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RRITAIN, FRANCE AND RUSSIA IN GRIP OF POLITICAL CRISIS; ITALY CALM; GREECE IN CHAOS

Lloyd George to Reconstruct British Cabinet On Efficiency Basis. Poincare and Joffre May Go. **Duma Demands Changes**

ROME, Dec. 7 .- The Rumanian disaster and the muddle in Greece are both ciributed to the Asquith Cabinet by the Giornale d'Italia today,

In discussing the English political situation, the paper says it is to be hoped but the new Ministry will be stronger than the old in both a political and

LONDON, Dec. 7 .- The Labor party has agreed to participate in the new Gorernment being formed by David Lloyd George, the Press Association an-

The Central News declares Lloyd George has offered the Labor party two

The Entente fighting "Prussianism" is facing its greatest crisis in the atesmanship of the war. Purely military movements are subordinated to the problems of statecraft and diplomacy. Solution of the problems is now of estructive character, expressed in terms of Cabinet debacles. Constructiveness reconstruction have had their start in two countries-England and Russia. ce of existing Government is felt in France. The conclusion is forced that the Allies are in a precarious plight of polity.

Even the capture of Bucharest by the German allies is overshadowed today

Lloyd George has accepted the task of reorganizing the British Ministry. fe will have the aid of Bonar Law, Sir Edward Carson and Arthur Henderson, he Laborite leader. A small war-control committee and vigorous action on the various fronts and at home are to be the keynotes of his policy, which will

Dispatches from Paris today quoted political writers as demanding a reorganization of the French Government so as to insure a more vigorous proseetion of the war along the lines the new British Cabinet is expected to follow. The secret session of the French Chamber of Deputies has now almost reached is end and the conclusion of this meeting probably will be followed by a "speeding-up process." Just what form this accelerating movement may take is guesswork, but there are many who believe that General Joffre, the Allied Commanderm-Chief, will be succeeded by General Petain, the French commander at Verdun, and the retirement of President Poincare is forecast in some quarters. Fierre Renaudel, prominent Socialist Deputy, hints at a reconstruction of most

Russia, too, is on the eve of a serious political transformation. In a clution adopted by the Duma the removal of additional Cabinet members demanded. Reports reaching America state also that the appointment Trepoff to succeed Sturmer has failed to satisfy the Duma and that Prof. Miliukov is soon to become Premier.

Italy is the only Entente nation unaffected by ministerial disturbance Penier Boselli declares in a formal address that Rome will fight to the last, Scialist movement for separate peace has been decisively defeated by the

Greece is in a state of anarchy, Allied dispatches declare, and the Entente sthorities contemplate drastic action. A blockade of Greece as a measure of perisal for the riots in Athens in which Frenchmen were fired upon will be fficially announced tomorrow, a Paris dispatch states.

TASK IN FORMING CABINET BRYAN OPPOSES LLOYD GEORGE HAS BIG -

LONDON, Dec. 7. The supreme question of the hour in Curland today was whether David Lloyd George would succeed in forming a new abinet. In his way stood the bitterness deplayed by certain friends of the old retime and yesterday's formal refusal of other Deral party Ministers to serve under Infrew Bonar Law, which means now also uder Lloyd George, since Law is one of Lord George's most whole-hearted sup-

But those familiar with the courage, distribution, resourcefulness, personal nagnetism and good luck of Lloyd George were not entertaining serious doubts today ever his ability to surmount these obstacles. It was believed likely he will make a forceful appeal to all parties patriotically to sink Dair political difficulties in the single purto of waging an energetic and successful conduct of the war.

Tas House of Commons met and adsurned today without any announcement sing made concerning the new Ministry te be headed by David Lloyd George. The House was in session only two minutes. The adjournment was taken until next

Lloyd George has plenty of excellent mabrisi from which to draw his Cabinet. Among the names which were most promisently mentioned today as possible Minis-

Benar Law, Unionist; Lord Curson, Chimiat; the Earl of Derby, Unionist; and Milner, Unionist; Winston Churchill. Ibral; Lord Robert Cecil, Blockade Minm the late Cabinet, Unionist; Arthur son. Minister of Pensions in the late Calcot, Laborite; Lord Devenport, Unionof the Henry Dalziel, Liberal, and Lord leading, Liberal.

the chief difficulty which Lloyd George farm is in lining up sufficient support in Commons for his ministry. The present complexion of the House is: Unionb. 257; Liberal, 280; Labor, 37; Irlah crat, that society is suspended from the top. at 75; O'Brienite, 9; Indepen-

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IE WEATHER FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Increas of cloudiness, probably followed by rain inte tonight and Friday; warmer Friday; mile variable winds becoming fresh stellenst Friday.

