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ENTENTE FORCES IN DOBRUDJA ARE **SLOWLY YIELDING**

Russian and Roumanian Rear Guard There and in Wallachia Gives Way Under

being pressed backward to the north. Heavy fighting is in progress in the vicinity of Rimnik-Sarat, midway between the Buzeu and Sereth rivers in Wallachia. Russian advanced posts at Bakovitcheni, in the foothills of the the bridge was turned over to the mountains west of Rimnik-Sarat, were workmen. The four spans of the old bridge, 250 feet each, were unboth compelled to retire after battles at this point and at Vadulsoresoi. An engagement at Balatchenul, south of Rimnik-Sarat, also is recorded, indi-cating that the Russian lines still pro-tect that town.

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These engagements are regarded by some Teutonic military critics as an effort on the part of the Russians and the Roumanians to cover the retreat of their armies and of the Roumanian refugees across the line of the Sereth river, and to cover the flank of the Russo-Roumanian armies fighting in the Carpathian mountains of Moldavia

In Dobrudja the Russo-Roumanian defensive line is reported to have withdrawn northward until it is only

thirteen miles south of the northern extremity of that province. Only artillery activity is recorded on the Russian front in the vicinity of Baranovichi.

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The big guns are active also in the region of Hardaumont and Chambrettes, near Verdun.

Operations on the Macedonian fronare being prevented by bad

Delivers Peace Note.

The American ambassdor at Petrograd delivered the German peace note to the Russian government Saturday, and President Wilson's note to the belligerent governments was handed to the Italian foreign minister by the American ambassador at Rôme. It is unlikely that the reply of the emtente powers to the German note will be dispatched before Monday and it may dispatched before Monday and it may be delayed for ten days, according to the British foreign office. This is attributed to the delays in communication. It is reported in Paris, however, that the reply is almost finished. Rumors are circulating in London that the cutente's answer is being drawn up at Rome to be forwarded thence to Germany.

It is estimated that the losses of British shipping, resulting from the war, total 435 steam vessels, each of more than 1,600 tons or 12 per cent of all steamships owned in Great Britain at the beginning of the conflict.

Gen. Murguia Takes Command in Juarez-Military District

Juarez, Dec. 23.—General Francisco Gonzales at military headquarters today said that General Jose Murguia, brother of General Francisco Murguia, military commander of the northwestern zone, would sucof the northwestern zone, would s ceed him as commander of the

ceed him as commander of the de facto troops in the Juarez district. General Gonzales said that he would take the field in person against Francisco Villa south of Chihuahua City. Chihuahua City, Dec. 22.—(Via El Paso Junction, Dec. 23.—General Francisco Murguia, military commander of the northeastern military zone, held a conference today with the foreign consular representatives. General Marguia announced that Francisco Villa and his forces were advancing on Torreon, but added that General Talamante, the de facto commander in Torreon, had sufficient mander in Torreon, had sufficient forces and elements to defend the

Little Donkey Engines Pull Old Bridge Away and New Into Place

The Union Pacific bridge, erected the talse work to bridge.

here across the Missouri river in 1877 has gone and in its place has been reared a double track, all steel structure, at a cost of \$1,000,000. The change from the old to the new was change from the ol ALMOST REACHES BORDER
Only Thirteen Miles South of Northern Extremity of Province.

GUNS ACTIVE NEAR VERDUN

(Associated Fress Summary.)
Slowly yielding to the Teutonic pressure, the Russian-Roumanian rear guard in Wallachia and Dobrudja is being rosseed backward to the north and reases of the Missouri river in 1877 has gone and in its place has been reared a double track, all steel structure, at a cost of \$1,000,000. The change from the old to the new was moved onto false work to the north and the new, from off false work to the south, where it was constructed and onto the piers that had formerly supported the old bridge. While some delays were experienced in moving time was less than an hour. Last night the new bridge was in place, eveled up and traffic passing over it uninterrupted.

At a little after 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning, the Qmaha-Sioux

terday morning, the Omaha-Sioux City local passed over the old bridge, that having been the last train to use the structure. Then a lot of Union Pacific train equipment was brought to this side of the river from Council Bluffs and at 10:10 o'clock from the approach spans at both the Nebraska and Iowa sides of the river, the spikes drawn from the con-necting rails and all the connections

Prior to yesterday, rollers had been placed under the old bridge at each of the four piers and the cables at-

Spectacular Engineering Feat
Takes Place With Scarcely

a Hitch.

BIG CROWD WATCHELS 19,0005

The Union Pacific bridge, erected here across the Missouri river in 1877

I tached to the old bridge passed underneath and over large drums secured to snubbing pass located on the false work to the north of the bridge.

mediately the latter signalled the en-gineers on the stationary engines, the ropes were tightened up and as the engine on the over river pier ecitted a sharp shrill, short whistle, at 11:25 o'clock, the engines commenced to pull, the old bridge 1,000 feet long pull, the old bridge 1,000 feet long and weighing 5,600,000 pounds, slowly moved out of place and over the twenty-eight-foot journey that it had to make to land on the false work, provided for its retention until its wrecking is complete.

Guide Rope Parts.

In five minutes the bridge had cleared the piers and was over the south edge of the false work. Then a guide rope parted and the moving was halted until 11:55. The rope was spliced and in three minutes more, the bridge had slid into its temporary constitute.

