



ALLIED FORCES SINK AUSTRIAN DESTROYERS IN BIG SEA FIGHT

Then Chase Remainder of Squadron Which Had Intended to Bombard Durazzo on the Adriatic Sea Back to Their Base; One Vessel Struck Mine and Blows Up; Other Sunk by Well-Aimed Gunfire

RUSS START GREAT BUKOWINA OFFENSIVE

Dense Masses of Troops Are Launched Forth For Important Battle; Fighting Along Forty-Mile Front; Unusually Heavy Bombardment Covers Approach; Germans Driven Back by French in Vosges

Paris, Oct. 20, 12.35 P. M.—Two Austrian torpedo boat destroyers have been sunk as a result of an encounter with sea forces of the allies at a point outside of Cattaro, in the Adriatic. The purpose of the Austrian ships was to bombard Durazzo. An allied squadron went to meet them, with the result above set forth. In addition the remainder of the Austrian squadron was pursued by the warships of the allies and compelled to flee toward the Austrian base.

This information was contained in an official announcement of the French marine department given out to-day, which reads: "An Austrian naval division, having come out from Cattaro, in the Adriatic, was intercepted by the allies on the 19th. The Austrian torpedo boat destroyer Lika encountered a mine and was blown up. The destroyer Triglav of the same type, was destroyed by fire from the ships of the allies. The remaining warships of the enemy were pursued and fled in the direction of their base."

TRY TO CUT TRANSPORTATION There have been several previous encounters of lesser importance than the one now reported in connection with Austrian attempts to interrupt transportation of Italian troops to Albania and of supplies for the Serbian forces which have retreated to that country. Several supply ships have been sunk by Austrian warships.

The destroyers Lika and Triglav were sister ships, built in 1913. They were 26 feet long, 787 tons displacement. Each was armed with two

Governor of Minnesota Dies Suddenly While on Trip to the South

Clinton, La., Dec. 30.—Governor Winfield Scott Hammond, of Minnesota, died suddenly in a hotel here to-day from a stroke of apoplexy, which, physicians stated, apparently had been superinduced by a recent attack of pneumonia. He died before physicians could arrive.

INSPECTING LAND St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 30.—Governor W. S. Hammond, who died suddenly at Clinton, La., departed from St. Paul for the South just a week ago to-day to inspect some farm lands which he owns in the vicinity of Clinton.

At his office at the State House it was said that he had been expected to return to-morrow and that no intimation that the Governor was ill had been received here or at St. James, Minn., where Milton Hammond, the Governor's brother, resides.

LAKE STEAMER BURNS Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 30.—The steamer Nyack owned by the Crosby Transportation Company, and one of the oldest vessels in the passenger business on the great Lakes, burned at her dock here to-day and sank to the bottom. The vessel, built in Buffalo in 1878, was valued at \$150,000, and is said to have been fully insured.

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy to-night and Friday; not much change in temperature, lowest to-night about 25 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy to-night and Friday; possibly becoming unsettled Friday; light, variable winds.

River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will fall 2 1/2 to 3 feet, and remain nearly stationary. A stage of about 4 1/2 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Friday morning.

General Conditions The storm that was central over the Ohio Valley, Wednesday morning, has moved rapidly northeastward to the North Atlantic coast. It caused light to moderate rains and snow in the Atlantic States, the Ohio Valley, and over the southeastern portion of the lake region in the last twenty-four hours.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 28. Sun: Rise: 7:27 a. m.; sets, 4:47 p. m. Moon: New moon, January 4, 11:45 p. m. River Stage: Seven feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 37. Lowest temperature, 30. Mean temperature, 34. Normal temperature, 31.

YEAR BRINGS BIG IMPROVEMENTS IN INDUSTRIES HERE

Additional Equipment Installed at Nearly All Larger Mills in City

GOOD PROSPECTS AHEAD

Penna. Steel, Pipe Bending, Hickock and Central Iron Enlarged

The big boom in business during the past months in the industrial circles of the city and vicinity, together with the rush of orders and excellent prospects for 1916 have caused a number of the larger plants to make big repairs, improvements and additions in equipment so that the productive capacity in some instances has been almost doubled.

