

RUMANIANS LOSE 18,000 IN RETREAT

Germans Trap and Capture Sections of Fleeing Army

PRINCIPAL FORCES MANAGE TO ESCAPE

Teutons Rush Troops to Monastir Front for New Offensive

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Allies Begin Rigid Blockade of Greece Today—Situation Serious

All the way across Rumania, from the Transylvanian Alps to the Dnubue, the flight of the Rumanian army continues.

Ten thousand more Russian and Rumanian prisoners were captured yesterday by the Ninth German army.

The retreat of the Rumanian army, according to Allied reports, continues in an orderly manner.

Operations of secondary importance have been begun by the Teutons in the Dobruja, evidently with the purpose of clearing northern Dobruja of Russo-Rumanian troops.

Latest war dispatches indicate the intention of the Central Empire to make their mastery of the Balkans complete.

That the Allies are conscious of this fact and are preparing to meet it is evidenced in the rigid blockade of Greece put in force today.

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Unsettled tonight and Saturday, with probably rain, slightly warmer tonight, and colder by Saturday night; moderate winds, most from southeast.

SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS GROW APACE



"Carry your own bundles" is a slogan being urged by the big stores while the pre-Christmas rush is on, and above is a picture of women shoppers following the advice.

LIBERALS BACK LLOYD GEORGE IN GREAT TASK

Party Out of Power Joins Laborites in Pledging Support

TO AID NEW PREMIER IN VIGOROUS POLICY

Irish Nationalists Not Yet Decided in Attitude—May Bargain for Home Rule

PERSONNEL NOT SETTLED

Announcement of Assignments in Ministry Likely to Be Withheld Till Tuesday

David Lloyd George will have not only the support of the Unionists in his formation of the new British Ministry, but also of the Laborites and the Liberals, including their chief, former Premier Asquith.

The Cabinet turmoil in England is finding an echo in Paris. A large portion of the press has united in declaring in favor of a new deal, so far as France is individually concerned.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—All doubt that Lloyd George, to whom the King has intrusted the Premiership, would not have complete support for the new Government in Parliament was swept away today.

The action means Lloyd George will not only be backed up by the Unionists and the Laborites—totaling 324 votes out of the 476 in Commons—but also by the Liberal block of votes, 260 more.

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ANOTHER AMERICAN STEAMSHIP

REPORTED SUNK BY U-BOAT

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—A report was current in shipping circles this afternoon that the United States steamship Virginia, 3552 tons, had been sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine.

TO INCREASE FARM PROFIT AND REDUCE LIVING COST

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Eugene Greenhut, as president of a company which has used facilities of the Long Island Railway to ship farm products to the home of consumers, today made public a letter to President Wilson.

125 AIRCRAFT LOST ON WAR FRONTS IN NOVEMBER

BERLIN (via Sayville wireless), Dec. 8.—Ninety-four Allied aeroplanes and thirty-one German machines were lost on all fronts during November, the War Office reported today.

WOMAN SAVED FROM FLAMES BY MILKMAN

Mrs. Elizabeth Quinlow, sixty years old, who lives alone at 4534 Merion avenue, was saved from possible death by fire by a milkman today.

POINCARÉ HONORS AMERICAN WOMAN FOR WAR AID WORK

PARIS, Dec. 8.—On the eve of her departure for her home in the United States Mrs. Nina Larrey Duryea, who has been active in French war relief work, received a gold medal today, presented to her by President Poincaré.

GUARDS AT BODY OF JOHN D. ARCHBOLD

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 8.—Two armed guards kept vigil today at the vault in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery where lies the body of John D. Archbold, late Standard Oil magnate.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN SOLD AT AUCTION

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Madison Square Garden, famous as the scene of many important public meetings and athletic exhibitions, was sold under the auctioneer's hammer today for \$2,000,000.

CHILD SCALDED BY COFFEE DIES IN HOSPITAL

A cup of hot coffee which accidentally spilled on Wayne Cosgrove, a fifteen-month-old child, 7513 Germantown avenue, caused his death in the Chestnut Hill Hospital today.

ASQUITH DECLINES OFFER OF EARLDOM

LONDON, Dec. 8.—King George has offered an earldom and the Order of the Garter to former Premier Asquith, according to the Chronicle.

MAKE U. S. SUPPLIES IN PRISONS, PROBERS SAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Recommendation to Congress that the Federal prisons at Atlanta and Leavenworth be utilized for the manufacture of supplies for the Government was made today by the special commission appointed for this purpose at the last session.

