

# Ottumwa Tri-Weekly Courier

IOWA—Rain slightly warmer in east tonight LOCAL TEMP.—6 p. m., 32; 8 a. m., 33; 12 m., 36; max., 38; min., 29.

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## FEAR OF BREAK WITH AUSTRIANS NO LONGER FELT

Vienna Government Decides to Accede to Demands in Ancona Matter

## SUBMARINE CAPTAIN ALREADY PUNISHED

Official Communication on Subject Now in Hands of Secretary Lansing

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—The official text of Austria's Ancona note was received early today at the state department. Translating will take several hours.

The reply came in sections. Secretary Lansing said that one section had been translated and that he expected the complete translation would be in his hands before night.

Officials who had read the unofficial version of the reply received in press dispatches from London apparently were much gratified at its nature. Danger of a break of diplomatic relations with Austria-Hungary was no longer considered imminent. Officials said, however, that additional correspondence on the subject was sure to ensue. Secretary Lansing declined to comment on the reply until he had the complete official text.

If the official text of Austria's reply to the second American note conforms to press dispatches saying the communication announced that the submarine commander who torpedoed the steamer had been punished, virtually only one phase of the incident remains to be cleared up. That would be the payment of indemnity for American lives lost, for which Austria has expressed a willingness to make reparation. Later, however, there may be full exchanges between the United States and Austria on the question of submarine warfare and the necessity for warning before attacking merchantmen.

It was pointed out here that in publishing the submarine commander for failure to take into account the panic prevailing aboard the Ancona before torpedoing the vessel, the Austria government, in effect, disavowed the act and gave assurances that there would be no repetition of such an incident.

**Bernstorff Confers.**  
Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, called at the state department and conferred with Secretary Lansing nearly half an hour. The ambassador said he believed the news summary of the note saying Austria had punished the commander of the submarine which sank the Ancona and that the Vienna government had offered indemnity for the loss of life and injury of American citizens was correct. He declined to comment on his visit.

Later, it was learned the German view is that Austria-Hungary had granted complete concessions to the American demands.

**VIENNA CONCILIATORY.**  
Berlin, Dec. 31.—The text of Austria's note to the United States was received in Berlin early this morning at such an hour that the morning newspapers were unable to comment on it. The Lokal Anzeiger gives an indication of its views in a headline, "Conciliatory Attitude of Vienna Government."

**BRITONS COMMENT.**  
London, Dec. 31.—The Austrian reply to the United States appears in this afternoon's newspapers under the heading "Austria Gives Way" or similar words. The passages concerning punishment of the commander of the submarine which sank the Ancona and the indemnification of Americans are featured in the headings, some of which characterize Austria's statements in regard to the conduct of the Ancona's crew as "impudent." The early afternoon editions contain no editorial comment.

**WILSON AT GOLF.**  
Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 31.—President Wilson today received from Secretary Lansing the fourth letter in as many days bearing on foreign relations. The nature of its contents was not revealed, but the president spent considerable time this morning attending to government business.

With Mrs. Wilson the president spent the afternoon at golf.

**METHODIST WOMAN'S SCHOOL DESTROYED**  
Bristol, Va., Dec. 31.—Sullins Jege, a large Methodist woman's school here, was destroyed by fire which originated in the boiler room today. The loss is placed at \$150,000 to \$200,000.

Most of the students were away during their holiday vacations. The college was an old institution and every southern and southern college was represented in the city.

## BRITISH WARSHIP SENT TO BOTTOM; FEAR FOUL PLAY

ADMIRALTY STATEMENT SAYS INTERNAL EXPLOSION CAUSED THE DISASTER.

London, Dec. 31.—The British armored cruiser Natal has sunk after an explosion. Official announcement to this effect was made here today.

The Natal was sunk yesterday afternoon while in harbor, as the result of an internal explosion. There are about 400 survivors.

The Natal sinking is the severest loss which the British navy has sustained in several months. No British naval vessels of importance had been sunk since May when the Triumph and Majestic were torpedoed at the Dardanelles. The Natal, although a powerful man of war, was laid down eleven years ago and her displacement was only about one-half of the largest British sea fighters.

In accordance with its procedure of late, the admiralty has given no indication as to the locality of the Natal disaster. The military regulations make it impossible to give this information publicly.

The loss is generally attributed to foul play.

## EIGHT DIE IN BIG FIRE

Explosion at Chicago Plant Threatens Great Damage When Flames Break Out.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—The explosion of a gas tank at the plant of the American Liquefied Gas Co. in Chicago today brought down the lives of eight men and caused a fire which threatened the destruction of the plant.

