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IOWA—Increasing cloudiness probably snow; warmer. LOCAL TEMP.—6 p. m., 1 below; 8 a. m., 5 below; 12 m., 13; max., 13; min., 6 below.

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OTTUMWA, WAPELLO COUNTY, IOWA, TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1916

NUMBER

TABLES TURNED ON TURKS; ARMY IN EAST BEATEN

Statement Made in House of Commons, London, That Foe Is Retreating

SECOND VICTORY FOR BRITISH FORCE

Relief Expedition Not Far From Troops Hemmed in By the Sultan's Men

London, Jan. 17.—Announcement was made in the house of commons today that the Turkish forces in Mesopotamia have fallen back to within six miles of Kut-el-Amara.

The announcement was made by J. Austen Chamberlain, secretary for India, who said the Turks had retreated as the result of another British victory. The Turkish positions at Waddi, he said, were carried on Saturday by the British.

This is the second defeat for the Turks in Mesopotamia in the last few days, as given in British official reports. It was announced in London yesterday that the Turks had been beaten at Orak, on the Tigris, twenty-five miles below Kut-el-Amara, and were in retreat.

The attack is being made by the army of Gen. Aylmer, which is advancing in an attempt to form a junction with the original British expedition under Gen. Townshend, which is now at Kut-el-Amara.

The army retired to that point on December 4, having been defeated in an advance on Bagdad after getting within less than twenty miles of the city. It is now surrounded and hard pressed by the Turks.

DENIAL IS ENTERED.

Rome, Jan. 17.—Austria, according to a press dispatch from Athens, is reported to have offered a separate peace to Montenegro on the following terms:

Austria engaged to guarantee Montenegro all territorial rights in Scutari in exchange for the cession of Mount Lovcen to Austria.

Official announcement was made by the Montenegrin authorities on Saturday that Montenegro had never adhered to or intended to adhere to any separate peace proposal or to any armistice with Austria.

PROTEST IS LODGED.

Berlin, Jan. 17.—The Austro-Hungarian government has entered a verbal protest with the American ambassador at Vienna, Frederick C. Penfield, against occupation by French and British detachments of the island of Corfu, which is a flagrant violation of the London treaties of 1863 and 1864, says the Overseas News agency.

"The Austro-Hungarian government points out that Great Britain and France have again manifested their disregard of the general principles of international law. The American ambassador has been asked to communicate the protest to Great Britain and France."

PEACE FOR MONTENEGRO.

Berlin, Jan. 17.—The Overseas News agency announced today that Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier, had announced in the Hungarian parliament that Montenegro was asked unconditionally to lay down her arms and she had accepted, the premier declared, according to the News agency report.

RUSSIANS ADVANCE.

Berlin, Jan. 17.—After delaying for a week the advance of strong Russian forces in the Caucasus, the Turks have withdrawn their advanced posts several miles at some points, according to the Turkish official statement of today, received here from Constantinople.

GERMANS PLAN REVENGE

Drastring Action Promised in Return for Killing of Submarine Crew by Britons.

Berlin, Jan. 17.—Announcement was made in the reichstag today by Alfred Zimmerman, undersecretary for foreign affairs, that the German government would "most certainly find ways and means of getting satisfaction for the shocking misdeeds" attributed to the crew of the British patrol boat, Baralong, which is charged with having killed defenseless Germans from a submarine sunk by the patrol boat.

Dr. Zimmerman said that all German parties condemned not only the action of the Baralong's crew but the reply of Great Britain to the German note respecting the incident.

Herr Nolke, a socialist member, said he wished to make a protest in the name of his countrymen who are bearing arms, against the attitude of Great Britain.

ITALY DISCLAIMS BLAME FOR LOSS OF MONTENEGRO

CABINET OFFICER SAYS ERROR WAS COLLECTIVE ONE AND DUE TO BAD PROGRAM.

