

TEUTONS THUNDER ON TO TAKE BUCHAREST

Rumanians Are Being Steadily and Rapidly Driven Into A Corner

ONLY FIFTY MILES FROM THE CAPITAL

Joining Forces the Teutonic Armies Press Their Campaign With Renewed Vigor—Little New Develops On the Other Fighting Fronts—Italians Winning.

The Teutonic campaign against Rumania is developing rapidly with the converging drive on Bucharest from three directions. The immediate threat to the capital seems to be greatest on the southwest, where the invaders approached within fifty miles after Field Marshal von Mackensen forced a passage of the Danube at two points and effected a juncture with the armies of General von Falkenhayn, which pressed rapidly eastward, after breaking the Rumanian resistance on the lower Alt.

The rapid Teutonic advance southeast of Craiova turned the flank of the Alt position, as did the Danube crossing. These factors, together with continued pressure on the northern end of the line, also theoretically demanded, have now resulted in the Rumanian abandonment of the Alt line. Bucharest announced this today, and reported also a Rumanian retreat a little east of the Topolovo river, a tributary of the Alt on the east. The retreat appears to place the important town of Rimnik, on the railway from Craiova to Hermannstadt, in General von Falkenhayn's hands.

The thrust on the northern border passes, to the east of the Alt, is still being held in check by the Russo-Rumanian troops and the entente military writers assume that Russia is sending further forces to help out the Rumanians defending the more immediate menace further south. Sofia today gave some details of crossing of the Danube. The crossing at Zimnita was made by the Bulgarians, who are said to have captured a large quantity of the grain in the town, the Germans crossing near the mouth of the Alt.

In the Dobruja region, north of the Constanta-Tchernovo line, the Russian advance appears to have ceased. The Bulgarian war office announces that the hostile force, which has been attacking, has now entrenched before the Bulgarian forces.

Fighting on the Macedonian front has been less general on account of the bad weather, but continued progress for the Italians driving northwest of Monastir is reported by Paris. Sofia declares the Italians were repulsed in this region. A Bulgarian counter-attack northeast of Monastir, in the Cerna river, was repulsed, according to the French war office.

Seemingly there is no disposition on the part of either the British or French to attack in force in the Somme region. Extremely bad weather has been reported and such attacks as have been recorded have been local.

London today in its report on the operations along the Franco-Belgian front mentions only artillery activity in the neighborhood of LaBassée, to the north of Arras.

ARGUMENT BEGINS IN THE NASHVILLE CASE

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 27.—Argument in the case of Charles Trabue, charged with the murder of Harry Stokes, began this morning. Six hours have been allowed each side for presentation of its case. Indications were today that the case will go to the jury late tomorrow afternoon.

Cherokee Arrived.—The Clyde steamer Cherokee is in port from New York on its regular run. The steamer is in command of Captain McGuire, who was relieved for several trips by Captain McKinnon. Captain Dunell, the vessel's regular master, is on the West Indian run at present.

DECLINES HIM SAFE CONDUCT.

London, Nov. 27.—The foreign office has sent Ambassador Page a note definitely refusing to grant a safe conduct to Count Adam Tarnowski von Tarnow, the new Austro-Hungarian ambassador to the United States.

COUNTING VOTE ON A STRIKE ORDER

Men of N. C. and St. Louis Road Have Ballotted on Important Question

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 27.—Conductors, engineers, trainmen and firemen of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad were voting today whether a strike would be authorized, to back up the demand that the roads confer with a joint committee from the four brotherhood. The companies had declared that the grievances must be settled with the individual organizations.

The result of the balloting probably will be announced Thursday. The brotherhood men say that whether it will be followed by a strike or further effort to adjust conditions cannot be divulged. The roads have asked for representation when the vote is counted. Whether this will be granted the men would not discuss.

The cause of the strike vote being called was the refusal of the roads to discuss with a joint brotherhood committee switching in the Memphis yards, employment of hostlers at certain points, reinstatement of two discharged employes and alleged violation of agreements regarding overtime.

