

TEUTONS DRIVE WITH BAYONETS

No Let-up in Offensive Against the Rumanians.

FIERCE FIGHTING IN VALLEYS

German and Bulgarian Forces Capture, After Hard Struggle Russian Positions in Dobrudja.

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville.—Continuing their vigorous offensive along the Rumanian front, Teutonic troops pushed back the Russians and Rumanians along the valleys leading to the interior of Moldavia, the War Office announces.

The Teutonic forces in Northern Wallachia have compelled the Russians to make a further retreat and are approaching the bridgehead position in this area.

"Western front: Army of Field Marshal Duke Albrecht of Wurttemberg: In the Ypres salient, there was a lively artillery duel.

"Army group of the German Crown Prince: In the Champagne, in the Argonne forest and on the east bank of the Meuse (Verdun region), German raiding detachments and patrols entered French trenches and returned, as had been ordered, with prisoners and booty.

"Front of Arras: South of the Trossy Valley, the much disputed Mount Faluancu range of heights came into German possession through a vigorous attack.

"Along the valleys leading from the Berek mountains to the Sereth, our attacks threw the enemy further back. Our troops stormed at the point of the bayonet several height positions on both sides of the Oltuz Valley.

"Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen: The Ninth Army is sharply pressing the enemy and, defeating his rear guards, has forced the Russians to retreat further.

"From the west and south, German and Austro-Hungarian troops are approaching the bridgehead positions near Fokshani and Fundeni.

"Between the Bubeu and the Danube the enemy maintains his bridgehead.

"East of Braila, in Dobrudja, German and Bulgarian troops captured tenaciously defended Russian positions and threw the enemy back to Matchin.

Latest News From the War Zone

The Rumanian province of the Dobrudja now is in the hands of the Central Powers, whose armies continue to advance through Great Wallachia into Moldavia.

Braila, an important commercial city in Great Wallachia, and on the west bank of the Danube, below Galatz, has been captured by German and Bulgarian troops.

The clearing of the Dobrudja by the combined Bulgarian, Turkish and German forces, it is reported semi-officially from Berlin, leaves a larger part of those forces ready for other employment and closes to Russia the Dobrudja pathway to Constantinople.

Small raids and isolated attacks have taken place at various points on the western front. Near Lons, Berlin announces, the Germans carried out a raid successfully.

Austro-German troops have taken an island in the Divina River, north of Divinsk, from the Russians. Attacks by the Russians, Berlin states, in attempts to regain the island, were repulsed with heavy losses.

Both Paris and London report considerable aerial activity on the front in France.

A German attack against a small French post, near Hill 304, east of the Meuse, in the Verdun region, was repulsed. Elsewhere there has been artillery activity and trench bombardments.

Premiers Lloyd-George, of Great Britain, and Briand, of France, have arrived in Rome for a conference with the Italian Ministry on the general situation. They were accompanied by other members of the British and French war councils.

A representative of the Russian General Staff is expected to take part in the consultations.

BERLIN FETES JAMES W. GERARD

American Ambassador is Likened To "Peace Dove."

WILSON AND KAISER TOASTED

"Never Since the Beginning Of the War have the Relations Between Germany and United States Been As Cordial As Now."

Berlin.—The dinner given by the American Association of Commerce and Trade in honor of James W. Gerard, the American Ambassador to Germany, who has just returned to the German capital from a visit to the United States, developed, apparently with intention, into a demonstration of the good feeling entertained in the higher government circles and banking and business spheres toward the United States.

The guests included three ministers, at least two ex-ministers, the vice-president of the Reichstag, while Germany's big financial institutions and other leaders in German public life. David Wolf, president of the American Association, who presided, was flanked on the right by Ambassador Gerard and on the left by Reinhold Sydow, Prussian minister of commerce. Next to Mr. Gerard sat Dr. Karl Helfferich, the imperial chancellor, and then came Arthur von Gwinner, director of the Deutsche Bank; Dr. Bernard Dernburg, ex-secretary for the colonies; and Dr. Herman Paasche, vice-president of the Reichstag, while beyond Minister Sydow were Joseph C. Grew, secretary of the American Embassy; Dr. W. S. Wolf, secretary for the colonies; John B. Jackson, former American minister to the Balkan States, and Adolf Wermuth, Lord Mayor of Berlin.