Padua, Italy, Jan. 17.—Signor Barzilai, cabinet minister without portfolio, in an address here yesterday, speaking apparently for the government, declared that it was useless to attribute to Italy responsibility for the taking of Lovcen and the Montenegro disaster. As in the case of the loss of Serbia, he said, the blame was collective and the result of the allies' ineffective program.

"Our enemies," said the minister, "find salvation in silent, servile obedience imposed by one man. We should have foreseen this work because of the uncertainties inherent in a league of free peoples."

"There is no ground for the charge that Italy is responsible for the errors of last June. To prepare for the protection of a country without frontiers before hostilities were pressing was the common task. In the future this order of argument will not be profitable and the governments making use of it to excuse failures will not merit nor receive pardon from their peoples."

PANKHURST IS ADMITTED

Noted British Militant Will Not Be Excluded From U. S., Is Wilson's Decision.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the suffragist leader now on parole in New York under the immigration authorities, will be formally admitted to the United States soon after the papers in her case reach Washington.

President Wilson is opposed to her exclusion. Mrs. Pankhurst is working in behalf of the Serbian relief movement.

INSANE YOUTH IS ACCUSED OF PLOT

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Insanity, resulting from a boyhood injury, caused Irving Uplik to plot to murder his father, Furman D. Uplik, a millionaire retired broker, and his mother and sister, according to a statement issued by the parents today.

Irving, with a younger brother, Herbert, were taken into custody by police of Oak Park, a suburb in which the Uplik family resides, after a stenographic copy of the alleged plot had been taken by detectives hiding in the Uplik garage.

Herbert Uplik, 21 years old, gave the police information which resulted in the arrest of his brother, who had planned to kill his parents, it was alleged, because he feared he would be cut off in his father's will.

PROTEST MADE ON INCREASED RATES

NEBRASKA ASKS REHEARING OF CASE CONCERNING ADVANCED RAIL CHARGES.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—The Nebraska state railway commission petitioned the interstate commerce commission today for rehearing of the recent decision granting increased passenger fares to railroads west of the Mississippi river. The rehearing was asked in respect to rates in northern Kansas and Missouri, in portion of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Nebraska. The Nebraska commission does not agree with the findings on the facts presented by the railroads and declares the roads should be required to give figures showing a division into interstate and intrastate earnings. Unless such divisions can be made by railroads, the interstate commerce commission, the state commission says, will soon be the only rate making body in the United States.

TELEPHONE CASE BEFORE THE COURT

Des Moines, Jan. 17.—The Iowa supreme court today reviewed the case of Shaver and ex rel. state of Iowa against the Iowa Telephone Co., involving the franchise to operate in Des Moines. The court recently held that the local telephone franchise was perpetual. Today's hearing was before a full bench.

CHICAGO HAVING ITS "BUNDLE DAY"

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Today is Chicago's annual "bundle day." Charitable organizations are cooperating in a widely advertised campaign to obtain bundles of old clothing for the needy. It was estimated 150,000 bundles will have been received by nightfall. Last year 67,000 bundles of clothing were contributed.

URGES NEUTRAL ZONE AT BORDER

Senator Suggests Method to Police Lands Now Ruled By Bandits

CARRANZA TROOPS AFTER MURDERERS

Report Again Made That Killing of Nineteen U. S. Citizens Is Avenged

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—Establishment of a neutral zone in northern Mexico is to be jointly policed by the forces of Mexico and the United States, unless disorders are speedily introduced today by a resolution introduced today by Senator Gore, democrat, of Oklahoma.

Evidence collected at El Paso by state department agents indicates that Carranza authorities at Chihuahua assured C. R. Watson, head of the party of Americans killed near Santa Ysabel, that no escort was necessary. In that opinion, however, many of the Americans agreed, although they had suggested to the authorities the advisability of sending troops with the party.

