

**BULGARS PRESS FLEEING FRENCH IN SOUTH SERBIA**

Victors Continue Vigorous Pursuit of Enemy on Both Banks of Vardar

**A I M AT ENVELOPMENT**

ATHENS, Dec. 8.—German troops have reached the Greek frontier, according to a dispatch from Florina, which states that Teuton and Bulgarian cavalry forces have occupied the railway town of Kenali on the Serbo-Greek boundary line.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—"Our victorious troops are continuing the pursuit of the French on both banks of the Vardar," said an official War Office statement today from Sofia.

Yesterday's official statements reported the French retiring on the Cerna and Vardar rivers in southern Serbia before a vigorous Bulgarian onslaught.

The French were compelled to give up their positions in the Cerna-Korasa-Vardar salient. This action was necessary to avoid an active envelopment movement by the Bulgarians, which is still under way.

Severe fighting, which is likely to develop into one of the greatest battles of the war in the East, is under way in south Serbia along the Vardar-Cerna-Korasa front in Serbia. The Bulgarians have begun their attack against the Anglo-French, and it is reported that the German army of General von Gallwitz has been reorganized and reinforced and is marching south to take part in the operations.

It is evidently the intention of the Germans to strike hard before the Allies, who continue to land troops at Salonica, have completed their preparations. It is reported that the Germans have 40,000 men available. There is no indication of the Bulgarian or Anglo-French strength, but one report says that five allied divisions (nearly 100,000 men) have been landed thus far. The battle, therefore, will be one of the greatest importance.

According to the French, all the Bulgarian attacks have been repulsed, but the Germans claim that the French were compelled to give up their positions.

**3000 WAIST MAKERS IN THIS CITY MAY STRIKE IN UNISON**

Movement for Improvement of Labor Conditions Assumes Threatening Proportions

**MEET TOMORROW NIGHT**

Philadelphia may witness another general strike of women waist makers in the near future if the clouds gathering on the horizon do not disperse the leadership of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

Both Philadelphia and New York leaders are now working in conjunction in organizing the 3000 men and women workers of the trade here. According to Abraham Silver, secretary of the local union, 2000 of the employees have already enrolled in the union and have shown their willingness to join in a general walkout for the betterment of working conditions, an increase in wages and shortening of hours.

A meeting at which all the members of the union will be present and to which all the members of the trade have been invited will be held tomorrow night at Royal Hall, 7th and Morris streets. The meeting will be addressed by Benjamin Schindler, international president of the union; Jesse S. Greenberger, of New York field organizer, and Mr. Jacob Penkin, attorney for the International organization, and A. Barton, sectional treasurer, will also speak. The question of a general strike will be discussed at the meeting.

The local union is divided into two branches, the English-speaking and foreign branches. In event of a strike the number of shops that would be affected would be between 300 and 350.

According to Max Ambur, president of the local organization, the conditions prevailing in the women's waist trade are every whit as bad as those prevailing in the cloakmaking trade, which was probed by the United States commission on Industrial Relations when it sat in this city in the summer of 1914. Mr. Ambur said that the attitude of the big manufacturers was more conciliatory than that of the small men, the big firms realizing the advisability of better conditions generally. They assert, however, Mr. Ambur says, that they cannot better conditions because of the competition of the small men.

The English-speaking section of the union will meet on Monday evening next in the Parkway Building, where the question of a general strike will also be discussed.

**THE WEATHER**

Official Forecast  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.  
For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Rain this afternoon and probably tonight; Thursday partly cloudy; not much change in temperature; fresh and strong southwest winds.  
The disturbance that appeared over Manitoba yesterday has moved southward into the lake region with increasing energy. It is attended by light snow that has covered most of the lake region and Ontario, and has spread southward over eastern New York and eastern Pennsylvania. High winds are indicated and storm warnings have been ordered along the coast from the Delaware Capes to Eastport. The temperatures are rising generally in districts east of the Mississippi River, except in New England, and have fallen nearly to the normal in the plains States.

**TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY DEATHS**

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MORRY suddenly on December 7, 1915, HARRIET E. COOK, beloved wife of William H. Cook, aged 62 years, at her residence, 1212 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. Burial at Mt. Airy cemetery.

**"AMERICA FIRST," SAY GERMAN-AMERICANS OF WILSON'S ATTACK**

Two Philadelphians Object to Use of "Hyphenated" and Assert They Stand by United States

**READY WHEN CALL COMES**

The German-Americans on whom the alias of "hyphenated" has been bestowed by many have taken a stand on the defensive.

Captain Louis H. Schmitt, a representative naturalized American of German extraction, captain commissary of the 2d Regiment of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, spoke today of the reaction of the "hyphenated" toward the common attitude as typified in the presidential message. He contended that the history of the Germans in America proves their loyalty to the United States.

"Look at our past in this country," said Mr. Schmitt at a table in Osterdorff's cafe, of which he is general manager. "Look at our past in this country. We were here in the time of the Rebellion and we gave our General von Steuben. We didn't fail you then. In the Civil War, 180,000 Germans were enlisted. We were right at hand when the call came. Allentown and Philadelphia, the largest German settlements, had their full quota in the First Defenders.

IN SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.  
"And in the Spanish-American War I gave up a good job as manager of Booth's to go to war for 18 months."

"You see, we give ourselves when the call comes. Perhaps we German-Americans are sensitive. I have read the President's proclamation. You know, in his book he has only praise for the German race; so perhaps we are unduly sensitive and have unjustly taken unto ourselves the opprobrium in his message. His book and that paragraph don't harmonize. But I think he understands, we have no fault to find with him."

"Neutrality," said Captain Schmitt. "As defined differently by every person. In our hearts we feel for Germany; you would not think more of us if we killed the love for the Fatherland. Carl Schurz said, 'You must not ask me to condemn my mother because I have chosen a bride.'"

"We also think that Germany is in the right, but does not everybody have an opinion on the war? Is not every American feeling and thinking about the war? Why question our loyalty and allegiance because our hearts and minds lead us to think Germany is in the right?"

EVIDENCE OF NEUTRALITY.  
Herr Schmitt waved his hand toward the waters in the cafe. "There is evidence of my neutrality. We are cosmopolitan here. My waiters are German, the eight men behind the oyster bar are Scotch, Irish and English. The night watchman is Serbian; the two bootblacks are Italians. The first and second chefs are Austrians and Wassyli in the kitchen is a Russian. Could any man be more neutral?"

"Politics? No, we have never entered politics as a body. We did not elect Rudolph Blankensburg mayor of Philadelphia; the anti-Vare forces put him there. We have never tried to swing an election. Your interests have been our interests, your country our country."

"But it hurts. We have brought you the best that is in us. The discipline that is truly German and the thrift that is part of us are assets. Have you ever seen a German beggar? And we give of our best and our loyalty, but our love for our mother country no one can take away."

"AMERICA FIRST."  
Pastor George von Boese, 25 years in America, lives in the center of the German colony in Philadelphia, 819 North 5th street.

"America is always first to us, but cannot you understand what love is? My children are Americans, born here, but they can understand. In the bottom of your hearts you are German."

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**"PLEASE DON'T," MURPHY BEGS AS HE GOES TO DEATH IN THE CHAIR**

"It Ain't for My Sake, It's for God's Sake, Don't" Pleads Slayer of Riverside Man

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When they opened the door he shrank back against the rear wall. "You got no right to take me out of here and I got no right to go," he cried. The keepers, though, rushed in and seized his arms. As soon as Murphy saw he was powerless his manner changed and he walked, resisting only weakly, through the little barred space that faces the side of the death chair in the execution chamber of the isolated concrete house beside the penitentiary.

