

Fair tonight, much colder with cold wave. Sunday fair and colder. Fresh to strong west winds.

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LARGEST CIRCULATION IN WILMINGTON

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GREEKS MAY ATTACK ENTENTE IN REAR

British Writers Urge Quick and Decisive Action Towards King Constantine. VON MACKENSEN MAY TURN HIS HUGE ARMY.

Situation in Greece Grows More Critical—Rumanians Continue to Retreat Before Teutons—Russians Launch a New Offensive.

The situation in Greece is not only again of decided political interest, but potentially of marked military importance in connection with the supposed purpose of the central powers to turn an important sector of von Mackensen's huge army in Rumania upon the entente's Saloniki army.

British military writers call attention to these exigencies and decisive action regarding Greece is urged in the interest of sound strategy and the safety of the entente forces in Macedonia.

The latest reports from the Rumania campaign reflect continued retirement of the Russo-Rumanian forces in Eastern Wallachia.

How far the advance of von Mackensen will take him before the entente forces can reconstitute themselves sufficiently to make an effort to hold him is not clear. It is probably, however, that not much, if any of Wallachia will be left in Rumanian hands.

No Important Developments. London, Dec. 9.—No important events occurred on the Franco-Belgian fronts last night, the war office announced here today.

Artillery Fighting Continues. Paris, Dec. 9.—Artillery fighting occurred on the Verdun front, chiefly around Hill 304, the War Office announced today.

That there is every intention on the part of the Russians to maintain a firm stand with the Western Moldavia army, to safeguard that province, is indicated by today's report from Petrograd of Russian offensive in the Putna Valley region, on the front east of Keelni Varhely.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY DURING OCTOBER

Result of Operation of This Road As Shown By Report.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Results of operation of the Southern Railway Company for the month of October 1916, and for the four months of 1916 ended October 31, compared with the same month and period in 1915 exclusive of interest, rentals and other income charges, were announced today by Comptroller A. H. Plant, as follows:

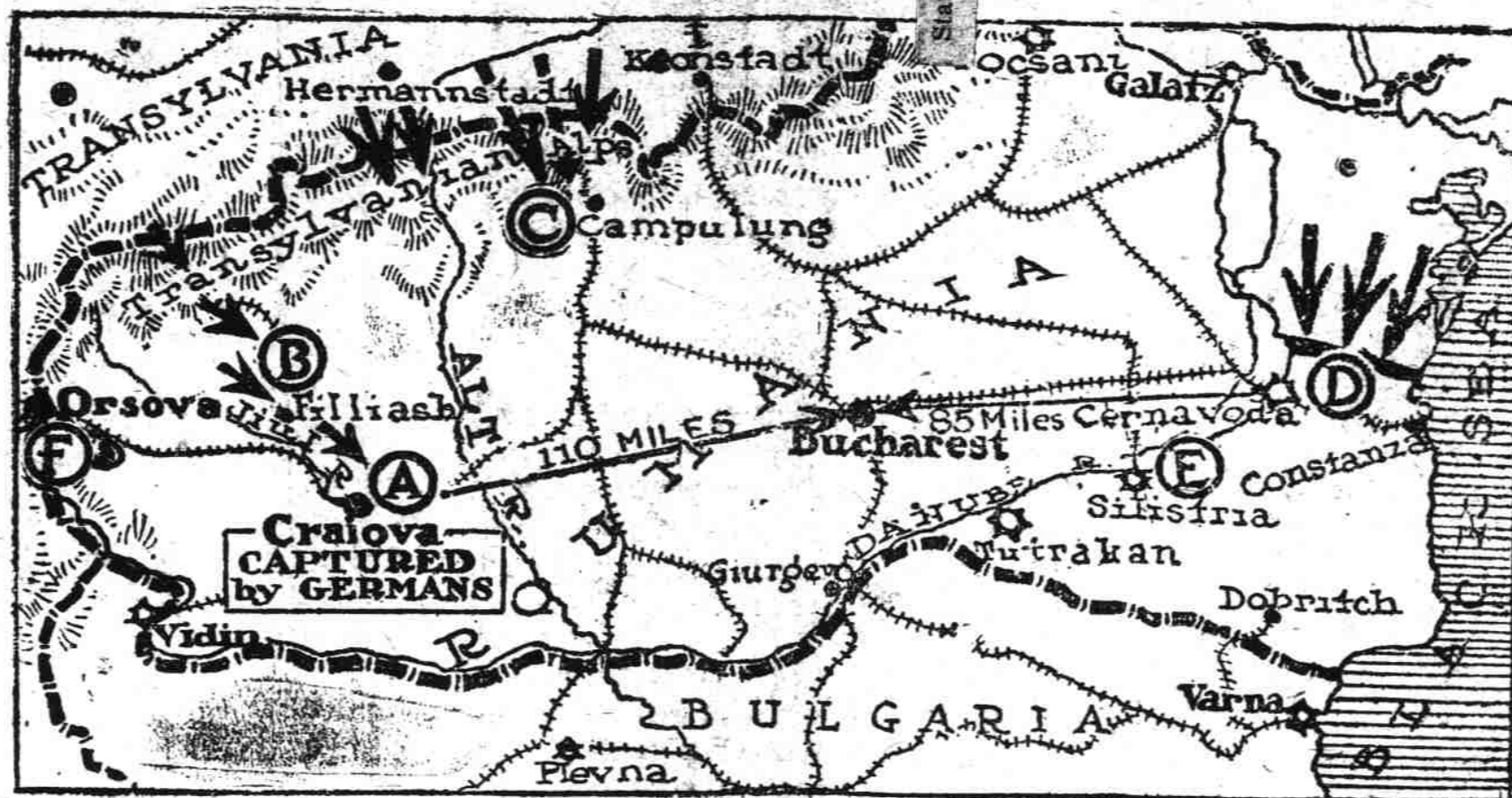
Gross Revenue, October 1916, \$7,238,970, an increase as compared with 1915 of \$1,119,806 or 18.10 percent.

