

DETAILS OF TRIAL OF WAR MINISTER

Created Excitement in Bulgaria and Palace of Justice Guarded.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—The Sofia correspondent of the Lokalanzeiger reports details of the trial of the former Bulgarian War Minister, Genadijeff, who has been convicted of high treason and sentenced to ten years in the State's prison, while twelve of his confederates, mostly members of Parliament and prominent merchants, got off with eight years at hard labor each.

The trial created tremendous excitement in the Bulgarian capital and the Palace of Justice had to be guarded by troops. With five exceptions, the accused ex-Minister and his co-defendants maintained their pleas of innocence to the end. One of the indicted men refused to testify, but four made partial confessions in the vain hope of receiving a lighter sentence.

The public prosecutor furnished proof that the conspirators received \$5,000,000 through a French agent by the name of Declosiers for their efforts to overthrow Premier Radoslawoff and to bring about the formation of a new Ministry favorable to the Entente.

Genadijeff received \$3,000,000 as his share of the bribe, and the rest was divided among his lieutenants. The arrest of the ex-Minister and his associates took place shortly after the entrance of Bulgaria into the war, but the trial was delayed nearly fifteen months.

AUSTRIAN GAME TO VERY LAST

From Beneath Mass of Dead He Fired Away at The Enemy.

Rome, Dec. 30.—On the second day of the last Carso offensive a major was ordered to rebuild and strengthen some of the demolished Austrian positions, which included a kind of artificial crater the Italians had found full of Austrian dead. As was afterward discovered, an Austrian soldier had remained hidden among these dead, without food or drink, for two days and two nights.

While the field was full of soldiers feverishly piling up sandbags and mixing cement, a rifle report was heard and a bersagliere dispatch bearer was seen to drop in his tracks as he crossed the crater. His surprised comrades rushed up to ascertain whence the shot had come, but nothing was discovered.

The incident was reported to the major and a careful investigation was made. As the major stood on the edge of the crater he saw a leg move from under the pile of dead bodies and soon afterward a soldier, resembling more a beast than a human being, raised his arm and motioned the major that he was wounded in the abdomen.

The major motioned back to wait, sent for a stretcher and left the crater. He had hardly gone fifty yards when another report was heard and another soldier was killed. As the major turned a third report rang out and a bullet pierced an officer's heart.

Everybody rushed for his rifle and hundreds of shots were fired into the mass of dead bodies. Then the pile was searched and under a heavy coat the Austrian was found, his Mauser rifle, still hot, at his side.

RUMANIANS SAID TO LACK DISCIPLINE.

Headquarters of the German Army in the Dobrudja, Dec. 30.—The lack of discipline in the Rumanian ranks is illustrated by an order of General Zoinicovsky, the commander-in-chief of the Dobrudja army of King Ferdinand. The order was found in the possession of a captured staff officer and reads:

"I received many complaints against our troops, who are accused of plundering, destroying property and assaulting women. An investigation has convinced me that these complaints are well founded to many cases. For the last time I warn the commanders of the different units that I will hold them responsible for any act of violence committed by their men. In the future all officers tolerating excesses will be removed from their commands and court-martialed. Every soldier who plunders or maltreats women will be shot or hanged at once."

NOW HAS A PAPER PRINTED IN GREEK.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—Germany now has a daily paper printed in modern Greek, the Nea tou Goerlitz (News from Goerlitz). The new daily is published by the Goerlitz Nachrichten for the benefit of the officers and soldiers of the Greek army corps which surrendered to Field Marshal von Mackensen in Macedonia and has been brought to Goerlitz.

WANT VEGETABLES INSTEAD OF MEAT.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—The German food dictator announced that the appeal of the vegetarians who demand that they shall be permitted to exchange their meat cards for other foods will be granted, if this is possible.

Until now the vegetarians, who are rather numerous, especially in Berlin, have been furnished meat cards like all other citizens, although they protested and asked that they be given increased quantities of oatmeal, beans and flour. Their request was refused repeatedly on the ground that special regulations for them would make too much trouble.

COMMERCIAL UNION AFTER THE CONFLICT.

Vienna, Dec. 30.—Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey have decided to form a commercial union after the war. Negotiations for this purpose have been going on for some time and they are said to be near conclusion. Greece is to be asked to join and Rumania and Serbia may be forced to do so, if these kingdoms are reestablished.

Holland and Denmark will also be asked to enter the proposed custom union, but there is little prospect that they will join, as they fear retaliation from England on which they depend for their shipping and overseas trade.

GOLD RESERVE OF BANK IS GROWING.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—After twenty-eight months of war the gold reserve of the Reichsbank is still growing. The average weekly additions to the precious yellow metal stored in the vaults of the bank amount to about \$90,000. This is made possible by the spirit of sacrifice which animates the whole nation. Almost all of the societies of the empire, especially the old trade guilds and shooting organizations, have decided to lay their gold regalia, chains of office, gold cups, etc., upon the altar of the Fatherland. Many of these articles are exquisite examples of the goldsmith's art and

PUBLIC PLACES HAVE TO CLOSE EARLY.

Brussels, Belgium, Dec. 30.—Because of the numerous patriotic demonstrations here, the German military authorities have decreed that all public establishments shall be closed after 8 p. m. After that time all movement on the streets are forbidden. Theatrical managers appealed from the decree, but the authorities rejected their plea as the theatres are chiefly patronized by Germans, this order will hit them harder than the native Belgians. Centuries old. Their artistic and historical value in most cases far exceeds that of the gold.

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