Two hours after the explosion the coroner was told by the police at the scene that eight men had been killed and as many more injured. Earlier reports placed the dead at from fifteen to twenty.

The inflammable nature of the products manufactured there made the blaze difficult to fight and time after time the firemen were forced from their stations by dense clouds of smoke.

## INTERNED FRENCH AVIATORS ESCAPE

SWISS GENDARMES ARE OUTWITTED, FOX TERRIER PLAYING PART IN SCHEME.

Geneve, Switzerland, Dec. 31.—Two French aviators, Sergeant Georges Madon and Corporal Rene Chatelein, who were interned at Zurich, escaped in a sensational manner to Evian, on the French side of Lake Geneva.

They obtained permission to take a walk, under guard of a soldier of the Swiss landsturm named Wuest, in the vicinity of the place where they were interned.

Accordingly they started out, accompanied by a fox terrier, which later played a part in their escape. The guard, not suspecting any ruse, led them to a copse. There, according to a prearranged plan, Charles Beck, a French territorial soldier on sick leave, whose acquaintance the aviators had made, awaited in civilian clothes with an automobile.

Wuest was stunned by a blow on the head and was bound and bundled into the car. The other jumped in after him and speeded to Ouchy on Lake Geneva where they embarked in an auto boat hired by Beck and sailed off under the eyes of a Swiss gendarme, who made no attempt to stop them, the presence of the fox terrier leading him to believe that the men in the boat were civilians.

**AVIATORS INTERNED.**  
Paris, Dec. 31.—A German aviation lieutenant, accompanied by his mechanic, deserted with an aeroplane, says the Calais correspondent of the Excelsior.

"They flew over the Dutch border, being greeted by volleys from the frontier guards, and landed at the village of Aardenburg. They have been interned at Flushing."

**SOLDIER'S BODY HANGING TO TREE**  
Corpus Christi, Tex., Dec. 31.—The body of Private A. J. Manahan of Co. C, twenty-sixth infantry, whose home was understood to have been in Akron, Ohio, was found hanging to a tree three miles south of Kingsville last night. Manahan had been stationed at Kingsville since the bandit raids in the Texas border country.

**POSTMASTER DIES.**  
Clinton, Dec. 31.—Postmaster John Grierson of Morrison, Ill., died last night as a result of pleuro pneumonia.

## BARGAIN SALES AT IOWA'S BARS

Saloonkeepers Dispose of Their Stocks in Order to Close Places

TOMORROW TO SEE PROHIBITION RULE

Six Other States Join This One in Going Totally Into Dry Column

Des Moines, Dec. 31.—"Bargain day sales" in the 502 saloons of Iowa were in progress today preparatory to the final closing tonight. Tomorrow the state will have joined the list of dry states of the union, when the multistate law, passed by the last general assembly becomes effective. Under the act statutory prohibition is restored, pending the action of the next legislature and the people on the proposed constitutional amendment for prohibition, which is to be disposed of within the next two years.

According to figures offered by the Anti-Saloon league of America, the addition of the seven states that go dry tomorrow will bring the total of prohibition states in the union to nineteen.

In Iowa fifteen breweries were closed down finally today, and tomorrow between 2,000 and 2,500 bartenders and employees of these breweries will have lost their positions. City, county and federal governments will lose an annual revenue of \$765,560. The breweries put out of business are capitalized at nearly \$5,000,000.

**SIX JOIN IOWA.**  
Dec. 31.—State wide prohibition of the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors will become effective in six states at midnight tonight, putting out of business more than 2,000 saloons, a large number of breweries, wholesale liquor houses and distilleries.

The states which are to enter the dry column are Iowa, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Arkansas and South Carolina. Many counties in all of the seven states have prohibited the sale of liquor for a number of years under local option laws.

**Confusion Settled.**  
In Colorado district attorneys at a recent meeting agreed that technically Colorado's constitutional prohibition amendment and the enforcing statute do not become effective until midnight January 1 but it was also decided that the expiration of all liquor licenses at midnight tonight will render liquor sales on New Year's day unlawful. According to one authority between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 have been expended for liquor in Colorado within the last week.

Arkansas will have its first experience with prohibition when the state wide law, passed by the last legislature, goes into effect with the coming of the new year. The Arkansas department of the Anti-Saloon league has announced that the league will have workers in the field to see that the law is enforced. Anti-prohibition leaders have announced that no fight will be made for the repeal of the law, at least until prohibition has been given a thorough test.