Some of these improvements and additions started in 1914 were not hurried because of a lack of business in certain departments of the industry, according to officials, but the rapidly increasing rush of orders during the closing months of this year, has made the changes necessary in order to handle orders.

Big Improvements at Pipe Mill

One of the first plants to begin and complete additions and improvements in a short time, was the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending works. At the mills now the men are working full time on orders for all kinds of supplies and the working force has been doubled. A fire in the electrical equipment shortly before the boom started, made improvements and repairs necessary to run the machinery. These were ordered and completed quickly, after which the managers started plans for additional plants and new machinery, which is taking up all of the available property owned at the present site of the plant. Hydraulic presses for cylinders, and the munitions factory are included according to the managers, in the most important additions which have been made. At present no more changes have been made or are being contemplated according to officials.

At Pennsylvania Steel

During the last year big improvements started some time ago at the Pennsylvania Steel Company plants in Steelton were completed. Among these are the new No. 5 blast furnace, with a capacity of 500 tons a day, new rolling mills, the ore yard improvements and an ore bin plant. The addition of the new blast furnace has increased the capacity to an average of 1,600 tons. Improvements now under way will increase efficiency in many of the departments. A 14-inch bar mill, a sintering plant, remodeling of the No. 3 blast furnace and the extensions of the boiler and power plants are under way and will be continued during the first months of 1916.

Central Iron Improvements

The Central Iron and Steel company is also undergoing big repairs and additions are being planned for the new year which will greatly increase the capacity of the plant. A new 13-ton ladle will be installed in January and will be put in place immediately. The old ladles of 65 and 100 tons will be retained. According to officials, work will be started on remodeling the present furnaces, each one being taken off in order. The capacity will be raised from 60 to 100 tons by the repairs and improvements. Plenty of orders in these offices are keeping the men working full time. It was said, and the prospects for 1916 look even better than the record-breaking work set up during the latter months of this year.

At the new plant of the W. O. Hickock Manufacturing Company

which is almost completed, many new additions have been made which will add to the producing capacity of this company. Several new machines are being patented and will be turned out at the new shops.

Wealthy Texan Swindler Out of \$20,000 on Horse Race by Wire Tappers

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Wire tappers alleged to be operating in a suburb of Chicago swindled Vincent Baer, a wealthy sportsman of Midland, Texas, out of \$20,000, on a horse race, according to reports to the police to-day. The swindlers, it was said, met Baer in Kansas City, Mo., where some wagers were made on the races and later their acquaintance was renewed in Cincinnati. The men who got his money, Baer charges are Edward A. Alexander and Charles C. Miller. Baer and his two companions came to Chicago on Christmas day it was reported, the wires were tapped and Baer was told that every bet had been won. He claims to have turned over \$20,000 to the two men and all three left for Cincinnati whence they were to go to Lexington, Ky., to collect their winnings. Baer said he missed his friends en route and has not seen either of them or his \$20,000.

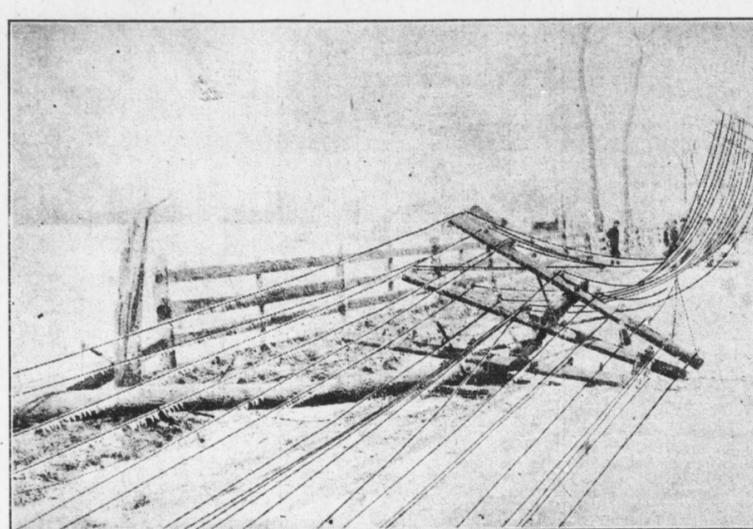
Fire on Bankdale Was Started by Explosion

New York, Dec. 30.—The steamer Bankdale arrived this morning from Bordeaux after a tempestuous voyage in which the cattle fittings and rails were carried away and boats lifted from their fastenings. On the outward passage to Bordeaux on November 19 when 150 miles from that port a bomb exploded in No. 3 hatch. The explosion was distinctly felt throughout the steamer. The cargo, consisting of cotton, was set on fire and the blaze raged until reaching port, when it was finally subdued. All the cotton in the No. 3 compartment, consisting of 290 bales, was destroyed.