There are 1,500 operatives employed in the four branches of the service represented in the controversy between the railroad and the four brotherhoods.

COULD SAVE MILLIONS BY CUTTING OUT MEAT

London, Nov. 27.—A million pounds or \$5,000,000, could be saved in a fortnight if everyone would agree to go without meat on one day each week, says the newest appeal to the public to cut down their meat consumption made by the National War Savings Committee. Last September a Board of Trade committee, making a similar appeal for economy, urged the public to agree to one meatless day each week, but apparently it has fallen on deaf ears.

At present high prices the civilian population of this country now eats about 500,000 pounds worth of meat every day, according to figures compiled by the war savings committee, which finds that this is due to the habit of eating meat—beef, mutton, pork or bacon—two or three times a day.

"Excessive meat eating is a bad habit," adds the committee. "Nothing so radical as going without meat of any kind for a whole day is needed. People who eat meat twice a day should cut down the meat eaten, taking more fish, dried beans, peas, etc., and cheese, and those who eat fish and several kinds of meat at lunch and dinner should have only fish of one variety or meat."

Those not engaged in physical toil are especially urged to cut down their consumption of meat. Besides the beneficial effects to the health, the appeal reasons that the demands upon shipping would be lessened, the supplies could be more evenly distributed, and a further increase in prices could be avoided.

SHE DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS WAR

Young Woman Went to Baltimore to Take German Ship.

Baltimore, Nov. 27.—Lena Kobl came to Baltimore Saturday from Indianapolis and asked a policeman to direct her to the office of the North German-Lloyd Steamship Company. She said she wanted to return to Germany to live on her savings.

She was taken back when told that there was no steamers sailing for Germany and asked the reason. "On account of the war," she was told. "What war?" she asked. Miss Kobl explained that for seventeen years she has been in this country. She had lived with a family in Indianapolis who paid her \$2 a month and kept all reading matter for her. She saved \$402.

BRITT'S MANDAMUS DISMISSED TODAY BY THE COURT

But End of Fight for Congress in Tenth Not Yet In Sight

REPUBLICANS TO APPEAL THE CASE

Talk of Enjoining State Board of Elections From Giving Weaver, Democrat, a Certificate

Asheville, N. C., Nov. 27.—Judge W. J. Adams today dismissed the writ of alternative mandamus issued against the Buncombe county board of canvassers over the election to congress from the Tenth District. Attorneys for Congressman Britt announced that an appeal to the State Supreme Court would be taken.

Democratic leaders today said that the state board of elections, which meets Thursday, will issue a certificate of election to Weaver, the Democratic candidate. Among Republicans there is talk of legal effort to enjoin the state board from this action, but no definite statement to this effect has been made.

WILL GO BEYOND TWO MILLION MARK

What Census Estimate Will Show for State in Way of Population

(By George H. Manning.)

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—The population of North Carolina on January 1st, 1917, will be 2,418,559, it is estimated by the United States Census Bureau, based upon the increases shown by the Federal censuses of 1900 and 1910.

Upon this same basis of calculation the Census Bureau estimates that North Carolina's population on July 1, 1915, was 2,374,095; on January 1, 1916, was 2,388,916, and on July 1, 1916, was 2,402,738.

The bureau estimates that the total population of continental United States on January 1, 1917, will be 102,826,309, and that of the United States, including outlying possessions, namely, Guam, Alaska, Hawaii, Panama Canal Zone, Philippines, Porto Rico and Samoa, will be 113,309,285.

HISTORIC RITES TO MARK BURIAL OF THE EMPEROR

Ancient Custom Will Be Carried Out at Tomb of Austria's Monarch

BODY CONTINUES TO LIE IN STATE

Ceremony at Vault Aimed to Impress Upon Ruler's Successor That a Sovereign Is But Mortal

Vienna, Nov. 27 (Via London).—The coffin of Emperor Francis Joseph has been finally closed, but the body will remain in state until Thursday, the day set for the interment.

At the burial an historic ceremony will be carried out, which was the ancient method to impress upon the monarch's successor that after all pomp and ceremony a sovereign is merely a mortal.

