNEY

It Is Stated Government Has Damaging Evidence In Its Possession

CLAIM MADE THE "COUNT" WAS BOPP'S ASSISTANT

The Fact the Count Is In Victoria Jail Spoils the Spy Theory

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Plots to burn the Hercules Powder company plant at Pinole, Cal., the Aetna Chemical company plant at Aetna, Ill., and the Aetna Explosive company plant at Ishpeming, Mich., German army officer, C. C. Crowley and Mrs. Margaret Cornell in indictments against them.

The alleged plots came under the head of using the mail to "incite" Louis J. Smith of Detroit to "arson, murder and assassination."

A mysterious "B" and "P," mentioned in one letter to Smith were German Consul Bopp and Attache Von Papen of the German embassy, recently ordered withdrawn, according to a high official. The government will attempt to trace direction of the alleged plots to them.

A second indictment charged efforts to delay foreign commerce destined to the allies.

Woman in the Case.
San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Direct charges that Baron Von Brincken, C. C. Crowley and Mrs. Margaret Cornell sent mail matter intended to incite Louis J. Smith of Detroit to burn the Aetna Chemical company plant at Aetna, Illinois, and the Aetna Explosive company plant at Ishpeming, Michigan, were made in indictments returned by the federal grand jury last night. The indictments were announced in full today.

The charges, made under section 211 of the United States criminal code, claim likewise that the trio sent mail matter intended to incite to "arson, murder and assassination." This is a more serious charge than that of the second indictment which charges conspiracy to destroy foreign commerce destined to the allies.

On the first indictment, the charge was that on August 8, the defendants sent a letter to Smith (the informer in the case) at the Hotel Normandie, Griswold street, Detroit, intended to incite him to destroy the two war plants. The letter, written on stationery of the Hotel Garland, where C. C. Crowley resides, was partly coded and said:

Some Suggestions.
"Enclosed find clipping. This stuff goes to —, I am sure they (believed) to refer to the German consulate) would give \$50 for such and newspaper clippings and dispatches to show."

"What do you think?"
"Ishpeming, Michigan and outside Gary, Indiana. Let me hear from you. Nothing else now."

The enclosed clipping referred to was a Gary, Indiana, dispatch telling of increased wages in the Aetna companies. The proposition about "clippings to show" is said to mean that Smith was to do the burning job, and get the \$50 when he produced proof through dispatches.

Still another count in the mail indictment claimed that the alleged plotters mailed other matter to Smith intending to incite him to burn the Hercules Powder company buildings at Pinole, California.

The letter referring to the Pinole burning was August 12 on Hotel Garland stationery to Smith at Detroit, and read:

"Your last letter, with clippings, to hand today and note what you say. I have taken it up with them and I am awaiting the decision of P in New York so cannot advise you yet and will do so as soon as I get word from you."

Bopp and Von Papen Meant.
The B and P referred respectively, a high official said, to Consul Bopp, and Attache von Papen, who recently was recalled for activities displeasing to the United States government.

"You might size up the situation there," the letter continued, "in the meantime. Enclosed find letter to the proper persons in Germany. You will see it is addressed to me and will not doubt be sent to me and I will then forward it to you. I send it to you that you may see it is on the way. Enclosed find postoffice order for \$50 and then register the letter and address it as follows on the envelope, 'Des Koenig, Staats Archive, in Marburg An Der Lahn.'"

And on the lower left hand corner write 'Via Holland, Direct Boat.' This letter, like the Aetna letter, was signed "C. C."

NEW YORK CITY AND EAST COAST STORM-BOUND

Two Feet of Snow Blankets City and 40,000 Men Clearing Streets

ALL TRAINS STALLED BY THE HUGE SNOW DRIFTS

Cold Is Intense—Sixty Mile Gale Swept Coast—An- other Coming

WORST STORM SINCE 1888.
Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 14.—Thirty inches of snow has fallen in the Berkshire hills in the past 24 hours, and the storm was still raging today. Traffic is blocked through the mountains in this, the worst storm since 1888.

New York, Dec. 14.—New York City and the east coast today are storm-bound.

Snow piled in high drifts has stalled trains at many points, and wire service is interrupted. Intense cold, too, has brought suffering in the train of the storm, and no relief is in sight for the weather bureau forecast predicts northwesterly gales, more snow and colder weather.

