

## CLAIMS AND DENIALS FEATURE WAR NEWS

### REPORTS FROM CONTENTING ARMIES IN EAST UTTERLY IRRECONCILABLE.

### TURKS BECOMING FACTOR IN EXTENSIVE CONFLICT

Making Headway in Southeast and  
Lessons Are Heavy on Both Sides—  
Germans One Step Nearer to War-  
saw, While Russians Claim New Line  
of Attack Will Be Necessary.

London, Jan. 4.—Utterly irreconcilable are the claims of the contending armies in the east. In the west the unprecedented wet weather precludes operations of a decisive character.

The activities of the Turks in the Caucasus seem to be assuming increasing importance, judging by the Petrograd communications. Altho not admitting that the Turks have been victorious, it is conceded they are fighting with valour and stubbornness near the fortified town of Sari-Kamysh. The Turks claim to have taken this position. Russia, however, does not admit this, and says the Turks have suffered enormous losses.

Comparing the Russian and Turkish statements it would seem the Turks are making headway, but both sides are losing heavily in men.

**Battle of Rivers Continues.**  
The battle of the rivers in Poland has not yet come to an end. The Germans say that they have taken Borlinow, northeast of Dolow, a strong Russian position east of Lowicz, and a step nearer Warsaw. This the Russians contradict flatly, saying the German assaults there have been repulsed, and that elsewhere they have been held at bay.

Progressed claims to see the end of the battle of the rivers and the concentration of the German forces at some other strategic point in a renewed attempt to break thru.

If it is true that the Russians have taken another path over the Carpathians, the invasion of Hungary in real force should be a reality. Up to the present detachments of Russian cavalry have crossed these mountains, but there never has been an invasion in strength.

### ARTILLERY ACTIVE IN WEST.

French Official Statement Says Some Progress Has Been Made.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The official statement given out in Paris today shows that the artillery fighting along the front is proceeding intermittently and at some points with vigor. A strong Russian admission in an effort to occupy a German position in the Meuse country. They claim, however, further progress in Stenbach.

The French war office gave out the official statement in Paris this afternoon as follows:  
"From the sea to the Oise the day passed in almost complete calm. The weather was rainy. There were some artillery exchanges. At Noletours our heavy artillery reduced the German batteries to silence.

"On the Aisne and in Champagne the cannonading was violent. Our batteries showed their superiority and brought under fire reserve forces of the enemy. We came in possession of several points held by the Germans near Meslin-les-Hurlin and Perthes.  
"Between the Argonne and the Meuse there was intermittent cannonading. An effort by our troops to occupy Bourville did not succeed.  
"Our advance continued in the forest of Le Pretre, which is to the northwest of Pont-a-Mousson.

### GERMANS LOSE STEINBACH.

Admit Capture of Important Point in Alsace by French.

Berlin, by wireless to London, Jan. 4.—Steinbach, the Alsatian town on the heights between Thann and Sennheim, for which desperate fighting has been going on for several days, was officially admitted by the German army headquarters statement today, to have been captured by the French. The French also took the heights to the west of Sennheim, but the Germans succeeded in regaining the position.

The official communication today says:  
"In the southern theater of the war, except for a more or less heavy artillery combat along the front, it was generally quiet.

"Only near Thann (Alsace) did the enemy show great activity. After an overwhelming bombardment of the heights to the west of Sennheim the enemy succeeded during the evening in capturing or demolishing trenches on these heights, and in connection therewith the village of Steinbach, which frequently has been mentioned in our reports during the last few days. The heights were retaken in the night.  
"In the eastern theater of the war the situation is unchanged. Our attacks in Poland to the east of Rawka river continue."

### FIGHTING WITH TURKS.

Great Battle Reported in Progress in Caucasus, With Varying Results.