The funeral procession will be halted at the entrance to the vault by a challenge from within: "Who is there?"

The reply will be made: "His most serene majesty, the Emperor Francis Joseph."

The challenger will then reply: "I know him not."

In response to the second challenge this announcement will be made: "The Emperor of Austria and apostolic king of Hungary is outside."

Again the challenger will answer: "I know him not."

Then, for a third time, to the voice which asks who demands admission, the master of ceremonies will reply: "A sinful man, our brother, Francis Joseph."

The portals will then open and the procession will then enter.

WHEAT PRICES GO CRASHING DOWN ON THE MARKET

That Shipment May Decrease to Europe Caused Drop in Prices

LARGE SELLING ORDERS PLACED

Talk of Food Embargo Had Weakened Market and This Caused Little Resistance Today

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 27.—Wheat prices came down today with a crash, breaking in some cases as much as 9 3/8 cents a bushel. Big sales by some of the leading houses started the movement to unload holdings and gave an opening for aggressive selling by bears.

The report that an armistice soon in Europe was not unlikely and that exports from the United States would be curtailed by submarine operations sent values tumbling headlong.

The recent movement for an embargo on the shipment of foodstuffs from the United States appeared to leave the market largely without support and in no condition to withstand such a flood of stop-loss orders to sell as overwhelmed the market when once the market began to break in earnest.

FEARS OF SPREAD OF CATTLE DISEASE

Action Being Taken in Chicago For Fear of Foot-and-Mouth Malady

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 27.—Alarm over the possibility of a new outbreak of hoof-and-mouth disease spread today and was reflected in quarantine and embargo orders. The Union Stockyard declared a quarantine against all cattle, sheep, horses and swine originating in Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

Dr. O. D. Dyson, State veterinarian of Illinois, issued orders to the stockyards of Chicago and East St. Louis, forbidding the shipment of any livestock except for immediate slaughter. His order, it was explained, will affect only a small portion of the livestock handled here.

CHINA IS AT LAST GETTING WIDE AWAKE

Shanghai, Nov. 27.—Recent celebrations throughout China of the fifth anniversary of the republic indicate clearly that the Chinese are undoubtedly developing a National consciousness. Lantern parades and patriotic meetings were held even in remote sections. The celebrations were not forced upon the public by official orders, as was the case frequently under Yuan Shi-yai's regime.

Regret concerning the present troubled political situation characterized the general comment of Chinese newspapers and Chinese speakers on the occasion of the anniversary celebration.

During the five years of its life the republic has had two important resolutions in addition to the overthrow of the Manchu dynasty. There have also been many local movements of minor importance, which resulted in considerable loss of life and property.

Bandit leaders and unscrupulous politicians have exploited various parts of the country, and there has been corruption to a degree not excelled by the Manchus. However, throughout all this disorder and throughout the present struggle between parliamentarians and the military party, it has been possible to detect a growing love of independence and of country, which has finally resulted in the firm establishment of President Li Yuan-hung in the affections of the public.

Minor politicians, leaders of various political factions are carrying on a bitter struggle, but Li Yuan-hung stands clearly above these factional fights, and is generally regarded by the Chinese of all classes as an absolutely honest and patriotic leader.

TELLS COMMITTEE OF NAVY'S PLANS

Washington, Nov. 27.—Plans for the new marine corps brigade, at San Diego, Cal., and another at some site on the Chesapeake Bay, were explained to the House naval committee today by Major-General Barnett, the corps commandant.

NOTHING IS HEARD BY AMERICA OF FALL OF THE CITY

Still In the Dark as to the Fate of Chihuahua City, Mexico

FIGHTING TOOK PLACE IN STREETS

The Villa Bandits Driven Off, With Terrible Loss—Wire Communication Remains Cut

Juarez, Mexico, Nov. 27.—The final result of the fighting between the de facto government forces, defending Chihuahua City, and Francisco Villa's army, was unknown at the American border early today. Wire communication between Chihuahua City and Juarez, broken presumably by the bandits Saturday, has not been restored.