Two trains from Boston due last night finally battled their way through the drifts and reached here at 7 a. m. today. New York, New Haven & Hartford trains along the New England coast are tied up and in many instances passengers spent the night in cold cars, with no town as a haven within miles.

At Otisville, N. Y., 20 persons were injured when an Erie train plowed into a crowd crossing the track to board another train. At Springfield, Mass., one death resulted from exposure.

Blizzard Raged.
New York is in a hard plight. Two feet of snow blankets the city at many points, while 40,000 men are engaged under direction of the street commissioner in a hurried effort to clear the streets.

The New York Central and New Haven systems put on huge gangs to clear their tracks and restore communication. The Hudson river valley is just emerging from a storm of blizzard proportions. More than a foot of snow fell in Troy and Poughkeepsie. The latter place reported the Central New England railway, connecting with Hartford, Conn., crippled.

The Empire State Express, lost for five hours, steamed into the Grand Central station at 3:30 this morning with a cover of snow and ice.

Business at Standstill.
Some commuters living only 15 miles outside the metropolis, found themselves imprisoned in trains for nine hours.

Telegraph companies experienced difficulty in handling business between Boston and Philadelphia and as far west as Buffalo, N. Y., and Harrisburg, Pa.

The property loss is heavy. Philadelphia reported one man killed. Both in that city and here, many accidents resulted from the storm. Along the New England coast a 60 mile gale ripped its way, but had subsided today for the most part.

In Atlantic ports, ships kept to their moorings, fearing to take a chance on the seas.

During the day the seaboard gradually recovered from demoralization of its traffic and crippling of its communications. Many stalled trains arrived with cold and angry passengers. The worst situation arising from the blizzard is the existence of a milk famine here. Crippled communication prevented much of the nutritious quarts of milk from reaching here from New York, Massachusetts, and New Jersey points.

THREE BURN TO DEATH
Chicago, Dec. 14.—Edward Barry, his wife, and Barbara were burned to death and six persons were injured today in a fire which destroyed their boarding house on East Grand avenue.

METEOR KILLED DOG TEAM
Dawson, Y. T., Dec. 14.—While Andrew Johnson, line man on the Yukon telegraph line, was traveling about 50 feet behind his dog team, a meteorite whizzed down and bored a hole in the earth 50 feet in diameter wiping out the team and outfit. Johnson was rendered unconscious for several hours.

Dude In Society Cave Man at Home

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—That her husband played "cave man" tactics toward her because "all women like cave men" were charges Mrs. Augustus Jesse Bowie, Jr., made today in discussing her suit for divorce charging the fishing society man with cruelty.

At one time, she charges, he told her, "I will crush you as all the Bowie men crush their women." Again, she claims, he replied to her request to be passed a dish on the table, "The Bowie women wait upon their men."

As to his alleged irresistible attraction for the women, Mrs. Bowie claimed he had said he was so handsome no woman could resist him. Once he struck her, she alleges, and asserts cruelty drove her from home several times.

But outside, she admits, he was suave, polished. Society knew him as gallant and courteous. At home, however, she charges he constantly tried to prove his contention that "all women like cave men."

Republicans Treated Bull Moosers Liberally

Washington, Dec. 14.—Independent republicans and bull moosers were treated liberally in committee appointments which Minority Leader Madden announced today. The rule of seniority in service was followed consistently in appointments to the important committees, except that "Uncle Joe" Cannon, Representatives Longworth, Hill and other "come backs" landed on favored committees.

Representative Kahn of California, remained the ranking minority member of the military affairs committee; Representative Kent of California went on public lands, and industrial arts and exhibitions; and Representative Elston of California to mileage, public buildings and grounds.

AMERICANS PURCHASE PACIFIC MAIL SHIPS

Buy Seven Steamers and Will Operate Them In Oriental Trade

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Shipping circles here were jubilant today over the prospects for a trade revival with the Orient, following the announcement in New York that the American International company has purchased the seven remaining vessels of the Pacific Mail Steamship company, and will operate them in the Pacific.

For the present the vessels will operate under the old Pacific Mail schedule to Balboa, Panama, but later they will be diverted to Orient ports. W. R. Grace & Co. will represent the American International.

Purchase of the vessels is only the beginning, according to bankers affiliated with the American International here. The group of financial kings, with unlimited capital behind them, will go after the South American trade, and will attempt to get the business which the French and Germans have been forced to drop on account of the war.

