

RUSSIAN ARMY SUPPLIED WITH NEW EQUIPMENT

Start Offensive Campaign Against Austro-German Forces in Galicia.

MUSCOVITE SUCCESSES ALARM CENTRAL POWERS

Army Is Now Thoroughly Equipped With Guns and Munitions for Campaign.

London, Jan. 1.—The rejuvenated Russian army, equipped with munitions from Japan, America and England, is engaged in a great attack on the Austro-Hungarian forces in Galicia. Reports from Vienna and Petrograd claim the advantage for their respective forces, but neither capital describes decisive results. The details, which are few and conflicting, give no definite description of the battle line. Newspaper correspondents in Petrograd estimate that 1,500,000 Austro-Germans are engaged, and assert that whatever changes have occurred in the fighting line are in favor of the Russians. The Austrian war office official report says that the Russian attacks were everywhere repulsed with heavy losses.

Russians Show Strength.

A significant fact is that the Russian army has again been able to take the offensive. Recent telegrams from the war theater, where this battle is raging, say that the Russians show better fighting qualities now than in the earlier stages of the war.

The result of the battle is expected to have an important influence on the Balkan situation particularly on the Roumanian policy. Apparently, Russia has been preparing for these operations for some time past.

Hold Up Cablegrams.

Cable communications from the Bessarabia regions has virtually been suspended for more than a month, thousands of messages being held up until Wednesday last, when the censorship was lifted and they began to come through.

Try to Stop Russians.

On the various fronts, few changes are reported. Of chief interest is the great battle in eastern Galicia. Official reports give few details of the situation there, although they emphasize the severity of the fighting. Germany and Austria have sent heavy reinforcements to meet the Russian forces, it being reported they have 1,500,000 men along the front between the Priet river and the Roumanian border. The official German statement of yesterday said Russian attacks near Burkanow had been repulsed as the result of a flanking movement.

Along the Franco-Belgian front comparative quiet prevails.

Along the Gallipoli Peninsula the Turks are giving no rest to the French or British forces left behind when the Suvla Bay and Anzac positions were evacuated. The Turkish war office announces that severe damage has been done to the positions of the Allies near Seddul Bahr, in the course of violent fighting.

There are signs of renewed activity in Macedonia. It is reported unofficially that German and Austrian forces are gathering at Monastir in southwestern Serbia, near the Greek border.

To Attack Saloniki.

Conflicting reports are received concerning the intentions of the Bulgarians, but Premier Radoslaff is quoted as having said they would soon begin and advance into Greek territory to attack the French and British at Saloniki.

Gathering at Monastir.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens, says reliable information received there, is to the effect that one German battalion had reached Monastir, Serbia, and that an Austrian mountain battery is expected.

In consequence of reconnaissances by French aeroplanes over Monastir, machine guns have been placed on top of the highest buildings.

To Send Reinforcements.

Large forces of Germans and Austrians have been brought up for the battle now in progress in eastern Galicia, a Reuter's dispatch from Petrograd says.

"A great battle or series of linked battles is proceeding on the southwestern front. The Austro-German armies under Field Marshall von Mackensen and General Pfleger, who are engaged on the Pippa river to the Roumanian frontier, are estimated at 1,500,000 men."

Captain Tells Story.

The story of the sinking of the French liner, Ville de la Clotat, in the Mediterranean on December 24, was related by Captain Leveque who was in command of the vessel on its arrival at this port on the British steamship, *Christip*. He said: "The lookout shouted 'look to the starboard off the bow.' I hardly turned in the direction indicated when the vessel was shaken by a heavy explosion.

"I sent out a wireless call for help and ordered all the boats out. This was done rapidly, but not without (Continued on Page Two)

Earthquake Shocks Felt in Tacoma

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 1.—Two or three violent shocks rocked the city today. The shocks felt more like explosions than earthquake shocks, but the DuPont Powder Works and the Ruston Smelter, near the city, the only likely places for heavy explosions, reported no accidents. An earthquake shock was felt at Seattle this afternoon at 4:52 o'clock and continuing ten seconds, followed by lighter tremors. No damage was done.