The advice further stated that the Carranza governor of Chihuahua gave Watson a personal passport and that the Carranza immigration authorities in Juarez gave a general passport for the whole Watson party. These developments are taken to point to the responsibility of the Carranza government for not adequately protecting the Americans.

RELIEF TRAIN DUE

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 17.—The relief train which left here several days ago to bring to the borders Americans and other foreigners in the bandit-infested region of Chihuahua, Mexico, is due today from Parral, more than 150 Americans from Parral, Chihuahua City and other points are said to be aboard.

Officials at Juarez asserted the body of Jose Rodriguez, the bandit chief who was reported to have been executed last Thursday, three days after the slaughter of eighteen mining men near Santa Ysabel, probably would arrive in Juarez today.

Immigration service officials are planning to prevent the introduction of typhus into this country.

Dr. John W. Tappan, medical officer of the United States immigration service, has been instructed to disinfest persons from Mexico whose clothing was suspected of carrying vermin.

CARRANZA WORKS HARD

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—Concentration of Americans at Torreón, Montenegro, and other points where Carranza troops can afford them greater protection was reported to the state department today by Consul General Hanna at Monterrey.

Mr. Hanna advised the department of the dispatch of Carranza reinforcements from Monterrey to Torreón, adding that "the Carranza government is in earnest in efforts to improve conditions and to prevent further assault on Americans. Good order here is maintained."

Consul Silliman reported from Queretaro the receipt of a telegram from Gen. Trevino to Carranza, notifying him of the capture and execution of Gen. Jose Rodriguez and Carlos Amaya, Villa leaders, on Jan. 13. Gen. Trevino assured Carranza that "the best measures would be adopted against all Villalistas who are considered bandits."

Apprehension felt regarding the safety of Vice Consul Coen at Durango was allayed today by the receipt of a dispatch from him reporting F. O. Emerson, regarding whom inquiries had been made, safe at Durango.

ITALY TOO POOR TO AFFORD COAL

Rome, Jan. 17.—In spite of the cold weather, Italy is a country almost without coal fires. The only smoke to be seen is that from railroad locomotives, factories and a few hotels. The peasants in the mountains and the poor of the cities are able to make a few fires of wood, but coal is beyond the reach of any except the most wealthy. American coal lies unsold at the seaports. On account of high freights, anthracite costs more than \$40 a ton.

AUTO DISEASE FATAL

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 17.—Kern Beath, aged 48, a prominent insurance man, was found dead in his garage today from petroloma. Beath was formerly with the Standard Oil Co. at Atlanta, Ga., and Chicago. He was working on the automobile when he overcame.

SCHOOL IS BURNED

West Liberty, Jan. 17.—An explosion in the furnace room of the grade school here caused the destruction of the building by fire between 7 and 9 o'clock this morning. There was no one in the structure when the explosion occurred and its cause has not been determined. The loss is \$30,000.

PREPAREDNESS GIVEN ANOTHER BOOST BY WILSON

EFFORT BEING MADE TO MARSHALL INDUSTRIAL UNITS OF THE NATION.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—Announcement that President Wilson had written presidents of the leading engineering organizations of the country, requesting the appointment of representatives to gather, in conjunction with the civilian naval consulting board, data for use in organizing business for national defense in time of danger, served to renew interest in the subject today.

The dispatch of the letters is the latest step in the plans of the president as outlined by him in his message to congress for marshaling the nation's manufacturers, railroads and other business resources in event of an emergency.

Communications have been sent to the heads of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the American Chemical Society.

It is expected that the plans, now in tentative stage, when completed, will set in motion machinery to bring to the government full information regarding business and industrial resources which would be called to aid the army and navy in event of war.

LOW IS OUTSPOKEN

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—The national civic federation opened its sixteenth annual meeting today with prominent civic welfare workers from throughout the country present. Subjects for discussion included preparedness, immigration, government regulation of private industry and other problems. The women's section of the federation opened a separate two days' meeting.