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—An official communication from the Russian general staff in the Caucasus gives details of the fighting in the region of Sari

Kamysh, in Trans-Caucasia. The statement follows:  
"In the region of Sari Kamysh, on Jan. 1, the great battle continued obviously to our advantage. The enemy, however, continued to offer an obstinate resistance.  
"We captured the fiftieth regiment of infantry almost complete, including the commander and fifty officers. The total of Turkish prisoners amounts to 5,000 soldiers, and we captured several surgeons. We also captured six pieces of mountain artillery, fourteen machine guns and ammunition.  
"The next day the fighting here was still going on. Our troops recaptured some positions which the Turks had occupied and took three machine guns and more than 700 prisoners. At one point a company of a Caucasian regiment was dispersed by bayonet charges, while two Turkish companies were cut to pieces by artillery fire.  
"Our troops are operating under conditions exceptionally painful on account of cold and snow in a high altitude. The morale of our soldiers is good."

### FIFTY SEAMEN RESCUED.

More Survivors From Battleship Formidable Reach Port.

London, Jan. 4.—Another cutter from the British battleship Formidable, which was sunk in the English channel Friday, has reached Lyme-Regis, Dorsetshire, with fifty men, bringing the total of saved up to 201 men.

When the cutter left the Formidable she had sixty men aboard but all but fifty succumbed to exposure, having been in an open boat for some twenty hours in a violent storm.

Albert Edward Cooper, master at arms, one of the survivors, landed at Lyme-Regis, said the explosion occurred between 1:30 and 2:30 in the morning. When he reached the deck the ship had begun to settle on the starboard side. Boats were launched and remained near the ship to pick up survivors, but some of the boats, which stood off about twenty yards, were swamped by wreckage.

The men were all scantily clad and suffered terribly from cold during the twenty hours occupied in reaching the shore.

Some died during the day and were passed overboard. Upon the arrival of the cutter at Lyme-Regis at 11 o'clock last night, six more men were found dead in the bottom of the boat.

A policeman on duty heard cries for help and going to the beach, found the cutter with the men, none of whom could land without assistance. Some of them were so exhausted that artificial respiration had to be resorted to.

A terrific southeast gale was blowing all the time and altho the men took turns at the oars it was impossible for them to keep warm.

### BOMBS DROPPED ON BRUSSELS.

French Airmen Kill Several German Soldiers and Destroy Property.

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### MURDER TRIALS BEGUN

Nine Members of United Mine Workers Placed on Trial, Charged With Killing Three Mine Guards and Chauffeur Near La Veta, Nov. 8, 1913.

Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 4.—Trial of the La Veta murder cases, so-called, an outgrowth of the recent Colorado coal strike, and which nine members of the United Mine Workers of America stand charged with killing three mine guards and a chauffeur, began in the court here today. The alleged murders took place near La Veta, Nov. 8, 1913.

A special venire of 200 jurors has been summoned and the selection of twelve men to try the cases is expected to occupy considerable time. The men who stand accused are:  
Charles Sheppard, Frank Kroupa, Daniel Richards, Edward Richards, Charles Richards, Peter Rich, George Ziebler, Marcus Martintolich and John Flockhart.

The murdered men were Harry Bryan, E. G. Adams and Walter Whitte, mine guards, and Luke Terry, a chauffeur. William H. Gamblin, foreman of the Oakdale mine, was badly wounded.

### WHEAT AT NEW POINT

Overtopped All Previous High Records Since Beginning of War—Advance in Ocean Rates From Argentina Eliminates Competition and Gives Holders Excuse to Boost Prices.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Wheat prices today overtopped all previous high records since the beginning of the European war. May delivery went to \$1.32 3/4 a bushel, as compared \$1.32 on Sept. 5, last, when speculative excitement in regard to trans-Atlantic developments was at its height.

Shutting out of fear of Argentina competition was the immediate cause of today's advance. Ocean rates from Argentina had so sharply advanced that the South American grain is no longer relatively cheap. Higher quotations at Liverpool showed urgency of European demand.

During advances of wheat prices here a jump of 1% cents since Saturday night, trade appeared of a more lively character than has recently been the rule. The explanation was that the margin required on transaction is now about half what was required not many weeks ago.

