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## TEUTONIC ARMIES MAKING A HARD DRIVE ON BUCHAREST

### ROUMANIANS WIN IN DOBRUDJA

Forces of Central Powers Apparently Making Desperate Attempt to Encompass Bucharest from Three Directions, Von Falkenhayn and Von Mackensen Continuing Their Marches Toward Capital.

**BRITISH ARTILLERY FIRE DISPERSES GERMAN INFANTRY IN NORTH FRANCE, WHILE HUNS VIOLENTLY BOMBARD OPPONENTS — FIGHTING REPORTED SOUTHEAST OF BUCHAREST — QUIET ON ITALIAN FRONT.**

Seemingly the forces of the Central Powers are endeavoring to drive on Bucharest, the Rumanian capital from three directions. To the west the troops of Gen. Von Falkenhayn have reached the Alt river; to the north, the Germans and Austro-Hungarians are pressing southward from the Predal and Torzburger passes, and somewhere along the Danube, either to the south or southeast, the forces of Field Marshal Von Mackensen are crossing the river.

Western Wallachia apparently is entirely in the hands of the Teutonic Allies, as both Berlin and Vienna report that the line of the Alt has been reached. Some Rumanians remain in the rear around Orsova, but that town, as well as Turnu-Severin, has been occupied by the Teutonic troops, and the Rumanians doubtless have fled into the mountains northward. The pressure of the German and Austro-Hungarian troops continues north and northwest of Bucharest.

#### Violent Fighting.

Violent fighting has again broken out in Dobrudja. While attempting to hold the Russians and Rumanians in check north of the Teheravoda-Constanza railway line, Field Marshal Von Mackensen, Berlin records, has thrown his men across the Danube at several points, but just where is not stated. Bucharest says that an attempt by the Germans to cross the Danube at Zimnita, 70 miles southwest of Bucharest, failed.

Fighting has been reported in the region of Sillistria, on the Danube southeast of the Rumanian capital, during the past few days and it may be that the German crossings of the river were made between Teheravoda and Giurgovo.

The Russians and Rumanians have taken the offensive successfully in Dobrudja north of the Teheravoda-Constanza railway, Bucharest and Petrograd assert. The Rumanians advanced on the whole front especially in the center and on the left wing, and occupied five towns about fifteen miles north of the railway line. The Russians progressed to 12 miles north of the railway. Berlin declares the Russian offensive in Dobrudja was thrown back.

#### Entente Allies Progress.

In Macedonia the Entente offensive continues to progress. Serbian troops have occupied Rapash east of Monastir. North of Suhndol the Serbians put a German force to flight. Berlin says there has been renewed artillery firing along the front in Macedonia and Sofia claims the repulse of attacks east of Paralovo and between Lakes Presha and Ochrida.

There has been no infantry activity on the front in France on a large scale, but the artillery bombardments by both sides north and south of the Somme have increased in intensity. Berlin reports the repulse of several small British attacks and London declares a German attempt south of Puteux was frustrated.

In the eastern and Austro-Italian theatres there has been little activity. In Armenia, Constantinople says the Turks have advanced their right wing 20 miles against the Russians.

#### British Aircraft Win.

London, Nov. 24.—The British official communication issued this evening says:

"During the day hostile artillery has been active against our front in the neighborhood of Lesbouais and Beaucourt, and on both sides of La Bassée Canal. Enemy infantry south of Puteux was dispersed by our artillery fire.

"Yesterday much successful work was accomplished by our aircraft. Twelve of our machines encountered an enemy formation of twenty airplanes. As a result of a fight the hostile formation was dispersed. One of the enemy machines was destroyed, and several others were driven down damaged. All our machines returned safely.

"In other fights in the air four of

the enemy's airplanes were destroyed. Three of our machines are missing."

#### Serbian Success.

Saloniki, Nov. 24, via London.—Further inroads upon the German-Bulgarian lines on the front northeast of Monastir were announced by the Serbian war office today. Capture of the village of Rapash was effected, while north of Suhndol, within the bend of the Cerna, the Germans are declared to have been defeated and forced to flight.