National preparedness was the feature of today's program. Seth Low of New York, president of the federation, sounded, first note on preparedness when, in his address, he declared that if the United States is to prevent the "antagonisms and hates of Europe and its age long tradition of empire" from finding lodgment on this continent after the war, it must be "by the strength of our own right arm and by the willingness to die for what is certainly precious to our selves and for what we believed to be no less precious to humanity."

Mr. Low said he favored the administration's defense program, not because he thought it perfect, but because it was a long step in the right direction.

"Nationally," he continued, "I believe that a short service under the colors on the Swiss system, modified, perhaps, to meet our conditions, should be required of every young man in the United States, and that we should no longer depend upon an army which, as in England, strengthens the view that it is the business of a few to protect all, rather than the business of all to protect each other."

"Any plan of military preparedness which makes the flag under which we live the emblem of our life, our all, and not a rag with which to protect the corpse from which the spirit has fled, I welcome," Miss Maude Wetmore of Rhode Island said, in presenting the report of the women's department.

"Preparedness against war concerns the women," she said. "They are the ones who carry the heavy burdens of catastrophe."

TODAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE—Met at noon. Senator Gore introduced resolution to establish neutral zone at Mexican border to be policed by Mexican and American forces.

Judiciary committee recommended adoption of Cummins resolution for inquiry into ability of federal judges to discharge their duties.

Extension of Mann law to Alaska, Panama canal zone and insular possessions proposed in bill introduced by Senator Overman.

Senator Jones introduced bill for a \$3,000,000 drydock at Puget sound navy yard.

Resumed debate on Philippine bill. Indian committee considered Oliver resolution to renew Osage oil lands leases.

HOUSE—Met at noon.

Military committee heard by Gen. Aleshire. Rear Admiral Stanford continued testimony before naval committee.

Congressional investigation of alleged usurious interest charged by national banks urged before the rules committee by Representative Howard of Georgia.

ASK VETERANS TO MAKE CLAIMS

County Auditor Reminds Old Soldiers About Tax Exemptions

ASSESSORS AT WORK SINCE LAST WEEK

Those Released From Paying Assessments Must Make Statements Soon

County Auditor Bissell directs the attention of old soldiers to the matter of claiming their exemption from taxes.

The twenty-seven assessors for the county and city began their work a week ago today and this is the time that veterans should be looking after the exemption matters. They must claim their release from the tax list by making a certified statement before the assessor. Should they not see him when he is calling in their neighborhood then they are asked to come to the court and make a sworn statement before City Assessor John Peck in his office which is on the first floor, the entrance being through the third door to the right from the front.

It is very important that this statement be made and left with the assessors but should the soldiers not be able to do this then they have until September 1 of this year to certify before the board of supervisors. If they neglect this opportunity, then they have no chance at all to be excused from paying the amount assessed against them. The state law positively prohibits the supervisors, the auditor or any other officer making exemptions after September 1 and it is hoped that all will pay attention to this and look after their exemptions preferably when the assessor calls at their homes.

WELL KNOWN WOMAN DIES AT FAIRFIELD

Friends in Ottumwa received word today of the death at Fairfield early Sunday morning, of Mrs. James F. Wilson, Sr., at an advanced age. The decedent was the widow of Senator James F. Wilson and was well known in this section of the state and especially popular in her home city and surrounding community.

Two sons, Roland J., and James F. Jr., with one daughter, Miss Kittie Wilson, survive. The funeral will be held Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. and interment made in Evergreen cemetery at Fairfield.

NORMAL STUDENTS TO BE EXAMINED

The regular examination for normal training students of the high school will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week in the county superintendent's office at the court house. The work will begin early in the morning and continue through the day until 4:30 or 5 o'clock in the evening. The subjects on which the students have been preparing in their high school classes will be used for the examination work.

GARMENT WORKERS OUT ON A STRIKE

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 17.—Six thousand garment workers went on strike here today for higher wages and better working conditions. About 250 factories are closed.