The usual toasts to Emperor William and President Wilson were drunk standing. President Wilson was drunk standing. The speakers of the evening, who were Ambassador Gerard, Vice-Chancellor Helfferich, Foreign Secretary Zimmermann and Arthur von Gwinner, director of the Deutsche Bank. In all the speeches the cordial relationships existing between the governments of the United States and Germany were emphasized.

Mr. Gerard's Speech. Ambassador Gerard, who was likened by Director von Gwinner to the "peace dove of Noah's Ark," told of the sympathy in the United States for German charity work. Many prominent persons had handed him checks for the German Red Cross. On his return to Germany, he said, he had delivered to the different German relief funds about 400,000 marks.

"Never since the beginning of the war have the relations between Germany and the United States been as cordial as now. I have brought back an olive branch from the President—or don't you consider the President's message an olive branch?"

BANK ACCEPTANCES GROW.

Reserve Board Shows Total For Country Gains \$33,000,000.

Washington.—Rapid growth of the business in bankers' acceptances done by American banks was reported by the Federal Reserve Board. The board announced that national banks held \$61,559,700 in acceptances in November, compared with \$49,923,400 in September.

Trust companies held \$83,005,400 in November, compared with \$68,213,900 in September, while State banks held \$3,442,900 in November, compared with \$1,971,000 in September. All banks held \$153,807,400 in November, compared with \$120,107,300 in September.

2,000,000 BRITONS IN FRANCE.

General Haig's Army Largest Ever Led by Nation.

Paris.—A special Havas dispatch from the British front in France says: "General Sir Douglas Haig commands the largest army Great Britain ever levied on her soil. The number of effectives in the British Army in France on January 1 was nearly 2,000,000 men, completely trained and ready day or night to receive orders from their commander-in-chief.

"This figure only refers to the British forces in France and is exclusive of those employed in the defense of Great Britain, Ireland, India, Saloniki, Egypt, Mesopotamia and Africa."

U. S. TO TAKE AWAY MINISTER.

Vopicka Unneutral Toward Central Powers, Germany Charged.

Washington.—American Minister Vopicka will be taken away from Bucharest, as the German Government asks, although he will still be the accredited American Minister to Rumania, Serbia and Bulgaria.

The German Government has cited incidents in which it alleges he was unneutral toward the Central Powers and favored Rumania.

With the Dutch Minister, Mr. Vopicka undertook protection of Entente subjects when the German armies occupied the Rumanian capital.

FINDS WALLET LOST IN 1912.

Recovers Checks It Contained, But \$25 Has Disappeared.

Waynesboro, Pa.—D. Mack Miller, grocer, Chambersburg, found a wallet lying on the doorstep of his store that had been missing since August, 1912.

Mr. Miller lost the pocketbook containing four checks and \$25 in cash. The checks were returned, but the money is still missing, and Mr. Miller hopes that the person's conscience will so disturb him that he will also return the money.

COMFORTING NEWS IN ZERO WEATHER



PEACE NOTE "LEAK" INQUIRY

Flood of Subpenas Follows Wood's Statement.

TUMULTY DEMANDS APOLOGY

Sensational Tale Recited Before House Committee and Based On Letter From Alleged Broker Brings Emphatic Denials.

Washington.—Sensational rumors of a "leak" to Wall Street in advance of President Wilson's peace note were related to the House Rules Committee by Representative Wood, of Indiana, in support of his resolution for an inquiry. He prefaced his testimony with the statement that he had nothing but hearsay to offer and vainly protested against an open session of the committee.

Names and rumored details of the alleged "leak" came thick and fast when Mr. Wood began his story. He mentioned Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson; R. W. Bolling, a brother-in-law of the President; Bernard Baruch, of New York, and various brokerage houses, crediting most of his information to a letter received from "A. Curtis," of New York. This letter, produced later, was written on plain paper, without the writer's address, and Kenneth Romney, Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms of the House, in New York searching for A. Curtis, has been unable to find any trace of him.

Tumulty Demands Apology. Statements were issued after the committee meeting by Secretary Tumulty and Mr. Bolling flatly denying the reports regarding them and Mr. Tumulty demanded that Representative Wood publicly apologize for mentioning his name.

