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## BERLIN CLAIMS DEFEAT OF SERBIANS AND ITALIANS BY BULGARS

### BERLIN OFFICIALLY CLAIMS DEFEAT OF ALLIED SERBIAN AND ITALIAN ARMIES IN ALBANIA AFTER A THREE DAYS' BATTLE.

**Bulgarians Said to be Continuing Victorious Advance into Albania—Paris Dispatches from Avlona Say that the Italians Have a Strong Force in Albania and that Albania with Twenty Thousand Well Equipped Men Has Declared War on the Teutonic Alliance—Berlin Reports say British are Landing Troops on Greek Coast Near Kavala—British Armored Cruiser Natal Sunk by Internal Explosion, about Four Hundred of the Regular Complement of Seven Hundred Men Being Saved—Bulgarians Said to Have Decided to Cast Lot with Russia and the Entente Powers, Although She Will Fight Independent of Other Nations Except Russia.**

London, Dec. 31.—The defeat of the Serbians and Italians by the Bulgarians, after a three days' battle in Albania, is unofficially reported from Berlin. The Serbians are said to have been nearly annihilated and the Bulgarians continue their advance into Albania.

Paris dispatches from Avlona say that the Italians have a strong force in Albania and that Albania with 20,000 well equipped troops has declared war on the Teutonic allies.

Berlin reports the landing of British troops on the Greek coast near Kavala.

The French submarine Morge was sunk Wednesday by an Austrian flotilla, says an official Vienna report.

The capture of fifteen hundred prisoners by the Montenegrins is officially reported to Paris.

#### British Ship Explodes.

London, Dec. 31.—The British armored cruiser Natal has been sunk by an explosion, according to an official announcement today.

The Natal was sunk as the result of an internal explosion, while in the harbor. About four hundred survived of the regular complement of seven hundred men. Although powerful, the warship was laid eleven years ago.

#### Roumania to the Allies.

London, Dec. 31.—The Germans and Austrians have begun a general withdrawal along the entire front in Macedonia, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Rome, quoting a message from Saloniki to this effect. The reported withdrawal is attributed to the Russian advance in Bessarabia, the message states.

Although the report lacks confirmation, in the entente capitals there is a general opinion that the Russian campaign in Bessarabia, which has been undertaken in the face of unfavorable weather conditions, is likely to have an important bearing on the whole war situation. According to one version, Russia's new move is the fore-

WEATHER FORECAST  
New Orleans, La., Dec. 31.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma is probable rain or snow tonight and Saturday.  
Local Weather Data.  
Highest temperature yesterday 52  
Lowest temperature last night 45  
Rainfall past 24 hours 45  
Highest temperature this date last year 45  
Lowest temperature this date last year 33  
Rainfall.  
Total precipitation for December, 1915 1.49  
Total precipitation for December, 1914 4.74  
Total rainfall year 1915 (excessive) 59.39  
Total rainfall for year 1914 29.13  
(Average yearly precipitation, 32 inches).

runner of the impending Roumanian entry into the war on the side of the entente allies.

The Pall Mall Gazette's Russian correspondent writes:

"Russian joint operations with Roumania are on the point of beginning. Roumania will fight with us, although not for us. Her siding with the entente is not the result of French or English sympathies, but an endeavor to realize the Roumanian dream of sovereignty over Bukovina and Transylvania. As preparation for Roumania's entry into the war, Russia's aim is to reconquer Bukovina for the benefit of her new ally. This task can be accomplished in a few weeks.

The Roumanians will then fortify the new province and march with the Russians through Bulgaria and Transylvania while simultaneously the Italians, French, British and Serbians will deal blows on other fronts."

Two new landings by the entente allies in the near east are reported today. The British have transferred some troops from Saloniki to Orfano, a small Greek port sixty miles east of Saloniki, with the intention of thus checking any possibility of a hostile advance from this quarter. The second landing was made by the French on the Greek island of Cateorizo, off the southeast coast of Asia Minor, not far from the important seaport of Adalia.

An Athens dispatch says that the occupation of Adalia is the object of the landing. A railway runs north of Adalia and the presence there of a strong entente force would menace the communications of any hostile force operating against Egypt or the lower Tigris region.

These movements indicate that the entente allies' operations around Saloniki are now considered secure and are indications that the campaign around Saloniki will develop into a long-drawn-out warfare, as on other fronts.

The intense action of the last few days by infantry in the Vosges region of the western line in France has now given way to active bombardments by the French and Germans, especially in the region of Hartmannsweilerkopf, Metzeral and Linge. The fighting on the Italian front is still being carried out mainly by the big guns.

Heavy battles are in progress on the Sanjak front of Montenegro and a Montenegrin communication reports that the Austrians have been compelled to retreat on the Rasokavogora sector. Except for the dropping of bombs on the Bulgarian positions near Lake Doiran by French aeroplanes, all is quiet, with the entente allies at Saloniki. Three Taube machines are declared to have flown over the town and harbor of Saloniki.

Italian troops are reported to have occupied Durazzo, Albania, intending to go to the aid of the Serbians and Montenegrins.