Among the demands of the strikers are a fifteen per cent wage increase, a minimum wage of \$6 a week for women and \$8 for men. All factories are picketed.

HOLLAND'S FLOODS AFFECT BELGIUM

London, Jan. 17.—Reports from the Dutch frontier sent by the Amsterdam correspondent of the Central News indicate that Belgium has suffered heavily from the floods, especially in south Flanders. The river Scheldt has risen several meters and the villages of Wellen, Cavers, Synghen and Schelderode are completely inundated.

OSBORNE DENIES GUILT

White Plains, N. Y., Jan. 17.—Thos. Mott Osborne, former warden of Sing Sing prison, pleaded not guilty today before Justice Morschauer to the indictment charging him with perjury. His trial was set for Feb. 7.

NOTED EDITOR DIES

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Charles Dwyer, 69 years old, editor of the Women's World and well known as an editor of journals for women, slipped and fell on a sidewalk here today and died a few minutes later.

"KID FARMER" IS DEAD

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Benny Feinberg, known in pugilistic circles as the original Kid Farmer, died today of tuberculosis. He fought as a featherweight and as a welterweight and engaged in 178 battles, losing only five.

MYSTERY IN LOSS OF SUBMARINE IS PUZZLING BOARD

ADMIRAL IN CHARGE OF NAVY YARD HAS INVESTIGATION UNDER WAY.

New York, Jan. 17.—The cause of the explosion with the hull of the submarine E-2 in the New York navy yard Saturday by which four men were killed and ten injured was still undetermined today.

A board of investigation appointed by Admiral Usher continued its inquiry.

Three of the men injured by the explosion are in a serious condition in Brooklyn hospitals. They are Louis C. Miles, chief electrician; John Halsey, gunner's mate, and Guy H. Clark, Jr., machinist's mate.

The Edison storage battery with which the E-2 was equipped was absolved from blame in a statement issued by Miller Reese Hutchinson, chief engineer for Thomas A. Edison and a member of the naval advisory board. Mr. Hutchinson said he had formed a tentative opinion as to the cause of disaster, after making an investigation, and that he saw no reason to recommend any changes in the Edison battery. He declared that the battery in the E-2 was not damaged.

THIRTY-FIVE NEAR DEATH

Burlington Street Car Runs Wild Down Hill and Turns Over After Leaving Tracks.

Burlington, Jan. 17.—Three people were seriously hurt and a score bruised and shaken when a street car containing thirty-five passengers got beyond the control of the motorman and dashed down Angular street an eight block grade Sunday. At the foot of the hill is a curve and the car left the rails, dashed across the street and down a ten foot embankment overturning, rendering it necessary to chop holes in the cars to release passengers. None of the injured will die.

FRANKLIN'S BIRTH DAY REMEMBERED

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 17.—The 210th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin was celebrated here today. Students of the University of Pennsylvania, which he founded, and advertising men from all sections of the country, who have adopted him as their patron saint, were leaders in the celebrations.

Wreaths were placed on the grave of the philosopher in the little Quaker burial ground at Fifth and Arch streets. Statues of Franklin were also decorated, while in the public schools and other institutions exercises were held.

COLD WAVE GETS FAR INTO SOUTH

FREEZING WEATHER EXTENDS CLEAR TO THE GULF COAST, ZERO TO OHIO RIVER.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—The cold wave overspreading the country east of the Mississippi today had forced the freezing line down to the middle Gulf of Mexico coast and the line of zero temperatures as far south as the Ohio river.

Rains and snows, mostly light, prevailed over the east and south, and sleet has been experienced as far south as Mobile. Continued cold weather is promised for tonight and Tuesday in the Atlantic states, with a cold wave in the south, extending into central Florida. Warmer weather will follow in the interior districts east of the Mississippi.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Chicago shivered today in an icy blast from the northwest which made the three degrees below zero observed today seem colder than the record low temperature of six degrees below last week.

