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ITALY TO BEGIN WAR OPERATIONS IN ALBANIA ON GRAND SCALE

Italians in Strength Already Safely Ashore at Avlona and New Strategic Points—Avlona Regarded as Key to Adriatic and Good Harbors in Albania Coveted by Italy—Serbian Army Concentrating in Albania and Reorganizing for Combined Attack With the Allies—Supplies Being Furnished by Entente—Stubborn Fight Is On With Bulgars.

Paris, Dec. 17, 2:34 p. m.—The French war office report says: "In Belgium there has been fighting with bombs in the sector of the dunes, and some encounters between patrols elsewhere. "In the Champagne district east of the Butte de Mesnil we checked a bombardment of our trenches by return fire. "In Lorraine there have been fairly spirited artillery exchanges."

Berlin Official War Statement. Berlin, Dec. 17, via London.—Today's official war statement follows: "Western theatre of the war: Southeast of Armentieres a small British division yesterday penetrated one of our trenches by a surprise attack but retreated under our fire. Further south a similar attempt was frustrated. The hazy weather has limited engagements. "Eastern theatre: Army group of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, Russian attacks between Lakes Narocz and Mladetsoi broken down during the night. "Army groups of Prince Leopold and General von Linsingen: "There is nothing to report. "Balkan theatre: Bjelopolje has been captured by a storm attack. More than 700 prisoners were taken."

Montenegro Town Captured. Berlin, Dec. 17, via London, 3:15 p. m.—At army headquarters the announcement was made today that the Austro-Hungarian troops which are invading Montenegro territory have captured Bjelopolje on the Lim river, about 20 miles west of the Serbian border.

Austrians Advance in Montenegro. Paris, Dec. 17, 9:53 p. m.—The following official Montenegro communication was received here today: "At dawn of December 14 the Austrians directed a general attack at all our positions in the Sanjak. At night fall our advance guard troops had to retire north of Chahovre and Bieio. In the direction of Ipek-Rozal, the enemy after several days' fighting succeeded in occupying Rozal. "Along the other fronts there was infantry firing."

Italians Demolish Big Gun. Rome, Dec. 17, via Paris, 5 a. m.—A correspondent of the Idea Nazionale telegraphs from the front that one of the famous Krupp 42-centimeter guns was brought from Germany recently and placed in position before Rovereto. The gun was fired fifteen times without doing any damage, he says, and then the Italians located it and demolished it with a few well placed shells.

Serbs Report Indescribable Suffering. Paris, Dec. 17, 9:35 a. m.—The arrival at Athens yesterday of A. Nikolitch, president of the Serbian national assembly, M. Trifomovitch, former premier; several former cabinet members and a number of members of the Serbian assembly is reported by the Havas correspondent at the Greek capital. The Serbs report that the sufferings of their people during the retreat of the army before the invaders were indescribable.

Italians at Avlona. Paris, Dec. 17, 4:55 a. m.—The Milan correspondent of the Journal says it is estimated there are 40,000 Italian troops at Avlona, Albania. While the Avlona position is hardly favorable for an offensive movement, he says, the expedition may be regarded as the starting point of operations on a large scale.

Many Prisoners Taken. Marseilles, France, Dec. 17, 4:55 a. m.—Seven hundred and fifty Bulgarians, German and Austro-Hungarian officers, taken prisoner by the Serbs, and 40,000 prisoners captured in Serbia arrived here during the night on their way to a concentration camp.

Italian Steamer Sunk. London, Dec. 17, 10:10 a. m.—The Italian steamer Porto Said has been sunk, it is announced here.

The Porto Said was 439 feet long and had a gross tonnage of 5167. According to the latest records of her

from Guadeloupe, that the French government, in accord with the allies of France, seek immediately the means of securing the co-operation of Abyssinian troops under the guarantee of the independence of that country. "With regard to this proposition it is recalled that the late King Menelik concluded a treaty of alliance with France in 1907. "French Road Available for Troops. M. Aylpe pointed out that the French railroad connecting the French port of Jubbil with Addis Abeba, in Abyssinia, would make possible the rapid transportation of troops to the coast, where within four days they could reach Suez, or in five days Bassora in Mesopotamia. "The Abyssinian troops, he also noted, are already well armed, having from 500,000 to 1,000,000 modern rifles, all manufactured since 1911, partly in Germany, but for the most part by Belgium. "The co-operation of the Japanese fleet is suggested for the transportation of Abyssinian troops to Egypt or Mesopotamia."

