

GREECE TO GIVE ENEMIES FIELD FOR BIG BATTLE

Sarrail Formally Notified of Neutrality in Case Germans Attack

KAISER MAKES THREATS

Wrath at Salonica Fortification. Greeks Clear Ground for Belligerents

SALONICA, Dec. 18.—Greece will refrain from interference and maintain a policy of strict neutrality if the Allies are attacked on Greek territory.

German troops will cross the Greek frontier before the end of next week and renew the assault on the Anglo-French forces, according to reports circulated here today.

The Allies will make their first determined stand about 25 miles north of Salonica. Strong works, begun before the Anglo-French retreat from Serbia, are being completed and are counted upon to check if not to stop entirely the Teutonic invasion.

Greek authorities are lending every possible aid to the Allies. A high official of the ministry of railways visited Salonica yesterday and conferred with General Sarrail. Arrangements were made for more frequent and expedient communication between Salonica and the Anglo-French front near the Greek border.

Replying to Greek diplomatic representations which had as their aim the preventing of the entry of Teuton troops into Greece, says the Times correspondent, "the German minister declared that the fortifications which the Entente Allies are constructing at Salonica would compel Germany to take action to drive out the Allied forces."

SERBS TAKE OFFENSIVE IN ALBANIAN CAMPAIGN

ROME, Dec. 18.—The Serbians are taking the offensive in Albania. A big battle is reported in progress between the Serbs and Bulgars in the valley of the Black Drin River. The Bulgarians who crossed the river were driven back with heavy losses, according to reports.

TEUTONS CLEAR NORTHEAST MONTENEGRO OF FOE

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Austro-Hungarian troops have captured 15,000 Montenegrins and Serbians in the last five days' fighting on Montenegrin soil, it was officially announced this afternoon.

SCALPERS' CORNER SUPPLY OF FREE CONCERT TICKETS

"Specs" Defy Provision on Pasteboards and Prepare to Gather Harvest. Greed for money among speculators who seem to delight in taking the joy out of life may deprive many music lovers of slim purses from enjoying the first free Sunday concert tomorrow of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

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RICHARD S. HUNTER DIES

Well Known as Expert in Insolvency Law. Richard S. Hunter, for 12 years a referee in bankruptcy, died last night at his home, 235 South 13th street. He was a lawyer of prominence and an expert in the laws of insolvency had a wide reputation. He occupied the position of referee through appointment by Judge McPherson, of the United States District Court.

IL NEGUS D'ABISSINIA DIFENDERA' L'EGITTO DAI TURCO-TEDESCHI

I Forti di Gorizia 'Polverizzati' dalle Grosse Artiglierie Italiane, Dicono al Quartiere Generale Austriaco

GLI ITALIANI A VALONA

ROMA, 18 Dicembre.—Telegrammi da Londra dicono che il corpo d'armata italiano sbarcato a Valona si prepara ad attraversare le montagne albanesi per andare in aiuto degli alleati. Lo stesso telegramma dice che in Albania sono sbarcati in tutto 150,000 italiani.

ATTORNO A GORIZIA

Telegrammi da Ginevra dicono che da Lubach, quartiere generale austriaco, si apprende che il grosso di truppe austriache sul fronte italiano nella giornata di ieri l'altro continuo i loro spionaggiamenti attorno a Gorizia. A Lubach si dice che questo quello di artiglieria è stato il più violento che sia avvenuto.

LA CAPITALE SERBA IN ITALIA

Per la seconda volta durante questa guerra la capitale di un piccolo stato ha dovuto essere trasportata in territorio estero. Prima fu il Belgio che trasportò la sua capitale da Bruxelles all'Avra, in Francia. Ora è la Serbia che, innanzi alle truppe tedesche, austriache e bulgare, trasporta la sua capitale in Italia, forse a Roma. Infatti è stato annunciato oggi che la capitale serba sarà trasportata in Italia. I deputati serbi hanno già ricevuto avviso che le sedute del Parlamento serbo saranno tenute in Italia dove si recheranno tutti quei deputati che non siano uccisi nella guerra o non sono stati fatti prigionieri. La Legazione serba a Roma sta trattando col governo italiano per avere un palazzo a disposizione del Parlamento e del governo serbo.

SHIP ASHORE OFF JERSEY

Cordwood-laden Craft Strikes South of Mantoloking

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Portuguese ship Pedro d'Alencar, loaded with cordwood, went ashore on the New Jersey coast today in the heavy fog. She lies a mile and a half south of the Mantoloking coast guard station.



