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KING OF GREECE DEFIES ALLIES; GATHERS ARMY

Mobilization Call Believed Prelude to Attack on Sarrail's Lines

HAS FORCE OF 75,000 MEN

Royalists Stir Nation for War on the Side of Central Empires

SALONICA, Dec. 9.

King Constantine has burned his bridges behind him in avowed hostility to the Entente. He has issued an order for mobilization which, in all probability, ends all hopes of a peaceful settlement of the Graeco-Entente dispute. The maximum number of soldiers at Constantine's command is estimated at 75,000. It is asserted on good authority that the proclamation of the blockade of Greece by the Allies and the German victories in Rumania have prompted the King and the Royalist party to commit themselves definitely against the Allies. It is now expected that the King will make an attempt to cut his way northward through Larissa and join hands with the Teuton-Bulgar army on the Monastir front. Such a course would not be improbable, in view of the fact that the King has supplies for at least a two months' campaign. General Sarrail, however, is prepared for any emergency.

Royalist newspapers are taking full advantage of the German victories in Rumania and are exaggerating them in screaming articles in the press. They are holding out the promise to the Greek people that the presence of Allied forces in Greece will soon be at end and that a powerful German army is soon to be sent southward from Rumania for a great offensive in Macedonia that "will drive Serrail's forces into the sea." The Royalists also predict a German drive on Odessa through Bessarabia and a complete and early German victory, in which, if she enters the war on the side of the Central Powers at once, Greece will share.

The Entente blockade of Greece is proceeding in a systematic manner. No ships are allowed to leave or enter any Greek ports.

ALLIES SOON TO DEPOSE KING, LONDON HEARS

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Within a week King Constantine of Greece will be an exile, deposed from his throne by the Allies, and M. Venizelos will be in charge of the Greek Government. The Greek army also will be disarmed. This is the expectation here.

King Constantine has brought his fate upon himself by persistently intriguing with the Kaiser. Despite repeated warnings from the Allies, he regularly sends and receives messages from the Kaiser through neutral diplomatic channels. Some of these messages have been intercepted and are now in the hands of the Allies.

SEIZES WOMAN IN LEAP TO DEATH IN RIVER

Autoist Dashes Over Bridge and Snatches Would-Be Suicide From Rail

An automobile and a quick-acting driver today saved Mrs. Mathilda Hayes, sixty-five, from committing suicide by leaping from the Fairmount Park trolley bridge near Strawberry Mansion.

The woman was on top of the railing when Frank L. Dill, of 460 North Sixty-third street, who was motoring east on the bridge, saw her. He speeded up, reached the point where she had climbed, and leaped from the machine, his father, Walter J. Dill, taking the wheel.

The young Mr. Dill was just in time to seize the tail of the woman's coat as she started her long leap into the Schuylkill.

Mrs. Hayes weighs about 135, and her fight to be free almost made Dill lose his hold, for he had only one hand to devote to that task, having to use the other to keep secure his own position on the bridge. The coat, too, was tearing under the strain.

Meanwhile Dill's father had driven back with two park guards from Woodford guard house. They were P. J. McManus and E. Bell. The three of them climbed over the bridge and, forming a chain, reached low enough to get a body hold on Mrs. Hayes. She fought wildly to get free and fail, but they saved her.

Then she was brought to the guardhouse and questioned by Sergeant O'Neil. She told him that it was simply a case of despondency. Her only relative in the world is a son and he is fighting with the English forces in South Africa. Mrs. Hayes is a native Englishwoman, but has been living here many years. She was left a widow in 1895. She resides at 2622 North Twenty-ninth street.

Sergeant O'Neil sent her to the Philadelphia Hospital.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Partly cloudy and much colder tonight, with lowest about 30 degrees; Sunday fair and much colder; strong southwest and west winds.

LENGTH OF DAY

Sun rises.. 7:11 a.m. Sun sets.... 4:34 p.m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES

CHESTNUT STREET

High water.. 1:34 a.m. High water.. 1:58 p.m.
Low water.. 8:12 a.m. Low water.. 8:48 p.m.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5
50	51	51	53	53	53				

LLOYD GEORGE BARRIER AGAINST GERMAN MENACE TO U. S., NORTHCLIFFE SAYS

Success of Allies Under New Premier's Leadership Means Removal of Aggression in New World

His Rise in Life Like That of Typical American—Shows Magnificent Courage Even in Opposition to Policies of Party or Country if Deemed Wrong

Following is the most remarkable statement that has come out of the great crisis in British politics—an inside analysis of the most amazing situation which suddenly changed the whole Government, written by the man who made it possible.

