

KAISER'S TRIP TO VIENNA PUZZLES

Conference With Austrian Emperor Causing Speculation Among the Allies.

BATTLES IN BALKANS CONTINUE

Military Operations in Near East Go On in Spite of Heavy Snow and Cold Weather.

London, Dec. 2.—Emperor William's visit to Vienna, which coincided with the resignation of three of the Austrian cabinet ministers, is the cause of much speculation. The two events are variously assumed to be connected with the reported effort of Germany to force Austria into a German *zollverein*, a desire of Emperor Francis Joseph to secure a separate peace through the intervention of Pope Benedict and a rumored dispute between Austria and Bulgaria over the division of Servian territory.

There naturally is no authoritative basis for any of these reports beyond statements in the German newspapers that Emperor William's visit was one of the highest importance.

Balkans' Battles Keep Up

Meantime the operations in the Balkans and the movements of the armies of the central powers continue with unabated energy. Like Germany, Bulgaria announces that with the capture of Prizrend her campaign against Serbia has come to an end, which seems to support the suggestion that, to avoid a dispute with Greece, King Ferdinand of Bulgaria has decided against the occupation of Monastir.

Austria, with the assistance of German troops, continues her operations against Montenegro, the frontier of which has been crossed, but not without considerable opposition from the Montenegrins, which are masters in mountain warfare and who have been joined by some parts of the Servian army which succeeded in escaping from the invaders of their country.

Snow Menaces in Serbia

Battles are now being fought in that part of the Sanjak of Novi-pazar which was taken by Montenegro after the Balkan war.

In Southeastern Serbia, where the British, French and Servians hold strong positions, the snow still prevents any movements of importance.

The attitude of Rumania is still uncertain. The latest reports say that she, like Greece, is trying to remain neutral.

The Italians continue their offensive along the Isonzo river.

WILL LOOK INTO EXPLOSION

Disaster at Du Pont Plant to Be Investigated by the Department of Justice.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Assistant Attorney General Warren announced today a Department of Justice agent will be sent to Washington to investigate the DuPont powder factory explosion.

Warren said the agent will cooperate with the state authorities in an effort to ascertain the cause of the explosion and the persons responsible.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 2.—A double guard was placed today around all the mills of the DuPont Powder company, while state and federal officials joined in an investigation of the explosion in the upper Hagley yard, which killed thirty-one persons and injured many more.

Warned that other explosions may occur, the management made every effort today to prevent a recurrence of the disaster. Since August, 1914, eight mysterious explosions have occurred in DuPont plants. Thirty-eight persons have been killed and nearly a hundred injured.

NO NEW WORK ON RIVERS

New Waterway Legislation Will Not Be Sanctioned by President Wilson for This Session.

Washington, Dec. 2.—President Wilson will not sanction any new rivers and harbors legislation, he informed Representative Sparkman of Florida, chairman of the House committee on rivers and harbors, today. These appropriations must be cut to the bone, the President said.

Sparkman had called to explain what was desired by his committee. He said that \$6 million dollars was needed to finish work already begun. Last year the appropriation was cut to 30 million dollars by Congress and it is understood this year the administration forces will urge even further reduction.

Martial Law for Gamblers

New Orleans, Dec. 2.—Governor Hall today issued a proclamation charging that a "religion of lawlessness" exists in Jefferson Parish, which adjoins New Orleans, placing the parish under martial law.

Call Ohio Minister

Cincinnati, Dec. 2.—The Rev. John Silvester, a noted social service authority, has accepted a call to the First Christian church of Kansas City. He will engage in social service work there.

RAILROADS STOP SHIPMENTS

Iron and Steel Articles No Longer Taken Through New York—Freight Traffic Blocked.

Philadelphia, Nov. 30.—The Pennsylvania railroad announced today that it had placed embargoes on export flour and lumber at New York and on all export grain at Philadelphia and Baltimore. No other commodities are affected by these embargoes, according to the announcement which were placed to expedite the movement of other freight.

Similar action was taken by the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company last May, when an indefinite embargo was placed on grain for export from this city. At that time the Port Richmond elevator of the company was filled to its capacity with 995,000 bushels of grain while 1,500 cars loaded with the same commodity were waiting to be unloaded.

Although Pennsylvania railroad officers would not add anything to their announcement it was said by local grain dealers that the embargo was necessitated by the scarcity of ships to carry the products across the Atlantic.

Two ships sailed from here today for British ports with a total of 401,000 bushels of wheat. Up to October 2, 28,150,000 bushels of grain had been shipped to foreign countries from this port in 1915, as compared to 13,000,000 bushels in the same period last year.

