

GERMANS HOLD RUSSIANS PUSH ON IN RUMANIA

Slavs Fail to Stop Teuton Advance, Berlin Says

ALLIES USE BRITISH 'TANKS' IN DOBRUDJA

Petrograd Reports Capture of Range Positions Near Kirlibaba

2800 RUMANIANS TAKEN

Mackensen Approaching River Line Fifteen Miles From Bucharest

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—The great Russian offensive which was launched over a front of 180 miles in the Carpathians as a final and supreme effort to save Rumania has not succeeded over the determined resistance of the Austro-German forces, according to the official report issued by the War Office today.

Not only have the Russian attacks been repulsed, the War Office stated, but counter-attacks by the Teutons won back some of the ground that had previously been lost.

The German Allies that invaded Rumania south of Bucharest are approaching the Arjesu river, which crossed the Giurgevo-Bucharest road about fifteen miles south of the Rumanian capital.

The communication reports the capture of more than 2500 additional Rumanian and Russian prisoners, as well as stores of war supplies and guns. The booty being captured in the Rumanian plain in the sectors of Campolung and Fetich has been exceptionally extensive.

In Dobrudja the Russo-Rumanian forces, supported by English armed and armored tractors, or "tanks," attacked the left wing of the Bulgarians, but the assault was repulsed.

(These "tanks" are believed to be the same as those used by the Allies on the Somme front in France and had evidently been sent into the Rumanian theatre of war by the British.)

Heavy losses are being inflicted upon the Russo-Rumanian forces.

The text of the War Office communication follows:

Army group of Archduke Josef—The Russians and north wing of the Austro-German forces, continued their efforts to break through the Austro-German lines in the Carpathians. Between Jablonitz Pass and the eastern end of the Carpathians the Austro-German forces made violent attacks over a front of 180 miles. The waste of blood and ammunition practically at no place on this long line through any advantage. Our troops made numerous counter-attacks and captured from the enemy ground which he had taken on the preceding day.

The Marburg Ridge distinguished themselves especially on the Smetrec line. They made a rapid and successful attack with their tanks, captured prisoners and two machine guns.

Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen—In western Rumania, Rumanian troops that were cut off from the main body are trying to escape their inevitable fate by rapidly changing the direction of their operations. On Thursday the pursuing Germans and Austro-Hungarians captured more than three hundred prisoners.

Columns advancing by way of Campolung and Fetich along the river valleys in Wallachia made rich hauls of booty, prisoners, guns and carts. These contained much baggage. The enemy offered resistance in numerous river sectors against our forces, advancing from the Ait. We repulsed all attacks. An offensive thrust by a Rumanian division, before which cavalry gave way, was unable to halt our progress.

The Danube army after hard fighting has forced a crossing of the Niaslov lowlands and is approaching the Arjesu in the direction of Bucharest.

The Rumanians, besides enormous losses yesterday, gave up more than 2500 prisoners. We captured also twenty-one cannon, among which were three mortars. The figures reported yesterday are not here included. In Dobrudja the enemy attacked the Bulgarians' left wing. The attacking masses were repulsed by our fire. English armored cars supported the attackers, were unable to help there. Two of them were left destroyed before our batteries.

VIENNA, Dec. 1.—The Austro-Hungarian War Office in an official statement today speaks upon the fierceness of the fighting in the Carpathians, where the Russians are trying to break the Austro-German line and relieve the pressure against Rumania. Small gains are admitted, but it is said they were offset by the enormous losses.

SOPIA, Dec. 1.—Bulgarian forces under Von Mackensen that crossed the Danube and invaded Rumania in battle, capturing two eight-inch guns, says an official report of the War Office.

