

GREECE WAITING ONLY FOR WORD FROM GERMANY TO START WAR

Constantine and His Royal Army Prepared to Strike When Word Comes From Imperial Brother-in-law That Time Is Ripe

DEMONSTRATION FORCES FRENCH WITHDRAWAL

Piraeus Scene of Excitement On Thursday and Entente Marines Occupying the Town Hall Are Recalled To Their Warships

LONDON, January 8.—According to a Reuters News Agency despatch from Athens, disturbances on the Piraeus were so boisterous on Thursday that it was necessary to withdraw the French naval detachment that has been stationed at the town hall to restore order in the shipping district of the city.

By those who have been watching developments at Athens the riotous scenes that were precipitated on Thursday are regarded as an ill omen of what may develop in the future.

READY TO JOIN GERMANY

According to an article that recently appeared in the Paris Temps, that portion of the Greek army which has remained loyal to the crown is ready to fight any further aggressions of the Allies.

The article in discussing the situation in Greece quotes A. Dionedies, a Venizelist, and former minister of finance, as saying:

"The section of the Greek army which has remained loyal to King Constantine is only awaiting orders from Germany to attack the Allies. As at present organized by Falkenhause, King Constantine can raise an army of 75,000 men."

GERARD BEARER OF THE OLIVE BRANCH

So Declares in Berlin, According To Despatches of the Overseas News Bureau

BERLIN, January 8.—In honor of his return to this city Ambassador Gerard of the United States was tendered an elaborate dinner by the American Association of Commerce and Trade here yesterday.

A significant feature of the dinner was the fact that it developed into a warm demonstration of the good feeling entertained in higher government circles towards the United States. Many government officials as well as a number of the most prominent and influential persons now in Berlin were present at the function.

According to an Overseas despatch Gerard is reported to have delivered a speech in which he stated that he had "brought back to Germany the olive branch of peace from President Wilson."

CANADIAN JAPANESE HONORED AFTER DEATH FOR SOMME EXPLOITS

VANCOUVER, January 8.—Although dead and buried on the Somme battle front, Tokiji Sata, a Japanese volunteer from this city, has been decorated by King George with the Victoria Cross in company with several hundred other Japanese residents of this city who joined the British colors last spring and after being sent to France took part in the huge British drive against the Germans on the Somme. About a dozen of them were killed in action.

Yesterday the official Gazette announced that the Victoria Cross, the highest decoration conferred by the British ruler, had been awarded posthumously to Sata in recognition of his distinguished service.

NO POLITICAL PLUMS IN FARM LOAN BANK SYSTEM

Federal Board Makes Announcement That No Pull Nor Favor Can Land a Job For Anyone—Efficiency Alone Counts

WASHINGTON, January 8.—Politics will play no part in the organization or administration of the twelve federal farm loan banks and the rural credits system recently established by the Farm Loan Act, the farm loan board announced yesterday in a formal statement.

The statement from the board set forth the determination of the directors of the new system that the organization of the banks for the farm loan banks will be undertaken with the complete elimination of politics.

No Plums To Pick
"The board is determined that politics will be entirely eliminated from the organization of the twelve banks," the statement said. "Jobs will not be handed out as political plums. Merit, efficiency and ability will be the only things taken into consideration when the staffs for these banks are elected."

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo made public a letter yesterday written to the Governor of each State urging the execution of the farm loan system. Secretary McAdoo asks that the Governor recommend to their respective legislatures the enactment of laws making the farm loan bonds legal investments under State laws.

The so-called Federal Farm Loan Act resulted from a movement for rural credit legislation that would put the farmer on an equality with any other borrower in money centers. The purpose of the movement was to be accomplished by the organization of the farmers and the mobilization of their resources.

PROGRESSIVES ARE PLANNING PROGRESS

Headquarters Opened in New York—Convention Planned Washington's Birthday

NEW YORK, January 8.—Matthew Hale, acting chairman of the Progressive national committee, announced last night that he was in New York for the purpose of organizing permanent headquarters for the committee, from whence the campaign will be carried on for the reformation of the party along strong lines, with the hope of enlisting the Progressive voters now in both the old line parties into a strong, national organization.

Appointments to the national committee from the various States of the Northeast are expected to be made at once, said Mr. Hale, who also announces that he is planning for the calling of a national convention of the leaders of the Progressives, to meet in St. Louis on February 22, the anniversary of the birthday of George Washington.

At the St. Louis convention the plans for reorganization will be gone over in detail.

