

RUMANIANS ARE BEING PURSUED BY GERMANS

GAINS OF THE TEUTONS IN THE BALKAN CAMPAIGN CONTINUE, ACCORDING TO REPORTS.

BRITISH STILL HOPEFUL

Claim That if Rumanian Army Was Encircled, Germans Would Have Reported a Big Capture of Men and Munitions.

(By United Press) Headquarters of General Falkenhayn's Transylvanian campaign— "Our task is to destroy the Rumanian army and that is what we are doing as best we can."

So spoke General von Falkenhayn today, his brows wrinkled but his eyes sparkling as he submitted to questions concerning his victorious progress against Rumania.

"Our flyers," he continued, "report the Rumanian roads blocked with people and wagons that are fleeing from Little Wallachia toward the Alt river. This is the terrible part of the war. That soldiers should suffer is a part of the war, but that women and little children should be put to such misery—that is terrible. However, it was Rumania's choice. She has been playing with fire now too long a time not to get burned."

Rumanians Retire. BUCHAREST.—The retirement from Thealt and also from Topolis, slightly eastward, is announced through an official statement.

PETROGRAD.—In retiring thru western Wallachia, the Rumanian army is taking advantage of all natural obstacles to resist Falkenhayn's advance. Having crossed the Danube near Simlmetza, the Teutons have placed observation points on the River Vede and are occupying positions between Valent and Rusedewade.

French Are Repulsed. BERLIN.—The French attempt to force an entrance into the southern part of the St. Pierre and Vaast wood without artillery preparation, was repulsed by the Germans by machine gun fire. Minor firing occurs along the Somme.

Alexander Is Captured. BERLIN.—Alexander has been captured from the Rumanians in Wallachia, declares an official statement.

British Are Hopeful. LONDON.—News from German sources today caused a renewal of the hope here that the Rumanian army has extricated itself from the precarious position in which her Wallachian forces were placed by General Von Falkenhayn's strategic campaign.

The prime basis for such hope is the utter lack in all German official reports of any claims regarding the large capture of prisoners and materials. If the Rumanian army was actually trapped by the shelling movement around Orsova, it is regarded as certain that German reports would have chronicled a big capture of men and munitions.

INVITE PRESIDENT TO ATTEND ENCAMPMENT.

(By United Press) WASHINGTON.—President Wilson has been invited to attend the annual encampment of the United Confederate Veterans at Washington during the last part of May. This is the first time that the encampment will ever have been held north of the Mason-Dixon line.

COUNT BERNSTORFF IS WARNED OF A CRISIS

(By Parker R. Anderson) WASHINGTON.—Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador to the United States, has been warned by his government that a new crisis between the two countries is near.

He has been notified that unrestricted submarine warfare is now the German policy; that it probably will lead to war, and that within six months the two countries will in all probability have discontinued diplomatic relations.

This is the story, just come to light, of Karl Arngaard Graves, who calls himself the master spy, and who claimed he had been in the German secret service many years.

Graves, recently, was arrested on the charge of trying to sell to an attaché of the German embassy in this city three letters purporting to be personal communications from a German woman of high place to Countess von Bernstorff. These three letters were turned over to the secret service of the United States, and are now in their possession.

Graves claimed that the letters were not stolen but that they came to him direct from Berlin, though they were written for other eyes. He alleged that they were in a cipher and that in the guise of unimportant personal communications they concealed a message of the greatest international significance. The substance of this message, as Graves has stated since his arrest, was this:

"To Ambassador Count von Bernstorff: Be prepared to leave America at any time. Admiral von Tirpitz has returned from his exile at the frontier and is in control once more. Unrestricted submarine warfare will be resumed and will probably lead to war between the United States and Germany."

This message Graves claimed could be made out of the letters. He claimed that having in his possession the code he could translate the message to the satisfaction and conviction of anybody who understood German. Graves is now held under bond for appearance before a federal commissioner in Washington. He is at present in New York.

Graves repeatedly declared, after

his arrest, that he was not worried about his predicament, and with the utmost sangfroid insisted that no government would employ extreme measures against him, because he knew too much.

URGES 5-YEAR MARRIAGE TO CURE DIVORCE EVIL

TOLEDO.—A law that will provide that married folk cannot obtain a divorce until after they have had five years of married life to their credit! This is the solution of the divorce problem offered by Common Pleas Judge Bernard Brough.

"It has reached the shameful point where there is one divorce out of every four marriages," Judge Brough declares. "Three times as many women as men apply for divorce. This may indicate more men than women are responsible for disturbances in the household.

"Some marriages are really no more than trials," says the judge. "Couples make no pretense of establishing a home and living as sane married people should. They fight the first week, and in a month are seeking a divorce. Hasty marriages bring about this situation. I believe the only solution to the divorce question is a five-year marriage."

ASTRONOMER WANTS A QUESTION ANSWERED

BOSTON.—The question, "How old is Tau?" was answered long ago—in many ways.

