

COUNCIL OF WAR DECIDES TO KEEP UP BALKAN FIGHT

Kitchener and Grey and French Chiefs Agree to Continue Campaign in Southern Europe.

WITHDRAWING FROM SERBIA

They Fix on Measures to Maintain Security of Expeditionary Forces.

BULGARS ASSAULT POSITIONS

PARIS, Dec. 11.—France and Great Britain decided today to continue the campaign in the Balkans and agreed on military measures designed to assure the security of the expeditionary forces which landed at Saloniki.

A semi-official announcement issued this afternoon indicates that the French and British troops are being withdrawn from Serbia.

Questions of an urgent character relating to the conduct of the war were settled on the basis of a complete understanding today at a conference of representatives of France and Great Britain. Premier Briand and War Secretary Gallieni acted for France and Foreign Secretary Grey and War Secretary Kitchener acted for Great Britain.

How Agreement Reached.

The agreement which has reference to concerted military action in other zones as well as in the Balkans, was reached by Premier Briand and War Minister Gallieni, the French representatives, and Foreign Secretary Grey and War Secretary Kitchener, acting for Great Britain, who have been in conference in Paris during the last two days.

The semi-official announcement issued after today's conference says the principle of maintenance of French and British troops at Saloniki was approved by all the participants and that military measures have been taken to assure the security of the expeditionary corps, which is retreating methodically towards its base.

Retreat Easily Effectuated.

"Simultaneous attacks from the north and the east on both banks of the Vardar by four Bulgarian divisions against the allied troops redoubled in violence on December 9 and 10," says a Saloniki dispatch to the Temps. "The enemy directed its efforts especially to the attack on the east."

"The retreat of the allies to their new positions was effected without great difficulty. To the north the French evacuated Grade C, Strumitsa station and the village of Navidino.

"To the west the allies are holding the enemy on the Petrovitski, between the villages of Petrovo and Mikavoko and the Vardar.

"To the east the Bulgarians massed half of their forces against the British front. They attacked furiously south of the city of Strumitsa. The British occupied new positions, where they are supported by French contingents.

"The Anglo-French line on the east bank of the Vardar is now approximately indicated by the course of the Bojinka river, the left tributary of the Vardar, the villages of Devel, Cauti and Dolran, the last on the southern bank of the lake of that name."

Base Ball for "Big Nine" is Assured

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—"Big Nine" base ball for the season of 1916 is practically assured, according to Albion W. Small, newly elected president of the conference faculty committee today.

The veto by the senate of the University of Illinois on the base ball abolition resolution passed by the committee last week, retarded the matter back to the committee's reconsideration before a final vote on the proposal may be taken by the universities. The committee's next regular session comes in June and final action by the universities is not probable before the end of the base ball season.

JACK SCULLY NERVOUS; HE'D JUST BEEN WEDDED

Jack Scully of Omaha, Associated Press telegraph operator at the Norfolk Daily News, seemed nervous yesterday morning and mixed up a lot of his reports.

Finally he said to the Norfolk operator: "Excuse my nervousness, I was married this morning."

A Norfolk girl, Miss Mary Kane, is the bride. She has been in charge of the telephone booth at the Fontenelle hotel for some time.

Scully said he was keeping his marriage a secret from Omaha papers.

The Weather

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday. Hourly record: 10:00 27, 11:00 27, 12:00 27, 1:00 27, 2:00 27, 3:00 27, 4:00 27, 5:00 27, 6:00 27, 7:00 27, 8:00 27, 9:00 27. Comparative Local Records: 1910 1914 1912 1911. Highest yesterday 27, 1910 28, 1914 28, 1912 28, 1911 28. Lowest yesterday 20, 1910 20, 1914 20, 1912 20, 1911 20. Mean temperature 23, 1910 23, 1914 23, 1912 23, 1911 23. Precipitation .00, 1910 .00, 1914 .00, 1912 .00, 1911 .00. Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal: Normal temperature 29, Excess for the day 0, Total deficiency since March 1915 87, Normal precipitation .02 inch, Excess for the day .00 inches, Total rainfall since March 1915 2.94 inches, Deficiency since March 1915 1.82 inches, Deficiency for cor. period, 1914, 2.76 inches, Deficiency for cor. period, 1913, 4.14 inches, T indicates trace of precipitation. L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

NEW PRESIDENT OF THE STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.



