

ROMANIANS WIN BACK MANY LOST POSITIONS

In Vigorous Attacks Sunday Retook Places Recently Lost—Battle Along This Front Still In Progress—Mountains Covered With Deep Snow Retards Movements—Germans Repulsed in Attacks on Carpathian Front—Quiet On Other Fronts

Petrograd, Dec. 11.—By vigorous counter attacks, Rumanian forces have won back positions along the high road from Ploeshti to Mizilu, which they lost to the enemy on Saturday, today's official statement asserted. The Teutonic attacks of Saturday pressed the Rumanians back but early Sunday the Rumanians restored themselves after vigorous offensives. The battle along this line is still in progress. In Dobrudja the statement detailed reciprocal firing along the Danube. Southeast of the Pomorjana region and around the village of Jesepchovka an enemy offensive was repulsed by fire, the statement said, detailing operations along the Carpathian front. In the region of Valeputna and also in the valley of the Trotush the enemy offered stubborn resistance to the Russian offensive, meeting the Russian advance with a violent fire and frequent counter attacks which were unsuccessful. The mountains along the whole front are deep in snow and the frost heavy.

Capture Bridgehead

Sofia, Dec. 11.—Capture of the west bridgehead at Cernavoda was announced in today's official report. A Bulgarian force crossed the Danube into Rumania near Silistria and captured the city of Kalapasi. In Macedonia, the statement said, several enemy attacks had been repulsed. Forcing back of the enemy for several hundred feet by allied forces west of Suhodol was also announced.

Pursuing Rumanians

Berlin, via Sayville wireless, Dec. 11.—Despite a pouring rain, a soaked soil and destruction of all bridges, our armies proceeded as planned, declared today's official statement discussing the operations in Rumania. Pursuit of the Rumanians was in some places attended by strong resistance. The German forces made several thousand additional prisoners.

Allies' Attacks Fail

Berlin, via Sayville wireless, Dec. 11.—Another severe failure of allied attacks in Macedonia was reported in today's war office statement. Tenacious resistance of Bulgarian German forces repulsed attacks.

Aeroplanes 'Sunk'

Pahis, Dec. 11.—Four German aeroplanes were brought down Sunday south of the Somme. There was intermittent cannonading yesterday in this section, the official statement announced today.

To Hear From Chancellor

Amsterdam, Dec. 11.—Germany is expected an important announcement from Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg when the reichstag convenes tomorrow, advisers from Berlin asserted today. The Vossische Zeitung declares it has been informed that "an important political statement will be made, the nature of which is being kept profoundly secret."

Successful Air Raid

Berlin, Dec. 11.—(Via Sayville wireless).—A highly successful air raid on enemy airdromes at Belzina and Batteries at Soobha was announced in the Austro-Hungarian official statement for

Abe Martin advertisement featuring an illustration of a man and a woman, with text: 'The high price of high shoes only seems to boost the demand. A fellow never knows the value of a woman's affections till she sees him.'

AUTO WENT OVER CLIFF

Bend, Or., Dec. 11.—Neal Southwick of Redmond, Or., is dead today, and two others seriously hurt as the result of an automobile smash. Denton O. Burdick, state legislator of Redmond, was driving his car when the steering gear snapped and the machine plunged over a 100 foot cliff. Burdick's arm was broken. Max Cumming, attorney was internally hurt.

LLOYD GEORGE ILL FROM OVER EXERTION

Physician Orders Him to Bed, But He Dictates From There

London, Dec. 11.—Lloyd George's superhuman endeavors of the past week in reconstructing England's government brought him down with a severe chill today. Physicians orders forbade him leaving his home today and a letter which the premier wrote to members of parliament indicated his belief that he would be unable to attend the session of parliament tomorrow at which the new cabinet will formally take its place. The one predominant task before the government is a vigorous prosecution of the war to a triumphant conclusion. Lloyd George declared in his letter to members of parliament. "I am confident I can rely on your support and that you will long devote your energies effectively to that end." While the premier remained indoors, his new ministers were formally received at Buckingham palace by King George and kissed his majesty's hand. A meeting of the privy council, called at noon, brought the names of the retiring ministers and later delivered these to the newly-accredited cabinet members.

