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VERDUN SUCCESS AND YIELDING OF GREECE PLEAS

The Duma's Action In Rejecting Peace Proposals Also Encourages

EFFECTS OF NEW BLOOD IN CABINETS IS FELT

Say Reception Given Germany's Offer Shows Unity Among Allies

By Ed L. Keen.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
London, Dec. 16.—First evidences of new blood injected into the British and French governments through cabinet re-organization was seen today in the ultimatum to Greece and France's new Verdon offensive.
Press reports of King Constantine's reply to the demands of the allies were received here today. Every earlier indication pointed to his submission which acceptance of the allies' terms will undoubtedly reflect credit on Lloyd-George and Briand, justifying the recent revolutionary policies of both countries.
News from all sources continue to pile up the evidence of renewed determination to wage war. Official statements which have recently been drab and colorless, now reflect new inspiration and joy, in much the same tones as they did back in July, when the big push started.
National questions of biggest importance which have been hanging fire for weeks and months are rapidly taking shape under the more vigorous leadership of Lloyd-George.
Newspapers today all emphasize General Nivelle's "push" at Verdun as a fitting reply to the German peace offers.
The action of the Russian duma rejecting Germany's peace proposals and Foreign Minister Provisky's speech was received with strong approval in London. Following, as it does, the speech of French Premier Briand before the chamber of deputies and the tentative declaration of Bonar Law in the House of Commons Thursday, it was taken as showing the complete unity of the allies.
It was considered certain the speech of Premier Lloyd-George on Tuesday will be along the same lines. The only question is whether the answer to Germany will be a flat rejection or a rejection coupled with some counter suggestions.
Calls It France's Answer.
Paris, Dec. 16.—France's answer to Germany's peace proposals is:
Wresting of more than 12 square miles of territory from the enemy. Capture of more than 1,500 Germans.
Gain of numerous German trenches, the villages of Vacheriville and Louvrou, the farms of Chambray and the fortifications of Harumont and Dezonvaux.
The answer was another one of General Nivelle's sudden "pushes" in the Verdun sector. The newly created commander of French armies in the north and northeast opened his attack yesterday morning and within a few hours had again swept away from the enemy territory which it had taken them months of sanguinary fighting to obtain. It was another stroke such as Nivelle, thus commanding the Verdun

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Abe Martin



What's become o' th' ole time polka dot hose barber that wuz allus clean? I shot gas when you went in his shop? They've had meat at the Tilford Moots home twice this week.

EXPECTING A STRIKE

Portland, Ore., Dec. 16.—An expected strike of 500 men employed at Portland's shipyards is being called at any minute to the Metal Trades Council committee is expected to have power to order a walkout, leaving the executive committee to the executive committee.
This situation follows the refusal of the Northwest Steel company and other big plants to grant demands for a signed agreement, with closed shop and minimum wage provisions. If the walkout materializes it will affect 2,500 men in the ship yards and subsidiary industries.

LOS ANGELES PLANT DESTROYED BY FIRE

Following Two Small Explosions Fire Spreads —Loss \$500,000

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 16.—Fire, said by the police and fire department officials to have been of incendiary origin early this morning practically destroyed the plant of the Llewellyn Iron Works, causing \$500,000 damage to the plant. The plant of the Lacey Manufacturing company, nearby, to which the flames later spread, was damaged to the extent of \$20,000.
Two explosions preceded the fire according to the employees, and fifty men barely escaped from the burning building, so rapidly did the flames spread.
The Llewellyn plant was partially wrecked by a bomb explosion in 1910. The Llewellyn plant employed 500 men. It manufactured steel girders and other steel fabrications. The buildings were all frame structures, and the machinery of the plant is believed to be nearly all destroyed.
Investigators today learned that the fire started in the office of the plant and spread with great rapidity to all parts of it. In an instant and before the fire department arrived the entire plant of the company was in flames, cutting off for a few minutes the escape of fifty men employed in the machine shop.
Deadly electric wires broke around these men and for a time it was feared they would not be saved.
The bomb which caused the explosion in the plant in 1910 was placed but a short distance from where the first flames were observed this morning. W. O. Williams, night watchman at the plant, who turned in the alarm, informed the police that he heard two distinct explosions in different parts of the plant.
David Caplan, convicted of manslaughter in connection with the Los Angeles Times dynamiting just twelve hours before the Llewellyn explosion, declares no associates of his were in any way connected with the explosion, which some ascribed to a demonstration against Caplan's conviction.
He declares that any such movement would cause him irreparable injury.
Today the bodies of the ruined plant were found to be intact. This disposes of the theory that the fire started from a boiler explosion.
"We have positively established the fact that the fire at the Llewellyn Iron Works started in the pattern room and was incendiary. We think that gasoline was spread about the plant, judging by the rapidity with which the flames spread. We do not think that either dynamite or glycerine was used," said Fire Chief Ely.
Deputy District Attorney Woodbine is working with the police in their effort to ascertain the ones responsible for the explosion and fire.
In 1910, shortly after the Los Angeles Times building was destroyed by a fire started by a bomb, a bomb was exploded in an attempt to destroy the Llewellyn plant. The plant was partially damaged.
The subsequent apprehension and trial of James B. and John J. McNamara provided a series of sensations in labor circles and caused the conviction and imprisonment of most of the highest officials of the International Iron Workers Union.
The McNamara brothers confessed the Los Angeles Times and Llewellyn Iron Works explosions and are now serving terms in San Quentin prison.