#### Italian Statement.

Rome, Nov. 24, via London.—Better weather has facilitated artillery operations along the Austro-Italian front, the activity reaching considerable intensity in the Trentino, on the Asiago plateau. There have also been artillery duels in the Piava and Gorizia sectors and on the Carso plateau."

#### British Naval Hero.

London, Nov. 24.—The commander of the British naval battalion which captured Beaucourt, north of the Ancre, in a dash last night, Nov. 13, as recently related in despatches from the front was Bernard Cecil Freyberg, lieutenant-commander in the royal navy.

#### Rumanians Advance.

Bucharest, Nov. 24, via London (3.45 p. m.).—The Rumanian statement follows:

"On the Moldavian front there was no change. In the region of Dragocel there was a lively artillery bombardment. In the Alt Valley also artillery fighting occurred on our right wing and centre. On the left the enemy made violent attack. "In the Oltenie Valley our troops, under pressure of superior enemy forces, have withdrawn on the left bank of the Oltetz river. "Along the Danube infantry firing occurred, with active artillery operations, on the left wing, where we occupied Gelengie, Bazarlia, Ester, Palazulmie and Tachnau."

#### French Statement.

Paris, Nov. 24.—The war office communication issued tonight says: "Quiet prevailed today on the whole front. A long range gun fired three heavy calibre shells in the direction of Nancy. "Aviation: Yesterday the 23rd instant, in the afternoon our anti-aircraft guns brought down a German airplane. The machine fell to the north of Berry-Au-Bac. The same day Quartermaster Viallet brought down his sixth airplane near Moislains, in the Somme region."

Belgian communication: "In the forenoon of the 24th a violent duel between field and trench artillery took place in the region of Dixmude. Our batteries gained the upper hand, and the engagement terminated toward noon."

Petrograd, Nov. 24, via London

### OVER 300,000 BELGIANS ARE HUN SLAVES

Emile Vandervelde, Minister of Munitions, Tells of Terrible Conditions Imposed by Germany.

HAVE, Nov. 24.—Emile Vandervelde, minister of munitions in the Belgian cabinet, and president of the executive council of the International Association of Socialists, has written to the members of the convention concerning the deportations of Belgian working men to Germany. He says: "Despairing of being able to keep that which it had taken, in disregard of its faith and its word, the German government appears determined to treat the Belgians as the conquered were treated in the age of Assyria and Babylon."

Belgian Hearts Bled. "We receive every day at diavro messages which make our hearts bleed. "The men, gathered up, herded and numbered like cattle, and taken as captives into other provinces without their kindred knowing where they are being taken. They are forced to replace laborers who are being sent to the front or into munition works."

Minister Vandervelde said that the Belgian minister at The Hague telegraphed on Nov. 17, that more than 300,000 Belgians had already been deported.

### WORLD PEACE FAVORED BY CHANCELLORS

Viscount Grey, Bethmann-Hollweg and Premier Briand Speak of League of Nations

New York, Nov. 24.—Messages of good will from the chancellors of three of Europe's warring powers were read at a dinner given here tonight by the League to Enforce Peace. The purpose of the banquet was to consider a programme for a permanent league of nations at the close of the great conflict. Approval of the principle proposed was given by Aristide Briand, premier of France; Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg of Germany, and Viscount Grey, Great Britain's secretary of state for foreign affairs.

#### Viscount Grey's Message.

From Viscount Grey the following message was received: "I think public utterances must have already made it clear that I sincerely desire to see a league of nations formed, and made effective, to secure future world peace after this war is over. I regard this as the best, if not the only, prospect of preserving treaties and of saving the world from aggressive wars in years to come. If there is any doubt about my sentiments in the matter, I hope this telegram in reply to your own will remove it."