GERMANS CLAIM THE SINKING OF TRANSPORT

WASHINGTON, January 8.—An official statement given out by the German government yesterday states that an enemy transport accompanied by warships, was sunk by a German submarine on December 23.

British authorities at London emphatically deny that a transport of the Entente was sunk on the date specified by the Berlin officials.

SCHOOL INVASION OF MEXICO IS FAVORED

CINCINNATI, January 8.—It is not war with Mexico that is demanded of the United States, but an intervention that will establish throughout that stricken land a system of free, public, nonsectarian schools. Such is the opinion expressed in a resolution passed yesterday by a self-constituted committee of many of the nation's leading educators and publicists.

Mexico must be saved from herself and that salvation can come only through education of the people of Mexico, declares the preamble to the resolution.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER.

Is buying a cough medicine for your child, don't forget Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best for colds, croup, and whooping cough, and that it contains no harmful drug. For sale by all dealers, Benson, Smith & Co., agents for Hawaii.

Letters from over 100,000 applicants for funds. The loan system covers all continental United States except Alaska.

Five Per Cent Bonds
In the administration of the system there will be issued "farm loan bonds" which will be prepared by the secretary of the treasury. These bonds may bear any rate of interest up to five per cent a year and may run for any period over five years. Government officials are to appraise and hold their collateral and certify as to their form and issue being approved by the Federal farm loan board, and regular and legal in all respects. The bonds are to be lawful as security for all public deposits and as investment for all fiduciary and trust funds, and they may be bought and sold by member banks and, with certain restrictions, by reserve banks of the Federal reserve system.

Mortgage Collateral
Two kinds of institutions have been provided for the farm loan system for issuing the bonds, for applying the collateral for them, and for receiving and paying out the money for their interest and principal. There are to be any number of joint stock land banks and twelve federal land banks. The act specifies that the bonds of these banks are to be "instrumentalities of the government of the United States."

Farm mortgages, secured by any of these banks are to be instrumentalities in the same degree as the bonds.

The farm loan board will issue charters for the organization of the joint stock banks as it sees fit. Each will have a capital stock of not over \$250,000, divided into double liability shares and a liability of not more than two contingent States.

Branches of Federal Banks
The joint stock banks are to be the branches of the twelve federal land banks which have already been designated by the board and for which the board will select directors.

The board banks will not make loans directly but through national farm loan associations. The function of these associations will be to guarantee mortgages executed by its members and to endorse them over to the federal land banks or branch in their district and to receive deposits from either members or non-members for investment in farm loan bonds.

BUFFALO BILL IS ON HIS DEATHBED

Physicians Despair of Saving the Life of Famous Westerner, Known Around the World

DENVER, January 8.—All hope for the recovery of Col. William F. Cody, better known to the American public as "Buffalo Bill," has been abandoned by his physicians.

The former army scout and possibly the best-known showman since P. T. Barnum has hovered between life and death in a hospital at Colorado Springs for two weeks, suffering from a complication of diseases. Because of his advanced age little hope has been held out for his recovery since he was stricken.

Colonel Cody was born in Scott County, Iowa, February 26, 1864. When five years old his parents moved to a frontier Indian post near Leavenworth, Kansas. At the death of his father, when he was only ten, young Cody became a cowboy between the Missouri River and the Rocky Mountains.

As a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War, and subsequently as a scout in the Southwest, Cody was brought to the attention of such distinguished generals as Sherman, Sheridan, Custer and Crook, which resulted in his being appointed chief of scouts in the United States Army in the West.

It was while supplying buffalo meat for the troops who were protecting laborers during the construction of the Union Pacific railroad that Cody won for himself the sobriquet of "Buffalo Bill."

When the West became tamed by the advance of civilization Cody organized a Wild West show for the purpose of depicting the early frontier life. With this company of Indians and cowboys Cody toured the United States and all the principal cities of Europe, where he was warmly received by royalty.

AUSTRIAN RULER NAMES NEW FOOD BUREAU HEAD

LONDON, January 6.—A Reuters' despatch from Berlin by way of Amsterdam says that the new Emperor of Austria has relieved President Hockestein of his post as head of the war feeding department, at his own request, and General Hofer succeeds him.

SHIP A DAY IS THE SUBMARINE RECORD

BERLIN, January 8.—According to an official statement issued yesterday by the Admiralty board, German submarines have torpedoed and sunk eleven Entente ships during the past eleven days.