Operating expenses, taxes and uncollectible railway revenue, October 1916 \$4,814,783, an increase as compared with 1915 of \$557,208 or 13.09 percent.

Corresponding results for the four months' periods are as follows: Gross revenue, this year \$25,754,160 an increase as compared with 1915 of \$2,183,922 or 14.13 percent.

Operating expenses, taxes and uncollectible railway revenues this year \$18,178,546, an increase as compared with 1915 of \$2,027,739 or 12.55 percent.

The Scene of the Struggle In Rumania



Scale of Miles Fortified Cities Railroads

MANY GIFTS FOR THE LIBRARY

Government Institution Made Richer by Books From Many Sources.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Gifts from many sources have brought more than 28,000 volumes to the Library of Congress during the year, and comprised more than one-fourth of the additions to its shelves.

For large additions to the Chinese Japanese and Korean collections the Library acknowledges debt to Dr. Walter T. Swingle of the Bureau of Plant Industry, who visited the Far East in 1915 and purchased on behalf of the library a total of 5,832 volumes, including early Chinese books printed from blocks; Chinese historical and descriptive works covering the period of first contact with Europeans; early Chinese dictionaries and encyclopedias; Chinese works on natural history and pharmacopoeias; geographical works; the writings of Confucius and the works of famous scholars; and a good copy of the oldest Japanese printed work extant, probably dating from the beginning of the thirteenth century; and a large collection of the writings of Kaibara, the Benjamin Franklin of Japan.

The Lincoln documents which have been presented to the library are of exceptional interest. These consist of the original draft of Lincoln's second inaugural address, and his two drafts of the Gettysburg address presented by Clarence L. Hay, who had them from his father, the late John Hay; and a memorandum as to the improbability of his reelection, presented by Miss Helen Nicolay.

As a rule the American composer and the American music publisher are beginning to prefer the national to a local library, as the permanent custodian of manuscript scores. The Chief of the Music Division records not only gifts of autograph scores of American composers but promises of gifts to come.

In the Document Division an effort was made to complete the files of official publications of the Latin American countries, and it was exceptionally fruitful through a visit to those countries by the Law Librarian, Dr. E. M. Borchari. The Library's collection of Latin American documents may now be considered one of its important features.

