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CHRISTMAS TREES SCARCE

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## **BULGARS FORCE** STARVED SERBS FROM MONASTIR

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### Hungry and Half-Frozen, Defenders of Stronghold No Match for Invaders

### TEUTON DASH ON DANUBE

GENEVA, Dec. 3 .--- Count Goluchowski, ex-Foreign Minister of Austria, is in Athens on a diplomatic mission, says the Tribune. It is reported that he is trying to secure a promise from King Constantine that the Allies shall not be allowed to land any more troops at Salonica.

SALONICA, Dec. 3 .- Austro-German troops entered Monastir on Thursday afternoon, according to dispatches from the Greek town of Florina, near the Serbian frontier.

The Bulgarians operating southeast of Monastir, in the region of Kenali, planned to enter Monastir today, the dispatches asserted.

It was stated that only the Austrian flag was hoisted in Monastir.

LONDON, Dec. 3.

A force of starved, half-frozen Serblans, better described as chosts than men. tried to defend Monastir, but stood no. show before the well-equipped Bulgarians. The following dispatch from Milan describing the final effort of the Serbs to save Monastir was received today by the Corriere Della Seral.

"Six thousand starved Serbians marched for 17 days to the defense of the tows, but were quickly thrown out. On two occa-sions the men had to march for two days without food. Although beaten, they refused to give in, but struggled against the snow and rain to avoid sur-render. Hundreds fell exhausted and were left by their companions to die of hunger and cold. It was a group of ghosts that entered Monastir. They were fit only for the hospital. As the Bul-garians approached Monastir the starved and panic-stricken inhabitants fled. The last train left Monastir Monday. After-ward word was received of fighting, and 'Six thousand starved Serbians marched ward word was received of fighting, and then all communication was cut off."

"Victorious engagements against iso "Victorious engagements against 180-lated Serbian detachments southwest of Mitrovitza occurred yesterday," says to-day's official War Office report from Berlin. "We captured 1300 Serbians."

The Berlin official statement fails to confirm reports from Greek sources that the Teutons have captured Monastir.

A Reuter disputch from Salonica says that Russian troops have entered Hulgoria

The German General Staff is hurrying an army through Bulgaria to the Danube frontier of Rumania, according to uncon-firmed reports. This field must be strongly defended. Berlin believes, in view of expected Russian aggression in Rumani or that nation's declaration for the Allies

The menace is immediate, according to a report that the Russians have crossed the Rumanian border and are marching through that country to Bulgaria. While this lacks confirmation, another report mys the Rumanians are diverting their Bessarablan army toward Galicia.

SERBS ENTERING GREECE.

Imminent retreat of the hard-pressed forces in southwestern Serbia through Greek territory is expected to force the hand of Greece in the negotiations now being carried on at Athens regarding the attitude of the Hellenic Government toward the Allies.

While the remnant of the Serbian southern army is maintaining a desperate re-sistance to the Bulgarian onslaught near

ULTIMATUM BY "SHOOTERS" Insist on Naming Half of Board of Parade Judges

The Federation of New Year Associa-ions issued on ultimatum teday demand-as the privilege of choosing hulf of the mard of judges of the New Year's pa-ade. The "shooters" have yielded in all note, the shooters' have yielded in all points of the controversy but this, and icelare that unless they are successful a dealing with Councils' committee in harze of the celebration they will march a New York. Wilmington or some other

Joseph M. Shrufer, secretary of the fed-ration, announced the attitude of that monification this morning.

"The trouble has not been settled," he said. "We have abandonesi some of our demands, but on this point we must be firm. We are willing to forozo the privi-lege of handling the program, and we are willing to give in otherwise. We have presented a measure from New York urareceived a measage from New York ura-ing us not to sign an agreement to march here until we have heard from the au-thorities of that city."

## FRENCH GUNS HALT GERMAN ASSAULT

British Artillery Smashes Teuton Positions in Four Days' Bombardment

PARIS, Dec. 1. Considerable activity is reported from be Artois distinct. The only infinitry Utok, attempted by a Gorman detach-rent north of Les Cinq Chemins, was ned by the French guns and the dehment was dispersed. The sectors of os, the Bols-en-Hache and Angres were gain the scenes of lively artillery bom-ordment on both sides and Arras again shelled by the tlermani French mines were exploded before

Fay, to the south of the Somme, and at Les Eparges. official communique issued by the

War Office last night follows:

ar office has high follows: "In Artons the cannonade main has een lively on both sides in the sectors f Loos, of the Bolssen-Hindle and of ngres. There was fighting with hand orpedees to the northwest of HUI 140. "To the north of Les Cinq Chemins a erman detachment which attempted to mercach our traches and discreted by Angres. pproach our trenches was dispersed by ar fire. The enemy threw about 60 shells

To the south of the Somme, before Fay, we successfully exploded a mine. A German advance past was destroyed. "At Les Eparges we exploded a counter mine, which destroyed the mine works of the enemy." Successfully exploded a counter of the enemy.

### ALLIES' MONITORS SHELL FOES AT WESTENDE | Mare Island

HERLIN, Dec 3 .- Two hostile monitors shelled German positions at Westende, on the Belgian coast, without effect, yeserday, it was officially stated this after-

French outposts near Lombartzyde were surprised by our troops and several prisoners taken." said the official report. "West of Rouen, a French biplane was brought down by our guist and two of-ficers made prisoners."