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POISONOUS REFUSE OF MILLS POLLUTES CITY WATER SUPPLY, SAYS STATE HEALTH OFFICER

Doctor Dixon to Take Charge of Situation Tomorrow

MAY CLOSE UP PLANTS

Water Not Dangerous, He Says, but Taint Must Be Removed

The strong chemical odor and taste of the city water supplied by the drought-depleted Schuylkill River are due, not entirely to the gas generated by decaying micro-organisms, but also to the waste discharge of Manayunk mills, some of which stand in danger of being shut down by the State Department of Health for pollution of the stream.

This became known today, when Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health, announced that a corps of State health inspectors is at work among the river-front mills as far up the Schuylkill as Pottsville, following the discovery of waste chemicals, including phenol, in samples of water taken from the supply. Doctor Dixon said today:

We have cause to suspect that certain mills are violating the law by sending their waste discharge into the river. In combination with the decaying algae and the exceedingly low water, this practice is responsible for the bad water.

DIXON TO TAKE CHARGE None of the mills, which represent in the aggregate millions of dollars of invested capital, will be closed until a definite case has been proved against it, Doctor Dixon said. He will arrive in Philadelphia about noon tomorrow to take charge of the situation, which affects the drinking water of more than half a million persons of the city's population.

The unsavory taste is not harmful, Doctor Dixon stated. He added:

Our analysis, which have been undertaken during the last several weeks, show that there are no disease germs present in the water. It is merely disagreeable, nasty-tasting stuff.

One of the mills in particular we suspect of discharging a tarry substance containing phenol, which gives rise to a very unpleasant taste and odor. Phenol, which is the chemical name for carbolic acid and certain hydroxyl derivatives, is a pinkish or colorless crystalline substance produced by the destructive distillation of many organic bodies, such as wood and coal, and is obtained from the heavy oil from coal tar. It is in very dilute solution in the waters of the Schuylkill, causing particular creosote-like taste.

A CAUSTIC POISON Phenol is a powerful caustic poison. So dilute is the solution in the city water, however, that the menace of poisoning has disappeared, leaving the antiseptic smell.

"The offending mills must and will stop discharging their harmful waste products into the river," Doctor Dixon said. "As soon as we can, with certainty, determine who the guilty manufacturers are, they will be compelled to end the practice."

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DR. SAMUEL G. DIXON

MAN JUMPS TO DEATH FROM DREXEL BUILDING

Alfred D. Beresford, Salesman, Leaps From Ninth Story to Rear Courtyard

Alfred D. Beresford, a salesman, leaped to his death shortly after noon today, from the ninth floor of the Drexel Building, Fifth and Chestnut streets. He resided with his mother at 235 South Sixth street.

No one is known to have seen Beresford jump. His body landed in a court in the rear of the building. Even persons in offices nearby did not know of the suicide.

Footprints, plainly visible on the window sill, indicate that he whirled on his feet as he leaped. The window frame is a small one, barely large enough for a man to pass through.

The police were informed of the suicide by a messenger boy, who said he thought the body was a board until he saw a man on the pavement.

When the police arrived Beresford was dead. His body was removed to the Morgue.

Deputy Coroner McKeever found in his wallet a note, which read as follows:

H. T. P.: Please continue my weekly check to my brother Percy. This is no sacrifice, as I want to pass away. God will forgive me. ALFRED D. BERESFORD.

Trolley Burned by Crossed Circuit. SIENANDOH, Pa., Dec. 1.—A cross-circuit started fire in a trolley car in Girardville's crowded car barn. The car was run outside, but it was destroyed.

BANDIT FORCE NEARS JUAREZ; FIRING HEARD

Villa Believed to Be Threatening Town on Border

FEAR FOR AMERICANS STILL IN CHIHUAHUA

U. S. Officials Seek Information of Citizens in Fallen Post

OUTLAW TAUNTS ENEMY

Declares He Expects to Attend Race Meet Some Time This Week

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 1.—Firing began about four miles south of Juarez shortly before daybreak today. About fifty shots were heard, but all efforts of the United States authorities to learn the cause were unavailing. Native residents of Juarez believed the city had already been attacked by Villa, and several families ran to the American side of the international bridge in panic. A heavy detachment of Carranzista cavalry was hurried out toward the racetrack from the Curatel.