But here is a new one, propounded by Professor W. W. Campbell, of Lick Observatory. The answer must be written on a moving picture film. The question is:

If light travels 186,000 miles per second and it requires four and one-half years for light to travel from the sun to its nearest stellar neighbor, Alpha Centauri, how far is it from the sun to Alpha Centauri?

Visiting Friends Here. J. R. Evans, of Greenville, spent yesterday in the city on a visit to friends.

NO OBJECTION IS RAISED TO THE EMBARGO ON FOOD

WASHINGTON.—The state department will interpose no objections to action by Congress placing an embargo on the shipment of foodstuffs out of the United States.

The sensational development, coming on the heels of an announcement by Chairman John F. Fitzgerald, of the house appropriations committee that he will introduce such legislation at the forthcoming session of Congress, created a profound stir in official and diplomatic circles.

Secretary of State Lansing made this statement: "The department of state has no views on this matter as it is entirely a domestic question."

This attitude is in sharp contrast to that taken by the state department toward efforts made earlier in the war to get the United States to place an embargo on the exportation of ammunitions and other war supplies to the belligerent powers.

In a memorandum to the Austrian government, Secretary Lansing then took the position that such an embargo would constitute a violation of neutrality on the part of this government.

And he went on to explain to the government at Vienna that it was no fault of the United States that the central powers were unable to enjoy the same advantages of free and open trade with the United States as those possessed by the belligerent governments.

Officials of the department, including Mr. Lansing, made it plain today that the distinction between such

shipments and food exportations was a perfectly valid one, justified by such domestic considerations as the increasing cost of living in this country.

The fact, it was said, that Mr. Fitzgerald, in his announcement, admitted that such a food embargo would be of serious consequence to Great Britain, was not to be taken into consideration.

It was emphasized by state department officials that the conclusion was not to be drawn that the department's indifference toward the question of a food embargo in any sense reflected a growing resentment on the part of this government toward the increasingly burdensome effects of the British strictures on American commerce. Indeed, it was found at the department today that the administration is making no move whatever at this time toward availing itself of the various retaliatory measures against Great Britain and her allies, which the Congress, at its last session, authorized the President to undertake.

On the other hand, the administration, it is said, is receiving daily evidences of discontent on the part of the American public concerning the soaring prices of foodstuffs.

Wheat, flour and other articles of food, being in great demand by the belligerent powers, whose pre-occupation in the war prevents their normal agricultural activities, have reached unprecedented prices, and the citizens of the American cities are groaning under the resulting prices.

RESIGNATION GREEK CABINET IS IMMINENT

DISPATCHES INDICATE THAT PRESENT BODY WILL SOON BE BROKEN UP.

GREECE IN TURMOIL

Conditions Are Steadily Growing Worse. This is the Fourth Ministry That Has Been Formed in Greece During Last Four Months.

(By United Press) ROME.—Athens dispatches declare that the resignation of the Greek cabinet is imminent. Greek dispatches indicate the impending dissolution of the Lambros cabinet, which was formed October 10. It was reported Saturday that the minister of Justice had resigned. This is the fourth ministry that has been formed in Greece during the last four months.

Conditions in Greece are still in turmoil. With the dissolution of the present cabinet, they will be even more so.

J. R. DAVENPORT WINS BIG PAY-UP WEEK PRIZE

Drawing Was Held Saturday Night. \$20,000 Was Paid on Accounts.

"Pay-up Week" ended Saturday night with close to \$20,000 paid on accounts. The drawing was held at Davenport's drug store and a large number of persons were present. The following were the prize winners: First prize, \$25—J. R. Davenport, Fictolus. Second prize, \$10—D. E. Horton, City. Third prize, \$5—Mabew Paul, City. Dollar prizes—L. S. O'Brien, R. F. D. C. A. Faucette, R. F. D. Mrs. A. M. Dumay, city, C. A. Faucette, R. F. D., McT. Roberts, city, H. B. Charles, city, Bruce Leggett, city, J. K. Allgood, city, L. S. O'Brien, R. F. D., C. A. Faucette, R. F. D.

FAIRFIELD SCHOOL IS MAKING FINE PROGRESS

FAIRFIELD, N. C.—The Fairfield people are justly proud of the Fairfield High School that entered the third year of its existence at the beginning of the present term. Prof. V. Lyda, the principal, is quite a hustler and with the able assistance of Miss Elizabeth Scarborough, intermediate teacher, and Miss Emma Burrus, primary teacher, our school is thriving.

A splendid program is rendered by the school every Friday afternoon, and taking everything into consideration we feel like joining the school children in the chorus of their school song: "Shout three cheers for Fairfield High School, 'tis the finest school we know."

BOOK CLUB ENTERTAINED

FAIRFIELD, N. C.—Mrs. A. L. Cuthrell and her daughter, Miss Alothea, were at home to the Woman's Book Club Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 5 p. m. Those enjoying their hospitality were Miss Minnie Spencer, president of the club, Mrs. R. A. Williams, vice-president, Miss Emma Burrus, Mrs. J. G. Murray, Mrs. H. C. Jones, Mrs. A. G. Harris, Mrs. Ada Burrus, Miss Janie Chadwick and Mrs. G. P. Carter.