LENGTH OF DAY m sets. ... 748 s.m. Moon rises. .. 5 28 p.m. Moon souths 10:42 p.m. DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET water 11:00 a.m. High water 12:04 p.m. TEMPERATURE AV EACH HOUR

ounced officially tonight. ablact places, one membership in the War Council and three undersecretaryships. the political news from the Allied capitals. ADMIRAL R. E. PEARY have an "efficiency basis" for its foundation. As he appeared on the streets to-day. He came here to attend a meeting of the Geographical So-ciety. It is to be noted that the Arctic explorer wears no overcoat.

U. S. RAIL RULE

Ex-Secretary of State Tells

Congressional Probers

It Is Dangerous

PEOPLE WOULD SUFFER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 .- Wholesale po-

itical corruption and a general breaking

down of the powers of the individual States

were predicted by William Jennings Bryan

today as the "inevitable result" of the plan

of the railroads to centralize all railroad

control in the Federal Government. Testi-

fying before the joint Congressional Com-

mittee investigating railroad conditions, the

former Secretary of State declared that re-

The injection into national politics

sults of the railroad proposal would include

of a greater corruptive force than we have ever known before. The removal of regulation to the na-

tional capital and the consequent diffi-culty the people would find in con-trolling their representatives.

The obliteration of the State lines

and the consequent evil centralization

Mr. Bryan said the proposed incorpora-

tion of the railroads would saddle an enor-

nous governmental machinery on the coun-

try. The plan, he said, was bound to be a

fallure, and would 'make Government own-

NOT FOR PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

The witness told the committee he did no

desire government ownership and would

prefer to try in every way to make regula-

"This plan of exclusive Federal control,

ne sam, "would build up an enermous Fed-

eral bureau with a great number of offi-

cials. The democrat believes that society

a built up from the bottom; the aristo-

States and bring them to Washington, you

make it difficult for the people to watch and

grees and for election.
The whole working force of the railroad

"When you take these powers of the

ion of the railroads effective.

ership inevitable."

am a democrat.

U. S. EXPEDITION INTO ANTARCTIC **URGED BY PEARY**

Though most people find the weather rather sharp, the Admiral denied that it could be called "chilly."

North Pole Discoverer Wants Frozen Continent to Be Claimed by Nation

LIEUTENANT WOULD LEAD

Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, who eached the North Pole, today suggested an Antarctic expedition under the auspices of nment as a means of bringing under the United States flag immense areas of uncharted land in a great frozen continent south of Cape Horn.

The land has great possibilities, Admiral Peary said. It might prove the source of great wealth. Furthermore, the expedition should be attempted "when things settle down," for the reason that no effort has ever been made by Americans to explore the great Antarctic circle. Other nations have sent expedition after expedition, some never to return, the explorer said, but the United States has lagged.

MEN WILLING TO GO "There is excellent material for such an expedition," said Admiral Peary today, before leaving top Washington "Men who

are unexcelled in knowing the trails of the frozen waste are willing to go." "Would you care to head the expedition?"

te: was asked. "No. I have lived comfortably for three years away from penmican twice a day,"

he replied. "Captain Bartistt is the man Continued on Page Two. Column Five

TEUTON HOSTS **PUSH PURSUIT OF RUMANIANS**

Violent Rear-Guard Battles Fought by Retreating Army

AIM TO CLEAR DOBRUDJA

German Governor and Staff Already on Way to Bucharest

LONDON, Dec. 7. One hundred thousand Rumanians have been captured by the German allies since Rumania entered the war, on August 27, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen

BERLIN, Dec. 7. The Russo-Rumanian armies in Central Rumania are retreating along their entire front, the German War Office announced

Kimpina, at the northern terminus of the Bucharest-Plochti railroad, has been captured by the Austro-Germans. The German allies that occupied Bucha

rest yesterday captured 106 officers and 9100 Russian and Rumanian soldiers. High tribute is paid by the German War

office to the valor of the German, Austro-Hungarian, Bulgarian and Turkish soldiers in the Rumanian theatre.

