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COMMONS VOTES INCREASE OF MILLION MEN IN BRITISH ARMY

ALL NIGHT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WAS HELD LAST NIGHT, BRINGS TOTAL BRITISH STRENGTH ON PAPER TO FOUR MILLION MEN.

Teutons Taking Advantage of Withdrawal of British from Gallipoli to Bring Roumania and Greece to their Side, but Russia is Counteracting this by Reported Capture of Varna, Bulgarian Black Sea Port—Constantinople Claims British Left Their Sick and Wounded in Withdrawal from Gallipoli—Operations in West Hampered by Bad Weather, but British Claim Germans Suffered Heavy Losses Near Armentieres, and French Claim Capture of Twelve Hundred Germans at Hartman's Weilerkopf—Cologne Gazette Says British Troops Stationed on Island of Eastern Mediterranean are Being Sent to Saloniki—Serbian Treasury Sent to Paris for Safe Keeping.

London, Dec. 22.—After an all night session, the house of commons early today granted an increase of one million men in the British army, bringing its strength on paper up to four million men.

The Teutons are reported taking advantage of the moral effect of the withdrawal from part of the Gallipoli peninsula by attempting to again bring Greece and Roumania to their side. If the reported capture of Varna is correct, Russia apparently is losing no time in trying to forestall these efforts.

Constantinople advices state that the British even left their sick and wounded when they withdrew from the Gallipoli peninsula.

Operations on the western front are badly hampered by the unfavorable weather, but the British claim that the Germans suffered heavy losses near Armentieres when they attempt to occupy craters made by the British mines.

Paris reports twelve hundred German prisoners were taken when the French captured a portion of the enemy's positions yesterday at Hartman's Weilerkopf. An official Berlin statement says part of these positions were recaptured today.

Bombardment Was Ineffectual
Constantinople, Dec. 22.—An official statement from the Dardanelles front says, hostile ships ineffectually bombarded until late last night the different camps in an effort to destroy the booty abandoned by the British when they withdrew. An attack on the tenth sector of the Caucasus front was repulsed. Hostile attacks at Dardanelles were repeatedly repulsed.

Concentrating at Saloniki
Berlin, Dec. 22.—The Cologne Gazette reports that the British troops stationed on Imbros, Lemnos and Tenedos Islands in the eastern Mediterranean have been sent to Saloniki.

Serbs Treasury to Paris
Marseilles, Dec. 22.—Eighteen million francs, constituting the Serbian treasury, has arrived here on its way to Paris, where it will be deposited in the Franco-Serbian bank.

Conqueror of Liege Dead.
Berlin, Dec. 22.—General Von Emmich, the conqueror of Liege, is dead at Hanover, according to the Overseas Agency.

Tired of the War.
New York, Dec. 22.—Heien Keller and other blind persons are receiving uncensored news from the belligerent European capitals expressing the true sentiment of the working people over the intolerable conditions, because the censors were unable to read Braille's shorthand system for the blind. Miss Keller says, European laboring people are tired of the war.

WEATHER FORECAST
New Orleans, La., Dec. 22.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is fair, Thursday partly cloudy and colder.

GETS VERDICT AGAINST THE FRISCO R. R.

PLAINTIFF AWARDED DAMAGES IN THE SUM OF ONE THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS IN DISTRICT COURT YESTERDAY.

Yesterday afternoon in the district court, the jury in the case of W. E. St. John vs. the Frisco Railroad company, returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff and assessed damages against the road for personal injuries in the sum of \$1,025.

St. John, who was driving a wagon across the railway tracks about a year ago, on the Third avenue crossing, was struck by a switch engine, his wagon demolished and he was injured. He entered suit against the railway company for \$2,975, but the jury awarded him only the amount stipulated above. No notice of appeal from the decision has been made by the railway company to date.

pe's hearts are almost at the breaking point.

New Dardanelles Commander.
London, Dec. 22.—Lieutenant General Sir Archibald Murray has been appointed to succeed Sir Charles Munro as the British Dardanelles commander. Munro is transferred to the command of the first British army in France, succeeding Douglas Haig, the new commander in chief of the British army in France.

Austrian Submarine Captured.
Paris, Dec. 22.—A Malta dispatch says an Austrian submarine has been captured by two torpedo boats, presumably Italian.

Emperor William III.
Berlin, Dec. 22.—Emperor William is suffering from a slight inflammation of the cellular system. He has abandoned his trip to the western front.

Varna Taken by Russians.
London, Dec. 22.—The Daily Chronicle reports the capture of Varna, Bulgaria's chief Black Sea port, by the Russians. It says the bombardment of the Russians silenced the Bulgarian guns and laid the town in ruins. The garrison suffered heavily. The Russians then, according to the report, landed infantry and artillery without loss and in sufficient force to hold the town against Bulgarian attack.