After the business had been transacted and various books discussed, the following refreshments were served in the order named: banana salad, ambrosia and cake, coffee and cheese straws. The club will be entertained by Miss Janie Chadwick at the December meeting.

LOCAL HARDWARE CO. BOOKS BIG ORDER

McKeel-Richardson to Furnish Complete Saw Mill to South American Concern.

That Washington business establishments are extending their trade areas far beyond the limits of Beaufort county is shown by some recent orders that have been received from distant points. Some of the larger stores cover practically all of Eastern Carolina. Others extend into adjoining states.

The McKeel-Richardson Hardware Company last week booked an order from the Broadhurst Lumber Company of Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, South America, for a complete saw mill of 25,000 feet daily capacity. The equipment will be shipped via New York on the boats of the Trinidad Steamship Company. The shipment will include everything for the mill, together with a dry kiln, edger, trimmer, two engines, two boilers, etc. The order amounts to about \$9,000.

ARMENIAN FUND IS INCREASING RAPIDLY

Total Amount Donated so Far is \$125.86. Citizens Urged to Contribute.

Every citizen of Beaufort county, who can possibly do so, is urged to contribute to the Armenian relief fund, which is now being raised in this city. It is desired to get up as large amount as possible this week and then dispatch it for the aid of the sufferers in Armenia and Syria. Leading citizens are contributing liberally. Your name on the list will make someone else contribute. The following is the report to date:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Mrs. S. A. Winfield \$119.86, E. B. Dixon 1.00, J. B. Sparrow 1.00, Mrs. J. S. Sparrow 1.00, Mrs. A. S. Jordan 1.00, Mrs. W. H. Ellison 1.00, Total \$125.86.

In addition to the above, the following donations were announced this afternoon: Collection at Episcopal Sunday School yesterday \$16.54, By cash 1.00, Complete total \$143.40.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR AURORA FAIR

B. T. Bonner To Be President. Fair This Year Was Financial Success.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Aurora Agricultural Fair held last Friday the following were elected officers for the coming year:

- B. T. Bonner, president. C. T. Allen, vice-president. O. M. Hooker, treasurer. J. W. Chapin, secretary.

Notwithstanding the bad weather during the week the fair was a success, and the Association is in the high road to success. We expect to make the next one the best of all. The members of the Association know no such word as fail, and work has already begun toward the next fair which will be the coming event of Eastern Carolina. Under wise management the stock of the fair is now above par and there is not one cent against the Association. It will be well for the public to keep an eye on Aurora and see that prosperous season grow.

JUMPED FROM TOP OF EIGHT-STORY BUILDING.

(By United Press) NEW YORK.—Joseph Brooks, noted theatrical man, either jumped or fell from the eighth story of an apartment building here. He was instantly killed.

VILLISTAS ARE STILL BESIEGING CHIHUAHUA

EVERY GARRISON IS BEING RUSHED TO CITY AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.

GARRISONS ARE DEPLETED

Numerous Smaller Towns Are Giving Up Their Garrisons in Order to Furnish Men to Assist in the Protecting of Chihuahua.

(By United Press) EL PASO, Tex.—The attack on Chihuahua by 4,000 Villista under personal command of Villa, is still in progress. United States agents declared here today. They base their statements upon the action of Carranza authorities in sending every available soldier in northern Mexico to be rushed to the besieged city. From Santa Ventura the garrison of 150 Carranzistas is being withdrawn together with the garrisons at Nopalpuebla, Casas Grandes, Campan and several other smaller towns, each garrison numbering about 100 men. They are being rushed to Chihuahua over the Mexico & Northwestern railroad to Juarez, where they are being transferred to the Mexico Central.

General Gonzales today announced that General Mayotte, with 2,500 of the defacto troops is making a forced march northward from Santa Rosalia. It will take him several days to arrive at Chihuahua because every bridge south of that city has been burned.

GETTING READY FOR FIGHT OVER 8-HOUR LAW

(By United Press) WASHINGTON.—Government and railroad attorneys today marshaled together their material for what is destined to be the greatest industrial contest in recent years—the test of the Adamson eight-hour law.

Attorney General Gregory will be in personal charge for the government. Brotherhood officials, from the side here, will keep close tabs on all proceedings.

Six Ships Sunk. BERLIN.—Six British traders were sunk yesterday afternoon by German submarines, according to dispatches received here today.

TODAYS PROGRAM - AT - New Theatre. VAUDEVILLE & PICTURES 12th Episode of "The Secret of the Submarine" Triangle Koyatone Comedy "The Sapw Cure" With Ford Sterling "Marvel, Oberity & Company" In Mirth, Mystery and Magic. ADMISSION 10c and 20c Show starts at 7:45 sharp Matinee daily at 4 p. m.

The Man who wishes to pay \$20.00 for a SUIT should see our beautiful selected line for men and young men in the very newest styles and colors. Calais Clothing Co.