Carranza officials here express conviction that Villa has not taken the city, although the last news received by them direct from the battlefield is that the bandits during the fighting Saturday carried the conflict into the city proper, where they were finally evicted, after heavy losses on both sides.

A report was received last night that Villa released the prisoners in Chihuahua City jail before being driven out of the city. Carranza officials said they had received no such advices.

JURY WAS QUICKLY SELECTED TO TRY THOMAS WATSON

This work Accomplished Sooner Than Had Been Expected by Either Side

TESTIMONY NOW TO BE PRESENTED

Trial of Noted Georgia Lawyer and Newspaper Editor Now Under Way in Augusta

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 27.—The jury to try Thomas E. Watson in the Federal District Court here on charges of having sent obscene literature through the mails was selected shortly before noon today and the calling of witnesses to try the case was immediately begun.

Both sides appeared anxious not to delay going to trial and little time was lost, although each juror was seemingly carefully observed and 11 veniremen were subjected to more than the formal questions to determine his qualifications. It was only necessary to examine 35 veniremen before the 12 jurors had been accepted and of the 35 examined 8 were excused after they had admitted prejudice for or against the defendant. The government excused six prospective jurors and the defense eight.

One venireman was excused because he had been in court and heard the evidence at the trial of Watson on the same indictment last November, when the jury disagreed. Some surprise was expressed at the quick selection of the jury.

It was not necessary today for the defendant to enter demurrers, these having been over-ruled at the previous trial and the formal plea of "not guilty" was the only matter before the selection of the jury.

MANY YEARS IN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—More than 45 years in continuous service in the diplomatic branch of the government, mostly in high station, is the record accomplished by Second Assistant Secretary of State Alvey A. Adee, who came in for many congratulations today on the beginning of the 75th year of his life. Mr. Adee's career in the service began in 1870, in which year he was appointed secretary of legation at Madrid. In due course he became a clerk in the state department in 1877, chief of the diplomatic bureau in the following year, and third assistant secretary of state in 1882. He was appointed second assistant secretary in 1886, and almost any time might have been first assistant secretary had he cared to fill the post. No American diplomatist is so extensively known in his field of activities as is Mr. Adee, and few of the great diplomatic notes issued from the State Department during the last 30 years have failed to receive his careful editing and amendment.

"WISHING" WILL NOT WIN AN AUTOMOBILE

ARGUMENT IN THE OVERTON CASE

Prisoner Will Be Removed From Town Before Verdict is Made Public

Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 27.—Argument by counsel in the trial of David D. Overton, former clerk, charged with the murder of Judge W. T. Lawler, was to begin in the Madison county circuit court today. It was not expected the case would be given the jury before late this afternoon. The public, it was announced today, will be barred from the court room when the verdict is returned. According to present plans of counsel for the defense, Overton will be removed from Huntsville before the verdict is made public.

SECOND TRIAL OF EPSTEIN

Will Feature This Week's Term of Wayne Court Held in Goldsboro

Goldsboro, N. C., Nov. 27.—The second trial of Hyman Epstein, charged with killing Leonard Edwards here last spring, is expected to feature the term of Wayne county superior court, which began today with Judge Stacy, of Wilmington, presiding.

The first trial of Epstein, about 3 months ago, resulted in a mistrial. The families of both men are prominent in Goldsboro and the eastern part of the State.

"TOMATO KING" TO VISIT SOUTHPORT

Will Try to Stimulate More Raising of This Vegetable. Goes After Laboratory.

Southport, Nov. 27.—Capt. William P. Wright, of Penn's Grove, N. J., known as the "Tomato King" of New Jersey, is planning to make a visit to Southport at an early date at the invitation of a number of business men and farmers for the purpose of discussing with the farmers and others here the growing of tomatoes for market and canning purposes. Messrs. Frank Williams and Charles Hewitt, of this place, have been associated with Capt. Wright during the past summer and they are enthusiastic in regard to the advantages of Southport and surrounding territory for growing tomatoes. No doubt much interest will be taken in the coming of Capt. Wright, who is regarded as a very live-wire, and a man who is the particular friend of the farmers.

