

# Ottumwa Tri-Weekly Courier

IOWA—Unsettled and much colder; probably rain turning to snow. LOCAL TEMP.—6 p. m., 48; 8 a. m., 36; 12 m., 51; max., 51; min., 35.

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## BRITISH PORT BOMBARDED BY GERMAN BOMBS

### Aviators Fly Over Dover and Drop Explosives Upon the Barracks

## BALKAN FIGHTING MOSTLY IN ALBANIA

### French Air Squadron Makes Spectacular Attack on City of Monastir

London, Jan. 24.—Dover, the great English channel port through which the main line of communication between Great Britain and France runs, was raided by a German naval aeroplane Saturday night, the German admiral announced today. This raid is the one announced from London yesterday as having been made on "the east coast of Kent."

The German statement reports that bombs were dropped on the station, barracks and docks of Dover. The British account gave the casualties as five killed and six wounded. A second attack in the same locality by two seaplanes is also reported. No mention of this is made in today's announcement from Berlin.

Military operations in the Balkans are mainly confined to Albania, Austrian occupation of Montenegro having virtually been completed with the taking of the Adriatic coast towns of Antivari and Dulcigno. The disarming of Montenegrin soldiers is proceeding, according to advices from Teutonic sources.

In Albania, according to a Saloniki correspondent, there is taking place a renewal of the Austro-Bulgarian offensive which is declared to be menacing the Italian expeditionary force.

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Other gangs of men working with huge rotary snow-plows are striving to clear away the slides which block a part of the Great Northern's transcontinental line.

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## PEACE TALK RISE?

Berlin, Jan. 24.—Most of the Berlin newspapers discuss editorially this morning the report that the Montenegro peace move was merely a ruse to obtain time to improve the military position. These reports have been received here from Italian sources and the newspapers without exception are skeptical as to their value. It is pointed out that while undue importance should not be attached to the elimination of Montenegro from the list of opponents of the Teutonic allies, still, as a matter of fact, official reports from Vienna affirm that not only the Montenegrin soldiers, but also the Serbian troops in the west, are rapidly being disarmed and the Berlin newspapers regard the kingdom of Montenegro as having been conquered.

## KING CROSSES ITALY.

Rome, Jan. 24.—King Nicholas of Montenegro, accompanied by his son, Prince Peter, and by three officers of his suite, arrived in Rome today from Brindisi, in the royal train, which had been put at his disposal to emphasize the purpose of the Italian government in wishing to do him honor. King Nicholas, who was dressed in the national costume with black cap, white jacket and red sash, looked very worn as a result of his hurried trip on horseback from Podgoritz to the sea and the subsequent passage and the trip from Brindisi.

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## TRAIN "FLIPPER" GROUND TO DEATH

Moline, Ill., Jan. 24.—Edward Phillipson of East Moline, aged 18 years, was instantly killed here when he was jerked under the wheels of a Rock Island freight train on which he was stealing a ride and from which he jumped as it was going twenty-five miles an hour. He was caught on a car rod and dragged fifty feet before the wheels passed over his body. Roy Hink, a companion, alighted from the train in safety. Two other companions witnessing Phillipson's fate became frightened and remained on the train until it was stopped.

Charles Moore of Rock Island was struck by a Rock Island freight train here last night and is now in the Moline hospital, injured fatally. He was running to mail a letter on a passenger train and did not notice the second train.

## TURKS TO ADMIT TORPEDOING THE STEAMER PERSIA

### UNOFFICIAL ADVICES INDICATE THAT SULTAN MAY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—Unofficial dispatches from abroad indicating that Turkey might acknowledge that one of her submarines sunk the British liner Persia promise to revive the diplomatic features of that disaster.

State department officials had no dispatches on the subject today from Ambassador Morgenthau. Neither had they received any official word from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna transmitting Austria's official disavowal of any connection with the disaster, reported unofficially last week.

Until the intimation came that Turkey might assume responsibility it was generally assumed in official quarters that the cause of the sinking of the liner would be numbered among the mysteries of the war.

There is no indication of what turn the case will take in the light of the latest information. None of the Teutonic allies except Germany and Austria have been included in the American government's correspondence on submarine warfare.

It was indicated today that any inquiry which might be directed to Turkey would not be sent until after Vienna has been heard from.

## HUNT AVALANCE VICTIMS

### Three Hundred Men Digging in Snow to Recover Bodies of Those Killed Saturday.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 24.—Three hundred men continued digging today the huge pile of snow and debris which marks the spot where an avalanche wrecked two cars of the Cascade Limited on the Great Northern railroad Saturday.