By LORD NORTHCLIFFE

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LONDON, Dec. 9.—As a personality, David Lloyd George is for many reasons interesting and important to the United States. He is one of the few British statesmen understanding the difficult and intangible psychology of the American temperament.

DAVID LLOYD GEORGE

He is important to America for another reason. He is now head of the British nations engaged in war—Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, together with India.

Winning of the war now primarily devolves on these nations.

If they and the Allies are beaten, it will be America's turn next, for Germany's plans in South America and Germany's hatred of the United States should be known to every American who reads the anti-American propaganda of the German Government.

LIKE "TYPICAL" AMERICAN

Lloyd George is also interesting to your hundred millions because his life has been very much similar to many of you. He began simply, without other assets of life than a good father and mother. He had the same kind of education that an American boy gets. There are millions of American homes like his little home in Wales, wherein he spent his early childhood. His father was a teacher of a school in Liverpool, managed by a committee of Unitarians, including Harriet Martineau. His mother was a daughter of a Baptist minister in the Welsh village of Llanystumdwy.

I do not know Lloyd George in private life; I am not in agreement with him on many political affairs. We have been publicly antagonistic on many matters during twenty years. He adopted a line in the Boer war that was not mine, incurring the hatred, even contempt, of millions of his fellow-subjects. It was a brave line, for it demanded more courage to be on the inside of the minority opposing the war, than to shout with the majority supporting it. Since then Lloyd George has led all sorts of movements at variance with the tenets of the political party to which I belong.

ALWAYS EVINCED COURAGE

"Sometimes he has been right—and proved right; sometimes he has been wrong—and proved wrong; but in all he has undertaken he has evinced the same courage shown throughout this one momentous week's history.

"The British people's fear of helping German propaganda in the United States prevented English writers from saying how dissatisfied the British people have been with the politicians who have managed our share in the war since 1914.

Lloyd George was the only member of the Government with the courage to exhibit discontent over our feeble and vacillating conduct of the war. Occasionally in Parliament and on the platform he attempted to tell the people a little of the truth, but on these occasions he was always howled down by members of his party and their newspapers as unpatriotic and giving comfort to the enemy. The rest did their best to hide the truth.

The hide-the-truth tactics in Commons of smaller politicians were shown at the time they were endeavoring to cover up their blunders and Sir Edward Carson left the Government last year.

SHOULD HAVE QUIT EARLIER

If Lloyd George had resigned with him then the war would have been greatly advanced. He was prevailed upon to remain, but evidently at the end of last week he found the state of torpidity and self-satisfaction of his colleagues—in the face of his repeated setbacks—impossible to a man of his vision and patriotism. Of those colleagues, writing as I am an article which will appear in some 800 American and Canadian newspapers, I prefer only to say that they were men who wouldn't believe the war was coming when it did, and who hadn't an idea of its tremendous portent for our race.

In my own newspapers at home I have

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FREEZE-UP FOR TONIGHT

Cold Wave Predicted After Day of Rainfall—Cloudy Tomorrow

The weather forecast for the next twenty-four hours is just one thing after another. Reports from the Weather Bureau this morning predict a continuance of rain until tonight, when the temperature will fall and hover around the freezing mark.

Tomorrow will be partly cloudy with the sun occasionally breaking through the clouds, while the mercury will still stay down around the thirties. The cold wave will continue for several days, maybe longer.

MRS. LE DUC FREE; TELLS OF MURDER

Pretty Woman of Hotel Tragedy Goes Back to Home and Husband

RELEASED BY CORONER

By M'LISS

Mrs. Le Duc!

Even the court reporters were caught by the thrill that swept over the room—as it always does at the summoning of the star witness in a murder case when she is a spectacularly beautiful woman—when Mrs. Joseph C. Le Duc, of Chicago, took the stand to tell publicly today for the first time the part she played in the triangle tragedy at the Hotel Walton September 28.

In this lurid shooting fray Mrs. Margaret Belzar, of New York, and Joseph C. Graveur, New York garage owner, were killed and Mrs. Le Duc herself was dangerously wounded.

About three minutes after she had testified a verdict freeing her was rendered.