A mass meeting of the Southport citizens was held Friday for the purpose of planning a campaign to bring the advantages of Southport to the attention of the committee that will locate the Research Laboratory. Southport people feel that there is no better place for this laboratory in the whole country than here. Mr. John McCracken, one of the best known farmers in the whole Cape Fear section, and known at Wilmington as "Watermelon King," of Brunswick has offered to donate 100 acres of land for the location of the laboratory. He owns 100 on the river a few miles from Southport that is every way suited to the purpose for which the government would want it. The people of Southport are hoping that Wilmington people will lend their efforts toward securing this government plant.

GERARD'S CONFERENCE WITH SEC. LANSING

Washington, Nov. 27.—Ambassador Gerard had a conference with Secretary Lansing today, preparatory to sailing for Germany, December 5th.

The Ambassador and Secretary Lansing were silent about what was discussed, but in official quarters the impression prevailed that the delicate nature of the submarine situation and the deportation of Belgians to Germany were discussed. Mr. Gerard probably will see President Wilson tomorrow.

One Real "Worker" is worth More Than a Thousand "Wishers" in Any Market—Success is Yours If You Make An Honest Effort.

- THE PRIZES. \$885 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.

Would you let anyone rob you of an automobile?

This was the answer made by one of the contestants when asked by a friend whether or not she was going to enter The Dispatch contest.

The contestant very probably feels that she would be doing nothing less than robbing herself, were she to fail to take advantage of the opportunity The Dispatch has presented. The automobile is as much hers as anybody's, and she is decidedly unwilling to let another obtain what she herself can secure.

This young woman has the proper spirit—the spirit which is satisfied with nothing short of the greatest success obtainable. She is one of a type already enlisted for the battle of ballots. Alive to the opportunity, they are also alert to the importance of an early start, and have begun an active campaign, which they intend to make short, sharp and decisive.

Those who have "wished they might win an automobile" but have so far made no effort toward the realization of their desires, should follow the suit of the young woman who refused to be robbed of her rights. The contest is young, has scarcely started yet, in fact, and the field is full of unbounded numbers of votes for the aggressive workers. It should not be forgotten, though, that the time is flying and that the automobiles and other prizes will be won not by "wishing" but by "working." The "worker" is worth a thousand "wishers" in any market.

Right now the contestants have their greatest opportunity to secure votes. This is true for several reasons. In the first place, the contestant who starts immediately will profit to the full by the opportunity presented by the ten vote ballots. On these ballots contestants can cast as many votes as they can secure. Hence, the delay of a day in starting means the loss of thousands of votes which might otherwise have been secured.

Moreover, the field is now fresher for the canvass, and the contestants who are the first at work will reap the harvest of an untouched field. Countless subscriptions for longest periods of time await the efforts of the early contestants. An early start also encourages a contestant's friends and serves to secure their exclusive efforts before they are pledged to the campaign of a rival.

The first subscription turned in by or for any candidate, either old or new, will give 25,000 extra votes. This offer is for a limited time only. In other words, an early start spells success.

Then why not jump in and win. You can do so if you will. Work alone counts. Nominate yourself today—now—if you have not already done so. Start today to secure the winning vote.

Phone the Contest Manager for further information. (Continued on Page Seven.)

JOINT COMMITTEE RESUMES HEARINGS

Washington, Nov. 27.—The joint congressional committee, investigating the transportation problems, resumed its sessions today. Alfred P. Thom, counsel for the railway executives' advisory committee, was again on the stand.

This was the fourth day of Mr. Thom's appearance before the committee. He had already given a detailed account of the difficulties of the railways and in the matter of finances and in providing adequate facilities. His examination was expected to occupy most of the day.

WARNED OF PRESENCE HOSTILE SUBMARINES

New York, Nov. 27.—Six steamships arriving today from European and West Indian ports reported that they caught a wireless yesterday that keep watch for belligerent submarines, but all brought word that no craft of that type had been observed.