In announcing the momentous events of Wednesday, the War Office said:

Powerful successes crowned the is bors and fighting in which, under Field Marshal von Mackensen, the troops of the Ninth and Danube armies, under the Santa and Danties armies, under the Rumanian enemy and the summoned Russian re-enfercements by quick strokes. The commander and his troops received victory's reward—Bucharest, the capital of the country which at present, is the last victim of the Kounte tolice.

The Russians are still attacking along ne eastern frontier of Transylvania The official statement follows:

Army group of Archduke Josef-On the front of the wooded Carpathians and in the mountains of Moldavia (the northern end of Rumania), there has been a temporary increase in the artillery activity and forefield skirmishes. From the north of Dorna Watra down to and in the Trotosul Valley Russian attacks developed, all of which were repulsed.

Army group of Field Marshal von Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen—Festerday powerful successes crowned the labors and fighting in which, under Field Marshal von Mackensen, the troops of the Ninth and Danube armies, under clear-sighted leadership, defeated the Rumanian enemy and summoned Russian re-enforcements by quick strokes.

The commander and his troops re-

The commander and his troops re-ceived victory's reward—Bucharest, the capital of the country which, at the capital of the country which, at present, is the latest victim of the entente's policy Ploechti. Sinai and Kimpina are in our possession also.

The defeated enemy is retreating enstward along his entire front.

castward along his entire front.

The fighting and courageous and tenacious will of victory made the troops that stormed and conquered yield every effort asked of them. Besides the German main forces, brave Austro-Hungarian. Bulgarian and Turkitsh troops did splendid work.

The Ninth Army reports the capture of 106 officers and 2100 men since vesterday.

vesterday.

Our operations and the engagements

are going forward The advance of the Teuton army of the anube south of Rumania is expected to

Danube south of Rumania is expected to commel the evacuation of northern Debrudia by the Russians and Rumanians. This will give the German allies control of the Danube river from its source to its mouth.

The announcement of the capture of Rucharest and of Plosec, the great Rumanian railway town of thirty miles north of the capital, has caused the utmost rejoicing throughout the German empire.

Military critics believe that it is a matter Militiary critics believe that it is a matter days only until the entire Rumaniar ngdom is in German bands and the way spened for a drive into Russia by way o

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M'NICHOL COMPANY SUBWAY BID LOWEST

Division of Work Under City Hall

Senator McNichol's Keystone State Contruction Company was the low bidder tostreet subway work under City Hali When until he was dead by Trank Director Twining opened the bids at noon today in the Bourse, it was found that only three firms had made offers for the work and the bids of two of these had exceeded the amount available for the work nder the \$6,000,000 transit loan authorized

The Keystone concern's bid was \$848,000, The Keysione consern a hid was \$348.000. The other two hidders were Smith, Hauser & MacIsaac, New York, \$350,000, and Hooth & Plynn. Ltd., Pitsburgh, \$1,200,000 There is available for the work under the old loan a total of \$946,000. The contract will be awarded in a day or two to the

states and bring them to Washington, you make it difficult for the people to watch and control their representatives.

"Now, this plan would involve continued legislation by Congress involving money of the railroads—\$50,000,000 or \$100,000,000 or \$100,000,000 or \$100,000,000 or \$100,000,000 or \$100,000,000 or \$100,000 or \$100,000,000 or \$100,000,000 or \$100,000 or \$100,000 or \$100,000,000 or \$100,000 or \$100,00 people for that length of time
"This plan would bring into national politics a corruptive force greater than we have ever known. We would find railroads alding candidates for nominations to Conthan March 1, 1817, but as the Keystons Company had already done considerable work before the contract was changed it is likely the execution and contraction work will be carried along simultaneously with the adjeting contract. No. 251. The montries Configured on Fans Two, Column Gro. Mentions calls for the completion of the

AMERICAN TORTURED AND HANGED BY VILLA

Will Obtain Contract for Second | Miners Tell Story of Parral Atrocity-Bandit Directs New Moves

EL PASO, Tex. Des 7. Thayard Gray an American employe of the Alvarado day for the second contract for Broad Mining Company, was torfured and hanged until he was dead by Tiller, when the bandits entered Parral a his ago, ac-cording to word brought her addy by two nining men.

