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## ITALY TO DECLARE WAR AGAINST GERMANY SOON

### DISPATCHES FROM BERNE, SWITZERLAND, SAY THAT DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST GERMANY BY ROME IS MATTER OF ONLY A FEW HOURS NOW.

Monday's Dispatches from Athens Question German Claims that Monastir Has Been Taken by Bulgarians, Serbian Gains there Being Reported in Athens—Berlin Claims Capture of Twer, Eight Hundred More Serbians, Four Cannon and Several Serbs, vs. Berlin Reports Bombardment of Ostend by Allied Warships, that Shore Batteries Forced Withdrawal of Allied Fleet—Italian S. M. S. ship Veronona Sends out Wireless Call for Help, telling of Pursuit of a Submarine—Differences Between Persia and Russia Said to Have Been Satisfactorily Adjusted and Russian Army Which Starts for Teheran, Will Change Course.

London, Nov. 20.—A declaration of war by Italy against Germany is a matter of hours according to dispatches received today from Berne, Switzerland, which said that diplomats there understand that the breach is coming. Madrid dispatches today say the Italian steamship Veronona has sent out a wireless message telling of her pursuit by a submarine near Veron in the eastern Mediterranean. Athens dispatches filed yesterday cast doubt on the reports that Monastir has fallen into the hands of the Bulgarians. The dispatches reported Serbians at Monastir. A report of Monastir's fall will be believed here however. Berlin announces the capture of twenty-eight hundred more Serbians, four cannon and seven towns in Serbia. The bombardment of Ostend by entente monitors is reported from Berlin, which says the coast batteries caused withdrawal of the warships.

Persia and Russia Agree. Tehran, Persia, Nov. 20.—The adjustment of the differences between Persia and Russia has caused the shah to announce an official agreement. The government is said to have overcome the difficulty by taking steps to stop agitation by German agents and to disarm the roving Russian troops, now appearing in this city, will change their

German Lines Thinner. London, Nov. 20.—Dispatches from the front say Russian military operations report the German lines on the front are growing increasingly thinner northeast of Riga. As an indication it is stated that in capturing the two marshes, the Russian found the sole defenders to be Germans with machine guns. The fighting of the recruits with which the Russians expect to strengthen their lines is proceeding rapidly. A dispatch to a London newspaper from the Russian Premier has having it that Russia intends to place 100,000 additional troops in the field if there was necessity for reinforcements by the people to produce the necessary equipment and munitions. The Austrians are still hammering at the Russian position on the front but while they are gaining a little day to day, they have not succeeded in the capture of Gorich which has again been under heavy attack for several days.

Railway Officials in City. New York, Nov. 20.—The general freight agent, H. Keef, assistant to the vice president of Galveston, C. C. Dane, in commission, W. J. Black, traffic manager, E. Champlin, Chicago and J. M. Connell, passenger agent, of Topeka, met in this city today for a conference. They will depart tonight for their respective districts.

Weather Forecast. New Orleans, La., Nov. 20.—The weather forecast for Sunday is unsettled and colder.

CONGRESSMAN RETURNS HOME. C. D. Carter Spent Week in District. People Like Democratic Prosperity. Congressman Chas. D. Carter has returned from a visit of a week to the southeastern portion of the state. He states that the farmers have raised a big feed crop, they are getting good prices for cotton and cotton seed and they are in much better condition than they were last year. At McAlester the democratic county central committee gave him a banquet that was attended by a vast number of the democrats of Pittsburg county. The democracy on the east side of the state, said Mr. Carter is united. Everything is working in harmony with them and they are so busy during these prosperous democratic days that they are not taking time to listen to republican or socialist speeches, and they will give no heed to them on voting day.

WILL INVESTIGATE SMUGGLING. Federal Authorities to Investigate the Charges of Smuggling in California. San Francisco, Calif., Nov. 20.—A broad inquiry into the immigration service of the Pacific coast has been instituted on authority of Secretary of Labor Wilson. The federal authorities will investigate the charges of smuggling in California.

GIVES CAR LINE TO CITY. Texan Offers San Angelo System as Christmas Present. San Angelo, Tex., Nov. 20.—The proffer of an entire street car system, valued at \$100,000, as a Christmas present from J. D. Sugg to this city, is being considered by the municipality. The company has not been profitable for several years.

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## HALF MILLION DOLLARS PAID OUT IN CLAIMS

SANTA FE, UP TO LAST NIGHT, HAD DISBURSED APPROXIMATELY FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Up to last night, the Santa Fe Railroad company had disbursed approximately five hundred and fifty thousand dollars for damages as a result of the recent explosion, and there are many of the larger claims still pending, which will increase the amount to over the million mark when all are settled.

Friday night the Pennington claim was disposed of, and the erection of the new Pennington building will begin. The committee has the claim of Captain Whittington for his hotel property under discussion, but a decision in this case is not looked for before Monday.

One thousand, five hundred three claims were disposed of up to Friday night, and about twenty-five added to that number yesterday. Filing has fallen off perceptibly in the past few days, and the committee and claim agents seem to think nearly all legitimate claims have been entered, although there are a few remaining pending additional data, relative to the case.

The claim agents hope to have the business entirely finished here by the first of December, but it will probably take longer than that, as there is a lot of work yet to do.

J. S. BILBY LIABLE

Court Holds Senator Owen Can Collect \$25,000.