#### MUCH BOOZE CONFISCATED.

Twenty-five Thousand Pints Poured Into Sewer at Charleston.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 31.—Twenty-five thousand pints of liquor, confiscated by the state prohibition department, was poured into the sewer here yesterday.

The process required three hours for four men, working in relays, to prevent their being overcome by the fumes.

#### MERCHANTS TAKING INVENTORY

Stock Pretty Well Sold Out and Task Will Be Easy This Year.

Practically every merchant in Ardmore is busy taking stock. The lull in business following the Christmas holidays is always taken for that purpose and, according to reports, the job is "easy" this year, as nearly every store has a much depleted stock of goods.

"I believe every merchant in Ardmore" said President Krueger of the Business Men's Credit association, "has had phenomenal trade this past holiday season. From what I can learn from members of our association, all have nearly 'sold out.' This means that shoppers were satisfied with prices and that the campaign made during the holiday season by our association against buying away from home has borne fruit. We are all rushing clean, new stocks, and my prediction for the spring business is that it will exceed the holiday trade, although, of course, it will be along more stable lines."

#### IDEA OF TOWN PARTY MEETS WITH FAVOR

SEVERAL BUSINESS MEN HAVE COMMENTED FAVORABLY UPON PROPOSITION ADVANCED BY SECRETARY.

The idea of a town "party" is meeting with favor by several business men, who were discussing the affair yesterday afternoon, and after the holidays are over and things become settled the necessary arrangements will be made by the Chamber of Commerce to make it a success.

The question of a place in which to hold an affair of this kind is a problem as dancing is the main feature of the party, a place must be secured large enough to accommodate all those who attend. For this reason the use of the court house would be out of the question and it has been suggested that soon several buildings will be vacant on West Main street by reason of the temporary tenants moving back to their old quarters which were destroyed by the explosion, that they wait until such time as they can secure one of these.

Town parties are proving popular all over the state. They serve to bring people together and promote a general air of good feeling that is well for any city to enjoy. The secretary of the Chamber of Commerce will take this matter up immediately after the holidays.

#### REPLY OF AUSTRIA RECEIVED

WASHINGTON RECEIVED OFFICIAL REPLY ON SINKING OF ANCONA, BUT WILL NOT MAKE IT PUBLIC NOW.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Austria's reply to the United States' second note on the Ancona case was received here today, but it probably will not be made public for the present.

Washington officials now fear no breach of relations with Austria. The reply apparently meets the American Ancona demands, saying that the submarine commander who torpedoed the ship has been punished, which in effect is a dismissal of the act.

Assurances are given that there will be no repetition of the disaster.

The foundation is laid for a discussion of the entire topic of submarine warfare.

#### Texas Postoffice Robbed.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 31.—Burglars broke into the safe of the postoffice at Oglesby last night and secured \$30.

#### STATE LEAGUE BEGAN SESSION HERE TODAY

PRINTING TRADES FROM OVER STATE HAVE DELEGATES HERE FOR A TWO-DAYS' SESSION—MEET TONIGHT.

The Oklahoma State League of Printing Pressmen began a two-days' session here today. Delegates from the different typographical, bookbinders' and pressmen locals of the state arrived and the formation of a state league of all the printing crafts of the state is expected to be consummated at this meeting.

The different crafts will hold meetings separately, and later go into joint session to complete the state organization.

Frank Walker of Stillwater, who is secretary of the Pressmen's State League, was among the early arrivals, and, in the absence of the president of the organization, is taking an active part with local members in arranging the details of the meeting.

Owing to the late arrival of some of the delegates, and local conditions, the first session will be held tonight at 7 o'clock, in labor hall.

#### FAIR RUNS NEXT YEAR

Under New Name, Fair at San Diego Begins Another Year.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 31.—The Panama-California exposition which closes tonight after a year's run, will continue another year under the name of the Panama-California International exposition.

#### RAINFALL FOR YEAR WAS FAR ABOVE NORMAL

OVER FIFTY INCHES WAS RECORDED AT THE LOCAL OBSERVATORY IN THIS CITY UP TO THIS MORNING.

The total rainfall for the year 1915, up to this morning, has been 59.39 inches; 18.39 inches above the normal rainfall for this locality, which is 32 inches. The local weather data today reads as follows:

Highest temperature yesterday, 52; lowest temperature last night, 45; rainfall past 24 hours, 0.45 inches, rainfall for the month of December, 1.49 inches. Total rainfall for 1915 (excessive) 59.39 inches.

Highest temperature this date last year 45; lowest temperature this date last year 33; rainfall for December, 1914, 4.74 inches; total rainfall for 1914, 29.13 inches.

The rainfall by months, for 1915, was as follows:

Month	Inches
January	1.53
February	2.51
March	2.77
April	6.52
May	5.84
June	9.73
July	1.66
August	6.84
September	2.82
October	8.56
November	0.32
December	1.49
TOTAL	59.39

The heaviest rain fall was during the month of June when 9.73 inches was registered, the lowest during November, when only 0.32 inches fell. Notwithstanding the excessive rains of the year, the farmers as a rule were not so heavily injured as the figures might presuppose. They have had excellent weather to gather all their cotton and with a few exceptions all grains and crops grown here have been fully harvested. The present rain will be beneficial to growing wheat.