G.W.A. Luckey
OMAHA AND LUCKEY ARE THE WINNERS

Lincoln Man Elected President of the Nebraska State Teachers' Association.

COMING HERE AGAIN NEXT YEAR

Omaha again gets the convention of the Nebraska State Teachers' association next year, and Dr. G. W. A. Luckey of the University of Nebraska becomes president.

The executive committee of the association counted the ballots at the Lindell hotel in Lincoln yesterday morning.

G. W. A. Luckey received 1,739 votes for president, as against 509 for R. V. Clark of Kearney, the only opponent that remained in the race to the end.

No Contest on Vice President.

A. P. Hillyer of Beatrice was re-elected vice president without opposition, receiving 2,334 votes.

F. J. Matthews of Grand Island was elected treasurer without opposition, receiving 1,813 votes.

Members of the executive committee were elected by congressional districts as follows: First district, Vernon G. Mays, Lincoln; Third district, A. H. Dixon, Tekamah; Fourth district, John A. Woodard, Seward; Fifth district, R. J. Barr, Grand Island; Sixth district, H. O. Sutton, Kearney.

E. U. Graf of Omaha is the executive member whose term holds over another year, which accounts for there being no election in the Second district.

Omaha was at no time in danger of losing the next convention. From the beginning of the count it was evident that the proportion of the votes was in favor of Omaha. The final tally showed Omaha, 1,822; Lincoln, 873, a plurality of 499 for Omaha.

Scarlet Fever Scare At Children's Home

A scarlet fever scare at Riverview home yesterday caused county officials to hurry three little girls, Grace, Maud and Ida Knipfer, from the hospital there to their home. Juvenile Judge Sears, who had ordered the girls held at the home was asked for permission to remove them and hastily gave it.

The little girls' illness resembles scarlet fever, but whether it is that disease has not been definitely determined.

Fifty-three children are at Riverview home at the present time, and a suggestion of an epidemic of diseases that frequently keeps Superintendent Thompson and county officials awake nights.

Court Fixes Date For Rate Hearing

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Judge Munger today set January 24 as the time for hearing the case brought by the Rock Island Railroad company covering a raise in passenger rates from 2 to 3 cents per mile. The case will probably be heard in the Omaha court.

Whitehouse Mentioned for Niche in the Hall of Fame for Invention

Why shouldn't an invitation be extended by Josephus Daniels to Harry B. Whitehouse, manager of the National Cash Register company in Omaha, to join the naval advisory board with other great inventors like Edison, Maxim and Ford? Whitehouse also is an inventor. He doesn't have to putter around in a laboratory or five days without sleep like Thomas A. Edison. He just thinks of something, and right away he knows how to invent it, and in a few minutes with any odd bits he finds around the house he has it invented and in operation.

PRESIDENT YUAN SHI KAI ACCEPTS THRONE OF CHINA

Head of Republic Re-crowned Once, but Second Time He Yields to Council's Plea.

OVER PROTEST OF ENTENTE

Executive Will Act in Present Capacity Till Convenient Time for Coronation.

MANCHU DYNASTY FELL IN 1912

PEKING, Dec. 11.—Yuan Shi Kai, president of the China republic, has accepted the throne of China tendered to him by the council of state.

Acting as a parliament the Council of State today canvassed the vote on the question of a change in the form of the government of China to a monarchy and found that the votes of 1,993 representatives out of 2,043 qualified to vote on the proposition were favorable to the change.

