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## ARTILLERY FIGHTING TODAY ALONG WHOLE VOSGES FRONT

### GREAT ARTILLERY BATTLE IN PROGRESS ALONG THE WHOLE VOSGES FRONT ACCORDING TO THE PARIS WAR OFFICE. ALLIED AVIATORS REPORT "NO TEUTONIC MOVEMENT AGAINST SALONIKI."

It is Now Believed There is Little Danger of Military Operations Extending into Greece—Petrograd Claims Successful Naval Engagement in Black Sea—King Victor Emanuel Unofficially Reported in Berlin as Having Been Wounded—King Constantine of Greece, According to Unofficial Reports, Expresses Belief that Allies Will Overcome Teutons as Central Powers Cannot Indefinitely Resist Economic Pressure.

London, Dec. 28.—Great artillery activity along the whole Vosges front is reported by the Paris war office today, following several days of quiet.

Allied aviators report no sign of a Teutonic move against Saloniki, says an Athens dispatch, and it is now believed there is little danger of the military operations extending into Greece.

Petrograd reports a successful naval engagement in the Black Sea with a probable loss of an enemy's submarine.

King Victor Emanuel is unofficially reported in Berlin as having been wounded by an Austrian grenade.

#### Allies to Seize Mail

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—The allies intend seizing all mail from the United States suspected of being destined for Germany, it was learned here today. This was brought about by the shipment of contraband by mail from German sympathizers in America to the Fatherland.

#### German Prince Dead

London, Dec. 28.—The death of Prince Egon zu Hohenlohe-Schillingsfurst, son of Germany's late imperial chancellor, is announced from Amsterdam today.

#### House and Whitlock Sail

New York, Dec. 28.—Col. E. M. House, Captain Karl Boyed, and Minister Brand Whitlock sailed today on the steamer Rotterdam.

#### Predicts Success of Allies

Athens, Dec. 28.—King Constantine of Greece thinks that the allies may overcome the Teutons in the present struggle, according to unofficial reports of an interview between the monarch and General Castellau. King Constantine is said to believe that the Central Powers cannot indefinitely resist the economic pressure.

#### England Modifies Order

Washington, Dec. 28.—The Red Cross was today informed that England has modified her rule against the shipment of hospital supplies, and will permit their passage.

#### New French Offensive

Berlin, Dec. 28.—A French offensive in the west is reported officially today, but the details are lacking. The drive was near the recent desperate fighting at Hartman's Weidloch.

#### Indian Troops Leave France

London, Dec. 28.—The departure of the Indian army from France "for another field of action" was the most important feature of Monday's news, so far as the British public is concerned. Whether the new field of action is Egypt or Mesopotamia, is not announced; in both these theaters there are presumably already considerable bodies of Indian troops.

It is assumed that the places of the Indians in France have been filled by

#### WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., Dec. 28.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight and Wednesday is fair with rising temperature Wednesday and in the western portion tonight.

The land and water transportation lines leading into New York are facing greatest congestion of their history. Fifty thousand loaded freight cars are on sidings.

#### SOME DESIRE PEACE

Ford Peace Party Meeting Shows Some Belligerents Want Peace. Stockholm, Sweden, Dec. 28.—Last night's Ford peace party meeting here brought out the statement that secret information reveals that certain belligerents are willing to negotiate for peace.

#### WON'T DISMISS SUIT.

Defendants in New Haven Case Seek Dismissal of Prosecution. New York, Dec. 28.—United States District Judge Hunt today denied the defendants' motion to dismiss the government's prosecution of the New Haven case against William Rockefeller and of the others, and the defense took up its testimony. The case is said to be nearing its conclusion.

## ROBERTSON THE STRONGEST FACTOR NOW

### IS LEADING DEMOCRAT IN GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION FORECAST — STEADY GROWTH IN SPIRIT OF ALL.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 27.—That J. B. A. Robertson is far away in the lead at this time of all those who have gubernatorial ambitions is the general opinion of the statesmen in the Mercantile building.

It is pointed out by the cognizant ones that Judge Robertson not only has retained the strength which enlisted under his banner in the last state election, but constantly is attracting new recruits. On one mission or another he is journeying about the state all the time and it is said that he loses no opportunity for "making medicine."

Lapse of time does not lessen the impression of Robertson's followers that he was in some wise enmeshed out of the nomination in the last primary, and if anything they will be more diligent in the next campaign. The fact that Robertson now is head of the Odd Fellows' order in the United States gives him additional prestige.