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## SURRENDERS TO POLICE

### Clinton Colored Man Admits Having Killed Acquaintance Who Had Assailed Him.

Clinton, Jan. 24.—Albert Green, colored, who states he is a special detective frequently employed by the United States secret service, the Iowa state agents and numerous Iowa county attorneys and sheriffs, surrendered yesterday afternoon after he had shot and killed Willard Green, another colored man. In a statement today, the slayer said that he is "knife shy" as the result of having been stabbed a number of years ago at Fort Dodge. He declared that when his victim assailed him he saw the flash of a knife, pulled his revolver which he carried under a permit from the sheriff of Appanoose county, and fired two shots. One entered Willard Green's leg and the other his heart. Greene was held to the grand jury without bail.

## REPAIRING LEVEE BREAK

### Arizona Town Getting Out From Under Water Which Came With Rupture in Dam.

Yuma, Ariz., Jan. 24.—With the repairing of the break in the levee of the Colorado river, which released a flood of water in Yuma Saturday, Yuma was recovering today from the flood conditions which have prevailed here during the last two days.

Plans had been made to send relief parties across the river to succor the people made homeless when the river bank broke at Araz station, resulting in the inundation of the town of Bard and the Indian reservations.

## SMALLPOX GRIPS CLINTON

### Iowa Town Reports Nearly Half a Hundred Cases of Disease and Issues a Warning.

Clinton, Jan. 24.—With forty-five cases of smallpox in Clinton and more than twenty homes under quarantine, Dr. H. R. Sugg, city health officer, today issued a warning to the residents to take precautions against a further spread of the epidemic. About one-fourth of the cases are severe, while the remainder are moderately severe or mild.

## INCOME TAX IS ADJUDGED LEGAL

### Supreme Court of United States Makes Ruling on Important Law

## JUSTICE WHITE WRITES DECISION

### Chief of Tribunal Upholds Constitutionality in a Sweeping Decision

Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—The supreme court today upheld the constitutionality of the income tax law.

Chief Justice White gave the court's decision, sweeping aside all the many objections to its constitutionality in whole or in part.

Chief Justice White announced the decision in the case of Frank R. Brushaber, stockholder of the Union Pacific railroad, who sought to enjoin the company from paying the tax on the ground that it was unconstitutional.

Most of Justice White's opinion was directed toward overruling the contention that the income tax amendment provided a hitherto unknown power of taxation. Going far into the history of income tax legislation, the chief justice concluded the argument was without merit.

Advancing to other points, the chief justice held that the tax was not unconstitutional because it was retroactive.

The argument that the law was unconstitutional because labor, agricultural and horticultural organizations and such were exempt, the chief justice held, was answered by decisions under the corporation tax law. He said the point was only another illustration of an erroneous assumption that the tax was imposed under a new power conferred on the government by the sixteenth amendment, whereas, it was power recognized to exist from the beginning of the government and thus decisions defining taxing powers previously rendered were applicable to it.

Then, grouping a number of other contentions against the law, all based on the clause of the constitution requiring uniformity in taxation, Chief Justice White pronounced them all lacking in merit, because of previous decisions which determined that the clause exacted only a geographical uniformity.

The group included the contentions that the tax lacked uniformity because it:

- Levies one tax on incomes of individuals up to \$20,000, and a higher rate on incomes above that amount; allows a greater exemption for married persons than single ones, and bases the tax on wealth alone.
- Because it requires corporations, at great expense, to perform the government's work, without compensation, of collecting at the source;
- Because corporations indebted upon coupon and registered bonds are relieved of labor and expense involved in deducting and paying the taxes of individuals on the income derived from bonds;
- Because corporations required to pay at the source would often pay taxes for persons not required because of exemptions to pay;
- Because bondholders, during the interval between the deducting and the paying of the tax on their bonds, are deprived of the use of their money withheld;
- Because bondholders of corporations which fall before they pay the tax would be required to pay the tax although the corporation had deducted the tax from the amount due the bondholders.
- Because of double payment of taxes where corporations assume the payment of taxes on bonds;
- Because of the amount of the interest on indebtedness to be deducted from gross income of certain corporations;
- Because individuals are allowed to deduct from gross income dividends paid them by corporations, but corporations are not allowed to make such deductions;
- Because individuals whose income is less than \$20,000 are allowed to deduct \$3,000 or \$4,000, but those receiving more than \$20,000 are not allowed the additional tax;
- Because greater deductions are allowed man and wife living together than those living separately;
- Because owners of houses in which they live are not compelled to estimate the rental value in making up their incomes, while those living in rented houses and pay rent are not allowed, in making up their taxable income, to deduct rent.