British Auxiliary Patrolling Waters Off Mexican Coast

Converted P. and O. Liner Holds Up Shipping and Sends Out Boarding Parties

SAN FRANCISCO, January 8.—The presence of a British auxiliary cruiser patrolling in Pacific waters was revealed yesterday upon the arrival of the Norwegian steamer *Cusco*, which reported being stopped off Cape San Lucas by a converted merchantman.

The *Cusco*, which is in command of Captain Jorgenson, was unable to make out the identity of the stranger, but received the impressions from her lines that she was formerly a P. and O. liner. The Norwegian craft was held to an examination and boarded by officers from the cruiser who ascertained her identity and then permitted her to proceed.

The *Cusco* has been plying between the Pacific Coast and South American ports, reaching here yesterday from Arica and Antofagasta, teaching Mexican points en route north. She sighted the cruiser of the "P. and O." off Lower California and was halted off the cape that marks the southern point of the peninsula.

ADAMSON ACT TO BE ARGUED TODAY

While Supreme Court Listens To Attorneys, Congress Will Also Be Busy

WASHINGTON, January 8.—Attorneys representing the railroad interests of the nation and the brotherhoods of railway trainmen will appear before the Supreme Court today to open their arguments for and against the constitutionality of the Adamson Eight Hour Law, a test of which is being made by mutual consent of the parties involved.

Every effort is being made to hasten the conclusion of this test case in order that an authoritative ruling from the highest court in the land may be obtained on January 1, but its provisions are being held in abeyance pending the decision of the court.

In the meanwhile, the bill introduced by Representative Adamson, chairman of the committee on railroad legislation, in furtherance of the presidential program, which provides for a measure of compulsory arbitration of railroad labor disputes, is up in the house and will be on the business of day for discussion.

This bill is a blanket measure, providing that the hours of employment of trainmen shall not be more than eight out of every twenty-four without overtime payment and that there shall be no strikes on the part of the trainmen and no lockouts on the part of the railroad corporations without ninety days' notice having been given, in order that there may be a readjustment of differences without tying up the transportation systems of the country.

The new Adamson Bill contains also claims authorizing the President to take over any part of the railroad system of the country when, in his opinion, the road is required for military purposes or whenever the public convenience so demands. This is to prevent either the employees or the employers tying up the systems through stubborn refusals to arbitrate differences.

TWO MORE STEAMERS SUNK IN WAR ZONE

LONDON, January 8.—According to a statement from Lloyds, the British steamer *Allie* and the Danish steamer *Elro* have both been sunk in the war zone. The despatch does not say whether the vessels were sunk by torpedoes or mines. Nothing is said as to the fate of the crews.

LAWSON TO TESTIFY TODAY CONCERNING KNOWLEDGE OF LEAK

WASHINGTON, January 8.—The chief interest in congressional circles here today centers in the now celebrated "leak" scandal connected with the issuing of the President's peace message. Hearings to probe the scandal will be continued today, when Thomas W. Lawson, who has made the serious charges, will appear before the congressional committee.

Lawson arrived here yesterday, and it is believed that he is prepared to substantiate his charges. Private Secretary to the President, Tumulty and Secretary of State Lansing also will appear before the investigating committee today.

BIG INCREASE IN TAXES OVER PREVIOUS PERIOD

Oahu Breaks All Records in Receipts During Past Year

During the twelve months ended December 31, last, the taxes collected by the local office for the city of Honolulu and Island of Oahu amounted to \$2,335,550.58, or \$475,669.27 more than in 1915 and \$838,091.67 more than in 1914. In 1915 the taxes collected were \$302,422.40 more than in 1914. For the three years the total collections per year were: 1914, \$1,497,458.91; 1915, \$1,859,881.31; and 1916, \$2,335,550.58.

By kinds of taxes, the collections for each of the three years were as follows:
1914—Real and personal, \$579,066.22; road, \$74,276.41; poll, \$19,248.32; dog, \$202.67; school, \$38,403.24; income, \$250,415.49; special income, \$109,208.90; and special territorial taxes, \$2,710.75; total, \$1,497,458.91.

1915—Real and personal, \$1,137,064.04; road, \$91,017.57; poll, \$20,889.61; dog, \$226.45; school, \$41,732.53; income, \$368,077.75; special income, \$169,024.86; and special territorial taxes, \$29,385.50; total, \$1,859,881.31.