VON PAPAN SAILS
Recalled Military Attache Left Today for Home.

New York, Dec. 22.—Captain Franz von Papan, the recalled German military attache, sailed for Germany on the Noordam today. He said he felt no bitterness toward Americans and is convinced that Germany's enemies will be unable to embroil Germany and the United States in war.

Lived up your business—try the Want Ads.

ARDMORE WILL HAVE ONE BLOCK WHITE WAY

H. E. FOSTER OF ARDMORE ICE, LIGHT & POWER COMPANY, AGREES TO INSTALL A BLOCK AS EXPERIMENT.

At the meeting of the city commissioners last night, while the white way proposition was under consideration, H. E. Foster of the Ardmore Ice, Light & Power company agreed to put in one block at his own expense as an experiment, if the city would permit him to do so. The proposition was promptly agreed to by the commissioners, and Mr. Foster will begin immediately to install the necessary lights and standards on the south side of the block on Main street between Washington and Mill. He will erect either four or five standards as the requirements demand and will leave them in for sixty days, paying all expenses and furnishing the electricity, to show the citizens of the city what they will get if they decide to install the system the entire length of main street.

Mayor Mullen has been working on this proposition for some time, and has secured the assurance of many of the property owners that they would gladly purchase the poles in front of their property if the city decides to change the lighting system on Main street.

Mr. Foster has faith enough in the system that he is willing to go to considerable expense to demonstrate it, and he confidently expects that the citizens will be glad to adopt it in the future.

The work will be finished and the lights turned on within thirty days.

GAME LAWS IN CHAOTIC CONDITION

MISTAKE IN WRITING THE BILL FOR THE GOVERNOR TO SIGN CAUSES MUCH CONFUSION — MAY GO TO COURT.

According to the present state of affairs, there will be somewhat of a mixup in the interpretation of the game laws as applied to the state of Oklahoma this season, and there seems to be a diversity of opinion as to when the open and closed season on quail exists in the state.

The law, as it appears on the statute books, says that the open season is from December first to January first, but it is contended that this is an error, that the law as passed by the legislature stated the open season was from December first to January fifteenth, but that in some manner was changed before presenting it to the governor for his signature, and he signed the bill, making it read the first instead of the fifteenth.

Some contend that this is the law, while others state that the law as passed by the legislature is the one they will be governed by, and will take the matter to the courts if necessary.

Several well known sportsmen say they are going to give the game warden an opportunity of testing the validity of the law, and will hunt quail until the fifteenth day of the coming month. This will be watched with interest by many sportsmen of the state.

WILL KEEP SHOPS BUSY
Contract Signed at Denison Today Will Keep Shops Busy.

Denison, Tex., Dec. 22.—Contracts were awarded here today which will keep the local Katy railroad shops busy for three years. Several hundred men are affected.

METHODISTS TO MAKE MANY IMPROVEMENTS

BROADWAY METHODIST CHURCH WILL EXPEND FROM SEVEN TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ON IMPROVEMENTS.

The congregation of the Broadway Methodist church is preparing to make some extensive improvements on the church in the near future. It is planned to spend from seven to ten thousand dollars in enlarging the present edifice, making more and larger class rooms and otherwise improving the interior and exterior of the church.

Rev. Welsh, pastor in charge, says that he has hopes of a great future for the Broadway Methodist church, and wants the edifice to be of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably all its members. He begins his work here with the assurance of his flock that he has their hearty cooperation and will no doubt do wonderful things for the church in this city.

Church matters were never so active in the city as at the present time and all denominations are preparing to expand to meet the demands of a growing city.

GIRL IS FATALLY BURNED
Clothing Catches Fire From Burning Grass on Roadside.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 21.—The 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Starkey, living twenty miles east of here, was fatally burned today when her clothing caught fire from burning grass along the roadside as she was going to school.

CITY COUNCIL IN REGULAR SESSION WORK

RAISE SALARIES OF POLICE AND FIREMEN AND PRESENT THE LATTER WITH NEW RAIMENT, AS CHRISTMAS GIFT.

At the regular meeting of the Board the salaries of the police and firemen of the city were raised five dollars per month in all cases where the men are not already getting the maximum, and the city voted to present each member of the police department with a new uniform as a Christmas gift.

The salary of the chief of police was not raised, as he is an elective officer, and his salary is fixed by charter.

It was voted to pay off all employees of the city in order that they may have Christmas money to spend. The warrants have all been filled out and signed.

The question of the white way was discussed, and it was decided to accept the offer of H. E. Foster of the Ardmore Ice, Light & Power company to install at his own expense an experimental block of lights according to specifications in the hands of the mayor.