A number of Yiddish books came to the Library in the two Deinar collections. The Yiddish literature in the United States assumes a respectable place as compared to other literatures; and even if the predictions of some come true that the Yiddish tongue will be dead before long, the Yiddish literature will still offer a wide and interesting field for historians, philologists, and students of comparative literature.

The portion of the library now classified under the new classification contains 1,548,500 volumes. Great progress has been made in eliminating remnants of the old classification. Practically all of the chapters have now been reclassified, except such as contain works on religion and law.

Depository libraries containing complete sets of the Library of Congress catalogue cards now number 48, while 40 libraries of the United States government have partial depository sets.

The adoption of a uniform type for the use of the blind seems imminent to the Assistant in charge of the Reading Room for the Blind. It is anticipated that an agreement may be arrived at between the British and American co-workers which will result in the solution of this problem.

In the forty-five years during which the copyright work has been a part of the business of the Library of Congress the number of entries totalled 2,932,397. During the last nineteen years the net receipts of the office above expenses for service, were \$240,688.40.

INTEREST INCREASED BY DIAMOND RING OFFER

Candidates Enthusiastic Over Opportunity to Win a \$60 Diamond Ring For Two Weeks' Work in Big Contest.

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

The extraordinary offer to give away a \$60 Diamond Ring as a special prize in The Dispatch Contest, as announced in the paper yesterday, has been received by the different contestants with various expressions of delight.

"It's sure one grand opportunity to pick up a handsome ring," is the way one of the candidates expressed her approval of the offer. And the contestant is perfectly right—it's nothing less than a wonderful opportunity to get a Diamond Ring for a little effort.

The ring was purchased from A. O. Schuster, the well-known Wilmington jeweler, who guarantees its value and quality. Enough said. It is to be awarded to the candidate who turns in the largest amount of money for new subscriptions between December 9 and December 22 at 9 p. m., and who does not win one of the more valuable prizes. It is the subscriptions alone, the new subscriptions, turned in during the time mentioned, that will count toward this special prize.

The contest for the Diamond Ring runs only two weeks, so every minute counts—in your favor if you work diligently—against you if you idle your time away. All contestants are on an equal footing and no candidate has any advantage over any of the others, as subscriptions turned in any time previous to December 9 will not count toward the Diamond Ring.

"Who will win?" is the question constantly asked in connection with the big contest. The question goes unanswered, for it is too early for anyone to forecast the result. Even the local prophets, who claim ordinarily to be wise to all the ways and winds of contest weather, admit that they can make nothing as yet of so uncertain a problem. It is a manifest impossibility to name the winner of any of the prizes at this time. The contest is in its infancy, and it is entirely within the possibilities that the winners of some of the prizes are not among those now entered.

Every mail brings in dozens of letters containing ballots for the different contestants. These ballots come from all over this section of the State, and it is plain that many people are interested in the candidates from their town and are giving them support. Contestants and friends of contestants from the city, and often from outside, may be seen at most any time of the day calling at The Dispatch office and turning in their votes. Those who have not helped a can-

FRENCHMEN WILL COME TO U. S.

Fifty Young Men Will Study American Financial Ways.

Paris, Dec. 9.—Next summer fifty young Frenchmen will be sent from France to the United States and Canada to study American commercial methods in large typical banks, factories and shipping firms, and to become acquainted with the American mind and its principal viewpoints. They will stay a month in the United States, visiting in banks, factories, and shipping offices at New York, universities and spinning mills in Boston, lumber mills and tanneries in Montreal, canning factories in Chicago, the seat of government at Washington, iron and steel works at Pittsburgh, the petroleum industry in Philadelphia, grain stores at Baltimore, and "culture in general" at St. Louis. Meanwhile fifty young Americans will be doing exactly the same sort of thing in France with a view of getting a nation about French commercial methods and French points of view.

A steamship company has agreed to charge only 1,200 francs per student for the voyage to and fro, the families and towns concerned paying one-half and the Chambers of Commerce the other. The feedings of the youths and traffic arrangement generally will be undertaken by a travel agency.