The Council of State immediately sent to Yuan Shi Kai a petition urging him to accept the throne. He declined at first, but when the petition was forwarded to him a second time he accepted with the proviso that he would continue to act as president until a convenient time for the coronation.

Japan May Send Note.

TOKIO, Dec. 11.—It is considered probable here that Japan, in the name of itself and its allies, will send another friendly note to China with regard to the proposed change of China's form of government to a monarchy.

The entente powers have indicated they do not wish to have the change take place during the war because of disturbances of the peace which it might entail.

After acknowledging China's reply that it was capable of handling any outbreak that might occur, the note probably will point out that the allies hold China responsible for the maintenance of peace and the protection of the lives and property of foreigners.

Became Republic in 1912.

China, for centuries under the Manchu rule became a republic on February 12, 1912, following the revolution of 1911, and after the adoption of a provisional constitution and the election of Yuan Shi Kai as president under its provisions on October 6, 1912, he was inaugurated four days later, on October 10.

Indications on plans to abandon the republican form of government and revert to a monarchy were pronounced.

Austrian Charge Says Wrote Note By Dumba's Order

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Baron Erich Zwielinek, chargé of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, today called upon Secretary Lansing to explain a letter he wrote in August, 1914, in which he suggested that passports be bought for Austrian reservists. The State department has a photograph copy of the letter.

The charge was understood to have informed Secretary Lansing that at the time the letter was written he was a subordinate in the embassy.

Dr. Constantin T. Dumba, the ambassador, who has been recalled, was then in charge, and it was said that Baron Zwielinek contended that he was acting upon his own initiative, but under the instructions of the ambassador.

Baron Zwielinek remained with the secretary nearly an hour. It was believed that the note which the United States has dispatched to Austria-Hungary on the sinking of the Italian liner, Ancona, was also a subject of conversation.

It was stated authoritatively today that Secretary Lansing has not yet reached a decision as to Alexander Von Nuber, the Austro-Hungarian consul general in New York, whose case is under consideration. What effect the baron's explanation today might have upon the secretary's case was not disclosed. Baron Zwielinek declined to discuss the subject.

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WESTERN RAIL RATE RAISES APPROVED

Interstate Commerce Board Authorizes General Increases in Passenger Fares.

SOME ASKED NOT ALLOWED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—General increases in passenger fares on western railroads were authorized today by the Interstate Commerce commission. Some of the increases for which the roads asked were disapproved, but such as were allowed will result in an increase in revenue.

Proposed increase in Illinois, Wisconsin, the Michigan upper peninsula, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, north of the Missouri river, and in Kansas on and north of the main line of the Union Pacific from Kansas City to the Colorado state line were disapproved, but the commission held that an interstate basis of 2.4 cents per mile was justified.

In Missouri south of the Missouri river and in Kansas south of the main line of the Union Pacific proposed increases were disapproved, but an interstate basis of 2.5 cents per mile were allowed.

Dakota Rate Approved.

Proposed increases from points within which new rates were authorized to points on the main lines in California, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas were pronounced unreasonable where the fare would be higher than that constructed on the rate fabric existing to the east. A basing rate of 2 1/2 cents a mile in North and South Dakota and 3 cents in the states south and west was approved.

Increases on mileage tickets to make them 3 1/2 cents a mile north of the Missouri river in Missouri and on and north of the Union Pacific main line in Kansas were approved. A mileage ticket rate of 3 1/2 cents a mile south of the same dividing lines was pronounced justified.

Increases in fare to the east of Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas based on rates newly authorized in that territory, were pronounced reasonable.

Points of Rating.

The commission held that the evidence in the case in which nearly fifty roads were involved and which was part of the whole western advance rate case, showed substantially the following:

That since 1909 the railroads have made substantial improvements in passenger service for convenience and safety at great expense.

That passenger service conditions do not permit of economies in the freight service, and that the increased costs not offset by those economies which are used in freight service.

That passenger service in western territory is less profitable than freight service and that the existing rates are lower than those in the south, east and west, but that there is some justification for the decision.