Several resolutions relative to paying districts were passed and the routine business of the city transacted before adjournment.

HOUSE REPRESENTS WILSON

Will Visit Europe to Determine Opinion of Various Governments.
Washington, Dec. 22.—An authoritative announcement says E. M. House's visit to Europe is to dispense the view of the United States on general international questions and attempt to determine the state of official and public opinion of the various countries.

The Weekly Ardmoreite reaches the farmer.

UNITED STATES RENEWS DEMANDS MADE IN FIRST NOTE TO AUSTRIA

SECOND NOTE TO THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING SINKING OF ANCONA WAS MADE PUBLIC BY SECRETARY LANSING TODAY.

Reply to the Austrian Note Says Official Admission of the Austrian Admiralty that the Ancona Was Torpedoed After She Had Stopped and While Passengers Were Still on Board, Alone is Sufficient for American Demand for Disavowal, Reparation and Punishment of the Submarine Commander—Lansing's Note Emphasizes to Austria that Continuance of Friendly Relations Between the Two Countries Depends Upon the Action of the Austrian Government—United States Holds Austrian Government Responsible for Act of its Naval Commander and Renews Demands as Contained in the First Note Sent on December 6th—Sinking of Vessel Termed a Lawless Act—Note Supposed to be Now in Hands of Austrian Foreign Minister.

JUAREZ IS TRANQUIL AGAIN TODAY

ONE THOUSAND MORE MEXICAN TROOPS REPORTED ARRIVED THERE TO SURRENDER TO CARANZA.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 22.—Juarez is tranquil again today after yesterday's rioting, which resulted in the deaths of ten Mexicans and one American.

It is reported that one thousand more troops have arrived there from the south to surrender to the Caranza consulate.

To Release Americans.
Washington, Dec. 22.—The release of the thirty Americans detained at Chihuahua was the condition imposed on Villa in granting him permission to enter the United States. Villa's whereabouts is still unknown today.

PITTSBURG SAVINGS BANK IS CLOSED

WITH MORE THAN TEN MILLION DOLLARS ON DEPOSIT, SAVINGS BANK DID NOT OPEN DOORS TODAY.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 22.—The Pittsburg Bank for Savings, with more than ten million dollars of deposits, failed to open this morning. A notice tacked on the door says it was closed by order of the state banking department.

The greater part of the deposits was Christmas money. The depositors included thirty thousand school children, who made weekly deposits in their savings account.

TO PATRONS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Your children have done excellent work in the schools this year. They have also prepared a splendid program in their respective rooms for tomorrow afternoon, beginning at one o'clock.

I wish to cordially and earnestly invite you to be present at these exercises in the respective schools to witness these programmes, observe the work on exhibition, and join the teachers and pupils in the spirit of the season.

Respectfully,
C. W. RICHARDS,
Superintendent.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The reply of the United States to Austria on the destruction of the Italian liner Ancona declares that the official admission of the Austrian admiralty that the liner was torpedoed after she had stopped and while passengers still were aboard, alone is sufficient for the American demand for disavowal, reparation and punishment of the submarine commander.

Secretary Lansing's second note probably already in the hands of the Austrian foreign minister and made public here today, renews the demands of the United States and says the details to which Austria referred in her reply to the first American communication are in no way essential to the discussion. It emphasizes that continuance of good relations between the two countries depends upon the action of the Austrian government. The text of the note follows:

"The government of the United States has received the note of Your Excellency relative to the sinking of the Ancona, which was delivered at Vienna on December 15, 1915, and transmitted to Washington, and has given the note immediate and careful consideration.

"On November 15, 1915, Baron Zwielinek, the charge d'affaires of the Imperial and Royal government at Washington, transmitted to the department of state a report of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty with regard to the sinking of the steamship Ancona, in which it was admitted that the vessel was torpedoed after her engines had been stopped and when passengers were still on board. This admission alone is, in view of the government of the United States, sufficient to fix upon the commander of the submarine which fired the torpedo, the responsibility for having willfully violated the recognized law of nations and entirely disregarded those humane principles which every belligerent should observe in the conduct of war at sea.

"In view of these admitted circumstances, the government of the United States feels justified in holding that the details of the sinking of the Ancona, the weight and character of the additional testimony corroborating the admiralty's report, and the number of Americans killed or injured, are in no way essential matters of discussion. The culpability of the commander is in any case established and the undisputed fact is that citizens of the United States were killed, injured or put in jeopardy by his lawless act.

"The rules of international law and the principles of humanity which were thus willfully violated by the commander of the submarine have been

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You can't shop early now but you can defeat late shopping. Only 2 more shopping days until Christmas