#### German Chancellor.

Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg's message in part follows: "When at, and after the end of the war, the world will become fully conscious of its hurrying destruction of life and property, then through the whole of mankind will ring a cry for peaceful arrangements and understandings, which, as far as lies in human power, shall avoid the return of such a monstrous catastrophe. This cry will be so powerful and so justified that it must lead to some result. "Germany will honestly co-operate in the execution of every endeavor to find a practical solution of the question, and will collaborate to make its realization possible. . . . The first condition for evolution of international relations, by way of arbitration and peaceful compromise if conflicting interests, should be that no more aggressive conditions are formed in the future. Germany will at all times be ready to enter a league for the purpose of restraining the disturbers of peace."

### NO PEACE IN SIGHT

London, Nov. 24.—Rumors that there was a possibility of some definite negotiations towards peace were discounted today by Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade, who told the Associated Press that, "in view of the Belgian deportations and the sinking of hospital ships any talk of peace at present time must be futile." Lord Robert continued: "We have not yet had, in the case of either the Britannic or the Breemar Castle, any official report as to whether the ships were torpedoed or mined, but the proximity of the disasters inevitably leads one to believe that a submarine has been responsible."

### HOSPITAL STEAMER IS SUNK

London, Nov. 24.—The British hospital ship Breemar Castle, of 6,280 tons gross, bound from Saloniki to Malta with wounded, has been torpedoed in the Aegean Sea. This was officially announced today. All on board were saved. The disaster occurred in the Mykonos Channel.

### N. B. MEN IN CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Nov. 24.—Casualty list—Infantry. Wounded—J. B. Amos, Dorchester, N. B. Russell Colburn, Shute, N. S. J. F. Collings, Dartmouth, N. S. John Gunn, Fisherman's Point N. S. Artillery. Wounded—Bombardier A. LeBlanc, Campbellton, N. B. Gunner W. P. McLaughlin, St. Thomas, P. E. I. Killed in action—Driver E. Haywood, Victoria Corner, N. B. Services. Wounded—Driver Leslie Burke, Middle Sackville, N. B. Infantry. Dangerously ill—R. K. Norman, Campbellton, N. B. Wounded—Wm. Bertin, Bathurst, N. B.

(3.45 p. m.)—The Turks have evacuated the town of Sharakhan, in Turkish Armenia, west of Mush, it is announced officially. In Transylvania, in the region north-east of Turn-Severin, small Rumanian detachments attacked the enemy forces and dispersed them, capturing three cannon. "In Dobrudja," the statement says, "we made a further advance southward, reaching Lake Tassabult on our left flank. At places we have crossed the Kartal river."

### ALL HOPE FOR RAPPANNOCK IS ABANDONED

London, Nov. 24 (4.35 p. m.)—The British steamship Rappannock, long overdue at England from Halifax, has been given up for lost, according to an official statement issued here today.

### Feared that Crew of Steamer Well Known Here Lost with All on Board.

The following official statement was issued here today. "The Purmess, Withy liner Rappannock left Halifax for England on October 17. Nothing has been heard of her since. A Berlin official announcement of November 8 stated that the ship had been sunk. "Unless any of the officers and crew who numbered 37, were taken on board a submarine or transferred to another vessel—neither of which courses was followed, as far as known—there is no longer any hope for their safety."

### MISSING PARABORO SCHOONER IS SAFE

Special to The Standard. Paraboro, N. S., Nov. 24.—A cable received this afternoon states that the three-masted schooner Lillian H., supposed to have been lost, has arrived safely at Whitehaven, thirty-three days from Paraboro Roads.

### MORAN AND FULTON MATCHED.

New York, Nov. 24.—Frank Moran and Fred Fulton were matched here today for a ten-round heavyweight bout at St. Paul, Minn., on December 22. Moran was guaranteed \$5,000, with a privilege of thirty-five per cent, and if either man scores a knockout he will get \$1,000 additional.

### WILL EXCHANGE CIVILIANS.

Berlin, Nov. 24, via Sayville.—The to be exchanged December 4.

### NO MORE BATTALIONS TO GO OVERSEAS INTACT

Some of Units at Present Recruiting Will be Converted Into Draft Giving Battalions, as They Have Been Unable to Attain Full Strength

### BREAKING UP OF CANADIAN BATTALIONS IN ENGLAND CAUSING ACCUMULATION OF SENIOR OFFICERS THERE AND MANY MAY BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO CIVIL LIFE IN CANADA.

