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## WAR AT DECISIVE STAGE IS BELIEF IN GERMANY

### German Military Experts Decision Will Rest On Result of Campaign In Transylvania and Rumania—Allied Advance Toward Monastir Continues—Germans Claim To Have Recaptured Mountain Summit and To Have Repulsed Serbians

By Carl W. Ackerman,  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
Berlin, Nov. 18.—The war is approaching a decisive stage—and the decision will rest with the campaign in Transylvania and Rumania. Such is the expert military viewpoint here. As summed up today by a well informed military authority, the situation is:  
The triangular loss at Ancre does not affect the Somme battle as a whole. Viewing all the war theatres, the whole war has now reached a period of tension. The solution is drawing near. When this shall come depends on the progress of the present fighting in the Rumanian passes. We are making progress there, but the mountain difficulties are greater than in Serbia. Once General Falkenhayn crosses, my guess is the decision will come. How long this will take we do not know—but one must be patient and await coming developments.

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## HER CHANCES SLIGHT

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 18.—Inez Millholland Bollesovian, famous suffrage worker, who is originally ill here, was reported today to have had "a very comfortable night" and to be better.

If there's anything in a young husband, the installment plan will bring it out. The farmer has an 8-hour forenoon.

## BIG NAVY, BIG BILL

Washington, Nov. 18.—Exceeding last year's total by more than \$30,000,000 the new naval appropriation bill to be introduced in congress at the forthcoming session will call for an expenditure of \$375,000,000, Chairman Padgett of the house naval affairs committee stated today. Of this \$275,000,000 will be devoted to new ships and to payments on contracts already existing and \$100,000,000 for purposes of departmental administration.

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Big Chapel a Seething Mass of Shouting, Gesticulating Prisoners When Kay and Olcott Appear—Convicts Make Their Grievances Known—Want No Policeman or Sheriff Over Them—Object to Flax and Brick Workers Being Paid and Others Not

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