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TEUTONIC ALLIES WORRIED OVER ROUMANIA'S ATTITUDE

REPORT THAT ROUMANIA WILL SEND ULTIMATUM TO AUSTRIA, CAUSES MUCH UNEASINESS TO THE CENTRAL POWERS.

Entente Powers on Other Hand are Concerned Over Greece's Refusal to Concede them Unrestricted Use of Saloniki as Base for Operations—Further Military Diplomatic Difficulties in Balkans Appear Certain—Bulgaria Said to be Opposing Idea of Giving Bulgarian Domination of Balkan States—Kaiser's Visit to Vienna and Resignation of Three Members of Austrian Cabinet Cause Wide Speculation as to State of Affairs in Austria—Italians Claim Further Progress in their Desperate Battle for Possession of Gorizia, Austrians Admitting Slight Withdrawal There—Quiet on the Western Fronts—Rome Reports Visit of Emperor William to Vienna Was to Stop Reports that Austria Would Ask for Separate Peace.

London, Dec. 1.—A Bucharest dispatch states that Roumania will deliver an ultimatum to Austria as soon as the entente allies concentrate a hundred thousand men in the Balkans.

Roumania's reported intention to send an ultimatum to Austria when the allies concentrate preponderant forces in the Balkans is causing the Central Powers great uneasiness, while Greece's refusal to concede the entente allies unrestricted use of Saloniki as a base and her declination to remove the Greek army from Macedonia, is of equal concern to the entente powers. This indicates further military diplomatic difficulties in the Balkans.

Austria also is reported opposed to the idea of possible Bulgarian domination of the Balkan states.

The Kaiser's visit to Vienna, the resignation of three members of the Austrian cabinet, and the rumors of an Austrian peace move, have given rise to a wide range of speculation as to the state of affairs in Austria. The Austrian cabinet changes, which are the most important of any among the central powers during the war, came simultaneously with the Kaiser's visit to Vienna, Monday. Authentic information as to the reason of these retirements has not been received here.

Excepting the capture of Prisrent by the Bulgarians with fifteen thousand Serbians, no marked change has occurred in the Serbian military situation. The fate of Monastir is still obscure.

The Italians claim further progress in their desperate struggle for Gorizia, here the Austrians admit they have been forced to make a slight withdrawal.

The eastern fronts are comparatively quiet.

Cause of Kaiser's Visit.

Rome, Dec. 1.—The real object of Emperor William's visit to Vienna, according to the Tribuna, was to stop the efforts Austria is making for negotiations through Madrid with the Vatican, for separate peace with the quadruple entente. Vienna and Berlin disagree, it is said, over the peace question. Germany desires to treat separately with each of the allies, break up the quadruple entente and then crush England. Vienna, the Tribuna says, on the other hand, desires real lasting peace to relieve the tension, which is becoming to great for Austria.

Three Ministers Resigned

Amsterdam, Dec. 1.—Reports are

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., Dec. 1.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is fair and colder with freezing temperature of 23 to 28 degrees; Thursday fair and warmer in the western portion.

confirmed by the publication of an autograph letter from Emperor Francis Joseph, that the Austrian ministers of interior, finance and commerce have resigned. The acceptance of these resignations were qualified with the proviso that their service would be required if needed.

British Steamer Sunk

London, Dec. 1.—The British steamship Kingsway has been sunk and five of their crew are missing.

Italians Fight Desperately.

London, Dec. 1.—Interest in military operations has been transferred from the Balkan theater to war to the Austro-Italian frontier, where King Victor Emmanuel's troops are carrying on a vigorous offensive against the Austrians.

The fighting on this front has been the most sustained and fiercest of the whole war. For weeks the Italians have been attacking the Austrian bridgeheads and mountain positions along the Isonzo river and are slowly drawing their nets around Tolmino, Gorizia and Doberdo. Their attacks after positions against the Austrians have been most carefully prepared and, while the Austrians report that the majority of these assaults have been repulsed, their account are considered here to have been so worded as to prepare the public for their retirement from Gorizia at least. This, for the present, is Italy's contribution to the Balkan operations of the allies, for it keeps a large force of Austrians busy and makes it necessary for them continually to bring up reinforcements which could be employed against the Montenegrins and Serbians. The Serbians, unless followed into Albania, may in time, it is believed, reappear as a rejuvenated army. It is said that 250,000 Serbians, including soldiers and civilians, have taken refuge there and that they have saved all their mountain batteries and a portion of their field guns.

German papers state that Field Marshal Mackensen's army, with Bulgarians and Turks, is to be directed against the Anglo-French forces in the south, but it is thought many of them will go down the Danube to meet the Russian menace. The public is expecting every day to hear of the movement of the Russian army, which the emperor recently reviewed in Bessarabia, but apparently the negotiations with Roumania for the use of the Danube have not been concluded. A Budapest report goes so far as to say that Roumania has refused permission to the Russians to use the river through Roumanian territory, which would be the more convenient route for an attack on western Bulgaria.