HENRY FORD BACK IN AMERICA AGAIN

Former Leader and Financial Backer of Peace Expedition Headed for Home.

New York, Jan. 1.—The Norwegian liner, *Bergenford*, on which Mr. Ford is returning from his peace mission in Europe, will arrive at Quarantine at 11:15 a. m. today and will dock at about 9 o'clock tonight. Mr. Ford will leave the vessel at Quarantine, however, and finish the trip on board of a tug or coast cutter. It was said last night that preparations have been made by Dudley Field Malone, collector of the port, to go down the bay early this morning to meet the returning pacifist.

Mr. Ford's wife and his son, Edsall Ford, arrived here yesterday afternoon, accompanied by several friends, to await his coming. It is expected the party will leave for Detroit some time this afternoon.

HAMMOND REMAINS VIEWED BY THROGS

Body of Late Minnesota Governor Lies in State at Minnesota State House.

St. Paul, Jan. 1.—A silent stream of people passed before the floral bier of Governor W. S. Hammond, at the state capitol today, where rested the body of the late chief executive who died last Thursday in Clinton, La.

Hundreds braved the storm of sleet and snow to meet the body on its arrival today and joined in the procession to the state house. Hundreds more waded the drifts of snow to the state house tonight and continued to pass before the casket until ten p. m.

Marks of respect to the late governor were shown in the form of gorgeous floral tributes presented by various lodges and societies.

For twelve hours tomorrow, from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m., the body will again lie in state.

At 9:30 a. m. Monday, the special train will depart for St. James, where burial will take place. The train will arrive there at 2 p. m.

It was announced tonight that Governor Burquist will be unable to attend the funeral. For several days he has been suffering from an attack of la grippe and physicians today found it necessary to perform a slight surgical operation on his throat.

MORE DYNAMITING IN LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, Jan. 1.—A terrific explosion occurring in the midst of the noise of the New Year's celebration today, blew up four buildings in the business district of the city. Tony Rossini and his wife, who lived in the rear of the structures, were missing today. The police, however, could find no bodies in the debris.

Rossini is said to have received a number of threatening letters recently.

MOTHER TO DEMAND HER SON'S RETURN FROM ARMY

Fergus Falls, Minn., Jan. 1.—Mrs. David Carr of Foxholm will leave tonight for Winnipeg with a birth record from the town of Wrightstown in this county, showing that her son, who is in the Canadian army, was born in 1898, and is only 17 years old. The boy had not been heard from for a year and when his mother received a letter from him, stating that he had joined the army and was about to leave for the battlefield, she was nearly frantic. The Canadian authorities were communicated with and sent back word that the boy claimed to be 21, but that if it could be proven he was only 17 he would be released. The mother brought forward her family Bible and its record is now substantiated by the birth record of the town.

EXPORTS SHOW BIG INCREASE IN PAST WEEK

Thousands of Dollar's Worth of American Condensed Milk Is Being Shipped.

WAR MATERIALS ALSO SHOW BIG INCREASE

Port of New York Is Swamped With Goods for Europe and South America.

The large contracts for supplying condensed milk to Europe, announced last week, have not yet made themselves apparent in the export figures so far as relates to current conditions. While exports last week of condensed milk from the Port of New York amounted to about \$150,000 value, but little of it went to Europe, and practically none to the countries at war. Of the \$150,000 worth exported, reported by the custom house last week, about \$100,000 went to Cuba, \$16,000 to Panama, and the remainder to the Netherlands. While the exports of condensed milk have more than doubled since the beginning of the war for the nine months ending with September, 45,000,000 pounds against 15,000,000 last year, the large additions to the exports, expected as a result of recent contracts, is not yet perceptible in the trade returns. In fact the growth in exports of cheese and butter is much greater than in milk, butter exports having increased from three million pounds to 13 millions, and cheese from two million pounds to 55 millions.

Canned Goods Exports.