GEORGE'S IDEAS ARE INDORSED IN FRANCE

Leaders Say France Must Follow Example and Concentrate Power

By William Philip Simms. (United Press staff correspondent). Paris, Dec. 11.—More and more England's limited war council idea is gaining support in France. More and more is Lloyd-George being regarded as England's man of the hour. France isn't wasting time in pessimistic reflections over Romania and Greece. On the contrary, the nation is setting its jaws more firmly and demanding action that will be immediate and daring. With the slowdown of activity along the western front forced by chilling and unceasing rain, clammy fogs and seas of mud, the British, the Greek and Rumanian loom all the more prominently here. An accurate reflection of France's spirit today was given by Henry Cheron, a prominent senator, who publishes in today's Petit Parisien this analysis of France's situation: "The crisis of authority reigning in France is not the fault of the republic but of a fever which proved itself worthy of its name while traversing tragic events. It is not the failure of legislation, for when the truth is known the legislature, it will be seen, has succeeded, not hindered, government action. "Then why is authority lacking? Because we have used peace-time methods instead of doing what we should have done—what more than ever we must do—and that is to concentrate direction and arouse vigorous prosecution of the war."

Greek King Protests

Athens, Dec. 11.—King Constantine's government made formal protest to the allied powers today against continuance of the allies' blockade.

Late War Bulletins

Greece occupied most interest among European diplomats and militarists today. Apparently the allies have served an ultimatum on the king, demanding complete demobilization and in the meantime the monarch is attempting to communicate with Berlin. He has lodging protests against the allied blockade. In Rumania Berlin claims continued advance of the Teutonic columns, despite unfavorable weather, with capture of thousands of prisoners. Petrograd claimed a recapture by Rumanians of a position they had lost Saturday on the road from Ploeshti to Mizilu. Sofia said Bulgarian forces had crossed the Danube near Silistria and captured the Rumanian town of Kalapasi. Taking of the western bridgehead at Cernavoda was also reported in this statement. Both Petrograd and Berlin reports indicate bitter fighting still in progress along the Carpathians. "Severe failure was the language Berlin made use of in describing unsuccessful Franco-Serbian attacks on the Macedonian front. Sofia said the enemy had been forced back several hundred feet west of Suhodol. The weather is still bad along the western front. Paris reports intermittent firing. Berlin claimed destruction of parts of trench positions by mining operations.

AMERICANS MUST GET OUT OR FIGHT IS VILLA'S LATEST

Says He Liked Wilson Until He Recognized the Traitor Carranza

PERSHING VIOLATING ALL MEXICO'S RIGHTS

Will Make Gap Between Countries No American Can Cross

New York, Dec. 11.—"I am going to drive the Americans out of Mexico or make them fight." This is the declaration of Francisco Villa as reported in an interview printed by the New York Evening World today. Thorvald Flood Mortensen, the interviewer says he went to Villa's headquarters at Quintana, the second day of the occupation of the city of Chihuahua. "Do you know the mayor of El Paso?" Villa asked. "Do you know what he did? Chased my wife out of the country like a common poor woman of the street and took her diamonds and rings away from her. Tell that fellow that if he were a man he would come down and fight with me and not fight with a woman who is a stranger in his country. I know him; he is an avocado for the scintificos, and Hipolito Hermans (Villa's brother)—did not the North Americans try to murder him?" "Do you know Pershing? Pershing is violating the sacred rights of Mexico and has got to get out. I will show them; poco importa that they cannot violate Mexican rights. "Do you know Wilson? I was his friend. I liked him, but at Agua Prieta he turned traitor to me and the cause I represented and helped Carranza—the bad man of Mexico. Is there any wonder that I chase the Americans out of Mexico?" Asked what he intended to do, he replied: "Drive them out, or make them fight and after that are gone I will make a gap between the two countries so wide and deep that no American will ever be able to steal Mexican land, gold or oil."

Boycott on Eggs Bad for Poultry Ranches

Portland, Or., Dec. 11.—Several of Oregon's biggest poultry ranches are in imminent danger of being forced out of business today by the housewives boycott on eggs. Frantic letters are being received by big dealers and market experts, asking relief. "The consumers of eggs in Portland and elsewhere," said Andrew Eddimann of the Mountain View Poultry farm today, "don't realize that with their present movement they are not hurting the rich man but the poor hard working poultryman. Retailers are unable to sell eggs, wholesalers refuse to buy and the producers are left with huge supplies on hand and no means of preserving them until conditions change."

Woman Says Wax Stole Her Diamonds

Portland, Or., Dec. 11.—Charles H. Wax, whom the New York police suspect of having swindled many women in Portland as "Colonel Mason," and stole \$10,000 worth of diamonds from Mrs. Lillian Pike according to her statement to the police today. Mrs. Pike, who is a widow, made this charge after having scrutinized photographs of Wax through a microscope. She said that Wax, or "Colonel Mason," met her on a train en route east, never tried to make love, but robbed her room in a New York hotel while she was out. Under the name of H. M. Hudson, Wax is said to have been arrested in Portland in 1913 and sentenced to five years for alleged forgery, escaping after five months.

