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## CAPITAL CITY OF RUMANIA WAS CAPTURED BY GERMANS TODAY

### Desperate Efforts of Russians to Check Advance of Central Powers Do Not Avail—Main Railroads Leading From Capital Are In Possession of Germans and Fate of Rumanian Armies In Retreat Is Still Matter of Uncertainty and Unexplained by Correspondent

Berlin, via Sayville, Dec. 6.—Bucharest and Ploesti have been captured by the allied troops of the central powers, a second official statement from the war office announced this afternoon.

Ploesti is a railroad junction 31 miles due north of Bucharest and on the main railroad from the Rumanian capital north.

In the early statement of today, the Petrograd war office admitted German progress around Tergoviscea and Ploesti. From the wording of the Berlin official statement it is not clear which of the encircling of the German advance "conquered" the Rumanian capital.

The Berlin statements have mentioned three separate thrusts at the capital. Of these, the southern army, which crosses the Danube and was located in official statements of yesterday at Gradistea—about 11 miles due south of Bucharest. Probably this was the closest to the city and it seems likely that this was the army which "conquered" the city, according to the Berlin official statement.

Carl W. Ackerman, United Press staff correspondent, in a dispatch received today, wrote on Sunday, December 3, that "Bucharest's fate was a matter of only a few days." He also mentioned "sewing up" of the Rumanians. The Berlin statement earlier in the day declared the Ploesti railroad was the only safe line of retreat for the Rumanians. If Ploesti is captured, probably the Rumanian defenders may be seriously threatened with complete separation from other allied forces.

### CORRESPONDENT DESCRIBES SITUATION

By Carl W. Ackerman, (United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
With the German Army at Pitesti, Rumania, Dec. 3.—(Via Berlin and Sayville wireless, Dec. 6.)—Bucharest's fate is a matter of only a few days. Desperate resistance by the Rumanians can only delay occupation of the capital.

To an observer of this great German achievement in Rumania, the goal of offensive in the movement now approaching its climax, is not Bucharest alone. Germany's object is first to destroy the Rumanian army, preparatory to a march toward Russia, with perhaps Odessa as the final goal.

All officers here believe that the present operations in Rumania are only the beginning of a gigantic operation by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg in the eastern, instead of the western theatre of war, designed to bring the decision of the war to this field.

The desperate efforts which Rumania is making to crush the German steam roller offensive by striking towards the Danube can only delay occupation of Bucharest by the Teutons and result in further weakening of the Rumanian forces, officers declare.

The greater part of the Rumanian army is wholly demoralized. Swift advances by Field Marshal Von Mackensen and General Von Falkenhayn cut Rumania into three parts.

Today's operations are expected to sew up three holes, forcing the Rumanians either to defend Bucharest from the north—or evacuate their capital.  
To one who for the past 10 days has followed the advancing German troops by automobile over 1,200 miles through Craiova, Alexandria, Slatina and Pitesti, Bucharest is not the sole object of the German offensive. To such an observer, Germany's object is destruction of as much of the Rumanian army as possible preparatory to a march toward Russia—perhaps with Odessa as the final goal.  
The German operations are moving forward here on a gigantic scale. For miles over Rumanian roads thousands of columns pass in a ceaseless moving picture. Beside the advancing columns, are wagon trains of desperate looking refugees and in the villages, packed with troops, are the Rumanian army prisoners.  
Desperation of the Rumanian army

staff in its efforts to mobilize all possible forces against the German advance was evidenced here today when a force of landsturm troops clad in civilian clothes and armed with hunting rifles was captured. Their ammunition was lead bullets, fitting the sporting rifles.  
I have visited two battle fields shortly after the fighting. The Rumanian losses in dead and wounded were staggering, while some German regiments finished the battles with only 70 to 80 killed. In the same battle the Rumanians lost from 500 to 700 dead and wounded per regiment, with an almost equal number of prisoners.  
The momentum which the German offensive has already gained with the strong forces en route cannot be halted by Rumania.  
—Advance is Restless.  
Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, I. I.  
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### WANT THEIR FLAG

