

FEELING OF OPTIMISM GROWING IN ENGLAND

German Reports to Effect That Greece Has Granted Allies Absolute Control of Macedonian Railways.

ALSO USE OF CERTAIN PORTS ON AEGEAN SEA

Much Rumored Russian Diversion Against Bulgarians Has Not Materialized—Various Reports.

London, Dec. 4.—The much-rumored diversion against the Bulgarians has not materialized, but the fact that no official Russian statement was issued last night gives rise to the hope in England that it was being held up in order to chronicle this new phase of the Balkan campaign.

Reports have reached here from Bucharest that three Bulgarian divisions have crossed Hungary en route for the Italian or the western front, which if true would indicate that the Bulgarians do not fear a Russian invasion. Reports of such a shift of forces as that concerning the Bulgarians are as vague, however, as the reports that Austro-German troops were being rushed from the other fronts to the east to face the new Russian menace.

Dispatches from several sources assert that in both the north and the south, the Serbian armies are safely established in Albania, while forces of the Serbians which evidently formed part of the Monastir defense have reached the French camp at Grevgeli in Serbian territory near the Greek frontier, not far from Saloniki.

The feeling of optimism here over the near-eastern situation seems to be growing, but outwardly there is little justification for it except on the theory that the Russian onslaught against the Bulgarians will quickly crystallize, while the diplomatic negotiations of the entente powers in Greece again seem to be progressing favorably.

WOMEN HOLDING MANY INDUSTRIAL POSITIONS IN EDUCATIONAL WORLD

Washington, Dec. 3.—Women are holding many executive educational positions in the United States, according to the bureau of education's directory for the year 1915-16 issued today, which shows that out of 12,000 conspicuous positions, largely of an administrative character 2500 are women incumbents. The women officials include college presidents, state and county superintendents of education, directors of industrial schools, heads of departments in colleges and universities, directors of schools for the afflicted and librarians.

CALLS BELGIANS TO DISCUSS CONTRIBUTIONS

Brussels, Dec. 4.—Under a decree issued by General Von Bissing, general governor general of Belgium to the authorities of the provinces of Antwerp and Brabant, calling them to meet in special session on Saturday to discuss the matter of war contributions. These provinces have not yet concurred in the measure promulgated for the collection of war taxes. The contributions are due December 15.

Sen. Clark's Victory May Endanger Cloture Rule

Washington, Dec. 4.—With the fight over president protem of the senate settled by the nomination of Senator Clarke of Arkansas, the democrats of the senate in caucus again today turned their attention to the cloture rule. Prospects today were that plans for the adoption of the cloture rule would be endangered by reason of the victory of Senator Clarke, despite the fact that the contest ended harmoniously. The caucus has agreed to vote on the cloture question at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Another Train Hold-Up Attempted In Southwest

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 4.—Possibly early today were in pursuit of bandits who last night attempted to hold up the southbound Iron Mountain passenger train, No. 3, near Malvern, Ark. The robbery was foiled through the coolness of Theodore F. Howard, the engineer. Three hours after the attempt officers and citizens were on the trail of the would-be robbers.

President Wilson And Mrs. Galt To Wed Dec. 18

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt will be married on Saturday, December 18 at the Washington home of Mrs. Galt, according to an announcement given out at the white house today. It was also announced that the only guests at the ceremony would be Mrs.

Belgian Finance Minister In U. S. to Make Purchases

New York, Dec. 4.—Alola Van de Vyvere, Belgian minister of finance, who landed yesterday on the Adriatic from Liverpool. The minister said that he had come to look after purchases for his government. He denied the report emanating from London that he might try to arrange for a loan for Belgium in the United States.

PROHIBITIONISTS TO WIN IF THE BILL COMES TO A VOTE

Liquor Men Devoting Efforts to Prevent a Vote—It Is Not a Radical Measure.

(By Parker K. Anderson).
Gazette-News Bureau.
The Biggs Building
Washington, Dec. 4.—The committee of 13 appointed by the Anti-Saloon league to draft a resolution to be presented to congress for nation-wide prohibition has about decided that practically the same measure as was advocated by former Congressman Hobson will be introduced in both houses early next week. As stated exclusively in this correspondence, Representative Yates Webb is being urged to lead the fight in the house.

Members who urged that the Arkansas senator should not be re-elected because of his revolt against the ship purchase bill at the last session. After the vote was taken, Senator Pomerene moved to make the choice of Senator Clarke unanimous and this was done by a rising vote.

The division in the Clarke-Pomerene fight was rather sharply drawn. All the democrats who joined with Senator Clarke in his fight against the ship purchase bill stood solidly behind him, and most of the southern senators also supported him. Senators Fletcher, of Florida, and Martin and Swanson, of Virginia, however voted for Senator Pomerene. The Florida senator had charge of the ship purchase bill. Majority Leader Kern, and Senators Overman and Simmons of North Carolina, and Smith and Tillman, of South Carolina, voted for Clarke.