Will Ask New Trial for David Caplan

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 16.—A motion for a new trial will be made on behalf of David Caplan, his attorneys announced today following his conviction yesterday of manslaughter in connection with the Los Angeles Times dynamiting in 1910. Failing in this, they will appeal to the higher courts.
Caplan and his attorneys were keenly disappointed by the verdict. Caplan contends that he is innocent, but says he believes the verdict of the jury should have been murder if the jurors were convinced of his connection with the atrocity.

PEACE OUTLOOK IS SOME BRIGHTER

Pennsylvania Town Damaged \$350,000 by Fire

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 16.—Fanned by high winds, fire that started late last night swept a wide path of destruction through Shamokin's business district. Firemen from a dozen nearby towns fought the conflagration and reported it under control early today.
Until 2 o'clock it was feared the entire business section and at least part of the residential section of the town would be wiped out. The blaze started in the Williams building. In 15 minutes the entire structure was enveloped in flames that were blown directly across other buildings.
Sixty families were driven to the streets. The loss is estimated at \$350,000.

HARVARD PROFESSOR DROPS DEAD AT CLASS

Noted Psychologist Hugo Munsterberg Dies While Lecturing

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 16.—Professor Hugo Munsterberg of Harvard University, noted German psychologist, dropped dead today while lecturing to a class of students at Radcliffe college.
Professor Munsterberg was lecturing to a class in psychology when he was taken suddenly ill. He fell to the floor and died within a few minutes after being assisted to a chair. The medical examiner was summoned but did not immediately announce the cause of the famous lecturer's death.
With his last breath the professor attempted to quell the disturbance which spread through his class of girls as he fell to the floor.
President Lowell of Harvard University is in New York attending a meeting of the League to Enforce Peace. He was notified by telephone and will leave for Boston at once.
The psychologist's wife was notified by Dean Briggs of Harvard.
Two physicians rushed to Radcliffe could do nothing. It is thought Munsterberg's death resulted from heart failure.
Professor Munsterberg was born June

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GERMANY WILLING TO STATE TERMS OR CONSIDER ALLIES'

Would Discuss Disarmament and Guaranty of Permanent Peace

PRESIDENT BELIEVES DOOR IS CLOSING ON WAR

Will Take No Step Toward Mediation Until Sure of Success

By Robert J. Bender.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
Washington, Dec. 16.—Germany stands ready to give the allies a full statement of terms in a peace conference.
This statement was made officially today by German Ambassador Von Bernstorff following a short conference with Secretary Lansing today.
Bernstorff said he does not know officially what terms these are.
The Teutons' terms, Bernstorff said, would be freely given the entente allies at any conference to be held.
At the same time Germany is also ready to discuss disarmament, creation of a league to guarantee permanent peace and kindred subjects that would arise from any peace negotiations.
The envoy's visit to the state department was brief. He sought official word confirming this country's intention not to supplement Germany's peace proposals at this time.
While Bernstorff refused to talk about this government's plan, it is known that German authorities are not discouraged in any way by the fact that

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Transport Summer Sends Call for Help

New York, Dec. 16.—Following the failure of wireless apparatus aboard the U. S. transport Summer in the middle of a message, the life saving station at Sandy Hook said request had been made for a life saving crew. This crew, it was stated, probably will be asked to stand by and render any assistance necessary in getting a wrecking crew from the ship, which went on the rocks Monday.
The ship is rapidly breaking up, according to the latest word received here and is in danger of going to pieces.
Several steamships are in the vicinity ready to help in rescue work.