Washington, Dec. 6.—Miss Hazel Hunkins of Billings, Mont., and Mrs. Beasie Papanadre of San Francisco two of the Congressional Union suffrage workers who waved the banner from the house gallery while the president was addressing congress, went to the capitol today to demand the return of the captured flag.  
The flag was turned over to the sergeant at arms of the house after Page Jimmy Griffen had torn it down.  
"The flag is ours and we want it," said the women as they reached the capitol. "We don't expect a refusal."  
They refused to say what they would do if they got one.

### ENGLAND REFUSES TO COAL VESSELS

### Serves Notice That It Cannot Supply Coal at Ports Controlled by Her

By Carl D. Groat (United Press staff correspondent.)  
Washington, Dec. 6.—Fresh trouble stirred today between the United States and England.  
This resulted from England's official announcement of a new policy, which like many others, hampers American commerce—namely, restrictions on supplying ship coal at her stations dotting the globe. The state department intends to do all it may to alter this policy, but little hope was held out by British authorities that there can be any material change for the present.  
In brief the new restrictive policy is that England cannot guarantee to furnish bunker coal at her coaling ports except to vessels engaged in lines beneficial to the allies. Otherwise vessels may and frequently have been halted for days awaiting England's pleasure about supplies.  
England offers what she regards as a perfectly legitimate excuse—that German submarines have reduced the carrying trade and England needs her vessels for other than coal carrying purposes.  
The United States has resented individual detentions, but has no opportunity yet to formulate a full policy toward the publicly announced program. International law experts doubted if the United States can accomplish much more than putting herself on record in protest, though everything will be done to effect a modification, inasmuch as the situation promises to grow increasingly serious for American commerce, particularly with the Philippines and South America.

### A NEST OF SNAKES

Baker, Ore., Dec. 5.—Folks flocked from far and near today to gaze upon the biggest assortment of snakes ever held here since prohibition arrived. The nest of reptiles was unearthed near Hereford. Laborers digging in a roadway hit a cave containing 700 writhing serpents, bunched together for a winter siesta.



You kin still git a rather fair 3-carrot dinner for a quarter at th' Little Gem. "I missed my train" is no longer an alibi.

### VILLA IS LOCATED AT SAN ANDREAS NEAR CHIHUAHUA

### Has Five Thousand Men with Him and Is "Resting from His Labors"

### WILL DIVIDE HIS ARMY INTO MANY SMALL BANDS

Trevino Is Fired and General Murgia Is Given Full Command  
By Webb Miller (United Press staff correspondent.)  
El Paso, Texas, Dec. 6.—With five thousand men, Villa is making his headquarters in the vicinity of San Andres, west of Chihuahua City, according to a code message received today by mining men here. United States authorities believe Villa will divide the loot taken from Chihuahua City, re-equip his men and scatter them into bands until he is ready for his next move.  
Authentic information has reached the border that Villistas are still holding Larral. Several hundred bandits under Colonel Beltran are in possession of the city.  
A shakeup in government military and civil departments of the state of Chihuahua was put into effect at once following re-occupation of Chihuahua City by Carranzista forces. Both the Trevino brothers were demoted. Arnulfo Gonzalez was made civil governor of the state, while General Murgia was placed in charge of the campaign against Villa.  
By observation here of the Mexican situation, jealousy on the part of General Murgia is said to have been responsible for the fall of Chihuahua City by retarding the march of his column and delaying its arrival until after the evacuation of the southern capital by the hard pressed garrison. Murgia saw the means to accomplish the downfall of Trevino's power observers declared.