Further Credit for France. Paris, Dec. 16, 6 p. m.—(Delayed)—In the course of his demand in the chamber of deputies that the chamber grant three months' credit on the M budget account, Alexandre E. Ribot, French minister of finance, stated that the subscription to the recent French national loan from London alone was 500,000,000 francs. At another point in his speech M. Ribot stated that while the war expenditure at the beginning of the conflict was 1,500,000,000 francs per month, it was not 2,100,000,000 francs.

Serbs Capture 40,000 Men. More than 40,000 men captured by the Serbs have reached Marseilles on their way to a concentration camp, a despatch from the French seaport states. "Further particulars regarding the Italian force sent to Albania state that the number of men already landed at Avlona is 40,000. "The Cetinje war office admits a further retreat by the Montenegrin troops in the Sanjak region where they have been resisting the Austrian advance. "While no figures are available as to the total amount subscribed to the French war loan, it is declared by Finance Minister Ribot that the number of subscribers was without precedent. The subscriptions from London alone, he stated, amounted to \$120,000,000.

Review of War Situation. London, Dec. 17, 12:40 p. m.—With affairs in Greece assuming a quieter character there has been a partial deflection of interest in European capitals to the Italian plans regarding Albania. "The general belief seems to be that the operations in this new theatre of war will be on a grand scale. The Italians, in strength, are already safely ashore at Avlona as well as at certain new points of strategic importance. "For years Avlona has been regarded by Italy and Austria alike as the key to the Adriatic and it is a maxim in south central Europe that whoever commands Avlona commands the Adriatic. Avlona has been for several months occupied by a light force of Italians for police purposes. "Italians Covet Good Harbors. "The anxiety with which Italians regard the Albanian coast is due to the fact that there are good harbors in contrast to the total absence of good harbors along the Italian shore. Should any of these harbors fall in hostile hands the Italian fleet would be greatly handicapped. Italy is expected to contribute greatly to the reorganization of the Serbian army which is now concentrating in Albania, where its ranks are being reformed and supplies landed by the allies during the past fortnight distributed. "Stubborn fighting has been in progress between the Serbs and Bulgarians along the Drin in Albania."

ABYSSINIA WILL AID THE ALLIES French Government Urged to Seek Immediately the Co-operation of Abyssinian Troops. Paris, Dec. 17, 11 a. m.—Didj Jeaus, the emperor of Abyssinia, is so favorably disposed toward the entente allies that he not only resisted efforts of German agents to induce him to abrogate treaties with Great Britain, Italy and France last year, but offered 200,000 soldiers to be used by the allies as their military necessities demanded, according to Pierre Aylpe, a member of the colonial committee of the chamber of deputies. "M. Aylpe made this assertion in connection with the resolution now before the foreign affairs and colonial committees of the chamber, offered by Grattien Canace, a colored deputy

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Berlin Comments on Note. Berlin, Dec. 17, via London, 11:10 p. m.—Captain I. Persius, naval expert of the Tageblatt, makes the following comment today on the Austrian note: "Washington plainly forgot when it sent its note that its case rested on statements of excited passengers as against sworn statements of Austrian naval officers. The American note shows little diplomatic aptness."

Questions Manners of U. S. The Cologne Gazette says: "America may now choose. If it desires intercourse as a well-mannered state with another large and well-mannered state, it must bring itself to accede to the standpoint of the Vienna note. "As an alternative it will have to learn that Austria-Hungary does not let itself be handled as a Central American state which one can bluff into umorous subordination with rude, big words," the Gazette adds. "Then the conflict will be at hand and nobody but the Washington government will have deliberately desired it."

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RUSSIANS DISREGARD UNITED STATES FLAG Berlin, Dec. 17, by wireless to Sayville.—The charge that Russian warships several months ago destroyed a building flying the American flag is made in an official publication of the Turkish government, the Overseas News Agency announced today. "The statement which dealt with various alleged violations of international law by enemies of Turkey, says: "On July 5 Russian torpedo boats destroyed a United States flag at Port

GLOBE ATTACKS MRS. ASQUITH Wife of British Premier Files Libel Suit Against English Newspaper. CALLED A DISGRACE Most Opprobrious Terms Used and Accusations of Disloyalty and Association With German Prisoners. London, Dec. 17, 12:16 p. m.—Mrs. Herbert S. Asquith, wife of the premier, appeared as a plaintiff in chancery court today, demanding an order to restrain the Globe from the publication of all alleged libels. "Mrs. Asquith's attorney said: "For a whole fortnight before the issue of this writ Mrs. Asquith has been deliberately pursued in the defendant's newspaper with accusations of disloyalty and of association with German prisoners at Dennington hall. She has been described as a traitor, and a disgrace to her sex and attacked in most opprobrious terms. These attacks were systematically and maliciously maintained and were only suspended after the writ had been issued. "The attorney opposed the Globe's request for a postponement, urging the court not to deprive the plaintiff of this opportunity to clear herself publicly. "Persecution Long Continued. "The persecution of Mrs. Asquith has been going on nearly a whole year," he said. "It began last spring in another newspaper which, the defendant doubtless would say, was a lower class than the Globe. That paper had to apologize publicly and at Mrs. Asquith's request, pay 100 pounds to the Red Cross fund. "The same people who disseminated these libels through the Globe sent sheaves of anonymous letters to the plaintiff and imputations against her were made in social circles. The matter has now come to a head in a form where the defendants can be brought to account and made to give their reasons for the accusations."