Cable Dispatches Received here

November 26 from Bordeaux stated that the Bankdale had arrived there with a fire in her hold and that an inquiry was being instituted. No mention was made in the cable dispatches of a bomb explosion on board.

WHAT ICE STORM DID TO BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S LINES



This is what the ice and sleet of yesterday did to the Bell Telephone Company's lines throughout this section of the country. All over the East the wires of the telegraph and telephone companies were broken down by the storm and late this afternoon communication with some points was impossible, although emergency service was to be had with all places save a few to the South and East. The picture shows the results of the storm on the Trindle Springs road, several miles from Shiremanstown. Miles and miles of just such scenes presented themselves to the "trouble shooters" sent out to repair the breaks.

WOULD ARBITRATE ALL PAN-AMERICAN BORDER DISPUTES

Secretary Lansing Suggests a Plan Which Is Believed Will Insure Peace

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Secretary Lansing has suggested to all the nations which with the United States comprise the Pan-American Union, that they join in a convention for the arbitration of all boundary line disputes and for the prohibition of shipments of war munitions to revolutionaries. Secretary Lansing's proposal which has the full support of President Wilson, is being forwarded by the Latin-American ambassadors and ministers here to their home foreign offices for consideration. It is regarded as one of the steps in a wide plan, in which the Pan-American scientific congress now in session here is a party, for preservation of peace on the Western Hemisphere and a closer union of all the Americas. The status of the negotiations and the details of Secretary Lansing's proposal will be continued during the first months of 1916.

TRAMP OCCUPIES TEACHER'S HOME

Finds Family Absent So He Makes Himself Comfortable

Lewisburg, Pa., Dec. 30.—When Professor Norman Stewart, of Bucknell University, and Mrs. Stewart returned home late last evening from spending the Christmas vacation with relatives in New York they found a tramp occupying their cosy home. The professor was not able to unlock the door and, seeing a light through a keyhole, rang the door bell.

Confirmation of Fletcher's Appointment to Be Opposed as Protest Against Policy

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Republicans of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee are preparing to renew their attack on President Wilson's Mexican policy when Congress reassembles by fighting confirmation of Henry Prather Fletcher's appointment as ambassador to Mexico. Senator Borah, one of those who intends to lead the fight said to-day that the opposition was not to Mr. Fletcher himself who is a Republican and much esteemed but to the appointment of an ambassador at a time when the Republican senators contend, there is no government in all parts of Mexico. There also is some Democratic opposition to Mr. Fletcher but it is political.

Fairbanks For President Signs Are Posted Prior to Republican "Love Feast"

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 30.—"Fairbanks for President," signs were posted in all hotels and throughout the business district to-day and it was understood the name of former Vice-President Charles W. Fairbanks would be placed formally before the nation as a candidate for the Republican nomination for President at the party "love feast" here this afternoon. RAISE FOR LONGSHOREMEN Boston, Mass., Dec. 30.—Increase in wages ranging from two to five cents an hour for longshoremen working at this port will go into effect the first of the year as a result of an agreement signed by representatives of longshoremen's union and the transatlantic steamship conference.

WIRE SERVICE BEING RESUMED SLOWLY TODAY

Big Gang of Men Working Night and Day to Repair Breaks

Telephone and telegraph communications from this city to outside points which were cut yesterday by the rain and sleet were gradually repaired to-day, although service on all lines was not resumed at a late hour this afternoon. "Trouble shooters" for both telegraph and telephone companies worked quickly on the breaks, but the great number of disconnected lines made it impossible for the men to repair them in one day. Service was resumed slowly on some of the lines and even systematic working on the repairs did not bring quick relief because of the trouble all over this section of the country. The Cumberland Valley Telephone Company lines, at noon had been opened on the north and west trunks.

