

Roumania Bargaining With Greece, Next Feared That Germans Step in Balkans May Depend on Result -Reported Germans Preparing For Strokes in East and West

andon, Dec. 17—While the diplomats in Greece and Roumania are that in new deals which will decide the next step in the Balkan lons, there is increasing evidence that the Germans, ever restive, Eparing new strokes on both the eastern and western fronts, or it a concentration of their forces to strike when conditions are

sepatches from Petrograd note German activity, particularly in linek district, which would accord with the German ambition to the line of the Dvina river, while all accounts from neutral coun-tention a continued movement of men and guns to the west. In the theatre of operations it seems only a question at what points analyse is to be taken.

Many persons believe that the Germans having found the lines in ders and Artois nuts too hard to crack, contemplate moving in the t Mihiel region, where their line penerates to the River Mouse, and a there has been considerable activity during the last few days, only thing argued against this is that the river has been at flood, the French have been systematically destroying the bridges as were rebuilt. Thus far, however, there has been little more than sould mining and bombing operations and aerial fighting - in the

t. In the Balkan military operations are temporarily at a standstill, opt in Montenegro and Albania, where the Austrians and Bulgarians carrying on mountain warfare against King Nicolas' troops and Berblans. A big battle is is progress in the valley of the Albanian, Black Drin river, between the Berbs and Bulgarians. At last reports decision had been reached in the fighting. It is said, however, that Bulgarians, who crossed the river, found the Serblans had been re-mod, and were driven back with heavy losses.

Montreal, Dec. 17-Efforts to release Hon. Dr. Henri S. Bel P., former postmaster-general of Canada, from imprisonment Germans in Belgium have been fruitiese, so far, and now it in that he may be shot. He is being held as hostage for the exch Lisut. Rintelen, a German spy convicted in England and at under sentence of death in the Tower of London. Information effect has been received by Mr. Arthur Eersment, excM. P. for in documents bearing on Dr. Beland's case forwarded by the Sir Robert Borden.

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All of Washington's Demands Ignored in Reply From Vienna on Ancona Case Second Note Drafted Yester- URGENT NEED day by U. S. Will Vigorously **MORE DOCTO** Renew Demands Made in First Note. AT THE Washington, Dec. 17-The United Strength and America an

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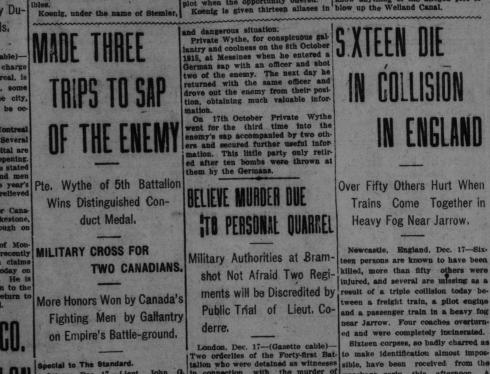


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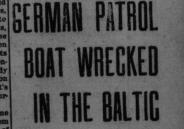
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fore Honors Won by Canada's Fighting Men by Gallantry on Empire's Battle-ground.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.-Leut. John G. Anderson, of 5th Canadian Battalion, and Lieut. Albert W. Northover, of the 25th Battalion, have been awarded the military cross for gallantry and devotion to duty in the field. Private

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wheckage early this afternoon. A train load of nurses and physicians was despatched from Newcastle. The train was compelled to grope its way down the coast in one of the densest logs that has blanketed the Tyne re-rious in months.