After re-equipping his army with supplies aken from Chihuahua City, Villa is moving again, according to reports made to United States authorities here today. It is believed the bandit chief is making his own headquarters at San Andres, from which point he is scattering his forces in small bands and directing their operations.

In the last three days a rear-guard action between Viillatan and Government troops took place south of Fresno, eight miles southwest of Chihuahua City. The movements of Government troops are hampered with him almost every available piece of rolling stock. He also drove many automobiles away for the use of his officers.

Unofficial reports coming to mining compaules here state that the city of Durange was evacuated December 2 by General Gavira before an attack of bandits and discontented members of the Carrangietz garrison. Confirmation of these reports could not be obtained through official channels. A Maxicon Central freight train was held up and leaded restorday by bandita, pre-aimable under Quavio, at Gallego, minkeys held the confirmation of the confirma

QUICK NEWS

EXPRESS DRIVER ROBBED IN CROWDED STREET

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7 .- Throwing pepper into the eyes of a Wells-Fargo express driver, two men robbed him of two sacks of gold, believed to contain \$5000, today. The robbery courred near the Pacific Electric building, in a crowded street.

WALTER DAMROSCH ABLE TO LEAVE FOR NEW YORK

BALTIMORE, Dec. 7,-Walter Damrosch, conductor of the New York Symhony Orchestra, who collapsed on the stage while conducting a concert last evening, had recovered sufficiently to leave for New York this morning. Damrosch said that his illness was not of a serious nature.

DANISH AND SPANISH SHIPS SUNK, LLOYD'S REPORTS

LONDON, Dec. 7 .- The Danish ship Nexos, 1013 tons, and the Spanish ship Julia Benito have both been sunk, presumably by submarines, says a Lloyd's dis-

FIRE DAMAGES RAG AND PAPER WAREHOUSE

Fire, said to have been caused by spontaneous combustion, early today damaged stock and property to the extent of \$2000 in the rag and paper warehouse of Specter Matuson, 536 North Third street. The flames were discovered by a small boy who happened to be passing the building. He told Hamilton, a policeman of the Third street and Fairmount avenue police station, who turned in the alarm.

PHILADELPHIA LEADS IN CIGARS AND CIGARETTES

Philadelphia led the country in the manufacture of cigars and cigarettes for the first four months of the fiscal year, according to figures given out today by Internal Revenue Collector Lederer. During the months of July, August, September and October the First Pennsylvania District, which comprises Philadelphia and adjacent counties, put out 291,970,140 cigars, or an increase of 18,537,600 for the corresponding time last year. Approximately 31,370,052 cigarettes were made here in those months, which is an increase of 3,552,166 over last year.

MAGISTRATE CALL TOO ILL TO STAND OPERATION

The condition of Magistrate oseph Call was so critical today that the physicians sttending him could not amputate his right leg, which they believe necessary to save his life. Magistrate Call has been confined to his home. 1517 North Eighth street, for some time. His leg recently became affected by gangrene. At the consultation at noon the physicians agreed that the Magistrate's physical condition would not permit of the operation.