MUMMER PARADE ROUTE CHANGED

Increase in Entries Makes Routing Necessary; Hundreds to Be in Line

Form at Front and State streets— Moves at 1:15 down Front to Market; to Fourth; to Walnut; to Third; to North; to Sixth; to Maclay; to Third; to Boas; to Second; to Market Square and dismisse.

Announce New Route For Mummer's Parade

Due to the fact that the entry list last night went above all expectations, the Harrisburg Mummer's Association will hold a special meeting to-night. Three additional organizations announced they would be in line with not less than 100 paraders each. The

Dashing Villa Dandy Is Believed to Have Been Executed or Cowardice

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 30.—Pablo B. Stenez, known as the "dandy" of the former Villa army and one of General Villa's most dashing generals, has disappeared and is believed here by former associates to have been executed by his chief for failure to join him in his disastrous Sonora campaign. Stenez was one of the picturesque figures of the latest Mexican revolution. He refused to wear the uniform of his fellow officers and was garbed in a suit of leather richly embroidered with gold and silver trimmings. Between the shoulders of his jacket in letters seven inches long appeared his initials, "P. B. S." He always rode a richly caparisoned Arabian thoroughbred horse.

NO JITNEY APPLICATIONS

Up to noon to-day no applications for jitney licenses had been received at the police station.

WOODED BY FATHER WIDOW JILTS HIM TO WED HIS SON

Matrimonial Notice in Post Office Brings Housekeeper to This Family

New York, Dec. 30.—This is by way of notification to eligible Pennsylvania spinsters and widows that George W. Shaffer, a Newton, N. J., widower, has obtained the housekeeper for whom he has been seeking these many weeks, and in search of whom he enlisted by mail the aid of the postmaster of Easton, Pa. Since her job is permanent, there remain but two more chances for the aforementioned Pennsylvanians contemplating entrance into the marriage market. Since the manner in which the new

Production of Petroleum Was Record Breaker, Gas Price Investigators Find

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Preliminary estimates of the geological survey on the production of crude petroleum in 1915, which are to be used in connection with federal inquiry into the cause of advancing gasoline prices were made public to-day by Secretary Lane and indicate an increase of about two million barrels over last year's output which with a total production of about 290,000,000 barrels was a record breaker. "The present year began with a surplus of petroleum in field storage," said the report, "so that production of crude oil was not pushed. Under these conditions the small increase in marketed production was significant. "The supply in the United States is not unlimited but the decline in the country's output of crude oil has not yet set in. The increase in stocks in itself a fairly conclusive rebuttal of any price-boosting plea of present shortage. Furthermore, the better market for crude oil which characterized the closing months of the year has already somewhat stimulated drilling activity which may contribute to next year's production."

Foresees Women as Drug on Market Soon

Washington, Dec. 30.—Prof. Emily G. Balch, of Wellesley College, told the American Sociological Society, in annual conference here yesterday, that one of the effects of war on the status of women would be to make them "a drug on the market." "It may be that in more primitive times," said she, "such a situation would be a cause of polygamy. In our day it will mean a vast overplus of women. Men will return not only with importance enhanced by the glory of the battlefield, but with a 'scarcity value.' "A second and conflicting effect is that women, being more necessary, become more important instead of less. A third effect will be a great increase of unmarried women. Another result is that there is forming under our eyes a new 'sex—international. Someone has said: 'If the brotherhood of man had grown as much in the last two centuries as the sisterhood of woman has grown in the last two decades, this war would not have occurred."

WAS 1915 A GREAT YEAR?

Uncle Harry Thinks It Was and Tells Why On Page 3

HARD COAL TO GO UP THINK LOCAL DEALERS

Compensation Expense Will Be Met by Increasing Prices, Theory

CAR SHORTAGE, TOO WILL CLEAR CALENDAR

Five, Ten, and Possibly Twenty-Five Cent Raise May Result

Coal dealers in this city, although they have received no official notice, are expectant of a raise in prices by the anthracite coal operators, due to the workmen's compensation law. No hint has been received here about the attitude of the operators on the question, but should a raise in price be included in the bill for January orders, the dealers will not be surprised. A corresponding increase will then be placed on the retail price of the coal. In some places it is claimed that a 5 or 10 cent advance per ton is rumored, but as yet Harrisburg dealers are being supplied, they said to-day, at the former rates. If, however, this is added, the same amount will be added to the cost of the coal to the consumer. The advance in prices is not expected for some time, according to the local merchants, as the operators have sent out no notices. Some of the city dealers believe that the operators will increase their prices in a short time, while others do not expect any change. Shortage in cars and labor is given by the Ledger, of Philadelphia, as the

