

RUSSIA'S HOLD ON DOBRUDJA IS FAST SLIPPING

Loss of Matchin Makes It Appear Doubtful if She Will Hold Territory

BRAILA IS TOPPLING

Long Defense of Grain Storehouse Has Enabled Supplies to Be Removed

Russia's last remaining hold in the Rumanian province of Dobrudja has been so badly shaken by the loss of Matchin to Field Marshal Von Mackensen's forces that it seems doubtful if she can much longer retain her grip on any of this trans-Danube territory.

West of the Danube at this point, Braila, the important Rumanian grain and oil storage depot, is still held by the Russians but it is considered doubtful whether it can hold out long under a serious attack as it is supplied by the German-Bulgarian operations across the river.

No operations of importance have been reported from any of the other fronts.

Capture of Matchin Is Regarded as Ending Defense of Dobrudja

London, Jan. 4.—The capture of Matchin is regarded here as ending the defense of Dobrudja. The Russians held the Matchin bridgehead in order to protect Braila from the rear. Nothing now remains to them except a narrow strip of land between marshes which carried the highway to Braila.

War Has Raised National Debts to \$49,455,000,000

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—The increase in the national debt of Great Britain, France, Russia, Germany and Austria-Hungary is estimated by the Federal Reserve Board at \$49,455,000,000 from the beginning of the war to the latter part of 1916, with the exception of Austria-Hungary, in whose case the estimate extends only to May, 1916.

Twenty-nine billions is the three nations' share of the total, and twenty billions is that of the two central powers. This estimate, the Board stated in tabulations made public to-day, is approximate and does not cover the cost of the war as large revenues of undetermined amounts have been raised by internal taxation.

Great Britain's national debt, the Board estimated, was approximately \$15,163,750,000 in November, having risen from \$2,449,813,150 in March, 1914. Loans to American dominions included in the grand total are estimated at from three to three and a billions.

Commissioners Advise Wilson to Act on His Own Initiative in Muddle

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—The American reply to General Carranza's rejection of the protocol for withdrawal of American troops from Mexico was taken to-day by Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican commissioners, in New York, by Dr. John R. Mott, of the American commissioners. Whether there is one more session of the joint commission will depend upon the Mexicans. There will not be a continuation of the conferences, however. The report of the American commissioners that further negotiations with the Mexicans were useless has received the approval of President Wilson, and if there is another meeting it will be in a mere observance of the formalities of ending the conferences.

What to Do for Eczema

Greasy salves and ointments should not be applied if good clear skin is wanted. From any drugstore for 25c or \$1.00 for extra large size, get a bottle of Zemo. When applied as directed, it effectively removes eczema, quickly stops itching, and heals skin troubles, also sores, burns, wounds and chafing. It penetrates, cleanses, and soothes. Zemo is a clean, dependable and inexpensive, penetrating, antiseptic liquid. Try it, as we believe nothing you have ever used is as effective and satisfying.

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Broom Coupon For Friday 6 Hours of Broom Selling. 40c Large Size Four-string BROOMS for 10c. Sold only to customers purchasing \$1.00 worth of merchandise and more. None sold to children and one to a customer.

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More Extra Big Clean Sweep Specials for Men. Continuing To-morrow, Friday, Our Clean Sweep of Men's & Young Men's Up to \$15.00 \$0.90 All Wool Winter Overcoats for. EXTRA BOYS' CLOTHING SPECIALS. Up to \$4.00 Boys' Norfolk Suits, \$2.89. Up to \$5.00 Boys' Norfolk Suits, \$3.89. Up to \$6.90 Boys' Norfolk Suits, \$4.89. Up to \$8.50 Boys' Norfolk Suits, \$5.89. Up to \$3.50 Boys' Polo Overcoats, \$2.19. Up to \$5.00 Boys' Long Overcoats, \$3.75. Up to \$9.00 Boys' Long Overcoats, \$6.50. Up to 75c Boys' Odd Pants, 45c. Up to \$1.50 Boys' Corduroy Pants, 99c. Up to \$1.50 Boys' Serge Pants, 99c. Up to 69c Boys' Blouses, 39c. Up to 50c Boys' Knit Toques, 39c. Up to 39c Boys' Knit Toques, 19c.

KAUFMAN'S MARKET SQUARE UNDERSELLING STORE. Store Opens 8.30 A. M. Closes 5.30 P. M. Boys' Mackinaw Coats Reduced. Up to \$5.00 Boys' Mackinaw Coats, \$3.75. Up to \$6.00 Boys' Mackinaw Coats, \$4.75.

POOR DIRECTORS REQUEST \$75,000 FOR YEAR'S WORK \$10,000 More Than Last Year Needed to Care For County's Poor. At to-morrow's meeting of the county commissioners the requisition of the Dauphin county poor board for \$75,000 for maintenance of the county's poor during 1917 will be considered.

ANOTHER PEACE MOVE CONSIDERED President Will Not Let Matter Drop After Entente Reply Is Received. Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—If the entente reply to President Wilson's peace note fails to meet his proposal for an early occasion for an avowal of terms, the President will not let the negotiations drop, but will make at least one more move.

not alter well-defined impressions that important developments are transpiring under the surface. All officials are silent over the reports that Ambassador Gerard as a result of his talk with the German chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, probably transmitted a report on details of Germany's peace terms to make them available to the entente allies.

medium for exchange of terms secretly between the belligerents and it is known that he would prefer that it be done publicly. American diplomats and other sources of confidential information have been looking into that point. The negotiations were described to-day as being of a highly confidential character. President Wilson's friends say he is unconcerned over efforts to connect his note with the German peace proposals. Feeling that his sole object in sending the note was to learn just where each side stands, he is known to believe that in the end the entente allies as well as the central powers will realize that his move was not directed against either.