STATE VOTE OFFICIALLY TABULATED

HARRISBURG, Dec. 7.-According to complete official returns of the Novemper elections now being computed at the State Department, Pennsylvania gave Knox for United States Senator 680,451 votes; Orvis, Democrat, 450,106; Ervin, Socialist, 45.385; Ames, Prohibition, 30.689; Thomas, Industrialist, 1022; McCauley, Single Tax, Republican, 662,218; Roosevell Progressive, 13,368; Keystone, 3839, and Personal Liberty, 1926. The vote for Senater was the first to be counted, following the receipt today of the returns of Sullivan County, the last to arrive. For Auditor General Snyder received a total of 682,940; Murrin, Democrat, 448,856; Tyler, Socialist, 47,258; Repp, Prohibition, 33, 298; Spittall, Industrialist, 527; Wright, Single Tax, 1579. Snyder's vote was divided as follows Republican, 670,104; Bull Moose, 9447; Keystone, 2389; Personal Lib-

MANY FIRMS INCREASE WAGES

increases in wages and special bonuses for employes are announced by the following: Pittsburgh Steel Company, with plants at Monessen and Glassport, 10 per cent for 7000 men; American Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company, Lebanon. Pa., 10 per cent; Birdsboro Steel Foundry and Machine Company, Birdsboro, Pa. and 10 per cent, 500 men; employes in copper mines in the Lake Superior district, 25 cents per day bonus for 17,000 men; Bangor and Aroestook Railroad, bonus of 4 per cent on the last six months' wages; Henry A. Dix & Sons Company, Millville, N. J., bonus of 6 per cent; Penn Hardware Company, Reading, Pa., bonus of 10 per cent. 850 men, Plainfield, N. J., Truss Company, bonus of 10 per cent; George W Prentiss & Co. and National Bank Book Company, Holyoke, Mass., the former a bonus of 5 per cent for 700 men, the latter a 10 per cent bonus for 600 men; Aluminum Goods Manufacturing Company, Manitowoc, Wis., a bonus consisting of insurance polices of \$500 to \$1000 to 1800 men.

B. AND O. YARD AT BRUNSWICK DESTROYED

FREDERICK, Md., Dec. 7.—The Baltimore and Ohlo transfer sheds and all ecords at Brunswick yard were destroyed by fire today. The loss is several hundred

POPE CONFERS RED HATS ON NEW CARDINALS

ROME, Dec. 7.-A public consistory was held at the Vatican today. Pope Benedict XV conferred red hats upon the ten new cardinals created at the secret consistory several days ago. The ceremonies took place in the Hall of Beatification in the presence of several thousand persons. The Pope blessed the assemblage.

WILL INTRODUCE VOTE PROBE RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.-Positive announcement was made by Senator Kern f Indiana, Democratic leader, that a resolution would be introduced for a thorough robe of election frauds and the expenditure of vast sums of money in Indiana. Ohio and West Virginia. He added that the resolution would be adopted without loubt, and that it might call for a probe either by a special committee or the ommittee on Elections.

AVERAGE PRICE OF STEEL, \$70 LONG TON, A RECORD

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 .- Steel prices have set another high average, reaching ore than \$70 a long ton for the first time in history. The price level of eight ading products now is \$70.53. A week ago the average was \$69.83.

JERSEY FARMERS TO SUPPORT LOCAL OPTION BILL ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 7.—Eighteen thousand Jersey farmers, their wives and

their sons were pledged to support the fight to procure the enactment of a local option bill at the coming session of the Legislature in resolutions adopted here today by the State Grange. Worthy Master George W. F. Gaunt, a State Senator from Gloncester County, will introduce the bill, which proposes to permit every city, by tack of railway equipment, as Villa took | town and village in the State to vote whether it shall be wet or dry

FEDERAL LOAN BANKS TO MAKE \$100,000,000 BOND ISSUE WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The Federal farm loan banks will declare a \$100,000,000 bond issue, it was learned today. The issue will be made shortly after the new banks open their doors for business, probably during February. The bonds will be issued ominations of from \$25 to \$1000 and will bear between 4 and 5 per cent interest.

LITTLE GIRL PLAYS WITH MATCHES; DIES FROM BURNS Five-year-old Allina Gusta, of 4912 Kershaw street, died in the West Philatelphia Homeopathic Hospital from burns received when her dress caught fire

while she was playing with matches. The oblid's mother succeeded in smothering the flames with a blanker, but not before the little girl was fatally burned.