The time from noon until too o'clock was consumed in changing the cables, blocks and tackles from the old to the new bridge. At that hour the signal to start the new beidge into place was given. The

BRITONS ARE STILL HAVING SPASMS

tinues to Excite Editors of English Newspapers.

London, Dec. 23.-President Wilson's note to the belligerents still is the dominating feature of the news in Great Britain today. It even over-

WILSON'S ACTION NOT POPULAR AT PARIS

American Peace Move Con. Petit Journal Characterizes Note as Outrage to French Honor and Dignity.

WAR NEWS OVERSHADOWED IT OMITS MORAL ISSUES

Paris, Dec. 23 .- President Wilson's note and the statement of Secretary I ansing continue to be the sensations of the day and take precedence over shadows dispatches from the battle everything else in morning papers. fronts and discussion of the govern. The president's action by no means

ment's program for organizing the entire country for war purposes.

Fractically all the newspapers continue to devote leading articles to the note, while British, French, German and other comment is prominently displayed under such headings as "The snare of Peace" and "Wilson's Mistake."

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So far as Great Britain is concerned, the press says that President Wilson already has been answered by Premier Lloyd George when he delivered in the House of Commons on Tuesday his speech in reply to the German, proposals, by the address man proposals, by the address ma

Red Top Boots With Copper Toes

TO ASK OHIO GUARD BUSINESS MAN IS CHIEFS TO RESIGN HARSH IN HIS WAYS Story of His Dealings With One Made Mountain Out of Mole

Hill," Says Report of Officers Conducting Inquiry.

made on Thursday night by Andrew Bonar Law, the chancellor of the existing a special content of the calculation of the calculat

about the death of Private Rodney Lapp was false and without founda-tion. The attitude of the regimental surgeons toward the men was criti-cised, it was said, but no recommenda-

SWITCHMEN ARE GIVEN MORE PAY

Arbitrators in Eastern Case Decree Raise of 5 Cents an

light, and of his dealings with one Switchmen's union by the federal ar-

and so hard and it's all we have to live on—"

"Who said anything about discharging your husband?" demianded the heartless man. "Do I look like a man that would discharge your husband?"

The woman cried softly.

"What doctor have you got for him?" he asked then.

"I haven't got a doctor yet. didn't like to go to the expense and John thought perhaps he wouldn't need one," she said.

"What! No doctor!" cried the employer. "This is a fine state of affairs. Sick husband and no doctor!"

He grabbed the telephone and called up his own physician. He gave the address, "and get right down there, too," he finished.

Opens His Purse.

ALLIES' ANSWER TO PROPOSALS OF **GERMANS READY**

Petit Parisien Says it is a Long Document and that it Sets Forth the Issues of the War.

PUTS BURDEN ON TEUTONS

Statement Says Crushing Responsibilities Rest Upon the Central Empires.

GRIEVANCES OF ALLIET

Paris, Dec. 23 .- The allies' answer to Germany's peace proposals is almost finished, according to the Petit Parisien. The paper says it is a rather long document and sets forth clearly both the "grievances of the allies and the crushing responsibil-ties of the central empires."

Comment of Vienna Press.

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London, Dec. 23.—The Neue Freie Presse of Vienna, according to a Reuter's Amsterdam dispatch, says that President Wilson's note will have the effect, at any rate, that the question of peace will remain for some time in the foreground. It adds that the entente will be obliged to discuss a reasonable basis on which to end the war and that the desire for peace in the entente countries will be further strengthened.

The Vienna Allgemeine Zeitung remarks with satisfaction that Austria-Hungary and its allies considered the same moment opportune to prepare the way for peace negotiations.

The Neues Wiener Journal eagerly awaits the attitude of the entente toward President Wilson's move, in view of the recent declaration of the leading statesmen of the entente that interference by neutrals with the object of bringing about peace would be scarcely a friendly act.

Torreon Surrenders To Villa Forces is El Paso Report

Decrée Raise of 5 Cents an Hour and Eight-Hour Day.

AFFECTS THIRTEEN ROADS

New York, Dec. 23.—The eight-hour day with straight pro rata time for overtime is granted to the Switchmen's union by the federal arbitration board in a decision today in the switchmen's controversy with the railroads. The award gives an increase of 5 cents per hour for forcemen and helpers. The switchmen had tasked an advance of 10 to 12 cents. They had demanded also time and a half pay for overtime work instead of the pro rata basis fixed by the board.

While all six arbitrators signed the award, James B. Connors and W. A. Titus, representing the switchmen, dissented as to the 5-cent increase, to the denial of time and a half for overtime and to the award giving overtime at the pro rata rate.

To Christmas Tree At the Auditorium

The municipal Christmas tree entertainment at the Auditorium this evening will be free to everybody. Each boy and girl present will be remembered by Santa Claus, who will distribute candy, nuts and fruit.

An interesting program of instru-

Talls Man Dies
Suddenly at York

An interesting program of instrumental and vocal music has been arranged and the committee in charge insures that the occasion will be appropriate and worth white.

A large Christmas tree will stand

have to be a few or of light to please the eyes of all beholders. The Ancient Order of United Workmen band will play several numbers. Mayor Dahlman will say a few words.

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