The decision repeats the holdings of the recent advance freight rates cases that the railroads have felt the increased cost of living, an increase that the public has the right to expect adequate, comfortable and safe service.

No Excuse for Waste.

The commission said: "For such services and facilities the carriers should be allowed, under reasonable fares, to earn a reasonable return upon the property used in that service. Neither competition nor the unreasonable demands of the public, however, must be made the excuse for waste and extravagance in the passenger service."

Leman Bought Ticket Alliance to Omaha

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Sheriff Gus Hyers today received word from Alliance that it had been discovered that Guy Leman, the man held in Lincoln for the murder of Clell D. Campbell, the Lincoln contractor, which occurred in Omaha, November 19, had bought a railroad ticket from that place to Omaha on the day he claimed to have come to Lincoln by the box car route.

"BILLY" IS READY TO QUIT SYRACUSE

One More Week of Campaign Remains Before Evangelist Leaves for Trenton.

HOT WORDS FOR DETRACTORS

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—"Billy" Sunday will shake the dust of Syracuse from his feet just one week from tomorrow night, leaving on a Limited train for his home at Winona Lake, Wis., where he will remain until New Year's evening when he will again hit the trail eastward with Trenton, N. J., as his destination.

"Billy" will arrive at the Jersey city late New Year's and will open his campaign there on Sunday, January 2.

Plans for the Trenton campaign soon to be held in New Jersey are rapidly being completed, and tonight it was announced that among the features will be periodical excursions from Philadelphia and Paterson where Sunday has already held forth.

This week added materially to the number of tabernacle tent hitters, the total to date reading 12,524, as compared with Omaha's 4,581.

Collections Run Behind.

The tabernacle attendance here reaches 60,000, exceeding that at Omaha by 135,000, but the Nebraska city still leads in collections.

Syracuseans have given \$7,952.22, while for the same period in Omaha the sum was \$23,096.96.

A figure representing William Jennings Bryan was prominent in the evening's entertainment. He bobbed up in three skits, always in a stellar role.

Seven commands "Candy Soldiers." "The Saccharine Soldier," perhaps the liveliest of all the sketches, brought the former secretary of state to the fore as the leader of a band of soldiers, armed with marshmallows, bon bons and other candies, and exhibited as relics of a barbaric age. Among the officers were General Gumdorf, Colonel Caramel, Major Marshmallow, Captain Candy, and others bearing names of confections. The soldiers' "weapons" were huge red, white and blue.

Thirteen Schmidt Case Witnesses Tell About Explosions

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 11.—Thirteen witnesses, all of whom told of dynamite explosions, testified at today's brief session of the trial of Matthew A. Schmidt, charged with the murder of one of the twenty victims of the Times bomb explosion here five years ago.

Lee Trower, superintendent of the Pittsburgh Construction company, testified that thirteen explosions occurred on work of his company after it had declared open shop in 1908.

Fred Baker, a police sergeant at Indiana Harbor, told of a bomb explosion of a bridge at that place in March, 1910. The other witnesses were: Harry Burns, a Chicago policeman; W. B. Fortune of Collinsville, N. J.; Hugo Lucas, a foundryman of Peoria, Ill.; Louis E. Reddewig, Davenport, Ia.; August Seifert, Clinton, Ia. and Martin Morgan, Green Bay, Wis.

GRIDIRON CLUB GRILLS GUESTS

Peace and Preparedness Plans Roasted at Annual Dinner of Washington Correspondents.

BRYAN LEADS CANDY TROOPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Peace and preparedness advocates alike came in for a raking fire of jest at the winter dinner of the Gridiron club tonight. At the close the preparedness ranks appeared the stronger, but their casualties from verbal shrapnel were almost as heavy as those of the pacifists.

President Wilson, Vice President Marshall, members of the cabinet, senators, representatives and men prominent in public life from many parts of the country were among the club's guests.

The chorus of the song introducing the president follows: We take our stand back of you, Mr. Wilson, Strength to your arm we give: You're the leader of all, We respond to your call. We will stand firm with you for the red, white and blue.