**Can't Even Make It.**  
In Oregon the manufacture or sale of any kind of intoxicating liquor is absolutely prohibited by constitutional amendment. Drug stores are not permitted to sell liquor for any purpose with or without a doctor's prescription. Each family may import for personal use a maximum either of two quarts of spirituous vinous liquors or twenty-four quarts of male liquors in any period of four consecutive weeks. No person other than a common carrier may make deliveries of liquor, and the purchaser of liquor illegally is made equally culpable with the seller.

In the state of Washington the initiative prohibition law, ratified in November, 1913, permits residents to purchase from dealers outside the state two quarts of spirituous liquor or twelve quarts of beer each twenty days.

Idaho will go dry tonight by virtue of statutory prohibition. Most of the state has been dry under local option and only about 150 saloons will be forced out of business. Idaho's prohibition law was said to be the most drastic in the union.

**BOOZE PUT IN RIVER.**  
Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 31.—Twenty-five thousand pints of whiskey, brandy and rum confiscated by the state prohibition department were emptied in a sewer here yesterday. The process required three hours work on the part of four men who worked in relays in order to prevent being overcome by the fumes. The department has received a report from a deputy stationed in a town on the Kentucky border telling of the arrest of ten alleged bootleggers, each of whom wore from four to six pairs of trousers and two coats with many small bottles of whisky in the pockets.

## ALLIES SECURE AT SALONKI, VIEW OF FRENCH GENERAL

CHIEF OF STAFF EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE IN DEFENSES OF BASE IN GREECE.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—An official Austrian report received here today from Vienna says that the French submarine Monge was sunk on Wednesday by an Austrian flotilla.

The action occurred in the Adriatic, off Durazzo, Albania.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—Advices received from Athens by the Overseas News agency state that the Greek government has made a second protest against the fortification by the allies of the territory surrounding Saloniki.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The situation at Saloniki as General Edouard Castelnau, chief of the general staff of the French army, is said to view it after visiting the entente forces at that place, is given by the Rome correspondent of the Journal as follows: "A person who discussed the situation at Saloniki with General Castelnau informs me that the general said: 'We are at Saloniki and have no intention of leaving. We are waiting for them to attack us, for that they have made up their minds to great sacrifices I am more than satisfied. I am enthusiastic at the defenses prepared.'"

"A member of the general's suite declared: 'An offensive at Saloniki would cost the invaders 150,000 men. Anglo-French troops continue to land.'"

**SERBIANS DEFEATED.**  
Berlin, Dec. 31.—Defeat of the Serbians, who apparently had been reinforced by Italians, after a three day battle in central Albania, is reported by the Overseas News agency, which says it received its information from French and Italian sources. The battle is said to have taken place between Elbassan and Miri. The Serbians were well provided with ammunition and food supplies and had some light artillery but no heavy guns.

"For three days," the News agency says, "fighting was continued violently. According to Italian reports the Serbians were almost annihilated. The Bulgarians continue to advance."

**BRITONS BEATEN BACK.**  
Berlin, Dec. 31.—The announcement today from the war office says that German troops, after exploding mines, captured an advance British trench near Hulluch, taking two machine guns and a number of prisoners.

Allied aviators made an attack on Ostend. No damage was done to military establishments, but a number of buildings were shattered. The heaviest damage is said to have been inflicted on the convent of the Sacred Heart. Nineteen Belgian civilians were wounded and one was killed.

**AUSTRIANS LOSE MEN.**  
Paris, Dec. 31.—The capture of 1,500 prisoners by the Montenegrins in an engagement in the Sanjak, in which an Austrian detachment was wiped out, is announced in the Montenegrin official statement received here today. The statement admits the recapture of Raskova Gora by the Austrians.

**GRIP KILLING HUNDREDS**  
City of Philadelphia Alone Reports Four or Five Hundred Deaths Due To Disease.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Pneumonia and grip which have been epidemic here for several weeks caused a record number of deaths during the last week. The total for the week was 971, nearly fifty per cent being ascribed by the attending physicians to these diseases.

**STEAMER AGAIN IN DIRE DISTRESS**  
New York, Dec. 31.—The crippled steamer Thessaloniki, which has been slowly nearing this port since last Wednesday, was burning signals of distress early today and the steamer Florida was searching for her. Radio messages picked up by shore stations brought this information. The location of the Thessaloniki was then in doubt but one message had reported her 190 miles east of Sandy Hook.

**RESCUER IS NEAR.**  
R. I., Dec. 31.—The coast guard steamer Seneca which went to the assistance of the disabled Greek steamer Thessaloniki, reported through the Sias station at 10 o'clock that she was within seventy miles of the straits and was endeavoring to establish communication with her.

