

YANKEE EXPLORERS SCALE MT. OLYMPUS

Country Where All Things Feminine, Human and Animal, are Rigidly Excluded.

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Athens, Oct. 10.—An American party, including Secretary White of the American legation, and Messrs. Hill, Blegen and Dinsmore of the American School of Archeology, have just returned from a trip in which Mount Olympus, 9,754 feet, was scaled to its highest summit, and a visit was made to that most curious of all republics, a republic of monasteries, grouped about the mountain side of Mount Athos.

Climbing Mount Olympus has long been regarded a difficult and dangerous operation, for besides the rocky ascent and the snowdrifts on the upper heights, it was for years the home of Greek and Turkish brigands and was the scene of most of the famous cases of brigandage. Since the Greek government has been in control brigandage has been held in check, largely by the death penalty, though six brigands were recently taken in that region after a pitched battle with the troops.

Climb of Three Days. The American party was provided with a guard of seven gendarmes, which seems to have been effective against the outlaw element, as no sign of it was seen. The ascent took the best part of three days and the party passed the night in the open on the highest summit. The descent was made the following day from the other side, sloping toward the Bay of Saloniki.

Mount Athos presented an entirely different picture, not of snowy heights, but of beautifully wooded hills. Here this monastic republic has been carried on for the last 1,200 years, with its independence recognized successively by the old Byzantine rulers, then by the Turks and now by the Greeks. The mountain stands on a long, narrow peninsula which juts into the Aegean sea just east of Saloniki. There are 20 monasteries scattered over the mountain side, in vast buildings with 500 or 630 monks in each establishment. Each sends a delegate to the central governing body at the capital, Carige. In all there are some 10,000 people in this miniature republic.

Female Sex Excluded. One of the odd features of the republic is the rigidness with which all women, and all animals of the female sex, are excluded from its precincts. Even hens are not permitted to be brought within the confines of this community, and guards are stationed across the narrow neck of land leading to the peninsula to see that nothing feminine shall enter.

Rich in Treasure. The monastic republic is rich in treasures which have come down to it in unbroken line since the middle ages, consisting of rare old sacred writings on parchment, some of them bound in gold; jeweled crowns worn by the Byzantine rulers, and the original of the world-famed icon of Moscow. The monks of the Russian monastery here copied the original icon and sent it to Moscow, where it attracted the thousands of Russian pilgrims which now flock to worship before it. There are Serb and Greek monasteries as well as Russian, all of them governed by the parliament which has established at the capital, with the Greek patriarch at Constantinople as the final religious authority.

The American party bore letters from the Metropolitan of Saloniki, which gave them free access to the little republic. Eleven of the 20 mountain monasteries were visited, the communities showing their interest by hanging out American flags and greeting the party as allies in the entente cause. The republic has its politics as well as its religion, and its strong Russian-Serb-Greek elements make it disclaim all pretense of neutrality and proclaim its position as a firm supporter of the entente allies.

Chicago Theaters Make More Money On New War Tax

Chicago, Nov. 2.—The veneer of patriotism was badly cracked in certain spots in Chicago today when the new war taxes went into effect. Incidentally the shortage of pennies, nickels and dimes became acute.

Certain moving picture theaters seized the event to make profits for themselves. The tax on the usual 10 cent admittance ticket is 1 cent. Some houses boosted the price to fifteen, and with an air of great generosity announced "we pay the tax ourselves."

Some other houses adopted a different camouflage. They advanced the price to 13 cents, which with the 2 cent tax called for on admissions for more than 10 cents, enabled them to charge 15 cents. Thus the country's need brings them a nice additional profit of from 30 to 50 per cent. Other houses went a-profitteering with a flat increase without the camouflage. They were not alone in this however.

All over the city articles on which small taxes had been imposed jumped. Ten cent articles were on sale at 15 and 25 cent commodities at 35.

American Senators Lay Aside Togas and, Pajama-Clad, Witness Fire of Fierce Hun Raid Through Frosty Air of London Night

Marvel at Coolness of English Women, Who Calmly Discuss the Play During Rain of Shrapnel.