Canned goods generally, however, do show a large increase in exportation as a result of the war. Canned salmon, for example, amounts to \$7,500,000 for the nine months ending with September, against \$3,500,000 in the corresponding months of 1914, and \$2,000,000 in the same months of 1913; canned beef amounts for the nine months to \$9,500,000 against \$1,500,000 for 1914, and \$500,000 in 1913. Canned pork amounts to \$1,000,000 against one-third of a million in the same period of last year; canned fruits show a less increase proportionately, being 4 1/2 million dollars against 2 1/2 million in the same months of last year; while canned vegetables amount to a little less than two million dollars against a little more than one million for the same months of last year. Thus the total value of canned goods exported in the nine months of the current year for which we have department of commerce figures are approximately 16 millions in the same months of 1913.

War Materials.

Exports of war materials continue to run at the rate of 2 1/2 to three million dollars per day as relates to those for which there is a distinct record. A considerable quantity of material intended for war purposes continues to go under the truthful but somewhat misleading title of "Manufactures of Iron and Steel," "Scientific Instruments," "Machinery and Parts Thereof," etc. The last week's exports, however, showed loaded projectiles amounting to nearly two million dollars, of which practically all went to England; smokeless powder 1 1/2 million dollars, practically all of that going to England; fuses, nearly a million dollars, chiefly to England; gunpowder, 2 1/2 million dollars, chiefly to England; empty shells, approximately three million dollars to England and Italy, and cartridges, one-half million dollars, chiefly to England and France.

Leather Goods Increase.

The exportation of leather and its manufactures has enormously increased since the beginning of the war. Last week's exportation from the Port of New York alone amounted to approximately two million dollars, including over a million dollars worth of leather, nearly a half million dollars worth of shoes, and approximately 100 thousand dollars each of saddlery, belting and miscellaneous manufactures. The total exports of leather and its manufactures have jumped from 39 million dollars in the nine months of 1914 to 125 millions in the nine months of 1915, for which details of the export trade are available. Harness and saddlery exports amount to 17 million dollars in the current year against less than one million last year; sole leather 20 million dollars against five millions; upper leather 32 million dollars against 15 million; and boots and shoes 30 million dollars against 12 millions in the corresponding months of last year. Most of this increase is, of course, to Europe. Sole leather alone to Great Britain amounting to 12 million dollars against four millions, and to other European countries six million dollars against a quarter of a million in the same months of last year, while boots and shoes to Great Britain amounted to 15 million dollars against less than one million dollars in the same months of last year, and to France 4 1/2 million dollars against less than one-quarter of a million in the corresponding months of 1914.

Attempt to Destroy Mass. State House

Boston, Jan. 1.—An unsuccessful attempt to dynamite the state house was made today. A bomb containing four pounds of explosives was attached to a basement door and a fuse had been lighted, but the flame apparently died before reaching the bomb. The fact that tarred rope was used as a fuse, according to investigators, indicated that work was that of a novice. A scrub woman discovered the bomb this morning. The police took it to a suburb and there discharged the dynamite. It showed a high explosive force.

GEORGIA MAN HUNT STILL CONTINUES

Blakeley for Negroes Implicated in Murder.

Blakely, Ga., Jan. 1.—Men bent on finding two of the negroes accused of the murder of Henry J. Villipigue, a white overseer, whose death near here Wednesday cost the lives of six negroes, killed by angry whites, still searched the Chattahoochee river swamps tonight.

Outwardly, the country was quiet, but the appearance of two automobiles carrying armed men, through the town, enroute to the scene of the recent negro killings, and the arrest of a negro, who was threatened by whites, caused some excitement late today. The automobile bore men to aid those seeking Mike and Ulysses Coolsby, two negroes accused in connection with the Villipigue killing.

Negroes, who had slept on back porches or kitchens of white persons and kept off the streets this morning, gradually began to venture forth and late today many were seen about the town. A visit to the country section west of here, where the killings occurred, failed to reveal evidence of excitement. Here and there smoke drifted up from the members of a negro log hut. There were half a dozen in Early county three days ago, and it was said, as far as could be learned tonight, none had been left standing.

Reports that negro organizations had plotted Villipigue's death because he whipped a son of Grandison Coolsby, one of the negroes accused later of having a hand in the killing of Villipigue, caused all log buildings, except one, to be burned, it is said. The one that escaped fire was torn down by negroes to prevent nearby negro homes from being burned, should it be set on fire.

