

NUT-CRACKER JAWS CLOSE ON RUMANIANS

Teutonic Armies Pursue Their Advantage With Terrible Rapidity.

NO TIME LOST IN BIG OFFENSIVE.

Von Mackensen Obtains Footing On Rumanian Soil and Draws Near Bucharest—Rumanians at Orsova Cut Off From Main Army.

The process of squeezing the Rumanians between the jaws of the Teutonic military machine is proceeding with notable rapidity.

Concurrently Field Marshal von Mackensen, operating the other jaw of the nut-cracker, has forced passage of the Danube at Zimniza, giving him a footing on Rumanian soil, 25 miles in the rear of the Danube end of the Alt line, which touched the river near Turnu-Magurela.

The landing at Zimniza also places von Mackensen only 70 miles from Bucharest, to the northeast.

On the northern end of the Alt line further inroads on the Rumanian defenses have been effected, according to Berlin, which records the capture of several villages.

On the front at Moldavia the Germans report repulse of a Russo-Rumanian offensive movement.

THEIR STORIES ARE USUALLY FISHY

Tales of the War Prisoners Are Not to Be Trusted by Their Captors.

Toerzburg, Transylvania, Nov. 25.—Prisoners of war being not unwilling to please their captors, their statements must be taken with a large pinch of salt.

The Associated Press correspondent was able to interview here today two score Rumanian officers and men who had fallen into captivity near Rucar, some twenty miles south of here.

One of the first men questioned was a Rumanian Jew, a man of some education and standing.

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Captured officers are non-interferable, as a rule. The code, as well as tact, forbids that they be questioned, but one of them, a tall, handsome fellow of about twenty-five, gave it as his opinion that the war was "une sale affaire"—a dirty business.

ANOTHER RICHMOND IN THE FIELD.

London, Nov. 25.—The provisional government of Greece, formed by supporters of former Premier Venizelos, has formally declared war on Bulgaria, says an Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co., today.

COMPLETE SYSTEM TAKE CARE OF THEM

Splendid Medical Organization For Service at the Mexican Border.

San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 25.—Within the last five months the most complete medical organization known to the United States army has been developed to care for the 150,000 state and regular troops stationed at border points and in Mexico.

The system includes five base hospitals, located at strategic points in the long stretch of border territory; eight camp hospitals at other points where troops are stationed, a cantonment hospital at Columbus, N. M., to serve the force on duty in Mexico, and 26 ambulance companies and 41 field hospitals distributed among troops in the field.

The base and camp hospital afford accommodation for a total of 4,600 patients and have medical and surgical facilities, equal to the finest hospitals. Not more than half the beds have been occupied at any one time since the nation's militia strength was called into the federal service, but the room is available in case of need.

Back of this array is the potential organization. A hospital train of ten Pullman cars, with a capacity of 250 patients, has been placed in use to transport patients from the camp to the base hospitals and from base hospitals to general military hospitals in various parts of the country, should a campaign in Mexico be undertaken.

These larger institutions are the Walter Reed hospital at Washington, D. C., the General Army and Navy hospital at Hot Springs, Ark., and the Leitchman hospital at San Francisco. About 1,200 beds are vacant in the three hospitals at the present time.

In addition, a number of army posts have been selected for transformation into general hospitals in case of emergency. This list includes Fort McPherson, at Atlanta; Fort Oglethorpe, also in Georgia; Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, and other army stations where barracks are available for hospital purposes.

The medical corps has complete equipment in storage for twenty evacuation hospitals and two base hospitals. An evacuation hospital takes care of 300 patients and a base hospital accommodates 500, so the total reserve equipment ready for use at a moment's notice is sufficient for 6,000 men.

The base hospitals now in service are located at Fort Sam Houston, Fort Bliss, Brownsville, Eagle Pass and Nogales. Serving as feeders for these institutions are the camp hospitals located at the following points: Laredo, 120 beds; Lei Rio, 75 beds; Marfa, 150 beds; Deming, 180 beds; Douglas, 300 beds; Llano Grande, 200 beds; McAllen, 150 beds, and Fort Clark, 150 beds.

Last July when state troops began arriving at the border the only army establishments for the care of sick were the post hospitals at Fort Sam, Houston, and Fort Bliss and much smaller places at Laredo and a few other border points.

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Typoid fever was formerly the worst scourge of camp but it has no place among the troops along the Mexican border. From May 1 to October 18 only 24 cases of typhoid developed and no deaths resulted from the disease.