SEEK PARDONS

Executive Clemency Asked for Beall and Guinn, of Kingfisher County

Washington, Nov. 30.—Members of the Oklahoma delegation have arranged for a conference with the department of justice to press the application for pardons for Beall and Guinn, the Kingfisher county election officials who were sentenced to the penitentiary for practices growing out of the enforcement of the Oklahoma grandfather law. The application for pardon has been presented to the president.

Representative Scott Ferris, who reached Washington from Lawton today, said sentiment in Oklahoma was strong for executive clemency being extended.

STATE BANKERS MEET DEC. 14.

Annual Convention Will Be Held at Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 30.—The annual meeting of the State Bankers' Association of Oklahoma will be held in this city, Dec. 14.—The meeting will not be so important as that of one year ago, which made nominations to the office of Bank Commissioner and members of the State Banking Board. There will be a few members of the council to elect a general discussion of banking affairs.

BAD CHECK ARTISTS ARE NOW RARITY

ALTHOUGH OCCASIONALLY THE OFFICERS ARE CALLED UPON TO DEAL WITH THIS CLASS — COUPLE CAUGHT MONDAY.

Monday, officers Brazil and Leech captured a couple of bad check artists who had succeeded in inducing several merchants of the city to cash the paper for small amounts. One man became suspicious, and upon investigation found that the banks upon which the checks were drawn contained no funds to the credit of these individuals. The officers above mentioned were notified and soon had their men in the toils. They turned them over to Deputy Sheriff Kendall, as the case was beyond the jurisdiction of the city courts. Yesterday they were to have had a preliminary hearing, but upon agreement of the parties concerned, they agreed not to prosecute, and upon the amounts of the checks being made good, they were released.

The county attorney states that no information has been filed against these persons, but he further stated that from now on there is going to be a rigid prosecution of any bad check artist, regardless of the wishes of anyone concerned.

EXPLANATION FROM ENGLAND IS DEMANDED

UNITED STATES TO RESENT THE SEIZURE OF VESSELS FLYING AMERICAN FLAG, AND WHICH WERE REQUISITIONED.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—Secretary Lansing today instructed Ambassador Page at London to inquire of the British government whether American Transatlantic Company's vessels, which were seized while flying the American flag, were not requisitioned without prize court proceedings, and if so, to file a vigorous protest.

Lansing acted upon information from the owners of the detained vessels, the Hocking and Genesee, who claimed that they are about to be requisitioned.

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BARGAIN DAY NOW ASSURED BIG SUCCESS

BUSINESS MEN OF CITY ARE TAKING INTEREST IN THE COMING EVENT AND WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO OFFER.

Every leading progressive merchant in the city has signed the agreement with the Business Men's association to offer special inducements for Ardmore's big bargain day Wednesday, December 15.

The final details of the big plan were worked out at the meeting Tuesday night, and without an exception every merchant who has signed up has expressed his intention of living up to the contract and to offer on that day some bargains which could not be bought either before or after the bargain day.

It was also agreed that no store would open a minute before 8 o'clock or at least that none of the bargains would be offered until that time. Some have decided to have special bargain hours, so that at certain times during the day extra offerings would be made.

Secretary Gilbert of the Business Men's association, who has worked up the plan, announces today that thousands of circulars will be distributed throughout the trade territory and that he will take charge of the work personally, seeing that every circular falls into the hands of prospective shoppers.

The circular will go to the printer Thursday morning and he will begin the work of circularizing next Monday. With more than sixty merchants supporting the proposition, the list will be held open until 9 o'clock Thursday morning, at which time it will be closed. If for any reason any merchant has delayed adding his name to the list, it can be turned in to the secretary up until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

ALL FAVOR RE-NUMBERING OF HOUSES

INFORMALLY DISCUSSED AT THE ROOMS OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LAST NIGHT PRIOR TO BUSINESS MEN'S MEETING.

Prior to the calling to order of the Business Men's association at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce last night, the editorial appearing in Tuesday's issue of The Ardmoreite, relative to re-numbering the houses of the city, and re-stenciling the streets, was informally discussed, and all were a unit in believing that it should be done, and done immediately.

The present system of northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest as a manner of division was endorsed, but the numbering of the blocks and the re-stenciling of the streets was recommended for a radical change for the better, as the present system is more of a Chinese, puzzle even

to the old residents, than anything else.

The matter will be taken up with the city commissioners and the mayor in a few days, and something will be done toward accomplishing the desired condition, which was exceedingly popular from the very first.

The last time the streets were numbered, it was done under the supervision of some contractor who had a lot of numbers to sell for cash, and he was not any too particular as to whether the numbers fitted the blocks or not, so long as he will be able to collect for them. This has resulted in confusion ever since, and the public is anxious to be rid of it.