Disabled Steamer Is Slowly Making Way In

New York, Dec. 30.—Another radio message was received to-day from the Greek steamer Thessaloniki which is making for this port with her boiler room partly flooded. "On account of small damage," read the message, "we come with lessened speed. Engineers assure no cause for alarm. Account of strong wind speed four miles. When weather improves we expect six miles."

TO PASS BUDGET AT LAST MEETING

Final Session of Commissioners Will Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon

WILL CLEAR CALENDAR

Assessorship, Water Budget and Other Measures Will Be Adopted

City Council will meet for the last time tomorrow afternoon to pass finally the 1916 budget and tax rate ordinances and to clear the calendar for 1915. At 10 o'clock Monday the new council comprising Dr. E. S. Meals, as president, E. Z. Gross, as park superintendent, William L. Gorgas as superintendent of finance and William H. Lynch and Harry F. Bowman, as superintendents of streets and public safety respectively, will meet for reorganization. Dr. Meals will succeed Mayor John K. Royal, and Mr. Gross will take the place of Park Superintendent M. Harvey Taylor. The tax ordinance fixing the rate for the ensuing year at nine and a half mills will be passed finally following the formal adoption on final reading of the budget and water department maintenance measures.

TO REAPPOINT KELLER TO BUREAU OF HEALTH

Oliver P. Keller, 1739 North Sixth street, will be recommended for reappointment for a term of five years as a member of the City Bureau of Health and Sanitation by City Commissioner Harry F. Bowman, superintendent of the Department of Public Safety. City Commissioner Bowman announced to-day that he will introduce the necessary resolution on Monday following the reorganization of the commissioners for the ensuing year. This will mean that the present personnel of the Bureau of Health will remain unchanged.

HARCOURT RESIGNS TO BECOME VICEROY

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 30.—A special cable from London received here to-day says: "Right Honorable Lewis Harcourt has resigned from the cabinet to become viceroy of India."

DETROIT MEN MAY BUY CLUB

Cleveland, O., Dec. 30.—It was reported in baseball circles here to-day that F. D. Craig, or H. J. Porter, or both, of Detroit, may buy the Cleveland American League Baseball Club, which is for sale.

FRENCH OCCUPY IMPORTANT ISLAND

Paris, Dec. 30.—French troops have occupied the Turkish island of Castelozio in the Aegean Sea, between the Island of Rhodes and the Gulf of Adalia, according to the morning papers in Paris. The possession of Castelozio as a naval base is characterized as indispensable.

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POWDER PLANT FIRE IMPERILS 300

Appleton, Wis., Dec. 30.—Three hundred workmen were imperiled by fire of alleged incendiary origin which broke Tuesday night at the DuPont Powder Company's plant at Barksdale, according to District Attorney Mark Catlin, who returned from Barksdale to-day.

EASTLAND DEFENDANTS GIVE UP

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Six of the eight defendants indicted here in connection with the Eastland disaster gave themselves up at Grand Rapids, Mich., to-day and were released selves up at Grand Rapids, Mich., to-day and were released

ITALIANS ARE IN DURAZZO

Geneva, Dec. 30, via Paris, 4 P. M.—It is reported here on good authority that Italian troops have occupied the Albanian seaport of Durazzo.

GERMANY RECOGNIZES CARRANZA

Berlin, Dec. 30, via London, 11.10 A. M.—Germany has extended recognition to the de facto government of Mexico headed by General Venustiano Carranza

MARRIAGE LICENSES

George W. Grove and Ruby McCoy, Williamsport, Erie, Julius Harnmelele, city, and Elizabeth Schmidt, Erie, Harold L. Romberger and Ellen L. Bechtel, Elizabethville, Willard Dimock Hill, New York, and Louise Blodgett, St. Louis.