Swaying like a tall and graceful lily, her face as white as alabaster, the violet of her eyes enhanced by the deep purple shadows that rimmed them, Mrs. Le Duc approached the witness box supported on the arm of her husband, who arrived hastily from Chicago this morning to be present at the Coroner's inquest. She trembled visibly. When she wasn't wiping away the beads of perspiration from her face, her long white hands played nervously in her lap. Her husband, who, from the beginning, has been emphatic in his belief of her innocence, even when the mystery of the shooting and of Mrs. Le Duc's relations to Graveur were hazlest, sat by her side and patted her arm as in an almost inaudible voice she gave her account of the affair.

MRS. LE DUC'S STORY

Mrs. Le Duc's story of the shooting was:

Mr. Graveur and I had dinner on the roof garden. When we went to his room on the ninth floor to get my handbag which I had left there earlier in the evening Mr. Graveur went inside. I think I had my hand on the door knob. I heard a voice and then I saw a tall woman inside go up to Mr. Graveur. Then I heard a shot and saw him fall. Then there was another shot and I knew I was wounded. I turned and ran up the hall and up the stairway. I don't remember anything else.

When she had completed her testimony, Mrs. Le Duc tried to rise from the chair in which she sat. But it was as though she were petrified with fright. Her husband lifted her up tenderly and took her in a half fainting condition to the side of the courtroom, where it was necessary to sign a witness form. Her hand shook so she could not steady the pen. Le Duc brought her water. She tried again and

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PAGE RESIGNATION NEWS TO LANSING

Already in President's Hands, However, Says High Authority

SEEKING PRIVATE LIFE

WALTER HINES PAGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9. — When informed of the report that Walter Hines Page, Ambassador to England, had resigned, Secretary of State Lansing today said he had not even heard the envoy intended giving up his post.

Notwithstanding this statement by Secretary Lansing, it has been learned on high authority that the resignaiton of Ambassador Page has been in the hands of President Wilson for several days.

The informant let it be clearly understood that there is no political significance whatever in the resignation of the Ambassador. His action, it is said, is merely the result of a desire on the part of Mr. Page to be relieved of the extremely arduous duties and responsibilities of his official position, and to be enabled to return home and take up anew the less exacting life of a private American citizen.

Since the beginning of the European war Mr. Page has been burdened with ever-increasing tasks, which began at the start of hostilities, when he was called upon to arrange for the return home of thousands of American travelers—many of them stranded without funds in England and other belligerent countries.

While Anglo-American relations since the start of the Great War have never been within measurable distance of crises such as those between this country and Germany—resulting from submarine warfare—it is probable that Ambassador Page has been an even busier man in London than Mr. Gerard in Berlin. The difficulties that have arisen with Germany have been of a "short-though-ugly" character, with the issues comparatively clearly defined, in strong contrast with the long and vexatious negotiations, the interminable discussions entailed by Great Britain's sea policies.

First, there were the various contraband declarations which failed to meet the letter of international law, then followed the anomalous "blockade," with its neutral reactions and its corollaries on the methods of "visit and search"; next the mail seizures, and finally the blacklist, with the possibilities of American reprisals.

'OSBORNE' BLAMED FOR SUICIDE HERE

Young Milliner, Grace Francis, Said to Have Been His Dupe

GAVE EARNINGS TO HIM

"Oliver Osborne," who has been in the New York limelight as a wrecker of women's hearts, and has admitted that he "loved them all," is said to have been the fiance of Miss Grace Francis, a milliner, who was found dead in her home, 68 West Chelten avenue, last February.

According to the police version of the affair, Miss Francis committed suicide when she discovered that her fiance was unworthy of her love and had embezzled several thousand dollars given him to invest. He was said to be a bond salesman.

"Oliver Osborne" was arrested last Sunday in Chicago. His real name is Charles H. Wax. Secret service men had been on his trail for more than a year. He is said to have been the man who made love to Rae Tanzer and then disappeared. He has been identified by several women as a "heart crusher."

Federal authorities have received word from a woman that Wax, or "O. O." was responsible for the suicide of Miss Francis.

Dr. William G. Shields, Jr., 414 West School House lane, who was called in when Miss Francis committed suicide, said today that he did not recall having heard of the name of Osborne in connection with Miss Francis's death. He said he knew that the name of some man did figure in the case.