SPECIAL TO THE STANDARD. Ottawa, Nov. 24.—It is understood that the practice of recruiting and sending battalions overseas intact is to be discontinued and some of the battalions at present recruiting will be converted into draft-giving battalions. There are a number of battalions which have not yet been able to recruit up to strength, and the advisability of amalgamating these with others is being considered. Battalions in England are being broken up for drafts with the result that there is an accumulation of senior officers in England. If their services can not be utilized in a military way they will be allowed to return to civil life.

### ST. JOHN FIRM AND C.G.R. IN LUMBER CASE

Wood Shipping Firms and Railroads Cannot Agree on Freight Rates — C. P. R. Also Interested.

Boston, Nov. 24.—Examiner Wilbur La Roe, Jr. of the Interstate Commerce Commission is holding a hearing in the bankruptcy court on lumber rates of New England lines resulting from an extensively signed protest originating with the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association of New York against the advancing of rates from 1/2 cent to 3/4 cents per 100 weight from Maine to many points in Massachusetts including Boston, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Eastern New York. One protesting firm is Stetson, Cutler & Co. The railroads asking for the increase include the Bangor and Aroostook, Boston & Maine, Canadian Pacific and the Canadian Government line.

### TREPOFF NEW PREMIER OF RUSSIANS

For First Time in History Public Opinion Triumphs Over Bureaucracy.

Petrograd, via London Nov. 24.—The resignation of Boris Vladimirovitch Sturmer as premier and foreign minister, which became known today with the announcement of the appointment of M. Trepoft, as premier, had long been accepted as an inevitable outcome of the struggle between the present cabinet and the Duma. It is almost impossible to over-estimate not only the political but the national significance of the Duma victory, since for the first time in history Russian public opinion is considered to have triumphed over influences which were regarded as antagonistic to good government. negotiations for the exchange of interned civilians which have been in progress for some time between Germany and France have ended, according to the Overseas News Agency. It is announced that 20,000 persons are to be exchanged December 4.

### NEW CHURCH IN QUEBEC IS BURNED

Splendid Church of Capuchian Fathers Destroyed by Fire Entailing Loss of \$180,000.

### WAGE BOOST NOW AFFECTS ONE MILLION

Special to The Standard. Boston, Nov. 24.—The United States Rubber Co. announces that its 10,000 employees in its mills at Providence, Woonsocket, Bristol, R. I., Naugatuck, Conn., Malden, Milville and Melrose, Mass., will receive a ten per cent. wage bonus immediately. The Amoskeag Corporation of this city announces a ten per cent. wage advance in its eighteen mills at Manchester, N. H., Dec. 4. The Amoskeag, which is the largest cotton concern in the world employs 17,000 operatives. All the other textile mills in New Hampshire and those of Maine and Lowell also posted similar notices today. Up to tonight industries in the United States employing 1,000,000 persons have posted notices of wage increases.

### VILLA REPULSED AT CHIHUAHUA

Desperate Fighting for Possession of First and Second Line of Trenches.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Nov. 24.—The employees of the Canadian General Electric Co. will receive an advance of twenty per cent. in wages to restore a reduction when the war began.

### Canadian Co. Advances.

Quebec, Nov. 24.—The splendid church of Limolou Parish, this city, was burned early today. It was valued at \$180,000 and was protected by only partial insurance. This is Limolou's second church fire. The present structure had been erected after the old one was destroyed by fire some fifteen years ago. The present structure had been finished only a few months ago. The fire is a heavy blow to the parish, which is under the guidance of the Capuchin Fathers.

Juarez, Mexico, Nov. 24.—Francisco Villa renewed his attacks on Chihuahua city today and was again repulsed and his forces driven from their positions outside the city, it was announced at military headquarters here today. The fighting was for the possession of the first and second line of government trenches, it was announced officially, and resulted in a victory for the de facto forces.