Moreover, those who have been watching the foam on the waves of politics in this state, assert that the state administration has not been able to center upon one man for whom it will stand sponsor in the next campaign.

It appears quite certain that Scott Ferris will not stand as a candidate for gubernatorial honors. He was not inclined to do so in the first place, and it is said that a special session of the legislature is not regarded by him as calculated to increase democratic popularity.

Clarence Davis is said to be nursing the gubernatorial bee, with the idea of appearing as champion of the single-tax idea. Davis offered a single tax measure at the last legislative session. It was much criticized as a poorly drawn measure. Furthermore, the single tax propaganda has not developed into an issue in Oklahoma, according to the political wisemen.

Other gubernatorial hopes on the democratic side of the political fence are said to be waning.

## DRYS TO MAKE A HARD FIGHT IN CONGRESS

### CHAIRMAN WEBB OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OF HOUSE, IS BEHIND MOVEMENT TO SUBMIT AMENDMENT.

Washington, Dec. 28.—House leaders are preparing for a vigorous fight over prohibition in congress.

Chairman Webb of the judiciary committee is behind the movement to submit a national amendment for nation-wide prohibition.

## BREAK WITH AUSTRIA NEAR

### AUSTRIA WILL NOT MEET THE UNITED STATES' DEMANDS IN ANCONA CASE.

## SEES AN EARLY BREAK

### Teutonic Diplomats Preparing for An Early Breach in Relations Between United States and Austrian Government.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Austria will not meet the demands of the United States in the Ancona case in her forthcoming reply and the Teutonic diplomats are prepared for a breach of relations, it is officially reported today.

#### Austrians Expect Break.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Danger of a rupture between Austria-Hungary and the United States, following the forthcoming reply to the second United States note on the Ancona, is recognized in Austrian official circles, according to advices printed here today.

## BLIZZARD EXTENDS OVER SOUTHWEST

### TEXANS GIVEN THEIR FIRST TOUCH OF WINTER TODAY WITH SLEET AND SNOW IN ALL PARTS OF STATE.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 28.—A blizzard extending virtually all over Texas today gave the state its first touch of real winter. Reports from all sections tell of sleet and cold.

The cold wave extends over the middle west.

The Texas snow extended to Laredo.

## LIGHT SNOW FELL HERE LAST NIGHT

### MERCURY WENT AS LOW AS 22 ABOVE LAST NIGHT — COLD SNAP WAS WELCOME TO ARDMOREITES.

The north wind which began blowing just before daylight Monday morning, blew throughout the day Monday. The mercury went as low as 22 above during the day, and the lowest temperature during the night was 22 below. Between the hour of midnight last night and six o'clock, this morning a light snow fell, but not enough to cover the ground. The mercury rose today above the freezing point, and much of the light snow melted away.

The cold snap was a welcome visitor. The fall and winter so far have been very warm, and the greater number of people rejoiced to see the mercury take a tumble.

#### Likes Ardmore Bath House

Bob Davis of Durant, who has been a severe sufferer for several months from rheumatism, is here now taking the treatments at the Ardmore Institute and Bath House, owned by Dr. Howard Cox. Mr. Davis has improved so rapidly that he is about the happiest man in Ardmore, and he is loud in his praises of Ardmore's bath house.

#### SALE OF THE BROWNS

St. Louis American Team Sold for Nearly Half Million.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 28.—The recent sale of the St. Louis American league team to the owners of the local Federal league team brought \$425,000, it was learned today.

#### THE ELKS' SUPPLEMENT.

Elks Will Not Have Charge of Sunday Morning's Paper.

The Elks have arranged with The Ardmoreite to issue next Sunday morning an Elks' supplement to the Sunday issue of this paper. The impression has gotten out in some way that the Elks for that one day will have charge of the paper. The Ardmoreite will issue its regular Sunday paper in the usual way, but the Elks will issue a supplement to the paper.

## GAS PRESSURE WAS LIGHT HERE TODAY

### GAS PEOPLE ARE BUILDING A SIX-INCH LINE TO THE GAS AREA IN SECTION FIFTEEN — COMPLETED NEXT MONDAY.

Many complaints were made here today of a shortage of the gas supply and if the mercury had dropped down about zero there would have been some suffering in this city from cold. There is much sickness now, from grippe and colds, and it is important that the people have a bountiful supply of fuel. The pressure of the gas this morning was about 12 pounds, when it is usually 20 pounds. This was due to the demand for gas during the early morning hours.