## VILLA TO RENEW WAR

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 24.—Arrivals from Chihuahua today reported Gen. Francisco Villa was at Santa Ana on the Babicora ranch, the Hearst property, making preparations for an extensive campaign.

It was said that he had gathered 1,000 men and had taken 500 colts from the Babicora ranch for mounts, and was killing confiscated cattle daily for provisions.

## NO GROUNDS FOR WILD SPY RUMOR

New York, Jan. 24.—Complaints that concrete emplacements for siege guns have been erected in more than a score of places threatening the defenses of New York harbor, Long Island sound, or the Hudson river, have been investigated by government agents in the last six months. In no instance were the suspicions of the complainants verified.

The reports which reached government authorities in Washington were, however, of such a character as to compel investigation.

In one instance the government agents were told that the emplacements were being erected on Staten island to support guns which could demolish Forts Hamilton and Wadsworth and the lower part of New York City. The investigators were able to discover at the point indicated only a shallow concrete structure for a machine gun. Reports of emplacements in Connecticut to command Long Island sound and on the Hudson river in range of the navy ordnance depot at Iona island were found to be equally baseless.

## FLOOD MOVES TO CENTRAL ILLINOIS

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 24.—With the Illinois river still rising, residents along the lowlands today are fleeing to safety. Hundreds have been rescued from their homes by boats. In many places dikes have broken and valuable farm land is inundated. Reports indicate enormous damage to farm property and live stock has resulted. Scores of dead cattle and horses are to be seen floating down stream.

Water began pouring into the plant of the Central Illinois Light Co., today and interruption of light service is feared unless the rise is soon checked. Hundreds of cabin boats along the lower river have broken from their moorings and either sunk or floated away.

From Lewiston and Havana come reports that the countryside around those towns is flooded. The Spoon river at Lewiston is reported out of its banks, covering farm property to a depth of four or five feet. The stage of the water is at the highest point on record. Railroad traffic is said to have been discontinued out of Lewiston.

## MARS IS ENJOYING AN EARLY SPRING

Flagstaff, Ariz., Jan. 24.—Five cap-aliform rifts in the north polar cap of Mars have been discovered by astronomers at Lowell observatory.

The observed position, it was said today, indicated that the most conspicuous of these lay along the course of the known canal Cadmus. The rifts show the effect of vegetation coming through the snow.

## CARRANZA FIRING SQUAD AVENGE DEAD AMERICAN

### U. S. WOMEN IN PARTY WHICH SEES EXECUTION OF THE MEXICAN DURAN BROTHERS.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 24.—Fifty Americans, among whom were several women and also representatives of the United States government, saw a Carranza firing squad avenge today the murder of Bert Alcorn. The Duran brothers were executed legally at dawn in the cemetery at Juarez, Bernardo cursing Americans with his last breath and begging mercy for Federico.

"It is unjust to kill two of us for one American," said Bernardo. "It is giving two eyes for one tooth. I am willing to die because I killed the gringo, but my brother ought to be allowed to live."

The bullets of the firing squad killed Federico but Bernardo was conscious after he fell. The officers commanding the firing squad gave him the "mercy shot" through the head.

## MONASTIR IS RAIDED

London, Jan. 24.—The bombardment of Monastir, in southwestern Serbia, by a squadron of forty-five French aeroplanes yesterday is reported by the Havas correspondent at Saloniki and considerable damage is said to have been done to ammunition depots, the quarters of the general staff and the railroad station. The correspondent also reports that the Italian expeditionary force in Albania is still to be attacked. The Bulgarians, who, in cooperation with Austrians, captured the Albanian town of Berat, are reported to be advancing toward Avlona, which is held by the Italians.

Austrian troops are said to be moving in the direction of Durazzo, where Essed Pasha, at the head of his Albanian troops, is preparing resistance.

## WILSON TO HURRY CONGRESS ALONG

Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—President Wilson has decided to take active steps to hurry the legislative machinery of congress toward action on the appropriation bills so that the way may be cleared for the army and navy bills.

Late today the president will confer with chairmen of several committees to discuss the status of bills before them. Some congressional leaders have told him that at the present pace congress will have to stay in session all summer, and he is anxious to avoid that, if possible.

## PERMANENT TARIFF BOARD IS FAVORED

Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—President Wilson soon will recommend the enactment of legislation providing for a permanent tariff commission.

An administration bill for the creation of such a commission virtually is ready and may be laid before congress in a special message by the president. The objects of the commission would be to gather data on the tariff and to coordinate similar powers now believed to be held by existing governmental agencies.

The legislation is designed to meet conditions which are expected to arise when the war ends.