#### KILLING NEAR SIMON

Friends Fall Out. One Left Dead, The Other Surrenders.

Christmas day, near Simon in Love county, Matt Mitchell, a pioneer citizen of that community and Matt Bates another well-known resident of Love county, had trouble in which it is alleged a woman figure, and Bates shot and almost instantly killed Mitchell. The killing took place between Simon and Orr, near the homes of both the parties.

Bates came to Marietta and surrendered to the sheriff of Love county. He has but little to say about the matter other than to state that he acted purely in self defense, and that Mitchell made him commit the deed. The preliminary hearing of Bates has been set for the 5th of January. Both parties are well known all over that section of the state and so far as reported, had never had any trouble previous to the present difficulty.

#### RAILWAY MAIL CLERK DIED LAST NIGHT

AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS, WELL KNOWN YOUNG MAN OF THIS CITY PASSES AWAY—FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON.

Grafton Williams, a well known young man of this city, died at his home on B street, northwest, last night after a brief illness of pneumonia.

Deceased has been in the railway mail service for a number of years out of this city, and was well known and highly respected by all. He was 34 years of age at the time of his death, and is survived by a wife and three children. His wife and one child are also seriously ill of the same malady that took away the husband and father.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Cooper of the Broadway Baptist church and Rev. Lampton of the East Ardmore Presbyterian church at three o'clock, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery, where the Odd Fellows had charge of the ceremonies.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved family in their hour of sorrow. Mr. Williams was a man in the prime of vigorous young manhood, and his sudden demise was a severe shock to his friends. He was taken ill scarcely a week ago.

#### OLD PIONEER DIED AT HOME OF VETERANS

WELL KNOWN AND HIGHLY RESPECTED OLD SOLDIER AND PIONEER PASSES AWAY AFTER LINGERING ILLNESS.

Uncle Joe Nelms, one of the oldest citizens of this section, passed away at the state soldiers' home last night after an illness covering several months. He was one of the pioneers of this city, and no man was better known or more highly respected. He had been an inmate of the soldiers' home for about three years, and his presence will be missed by his old comrades. The funeral services were conducted from the home this afternoon at three o'clock by the chaplain of that institution, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery. Deceased was 76 years of age at the time of his death, which occurred last night at 10 o'clock.

#### EPIDEMIC OF LAGRIPPE.

Nine Hundred Seventy-One Deaths in One Week in Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 31.—Pneumonia and lagrippe have caused a record number of 971 deaths here during the week, ending yesterday.

#### MANY KILLED AND INJURED IN EXPLOSION

FIFTEEN TO TWENTY WORKMEN AND SEVERAL FIREMEN REPORTED KILLED IN CHICAGO TODAY.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 31.—Fifteen or twenty workmen and several firemen are reported to have been killed in an explosion and subsequent fire in the plant of the American Linseed company in south Chicago.

After the explosion, the flames spread rapidly and is believed that the employees were cut off. Those who escaped scattered, making a check of the men difficult.

#### LOCATED SET BURGLAR TOOLS YESTERDAY

FINE OUTFIT OF JIMMIES, DRILLS AND OTHER TOOLS OF THE TRADE FOUND NEAR THE RINGLING DEPOT.

That picking up and jailing a bunch of vags a few days ago proved a lucky circumstance for the citizens of this city, was proved yesterday when a fine kit of burglar tools was located by officer Leach near the Ringling depot, said to belong to one of the party now in jail as the guest of the city. When arrested, they all pretended to be strangers to each other, but Leach overheard a conversation between a couple of them that led to the discovery of the grip of tools yesterday afternoon.

The one to whom, it is alleged, the tools belong, received a sentence of \$100 and thirty days, pending which time his record will be investigated and the police department think they will have no trouble in finding some place where he is wanted. The burglary outfit contained all the necessary implements including drills, jimmies, devices for knocking knobs off safe combinations, in fact, everything usually found in a yegg's outfit, and was comparatively new.

That this bunch who were picked up and refused to work, are a dangerous aggregation, is apparent, and when they are released, if nothing is found against them, they will not be given many minutes to get beyond the confines of the city limits.

The five who were picked up, are at the city jail where they refuse to work at all. They are receiving as their daily fare one small loaf of bread, and all the city water they can drink. Day Seargent Herz predicts that they will be rather thin when they are finally released, but he can't be bothered.

#### SEVEN MORE STATES WILL BECOME DRY

PROHIBITION EFFECTIVE AT MIDNIGHT PUTS MORE THAN THREE THOUSAND SALOONS OUT OF BUSINESS.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 31.—Prohibition in seven states, putting out of business more than three thousand saloons, breweries and distilleries, goes into effect tonight at midnight.

The states of Iowa, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Arkansas and South Carolina are going into the dry column.