United States military authorities here thought the Carranzista outposts had sighted a roving band of Villistas, known to be hovering south and east of Juarez.

On Tuesday morning after his capture of Chihuahua City, Villa began slaughtering the Chinese residents of the city, four refugees arriving here today told United States authorities.

More than fifty Chinese had been killed when they escaped, they said.

One Chinese refugee said that of one party of twenty-seven of his countrymen he was the only one to escape. Three other refugees were the only survivors of a second party of thirty-five.

LITTLE HOPE FOR AMERICANS

These reports of slaughter left little hope here for the safety of six Americans known to have been in Chihuahua City. Four days have passed since the evacuation by de facto troops and no information has reached the border of the fate of the foreigners in the northern capital.

One high United States Government official said today:

"We have little hope for the lives of these people. They may have fled to the hills, but if they remained in the city it is almost certain they have been massacred."

In a taunting telegram to General Gonzalez, Carranza commander at Juarez, Villa declared he had killed "forty Chinos and three Blanco Chinos" after capturing Chihuahua City.

"Blanco Chinos" is an expression of derision Villa coined recently in referring to Americans. Whether he actually executed three Americans was not known positively. Villa sent another message over the military telegraph wire from Chihuahua a few days ago.

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QUICK NEWS

REPORT U-BOAT OFF U. S. COAST

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Passengers arriving here today on the steamship Crofton Hall from Buenos Ayres brought a report that a mysterious craft which they believed to have been a German submarine, was sighted forty miles off Diamond Shoals. Some of the passengers even thought that the boat was chasing a Spanish steamship that had passed the Crofton Hall several hours earlier. The craft was sighted at night and the belief that she was a war submarine was but merely a kind of lights on a craft.

GERMAN ADMISSION OF MARINA BEFORE WILSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Secretary Lansing this afternoon laid before the President the informal admission by Germany, made through Ambassador von Bernstorff earlier today, that a German submarine sank the British steamship Marina without warning because the commander believed the vessel was in the service of the British Admiralty. The conference was expected to determine the final attitude of the case, notwithstanding the fact that Germany has not yet admitted that the Marina was not a transport.

FEAR OF SUBMARINES BOOSTS SHIPPING RATES

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The repeated warnings of British battleships off the New Jersey coast to outgoing Allied steamships to be watchful for German submarines caused a further stiffening of the transatlantic rates today. Shipments to the United Kingdom are now being taken at from two and one-half per cent to five per cent, with some underwriters now at from three-quarters to one and one-half per cent. Rates to the Mediterranean are firm and unchanged at from four to eight per cent. The belief is general in local marine insurance offices that U-boats are in the Atlantic. A report from France early this week stated that two submarines had evaded the English patrols and were headed for the American coast.

FLOUR DROPS SIXTY CENTS A BARREL

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Standard flour broke sixty cents per barrel today to Chicago wholesale basis \$9.30, compared with recent high price of \$10.50. First decline was twenty cents last week.

SLIGHT RIOTING IN ATHENS QUELLED

LONDON, Dec. 1.—A slight outbreak of rioting on the streets of Athens, with the firing of several shots, apparently without casualties, was reported in an Evening News dispatch from the Greek capital today. Quiet was restored. Admiral Fournet is expected to land strong detachments of Allied forces to watch the Allies' transport there. The Chalois garrison, in light marching order, is marching toward Schimatari. Other forces are reported marching southward from Thessaly and Phlotts.

REICHSTAG PASSES HOME ARMY BILL ON 2D READING

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 1.—A news agency dispatch from Berlin says that the Reichstag has passed the first clause of the German auxiliary service (civilian army) bill on second reading. All amendments were rejected. The dispatch adds that the Socialists and Laborites voted in the negative.