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'COP'S' PET HAS LEG CRUSHED ARRESTING MAN; TREE FOR HIM

'Bum,' a Faithful Dog, Injured While Catching Prisoner Who Had Broken Away From Policeman

"He just dropped in from Heaven; that's all." Policeman Higham tried to smile through his tears as he patted "Bum" on the back. If there ever lived a police dog that deserved the name it is "Bum." He looked the "cops'" hand as he gazed at him with grateful misty eyes today. Pain racked his body and he tried to suppress cries of distress as he poked his head under a pillow. Shortly after midnight "Bum" captured a prisoner, and in the chase his leg was crushed under the wheels of a wagon.



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FRENCH WARSHIPS DEFEAT TWO HYDROAEROPLANES

One Flying Craft Destroyed Off Turkish Coast, Other Damaged

PARIS, Dec. 18.—In the first battle that has occurred between French torpedo-boats and hostile aircraft the torpedo-boats were victorious, according to an official statement issued at the Ministry of Marine today.

\$50,000 Fire in Canadian Town

BRIDGEBURG, Ont., Dec. 18.—Five Post Erie business places were wiped out and the entire trade centre of the town was threatened by a \$50,000 fire early today. The postoffice was partially burned, but all mail and records were saved by firemen and police.

The Lovable Meddler is good

For a Christmas gift. Everyone is sure to like this successful new novel by LEONA DALRYMPLE. The Lovable Meddler is a breezy romance about lively young men and women and a whirlwind matrimony.

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ALLIES EXPECT GERMAN DRIVES EAST AND WEST

Teutons May Strike on Meuse Line at St. Mihiel Wedge

AVIATORS RAID METZ

LONDON, Dec. 18.—There is increasing evidence that the Germans are preparing new strokes on both the Eastern and Western fronts, or at least a concentration of their forces to strike when conditions are propitious. Officials believe that the Germans, having found the line in Flanders and Artois too hard to crack, contemplate moving in the St. Mihiel region, where their line penetrates to the River Meuse and where there has been considerable activity during the last few days.

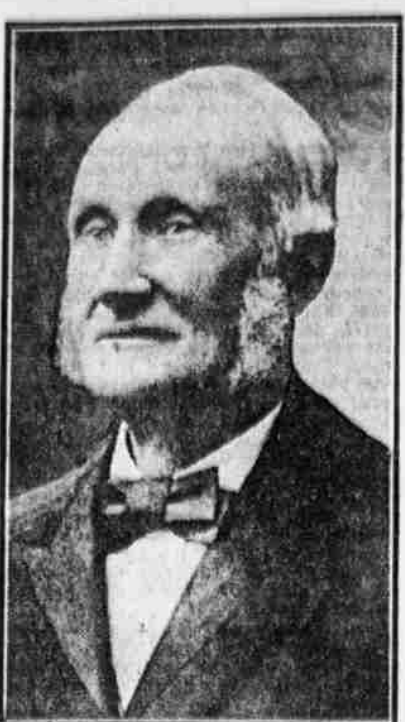
The French War Office announced last night that two French aviators had dropped a score of shells of large calibre on the railway station of Le Sablon, at Metz. No mention is made of the damage done. Le Sablon is two miles south of the city of Metz proper and is inside the circle of forts surrounding the city.

Heavy artillery firing is reported during the night in Artois. A battle with bombs was fought to the east of Rocourt. Our batteries bombarded German trenches at Blareville, to the south of Arras.

Between the Somme and the Oise, in the region of Chaunoy, our artillery directed an efficacious fire on enemy supply wagons assembled there.

The following official report from British Headquarters in France was issued tonight by the Press Bureau: "Last night the enemy made a small bombing attack against our line about the quarries to the north of Loos. This was easily repulsed.

"Artillery activity continued through the day, especially to the north of Arras."



SAMUEL A. McDOUGAL

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Pioneer Merchant of Southwark District in Business More Than Half a Century

Samuel A. McDougal, one of the pioneers of the Southwark district of Philadelphia, died this morning at his residence, 209 Spring Garden street, in the 91st year of his age.

Mr. McDougal was born in Ireland October 8, 1825, and came to this country, with his mother, when he was 12 years of age, settling in Philadelphia, where he has since lived. He started in the retail

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Woodrow Wilson, scholar, historian, statesman, and twenty-seventh President of the United States, to Edith Bolling Galt, fair daughter of old Virginia, and the fourth American woman to be married to a President-in-office.

Tomorrow's Public Ledger Intaglio Section contains splendid photographs of the presidential couple—reproduced as only the wonderful photogravure process can depict the skill of the photographer.

In the News Section, Public Ledger staff correspondents and photographers will graphically describe and picture every detail of the presidential wedding—from both the man's and woman's point of view.

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