

ROUMANIA NAMES HER FIGHTING CONDITIONS

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ATTITUDE IS GIVEN CONCERN TO TEUTONS

Situation Is Balanced by Allies' Uneasiness Over Greece's Refusal to Accede to Entente Demands.

London, Dec. 1.—Roumania will deliver an ultimatum to Austria as soon as the entente allies have concentrated 500,000 men in the Balkans, says a report from Bucharest contained in a Central News dispatch.

London, Dec. 1.—The Balkan states continue to dominate both the military and diplomatic situation in Europe. Roumania's attitude apparently is causing the central powers great uneasiness, while the refusal of Greece to limit her military efficiency is of equal concern to the allies. Roumania is said to be only awaiting the presence in the Balkans of preponderant entente military forces before dispatching an ultimatum to Austria, and German military critics, according to dispatches reaching London, are expressing considerable dissatisfaction with conditions in the Balkans, predicting both military and diplomatic difficulties for the central powers despite the brilliant successes of Field Marshal von Mackensen in Serbia.

Moreover, it is reported that Austria is opposed to the possibility of Bulgarian domination of the Balkan states and it is suggested that the desire to forestall any friction in this connection was responsible for the German emperor's visit to Vienna recently.

Greece steadfastly refuses to concede to the entente powers' demands for unrestricted use of the Greek port of Saloniki as a base and furthermore declines to remove her army from Macedonia.

Except for the capture of Pristina by the Bulgarians remains, notwithstanding definite reports that neutral consuls had arranged to turn the city over to the Bulgarians after the withdrawal of the Serbian forces; but later dispatches stated that telegraphic communication was still maintained, indicating that the place had not been entirely evacuated.

On the eastern front there has been comparative quiet. Russians are reported to have been greatly strengthened along the Riga line, and to be imbued with confidence that they can shatter the German defenses whenever a forward movement is deemed expedient.

Vienna reports that the tallians seem determined to capture Gorizia, but progress against the defenses of the city is exceedingly slow.

Senate Democrats Again Consider Cloture Rule

Washington, Dec. 1.—Senate democrats today wrestled further with the problem of cloture when they resumed their caucus, and at the same time the democrats of the house ways and means committee continued to work on their task of readjusting committees because of the enlarged republican minority.

The senate caucus proceedings gave promise of being enlivened, when Chairman Owen of the special rules committee submitted his report recommending a modified form of cloture rule for limiting debate.

Although Senator Owen expressed the belief that the cloture rule would be approved, opposition was considered certain from some of the democrats on the ground that the question should not be made a party issue and that the senate should not bind itself with restrictions similar to those in the house.

Although the house ways and means committee had not half completed its work, Chairman Kitchin said that he expected it would be finished by Friday. The work must be done in time for the house democratic caucus on Saturday night.

Fourteen Dead Miners Discovered After Blast

Boomer, West Va., Dec. 1.—The bodies of 14 miners who lost their lives in the Boomer Coal and Coke company's mine by the explosion of a blow-out shot, which yesterday imperiled the lives of 300 men, were brought to the surface today and taken to the temporary morgue nearby. Soon afterward rescuers appeared with five other miners who had been buried far

underground, and though still alive were in a critical condition. They were hurriedly taken to the hospital.

Hendersonville Couple Under Arrest In Penn.

Chester, Penn., Dec. 1.—Andrews Tulounes was arrested yesterday in company with Lola Levereette, a 16 year old girl, with who he had eloped from Hendersonville, N. C. Tulounes is 30 years old and will be held under the Mann white slave act. It is expected the parents of the girl, who looks to be about 19 years of age, will come here to prosecute the man and take their daughter home.

The minister of a local Baptist church received a letter from a minister in Hendersonville, requesting him to investigate the case, and his communication was turned over to Chief of Police Vance who took action.

Dr. R. S. Carroll Expelled From Medical Society

According to action taken by members of the Buncombe County Medical society at a meeting Monday night, Dr. Robert S. Carroll, proprietor of Highland hospital of Zillicoa street, against whom charges of immorality were preferred some time ago, was expelled from the society.

number of the members present, was unanimous. Before the final action was taken, it is stated that several members of the society made talks regarding certain phases of the case.