POSED AS SALESMAN

According to Detective Whitman, of the Bellevue-Stratford, the suitor of Miss Francis posed as a bond salesman. He said that the name the man used was Spencer, and that for a short time he worked for a bond firm on Chestnut street.

Whitcomb said he did not recall having

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QUICK NEWS

FOUR SHIPS SUNK IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Danish steamship Sigurd, 2119 tons, and the British steamships Avriston, 3818 tons; Couch, 5620 tons, and Tanfield have been sunk within the last twenty-four hours, Lloyd's reported today.

CONTRACTS LET FOR 96 ARMY HYDROAEROPLANES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The War Department today awarded $1,975,004 worth of contracts for ninety-six hydroaeroplanes for coast artillery stations as follows: Curtiss Company, Buffalo, sixteen, at $22,500 each; Aero Marine Engineering and Sales Company, New York, sixteen, at $18,000 each; Burgess Company, Marblehead, Mass., thirty-two, at $23,632 each; Standard Aeroplane Corporation, Plainfield, N. J., thirty-two, at $21,000 each.

THREE U. S. JURIES PROBE PRICES NEXT WEEK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Special Grand Jury inquiries of high cost of living will be begun in Detroit, Chicago and New York the middle of next week, Special Assistant Attorney General Anderson, in charge of the probe, announced today.

STEEL'S UNFILLED ORDERS A RECORD

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The tonnage of unfilled orders on the books of the United States Steel Corporation November 30 set a new high record at 11,058,524 tons, an increase of 1,043,232 tons over the October 31 total. Unfilled orders November 30, 1915, totaled 7,189,489.

PROVISIONAL POLISH STATE COUNCIL CREATED

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Announcement was made today through the semiofficial Overseas News Agency of the creation of a provisional state council for the new kingdom of Poland. The provisional council will consist of fifteen members from the districts occupied by Germans and ten from the sections held by Austro-Hungarians. Later the members will be elected by the Poles.

12,000 STONEMEN TO GO TO NEW YORK TOMORROW

Twelve thousand Stonemen, the largest body of men that ever left this city as one organization, will make a pilgrimage to New York tomorrow to establish three new lodges, two in Brooklyn and one in Manhattan. They will be led by the Rev. H. C. Stone, leader of the Stonemen Fellowship, who will conduct the services in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Arrangements have been made by the Philadelphia and Reading Railway for twenty-one special trains to take the army over. Beginning at 6:30 a. m. trains will leave the Terminal every five minutes until 8:30. The Stonemen will spend the night there and leave New York beginning at 6:30 a. m. Monday morning.

WOMAN JUST PAST CENTURY MARK DEAD

A woman more than a hundred years old died today at the home of the Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, 3615 Chestnut street. She was Mrs. Elizabeth T. Pratt, born in October, 1816, in a house which stood near Fifth and Locust streets. The centenarian retained the use of all her faculties until the end and had predicted for many years that she would live to be more than one hundred years old. She was the youngest of five children. All her relatives died young. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday.

MISTAKES AMMONIA FOR GIN; DRINKS IT; DIES

A drink of ammonia, swallowed in mistake for gin, caused the death of Jacob Wyler, forty-nine years old, of 156 West Norris street. The bottles of gin and ammonia were side by side in the kitchen cupboard at the Wyler home. Wyler took the wrong bottle and, realizing his mistake, rushed to St. Mary's Hospital. He died shortly afterward.

DAUGHTER'S TRAGIC DEATH FATAL TO MOTHER

Grief over the tragic end of her daughter, Mary Bruding, twenty-five years old, who died from burns in the Methodist Hospital, is believed to have caused the death fo Mrs. Anna Bruding, sixty years old, of 428 Wolf street. The girl was bathing her mother with turpentine last Saturday when the fluid ignited and the daughter was fatally burned.

TOO MUCH LEARNING MADE HER A FIREBUG

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Elizabeth Miller McCowan, graduate of two universities and kindergarten principal, became a "firebug" by her knowledge of chemistry, according to a confession Deputy State Fire Marshal Niels Juul, Jr., says she has signed. According to the confession, she set fire to her kindergarten and apartments when the school failed to bring a profit after having heavily insured the building.

SEES NO NEED FOR INCREASE IN PRICE OF BREAD

HARRISBURG, Dec. 9.—Bakers of the State have no just reason for advancing the price of bread from five to six cents a loaf, in the opinion of James Sweeney, chief of the State Bureau of Standards, who today issued a comprehensive statement in rebuttal of the claims of the Pennsylvania Master Bakers' Association, which this week recommended that all the bakers of the State advance their prices not later than January 1. Mr. Sweeney says the size of the loaf has been reduced to cover the advancing cost of flour and other materials and that a further increase is not justifiable.