New York, Nov. 30.—Although it is reported that 17,000 carloads of freight are held up in and around the port of New York awaiting shipment by sea. As showing that an enormous amount of freight is pouring through New York, it was stated today that 546 vessels were loaded here within a month, the greatest number in the history of the port.

Baltimore, Nov. 30.—On account of large freight accumulation at its St. George, Staten Island, terminal, the Baltimore & Ohio railroad placed an embargo today on iron and steel articles for export through New York.

DEFENSE BILLS COME FIRST

Administrative Program Calls for Revenue Legislation After Disposal of Army and Navy Measures.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Preparedness measures first—revenues afterward.

This was the administration's legislative program outlined yesterday. President Wilson, it became known, has advised Democratic leaders that he desires revenue legislation held up until national defense questions are settled.

Two principal reasons were declared to actuate this program:

First—To center attention and fire on the preparedness program without impeding it by revenue questions.

Second—To ascertain exactly how much more federal revenue will be required.

Senate and house Democrat leaders have been advised of the president's wishes. They indicated yesterday the program to be followed. The present disposition of the congressional leaders is to take up only one revenue bill before the naval and military increase measures are considered, that extending the present "war" tax after December 31.

Other revenue bills, continuing the sugar tariff, extending the income tax and increasing "internal" taxes by levies on gasoline, automobile and motor boat engines, etc., will await the outcome of the national defense program.

GERMANS MAY ASK APOLOGY

Accusations Against Capt. Boy-Ed in New York Trial Resented by Ambassador Bernstorff.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The German embassy, according to information today from an authoritative source, resents the accusations which are understood to have been made against Captain Karl Boy-Ed, German naval attaché here, in the trial in federal court at New York of officials of the Hamburg-American line. It was said Ambassador Von Bernstorff was preparing to file a vigorous complaint with the state department at the conclusion of the trial, asking at least for something in the nature of a retraction, and possibly for an apology.

PRISON MURDERER TO HANG

Negro Slayer of Joliet Warden's Wife Condemned to Death for His Dastardly Crime.

Joliet, Ill., Nov. 30.—Joseph Campbell, negro convict, was yesterday found guilty of murdering Mrs. Malzie Odette Allen, wife of ex-Warden Allen, in the warden's apartments of the state penitentiary here. The verdict fixed the punishment at hanging and was returned after forty-four hours of deliberation.

Wife Killed at Her Stove

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 29.—Ellen Daly, 65 years old, was killed this afternoon as she stood cooking her supper, when a stray bullet fired by Harry Deas, a negro policeman, at fleeing robbers struck her.

Hid to Escape Villain

Naco, Ariz., Nov. 29.—American refugees, who arrived here today from Cananea, Sonora, related stories of thrilling escapes and threats made against their lives by the soldiers of Gen. Villa.

SERBS SURRENDER CITY OF MONASTIR

Former Capital Formally Given Up to Bulgarians, Says an Athens Dispatch.

ITALIANS KEEP UP OFFENSIVE

Fighting Along Austrian Frontier Said to Be Most Sustained and Fiercest of Whole War.

London, Dec. 1.—Monastir was surrendered formally to the Bulgarians Monday, according to an Athens dispatch to the Daily Telegraph.

Sunday Colonel Vassitch, the Servian commander, informed the Greek council of his intention to surrender the city without fighting, in order to avoid useless bloodshed. A commission composed of the Greek and Rumanian consuls and high priests was appointed to negotiate with the Bulgarians as to the handing over of the city, and the commission went to the headquarters of the nearest Bulgarian army for a conference.

Colonel Vassitch left Monastir by the last train for Florina, while the British consul proceeded by motor car to Greek territory with the archives. Railway communication, adds the dispatch, has ceased between Monastir and Florina.

According to a Saloniki dispatch to the Times, dated November 30, communication with the Servian telegraph operator in Monastir continued up to that time, which seemed to indicate that the town had not been passed into the possession of the Bulgarians.

Italians Fight Fiercely

Interest in military operations has been transferred from the Balkan theater of war to the Austro-Italian frontier, where King Victor Emmanuel's troops are carrying on a victorious offensive against the Austrians.

The fighting on this front has been the most sustained and the fiercest of the whole war. For weeks the Italians have been attacking the Austrian bridgeheads and mountain positions along the Isonzo river, and are drawing their nets around Tolmino, Gorizia and Doberdo slowly. Their attacks have been repeated time after time against positions which had been prepared most carefully, and while the Austrians report the majority of these assaults have been repulsed, their accounts are considered here to have been so worded as to prepare the public for their retirement from Gorizia, at least.