(By Associated Press.) London, Nov. 2.—United States Senators William S. Kenyon, of Iowa and John B. Kendrick, of Wyoming, have passed unscathed through their second air raid experience in London. On the first occasion they were attending a dinner given at the Athenaeum Club by the lord high chancellor in honor of the visiting congressmen and last night they were asleep in their suite on the top floor of a hotel when they were awakened by the German bombardment.

Awakened by Boom. Senator Kenyon was the first to be aroused by the boom of the guns. He jumped out of bed and hurried to Kendrick's bed and shook him from his slumbers with the remark: "Senator, they are here."

The incessant booming made further elucidation unnecessary. Kendrick rubbed his eyes, and leaped up and the two pajama-clad senators hastened to the windows which they threw open, the better to hear and see.

Below in the streets, the people were merely obeying the police by seeking shelter. The senator: at a great risk of injury from flying shrapnel watched the spectacle. "It was our first air raid experience at close quarters," Senator Kenyon told the Associated Press, "and we welcomed it in the sense that it nerved us for our coming visit to the trenches in France and Belgium."

Bravery of Women. The thing that impressed me most was the fortitude of the English people. Their coolness was nothing short of marvelous. The bravery of their women especially excited my admiration. If the purpose of the Germans is to break the nerve of the English people, what I have just seen convinces me that they have failed utterly.

Discuss the Play. Senator Kendrick interrupted, remarking that he overheard women folks walking through the corridors of the hotel during the raid calmly discussing the theatrical performances from which they had just returned.

From their high places which overlooked the park the senators had a good view of the gun fire, although the moonlight sky flecked with tiny clouds made it difficult to catch a glimpse of the Gothas, which were soaring at great heights.

Back to Bed. "After we were convinced from what we saw of the wonderful barrage fire that the enemy could not get closer to us," Senator Kendrick said, "we went back to bed and made up for lost sleep."

The senators were up early this morning going into conference with Lord Rhondda on the food supply question. This afternoon they proceeded to the north of England for a visit to the shipyards.

New Loyalty League Asks Resignation of Gronna. Velva, N. D., Nov. 2.—The National American association, an organization whose announced purpose is to promote loyalty to the government, was organized here today and immediately petitions were circulated asking for the resignation of United States Senator Gronna of North Dakota.

The petitions cite Senator Gronna's opposition to war measures as the basis for his resignation.

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La Follette Denounces Mob Attack on Ohio Clergyman

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 2.—Senator La Follette made public tonight a letter he had written to the Rev. Herbert S. Bigelow, the Cincinnati preacher, recently whipped by a mob for alleged disloyal expression. The senator denounced the whipping as "an attack upon the liberty of every citizen of this republic," and said if "as press reports indicate," officials charged with the administration of justice failed in their duty, other means would be found to unmask and punish those who made the attack.

San Francisco, Nov. 2.—A meeting to protest against the recent horse-whipping of the Rev. H. S. Bigelow of Cincinnati is to be held here tomorrow night, it was announced today. Permission to send a wagon through the streets calling attention to the meeting was granted by Chief of Staff Police D. A. White.

Von Hertling Will Take Position of Chancellorship

Amsterdam, Nov. 2.—A Berlin dispatch says Count von Hertling has telegraphed to King Ludwig of Bavaria that he has accepted the German chancellorship.

War Summary

Russia is worn out by the strain of the war and now looks to the other allies for help. This is Premier Kerensky's opinion of Russia's situation after seven months in attempting reorganization and regeneration.

But Russia is not out of the war. Kerensky declares it began the fighting and is now taking an enormous part in it. The newest republic, however, claims as its right that the other allies should shoulder the burden of the war.

General Cadorna's forces are now behind the Tagliamento river from the Carnic Alps to the head of the Adriatic, while the invading Austro-Germans have reached the eastern bank. Important bridgeheads on a front of thirty miles along the river from Pinzano to Latisana have been captured by the invaders.

Official statements do not indicate that the German forces have yet crossed the river, which is reported to be above normal height because of freshets; nor is it certain that the Italian army will make a determined stand on the eastern bank, although that apparently is General Cadorna's purpose, unless the northern flank around Ampezzo and Tolmezzo is turned suddenly.

In the Carnic Alps the Austro-Germans seemingly have been making slow progress toward the upper reaches of the Tagliamento and the latest official communication mentions no activity in this region.