### OHIO LEGISLATURE CONVENES.

Columbus, O., Jan. 4.—The Ohio legislature convened today in its eighty-first session. The message of Governor James M. Cox dealt almost altogether with state problems.

## BRITONS COMPLAIN OF HIGH SEA RATES

### PRESSURE BEING BROUGHT TO BEAR TO SECURE RELEASE OF GERMAN SHIPS.

### RATES ON GRAIN MORE THAN TRIPLED SINCE WAR BEGAN

Conference of Nations of Two Americas to Discuss Effects of War Attacks, Notice in Europe—Closer Commercial Relationship Between Continents Predicted.

London, Jan. 4.—In view of the high freight rates now prevailing, increased pressure is being brought to bear on the government to release part of the German tonnage captured during the war. At the present level of freights the steamers would earn large profits if employed in general trading, or they could be utilized by the government as transports.

In the freight markets 43 shillings 6 pence a ton was paid by shippers to carry grain from the river plate to the United Kingdom, compared to a normal rate of about 12 shillings.

The shortage of steamers is due partly to congestion at French-Atlantic ports, where there are poor prospects of increasing unloading facilities at present.

### CONFERENCE ATTRACTS NOTICE.

Rome, Jan. 4.—Carlo Cavignari, member of the chamber of deputies from Genoa, has presented an interpellation to the government requesting what action Italy is likely to take in view of the American initiative in calling a conference of American nations in Washington next spring.

The conference referred to by Deputy Cavignari has been called by the United States to study the financial and commercial problems confronting the two Americas as the result of the European war. All Central and South American nations have been invited to send their ministers of finance and leading bankers to Washington to meet financiers to discuss the problems.

American government officials look forward to this conference as an important step toward bringing the two American continents into closer commercial relationships.

### AUSTRIA APPEARS CONFIDENT.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The Austro-Hungarian minister for foreign affairs sent the following dispatch to the embassy here today:  
"The whole press in taking a retrospective view of the five months war expresses a firm conviction that the Austro-Hungarian government united with Germany is sufficient to brave any storm. The financial stability of the country, the courage and perseverance of the troops, have given the country imperturbable confidence in the victory of our army. The people, who are united in making the greatest sacrifices in this just cause, are firm in their belief of final victory in the struggle which has been forced on them."

### CRUISER KARLSRUHE SIGHTED.

Willemstad, Curacao, Jan. 4.—A report is current here today that the American steamer Maracaibo, of the Red D line, saw the German cruiser Karlsruhe, one of the few German warships still at large, on the Atlantic, the night of Jan. 1, between this island and the Venezuelan port of La Guaira.

### GARDNER MAKES COMPARISONS.

Entire American Military Force About Sufficient to Garrison Paris.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Representative Gardner, urging his proposal to investigate the military preparedness of the nation, told the house military committee today that "the entire field force of regulars and all the army of the United States would just garrison Paris, and the United States today owns little more than half the number of guns the Russians had at the battle of Mukden."

Mr. Gardner had a number of lively passes with members of the committee for not summoning Major General Wood and Crozier to get their views of preparedness.

He quoted figures to show that the combined force of regulars and national guardsmen would form a battle line sixty-five miles long, two-thirds of the way around Greater New York, and that, compared with European nations, the equipment of field guns of the United States army was negligible.

### HOLD UP HALL'S RENOMINATION.

Republican Senators Want Explanation of Commission's Action.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The renomination of Henry Clay Hall, of Colorado Springs, Colo., to the interstate commerce commission, was held up today by the senate interstate commerce committee, at the request of two republican senators. Senator Cummins said several members wanted to know why the committee recently reversed itself and granted freight rate increases to eastern railroads.

### SHIP PURCHASE BILL UP.

Is Laid Aside Temporarily to Make Way For Appropriation Measures.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The administration ship purchase bill was made the unfinished business of the senate today but was temporarily laid aside to make way for appropriation bills.

Senator Vandeman was the only democrat to vote against the motion. Senator Gallinger, the republican leader, declared congress should pass the supply and go home.

"This shipping bill is opening up great new propositions to the people

and the country ought to have time for reflection," he said.