No party or faction divides us in twain We're just plain Americans, proud of the name; Let the world realize That might can sever our ties, We take our hats off to you.

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Germany Blamed for Delay of Two Cargoes of Dyes

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—The State department announced today that it had requested the British and French embassies to grant safe conduct for Captain Boy-Ej and Captain von Papen, the recalled German naval and military attaches.

Failure to move dyes out of Europe to the United States is due to Germany instead of Great Britain, according to a statement issued today at the State department.

Permission by the British foreign office for the two cargoes of dyes to come forward is still in effect, but the German embargo have made their movement impossible.

Ambassador Page has been instructed to call the attention of the British foreign office to the vital need in this country for logwood from Jamaica and British Honduras.

REAR GUARD OF ALLIES CHECKS PURSUING FOE

Flight of the Anglo-French Forces Before Teuton and Bulgar Armies Becomes More Orderly.

ENTENTE HOLDS GIEVGLI

Report Teutonic Forces Had Taken Point Commanding Railroad to Saloniki Unfounded.

ALLIES' FORCES OUTNUMBERED

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The latest news from the Balkans indicates that the allies are still falling back, but without suffering the losses endured on the first days of the retreat, when the pursuing Bulgarians attacked rear guards repeatedly.

Paris reports that in these actions the French inflicted heavy losses on the pursuers by their artillery fire.

The British public receives a shock in the form of a Saloniki dispatch stating that Gievgli had been occupied by two divisions of German troops. Later reports, however, state that this important position is not yet within the range of the invaders' guns. Gievgli is on the Greek frontier near the Vardar river and commands the railroad north from Saloniki. The town first came into prominence during the present war as headquarters of the typhus hospital of Dr. James F. Donnelly of New York, who died in Nish in February.

It is generally conceded the present forces of the allies are inadequate to cope with Bulgaria and the central powers, whose armies, according to a statement credited to Premier Radoslawsky of Bulgaria, now number 1,000,000 men.

The final day for recruiting under the plan of the early Derby finds no diminution in the crowds which besieged the recruiting stations. In the rush medical examination has become as perfunctory as the signing of the recruits' names, and and it is expected many of those who have come forward will be rejected when called for active service.

Headlines on Border of Roumania. BERLIN, Dec. 11.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—Advices received today indicate that the Russians are hurriedly concentrating troops along the Roumanian border. The Austrian forces in Bukovina also are being reinforced heavily.

A Bucharest dispatch, forwarded by way of Budapest, says that the harbor at Fiume, the Adriatic port at which troops have been concentrated for some time, has been closed to passenger and freight traffic since Monday because of the forthcoming arrival of additional transport ships.

New York City Facing Milk Shortage Due to Demands of Europe

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The health department announced today that New York City is facing a serious milk shortage as a result of the enormous purchases of condensed milk by the allies for the soldiers in the trenches.

The situation particularly menaces the poor, in the grade B milk, mainly used in the manufactured article, is the milk chiefly consumed by the poorer classes.

The shortage at present amounts to 40,000 quarts a day, but it is feared that it will be greater before the end of next week.

Lansing Asks for Safe Conduct for German Attaches

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Germans Say French Assaults Repulsed

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—(Via London.)—The French again have been repulsed and then attacked the position recently taken by the Germans northeast of Souain in the Champagne region, but were repulsed, the Germans retaining all their gains, according to official announcements today.

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HIPPODROME

2614 Cummer St. Always the Best Pictures Offered. This coupon good any Monday night when accompanied by a paid admission.

ARBOR

334 and Arbor. Your Favorites. Good Mondays and Thursdays with one paid ticket.

SUBURBAN

Where Your Entertainment is First Consideration. Good on Monday eve 8:15 p.m. with one paid admission.

LOT HOP

24th and 16th St. The Family Theater. Good on Monday eve 8:15 p.m. with one paid admission.