Even should the invaders succeed in crossing the Tagliamento in the region of Ampezzo, the lower course of the river would still be of great assistance to the Italians. In their retirement the Italians probably have destroyed all the bridges across the stream and small forces on the eastern bank might be able to hold back the invaders while General Cadorna prepares for a stronger stand on the line of the Piave river, about 25 miles to the west of the Tagliamento, in order to make a supreme effort to save Venice.

The Third Italian army has carried out its retreat to the eastern side of the Tagliamento nearly complete as it left the Isonzo. The other armies did not fare so well and 60,000 additional prisoners are claimed by Berlin, bringing the total to 180,000 men and 1,500 guns. The Italians destroyed great stores of materials and ammunition in their retreat.

Roope Made Supt. of Motive Power for Milwaukee Lines

Chicago, Nov. 2.—T. Roope, superintendent of motive power of the Burlington lines west of the Missouri river, has been named general superintendent of motive power for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, filling the place made vacant by the death of A. E. Manchester. Another appointment made today by President H. E. Byram before starting on a trip of inspection over the road, was Charles Dietrick as freight claim agent of the road.

Germans Lose Ship; Vessel Hits Mine

Copenhagen, Nov. 2.—A German warship has been sunk in the Sound, according to a dispatch from the National Tidende, from Malmö, Sweden. It is reported that the vessel struck a mine.

This report is considered to confirm a dispatch from Malmö some time ago, saying that a torpedo boat destroyer had run into a mine at the southern end of the Sound and that the bodies of German sailors had been washed ashore at various points.

Lovett Diverts Coal Hauls To Relieve Shortage in East

Washington, Nov. 2.—To relieve the coal shortage in the east, Robert S. Lovett, head of the priority shipments board tonight modified regulations for the transportation of bituminous coal for the northwest via lake ports, so as to divert eastward much of the coal which since August 10 has been going to meet the demands of the west.

Tonight's order recalls from 22 railroads operating in western Pennsylvania and adjacent territory the order requiring carriers to grant precedence to bituminous coal shipments destined for trans shipment by water to Lake Superior or Lake Michigan ports. The original order still obtains in the cases of 27 roads.

At present there is a serious shortage of coal in the large steel and munitions producing centers. The partial diversion of fuel to the east, will not cause another shortage in the northwest, it is asserted, as demands in that section have been provided for amply in the last few months.

This Hen Does Her Bit; Lays 289 Eggs in Year

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 2.—Hen No. 707, a white Leghorn, owned by Dr. R. Lindsey Ireland of Louisville, last night was announced as the winner of the year's national egg laying contest at the Kentucky experiment station here. She laid 289 eggs and was for a time believed on the way to break the world's record of 314. The lighter breeds outlayed the heavier practically through the entire year, the records showed.

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Von Hertling Takes Double Job; Other Officials Resign

Amsterdam, Nov. 2.—According to dispatches received here from Berlin, the Cologne Gazette says Emperor William received Count von Hertling this afternoon and that Von Hertling accepted the imperial chancellorship and the office of premier of Prussia.

Dr. Karl Hefferich, secretary of the interior and vice chancellor, and Herr Von Waldow, president of the German food regulation board, have resigned. Frederick von Payer, progressive member of the Reichstag, says the dispatch, is to be appointed vice chancellor and Herr Friedberg, leader of the national liberal party, will be given the post of vice president of the Prussian ministry.

The Cologne Gazette says the resignation of Vice Admiral von Capelle as minister of the navy has not been accepted.

James Russell Elected Rio Grande Vice President

New York, Nov. 2.—The personnel of the new management of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad was completed today by the election at a meeting of an board of directors of James Russell as vice president. Mr. Russell, formerly a traffic official of the St. Louis Southwestern railroad, will have his headquarters at Denver.

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Brazil, United in War Cause, to Help Feed Allies

Rio Janeiro, Nov. 2.—President Braz, in a circular addressed to the presidents of the various states of Brazil, declares that Brazil faces without faltering the sacrifices it will be called upon to make because of its entrance into war. The president urges co-operation in keeping down expenditures, as well as increasing agricultural production in order that Brazil may become the granary of the allies.