Gross Libels Charged. Mrs. Asquith's counsel pointed out that the statements in question were not made against his client by name, but against "the wife of a cabinet minister." There was sufficient evidence, he contended, to show that Mrs. Asquith was the person referred to. Moreover, he said, a confession had been obtained from one of the parties "to those gross libels which are calculated to shake confidence in the administration." "The defendant having undertaken to refrain from publishing anything affecting the case, the court allowed Tuesday the matter to stand over until Tuesday. "Before the case was adjourned the plaintiff's attorney said Mrs. Asquith had made a denial under oath of the statements concerning her."

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DELEGATES FROM COLOMBIA ARRIVE Men to Represent Their Republic in Second Pan-American Scientific Congress. PRAISE WILSON MESSAGE Bring Sons to Enter American Business College—Commercial Relations With U. S. Improve. New York, Dec. 17.—Three delegates to represent Colombia at the second Pan-American Scientific congress to be held at Washington beginning January 27, arrived here today on the steamer Santa Maria from Central American ports. They are Rafael Alvarez, Tulio Ospina and Miguel Triana. All were accompanied by their families. "The recent message of President Wilson, according to the delegates, was well received in Colombia and further cemented the rapidly growing commercial relations between that country and the United States. Two of the delegates had with them their sons, whom they will place in American business colleges. "The recent message of President Wilson, according to the delegates, was well received in Colombia and further cemented the rapidly growing commercial relations between that country and the United States. Two of the delegates had with them their sons, whom they will place in American business colleges. "The recent message of President Wilson, according to the delegates, was well received in Colombia and further cemented the rapidly growing commercial relations between that country and the United States. Two of the delegates had with them their sons, whom they will place in American business colleges."

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TODAY IN CONGRESS Washington, Dec. 17.—Senate: Met at noon. "Ratified the house resolution extending the emergency revenue act one year. "Philippines committee continued hearings on the self-government bill. "Senator Shafroth introduced a bill for universal disarmament through an international tribunal. "The Works' bill for development of water holes in the California desert and the Sterling bill for private acre stockraising homesteads were reported favorably. "Senator Works introduced a bill for regulation of insurance companies. "House: "Representative Buchanan failed to appear before judiciary committee to substantiate his impeachment charges against United States Attorney Marshall. "Chicago, Dec. 17.—Franklin Newhall, aged 92, the "apple king" of the midwest, died today at his home in Glenoco, a suburb. He owned thousands of acres of orchard land in Illinois and Michigan."

RELIEF COMMITTEE STEAMER IS SUNK London, Dec. 17, 12:35 p. m.—The Belgian relief committee's steamer Levenpool, from New York for Rotterdam, has been beached on the English east coast in a sinking condition as a result of striking a mine. "The Levenpool, a British steamer of 4,484 tons displacement and 476 feet long, was built in 1911 and owned in West Hartlepool. She sailed from New York, November 4, arrived at Falmouth on December 11 and was to proceed thence to Rotterdam. "New York, Dec. 17.—The relief steamer Levenpool which struck a mine in the English channel, carried a mixed cargo of foodstuffs for the Belgians valued at \$1,400,000. It was fully insured.

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FLOOD DANGERS THREATEN EAST Small Streams in Ohio at Flood Point—Thirty-foot Rise in Kentucky River. Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 17.—Heavy rains last night and today succeeded the sleet storm which fell yesterday throughout this section of the Ohio valley with the result that almost every small stream within a radius of fifty miles from here is at flood tide. "Reports from central Kentucky likewise indicate flood danger. "A thirty-foot rise in the Kentucky river at Jackson, Ky., was reported. All mountain streams in Kentucky are said to be rising rapidly and further rains will endanger many small villages. "Heavy Rainfall in Kentucky. Louisville, Ky., Dec. 17.—One of the heaviest rains in years has fallen over Kentucky within the last 36 hours, swelling small streams and flooding low lands, but reports indi-

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