### HIS WIRELESS TELEPHONE

Santa Barbara, Cal., Dec. 5.—Dr. H. Barringer Cox, who recently announced discovery of a wireless "circuits" telephone today announced his intention of installing a wireless telephone between this city and Santa Cruz Island. The "circuit" in this case will be through the water instead of the air.  
This follows an experiment by which Dr. Cox transmitted, through the ground, for 40 miles, the sound of an alarm clock ring.

Entirely sleeveless, lacking even straps to pass over the shoulders, but supported by an elastic band, is a recently patented underwear for women.

## OFFICIAL RETURNS ON ELECTION FOR 1916 STATE AND NATIONAL

Official canvass of the votes cast for electors for president of the United States, for representatives from the First, Second and Third congressional districts, and for state officers was made Tuesday and is given out by the secretary of state. The law requires the secretary of state to make an official canvass of the election returns within 30 days after the election, which in this case was held November 7.  
The governor has issued a proclamation announcing that the persons receiving the highest number of votes for the various offices at the November election are duly elected and today certificates of election are being sent out to the successful candidates. Proclamation announcing the results of the election regarding the measures voted on at the election is made. The following tables show the result by the official count:

<b>Republican Electors.</b> R. B. Butler, 126,749. Willis I. Cottel, 126,813. W. P. Keedy, 126,612. W. C. North, 129,560. J. P. Wilson, 126,112.	<b>Democratic Electors.</b> Oliver P. Coshow, 119,425. Bert E. Hancoy, 129,987. Porter J. Neff, 119,859. Daniel W. Sheahan, 119,743. John H. Stevenson, 119,064.	<b>Prohibition Electors.</b> Curtis P. Coe, 4,729. Levi T. Pennington, 4,597. Henry Sheak, 4,602. M. Frances Swope, 4,593. Cyrus H. Walker, 4,553.
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**Socialist Electors.**  
Max Burchgoler, 9,700.  
Frank W. Johnson, 9,711.  
Selma J. McCone, 9,671.  
August Nikola, 9,629.  
W. M. Tipton, 9,610.

**Progressive Electors.**  
Emmett Callahan, 310.  
**Representatives—First District.**  
W. C. Hawley, 69,539.  
W. S. Richards, 7,343.  
Mark W. Weatherford, 39,101.  
**Representative—Second District.**  
James Hickman Barkley, 6,023.  
N. J. Sinnott, 36,039.  
Scatterling, 547.  
**Representative—Third District.**  
John A. Jeffrey, democratic, 9,824.  
C. N. McArthur, republican, 35,852.  
A. W. Lafferty, progressive-independent, 27,649.  
Albert Streiff, socialist, 2,637.

**Secretary of State.**  
E. L. Cannon, socialist, 22,694.  
Ben W. Oleott, republican-democratic-progressive, 199,336.  
**Justices Supreme Court.**  
C. J. Bright, prohibition, 37,159.  
Geo. H. Burnett, republican, 148,741.  
J. E. Hosmer, socialist, 28,181.  
Frank A. Moore, republican, 123,669.  
Turner Oliver, democratic, 72,582.

**Dairy and Food Commissioner.**  
Donald W. McKinnon, socialist, 23,714.  
John D. Mickle, republican-democratic-progressive, 170,282.  
A. G. Rempel, prohibition, 23,445.  
**Public Service Commissioner—Eastern**  
Albert Streiff, socialist, 2,637.