Kitchener and Cochin Disagree Over Policy

Dispatch Says Earl Wanted Greece to Enter War For Allies

Berlin, Dec. 1.—A difference of opinion arose when Field Marshall Kitchener, British war minister, and Denys Cochin, French minister without portfolio, met in Athens, says the Overseas News agency. Press dispatches from Athens by way of Budapest, given out by the agency, assert that Earl Kitchener desired that Greece enter the war with the allies, whereas M. Cochin merely asked for safe passage for the French and British forces which might have to retreat from Macedonia into Greece.

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Some form of protection against fire and panic is found in thirty-six states. Blanket regulations or the power to make such regulations, exist in twelve states. General or special construction with a view to fire prevention is dealt with in ten states.

THE LARGEST Advertisements appearing in The Gazette-News today are those of THE ASHEVILLE POWER & LIGHT CO. and THE ELECTRICAL INTERESTS OF ASHEVILLE

calling attention to things Electrical.

RETIREMENTS IN VIENNA CABINET

Austrian Minister of Interior, Commerce and Finance, Present Their Resignation to Francis Joseph.

SUCCESSORS ALREADY HAVE BEEN APPOINTED

Resignations of Retiring Ministers Accepted Provided They Will Assist Their Government.

Amsterdam, Dec. 1.—Reports that several members of the Austrian cabinet have resigned is confirmed by an autograph letter from Emperor Francis Joseph published in the Wiener Zeitung of Vienna. The emperor has accepted the resignations of Dr. Karl Heindol D'Udinski, minister of the interior; Dr. Rudolf Schuster von Bonnot, minister of commerce; and Baron Engel von Malsfelden, minister of finance.

ONE MAN RETURNS ALIVE AFTER FAMOUS CHARGE

Wonderfully Brave, Yet Foolhardy Deed, Recalls the Light Brigade at Balaklava.

The Dardanelles, Dec. 1.—Some fresh details regarding the famous charge of the Australian Light Horse Brigade against the Turks on the Nek, in which the best part of three Australian regiments participated and only one man returned alive, have just reached British headquarters through a Turkish prisoner.

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AFTER POSTOFFICE FOR W. ASHEVILLE

Congressman Britt Requests Postoffice Department to Establish New Office.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Representative Britt requested the postoffice department to establish a postoffice at West Asheville, Assistant Postmaster General Roper, it is understood, promised that the office should be opened at an early date.

Major Charles M. Stedman today urged Assistant Secretary of War Breckenridge to establish the proposed citizens training camp which is to be located in North Carolina at Greensboro. The major said the Gate City offered unusual advantages in sites and railway facilities and told the department that a most suitable location could be secured.

Upon his return to his office Major Stedman found a letter from Paul Schenck of the Guilford Battleground association offering to let the government have the use of this historic battlefield if the camp is located at Greensboro. He also found a letter from J. C. Forester, of the chamber of commerce, urging him to do what he could to have Greensboro selected as the camp site.

The letters of Messrs. Schenck and Forester will be presented to Mr. Breckenridge tomorrow. The fact that the battlefield can be had is a decided point in favor of Greensboro. Senator Overman took the matter of selecting a camp site in North Carolina to the war department some months ago. It is practically certain that one of the North Carolina cities will be selected and the Gate City has an equal, if not better chance, than any of the others mentioned.

SANITATION RULES FOR SCHOOLS IN 40 STATES

Legal Steps Taken to Safeguard Health of Children—Measures Increasing.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Forty states of the union have taken some legal action toward safeguarding the sanitation of public school buildings according to a bulletin on "Schoolhouse Sanitation," just issued by the bureau of education of the United States department of the interior.

"Probably nine-tenths of the existing regulation of this sort has come within the past decade," declares the bulletin, "Each state profits by the experience of forty-seven others. A law passed in one extreme of the country today is copied next month or next year by a state 2,000 or 3,000 miles distant."