In Spanish-American war days over a period of eight months in 1898, among 147,000 regulars and volunteers, the typhoid epidemic reached

VILLA RESUMED ATTACK. Juarez, Mexico, Nov. 25.—and his bandit force resumed attack on Chihuahua City, ico, at daybreak today, a ing to a dispatch from the huahua capital to Carranza ciahs here.

LAWYER FREED OF SERIOUS CHARGE

Jury Returns Verdict of Not Guilty Against J. Sprunt Newton, of Fayetteville.

Fayetteville, N. C., Nov. 25.—The jury in the case of state against J. Sprunt Newton, charged with embezzlement rendered a verdict of not guilty shortly after court convened this morning.

The case of forgery, which was to have been tried today, was continued and it is rumored that it will likely be not pressed.

HEROISM VERDUN TO BE MARKED

Emperor of Japan Will Commemorate This Great Event By Sending Present.

Tokio, Nov. 25.—The heroism of Verdun will be commemorated by the Emperor of Japan, who will send to the French city a Japanese sword newly wrought by the leading swordsmith of the nation.

The sword is of the kind known as "Efu-no-tachi" used by the warriors of ancient Japan solely on the battlefield and is accordingly thought an ideal gift for honoring the martial spirit and bravery of Verdun.

The swordsmith is Yagoro Gassan of Osaka, believed the best of the contemporary experts of the art in Japan. It was he who fashioned the sword worn by the Emperor on the occasion of the coronation or consecration ceremony in Kioto last year.

The sword-guard and other accessories will be made of pure gold with raised work representing flowers, vines and other figures. On the upper part of the hilt the imperial crest of the chrysanthemum in gold is to be mounted on both sides.

The sword is expected to be ready about the spring of next year when it will be presented to the city of Verdun through President Poincare.

Incidentally the Japanese department of education has begun the distribution of essays concerning heroism of Verdun and other European battlefields. The underlying idea is that the rising generation is too prone to think that Japanese valor and patriotism is the greatest, if not the only, real patriotism of the world.

WRAPPING TWINE CAN BE MADE FROM PAPER

Washington, Nov. 25.—That wrapping twines which give thorough satisfaction can be made from paper has been demonstrated by experiments made by the Forest Products Laboratory at Madison, Wis. Several hundred packages, each containing a medium-sized book, were wrapped and fastened with the lightest weight paper twine and were mailed to various points throughout the United States.

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The enormous total of 21,000 cases and there were 2,192 deaths from the disease.

STEAMER AFIRE SENT OUT CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE

Ship of Merchant and Miners' Line Was In Serious Plight Off Shore.

HAD PASSENGERS. OUT FROM BOSTON

Flames Later Gotten Under Control and Vessel Succeeded in Making Port Safely.

Boston, Nov. 25.—The steamer Powhatan, of the Merchants and Miners Line, which left Boston last night for Baltimore, via Norfolk & Newport News, with 16 passengers and a general cargo, caught fire early today off Block Island. She sent out a call for help, but before the coast guard cutters could reach the steamer her captain reported the fire, which was in the forward hold, was under control and that the vessel had anchored in Block Island harbor.

The extent of the damage was not learned, although it was stated that the Powhatan will continue her voyage.

Crew Started to Rescue. New Shoreham, R. I., Nov. 25.—The crew of the New Shoreham coast guard station went out today to assist the Merchant and Miners steamer, Powhatan, which had signaled she was on fire.

Newport, R. I., Nov. 25.—A wireless message, saying the fire on the steamer, Powhatan, was under control and that assistance was not needed, was received this forenoon at the naval station here.

ALLEGED LYNCHER NOT TO BE TRIED

Duplin County Grand Jury Fails Find True Bill Against Sam Stocks.

Kinston, N. C., Nov. 25.—The grand jury in Duplin county has failed to find a true bill against Sam Stocks, a farmer, charged with being a participant in the lynching of Joe Black, in Greene county, several months ago, according to witnesses returning from Kenansville.

Stocks, who was arrested after a detective employed by Governor Craig, had made a report, was held under \$10,000 bond to await the action of the grand jury of Duplin county, to which county the case was transferred after a preliminary hearing here.

CLOSED AFTER A FINE SEASON

Dill Tobacco Warehouse at New Bern Finishes Its Work—Mistrial.

New Bern, Nov. 25.—After a season said to be the most successful in its history, the Dill tobacco warehouse, this city, was today closed for the 1916 season.