Slavs May Turn Tide

London, Nov. 30.—The campaign in the Near East is about to enter a new phase, upon which the visit of Lord Kitchener to Paris and Emperor William to Vienna, it is believed, will have an important effect. Presumably it is a question whether the central powers will attack the Anglo-French forces in Southern Serbia or concentrate in Western Bulgaria to meet the threat of a Russian invasion from the east and the possibility of Rumania taking sides against her old enemies, Bulgaria and Turkey.

So far as Serbia is concerned, winter appears virtually to have put an end to any important movements, although the Austrians are proceeding to deal with the Montenegrins, whose frontier they have crossed, while the Bulgarians are attempting to advance to Prizrend and Monastir.

Snow Blocks Teutons

With heavy and continuous snowstorms, these operations must be slow, especially as the Servians and Montenegrins still are offering stubborn resistance. Monastir, it is admitted, cannot be saved, but the Servians, who are defending the city, are determined to resist to the last and give the civilians a chance to escape. They hold a front some five miles from the town in the direction of Prilep, from which point the Bulgarians, who have crossed the Carassou river, are advancing.

Snow has stopped operations completely on the Anglo-French front in Serbia, the opposing forces, who are separated by a valley a mile across, having lost sight of each other.

Artillery and aerial fighting has marked the progress of events in France, while in Russia an almost complete lull prevails.

Look for Russian Surprise

Petrograd, Nov. 30.—The Russian foreign office observes that the reported change of front by the Austro-Germans toward the Allies in Strumitza and toward the Danube, leaving merely a screen against the Servians in Montenegro and Albania, if confirmed, would indicate that the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians anticipate surprises from Russia and perhaps from Rumania, notwithstanding "King Ferdinand's" colorless speech from the throne and Premier Bratiano's cautious disposition to speak against hasty conclusions.

Sell Water at \$1 a Barrel

Seward, Alaska, Nov. 30.—As a result of cold weather water is selling at \$1 a barrel at Anchorage, where a town established by the government as the construction headquarters for the Alaskan railroad. If bought by the bucket the price is 15 cents.

No Help for Moun Days

Washington, Nov. 30.—The supreme court yesterday declined to review the case of Mr. and Mrs. Dor A. Moun Day of Topeka, convicted of using the mails to defraud.

KENNETH D. M'KELLAR



Congressman Kenneth D. McKellar it is probable will be the next United States senator from Tennessee, displacing Luke Lea. The figures in the recent primary election put McKellar well ahead of former Governor Malcolm R. Patterson. Senator Lea was practically eliminated. McKellar, not having a majority, will have to go before the voters December 14 in a "run off" with Patterson.

CANADIAN WHEAT IS SEIZED

Government Takes Over 15,000,000 Bushels of High Grade Grain Now in Elevators There.

Ottawa, Ontario, Nov. 29.—The Canadian government has commandeered all high grade wheat in elevators from Fort William, on Lake Superior, to the Atlantic coast.

The action was taken under the special war act, by the Canadian Grain Commission. The wheat seized was of grades No. 1 hard and No. 1, 2 and 3, Northern. It was the property of grain shippers and millers. That taken is all which Saturday night was in public elevators at Fort William, Port Arthur, Midland, Tiffin, Collingwood, Goderich, Kingston, Port Colborne, Prescott, Quebec, St. John, Montreal and Halifax.

A revised estimate places the amount at about 12 to 15 million bushels. A considerable amount is the property of American grain dealers.

The grain was taken Saturday night so that grain exchanges would be affected as little as possible. It is officially stated that the price will be fairly adjusted and the grain owners promptly paid by the Canadian government.

It is estimated that there is still in Canada, in the hands of farmers and dealers west of Fort William, 150 million bushels of wheat available for export. It is expected that most of this will be taken in the future for the use of Great Britain, France and Italy. The domestic supply of Russia is more than sufficient to meet the needs of that country.

Had the Dardanelles been forced the surplus of Russian wheat would have made the present action unnecessary. While the wheat just taken was commandeered to fill an order from the British government for a large quantity of wheat, it is understood most of it will be shipped to Italy.

ENGINE THROUGH OPEN DRAW

Quincy, Ill., Nov. 29.—The engine of the Burlington passenger train from St. Louis, due here shortly after 6 o'clock tonight, plunged through an open draw on the Quincy bay portion of the Mississippi river bridge.