FIRE DAMAGES WOOLWORTH STORE IN OTTAWA

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 9.—Fire in the heart of Ottawa's business section today destroyed the interior of the F. W. Woolworth store and seriously damaged five others in the Titus block. The loss is estimated at more than $100,000.

U. S. FLEET ASSEMBLES FOR REVIEW AT HAMPTON ROADS

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 9.—Fifteen United States warships, including four submarines and all of the new dreadnoughts of the navy, assembled in Hampton Roads today to participate in the naval review which will be held here in connection with the convention of the Southern Commercial Congress. Secretary Daniels and other Government officials will review the fleet.

RUSSIA SEEKS 100 MORE LOCOMOTIVES HERE

The Russian Government has ordered 100 more locomotives from the Baldwin Locomotive Works, which will cost $4,000,000. The locomotives are to be large freight engines and will cost approximately $40,000 each. The Russian Government placed orders for forty locomotives with Baldwins several weeks ago. The whole order will total $5,600,000.

COST OF LIVING SLUMPS ALL OVER COUNTRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The "cost of living" has taken a drop. Advices from all sections of the country to the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Justice indicate this. The reduction in prices, while small, is general. Officials believe that it will be continued.

NEW BOOST SETS RECORD IN PUDDLERS' WAGES

READING, Dec. 9.—The highest wages ever paid to puddlers in the Schuylkill Valley will be paid to those of the Reading Iron Company's plants here, beginning Monday, when another increase, as announced today, will go into effect, amounting to about $8 a ton.

FATE OF AMERICAN STEAMSHIP STILL UNCERTAIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Uncertainty today still clouded the reported sinking in the Mediterranean of the American steamship Virginia. Gaston, Williams & Wigmore, owners of the steamship thought to have gone down, had no advices today concerning her. The Virginia was bound for Genoa with a general cargo.

WAR COUNCIL DEBATES NEXT TEUTON BLOW

Kaiser Presides at Meeting Held at German Headquarters

LONDON EXPECTS MONASTIR DRIVE

More Than 70,000 Rumanian Troops Captured Since December 1

RUSSIAN ATTACKS FAIL

KAISER WILHELM II

Latest photograph of the German Emperor, who presided over the Teuton War Council just held at the German great headquarters.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.

Easy repulse of enemy attacks in the Cerna Bend, following a violent shelling of height positions north of Monastir and northeast of Parlovo, on the Macedonian front, was announced by the War Office today. In the east upper Tahino Lake the Bulgarian vanguards repulsed a British company's attacks.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 9.

Russian troops have dislodged the enemy from two heights west and south of Valeputna, taking 500 prisoners, today's official statement said. Six machine guns, one cannon and two bomb mortars were also captured.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.

A council of war has just been held at German Great Headquarters, the Overseas News Agency reported today. Those participating were Emperor William, Emperor Charles, Field Marshal von Hindenburg and Field Marshal Conrad von Hoetzendorff, of the Austro-Hungarian army. Emperor William presided at the council. It is believed that the next move of the Central Empires was discussed.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Where will Germany strike next?

That is the question that is agitating British military experts. There is a growing belief in the Allied capitals that the German allies, after the conquest of Rumania, will throw a great force into Macedonia and swing Greece into the war by a master stroke around Monastir.

The possibilities are numerous. If the German allies are able to sweep Rumania clear, the way would be opened for an invasion of Russia by way of Bessarabia, but there has been no decisive indication that this is included in Von Hindenburg's plans.

It has been reported from time to time that the Germans would make their next stroke of arms against Italy, striving to crush that country as the smaller nations have been smashed.

One thing seems to be certain: When the German allies attempt their next offensive it will be in charge of Field Marshal von Mackensen, who has proved himself one of the greatest soldiers of the war. Even the Allied military men pay homage to the brilliant tactics and the terrific energy of this wonderful old German soldier.

Dispatches from the Rumanian theater of war today stated that the Rumanians were still retiring. They indicated also that the Russian offensive in the Carpa-

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"Beyond the Great Oblivion," by George Allan England, a Sequel to "The Vacant World," Begins on Page 5 of This Issue