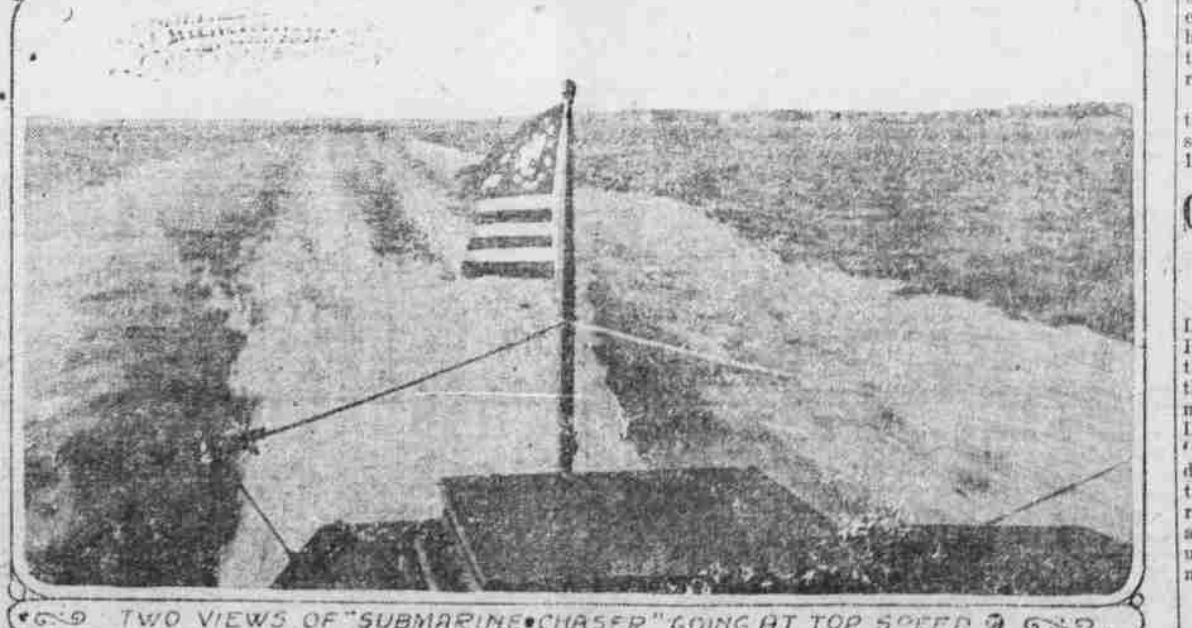
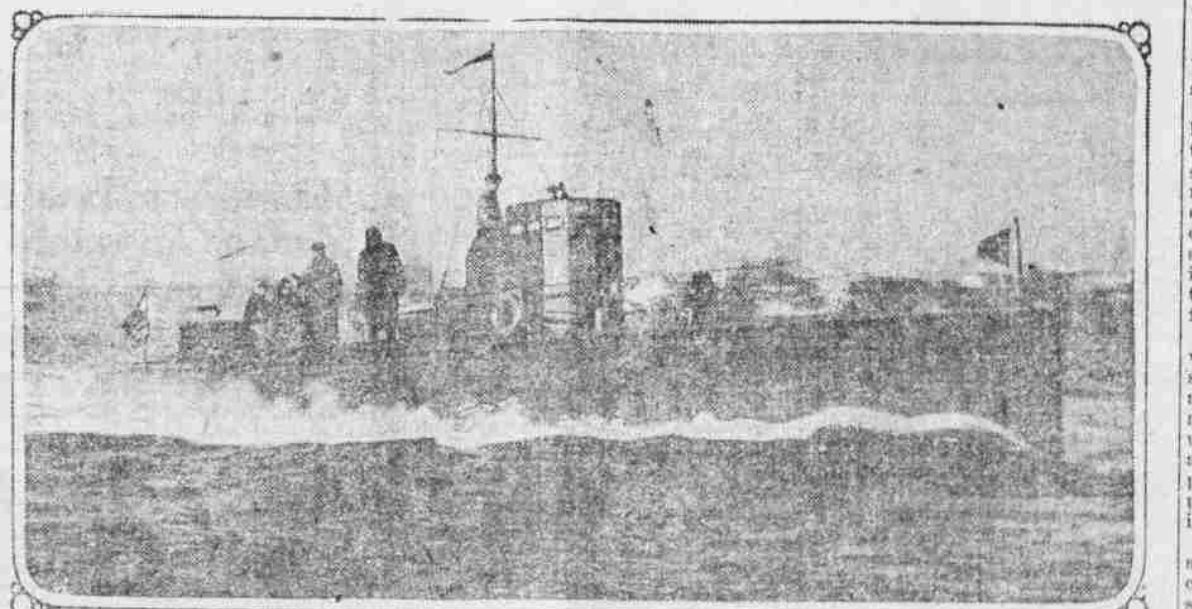
WATER USERS WILL BE HEARD ON PLAN