"Yes, we have the votes to pass it," rejoined Senator Stone, "and we will put it thru if the senators on the other side will not resort to their usual obstructive tactics."

### DESTROY MEXICAN RAILROAD.

Only Tunnel on Line Across Isthmus of Tehuantepec Blown Up.

Washington, Jan. 4.—State department advisers today say the only tunnel on the line across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, Mexico, and several important bridges on the road, as well as railroad bridges in the state of Oaxaca, have been blown up.

The legation at Guatemala City reported arrival of the many Mexican refugees but no Americans.

### BLAMES UNITED STATES

German-Americans Tell Foreign Relations Committee Reason For Complaint Against Great Britain Would Be Removed by Stopping of Shipments of War Materials.

Washington, Jan. 4.—"Forbid the exportation of all munitions of war that are contraband and you will remove the excuse for the British conduct which called forth the note of protest recently sent to London," said Theodore Sutro, of New York, addressing the house foreign relations committee in favor of pending congressional resolutions to stop the exportation of war munitions.

Delegations from New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Baltimore, among them representatives of the German-American Alliance and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, appeared in favor of the resolutions.

C. J. Hexamer, of Philadelphia, president of the German-American Alliance, presented memorials adopted by that organization in many States urging the adoption of one of the resolutions.

The memorials included a letter by Mr. Hexamer to President Wilson in the "interest of neutrality," saying that one of the nations engaged in the war "could get munitions from this country."

"Our failure in keeping strict neutrality becomes thereby," the letter continues, "an unfriendly act against one particular nation."

"You can not imagine, Mr. President," he said, "the indignation and bitterness it fills the Americans of German descent to see the resources of this great country which they have helped to build up placed at the disposal of enemies who with overwhelming forces have declared they will crush our ancestral home."

The program for the hearings follows: Feb. 19-24—Grain and grain products. Feb. 25-27—Livestock, fresh meat, packing house products and fertilizers. March 1-5—Hay, straw and broom corn. March 3-5—Cotton piece goods. March 6-9—Coal and coke. March 10—Salt. March 11-12—Fruit and vegetables. March 13—Rice and rice products. March 14-18—Shippers and any other persons whose cases will have opportunity to present evidence in rebuttal to the claims of the railroads.

Increased Poultry Rates Approved. New York, Jan. 4.—Rating of poultry in carloads as third instead of fourth class freight, thus increasing charges, has been approved by the interstate commerce commission to be justified.

### DEWA TO ATTEND EXPOSITION.

Distinguished Naval Commander Designated as Japanese Envoy.

Tokio, Jan. 4.—The Japanese cabinet has designated Admiral Baron Shigetaka Dewa as a special envoy to the Panama-Pacific exposition.

Rear Admiral Dewa is one of Japan's distinguished naval officers. In the Russo-Japanese war he was with Admiral Togo all thru the Port Arthur blockade and later commanded a squadron during the naval battle with the Russians in the sea of Japan. Early last year he was appointed as head of the naval commission which investigated into the Japanese naval scandal, in which bribery was charged in connection with allotment of construction contracts.

### STEALS AUTOMOBILE PLATES.

Thief Makes Way With Eight Pairs From State House Basement.

Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, Jan. 4.—The theft of eight pairs of automobile plates from the state was reported to the police today. The thief cut open one of the packing boxes containing plates, stored in the basement of the state house, and got away with them.

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### PROTECTION FOR WILLIAMS.

American Clerk in Haitian Bank to Be Assisted by Minister Blanchard.

Washington, Jan. 4.—American Minister Billy Blanchard, at Port au Prince, has been instructed to take steps immediately for the protection of Charles Williams, an American clerk in the National Bank of Haiti, threatened with arrest and punishment by the Haitian government, because of his participation in the recent shipment to New York of the gold supply of that bank while the government was attempting to take possession of it.