### CONGRESS WAITS FOR PRESIDENT TO PRESS BUTTON

### Will Do Nothing Regarding High Food Prices Until He Acts

### DEPARTMENTS ARE BUSY GETTING INFORMATION

Department of Justice May Call Special Grand Jury in New York  
By Robert J. Bender. (United Press staff correspondent.)  
Washington, Dec. 6.—Action by congress on any food price legislation will await the recommendation of President Wilson and his cabinet.  
Such executive recommendation will be based on the reports, some of which the president has already been receiving for some days, from various government departments conducting investigations.  
This plan, it was claimed today on best authority, has the approval and will get every ounce of support of democratic house and senate leaders.  
While administration officials and congressional leaders admitted frankly they do not expect "a macadamized road" to fruition of their plan, they believed food embargo agitators and other individual members who have plans and ideas of their own, could be "taken care of" until a carefully considered and detailed plan has been decided on.  
"Satisfying progress," is being made in the various departmental steps underway, it was said today.  
Special Assistant Attorney General George Anderson, in charge of the department of justice probe, arrived here today and immediately held a conference with Assistant Attorney General Todd, at which, it is said, plans were formulated to investigate produce associations of the country.  
He will see Secretary Houston, Secretary Redfield and representatives of the interstate commerce and federal trade commissions. He will probably see the president also.  
According to reports now before the president, the department of justice is planning to call a special grand jury in some districts, probably New York or Chicago, in an attempt to ascertain whether attempts being made to control prices are in violation of the Sherman law.  
The president has not yet decided whether to embody his recommendation when formulated into a special message to congress or take it up individually with leaders of all parties. His final action will depend largely on the situation in congress.  
The president will confer this evening with Chairman Henry of the house rules committee relative to clearing the track as rapidly as possible for the railroad legislation in order to make room for the foodstuffs discussion later.

### UP TO THE CITIES

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—Cities along the Pacific coast must show the interstate commerce commission that great damage to them will result from any change in transcontinental freight rates and likewise intermediate cities like Spokane, Reno and Phoenix, must show that a change in rates would be of great benefit to them if present rates are to be changed.  
This was indicated here today in the course of examination by Henry W. Thurtell, examiner for the commission.  
In the course of the examination here it was shown that nearly 7800,000 will be lost on two contracts if the rates are changed.

### VERDICT IS GUILTY IN SECOND DEGREE

### Miss Edith Colby Convicted After All Night Session of Jury

Thompson Falls, Mont., Dec. 6.—Miss Edith Colby, Spokane newspaper woman, was today convicted of murder in the second degree for the shooting and killing of A. C. Thomas, prominent republican politician, here last September and sentenced to from ten to twelve years in the penitentiary. Miss Colby charged Thomas with calling her a "red light woman."  
The verdict was reached after the jury had deliberated all night, the case having been given to them at 8 o'clock last night, after a stormy session of the most sensational trial this state has had in several years. During the session yesterday afternoon Miss Colby who had been exceedingly nervous during the entire trial, collapsed after listening to a scathing denunciation by Prosecutor Wheeler, in which he warned the jury not to take heed of the appeals from the defense for sympathy.  
The defense immediately gave notice of appeal.

### Foxhall Keene Hurt When Thrown by Horse

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 6.—Physician attending Foxhall P. Keene, who was thrown from his horse while participating in a chase near the Hartford Hunt club yesterday afternoon refused to discuss the extent of Keene's injuries today.  
Preparations at the club indicated that Keene would be brought to Baltimore. It is believed that an operation will be necessary. Keene is known to have been seriously hurt about the head and badly shaken up.  
Keene has been seriously hurt time and again while riding. In 1895 during a polo match at Prospect Park, Brooklyn, he was knocked from his horse and the horse fell on him. He was rendered unconscious. In 1912 he was thrown while hunting in England and suffered concussion of the brain. Later he was badly hurt by a fall in Ireland.

### Tacoma Will Have Shipbuilding Plant

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 6.—Adding to the growing list of new ship building concerns for Tacoma, articles of incorporation for the Peoples Ship Building company, representing \$250,000 in eastern capital, were filed in Olympia today.  
A deal for the purchase of 20 acres of tide lands at Gig Harbor from A. B. L. Gellerman, prohibition candidate for governor in the November election, was concluded last night and work on a \$50,000 plant will be started immediately according to E. Knapp Derrin, who is here representing the outside capital.

### Cruisers To Be Fastest Ever Built

Washington, Dec. 6.—Bids for building four battle cruisers to be the speediest in the world, were submitted to the navy department today on the basis of actual cost plus a percentage profit by the Newport News Ship Building Drydock company, Union Iron Works of San Francisco; Bow River Ship Building Corporation and William Cramp and Sons company, Philadelphia.