VARE GETS LEAGUE ISLAND PARK CONTRACT

DIRECTOR DATESMAN, of the Department of Public Works, today awarded the \$400,000 contract for the development of the eastern part of League Island Park to Edwin H. Vore, who was the only bidder. Vore's estimate was \$412,136.97.

GERMAN PEACE AGENTS ARRIVE AT THE HAGUE

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The Rotterdam correspondents of both the Times and Daily Mail telegraphed to their papers today that German agents have arrived at The Hague and other Dutch cities on a peace mission. These agents are reported to be getting in touch with pacifist propagandists. It is believed that they are acting unofficially.

BRITISH DEFEAT BIG GERMAN FORCE IN EAST AFRICA

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Capture of a large German force in German East Africa, division of Teutonic armies in that section, and a retreat of badly reduced enemy detachments was announced today by General Smuts, commander-in-chief of the British forces in German East Africa.

MINT HERE BREAKS THE COINAGE VOLUME RECORD

The United States Mint in Philadelphia just turned out the largest coinage for November in its history. The November coinage consisted of 2,850,000 dimes, \$266,200 nickels and 28,975,450 pennies, totaling \$1,688,064.50.

CAPTAIN OF LOST ZEPPELIN RAIDER KNOWN HERE

Many Philadelphians knew the commander of one of the two Zeppelins destroyed in the most recent London raid. He was Lieutenant Commander Dietrich, who in the early part of the war sailed from Philadelphia on the steamship Brandenburg and reached Norway safely after evading several British cruisers. He was a captain of the North German-Lloyd Line.

ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST TRANSFERS PRIESTS

Archbishop Prendergast has directed the following transfers of priests: The Rev. Augustin J. Schulte from Media to West Chester; the Rev. Joseph A. Dougherty from West Chester to Media; the Rev. J. W. Hancock from St. Agnes, this city, to St. John the Baptist, Allentown; the Rev. Joseph Novorolsky, from Allentown to this city.

EASTERN SPAIN DEVASTATED BY FLOODS

MADRID, Dec. 1.—Thousands of families have been made homeless by floods in eastern Spain. At Alcala the railway station and a number of houses collapsed. Much damage has been done at Murcia.

STANDARD OIL GRANTS THIRD PAY JUMP IN BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, Dec. 1.—The Standard Oil Company today increased the pay of all its employees at the Canton refineries here. The increase ranges from two and one-half cents an hour upward, according to the work performed. This is the third time the company has raised the wages of its employees here within the year. These increases amount to about thirty-six per cent.

READING SECOND MOST CHARITABLE CITY

READING, Pa., Dec. 1.—Reading is the second city in the United States in contributions to charitable and philanthropic causes, according to the current issue of the Literary Digest.

MAYOR QUIZZES WOOD ON COPS' LIVES

Pension Mutual Head Fails to Clear Police Scandal

WILL GET AT FACTS, IS SMITH STATEMENT

Question Officers of Beneficiary Association About "Philanthropist"

WHITELY STILL SILENT

Colonel, However, Says He Saved Organization \$15,000. Waits for O'Neil on Policies

Mayor Smith started to probe the police insurance scandal today. He had Lyndon D. Wood come to his office in City Hall and the two spent an hour trying to find out who the "unknown philanthropist" in the case is.

They didn't find out, but the Mayor nevertheless believes he knows. "We'll get him yet," he said.

Mr. Wood is the president of the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, which was under fire of Insurance Commissioner O'Neil before the fact developed that it was linked with the Police Beneficiary Association in the insuring of policemen without the knowledge of the policemen themselves.

The day's developments were more or less sub rosa. Mr. Wood's call on the Mayor, at the Mayor's request, was kept as quiet as possible. So, too, with the call of two of the Beneficiary Association's officers on Director of Public Safety Wilson. They called also by request.