ENGLAND TO MAKE SUPREME EFFORT TO CONCLUDE WAR

Lloyd-George Stirs England To Its Depths by Determined Action

FEVER OF ENTHUSIASM SWEEPS THE EMPIRE

Nation's Vigor Concentrated On Preparation for Next Year's Fighting

London, Dec. 11.—England's every resource is to be turned into the war. Every luxury is to be cut off; every activity turned into the serious business of fighting. Nothing could be clearer than this decision in the public's belief after announcement of David Lloyd-George's new cabinet today and consideration of preliminary measures to be enacted. The little Welshman becomes practically dictator of England. Associated with him in the "war council" are Earl Curzon, who will be government leader in the house of commons; Arthur Henderson and Lord Milner, ministers without portfolio. Because Curzon and Law will be largely occupied with their duties in the two houses, the war council really narrows down to a permanent membership of three men, and two of these, Milner and Henderson, are without other tasks than that of members of the war council. They are left entirely free in order to prosecute the war, with Lloyd-George. Thus the government forces are aligned for efficiency. This new government also plans efficiency through reforms as to the public economy. It is believed practically certain that Lloyd-George's regime will institute absolute prohibition on spirits throughout Great Britain with severe restrictions on beer and wine. Further manufacture of the spirituous liquors will be forbidden. One of Lloyd-George's new "department heads" is a food controller—Lord Devonport. His appointment—it is a post—was taken to pressure issuance of institution of all the internal economies in connection with the nation's food supply necessary to reduce waste. Meatless days each week are expected. Forecast also in the new government's ideas of unremitting, reinvigorated conduct of the war, is the cutting off of all unnecessary luxuries in private life and concentration upon only necessary work. All the nation's vigor is to be directed at preparing for the spring drive and in this winter operations. Along Business Lines Primarily, Lloyd-George's "reconstruction of government" is a reconstruction along business lines. Business men, new in politics, make up largely his advisory board. Such a businessman is Lord Devonport, who has been manager of the Port of London, and who now becomes food controller. Among the other 28 "department heads" in the new lineup are these business men: Baron Rhodes, made president of the local government board and who was Davis Thomas, coal magnate; Sir Albert Stanley, made president of the board of trade, new general manager of the London underground railway, who received his technical education and his training in America, having been street railway manager in Detroit and New Jersey; Sir Alfred Mond, made first commissioner of works, who is head of several big corporations in London; Sir Frederick Cawley, "chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, a member of parliament who has achieved success as a business man; Albert Illingworth, made postmaster general, a partner in one of England's great spinning mill firms; John Hodge, made minister of labor, now secretary of the steel smelting association; Sir Joseph Paton MacLay, made shipping controller, is a big ship owner. In two other posts Lloyd-George selected Rowland E. Crothero, for president of the board of agriculture, who has made a success as manager of the Duke of Bedford's great estates; and Herbert A. L. Fisher, made president of the board of education, who made a brilliant record as head of Sheffield University.

Italy Follows England

Rome, Dec. 11.—Italy, no less than her allies, is preparing to make 1917 a year of its most vigorous prosecution of the war. Two events today so indicated the new determination of the nation. One was the calling to the colors of the class of 1898, one year in advance of the time at which men at that age ordinarily would be called upon for military service. The other was the vote of confidence accorded the present government by parliament. The session was a secret. The vote was 376 to 45. Details of the

CHRISTMAS FOR SOLDIERS

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 11.—Women were busy today calling up their friends, asking that no Christmas gifts be sent them. This is part of a campaign to turn every available penny into buying comforts for the flower of Canada's manhood in the trenches, somewhere in France. Tons of gifts from the women left behind have gone overseas to Canada's men within ten days.

EXPLAINS STANDING OF JEWS IN POLAND

Are Given Chance to Conduct Schools and For Self Government

New York, Dec. 11.—Replying to his request for an explanation of Germany's order effecting Jews in Poland, German Foreign Secretary Zimmerman today transmitted the following to Dr. S. M. Melamed, editor of the American Jewish Chronicle: "It gives the Jews far reaching self government, possibility for conducting their own schools and for the development of their own educational system." "The rational autonomy question can only be settled by the Polish constitution and could not be anticipated by the present order. For this question a previous understanding is necessary between Poles and Jews. "The order makes possible an unhampered progress and development of Jewish life. It creates boards under self government for organizing and superintending schools and plans of instruction, with authority to levy taxes and create representative bodies of Jewish interests. "The Jewish supreme council makes it possible for Polish Jews to participate in the future government of Poland. "Compulsory conscription for Polish Jews does not exist. Only volunteering of Poles and Jews into the Polish legion is contemplated. The extent of such volunteering, however, cannot yet be foreseen." The statement was transmitted through German Ambassador Von Bernstorff at Washington.