The municipal lodging house was crowded with homeless men who promised to work out their lodging at the municipal woodpile today.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 17.—The coldest day of the season was recorded here today with a temperature of three degrees below zero.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 17.—The mercury was four degrees below zero, according to the official thermometer here today, the coldest of the winter. Two fatal accidents due to the weather occurred here during the night.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 17.—The coldest weather of the winter with temperature 30 degrees above zero was reported today from the Texas fruit and produce district around Brownsville. Ample warning had been given to growers, however, and extensive damage is not feared.

ACCEPT BIDS FOR BUILDING OF NEW HOTEL

J. C. Mardis Co. Gets Work of Construction; Omaha Firm Given Plumbing

CONTRACTS WILL SOON BE SIGNED

Must Be Completed in 230 Working Days; Board Will Meet Tuesday

The bids for general construction, plumbing and heating and for electrical wiring of the new Hotel Ottumwa were let late Saturday afternoon by the directors of the Ottumwa Hotel Co. and bidders conferred over the figures submitted on the various parts of the construction. Late today or perhaps tomorrow the contracts will be signed and within a month it is expected the work on the raising of the buildings on the site of the proposed new structure will be started. The board is expecting to hear from the general contractors, the J. C. Mardis Co. of Des Moines, within a day or two with regard to the time they will take possession of the site and begin operations. The Grunwald Co. of Omaha were successful in landing the contract for the plumbing and heating, while the Island Electric Co. of Des Moines was awarded the electric wiring job. The figures on the various contracts are not made public by the hotel directors.

Given 230 Working Days.

The contracts for the various bidders have been prepared by the architects and are being inspected thoroughly by the counsel for the hotel company, upon the approval by the stockholders the contracts will be signed. The time limit for the building of the new hotel is fixed in the contract at 230 working days and a penalty of \$50 per day must be paid the hotel company for every day in excess thereof.

The board of directors will meet Tuesday to go into the details of the proposition more fully and take up matters that have not been completed thus far. The general sentiment among the board is one of enthusiasm and they state that Ottumwa is assured not only of a new hotel, but one that will compare favorably with any of the newer and more up to the minute hotels in the state. The efforts to get the best possible and at the same time hold the cost at the lowest figure without detracting by eliminating ornamentation, convenience and modern features, has made a great deal of tedious work for the men who have had the bulk of the handling of the project thus far. That they have succeeded nicely is believed by the board and many of those who have taken an interest in the new hotel project.

Retain Special Features.

The handsome mezzanine floor planned, the elaborate and roomy banquet and ball room, as well as numerous special features of the architecture have been retained despite the fact that changes were made in the plans and specifications that reduced the cost thousands of dollars and made possible building of the hotel which will meet the expectations of the public that has looked forward to a wholly modern and attractive building.

That the board has planned for the future and has confidence in the project is seen in many of the items of construction that are retained from the original plans. One of these items is the construction of the sixth or top floor in a ceiling of this floor like that of the others will be concrete and is so constructed that in the event of need for additional room, which the lessees confidently expect to develop within the next five or ten years, the roof can be removed and the additional floor added.

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SCORE INJURED IN WRECK

Four Are Seriously Hurt When Illinois Central Train Jumps Track at Iowa Town.

Sioux City, Jan. 17.—Four persons were seriously injured and a score hurt in a wreck of an Illinois Central passenger train near Gaza, today. The seriously injured are: Conductor S. L. Sage of Cherokee, internally injured. Charles Kopp of Primghar; arms broken, cut about head and body. Farnham, Cherokee; leg broken.

Unidentified traveling man. The accident occurred as the train was approaching a bridge over a creek. The baggage car is believed to have jumped the track, pulling the other five cars with it. One car crashed through the bridge but landed right side up. All the other cars overturned. The injured were taken to Cherokee on a special train.