Hiram Horner, treasurer, and Secretary McCay, were the two officers to visit Director Wilson. What they talked about neither they nor Wilson would divulge. It was said that they simply wanted to make their position clear. Just what that might mean is yet to be explained, for there is no denial of the fact that they as officers permitted policemen to be insured without the policemen's knowledge. Director Wilson was so insured, also Superintendent Robinson.

Mr. Wood came to the Mayor's office loaded down with books and records. The Mayor had asked him to bring them along; he wanted to find out who the "philanthropist" was. After the long conference the Mayor said:

"There was nothing in the books to show who the 'philanthropist' was."

Reporters asked if Mr. Wood knew who the mysterious person was. The Mayor replied in the negative, but amplified this:

"But I think I know him. We'll get him yet."

WHITELY MAY TELL

The idea is growing that this "philanthropist" is none other than Colonel Seth H. Whitely, the agent who placed the insurance with the Pension Mutual. He has said he will reveal the unknown's identity only to Commissioner O'Neil.

The Philadelphia Association of Life Underwriters has announced through Frank D. Buser that it will endorse any movement to clean up the insurance mess which is being revealed to the public.

Mr. Buser said no one wants a clean-up so much as the reputable insurance companies. He said the Underwriters' Association would gladly place itself back of the State administration if an investigation into insurance wrongs is begun with the idea of making such wrongs impossible.

He cited the fact that in Pennsylvania there are licensed about seventy "foreign" insurance companies and fourteen domestic ones, while in New York there are less than thirty "foreign" companies and eleven domestic. If New York laws were not so stringent, virtually all those that are doing business here would be doing it in New York, too. The obvious conclusion is that the business of the barred companies is not healthy for the public.

Mr. Buser said that the revelations in the police insurance scandal showed the need of corrective measures. "To allow such things to continue," he said, "works a hardship on the whole phase of group insurance, and everybody knows that group insurance, properly supervised, is a very fine thing."

It was stated by Mr. Buser that such a company as the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company couldn't even gain membership into the Underwriters' Association.

WHITELY SAYS LITTLE

Colonel Whitely had promised a statement today because he expected to talk with Commissioner O'Neil. The Commissioner did not come to town, however, and Colonel Whitely postponed his statement, except to say that it will be shown he has saved the Police Beneficiary Association \$5,000 in two years.

"Well then," he was asked, "are you the philanthropist?"

"That will be cleared up when I give out my statement early next week," he answered.

The Colonel also said:

"The total amount of premiums that have been paid into the Pension Mutual in my connection is about \$142,000. They paid out in death claims about \$128,000. They have received about \$1,300 more than paid out. When they settle up for all the claims now due, if they ever do, it will be found that the Police Beneficiary Association will have made a gain of about \$15,000."

Following the afternoon with questions.

BERLIN MAY PAY FOR MARINA LOSS

Will Offer Damages and Punish Commander if Attack Was Illegal

LIKELY TO ADMIT GUILT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Germany stands ready to pay indemnity for American lives lost in the Marina torpedoing, to offer an apology for the incident and to punish the submarine commander responsible, if it develops that the vessel was sunk unjustly.

This offer was doubly conveyed to the State Department today both in Germany's formal reply to American inquiries on the Marina sinking and during a confidential interview between Secretary of State Lansing and Ambassador von Bernstorff.

Germany's answer said that her information about the destruction of the vessel, with loss of six Americans, was incomplete and inconclusive, and the Ambassador requested that the Government give Germany any further facts as to the case.

Everything about the German reply and the Bernstorff visit pointed to an admission of guilt later. For the circumstances surrounding the answer are very similar to those that surrounded the Sussex case when the American facts showed beyond doubt that the vessel was a German submarine victim, and Germany ultimately accepted that position.

Bernstorff's visit, made at his own solicitation, was solely to discuss the Marina case, and there was no reference to settlement of the Lusitania case or other problems between the two nations.