Desert Land Board Sets Date for Hearing Request for Extension

Because the state desert land board wished to hear what the water users of the Central Oregon Irrigation company had to say regarding the application of the officials of the company to the board to have a bill introduced in congress asking an extension of time for the completion of their irrigation project, which project has been given the limit of extensions by the board, the board at its meeting yesterday did not adopt the plan but set December 20 as the date when the water users could be heard.
The project of the Central Oregon Irrigation company embraces 140,000 acres of land in segregated lists 6 and 19 and the contracts expire in 1918 and 1920 and the water users have expressed a desire to be heard. They sent a telegram to the board asking a hearing in January but because the officials of the company wished to get the bill before congress the date was advanced.
The officials of the company did not see any reason why the water users should object as the contract asked to

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SPEEDY "SUBMARINE CHASERS" BUILT HERE FOR FOREIGN GOVERNMENT



TWO VIEWS OF "SUBMARINE CHASER" GOING AT TOP SPEED 26 KNOTS

The photograph shows a small, speedy chaser built at Sag Harbor, N. Y., for a vessel known as a "submarine chaser" foreign government. They attain a 30-knot top speed on Long Island sound, knot speed, which is greater than that it is asserted on good authority that not any submarine known to be in the least 100 of these speedy boats have service of any government. Opinions differ on the question of the right of boat builders to sell such vessels to a government at war. Some authorities hold that it is a violation of neutrality.

WAITERS' STRIKE ENDS

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—The waiters' strike ended today. Simultaneously the musicians' strike is over.
Although the walkout will not be officially called off until next Monday morning, the 750 remaining waiters of the 3,000 who originally walked out began seeking their old places today.
With two exceptions all of the musicians who walked out stood by the original strike order. They will also return to work.
According to Hugo Ernst, business representative for the waiters' union, an effort will be made to secure a nine hour day for the waiters.

MURDER PREYED ON THE OLD MAN'S MIND

James Foley Gives Himself Up Confessing Murder 18 Years Ago

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 16.—Confessing, according to the police, to a murder committed 18 years ago at Nome, James Foley, age 55, is in jail here today awaiting word by cable from the Alaska authorities.
Wrinkled of face and with gray hair, wearing overalls and a tattered overcoat, Foley walked into police headquarters last night and addressing the desk sergeant said: "I guess I'm what you'd call a murderer, pardner."
Continuing his story, Foley said: "You're the first living soul besides myself who knows it. I ain't never been suspected, but you're talking now to the man that shot Diamond Dutch cold one summer night about 18 years ago on the old sand bar at Nome. My God, pardner, but this has been preying and eating on my mind all these long years. Finally today I just couldn't stand it no more so I come up to this court house to give myself up."
"I ain't crazy," Foley assured the officer. "I'm not feeble minded and I'm not drunk. I told you what I done; now take me."
Foley was questioned by Deputy Secrest, an old time Alaskan and declared the names and dates of Foley were absolutely accurate.
Foley said that following an argument, "Diamond Dutch" shot his partner, "Dublin Mickey" and that in revenge he then killed "Dutch" with his six shooter. He made his getaway on a Seattle boat next day.