1916—Real and personal, \$1,284,924.44; road, \$101,595.08; poll, \$29,301.59; dog, \$233.02; school, \$40,980.70; income, \$616,456.63; special income, \$282,026.82; and special territorial taxes, \$36,725.50; total, \$2,335,550.58.

HILO POLICE START NEW YEAR BUSILY

Raids On Gamblers Drive Crooks Into Hiding

HILO, January 3.—Members of the police force of Hilo started off the New Year in a most energetic manner, with the result that so far as known there were no criminals at large, and the gamblers are hiding in corners. During New Year's Eve and early New Year's Day raids were made on a number of local gambling games, most of them in plantation camps, and twenty-three men were arrested.

The raids on the various gambling games resulted in the most extraordinary haul of nationalities, including English, Hawaiian, Portuguese, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, Porto Ricans, Spanish, Hawaiians and one Russian. Judge Wise, in the district court yesterday, was more lenient than usual with those who came before him, imposing a fine of only \$5 and \$1.50 costs, which were paid.

Why Did Koichi Jab Sakhira In Leg With Honorable Knife

HILO, January 4.—It was during a preliminary New Year's celebration at the Japanese camp at Pepeekeo plantation, December 28, that Sakhira received a knife wound in his leg, without consequence, he became so nervous that he swore to a warrant against Toguchi Koichi on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He says Koichi did the job net.

When Koichi was arrested he said he was sorry, but the fact was he had nothing against Sakhira and had never had any intention to jab him in the leg with a knife. When arraigned yesterday Judge Wise in the district court the verdict of the jury was that Sakhira wanted to apologize for having Koichi arrested that the latter did for cutting his former friend.

After some questioning it was decided by the court to reduce the charge from a felony to one of simple assault and battery and Koichi was permitted to go free upon depositing \$25 cash bail. But when the case was called on for the trial the plaintiff nor the defendant put in an appearance and the bail was declared forfeited.

The judge and the police are still wondering about the cause of the stabbing.

HILO HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION REPORTS ON WORK FOR YEAR

HILO, January 3.—Two interesting but short reports will be submitted to the board of supervisors this week by Donald S. Bowman, as secretary of the Hilo Hospital Association. In the first the secretary deals with the receipts and expenses of the hospital for the past year, while in the second he outlines the necessities for 1917. During 1916, up to December 31 last, the receipts amounted to something over \$6000. On December 1 there was a balance on hand of \$2,230.59; during the month of December the receipts from private patients and other sources amounted to \$1,514.70, making a total of \$3,745.29. The expenditure were extra large on account of payments for painting the hospital as well as for oysters, amounting altogether to \$1,353.57, and leaving a balance for 1917 of \$2,391.72. For 1917, Mr. Bowman estimates that the running expenses for the hospital will amount to \$7200, while repairs and added equipment will amount to an extra \$3000, or a total of \$10,200. It is expected that with the greater facilities now available the hospital will return a larger income for the year.

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MINING COMPANY ORGANIZED HERE

Corporation To Be Owned, Financed and Controlled By Hawaiian Capital Is Launched

Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday for the Modern Gold Mining Company, Ltd., a new island corporation to be owned, financed and controlled by Hawaiian capital. The property of the company consists of 243 acres at Grub Guleh, California, about fourteen miles northeast of Raymond, and consists of the consolidation of two gold mines, originally known as the Gambletha and the Josephine.

With the filing of the articles of incorporation, preliminary steps of organization the company will be brought to completion and the 450,000 shares of stock for which subscriptions have been taken will be delivered to the subscribers. The company is capitalized at \$1,000,000 with stock at one dollar a share. The shares have been offered for public subscription at twenty-five cents and it is said the entire 450,000 have been subscribed. It is expected that the stock will be called among the yellow list stocks this week.

The incorporators of the company will organize the board of directors and elect officers tomorrow afternoon. It is understood that Robert W. Shingle will be president, D. W. Shanks of San Francisco, vice president; A. N. Campbell, treasurer; J. Harris Mackenzie, secretary, and the other members of the board of directors, Clarence H. Olson, Jorgen Jorgenson, Walter Dillingham and Harold K. L. Castle.

It is planned to deliver the certificates of stock to subscribers as soon as organization can be completed.

BIG ISLAND POLICE OFFICER IS JAILED

Lieutenant Pau Dropped From Force For Fighting

HILO, January 3.—Following a despatch from the county jail between Police Lieutenant Joseph Pau, and Jailer J. P. Hale, for several terms a representative in the legislature from this district, Sheriff Pau last Monday morning celebrated the New Year by placing Pau under arrest and then discharging him from the force, following an investigation.