The students in order to qualify for the trip must have the diploma of a commercial high school or agricultural college, and be able to speak well English and French, respectively. The choice of the students in America will be made by the "Franco-American" committee in connection with American Chambers of Commerce; and, correspondingly, in France. The French youths arriving in New York will be personally conducted in groups by expert instructors. Two French professors will guide the American students in France.

M. Guisthau, president of the "Franco-American," as Frank Vanderlip is president of a similar committee in New York, tells the Associated Press that it is hoped to establish after the war institutes in France and America which will supply all necessary commercial information, display specimens of goods and in general promote reciprocal economic knowledge between the two countries.

ITALY'S NEW WAR TAX COMES NEXT JUNE.

Rome, Dec. 9.—Italy's new war taxes, to be applied beginning next June, are expected to bring upwards of forty million dollars. The heaviest tax, apparently, is intended to fall on manufacturers of war supplies, to the extent of 60 per cent. on profits earned over 20 per cent. of invested capital. An additional tax of three-tenths of one per cent. is levied on the foreign companies doing business in Italy.

Another heavy tax falls on property owners. A direct tax of 5 per cent. monthly is to be paid by owners of apartment and tenement houses, or on rented houses. A small direct tax is imposed on all soldiers and officers who, though mobilized, do not form part of the active fighting troops, and another tax is imposed on men who perform no military duty because of ill health or other reasons.

BIBLE SUNDAY.

New York, Dec. 9.—The American Bible Society, which has its headquarters in this city, expects that tomorrow's annual observance of Universal Bible Sunday will take on more than ordinary significance, in view of the fact that this is the centennial year of the society. In connection with the celebration the society has issued a special report showing the work accomplished by the society during the one hundred years since its organization. The report shows that since its birth in 1816 the society has issued in the United States 71,536,305 Scriptures, and in foreign lands 46,151,286, making a total of 117,687,591 volumes. It has printed the Bible at the New York House in fifty-four languages.

GRIDIRON CLUB DINNER TONIGHT.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—The flag of the Gridiron Club floats over the New Willard Hotel, to remind all beholders that the annual dinner of the club takes place there tonight. A brilliant entertainment has been prepared for a long list of distinguished guests, among whom will be many of the victors and the vanquished in the recent election, which fact is expected to afford opportunity for an evening of burlesque and buffoonery that will eclipse all of the previous efforts of the famous organization. The President of the United States, members of his cabinet, justices of the Supreme Court, members of the diplomatic corps, senators, representatives and men eminent in all walks of life will be among the guests.

SALOON KEEPERS ARE TILTING THE LID.

London, Dec. 9.—The "lid" is being tilted so often by saloonkeepers in England that the liquor dealers themselves, fearing this continued winking at the closing time may advance the interests of prohibition, have launched a movement for a more rigid enforcement of the law.

It is proposed that any violations of the regulations will result in the suspension of the license until the end of the war. Another proposal is that a second violation of the law be punished by imprisonment, and that the offender be debarred from further employment in the liquor trade. In Birmingham the liquor interests have organized a vigilant police service of their own to see that the law is not violated.

SABBATH SHOULD BE OBSERVED IN BETTER WAY

Declares The Methodist Conference, Now Holding Forth In Durham.

COMMITTEE MADE REPORT TODAY.

Great Work Done By the Epworth League Past Year. To Ordain Deacons Tomorrow.

(By Lsan Idn.) Durham, N. C., Dec. 9.—Special order of Saturdays' session was reception of class of thirteen into full connection. They will be ordained deacons Sunday morning F. E. Dixon, of Stedman, was referred to committee on conference relation for superannuation relation.

W. W. Peele submitted the report of the Epworth League board. Twenty seven new chapters were organized during the year making total of 140 chapters; 5,003 members raised during year \$5,799.82.

The report committee on Sabbath observance made protest against all forms of Sabbath desecration, especially buying and selling, patronizing Sunday trains, improper use of automobiles and social visiting.

The Methodist orphanage committee reported contributions during year of \$27,097.92, above conference assessments.

At the completion of the new boys' building, in short time, fifty more (Continued on page six.)

GERMANY WILL MAKE ANSWER

Will Reply on Inquiry Made By American Consul As to Belgians.