## JUVENILE WORK POSTPONED NOW

Public Meeting Planned for This Week Will Not Be Held Until Later

WANT TO DISCUSS YOUTHFUL PROBLEMS

Object Is to Perfect Move Toward Eliminating All of the Delinquents

The public meeting planned for this week to discuss juvenile work in Ottumwa and Wapello county will not be held until some future date, yet undecided.

This action was taken on the proposed session after it was found that so many of the members of the committee and others who would attend were busy with other matters or were ill and could not attend a gathering this week. Definite, organized, well balanced juvenile work is the proposition which the Associated Charities office has undertaken with the end in view of ultimately working out some sort of a plan that will put the matter on a clearly defined basis for future action. It was the plan to have a general meeting and to have the district court judges, the police judge, the justices of the peace, social workers and all others in the city who are interested to attend. Talks would be made by all who have had a definite understanding of this work and its vast importance.

Juvenile work in Ottumwa and other towns in the county has always been handled as a part of the district court work. Whether there is sufficient ground here for the establishment of a juvenile officer, specially trained for his work, or the maintenance of a juvenile court to handle these cases alone is the question which would have to be determined later. The aim of the promoters of this meeting, when it is held, will be to get the people together to study conditions here and to discuss the proposition of preventing general delinquency and neglect among the children.

**ITALIANS OCCUPY ALBANIA IN FORCE**  
Paris, Dec. 31.—The Journal's correspondent at Avlona, Albania, sends the following under date of Thursday: "The Italians now have a fairly strong contingent here and have sent a regiment to Durazzo. All these troops seem intended for garrison duty and there is no sign that they are preparing to march toward Macedonia, although an effective blow could be struck at the badly equipped Bulgarian army which could be taken on the flank."

"It is reported that Essad Pasha (provisional president of Albania) has declared war on Austria and Bulgaria. He has 20,000 armed men. His action, if confirmed, will be of real assistance to the entente allies."

**KAISER'S ILLNESS IS MERELY A BOIL**  
London, Dec. 31.—A wireless dispatch from Berlin says the Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung gives confirmation from an authoritative source of the report that Emperor William is suffering from a boil. His affection is described as harmless.

"The unsettled weather makes it appear advisable that the emperor should keep to his room for a few days," the message continues. "His work has not been interrupted. He receives his reports daily in the usual way."

**DYNAMITER HELD GUILTY OF MURDER**  
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 31.—Mathew A. Schmidt, who was convicted of murder in the first degree last night, as an accomplice of James B. McNamara in the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times building here October 1, 1910, will appear in court next Monday for sentence.

At that time his counsel will file a motion for a new trial and the case will be continued until January 12.

**GOVERNOR'S BODY TO LIE IN STATE**  
St. Paul, Dec. 31.—The body of Gov. W. S. Hammond of Minnesota, who died at Clinton, La., yesterday, will lie in state at the capitol here from noon until 5 p. m. tomorrow and Sunday. After brief funeral services at the state house Monday morning it will be taken to St. James, Minn., for burial.

**SERB MONEY IN FRANCE.**  
Toulon, France, Dec. 31.—The Russian legation here has received a report that the Serb government has deposited 100 million francs in the French treasury.

## CELEBRATIONS TO MARK THE ADVENT OF ANOTHER YEAR

CHICAGO TO KEEP "OPEN HOUSE" ALL NIGHT WITH USUAL RESORTS CROWDED.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Hotel and restaurant owners completed arrangements today for the merriest New Year's eve celebration Chicago has seen in years. Table reservations sold at a premium. Because of the unprecedented demand, the lobbies, balconies and the corridors of hotels will be used to seat parties. In the larger cafes and restaurants, all seats have been reserved for several days, it was said.

Dancing will be permitted all night, as under the ruling of the corporation counsel, the restaurants will not be obliged to close their doors at 3 a. m., the rule of previous years. No liquor, however, can be purchased after 1 o'clock, the legal closing hour, but patrons may purchase a "reasonable amount" before the closing hour for consumption after the bars are closed.

Police rules against the use of noisemaking instruments, ticklers and confetti will be enforced, and the police will not allow celebrants to form in lines to the discomfort of other pedestrians.

**HIGH RATES UNJUSTIFIED**  
Iowa Farmers Benefited by Ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—Proposed increases in rates on grain and grain products from Indiana, Illinois and other middle western states and from certain points in Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri and Kentucky, to Atlantic ports for export were found unjustified today by the interstate commerce commission. The increases ranged from a half cent to two cents a hundred pounds.

Reductions in rates on anthracite coal from the Pennsylvania fields to the Atlantic seaboard were again postponed today by the interstate commerce commission. They will become effective April 1 instead of January 1. They were originally ordered for October 1 and have been twice extended.