Many Alabama citizens from just across the state line, who rushed to the rescue of A. H. Grimsley last night, when an erroneous report was spread that his life was threatened by negroes, returned to their homes today. Some, however, joined the searchers in the swamps.

SCHOONER FOREST BURNS AT DOCK

San Juan, Porto Rico, Jan. 1.—The American schooner, *Forest City*, with a cargo of palm oil, burned at her dock here today. The *Forest City* was bound from Calabar on the west coast of Africa, to New York.

The *Forest City*, disabled by storms and with 11 of her crew suffering from beri-beri, reached San Juan on December 13, after a 71-day voyage from West Africa. In cable advices, it was said that the schooner would be towed to New York.

RINGLING BROTHER DEAD IN WISCONSIN

Baraboo, Wis., Jan. 1.—Al Ringling, 66 years old, died here today, of Bright's disease. He had been ill about a year. Mr. Ringling was the oldest of the Ringling Brothers, circus owners, who have their winter headquarters here. Mr. Ringling is survived by a widow.

BAD STORM IN ENGLAND.

London, Jan. 1.—Another storm of great severity swept over parts of England today, doing much damage. At Liverpool large shop windows were broken. Mamouthshire suffered extensively. Houses were unroofed and trees and wires blown down. It is feared coastwise shipping suffered heavily.

BROWN DEFEATED.

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 1.—Washington State college defeated Brown university here today in the first football game of 1916, by a score of 14 to 0.

THE WEATHER.

For North Dakota: Generally fair Sunday and Monday; somewhat colder Sunday; in southern and western portions.

NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION BY PRESIDENT

Public Reception Held in Hotel at Hot Springs Is Largely Attended.

DIPLOMATIC SITUATION TAKES HIS ATTENTION

Messages Pour in From All Parts of Country and From Foreign Governments.

Hot Springs, Va., Jan. 1.—President Wilson held his first official New Year's reception this evening in the lobby of the hotel here, where he and Mrs. Wilson are spending their honeymoon. He shook hands with about 500 persons and later was lost at a public tea.

The line of callers, mostly country people from a radius of thirty miles about Hot Springs, was received by the President and Mrs. Wilson as they stood before a fire place near the hotel entrance. Mr. Wilson greeted each cordially and smilingly introduced his bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson took a long motor ride and a three-mile walk today, after a rainstorm had driven them from the golf links. They motored to Warm Springs, Va., and returned by a circuitous route alighting at Healing Springs, three miles away and walking the remainder of the distance.

Information regarding the situation with Austria was forwarded to the president by Secretary Lansing today, but its nature was not disclosed. Mr. Wilson would not comment on the possible effect of the sinking of the liner *Persia*, saying he could not form any opinion until he had more complete information.

Many messages of New Year's greeting came to the president, several of them from heads of foreign governments.

SEVERAL GOOD BOUTS OPEN THE FIGHT YEAR

Young Ahearn Has Better of Al McCoy in Ten Round Bout in New York.

Cincinnati, Jan. 1.—Richie Mitchell of Milwaukee was given a popular decision in a fast ten-round bout with Johnnie Kilbain of Cleveland here this afternoon. Honors were about even in the first six rounds, although Mitchell forced the fighting most of the time. In the last four rounds, the Milwaukee fighter punished Kilbain severely, and according to the newspaper writers, earned a decision.

Ahearn-McCoy.

New York, Jan. 1.—Woutng Ahearn of Brooklyn had the better of Al McCoy, Brooklyn middleweight, in almost every round of a ten-round bout here today. Ahearn weighed 155, McCoy 162.

Ahearn is matched to box Mike Gibbons on Jan. 18 at St. Paul for the world's middleweight championship.

Taylor Knocked Out.

Sandusky, Ohio, Jan. 1.—Sam Taylor of Detroit and Toledo was knocked out in the seventh round of his scheduled twelve-round bout with Cal Delaney of Cleveland today. Taylor won 21 of his last 27 victories by the knock out method.

Harvey Gets Decision.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 1.—Johnnie Harvey, New York lightweight, was given the decision in a twelve-round bout with Willie Beecher, also of New York, here today. Beecher was badly beaten in every round. The weights were, Harvey 134 1/2 and Beecher 136.