COUNCILS VOTE TODAY ON 'COP' RISK SCANDAL

Will Decide on Probe Into Gamble on Police Lives

WHITELEY AND WOOD ASSAIL EACH OTHER

Exposure Will Stop Practice at Least, Says Councilman

SEEKS COMPLETE INQUIRY

Threats to Sue Fly Thick and Fast, but None Has Sued Yet

Councils' attitude on the police insurance candal will be determined this afternoon, when a vote will be taken on the proposition to investigate the situation created when the police beneficiary association directors permitted all the members of the organization to be insured in the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company without their knowledge.

Councils was faced with the proposition last week when Councilman I. Walter Thompson, of the Forty-sixth Ward, introduced a resolution asking that a councilmanic investigating committee of five be appointed. That brought the scandal into public notice. Final action was postponed until today so that the Councilmen could acquaint themselves with the situation.

BROUGHT INTO OPEN

Said Councilman Thompson today: There isn't any doubt that there remains any member of Councils today who does not know what he is being asked to vote on. No matter has ever received a more thorough airing in a week with such information as we had at hand. So far it is good. Even if it went

we had at hand.
So far it is good. Even if it went no farther I would say that immeasurable good has been accomplished; the public has been brought face to face with a scandal and the parties in it have been made to come fairly out into the open. But we have not gone far enough. We want to know every detail back of the scheme; the public should know and it must know. I will insist this afternoon that the investigating committee be appointed and then go ahead with its work. It would not be proper to leave a thing half done.

The officers of the Police Beneficiary Association already have declared that they were "through with philanthropy," and thus it is certain that Mr. Thompson's resolution of a week ago will have some effect. He is going the limit, however, he said, to make the investigation complete. He has visited many station houses, talked with many policemen and is convinced by what they say that the policemen want the affair probed to the end.

If Mr. Thompson had not introduced the resolution it is a question whether the scan-dal would have come to light for a long time. It is almost certain that Commissioner O'Nell would have discovered it in his probe, but that might have taken many weeks. The Forty-sixth Ward Councilman has stopped the scheme whereby policemen

were being insured without knowing any-thing about it.

Meanwhile the man who acted as the agent, Colonel Seth H. Whiteley, and the man who heads the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company in which the insurance was carried, Lyndon D. Wood, are hurling occusations of misrepresentation and fraud, espectively, at each other, and threats "to

SEES SUFFRAGE ISSUE IN PEACE CONVENTION

Dr. Shaw Tells Harrisburg Women Their Rights Will Be Demanded

WILL NOT BEAR GAGGING

HARRISRURG, Dec. 7 .- Mrs. Lyman D. Gilbert this afternoon entertained Dr. Ann Howard Shaw at a tea, during which th howard Shaw at a tea, during which the honorary national president of the suffra-gista addressed suffrage workers. Dr. Shaw aroused her auditors to a high pitch of enthusiasm when she asserted that woman's voice would be heard in the great peace council which will make terms ending the great war.

great peace council which will make terms ending the great war.

This statement was made in reply to a query concerning the time and place of the next International Woman Suffrage Convention. She announced that the convention would be delayed until the war had waned and would meet at the same time and place, where the representatives of the various nations arrange peace. The Woman's Peace party, she also said, would meet at the same time and place. Doctor Shaw will be one of the delegates representing the United States at the International Suffrage Convention.

the one of the delegates representing the United States at the International Suffrage Convention.

"Women have given too much," I octor Shaw declared, "to their nations during time of strife, and before that to civilization, to tolerate a peace in which their rights are not considered directly as votes by themselves."

One of thes "rights." Doctor Shaw sacred, is the privilege and reaponsibility connected with enfranchisement which will insure women, equally with men, a votes in the governments under which they live, and which declare wars, which can be waged only through the patriotism of women as well as men.

"To this end," she continued, "suffragists from every quarter of the giobe will demand of the Feace Council the partisate possible granting of suffrage and other progressive measures, which will insure women that to which they ever and always have been and with be entitled, an equality in all things, which will make, because they will be better somen, a better race."

Pittsburgh's City Treasurer Dead PITTSHURGH Fa. Dec 7 - Harry Mil-ton Landia City Treasurer, died this non-ing after a long littless from heart threats. He was the second member of Major Arm-strong a cableast to disc within thiers are house and the fourth in Assessment and in M. Digition Director of the Detection of Sulfe William

It is believed the new cubinet-maker will