ACTIVITY AMONG KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT — WILL CONFERR RANK WORK AT MARIETTA MONDAY NIGHT.

Great interest is being manifested by the local Pythians of the city over the pending election of officers which will occur Thursday night at their regular convention. The most enthusiastic members have personally interested themselves and there will be a number of candidates for the various offices.

The rank of Page will also be conferred upon two applicants at this meeting, the work to begin promptly at 8 o'clock. The saxophone sextet will be used in this work and a short musical program will be given during the meeting. The saxophone organization which is strictly a Knights of Pythias musical effort, is making rapid progress in its work. All members are urged to be present Thursday evening.

Next Monday night the local lodge will go to Marietta to confer rank work for the lodge there. The sextette will go by special invitation and will take part in the work as arranged for them. This is the first time the organization will appear in public away from home, but they have been diligently at work and will make a creditable showing, notwithstanding the short time since the sextette was organized. Before long it is expected that the number and instrumentation will be materially increased, as several inquiries have already been received, some from outside the city who want to locate here simply because they will have an opportunity of joining such an organization.

GETS CHECK CASHED AND SKIPPED

BETRAYS CONFIDENCE OF HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW AND NOW IS FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE, WITH OFFICERS CLOSE BEHIND.

Recently Mrs. Lucy Wilkes of this city, who sustained some loss as a result of the recent explosion, was settled with, and she was given a check for \$125 to cover the amount of the claim. This amount was a Godsend to the woman, who is in none too good circumstances, and it would have been the means of providing many necessities for herself and family during the winter months, had it not been for her son-in-law.

In some manner he became possessed of the check and after writing a note to the cashier of the First National bank, upon which the check was drawn, forging the woman's name, he proceeded to hand both the check and note to the cashier, and the check was cashed. Before very long the woman found that she had been defrauded of her money and the officers were notified. The sheriff's force as well as the city police are watching for the recreant son-in-law, and the officers in other places have been notified to be on the lookout for him.

EXPLOSION IS STILL MYSTERY

OFFICIALS OF DUPONT COMPANY UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN CAUSE OF YESTERDAY'S EXPLOSION.

ANOTHER BIG SCARE

Small Explosion Today Threw Fright Into Hearts of Those Who Passed Through Yesterday's Explosion, Which Killed Thirty.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 1.—A small explosion at another powder plant here this morning caused much excitement, following yesterday's disaster, which resulted in the death of thirty persons. No one was hurt in today's explosion.

The cause of yesterday's explosion is still undetermined.

Thirty Workmen Killed.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 1.—Thirty workmen were killed, and seven injured Tuesday in an explosion of about four tons of black powder at the Upper Hagley yard of the Dupont Powder company. It was the worst accident that has occurred in any of the company's plants in a quarter of a century.

The cause of the blast is not known. According to a statement issued by the company the origin "probably always will remain a mystery." Nevertheless a most searching investigation has been instituted.

There was the usual rumor afloat that some outside agency may have caused the explosion, but officials said Tuesday night there was no evidence to support such a theory.

Nearly all the victims of the blast were young men between 16 and 21 years of age. The greater number of them lived in and about Wilmington.

The explosion occurred in a packing house where black powder pellets are prepared for shipment. These pellets are used in rifles and for other purposes. Much of the powder, if not all, was being shipped to the nations engaged in the European war.

It was 1:30 o'clock when a slight explosion was followed by another, a trifle heavier, which was quickly succeeded by a terrific blast that not only rocked the whole valley, but shook and startled Wilmington. When the smoke cloud disappeared there was only a big hole in the ground marking the spot where the packing house had been.

Twenty-six men were in the packing house when the powder went off and not enough of them was found for identification with the exception of Allan A. Thaxter, foreman, whose home was in Portland, Me. Part of his body was found hanging on a tree across historic Brandywine creek.

It was identified by shreds of clothing that still clung to it.

Arms, legs and bits of flesh were found as far as a quarter of a mile distant from the scene of the disaster. Part of the bodies of two horses, caught in the blast, were blown more than a quarter of a mile.

One workman who rushed to help at whatever rescue work there was to do, spied an arm floating down in the rapid current of the creek and fished it out with a stick.

Four of the thirty men killed were

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On and after Wednesday, December 1, the following rules will be in effect:

Copy for display ads. to be run in the Daily, on week days, will be accepted until 11 a. m., the day ad. is to be run.

Copy for display ads. to be run in the Sunday issue will be accepted until 1 p. m., on preceding Saturday.

In order to accommodate advertisers, space may be reserved, at the hours stipulated, and copy will be accepted until 1 p. m., week days, and 3 p. m., on Saturday. Regular charge being made for space reserved, if copy is not received at these hours.

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