FARGO RUMELY FORGE GETS SLICES OF MELON

Fargo, N. D., Jan. 1.—Manager Anseth of the local branch of the Rumely Products company distributed checks among the employes yesterday totaling \$6,139. This sum represents a portion of the surplus earnings of the local branch for the present year and was divided among 35 regular employes as bonuses. The exact amount of the surplus earnings to be distributed this year has not been determined, but it is expected it will reach \$10,000. The balance will be sent in checks and distributed later.

The amounts of the checks distributed yesterday ranged from \$160 up. Those receiving them were the sales force, the field and warehouse forces and the office force. The division is made not in proportion to the amount of salary the employes gets, but in proportion to the value of their respective services to the local branch.

BRITISH LINER PERSIA IS TORPEDOED; AMERICAN CONSUL BELIEVED LOST

Robert Mc Neely, American Consul at Aden and His Brother Were Passengers.

ATTACK OCCURS FOLLOWING DELIVERY OF ANCONA NOTE

New Dangers Now Threaten Diplomatic Relations With Teutonic Allies.

London, Jan. 1.—The announcement today of the sinking of the India bound British liner, *Persia*, near the island of Crete Thursday afternoon, caused surprise.

The *Persia* carried more than 200 passengers, and a crew of between 200 and 300. Reports received here have given rise to a fear that a majority of the passengers were lost, which, if true, makes this the most disastrous result of the submarine campaign since the sinking of the *Lusitania*.

British Officers Aboard.

Among the passengers were three Americans, Robert McNeely, American consul at Aden, Charles Grant, of Boston, and Edward Rose, of Denver. There were also thirty British officers aboard the *Persia* bound for India, including Lord Montagu.

Cable communication with the east is so slow that details of the disaster are not expected to arrive for a day or two. A majority of the *Persia's* passengers were British, bound for India, including many women.

STUDENT MEMBERS LEAVE PEACE PARTY

Mayor Lind Hagen of Stockholm Joins Party at Copenhagen; Will Go to Hague.

Copenhagen, via London, Jan. 1.—About one-third of the members of the Ford peace expedition, the majority of whom are students, will leave the party at Copenhagen. The remaining members of the party, about 100 Americans, are going to the Hague. The expedition has obtained information that it will possibly take six days' more time than is usually required for the voyage to the Hague on account of the ships being required to move only in the day time. Members of the expedition expressed a desire to reach the Hague as they are unable to obtain publicity or hold meetings in Copenhagen.

Mayor Lind Hagen, of Stockholm, has arrived in Copenhagen and joined the party.

REISER TO FACE MURDER CHARGE

Dickinson, N. D., Jan. 1.—Joe Reiser, confessed murderer of Joe Fink, near Bozeman, will not fight extradition and leaves tonight with a Montana sheriff on the North Coast Limited for the scene of the tragedy.

COURT GETS FUNDS FROM TITANIC OWNERS

New York, Jan. 1.—Counsel for the White Star Line, owners of the *Titanic*, today deposited with the clerk of the federal court the sum of \$119,125, representing all that is left of the passage and freight charges and salvage on lifeboats of the sunken liner.

This sum will be the court fund for the settlement of the claims if a decision of United States Judge Julius M. Mayer, as to the limitation of liabilities of the steamship company is upheld. The total claims are about \$2,500,000, but nearly all of the claimants have agreed to accept \$654,000 in full payment.

OSAGE INDIANS CITIZENS

Pawshuka, Okla., Jan. 1.—Oklahoma was presented with 229,900 men citizens, each of whom is worth \$30,000, when Judge Henry Hudson of the 24th judicial district handed down a decision today holding that all Osage Indians were full citizens of the United States, and as such were entitled to all rights, privileges and immunities granted in the 14th constitutional amendment.

WELTERWEIGHTS DRAW.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Ted Lewis, the English welterweight, and Willie Brennan boxed ten fast rounds to a draw here today.

Brother With McNulty.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 1.—Robert McNulty, the United States consul on board the torpedoed ship, *Persia*, (Continued on Page Four)