They pulled him toward the chair and he slipped into it. Doctor Taylor walked before him, then took his place at one side as the keepers bent over about the strait. As they adjusted the cap to his close-shaven head, Murphy spoke for the first time.

"Please, don't!" came the words. "Please, don't! It ain't for my sake it's for God's sake, don't."

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**TEST CANDY POWDER SENT TO FARMER**

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to Mrs. Weston J. Hibbs, of Wayne, and the other as a child's nurse at the home of W. H. Crawford in that suburb. Belvina Hinchman has not returned home since that time, she said today, and asserted that her sister had been back only once before the receipt of the third box.

"I cannot imagine what it all means," she said today. "I am sure that neither Viola nor I have any enemies at Cold Point who would wish to do us harm, and I have never heard of my father having had any trouble with any one either."

When questioned today Mr. Hinchman said: "I do not believe that the poison was directed against either of my daughters. I do think that if the analysis develops poison it is the work of enemies of my own who wish to drive me from the community."

"I did entertain the idea that it was the work of a man whom I shall designate only as 'Billy John,' and that his action may have been caused by admiration for my elder daughter, but I have

talked with him and feel sure that he is innocent.  
"There are a number of features in this case that I do not wish to discuss until we receive the report from the chemist."

Each of the three boxes of candy left on the Hinchman premises is of an expensive manufacture. The first was from a firm in New York, the second from Philadelphia and the third from Camden.

Mr. Hinchman's suspicions were aroused on the morning of November 28, when he found a box of candy on the front porch of his home. He immediately destroyed the candy but saved the box and the paper in which it was wrapped. Last Saturday a second box of candy was found in the yard in front of the farmhouse, and was confiscated by Mr. Hinchman, who would not allow his children to taste it. On Sunday night, the third box was left as mysteriously as the other two.

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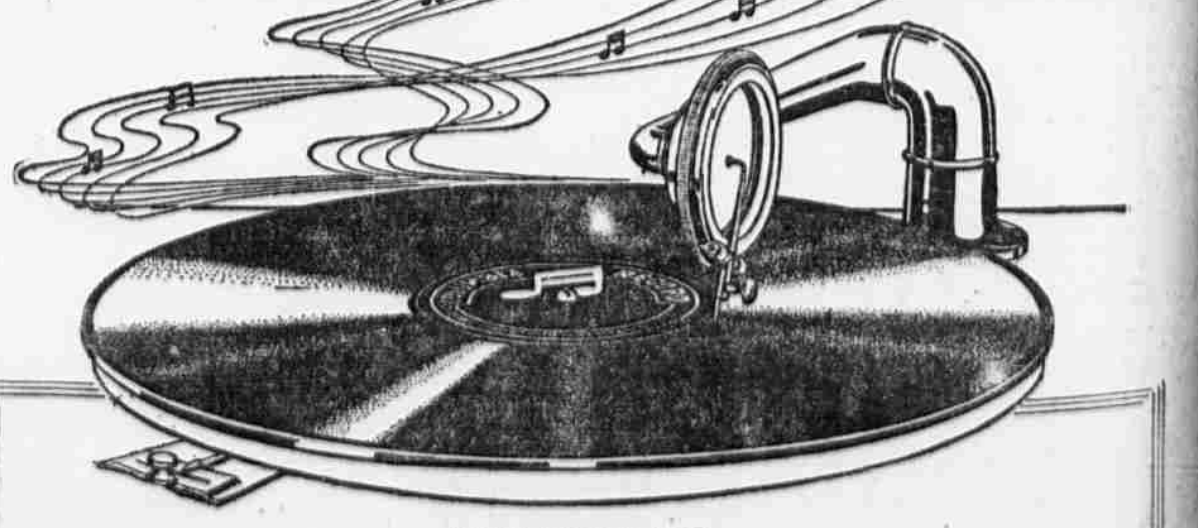
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