Mr. Wood followed with a statement pointing out that he had desired to testify in private, but declaring that those whose names were the subject of rumor should court the fullest investigation.

SUFFS TO BE AT INAUGURATION.

Call Joint Convention and Arrange For Big Parade.

Washington.—A call for a joint convention of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage and the National Women's Party to be held in Washington, March 1 to 4, was issued by the executive committee of the Congressional Union. The Union already is planning for a big suffrage parade the day before President Wilson's inauguration similar to the demonstration marred by rioting on Pennsylvania avenue four years ago.

TO NAME ECONOMY COUNCIL.

French Government Will Regulate Consumption Of Goods.

Washington.—In order to regulate and curtail the consumption of goods considered essential to national defense and welfare, the French Government is about to establish a national council of economy, according to private advices received here. The new council will be composed of 60 men, representing all classes.

GEN. P. J. OSTERHAUS DEAD.

Father Of Admiral Was 94 and Lived In Berlin.

Washington.—Brig.-Gen. Peter J. Osterhaus, U. S. A. (retired), father of Rear-Admiral Hugo Osterhaus, U. S. N. (retired), is dead at Berlin, Germany, according to advices reaching the State Department. He was 94 years old and a native of Germany.

NICARAGUA BREAKS RECORD.

Inaugurates a President Without Any Disturbance At All.

Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua.—The inauguration of Gen. Emiliano Chamorro as President of the republic took place without disturbances. It is the first time in 29 years that a new President has come into office without disorders.

TO LIVE ON 25 CENTS A DAY.

Gotham Police Will Furnish "Diet Squad" Of Twelve.

New York.—An experiment intended to prove that a normal man can exist on an expenditure of 25 cents a day for food will be undertaken this week by a "diet squad" of 12 young policemen.

They will be examined daily by three members of the Hygiene Conference Board, of which William Howard Taft is chairman.

VILLA PLANS OWN GOVERNMENT

Gen. Gomez as Possible Provisional President.

ZAPATA TO BE REPRESENTED

Bandit Leader, Through Brother, May Issue Proclamation Giving Guarantees To All Foreigners and Foreign Property.

El Paso, Texas.—Emiliano Zapata will be represented by a delegate named Paz at the meeting which is expected to be held in San Antonio, Texas, by Villa partisans to plan a provisional government for the movement, being led by Francisco Villa, according to government agents here.

It was also reported that Dr. Francisco Vasquez Gomez was being considered by one faction as one of the possibilities for provisional president of the proposed government. Hipolito Villa, a brother of Francisco Villa, will represent his brother at this conference, and a number of Villa delegates are to attend the meeting. An effort will be made at this meeting, it is said, to have Villa issue a proclamation giving guarantees to all foreigners and foreign property and conduct his campaign upon lines similar to the rules of modern warfare.

FOR SUNDAY TABERNACLE SITE.

Son Of Evangelist Favors Location Near Washington Capitol.

Washington.—Billy Sunday's tabernacle in Washington, in which he will conduct a campaign for trail-bitters in the national capital, will probably be located near the Capitol. George A. Sunday, son of the evangelist, came to Washington Tuesday and looked over a number of sites for the tabernacle, and while he made no formal selection he indicated that the big building will probably go up within hailing distance of the national legislative halls.

CORRUPT PRACTICES BILL IN.

Effort To Pass Measure At Present Session Expected.

Washington.—The new Corrupt Practices bill to limit campaign expenditures to about \$1,500,000 for each party in a national election was reported favorably to the Senate. It would restrict personal contributions to \$5,000, forbid election bets, require newspapers to mark political advertising, and would prohibit publication of political articles without the name of the writer being appended, unless an employe of the publication.

ASKS MILLION FOR FT. STOREY.

\$1,100,000 Previously Appropriated For Stronghold At Capes.

Washington.—The House Subcommittee on Fortifications has decided to ask Congress for \$1,000,000 for the prosecution of work upon Fort Storey, which will be erected at Cape Henry to protect Baltimore and other Chesapeake Bay cities, during the next fiscal year. Congress at its last session appropriated \$1,100,000 for initial work. The fort will cost about \$2,000,000 and will be the strongest on the Atlantic Coast.

