

AUSTRIAN LAUNCH STATE WIDE

One Detachment Wiped out and 1,500 Prisoners Taken.

Montenegro Reports Success in Action at San Jak.

ALBANIA HAS ENTERED WAR

Essad Pasha Leads 20,000 Troops Against Teuton Allies.

Allies Strong at Saloniki; British Land in Greece.

LAUNCH STATE WIDE DRY FIGHT IN CALIFORNIA

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 31.—A petition filed today with the secretary of state insures the submission to the people of the state of a proposition for absolute prohibition in California. It carries the prohibition law would go into effect January 1, 1920.

WARDEN IS NAMED

Former College Dean New Head of Sing Sing.

Thomas Mott Osborne Out on "Indefinite Leave."

Albany, Dec. 31.—George W. Kirchwey, former dean of Columbia law school, was named today as warden of Sing Sing prison to succeed Thomas Mott Osborne.

LOCK BARN DOOR

At least in part, of those taken away today.

For Economic Reasons.

Mr. Beacom then told the reason for the change.

That Horton Shop Scare.

Beacom brought out the old question of moving the Rock Island shops from Horton to Topeka.

Greeting for Sweet.

A. E. Sweet, former general manager, postponed his trip to Denver for a day in order to confer with Mr. Beacom.

Committee to Chicago.

At an informal session at the Rock Island report after calling on the general manager.

Keep Employees "In Air."

At 2 o'clock this afternoon only two employees today.

Take Care of Men.

The men employed in the Rock Island operating department in Topeka will be in charge of the old district.

Herington Division Rumor.

"Is the Rock Island going to bring the division superintendent's office to Topeka from Herington?"

"I do not know," he replied.

Mr. Beacom said that the accountants might be moving to Topeka, but he had no authority for saying so.

"It is in my line," he said.

"All I know is that I am in Topeka to collect all records and files for my office in El Reno. I will be here all day and possibly tonight in clearing up affairs here."

This is the last day of the Rock Island general manager's office in Topeka. It may be several days.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Dr. Cecile S. Bell, the American Red Cross physician who was named, telegraphed the state department today from New York offering to give a personal account of the snow storm, no damage was made for her.

Citrus Fruit Endangered.

Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—Temperatures below the freezing point tonight were reported today from some localities of the citrus fruit region, but owing to moist conditions resulting from a snow storm, no damage was done to the orange crops now in gathering.

Shevlin Funeral Today.

Minneapolis, Dec. 31.—Funeral services for Thomas L. Shevlin, former football star and millionaire, were held at the funeral home today.

Rich Old Actor Dies.

New York, Dec. 31.—Joseph Murphy, an old-time actor, best known for his impersonation in "Kerry Gow," died here today.

Arkansas in Dry Column.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 31.—Arkansas will have its first experience with prohibition when the state-wide law passed by the last legislature goes into effect at midnight tonight.

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KNOCKS IT OUT

Commission Disapproves of Higher Freight Rate on Grain.

Upholds Trunklines Reduction in Free Time Allowance.

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Reduce Free Time.

The interstate commerce commission today declined to suspend scheduled rates on the Pennsylvania, New York Central and other trunk line railroads.

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Entertainment by relays is to be furnished at the Railroad Y. M. C. A. tomorrow afternoon and night. Refreshments are the only things which will be served.

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BANK CLEARINGS UP

Chicago and St. Louis Report for Year Show Record Breaker.

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The clearings for 1914 were \$15,224,424.19. In 1913, the year which most closely approached this year's volume, the clearings were \$16,073,130.524.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—The bank clearings of St. Louis for 1915 as finally announced today by the St. Louis Clearing House association, were \$264,679,000, exceeding by \$264,679,000 the clearings for 1914.

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INDICT BANKERS

President and Cashier Held by Grand Jury.

False Entries Are Charged at Racine, Wis.

Racine, Wis., Dec. 31.—Indictments charging fraud in connection with the conduct of the affairs of the Commercial and Savings bank of Racine which closed its doors September 17, 1914, were returned by the grand jury yesterday against B. Hinrichs, president, and Charles R. Carpenter, cashier of the defunct institution, it was learned today.

Carpenter is charged with making false entries. Hinrichs and Carpenter are charged with accepting deposits when they knew the bank was insolvent.

Carpenter furnished bail in the sum of \$21,000, Hinrichs \$5,000. At the time it closed the bank's deposits were given at \$2,500,000.

That there are ten cases of a loathsome disease among the students of the Topeka high school and that the infective source is also in the high school is the report that has started Dr. H. B. Wood, city physician, upon an investigation.

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