### SEATTLE-PORTLAND FLIGHT

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 6.—Aviator Herbert Munter, accompanied by J. L. Locher, a student, expected to get away from the Boeing Aero Station here at 11 o'clock this morning in an attempt to make a non-stop flight to Portland in his 125 horse power tractor biplane. Munter says he hopes to reach Portland in three and a half hours.

### TO ABOLISH NATIONAL GUARD

Washington, Dec. 6.—Senator Borah today introduced a bill to abolish the national guard in its present federal form and return it to the standing it had as a state force before passage of the Hay-Chamberlain bill last summer. The bill was referred to the military committee.

### LOYD GEORGE IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ASQUITHS PLACE

### King Summons Entire Cabinet Today for a Private Conference

### ASQUITHS FALL IS DUE TO PUBLIC OPINION

### Cabinet Called "Gang of Aged or Inept Mediocrities" by Publisher

STATEMENT PREMATURE  
London, Dec. 6.—The London Evening News late today declared the announcement that Andrew Bonar Law had declined to form a new cabinet, was premature.  
The Evening News is a North-cliffe newspaper and has usually been accurate in its announcements regarding the cabinet situation, due to Lord North-cliffe's personal activity in the present crisis.  
The announcement, if true, may mean that at the meeting of the Asquith coalition cabinet, called at Buckingham palace today, so much opposition developed to Lloyd-George's selection as premier—a choice almost conceded when announcement was made that Law had declined such a task—that a reconstruction with Bonar Law at the head was still a possibility.

By Ed L. Keen (United Press staff correspondent.)  
London, Dec. 6.—A conference whose final decision will undoubtedly mean the substitution of a fighting government for the diplomatic government which has guided England in the war to date, was in progress in Buckingham palace this afternoon.  
Announcement of David Lloyd-George, leader of the aggressive forces of the empire, as premier, was expected momentarily.  
King George, seeking conciliatory agreement between the Asquith faction and those supporting Lloyd-George, summoned the entire cabinet to Buckingham palace.  
Lloyd-George, about whose head the entire cabinet crisis has whirled, was summoned to a private conference with the king during the morning after Andrew Bonar Law had formally declined to accept the formation of a new ministry.  
Premier Asquith later appeared at Buckingham. He was summoned to the general conference along with Lloyd-George, Arthur Balfour, Arthur Henderson, Bonar Law, Samuel and other members of the government. Asquith was one of the last to arrive.  
Lloyd-George also participated in this conference and political circles were filled with various rumors as to what the outcome might be.  
Those who continued to look upon the situation optimistically insist upon the Asquith government is concerned expressed the belief that a "satisfactory settlement" would be reached.  
With Bonar Law declining the premiership, however, London generally regarded Lloyd-George as the only logical choice for the new head of the government.  
It is known he would insist upon a ministry back of him of the most aggressive type. Such a final selection would be a complete victory for those supporting the fight against the Asquith government.

**A Publisher's Opinion**  
London, Dec. 6.—Lord Northcliffe, England's foremost publisher, one of the strongest figures in British public life today and the man who through constant iteration in his great London newspapers of demand for greater unity, aggressiveness, efficiency and force in England's conduct of the war, real-

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### THE WEATHER

SEND UP A LOAD OF COAL

Oregon: Tonight and Thursday fair and occasionally rainy with a cold front moving south to west winds.  
Washington: Partly cloudy with occasional showers.  
California: Partly cloudy with occasional showers.  
Texas: Partly cloudy with occasional showers.  
Florida: Partly cloudy with occasional showers.  
New York: Partly cloudy with occasional showers.  
Chicago: Partly cloudy with occasional showers.  
St. Louis: Partly cloudy with occasional showers.  
San Francisco: Partly cloudy with occasional showers.