The commission wants to give the coal roads time to work out the new rate schedules they have been ordered to make.

**COLORED MEN IN FIGHT WITH POSSE**  
FIVE ARE KILLED BY WHITE MEN IN RACIAL TROUBLE IN EASTERN GEORGIA.

Blakely, Ga., Dec. 31.—Excitement caused throughout this section by clashes between several hundred white possemen and colored men near here yesterday, in which seven colored men were killed and two whites seriously hurt, had not entirely died down today. Influential white citizens who were busy until late last night in efforts to prevent further possible outbreaks, expressed the belief, however, that there would be no more trouble.

Five of the colored men were shot and two others burned to death, according to reports here, as a result of three fights between the colored men and various bands of whites seeking to capture Grandison Goolsby, a colored farmer, and his two sons, Mike and Ulysses, accused of assassinating Henry J. Villipigue, an overseer, who had thrashed one of the younger Goolsby boys. Villipigue was shot in the back Wednesday night, his wife narrowly escaping death from several other shots fired after he fell.

The men reported dead as a result of an all day hunt which started Thursday morning when news of Villipigue's death spread through the country and culminated in a melee in the afternoon, were Grandison Goolsby, his two sons, both of whom were burned in a cabin in which they sought refuge; "Hosh" Jewell, Charles Holmes, James Burton and Earl Higdon.

Jewell and Holmes were killed in aiding the Goolsbys stand off a posse led by Sheriff Howell of Early county. Burton and Higdon met death resisting another posse which sought to search their cabin.

Samuel Pittman and O. B. Hurspath, members of the sheriff's posse, were the only two whites who were known here to have been wounded. Pittman's right arm was broken by a shot and Hudspeth was shot in the head. He is expected to recover.

The killings took place in the eastern part of this (Early) county, ten miles west of Blakely, Alabama.

## MOVEMENTS BEGUN TOWARD HAVING BIG FAIR

Chairman Hutchison to Be Ready With Committee of Eighteen Soon

MEN WILL DEVISE WAYS AND MEANS

Nine Will Be From Ottumwa and Nine From Outside of This City

Ottumwa, southeastern Iowa and northern Missouri, are anxious for a fair, an agricultural exposition and a live stock show, and they have taken steps toward securing it.

Enough enthusiasm had been aroused among men in this vicinity to fill the rooms of the Commercial association with as cosmopolitan a group Thursday evening as has ever been gathered at any single meeting in this city. Business men, merchants, professional men, doctors, lawyers, dentists, and others, stock raisers, farm products dealers and newspapermen were there. Everybody talked about it, everybody asked about it and everybody learned about it. There were men there who are professional in this line of work and they explained the details of inside workings of such a movement; there were men there who were active in the days of the old fairs in Ottumwa and they reminisced; there were men there who do not remember much about the old fair except for smoking in under the fence, and they learned for the first time what such an organization really is, what it stands for and what it can do if started in the right manner.

M. B. Hutchison who presided as chairman at the meeting was instructed by unanimous motion of the men present to appoint a committee of eighteen to devise ways and means toward taking the proper steps for organizing a fair association here, for arranging the location, outline the campaign for stock subscriptions and a look after other general matters which go with such a proposition. Mr. Hutchison asked for time to make his selection and at the close of the session announced that he would probably complete his list by Saturday or the first of next week. The matter of stock selling will not be confined to this county; this section of the state or even this state; as it is planned to take everyone interested in southern Iowa and northern Missouri on this move. Nine of the committee will be from here and nine from outside.

**Holcombe Outlines Work.**  
G. H. Holcombe, secretary and manager of the Tri-State fair at Burlington, discussed the proposition of Ottumwa having a fair from the standpoint of the professional, for that is his work, organizing expositions or shows of this kind. He said that from what he had read of Ottumwa and others' views on the matter he thought that there was but little left to say. However, he did discuss the steps which lead up to the promoting and ultimate success of the Burlington fair. He placed most of the credit upon J. F. Deems, the former Ottumwa and now a farmer near Burlington who had "saddled" into the presidency of the Tri-State exposition and he said that it would be necessary for Ottumwa to find a Deems to push the matter if it was to be a success. Everything rested upon the man head of the movement.

The Burlington or Tri-State cedes ten counties, four in Iowa and six in Illinois. In Galesburg \$60,000 of stock was distributed to share holders. Mr. Holcombe makes that a plant could be here and put in excellent order for about \$50,000, spent \$55,000 for improvement and paid for four ground and have a thirty-two acre area. They expect to spend more for their plant will sider complete. sheep, cattle and poultry pens arranged, grandstand, which not hold the of the fair.