Over 60,000 female wage earners have been thrown out of work in London, due to the war.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS IN RATE CASE FEB. 15

### COMMISSIONER DANIELS TO OPEN IMPORTANT FREIGHT RATE CASE IN CHICAGO.

### WESTERN RAILROADS NOT ASKING HORIZONTAL INCREASE

Application Is For Advances in Individual Classes and Commodities, Making the Case Essentially Different From That of the Eastern Roads—Program For Hearings Is Issued.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Public hearings on freight rate increases proposed by railroads west of the Mississippi river will begin in Chicago, Feb. 15, and will be conducted by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Daniels.

The hearings will mark the beginning of an important rate case, essentially different from the recent eastern case in that the western roads are not asking a horizontal increase in all rates but an increase based upon traffic conditions and upon the movement of individual classes and commodities.

Some of the advances proposed aggregate as much as 30 per cent, while others amount to only 2 or 3 per cent. On some kinds of traffic no increase has been proposed.

### TRY TO PROTECT GENERAL SHIPPER.

It is understood the western roads have endeavored to revise their rates so as not to bear too hard on the general shipper.

All of the tariffs submitted by the roads have been suspended by the commission.

Protests particularly of the commissions of the western states have been filed and concerted action by the state commissions will be taken in opposition to the increases.

It was announced that Feb. 15, 17, 18, and 19, will be devoted to "the presentation of evidence from respondents supporting in general their claim for increased rates, but not including evidence on increases in particular rates." Beginning Monday, March 15, opportunity will be given for presentation of evidence in rebuttal of such testimony.

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## T.-R. BULLETIN NEWS OF THE DAY

The Weather.  
Sun rises Jan. 5 at 7:25; sets at 4:47.  
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## IOWANS HURT IN WRECK

SOUTH-BOUND TRAIN ON M. & ST. L. DERAILED AT EMMONS, MINN.

Three Persons Believed to Be Fatally Injured.

Thomas Mayer, of Humboldt, Among Those Most Seriously Hurt—Fort Dodge and Forest City Men Have Legs Broken and Crushed—Injured Taken to Albert Lea.

Albert Lea, Minn., Jan. 4.—Twelve persons were injured seriously, three probably fatally, early today, when the fast Des Moines south-bound passenger train on the M. & St. L. railroad was wrecked at Emmons, Minn., by a defective switch. The chair car and smoker were demolished. The relief train arrived here with twelve injured. The following were believed to be fatally hurt:

Thomas Mayer, of Humboldt, Iowa. Matt Ersher, of Luverne, Minn. Conductor Keating, of Minneapolis. Other seriously hurt are: E. J. Connelly, Fort Dodge, Iowa, leg broken. H. S. Snook, Minneapolis, leg crushed.

A. McAllister, Minneapolis, shoulder dislocated. H. R. Clothier, Forest City, Iowa, leg crushed. Miss F. M. Long, Des Moines, shoulder hurt. O. Nelson, Minneapolis, internally injured.

Several others were badly bruised, and after receiving medical attention were able to resume their journey.

## BUY IT NOW CAMPAIGN

Agriculturist Publishers' Association Back of Movement to Quicken Commerce and Manufacture by Hastening Purchases—Appeal to Farmers to Buy Now to Get Money in Circulation.

Omaha, Jan. 4.—A nation-wide campaign to assist in the revival of business, under the slogan of "buy it now," was launched here today by the Agriculturist Publishers' Association, a national association of farm papers. The movement proposes to quicken manufacture and commerce by hastening purchases which must be made sooner or later. The appeal is directed to the farmers, who are to be urged to buy necessary implements now rather than wait until spring. The plan contemplates thorough co-operation.

The committee report which presented the plan pointed out that the "farm population alone is nearly 40,000,000," and that "an average expenditure would place \$400,000,000 in circulation."

Made Bequests of \$1,200,000.  
New York, Jan. 4.—Miss Grace Hoadley Dodge, the philanthropist, who died in this city Dec. 27 last, left more than \$1,200,000 to public and religious institutions under her will filed today for probate. Bequests include \$500,000 each to the teachers college of Columbia University and the national board of the Young Women's Christian Association of the United States.