PLEA FOR BELGIAN SOLDIERS

### Funds Needed to Send Them Christmas Cheer

An appeal for the "Help-the-fielgian-Soldiers Fund" of Princess Clementine Napoleon, of Beigium, first cousin of King Albert, has been issued through Paul Hagemans, the Belsian Consul Gen-eral, whose address is 6357 Woodbine ave-nue. Contributions mity be made either

through Mr. Hagemans or Joseph Pruits West 102d street, New York city. The appeal follows: "In a few weeks Christmas will be cole-

diers of all the warring nations will re-

JUMP IN STEEL PRICES MAY MAKE NAVY YARDS BATTLESHIP BUILDERS

Bids Indicate Increase of 40 Per Cent., Department Officials at Washington

Assert

## LEAGUE ISLAND LEADS

By a Staff Correspondent WSHINGTON, Dec. 3 -- When blds were opened at the Navy Department today on steel for the two new battleships, contracts for which have not been awarded. officials of the Bureau of Construction and Repair americal that it was evident

the prices were 10 per cent, higher than they were one year ago, when bids were opened for steel for the California. The Navy Department estimated that the cost of hartleships would be increased from \$15,006,000 each to \$15,000,000, because of the war prices, but it seems apparent now that the \$18,000,000 figure will be exconded. The Carbon Steel Company, of Pitts-

The Carbon Steel Company, of Fills-burgh, was low bilder on all but one class of special treatment steel plates, the figures being \$0896 per pound. The Car-negie Steel Company, of Pittsburgh, was low bidder on the other class, at \$0816 per pound. The Carbon Company was low bidder on pickel steel at \$0859 per ow bidder on nickel steel, at \$ 359 per aund. The Carnegie Steel Company was low

bidder on virtually all the medium-class steel and was low on high-tensile steel. the figures ranging from \$52341 to \$52345 per pound. The American Steel Foun-dries of Chester, was low bidder on steel castings, \$58 per pound.

A total of \$2,000 tons of steel is to be purchased for the two battleships.

If after analysis of the bids it is found that they are not higher than the other mates furnished by the shipyards the Secretary of the Navy will authorize the building of the two battleships in Gov-ernment yards. The bids of shipbuilders for these two battleships exceeded the limit authorized by Coursess. 5, 509 00 limit authorized by Congress, \$7,500,000 The bids were:

yards so late in the year. There were 69 cars in the yards hast year and in 1913 there were nearly a hundred. The trees, which number 25,800, const from Vermont and New Hampshire, Nons have arrival from Canada. The price New York is the only yard now equipped or battleship building are high. A Cut the trees for \$70.

In the estimate of Mare Island Yard is included money necessary to equip it for the building of battleships. It will require probably \$400,009 for an enlarged slipways and tools to put the Philadel-phia yard in shape for this work.

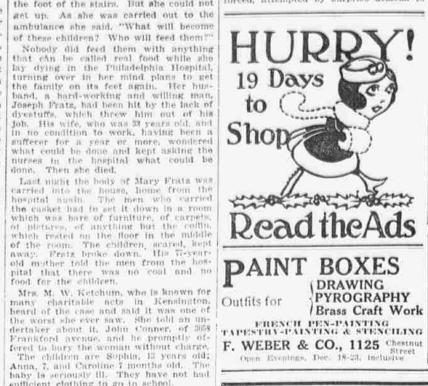
It is estimated in a rough way by the navy engineers that the bids submitted today will not exceed in any great amount he estimates furnished by the steel makers to the navy yards. In other vords, the conclusion is that the ships cill be built in Government yards. But before that can be done Congress must authorize an appropriation to enlarge Mare Island and the Philadelphia yard. The steel makers, in submitting bids to-day, said they could furnish the steel as soon as it was wanted, and that there would be no delay by reason of the de-mand for steel abroad.

75,000 Waiters Want More Pay NEW YORK, Dec. L-Following the end of union organizers of Chicago, 75,000 unployes of New York hotels and restau-"In a few works Christmas will be cele-brated the world over in all families. Sol-higher wages and shorter hours, it was learned today. If their demands are rerelatives and friends. The Belgian soldiers just before New Year's eve. George C

MOTHER KILLED; WHO | ITALIANS REPULSE WILL FEED CHILDREN?

No Food, No Fuel in Home Left Teutons Make Counter-Assaults on Foe's New Positions by Woman Who Fell South of Gorizia Downstairs

ROME, Dec. 8. The wooden planks of the floors at 2519 Heavy storms along the Austro-Italian Amber street are bare, because the carront are rendering military operations pots were ripped up to be sold to huy difficult, according to the official report food for the children. Their mother fell sent from army headquarters under date downstairs in the little house Inst Monof December 2. It announces, however, day. The three children heard the crash that the Austrians, now strongly reinand ran out to find her struggling at forced, attempted by surprise attacks to the foot of the stairs. But she could not



capture new Italian positions on the Isonzo front east of Osiavia and along the northern slope of Monte San Michele, but were repulsed. "Against our Monte Piano positions at the bridgehead in the Reinz valley the enemy developed an unsuccessful artil-

"Some small raids by our infantry m-

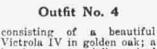
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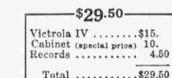
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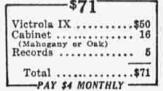
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AUSTRIAN ATTACKS

"Against our Monte Piano positions at "Against our Monte Piano positions at the bridgehead in the Reinz valley the enemy developed an unsuccessful artil-lery action without any infantry at-tack." said the official report. "Along the Isonzo front heavy storms,

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