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On objection from the prosecution on Watson's line of argument in reference to other features Judge W. W. Lamdin again said that he had so ruled and would state in his charge to the jury that it was not to consider any motive behind the prosecution of there was one.

Watson returned to his home at Thomson early in the night. Shortly after 6 o'clock the jury reported that it was "irreconcilably apart" and had "made no progress."

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DON JAIME ISAGAN ARRESTED BY AUSTRIA

Spanish Pretender Under Arrest Last Year Charged With French Partisan Activities.

Paris, Dec. 1.—The Journal says that Don Jaime of Bourbon, pretender to the Spanish throne, has again been arrested in Austria. According to this account, Don Jaime, who had been living in Italy, requested permission of Emperor Francis Joseph to visit his estates at Frohsdorf, Austria.

It is said he was informed that he might travel freely anywhere in Austria, but that the day after his arrival at Frohsdorf he was placed under arrest, to be held in restraint until the end of the war. He has been informed, the Journal says, that any officer who visits him will be dismissed from the army.

Don Jaime was arrested at Frohsdorf last year for addressing to his partisans an appeal to side with France in the war. He was released on condition that he would leave the country.

Kitchener Returns. London, Nov. 30.—Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, British secretary for war, returned to London today from his trip to the near east.

Roumania Refuses. London, Dec. 1.—According to a telegram from Bucharest, Roumania has notified Russia that she earnestly desires to remain neutral, says a Copehead Times dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. Consequently Russian warships will not be allowed to enter the Danube, which, it is emphasized, has been mined.

POWDER BLASTS' CAUSE MYSTERY

Investigators Have Made Little Progress in Determining Origin of Explosion at Du Pont Plant.

COST THE LIVES OF THIRTY-ONE PEOPLE

Detectives Discredit Reports That Teuton Employes Had Been Warned Not to Work for Company.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 1.—Although investigation into the cause of the disaster was started by officials of the Du Pont Powder company immediately after the explosion yesterday which caused the loss of 31 lives and the serious injury of six persons in the upper Hager yards of the plant here, nothing tangible had been discovered today.

Every employe of the company who was near the building destroyed was put through a thorough examination, but without any light being cast on the mystery.

Not one of the twenty-six men working in the "pellet" packing house escaped and now there is only a big hole where the building stood. The investigators admit there is little possibility of finding out where the blame for the disaster should be placed and company officials admit they are without a shred of evidence on which to base the hope that its origin would ever be discovered.

Reports that notices were found nailed to trees and fences along roads leading to the Du Pont plants at Upper Hager and at Carney's Point warning employes of Teutonic origin at the plant that they would imperil their lives by continuing to work there, received the attention of big forces of detectives today. The reports were discredited by the investigators. After the reports had gained considerable circulation several days ago, company officials made a thorough investigation and declared they found nothing to substantiate them.

Men accustomed to travel the roads in the vicinity of the plants said they had seen the notices but stated that they had remained in position only a few hours at a time.

VICTIM OF WRECK IS IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Henry Talley Is Worse—Gardner Said to Be Much Improved

Salisbury, Nov. 30.—The condition of Henry Talley, one of the most seriously injured people in the train wreck here Wednesday night, when two persons were killed and 22 wounded, was reported today to be worse. Surgeons at the local hospital where he is being treated, announced that his left leg had been amputated in an effort to save his life.

VILLA HAS DISAPPEARED AFTER DECISIVE DEFEATS

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 1.—His forces defeated and scattered by the Carranza army of General Manuel Dieguez at Hermosillo, Francisco Villa has disappeared, according to reports received here by General Obregon, Carranza military chief. The reports are based apparently on statements of prisoners.

General Dieguez's victory at Hermosillo is said to have been complete. Three hundred Villa soldiers were found wounded after the battle, six hundred were said to have surrendered south of Magdalena, while 200 more gave up their arms yesterday at Llanos.

The remainder of Villa's forces, excepting those commanded by General Jose Rodriguez, are declared to be demoralized and surrendering in small groups. Their trains, with two locomotives, were reported to have been abandoned at Magdalena, 125 miles north of Hermosillo.