The gas company now has a four inch line to the big gas wells in section 15 in the Healdton field, but is building a six-inch line to those wells, and when the line is completed the pressure will be much better. The line should be completed by next Monday. The officials of the company are of the opinion that when the six-inch line is connected with the big gas wells that the supply will equal the demand. But the wells in that section are gradually making some oil, and it is probable that the heavy gas production will soon be exhausted. One of the owners of gas production in that portion of the field said he would not be surprised to see Ardmore needing gas before the winter is over.

It is probable that many persons will arrange emergency stoves to burn coal, if a cold blizzard should create a demand for more gas than the company can supply through its six-inch line to the field.

#### DOLD COMPANY'S BANQUET

Ardmore Will Be Well Represented at Wichita Meeting.

The Dold Packing company, whose headquarters are in Wichita, Kansas, will serve a banquet tomorrow to all store managers and salesmen of the branch houses. Preparations have been made for a pleasant time, and some interesting talks for the good of the business will be heard.

Chas. F. Adams, manager of the Ardmore house, and five salesmen from here have gone to Wichita to be present at the banquet. The salesmen leaving here are: Arthur Carpenter, T. L. Smith, J. R. Williamson, P. O. McElain and George R. North.

#### FROM PRESIDENT RIPLEY TO COLONEL SUGGS

The Christmas greeting and expression of gratitude sent by the newspapers of Ardmore to the Santa Fe officials found President E. P. Ripley in Los Angeles, Cal., and he made the following reply:

"Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 27, 1915. Sidney Suggs,

"Ardmore, Okla.

"Your congratulations received and appreciated. Do not, however, call it generosity. We have no right to be generous with our stockholders' money. We did what we thought was the fair thing in view of all the conditions, but we do not like to have it called generosity.

"E. P. RIPLEY."

## PROMINENT MEN ARE INDICTED

### FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH PLOTTING OF STRIKES.

## ONE CONGRESSMAN

### Congressman Frank Buchanan of Illinois, Former Ohio Attorney General and Other Prominent Men Indicted in New York Today.

New York, Dec. 28.—Eight indictments were returned by the federal grand jury today on charges of plotting strikes in American munition factories.

Among those indicted are: Congressman Frank Buchanan of Illinois.

Former Congressman H. Robert Fowler of Illinois.

Frank Mounett, former attorney general of Ohio.

David Lamar.

Jacob Taylor, president of the Labor's National Peace Council.

Franz von Rinlen, German agent.

Two others, names not given.

## CONSPIRACY LAW HANGS TO CREEKMORE

### STATE PREPARES EVIDENCE FOR FURTHER CONSPIRACY PROSECUTION UNDER NEW LAW — ANOTHER ROUND.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 27.—Oklahoma's conspiracy law will be tested thoroughly by the time the cases against William J. Creekmore and others have been taken through the courts. The state has two conspiracy laws, an old one and a new one, and both will go before the supreme court if the cases are all taken there on appeal.

The next trial of conspiracy cases against Creekmore and a different set of alleged accomplices is set for February 7 in the county court. The offenses are alleged to have been committed under the old law and the cases will be tried under that act, which was in force at the time. The limit of punishment under the old act is a year in the county jail and a fine of \$500, the same as was given Creekmore, Cahn and Tideman in the county court. The second group of cases will be tried under the same act.

On June 22 of this year the new law against conspiracy went into effect, and while the legislature evidently intended to make it a felony, a joker crept into the act and the offense remains a misdemeanor, under a ruling of the supreme court.

The new law provides a punishment of imprisonment for two years, but does not say where the convicted person shall be imprisoned. The supreme court has held that it means in the county jail, and that the offense is therefore a misdemeanor. The same act raises the maximum amount of the fine from \$500 to \$10,000.

When the evidence was gathered against the alleged violators of the conspiracy law it was divided at the time the law went into effect, June 22. After that day the evidence was accumulated for trials under the new law, with its more severe punishment, and Creekmore may be involved in at least one case under the new act.

The state has gathered all the evidence necessary for the trial of the cases that are pending and is ready to go into them on the dates already fixed by the court.

Portugal's idea seems to be to give every able-bodied citizen a week in the cabinet.