The eastern corporation plans the development of a fast and luxurious fleet of passenger and freight vessels for the Orient trade.

German Line to Come.
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 14.—Karl Von Heimolt, general manager of the North German Lloyd Steamship company offices in New York declared here today that vessels of his corporation would ply between Bremen, Germany, and Los Angeles, San Francisco and ports in Oregon and Washington when the war ends. He anticipates a big increase in the freight traffic between the Pacific coast and Germany.

TOBACCO? YES CORSETS? No
Carmi, Ill., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Betsy Storcy, who has just passed the 103 year mark, advises against corsets. She attributes her longevity to simple living—and no corsets. She smokes a pipe, but tobacco isn't harmful, she says.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 14.—Mayor Sebastian today drafted a proclamation calling on all pastors to offer prayers for universal peace when their congregations meet for the Christmas services. A memorial will also be sent to President Wilson from this city, urging him to use his influence in ending the European war.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Fair tonight, colder east portion; Wednesday fair east, increasing cloudiness followed by rain or snow west portion; westerly winds, shifting to southeasterly.



PEACE DOVE SHY ABOUT ROOSTING IN G. O. P. COTE

Delegates Hoping Roosevelt Will Support Anyone But Himself

OLD LINERS WANT ROOT BUT TEDDY AGAINST HIM

Chicago Is Selected As Place For Convention—June 7 Is the Date

CONVENTION JUNE 7.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Republican National convention will be held June 7, a week ahead of the Democratic, the national committee decided today.

The committee this afternoon voted for Chicago for the convention city. Chicago had 30 votes, San Francisco 13, St. Louis 7, and Philadelphia 2.

Inasmuch as this date necessitates earlier primaries in South Dakota and Maine than they had set for them, the committee members from these states objected and suggested June 27. The earlier time, however, was carried by a vote of 37 to 13.

Chicago claimed to have a majority of the committee for choice of that city as the convention place. On the preliminary ballot, however, San Francisco expects a large complimentary vote. Chicago is regarded as the probable winner. The committee ratified a reduction of 36 in the southern representation.

By Perry Arnold.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
Washington, Dec. 14.—With the Republican National committee doing its best to coax back into the G. O. P. the gun-shy progressives, the republicans dove cote is aflutter today because it thought it had discovered a scheme to insure the party convention's "absolute regularity."

The "machine" men's activity on behalf of the untried Oklahoma delegation and on split delegations from other states, caused the progressives' discovery that the regulars have been fostering an interchangeable sentiment for Weeks or Root for the presidency.

This fostering centered in the Atlantic seaboard and southern states, inasmuch as these give the majority of delegates in the convention.

Playing Two Ways.
Progressives allege that the machine men told their subordinates in the place that Colonel Roosevelt would support Weeks, while elsewhere they announced that he would aid Root. Moreover, to guard against defections, the alleged "regular" leaders have been working in the same way in several western states.

Agitation for St. Louis or Philadelphia as the convention city is still another evidence of the attempt to "regular" control, it is alleged. The environment in these places is displeasing to the progressives and Chicago is their choice for the meeting place.

As the committee gathered today it appeared that they would bend over backward in an effort to conciliate the progressives.

One progressive said: "You can say on high authority that Roosevelt will not support Root. I do not know about others but we absolutely will not support him."

Hughes or Roosevelt.
Washington, Dec. 14.—Wheel horses of the G. O. P. swung into line today in the session of the republican national committee while lobbyists buzzed with presidential possibilities chattered.

All the "possibilities" were either on hand in person or had just left. The most conspicuous absentees were Supreme Court Justice Hughes and Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. Of them, the lobby chatter was that if either would run, they would upset the other 11 candidates.

Toward Hughes, the general attitude was summed up thus: "If we can induce him to run, we will win with a rush."

Regarding Roosevelt, the delegates expressed themselves as hoping he will support some candidate other than Colonel Roosevelt. In last night's banquet of the committee, mention of his name was applauded, and then those who perpetrated this applause stopped, looked sheepish, and wondered if they really meant it. Several speakers extended the olive branch toward him with announcement that he would be welcomed back to the G. O. P. with honors.

From the banquet talks, it was evident that the campaign will be based on opposition to President Wilson's foreign policies no less than on his tariff stand.