INSURED BEFORE EXPLOSION.

Dead Man Held Responsible For Tragedy Had \$10,000 Policy.

Atlanta.—An accident policy for \$10,000 payable to his wife was taken out here last Thursday by Louis Walton, who is believed by the Birmingham, Ala., police to have set off the explosive which wrecked a Pullman car in a train near Birmingham, killing Walton and two other passengers. The policy pays double indemnity for accident on a public carrier.

385,955 CANADIANS RECRUITED.

178,537 Added To Total During the Last Year.

Ottawa, Ont.—During the year just closed 178,537 men were recruited in Canada, or nearly half the total of 385,955 since the outbreak of the war. In the last fortnight 2,517 men enrolled, a decrease of 700 in comparison with the preceding two weeks.

URGES FARM LOAN BOND LAWS.

McAdoo Wants Them Made Legal Trust Fund Investments.

Washington.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, chairman of the Federal Farm Loan Board, in a letter to Governor Harrington, urges him to recommend to the Maryland Legislature the enactment of the necessary laws to make farm loan bonds legal investments for trust funds and savings banks in Maryland. Similar letters were sent to Governors of other States.

RAILROAD BILLS TO GO TO HOUSE

Adamson Plans to Prevent Strikes Without Notice.

TIRED OF WAITING ON SENATE

Will Also Press Proposed Special Rule For Immediate Consideration Of Extending Life Of Newlands Committee.

Washington.—Railroad legislation desired by President Wilson to supplement the Adamson Law is to be pressed in the House without waiting for action by the Senate. After a conference with the President, and while the Senate committee was continuing its hearings on the subject, Representative Adamson, chairman of the House Commerce Committee, announced that within a few days he would introduce and seek the passage of bills designed to prevent railroad employes from striking without giving 60 days' notice, and to empower the President to place tied-up roads in the hands of military authorities in case of public necessity.

Vigorous opposition to the proposed compulsory notice measure from organized labor generally is anticipated. It was to fight such proposals that the four railway brotherhoods and the American Federation of Labor representatives recently allied themselves unofficially.

They oppose all measures forcing men to labor. Brotherhood officials are expected here within the next few days to testify before the Senate committee, and it is expected that they then will inaugurate a fight on the Adamson proposals.

House leaders pointed out that passage of the Adamson bills by the House would not interfere with the Senate procedure. The Senate has before it a bill passed by the House at the last session to enlarge the Interstate Commerce Commission and any House measures easily could be attached to it as amendments. Action on the entire bill in conference then would be prompt, it is argued.

Judge William L. Chambers, of the Federal Board of Mediation and Arbitration; Everett P. Wheeler, representing the Reform Club of New York, and Amos L. Hathaway, of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, testified before the Senate committee.

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BANDITS INSULT U. S. FLAG.

Villa Men Drive Spike Through Eagle On Shield.

El Paso, Tex.—Villa followers drove a railroad spike through the heart of the eagle on the American shield at the United States consulate in Parral and tore an American flag to ribbons when they occupied the town on November 5, a foreign refugee who reached here reported. The American consulate was looted, the refugee said, and Villa made a systematic canvass of the mining camp and took whatever was wanted for his army.

BUFFALO BILL GOES TO BATHS.

Physicians Do Not Regard His Condition As Critical.

Denver.—William M. Cody (Buffalo Bill) went to Glenwood Springs, accompanied by his sister, to receive medical treatment at the baths there. The aged scout has not regained his health as rapidly as he hoped since his recent illness, and a physician and nurse will attend him on his trip. His physician does not consider his condition critical.

FIRE ROUTS MOVIE ACTORS.

Film Company Studio In New York Damaged \$250,000.

New York.—Fire wrecked the studio of the Popular Play and Players Film Company, in West Thirty-third street, with a property loss estimated at \$250,000. Actors and actresses posing for moving-picture films were forced to flee. The blaze was attributed to spontaneous combustion in the film-cutting room.

JAPAN TO ARM HER SHIPS.

Merchantment To Carry Six-Inch Guns As Defense Against Submarines.

Tokyo.—Owing to the activity of submarines it is understood that the navy will arm Japanese merchantmen bound for the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea with six-inch guns. The arming of merchantmen will begin with the steamer Suwa Maru, which sails for London on January 20.