This warehouse, opened early in the season, and hundreds of thousands of pounds of the weed have been disposed of there by the farmers in this section at prices that were truly gratifying.

The management states that they appreciate the patronage given them and that they solicit this for the coming season.

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In this case the plaintiff, a resident of the Vanceboro section of the county, was bringing suit for between thirty-five and forty dollars which he claimed was due him on account of the fact that the defendant had failed to return 2,250 feet of timber which was a part of a consignment that was carried to the latter's saw mill to be cut.

The defendant denied the accusation and fought the case to a finish. It will be tried again.

PUBLICATION OF NAMES AROUSES MUCH INTEREST

All Sections of The Territory Well Represented—More Names Added Today—Vote Totals Will be Changed in Tomorrow's Paper—Vote Coupon in Each Day's Dispatch.

- THE PRIZES. \$685 Overland Automobile, Ford Automobile, Building Lot, \$100 in Gold, \$75 Victrola, \$50 O. K. Mystic Range, \$40 Sellers Kitchen Cabinet, \$25 Wrist Watch, Two \$60 Diamond Rings.

Considerable interest was aroused by the publication Saturday of the initial list of contestants entered in The Dispatch Contest. Comments had been freely made even before the publication of the list, but at no time were they so frequent and favorable as since the names of the contestants were made known.

Each candidate started off in the race with 1,000 votes, the number allowed on each nomination. Sunday's paper will show the total vote received by each candidate up until 4 o'clock today.

The real battle has as yet scarcely started and the winners will be those who are alert to it. Life holds no greater regret than the remembrance of wasted opportunities.

Do not sit idly by and see the opportunities slipping further and further from you each day, only at the end of the contest to remember in sorrowful retrospection what might have been.

Your friends have nominated you. Show your appreciation of their interest by at least calling at The Dispatch office and acquainting yourself with the details of the plan.

You cannot expect people to help you in any way or at any time unless you give some evidence that their confidence in you is deserved and appreciated.

The coupons are now appearing in The Dispatch daily. Perhaps your friends who nominated you are saving them, assuming that you will enter and aspire for one of the valuable prizes.

Those who wish to win should start at once in order to insure success. There are several urgent and compelling reasons why a contestant should make an early start.

The difference of first period and second period amounts to 10,000 votes, which might make the difference between success and defeat at the finish.

- Abbottsburg, N. C. Lorene Ballantine, 1,000; Edna Cashwell, 1,000; Margaret Craven, 1,000; Ruth Johnson, 1,000. Acme, N. C. Rena Bradt, 1,000; Mattie Powell, 1,000; Ruby Scull, 1,000; Nancy F. Wall, 1,000. Armour, N. C. Mrs. B. L. Daniel, 1,000; Mrs. W. R. Love, 1,000.

IMMENSE CROWD GATHERS FOR THE PIGSKIN BATTLE

Army and Navy To Meet On Gridiron at Polo Grounds This Afternoon.

HARVARD AND YALE ALSO TO CLASH.

Little Doing in The South In Football Activity Today—Making Ready For The Climax on Thanksgiving

New York, Nov. 25.—One of the largest crowds that has ever attended a game in this city will be brought together at the Polo Grounds to see Annapolis and West Point play their annual football contest this afternoon.

Two battalions of cadets from West Point—760 men and officers of the post—expect to reach the grounds shortly before the game and give an exhibition drill on their way to the north end.

Secretary of War Baker will head the list of notables in the north stand, while Secretary of Navy Daniels will occupy a similar position on the south stand.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 25.—Although the Southern football schedule is usually light on Saturday before Thanksgiving today's is probably the smallest in many years.

Most of the strong southern elevens has their final scrimmage practice today with second teams and freshmen elevens furnishing the opposition.

Games Up North Today. New York, Nov. 25.—Several of the football elevens in the East rested today in preparation for the final contests of the season on Thanksgiving.

While the Harvard-Yale game at New Haven, and the struggle at the Polo Grounds, are the features of the day several other games will be watched with interest.

Lafayette and Lehigh have their annual game today at Easton, Pa. Pennsylvania will make final preparation for the meeting next week with Cornell by lining up against West Virginia Weylan.

EXPRESS PEOPLE HURRY UP FOLKS

Make Plea For Early Christmas Shopping Due to The Prosperity of Country.

New York, Nov. 25.—"The general prosperity of the country promises to make the coming Christmas the most commercially active one the country has ever known," says a plea issued by the express companies today to do "early Christmas shopping."