Muskogee, Okla., Nov. 20.—Holding that Senator Robert L. Owen had in a recent suit traced sufficient property of the Indian Land and Trust company to more than take care of a judgment for \$25,000 which he held against the company, District Judge De Graffenried decided that J. S. Bilby, a millionaire land owner, was liable for the judgment. Bilby and his son were formerly associated with the senator and took over the property of the trust company.

## A DISGRACE TO OKLAHOMA SAYS OIL MAN

HAS BEEN IN OIL FIELDS FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, BUT HEALDTON IS WORST HE EVER SAW.

"I have been in oil fields for the past 25 years," said a man last night from the Healdton field, "but I have never seen a place as rough as the Healdton field is now. Hold-ups are growing very frequent and men are becoming afraid to go on morning towers, which begin at midnight. These men have been accustomed not to take any money with them, but one fellow was badly beaten up because he did not have anything. The highwayman told him next time to carry at least the price of a meal with him. It seems that they are planning to make the people afraid not to carry money with them, so they can be relieved."

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## SUIT INVOLVES VALUABLE OIL LAND LEASES

TWENTY ACRES IN HEART OF PROVEN FIELD, WITH SEVERAL PRODUCING WELLS, NOW IN LITIGATION.

A suit was filed in the district court yesterday by Atchison Hickman, through his attorney, Hugh Ledbetter, against R. H. Chowning and J. E. Crosbie, asking the court to annul a lease contract existing between the parties involved, and, pending the settlement of the question by the court, asks that a receiver be appointed to take charge of the oil from the land.

The land in question is 20 acres in 10-4-3, and petitioner alleges that, while yet a minor, the guardian, Watson Billy, granted this lease to the

defendants without his consent, and makes various other allegations. The petition sets forth the fact that the property is now producing 150 barrels of oil a day, but is capable of producing 600 barrels.

Petitioner prays, among other things, that the court annul this lease contract and that pending the action of the court, a receiver be appointed.

## Quick Construction Work

Henry T. Hunt of Hunt's Planing Mill has broken the record in quick construction in putting in the new front to the Jones building on West Main street. The completion was made within ten days from the time work was started. The class of work is the best and adds materially to the beauty of that section of the main business thoroughfare.

## STROMBOLI MORE ACTIVE

Volcano Increasing Force of Eruption—Visible Many Miles. Catania, Sicily, Nov. 20.—The eruption of Stromboli volcano is increasing in its force, say passengers arriving here today by steamship. Streams of lava are visible at night for many miles out to sea.

## KILLED BY HIS BROTHER

Fourteen-Year-Old Lad Held in Paris Jail for Slaying Brother. Paris, Tex., Nov. 20.—John Cunningham, aged 20, was mortally injured in a fight with his 14-year-old brother last night five miles north of here. The lad is in jail here, following the death of his brother, John Cunningham.

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It is reported that the vessel landed its cargo in Mexico. The vessel has been suspected by England of attempting to transport its supply to Germany.

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## ANOTHER OF ALLEGED HOLD-UPS IN JAIL

"CURLY" GRAY, SAID TO HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE THREE RAGTOWN HOLDUPS, PLACED IN JAIL.

Friday afternoon Deputy Sheriff Gantt placed in the county jail "Curly" Gray, alleged to be one of the three men who attempted to hold up a cafe at Wirt Thursday night, in which one of the numbers was fatally shot, and died in the sanitarium Friday morning, and an innocent bystander received a wound from which he also died shortly after being brought to the Hardy sanitarium in this city.

The remains of Pete Bynum, alleged to be the leader of the gang which attempted the holdup, were prepared for burial and were shipped to Elk City, where he has relatives. The remains of Allen Williams were shipped to his home at Davidson, Oklahoma. Bynum was 29 years of age and Williams is 22. The officers state they have the evidence of Gray and also that they know who the third party is, but refuse to divulge his name until they have made the arrest. Gray, it is reported, has been a local character about Wirt for some time, and his reputation is not of the best.

Sheriff Garrett stated that he would have the third man within a short time, and also stated that there is going to be a revolution of conditions in that portion of the oil fields lying in Carter county,—and that speedily.

## RIG BUILDER DIED AT THE SANITARIUM

CLAIRE FERGUSON LINGERS FOR THREE DAYS AND FINALLY SUCCUMBS TO INJURIES RECEIVED IN FALL.

Claire Ferguson, the young man who fell from an oil rig which he was helping demolish in the Healdton field, sustaining a fractured skull, succumbed to his injuries Saturday morning, after lingering for three days in a semi-conscious condition.

With him at the time of his death were his father and mother from Tulsa, and his brother and wife of Wirt.

The remains were prepared for burial yesterday morning by Brown & Bridgman, and will be shipped to Gibsonburg, the old home, for burial. His father and mother, who are now living at Tulsa, arrived shortly before his death. Mr. Ferguson, Senior, has long been associated with the oil business, and is a prominent Mason.

Claire Ferguson was a young man very popular with his associates, and they are all deeply grieved at his untimely death. He was but 29 years, 8 months and 10 days old, and was a magnificent specimen of young manhood.

## MANY THANKSGIVING PARDONS.

Governor of Texas to Free Hundred Fifty Convicts. Austin, Tex., Nov. 20.—Governor Ferguson early next week will issue one hundred and fifty Thanksgiving pardons. Many of those to receive clemency were recommended by the late prison board and senate committee, which made an investigation of convict life.

The ladies of the Broadway Methodist church will tender a reception to their new minister Tuesday evening at the church at eight o'clock. Members are cordially invited.



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