WILL GIVE UP WAGE INCREASE.

Federal Employes To Turn It Over To Others Getting Under \$3.

San Francisco.—Members of the Federal Employes' Union of San Francisco announced that those getting more than \$1,200 yearly had volunteered to turn over a 5 per cent. increase voted by Congress last week for the benefit of Federal employes getting less than \$3 a day. The other 24 similar organizations in the country will be asked to do likewise.

GOVERNOR HAS BIG PROGRAM

Urges Housing Code, Home Rule For Cities and Freeing Of Toll Roads—Renews Option Plea.

Harrisburg—

Governor Brumbaugh, in his second message to the Pennsylvania General Assembly, submitted a definite program of progressive legislation which he desires enacted. He emphasizes the need of a housing code; the appropriation of \$9,000,000 annually for the public schools; the elimination of toll roads; a measure giving greater control of municipal affairs to cities, and a division of markets, to aid the farmer in marketing his foodstuffs and thereby cutting the cost of living and removing the danger of food speculation.

The Governor asks for local option legislation, asserting that the sweep of prohibition has shown this to be necessary, and appeals for a new referendum on woman suffrage.

He asks for the purchase of a site and appropriation for buildings for a new insane asylum in Southeastern Pennsylvania. He urges a thorough investigation of the mine cave problem, mentioning that it already has cost \$60,000 to undo the work of caves under the Scranton State Armory. He asks the Legislature to take the initial steps in a great program for conservation of the State's great natural resources.

Flood Control Plan Outlined.

Plans for a state-wide policy of water conservation and flood control were outlined at a meeting of the Flood Control Committee appointed by Governor Brumbaugh in the office of the chairman of the committee, Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Health Commissioner.

Definite recommendations for legislation were adopted which if approved by the General Assembly will be the means of putting into effect the conservation policies outlined by Governor Brumbaugh in his message to the Legislature.

Bills will be recommended which, if enacted, will mark the beginning of a conservation program which experts told the Flood Control Committee will eventually require the expenditure of a hundred million dollars if the State intends to conserve all its waters and provide adequate measures for the control of its 45,000 square miles of territory.

In the first place, it was decided to ask for an appropriation of \$50,000 to be used to meet an equal amount to be furnished by the United States Government toward the completion of a topographical and geographical survey of the State. A supplementary bill will be drafted providing for making a comprehensive survey of all the waters of the State and upon this survey will be based the plan for administration of the State's water resources.

An appropriation of \$200,000 will also be asked to make this stream survey, and the work will be placed under the direction of the State Water Supply Commission.

In the discussion of the measures suggested it was brought out opinion was unanimous among the members that every effort should be made to avoid the mistake of rushing into water conservation legislation before there had been developed a logical plan which would meet all conditions in the State and each part of which would be a step in securing the final result.

Pennsylvania Industrial Accidents.

Over a quarter of a million industrial accidents occurred in Pennsylvania during 1916, according to figures compiled by the State Department of Labor and Industry, from the reports of employers who are required under the State laws to send information on all accidents to the Capitol. The figures show that 2,587 persons were killed out of a total of 251,488 killed and injured, the department calculating that there was a monthly average of 215 killed, and of 20,967 killed and injured. October had the largest number of fatalities, showing 287, while March had the largest total of killed and injured, giving it a daily average of 999 killed and injured.

Two Murderers Get Respite.

Governor Brumbaugh respited John Nelson, Wyoming, from January 8 to 29, and Patrick Callery, Northampton, from January 15 to February 5, to permit applications to be made to the State Board of Pardons.

To Place Capitol Decorations.

Plans were completed whereby the mural decorations executed for the Senate chamber by Miss Violet Oakley, of Philadelphia, will be placed during the legislative recess.

STATE CHARTERS ISSUED.

Charters were issued at the State Department to the following corporations:

Daniels Distributing Corporation, Philadelphia, automobiles, capital \$10,000; treasurer, E. P. Pendleton, Philadelphia.

G. H. P. Cigar Company, Philadelphia, \$100,000, Benjamin L. Grabosky, Philadelphia.

Hollenbach, Dietrich & Co., Inc., brewed liquors, Reading, \$115,000, Howard Dietrich, Reading.