Germany's contention in the Marina case is that the Marina had been engaged as a horse transport in the British Admiralty service, though evidently the Admiralty character had been removed before the torpedoing. Germany contends that her previous Admiralty service tended to palliate, at least, the sinking.

At the State Department from Marina survivors tend to show rather conclusively that the Marina was sunk without warning.

YOUNG WOMAN LEAPS FROM SPEEDING AUTO

Tells of Attack by "Chance Acquaintance" With Whom She Was Riding

SKULL MAY BE FRACTURED

An attack in an automobile by a chance acquaintance, with whom she had been riding, caused Mrs. Anna Rodgers, a pretty woman, about twenty-five years old, to jump from the car early today at Belmont and Wyalusing avenues. She was found lying unconscious on the sidewalk by a motorman of a Forty-fourth street car. He informed the police, who sent the woman to the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital. There is a deep wound on her forehead, and the physicians believe her skull is fractured.

The woman was unable to give a coherent account of the attack until this afternoon, when she was questioned by District Detectives Seal, Wooten and Hlre, of the Sixty-first and Thompson streets station.

She said while out with some girl friends yesterday she met by chance a man with a car. They stopped in several cafes and finally rode through the park. Mrs. Rodgers said she finally asked him to stop the car and let her out. He refused, according to her story, and told her if she wanted to get out, she would have to jump.

She leaped from the automobile as it reached Belmont and Wyalusing avenues. Her head struck the curb and she was knocked unconscious. The stranger sped on without looking to see what had become of her. The woman was unable to tell how long she had lain there before the motorman found her. She also failed to explain how she became separated from her girl companions.

Despite Mrs. Rodgers' assertion that her assailant was a chance acquaintance, the police believe that she knows who he is, and for some unknown reason is shielding him. She declined to give any description of the car except to say that it was very large.

At the South Tenth street address it was learned that the place was conducted as a rooming house by the woman's mother. She was shocked on hearing of the attack on her daughter.

"My daughter left here yesterday afternoon," she said, "with several girl acquaintances, but did not say where she was going."

Mrs. Rodgers' husband is said to be in prison.

DOPE FOR CAMDEN JAILBIRDS SEIZED

Pasted Under Thanksgiving Card Turkeys and in Magazines

AGENTS "TIPPED OFF"

A wholesale plot to supply dope to Federal drug prisoners in the Camden County jail was tipped in the bud by postal inspectors and internal revenue agents today. It is expected that several important arrests in connection with the scheme will be made either today or tomorrow.

According to the plans of the schemers, cocaine and heroin in large and small quantities were to be sent to the prisoners, pasted in raised postal cards and especially glib between the advertisement pages of current magazines.

The plot was discovered today when Postal Inspector Frank Wilbur Smith and Internal Revenue Agent Ralph H. Oyley contacted magazines and Thanksgiving cards, which, they said, were addressed to David Hill and Patrick Kelly, two alleged "dope" peddlers, who are being held in the Camden County jail pending trial this month.

AGENTS TIPPED OFF

The packages ordinarily would not have attracted the attention of the officers, but more than a week ago they received information that dope would be smuggled into the jail, and the discovery of today was the result of several days of watchful waiting.

Postal Inspector Smith and Special Agent Oyley both noticed that there was something unusual about the harmless-looking Thanksgiving card which, they said, was addressed to one of the alleged peddlers and inscribed: "Wishing you happiness, from your dear mother."

The writing is thought to have been a simple ruse to have the card passed by the jail officials, who would probably not attempt to hold up a card written by what was supposed to be the aged parent of one of the prisoners.

When Postal Inspector Smith raised several flowers and a small turkey on the card, they were found to have several grains of

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair weather and moderate temperature to-night and Saturday; lowest tonight about 35 degrees; or 36 degrees; gentle westerly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY

High water, 1:23 p. m.; low water, 7:53 p. m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES

High water, 1:23 p. m.; low water, 7:53 p. m.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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