CONGRESSWOMAN NAMES SECRETARY

Commences Sorting Great Pile of Letters From All Kinds of Freaks

Missoula, Mont., Dec. 11.—Belle Feligman, newspaper woman, was named today as secretary to Jeannette Rankin, America's first feminine member of congress. Miss Feligman was formerly editor of the Montana Progressive. She went to work immediately sorting thousands of letters from suffrage leaders through out the country, which keep on arriving daily. Miss Rankin cannot attempt to answer all of them. Proposals of marriage have come in such vast numbers that they no longer create any excitement. Scores of billets doux have gone into the fire place. Miss Rankin refuses to issue any more statements or talk for publication until her legislative program is completed. She is spending all her time in her study, drafting bills which she will introduce at the next session of congress. It is understood that national child labor, universal vocational education and national suffrage measures are to be among the first presented. Miss Rankin plans to leave for Washington near the end of January.

Claims He Shot Brother to Save His Family

Portland, Or., Dec. 11.—Frank Amato declared today that he shot and killed his brother, Salvatore, in defending his home and family from the crazed man's attacks. Salvatore was slain in a pistol duel with Frank. The latter is held for investigation. According to his story, his brother became enraged, threatened to kill Mrs. Frank Amato and her daughter and finally rushed from the house, returning with a gun. The fight followed.

DROPPED PROSECUTION

Washington, Dec. 11.—The government today dropped prosecution of John T. Billard, James S. Elton, William Skinner, involved in the New Haven prosecution in New York. Government attorneys asked the supreme court to dismiss the government's appeal. division on this vote were not made public but it is supposed those who opposed the government's plans were the socialist wing and some adherents of Gollitt.

SAY DEPORTATION OF BELGIANS IS STRICTLY LEGAL

Answer Made to Protest of Switzerland Also Answers America

NO WORK CONTRARY TO LAWS OF NATIONS

Many Idle Belgian Workmen Voluntarily Asked To Be Deported

Berlin, Dec. 11.—Defense of deportation of Belgian workmen was made by the German government today in a special statement issued by the press bureau, which also announced receipt and "declaration" of the Belgian protest against such transfers. Germany holds her actions in Belgium are justified by that part of The Hague international law regulations requiring a power occupying an invaded nation to maintain order and permitting "additional orders" to this end. "The statement follows: "The Swiss minister at Berlin, in conversation with the chancellor, notified him that rumors of trouble in transportation of Belgian workmen had impressed the Swiss population. Therefore the information was given the Swiss government about the facts and legal aspects of the case, notice also being given that the governor general at Brussels would respect neutral Swiss interests in carrying out the measures. "The Belgian government, through the Spanish embassy in Berlin, which is charged with representation of Belgian interests, protested against the transportation of Belgian workmen to Germany and their employment in work. The protest was declined as announced. The order of the governor general at Brussels May 15 last punishes with prison confinement or forced employment persons who enjoy public charity and nevertheless refuse to accept or continue work corresponding to their abilities. "This is by no means contrary to international law, since paragraph 43 of The Hague land war orders obliges an occupying power to maintain public order and if the country's laws are insufficient for this purpose to issue additional orders. His public order without doubt implies that able bodied persons as far as possible do not impose themselves on public charity. Since work is scarce in Belgium, a large number of Belgian workmen have voluntarily applied for it in Germany. Others were naturally treated, according to the quoted order of the governor general. "No scenes of terror occurred during the transport of workmen, which was accomplished without any harshness and with all possible consideration. "Neither in Germany nor in the occupied parts of France or Belgium are the occupants coerced to do work contrary to the laws of nations."

To Give American Military Trial

Brownsville, Texas, Dec. 11.—Ricardo Solis, American citizen, arrested in Matamoros last week on unknown charges, today was taken to Ciudad Victoria, capital of Tamaulipas state, for military trial, over protests of United States Consul Johnson. The consul had warned General Caballero, de facto commander at Matamoros, that such action possibly would have grave results as he had reported the matter to Secretary Lansing.

LOOKING FOR GOMEZ

Redwood City, Cal., Dec. 11.—Police were making a detailed search today for Antonio Gomez, whom they believe may throw some light on the death of Mrs. Maria Rodriguez whose body was found with a bullet wound in the head in a lonely ranch house at the top of the La Honda grade Sunday. An empty grave, newly dug in the rear of the house, the police say indicated the slayer intended to bury the body but evidently was frightened away. The woman held an industrial policy in a life insurance company. Several receipts indicated this, but the policy itself has not been found.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Tuesday fair south, unsettled, probably rain or snow north, warmer tonight east portion, southerly winds.