Wiedemann Machine Company, tools, Philadelphia, \$25,000, William S. Crowder, Philadelphia.

Childs-Green Company, groceries, Lewistown, \$70,000, Frank E. Childs, Lewistown.

The Indian Rock Building & Loan Association, Philadelphia, \$1,000,000, D. D. Custer, Philadelphia.

The South Fifty-sixth Street Building & Loan Association, Philadelphia \$1,000,000, M. J. Conway, Philadelphia.

Logan Improvement Building & Loan Association, Philadelphia, \$1,000,000, James J. Diamond, Philadelphia.

KEYSTONE STATE IN SHORT ORDER

Latest Doings in Various Parts of the State.

PREPARED FOR QUICK READING

Leaving the house at the supper hour, Mrs. Emmet Hasleton, of Pottsville, returned to find her five-month-old baby boy burned to death in its coach which stood near the table. The child was left in charge of several older children and one of them pulled on the tablecloth and pulled over the lighted lamp, which toppled over and charred the body and its face and hair.

Warren A. Wilbur, of South Bethlehem, announced an annual prize of \$25 to the high school pupil who attains the highest yearly average in the English course, and the E. P. Wilbur Trust Company, will yearly give a similar amount to the student who stands highest in the commercial course.

According to a ruling by the South Bethlehem School Board a ban is placed on high school dances.

City Commissioner E. Z. Gross, of Harrisburg, announced that bids will be opened soon for the purchase of nine motor combination chemical four tractors, a motorized engine, a front-drive truck tractor and a motor-driven service truck, sufficient equipment to turn the entire city fire-fighting service from a horse-drawn to a motorized department.

Robert S. Edmonds, a veteran B. & P. passenger engineer, found his wife's body on the bathroom floor of their home in Bradford. She had been dead several hours. Mrs. Edmonds had affixed a rubber hose to a gas pipe and turned on the gas. She had been ill several months.

Fire Chief Charles Spittler, of Shamokin, presented to Council a list of recommendations for the fire department aggregating \$75,000, the principal demand being for new fire trucks. Council voted \$18,000 for new fire equipment.

The Coroner's jury that investigated the death of Willie Brucker, of Allentown, who jumped from a wagon in front of a truck and was killed, found that he was guilty of contributory negligence, and exonerated Fire Claus, the truck driver.

Ammon Dreisbach, of Allentown, had a flock of sixteen hens that during 1916 laid 2,521 eggs. After his table was supplied he sold 150 dozen for \$55.06, and since the feed cost him only \$27.04, he pocketed a net profit of \$28.02.

A. William Garret and Roman Yecaska were working in a pillar of coal at the Susquehanna Coal Company's Luke Fidler colliery, Shamokin, the roof collapsed, Yecaska being killed by a huge lump of coal, while Garret was badly injured.

Working overtime to make up for days lost during the Christmas season, Milton Long, forty years old, a rip-sawyer in the furniture factory of the W. D. Schantz Company, at Shamokin, was electrocuted when he fell against a live wire.

The Carbondale Leader, one of the oldest journals in Northwestern Pennsylvania, has announced an advance in the subscription price of six cents to 10 cents a week. High cost of materials is given as the reason.

The Loyal Order of Moose has purchased the Dr. J. S. Wentz property one of the very finest in the Lehigh Valley, for \$7,500. The Mauch Chunk Iron Works is being erected on the lower part of the big lot.

For stealing auto tires, Hugh Brogan, of Allentown, got four years and nine months and his companion, Dan Gallagher, had sentence suspended on condition that he climb the water wagon and go to church.

L. J. Broughal and D. J. McCarty have been elected delegates from the South Bethlehem School Board to the State School Directors' Convention in Harrisburg in February.

Fire at Starucca, Wayne county, destroyed the general store of Stephen Glover and the hardware store of Andrew Keller & Son, with all contents. The loss is placed at \$30,000.

The Class of 1917 at the West Chester Normal has elected Walker Clever to be president, and Elsie Webb, secretary.

South Bethlehem Town Council decided to increase the wages of all borough employes approximately ten per cent.

The public school children of South Bethlehem, 2,563 of them, during the Christmas holidays