Official Washington is speculating upon the effect the action might have on public opinion in Germany. Information upon that subject, it was said, in high official circles, would be awaited with interest.

THE LARGEST

Advertisement appearing in The Gazette-News today is that of L. BLONBERG.

calling attention to Sale of Toys and Sporting Goods.

VON PAPAN AND K. BOY-ED MUST LEAVE COUNTRY

German Attaches Have Rendered Themselves Undesirable to U. S. By Activities Harmful to the Nation.

CASE OF VON NEUBER BEING CONSIDERED
Complaints Against Boy-ed and Von Papan Date Back to the Early Days of the European War.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Immediate withdrawal of Captain Karl Boy-ed and Captain Franz von Papan, respective naval and military attaches of the German embassy, has been requested by the state department. In making formal announcement of this action late yesterday, Secretary Lansing said the attaches had rendered themselves persona non grata to the United States government by improper activities in connection with naval and military matters.

The secretary acted with the full approval of President Wilson, who is understood to have determined that the United States shall be rid of foreign officials who make themselves injurious to the best interests of the nation.

FOUR CHILDREN LOSE LIVES IN W. VA. FIRES

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 4.—News has reached here that four children were burned to death in Logan county Thursday. The little son and daughter of Henry Pritchard of Holden were fatally burned while playing "Indian"; and two children of James Lowe of Rum-Creek lost their lives when their home was destroyed by fire.

BIG EXPOSITION CLOSES TODAY

In Spite of European War Panama-Pacific Exhibition Attendance and Financial Returns Satisfactory.

TO NOV. 19 ATTENDANCE WAS OVER 17,000,000
Net Cash Income of \$1,418,776 Out of Gross Income of \$6,048,129 Was Shown on October 21.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—Today was closing day at the Panama Pacific international exposition. A salute of 21 guns at sunrise open a carnival of music and dancing which will last until midnight in celebration of the success of the fair.

Owing to the European war, which began six months before the opening of the exposition on February 20, the exposition directors were forced to some anxiety as to the success of their project, but it turned out that the attendance passed the seventeenth million mark on November 19, with the record for a single day being 348,472 visitors on San Francisco day, November 2.

STEAMSHIP OFFICIALS TO SERVE TERMS IN PRISON

New York, Dec. 4.—Dr. Karl Bueuz, George Kotter and Adolph Hochmeister of the Hamburg-American Steamship line, recently convicted of conspiring to defraud the United States government by sending aid from American ports to German sea raiders in the South Atlantic, were today sentenced by Federal Judge Howe, who heard the case, to serve one and a half years in the federal penitentiary in Atlanta. Joseph Poppinghaus was given a sentence of one year.

The Hamburg-American line was fined one dollar. All the defendants were admitted to bail pending the suing out of a writ of error in their behalf.

TWO READY TO OPPOSE BRITT

Out of Whole Crowd of Possibilities, Only Zeb Weaver and Sol. Gallert Are Openly in Field.

JUDGE JUSTICE SEEMS DEAD AGAINST RACE
Fight for Nomination Understood to Be Between Asheville and Rutherfordton—Revenue Collections Good.

(By W. T. Post)
Raleigh, Dec. 4.—Tenth Congressional district lawyers who have been here arguing cases on appeal from their judicial division indicate early plans to retire Congressman J. J. Britt and at least two democrats are ready to announce.

Down here the rumor of a dozen candidates had been circulated and such strife promised as to give republicans hope of winning without trouble again next year. Hall Johnston and Gallatin Roberts, "Captain Bob", Charles Webb, Judge Justice, Sol Gallert, M. L. Shilman, Governor Craig and Senator Weaver were all put among the congressional probabilities.

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PEACE ENVOYS BOARD VESSEL

Members of Ford Peace Expedition Aboard Oscar II, Which Sails This Afternoon for European Port.

HALF HUNDRED SPECIAL WRITERS GOING ALONG
Eighty-Three of 140 Ford Guests Listed as Peace Envoys—Will Visit Various Neutral Capitals.

New York, Dec. 4.—Members of the peace expedition organized and financed by Henry Ford for the purpose of creating a conference of the representatives of neutral nations in the hope of ending the war, began to assemble this morning at Hoboken aboard the Scandinavian-American liner Oscar II. There were 140 names on the list of guests. Of those 83 were peace envoys; and 54 were newspaper and magazine writers; while three were moving picture men. For their use Mr. Ford has chartered the entire accommodation of first and second cabins.

The vessel is due to sail at 2 o'clock this afternoon. She should reach Christiania, the first stop, about December 14. Thence the party will proceed to Stockholm, Copenhagen and the Hague.

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