Engineer C. S. Concannon and Fireman Herman Atkins, both of Hannibal, Mo., were instantly killed. The tender of the engine was left hanging over the edge of the track.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

—Antitoglycerin torpedo was thrown out of an oil well seven miles south of Tulsa, Ok., exploding high in the air. The shock was felt in Tulsa, and scores of windows in residences were shattered. Preparations were being made to "shoot" the well when the crude oil burst forth of its own pressure.

—Ten persons were injured, two probably fatally, by a gasoline explosion in the garage of J. D. Strutzel at Joliet, Ill. Fire started and fifty-seven new motor cars were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$125,000.

—Four men were killed and seven others injured dangerously in a wreck on the White River division of the Missouri Pacific recently, when a freight train ran into a slide of rock near Roark, Mo., according to a report received at the company's office in St. Louis.

—Three white men and one negro rode into Fort Gibson, eight miles from Muskogee, Okla., and robbed the Farmers' National bank of \$5,447. They succeeded in escaping to the Greenleaf mountains.

EXPLOSION KILLS 31

Seven Others Were Fatally Injured in a Disaster at Du Pont Powder Plant.

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT UNKNOWN

Of Twenty-six Men Employed in Packing House, Only One Body Was Identified.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 1.—Thirty-one workmen were killed and seven fatally injured today in an explosion of about four tons of black powder at the Upper Hagley yard of the Du Pont Powder Company. It was the worst accident that has occurred in any of the company's plants in a quarter of a century.

The cause of the blast is not known. According to a statement issued by the company the origin "probably always will remain a mystery." Nevertheless a most searching investigation has been instituted by the officials of the company and every employee who was near the building when the explosion occurred will be questioned at length in the hope of finding some clue as to the cause.

Victims Young Men

There was the usual rumor afloat that some outside agency may have caused the explosion, but officials of the plant said tonight there was no evidence upon which to base such a theory.

Nearly all the victims of the blast were young men between 16 and 21 years of age. A greater number of them lived in and about Wilmington.

The explosion occurred in a packing house where black powder pellets are prepared for shipment. Much of the powder, if not all, was being shipped to the nations engaged in the European war.

A Gruesome Task

Four of the thirty men killed were blown to pieces while at work outside the packing house. The remainder were at work inside.

The work of gathering up what was left of the dead was a gruesome task. Baskets and boxes were employed for this purpose and the men searched the ground for bits of flesh, as though they were picking mushrooms. Some climbed trees and brought down other parts of human bodies and small pieces of clothing.

The men injured were outside the plant. They were struck by bits of machinery, flying boards, rocks and other debris, and all were badly mutilated. They were rushed to hospitals in this city. One or two had been blinded and several had lost an arm or a leg. Physicians said they were so badly injured that none of them is expected to survive.

One theory advanced by workmen at the yard is that the explosion may have originated in a spark from a horse's shoe or from a spark caused by a small car running over some spilled powder.

MINE EXPLOSION KILLS 19

Little Hope for Eleven Others Trapped in Workings of a West Virginia Company.

Boomer, W. Va., Dec. 1.—Nineteen men are known to have been killed by an explosion in mine No. 2 of the Boomer Coal and Coke Company here today, according to rescue parties emerging from the workings tonight. The bodies will be taken out tomorrow morning, it was said. Eleven others are missing. Thirty miners were brought to the surface tonight and rescuers have hopes that others will be found alive.

The work of removing the debris from the entries is progressing slowly and it will be late tomorrow before the innermost parts of the mine have been explored.

Early reports said that fire was raging in the mine, but rescuers denied this. The fans were not affected by the explosion and are being kept in operation.

John Bertalle, one of the rescued miners, said that seventy-five men were working near the place where the explosion occurred. He was badly bruised by flying debris.

All the rescued suffered from the effects of the explosion, but none was in a serious condition except one man whose leg was broken. Mine officials expressed the opinion that some of those yet in the mine have barricaded themselves back of the point where the explosion occurred.

Brute's Hunger Strike Ends

Omaha, Nov. 27.—Arthur Houser, confessed hold-up, awaiting trial on a murder charge, who announced his intention of committing suicide by starvation, was unable to resist the temptation of "Thanksgiving turkey" and called off his hunger strike last evening.

Mexicans Study U. S. Schools

Washington, Dec. 1.—President Wilson yesterday shook hands with a group of Mexican school teachers sent to the United States by General Carranza to study school systems. They were introduced by Counselor Folk of the state department.

France Calls the Boys

Paris, Dec. 1.—France called boys of 18 to the colors yesterday. The Chamber of Deputies passed a bill providing for such a call and 250,000 youth are now subject to service.

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