DU PONT SUBSIDIARY GIVES BONUS TO 2000 MEN

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 8.—A bonus on annual salaries, representing a monthly payroll increase of about \$2,000, was announced today by the Arlington Company, a subsidiary of the Du Pont de Nemours Company.

\$1,905,234 HARKNESS INHERITANCE TAX

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—New York State will receive the record sum of \$1,905,234 as the inheritance tax on the New York estate of the late Standard Oil magnate, Charles W. Harkness.

COMMISSION TO DISCUSS COAL TRANSPORTATION

Coal transportation by inland waterways will be the principal topic discussed today at the hearing to be conducted by the State Coal Commissioners in the City Hall.

COMPENSATION BOARD ADJUSTS 49,300 CASES

Reports at a meeting of the Workmen's Compensation Board at its headquarters in the North American Building this afternoon showed that 49,300 accident cases were settled since the board's establishment last January without dispute between employer and employe.

URGES MORE BARRACKS FOR LEAGUE ISLAND

The establishment of a large marine corps post on the east coast and more buildings at the Philadelphia Navy Yard for additional defense companies were recommended today in the annual report of the marine corps at Washington.

GIVES \$100,000 TO PRESBYTERIAN PASTORS' FUND

An anonymous gift of \$100,000 has been received by the Ministerial Relief and Sustenance Fund of the Presbyterian Church, according to Dr. William Hiram Foulkes, general secretary, who has returned from New York.

MAIL CAR DRIVERS CALLED RECKLESS

"Divine-Right Speeders" to Have No Mercy, Says Magistrate

HELD FOR INJURING BOY

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ARRAIGNMENT OF UNIFORM

"Because they wear a uniform and have the words 'United States Mail' emblazoned on the sides of the truck, they think they are 'governmental divine-right speeders.'"

REPRESENTATIVE TRIBBLE DEAD

Georgia Congressman Succumbs to Stroke of Apoplexy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Representative Samuel J. Tribble, who represented the Eighth Georgia District for three terms, died today at a local hospital.

FRENCH WARSHIP LOST; 730 DROWN

Battleship Suffren, 12,750 Tons, Given Up as Sunk by Admiralty

MISSING SINCE NOV. 24

PARIS, Dec. 8.—The French battleship Suffren is officially classified as lost in a statement issued by the Minister of Marine today.

Apparently all hands were lost. The vessel left Gibraltar for L'Orient, a fortified seaport at the mouth of the River Scorff, in Brittany, on November 24 and has not been heard of since.

The Suffren was an eighteen-knot battleship of 12,750 tons, and carried 730 men, according to best available information.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The Anchor liner Caledonia is believed sunk, Lloyd's announced today.

The Caledonia is a steel steamship of 9225 tons, with British registry and Glasgow her home port.

MRS. MARY W. HARKNESS DIES AFTER OPERATION

Widow of Standard Oil Magnate Was Heir to \$12,000,000 in Her Husband's Will

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Mary Warden Harkness, widow of Charles W. Harkness, Standard Oil magnate, whose estate was appraised yesterday at \$12,000,000, died today at the Presbyterian Hospital, where she had undergone an operation.

Under the terms of her husband's will, Mrs. Harkness inherited property valued at \$12,000,000. This included the Harkness home at 2 East Fifty-fourth street.

WIFE-LOVE WINS ERRANT AVIATOR

Harvey W. Kays Abjures Habits and Seeks His Home Again

WANTS TO MAKE GOOD

Love for his wife and home has led Harvey Wilbur Kays, the aviator who disappeared five weeks ago, to send a message back to his wife, after he had apparently abandoned her for another woman.

The first word that has been heard from the missing aviator came last night, when Kays called his wife over the long-distance telephone from Newark, N. J., and protested his love for her, saying that reports that he was unfaithful were not true.

The telephone bell in the Kays home, at 1414 Baltimore avenue, rang insistently last night, shortly after Mrs. Kays and Baron Haldeman von Flegelmisay, Kays's former partner in aviation exhibitions, had eaten supper.

"Is that you, Florence?" came Kays's voice, the first time she had heard it since his disappearance.

"Yes," responded Mrs. Kays, recognizing the voice, but saying nothing, mentally reflecting on what she had heard—that he had left her to support herself and their four children for another woman and for the love of the drugs that had made him an addict.

"This is Harvey," came the voice. "I am at Newark."

"Yes, I recognize your voice," replied Mrs. Kays. "It sounds like old times." Her voice was matter-of-fact.

"How are the children?" pursued the husband, as if he had left on a common-place trip, instead of being a man sought by the police for desertion and alleged theft of an airplane, the property of the baron-aviator.

"They are all very well," replied Mrs. Kays. She waited.