Stock Market Recovers and Prices Advance

New York, Dec. 16.—The New York Evening Sun financial review today said:
The upward swing in the stock market which began in yesterday's late trading with the improvement in the speculative position and better buying much of which was credited to influential banking interests, was given additional impetus today by the firm stand by the Russian premier and Duma in opposition to Germany's peace overtures. Advances at the opening ranged from 1 to 5 points in the industrial list.
At yesterday's low level, prices were very attractive to the many in the street who have plenty of money and are not averse to spending it in the acquiring of bargains. The present situation is remarkable in that there are all the outward appearances of a near panic without any of the usual accompaniments of money stringency or banking nervousness.
In the first half hour of trading today stocks advanced consistently with excellent recoveries from the recent slumps. The improved buying and usual week-end settlements, however, engendered cross currents in the second hour which operated to cause some fluctuations in prices, but the undertone remained strong.
Prices moved narrowly irregular for the most part in the remainder of the session, with the general level of prices 1 to 2 points above Friday.

Oscar A. Lund Coming to Face Bartholomew

Portland, Ore., Dec. 16.—Oscar A. Lund, of Los Angeles, is en route to Portland today to clear up any suspicion that may attach to him as a result of the statements by Edward Bartholomew, indicted as murderer of John Lind here a year ago in the famous "green trunk mystery." Bartholomew declares a man named Paul Lund did the killing. When Lund heard this, remembering he had been in Portland about the time of the murder, he volunteered to come here and prove he is not the man named.

FIFTEEN AUTOS BURNED

Portland, Ore., Dec. 16.—Fifteen automobiles were destroyed, several others scorched and \$35,000 damage done today by fire in the White garage. The blaze starting in the linseed oil, spread to another garage next door.

AGENTS ARE AFTER MEN FURNISHING VILLA MUNITIONS

May Arrest Many Americans and Deport Mexican Agents

VILLA GETTING READY FOR ANOTHER ATTACK

28,000 Cartridges Received by Bandit Before Chihuahua Attack

By Webb Miller.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
El Paso, Texas, Dec. 16.—Wholesale arrests of Americans and Mexicans here and at other points along the border accused of breach of the neutrality laws in fomenting or aiding the revolutionary activities of different Mexican factions, are planned by U. S. secret service agents. Members of various revolutionary juntas are now under surveillance by this government's agents, but action is held in abeyance pending ratification of the American-Mexican mediation protocol.
One of the clauses of the protocol provides for the deportation of undesirable aliens engaged in revolutionary activities.
The secret service men have been directing their attention since the capture of Chihuahua City by Villistas, to the source of part of the ammunition supply used by Villa which was not captured from Mexican government forces.
Positive evidence has been obtained that Villa received 28,000 cartridges the night before the fall of the northern capital. Federal authorities here believe these came from the American side of the border.
That Villa is disposing his troops for another important movement was indicated in all reports to United States authorities here today. An employe of the Babicora ranch arriving here stated that Quevado's band of Villistas which has been holding the town of Bachiniva during the past month, has consolidated with the Acosta band guarding the wounded at Guerrero.
Damaged field-pieces and machine guns captured on Santa Rosa Hill in the attack upon Chihuahua City are being repaired at the machine shops of the Mexican Northwestern railway.
A large body of Villistas has swung around Chihuahua City to the south, cutting communication north of Santa Rosalia, and the bandits are holding the latter town.
Many varying reports of bitter jealousy between General Murgin and General Ozuna and other Carranzista commanders, are reaching the border. At the Mexican consulate here, Mexican officials state they have no information as to whether any active campaign is under way against Villa.

Russian Duma Sends Wheat Up Nine Cents

Chicago, Dec. 16.—In a wild scramble to buy, wheat bounded up as much as 6 3/4 points at the opening today. Speculators who had dumped large holdings into the pit following Germany's offer of peace, reversed their position and wildly bid for wheat today after hearing of the Russian duma's flat refusal of Germany's offers. After a sensational drop yesterday, December closed today at \$1.51 1/2, up 2 1/2 over today's opening and nine above yesterday's close. May closed today at \$1.63, up 4 over the opening and 7 1/2 above yesterday's close; July closed at \$1.37 1/4, down 1 3/4 below the opening but 5 points above yesterday's close.
Corn was higher today after a strong opening. December closed up one at 91 1/8; May up 1 1/2 at 92; July up 1 3/8 at 91 3/8.
Oats were irregular. December was up 1 1/4 at 49 1/4; May down 1/4 at 53; July up 1/4 at 50 3/4.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Sunday rain or snow, warmer tonight; southerly winds.