Berlin, Dec. 7 (Via London).—Germany, in a few days, it was announced today, will make reply to the investigations which Joseph Grew, secretary to the American ambassador, has been making regarding the deportation of Belgian laborers. The reply is expected to follow the same lines as those made in regard to the deportation of Belgians when the Spanish government investigated the situation, which was published in the morning papers today. The position of the German government on the Belgian deportation was outlined in a reply made Thursday and transcribed in the newspapers Friday.

FURTHER SLUMP ON COTTON MARKET

Excitement Prevailed on Exchange Today as Prices Took Drop.

New York, Dec. 9.—A renewal of the heavy general liquidation that followed yesterday's big break in prices caused excitement verging on demoralization in the cotton market here today. For the time prices dropped 10 to 15 points between sales and March contracts sold off to 18.50, or 72 points under last night's close. Generally the list was \$14 per bale below the high record of the year. Apparently there had been no fresh news feature responsible for the further sensational break, but bullish confidence had been shaken by the break of the day before and heavy margin calls served to bring in selling orders from all directions.

OPPOSE MILITARY SCHOOL TRAINING.

St. Louis, Dec. 9.—Opposition to military training in the public schools was submitted to the Federal Council of the Church of Christ, in session here, by the committee on Peace and Arbitration.

The committee also urged the American government to invite the European belligerents to state that basis upon which to bring about peace negotiations.

FEDERAL GRAND JURIES ORDERED TO SINK PROBE

Attorney General Sends Forth Directions to Investigate Food Situation.

NEW YORK INQUIRY BEGINS AT ONCE.

District Attorney Geoes to Look in t Butter Situation. Chicago Packers Under Subpoena.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Federal grand jury investigations into the high cost of living were ordered today by Attorney General Gregory to begin a once in New York and in Detroit next week. Similar investigations in Cleveland, Kansas City, St. Louis, Minneapolis and other points are under consideration.

Meat and Butter Probe.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Pursuing inquiries into food prices, United States District Attorney Clynne sent investigators to Elgin today to attend a meeting of the Board of Trade, which organization fixes the prices of butter largely throughout the country.

Federal officials have served subpoenas on a number of packers of the city to appear next Monday before the grand jury investigating the high cost of meat.

At the United States District Attorney's office it was announced the egg supply in Chicago is controlled by four men.

VERMIN DESTROYERS ARE TO CONFER.

New York, Dec. 9.—During the coming week the Hotel Astor will be a mighty unsafe stopping place for Mr. and Mrs. Bedbug, or any other member of the vermin family who might have the temerity to enter the sacred precincts of that hostelry. For among the guests of the hotel during the first two days of the week will be a host of men who are wise to 57 or more different methods of dealing a knockout to all the germs that laden the air, to the flies and mosquitoes that carry the germs, and to all such household pests as roaches, mice and rats.

The occasion of the gathering will be the annual meeting of the American Insecticide and Disinfectant Manufacturers' Association, which has a membership extending throughout the country. One of the most important matters to be considered at the meeting is the War worth bill having to do with establishing an official test for disinfectants.

FINE WEATHER FOR FINAL GAME IN SOUTH.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 9.—Cool weather and clear skies early today gave promise of ideal conditions for the football game this afternoon between Georgetown and Tulane. This will be the last of the college games of the season in the South. Coaches of the two elevens announce that they will have their strongest line-up in the game and both are confident of winning.

FRANCE TO STOP PAPER IMPORTATION.

Paris, Dec. 9.—The government has decided to prevent the importation of print paper, according to a semi-official announcement made today. This will help to encourage the French paper industry, which is at present lagging.

STILL ARGUING IN THE EPSTEIN CASE.

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 9.—Argument in the case of Herman Epstein, charged with killing Leonard Edwards here last spring, was still in progress in Wayne County Superior Court today. The Epstein case will be given to the jury late today.

GERMAN WARSHIP RUNS CORDON.

London, Dec. 9.—A German warship has succeeded in successfully running the cordon of British war craft, says the captain of a steamer who arrived here today. He declares his vessel was held up in the Atlantic and his papers examined. The vessel is not a covert merchantman, the captain says, but a regular light cruiser.