This is the third time, it is asserted by the police, that Pau has been discharged from the police force of the county, and each time because of over indulgence in booze. Pau was formerly a police captain, but got drunk one day and had serious trouble with his own brother. He was discharged later he was made a deputy sheriff, but again got into trouble on account of booze, and was fired.

When not under the influence of liquor Joe Pau is said to be a very competent police officer. He is a powerful man, yet is generally a peaceable officer when sober. Last Monday morning he had been celebrating the new year all night, and kept up the drink brother-in-law, tried to stop his celebration, but was attacked by Pau, who cut his face open.

Hale himself is a powerful man, but is old and white-haired, and a match for Pau. While they were fighting, another attendant telephoned to the sheriff, who jumped into a machine and hurried to the jail. Hale is said to have caught Pau literally red handed in his fight with Hale.

Today Pau was sentenced by Judge Wise in the district court to a month in jail.

AIRBRAKES ON TEUTON TRAINS SAVING MEN

BERLIN, January 6.—A uniform air-brake for freight trains has been adopted in Germany. What this means is apparent to any American who has seen the German railways, with nearly every freight-car surmounted by a small pavilion, in which a man sits to operate the brakes. Henceforth the railways will be able to dispense with an army of brakemen, and all freight trains will be operated exclusively by the engineer.

BODY FOUND ON BEACH

HILO, January 3.—News was received by Sheriff Pau, last Monday afternoon that the body of Joseph Pokaki, a well known Portuguese resident of North Kona, was found floating in the ocean at Kinulani Beach, at noon on New Year's Day. Sheriff Pau instructed Deputy Sheriff Nahale, of North Kona, to make a thorough investigation of the circumstances surrounding the death of Pokaki, as it was stated that there were evidences of foul play, although no details have been given as yet.

SCHOONER SURVIVORS HAD A TRYING EXPERIENCE

NEW YORK, January 8.—Word was received here yesterday from Havana that five members of the crew of the lost schooner *Rob Roy*, had arrived at that port.

According to the tale of the survivors, they were obliged to steam for 700 miles in an open motor boat from the point in the ocean where the ship was abandoned before they landed on the coast of Morocco.

ROME COUNCIL CONCLUDES IN AGREEMENT TO FIGHT IT OUT

Statesmen of Entente Depart With Resolution Strengthened To Act In Close Union For Successful Ending of the War

RUMANIAN LINE IS SERIES OF ENGAGEMENTS

Russo-Rumanians Lose and Win, Day Ending With Advantages Inclining To Defenders—Italians Gain More Trenches

ROME, January 8.—The conference which has been held here by Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain, Premier Briand of France and the Italian premier, to discuss the various issues of the war, came to an end yesterday.

As a result, the two new premiers and the Italian leader have established a complete unity of views as to the action to be taken in the future.

The statesmen leave Rome with a strong resolution for a greater coordination of efforts to bring the war to a successful conclusion.

RUMANIAN LINE SHIFTS IN BATTLE

LONDON, January 8.—With stubborn fighting along the whole Rumanian front yesterday the lines shifted backwards and forwards, the Russian and Rumanians holding in some places against the determined attacks of the Austro-Germans, in others falling back varying distances and in still others taking the offensive, turning the tables on their pursuers and taking men and guns in their advances. On the whole the day's fighting favored the Rumanians and their Slav allies.

The Teutons attempted to continue both their eastward and northern drives, being successful in the fighting at Mount Adobesti, where the Germans gained the crest of the hill and cleared the slopes of its defenders. In the Sustcha region the Austro-Germans also gained and the despatches from Petrograd admit that the Russo-Rumanian retreat has now reached the upper reaches of the Sustcha River.

Near Obelitchi the results of the day were in favor of the Entente fighters, who drove the invaders back, inflicting heavy losses. Between Fokshani and Fumleni, along a sixteen mile front, the Russians and Rumanians launched a strong series of counter attacks, gaining back much of the ground lost during the past week and taking a number of prisoners.

Rome reports a surprise attack made by the Italians upon the Austrian positions at Hill 208 in the Carso region, where the Austrian trenches to a depth of five hundred yards were seized and the defenders either taken prisoners or killed.

Berlin reports that a British attempt to advance on the Dorian front in Macedonia was defeated, the Bulgarians and Germans holding all their positions and throwing the British back with heavy losses.

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