## TEXAS BREWERIES LABELED "TRUST"

Sulphur Springs, Texas, Jan. 24.—Conspiracy to fix the price of beer, allot trade territory, and other violations of the law are charged against seven Texas brewery companies in a antitrust suit that is to go to trial here today.

In addition to the conspiracy charge, the breweries are accused of having collected assessments at the rate of \$1,200,000 a year for the last five years with which to promote anti-prohibition legislation and of having paid the poll taxes of thousands of voters that they might vote against prohibition.

## WOMAN LIVES FOR CENTURY AND HALF

Bakersfield, Cal., Jan. 24.—Mary Tecuyas, an Indian woman reputed to be 150 years old, who died yesterday, is to be buried today by the few remaining members of her tribe.

The woman was the oldest member of an almost extinct tribe, known as the Tejons. They lived in a canyon near here. Fifteen or twenty of its members are said to be more than 100 years old.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLS SELF.

Galesburg, Ill., Jan. 24.—While attempting to shoot a chicken for his Sunday dinner yesterday, Joseph Reed, 56 years old, a wealthy farmer, was killed by the explosion of the shotgun.

## 1915 WARRANTS ARE CANCELLED

### Those Covering Last Half of Preceding Year Are to Be Taken Up

## BONDS FOR \$136,000 HAVE BEEN ISSUED

### Two Sets of Them Are Sold to Defray General and Bridge Expenses

County Auditor Bissell and C. O. Warren, the county treasurer, have been busy today cancelling warrants for the last six months of 1915. All orders drawn on the county for that period will be taken up and disposed of by the time the work is completed.

Wapello county has closed contracts with outside firms for \$136,000 worth of bonds during the past two months. The first batch was for \$73,000 and the last for \$10,000 less. Warrants for the first part of the year were announced as having been taken up after the first assignment of bonds had been received at the court house. The second deal was only closed about two weeks ago, the auditor and the treasurer going to Davenport after the money.

Out of the first group, totaling \$73,000, there was an allotment of \$27,000 made for the bridge and road fund and the balance went to the general expense fund. All of the first assignment is to be used for regular county expenses. Wapello county was at a great deal of cost for bridges and roads during 1915. The three large structures, those over the Des Moines river at Eldon, Chillicothe and Eddyville, were all refloored and some constructive work was done on the west approach at the latter place. Besides this there has been a great deal of repairing and new work done in all parts of the county, steel and concrete bridges have replaced the old wooden affairs and cement culverts are to be found in practically every part of the county. Roads have been widened and leveled, hills cut down and corners straightened.

## REPUBLICANS ARE CONFIDENT ABOUT COMING ELECTION

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION TALK HARMONY.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—Necessity for harmony among the republicans was emphasized by leaders who are here to attend the meeting today of the subcommittee on convention arrangements of the national republican committee.

Routine questions only are scheduled for today's meeting, members of the subcommittee said, adding that in the interests of harmony it probably would be decided to postpone the selection of a temporary chairman until a later date.

When the subcommittee went into executive session it had before it blue prints of the coliseum and a tentative seating arrangement which would accommodate 12,500 persons, 1,300 more than were provided for in the 1912 convention.

Informal conferences of committee members preceded the executive session and there appeared to be a general disposition to forecast that all reasonable concessions would be made to assure harmony in the ranks of the party which was divided after the 1912 convention.

None of the committee members would say that the harmony plans should extend to the nomination of Col. Roosevelt as the republican standard bearer.

Franklin Murphy of New Jersey was one of those most hopeful of harmony.

"I find there is a great disposition to bring about harmony, if the progressives are not nasty," he said. "I think the convention will be able to select a candidate satisfactory to all the elements of the party."

"I believe any strong man that the republicans nominate can defeat Mr. Wilson. It is a republican year and we are certain of victory."

"The convention will be open minded and deliberative," said Chairman Charles D. Hillis. "The candidate will be born in the convention. There will be no arrangement in advance."

## DISCHARGED MEN IN RIOT

Rockford, Ill., Jan. 24.—Twenty-two men were locked up here today following a fight between deputy sheriffs, policemen and rioters at the Spangler Loomis & Co. plant.

Nine men were discharged by the company Saturday night. With others they appeared at the plant today. Two women employees of the company were roughly handled when they attempted to enter.

The sheriff's force then attacked the marchers and a fight with clubs and pistols ensued. Several rioters were clubbed but none was seriously injured.

## AFTER EXPRESS THIEF

### Police of This Vicinity Aired to Watch For Mt. Pleasant Youth Who Stole Cash.

Burlington, Jan. 24.—The police of Mt. Pleasant and neighboring cities are requested to look out for O. E. Broom, driver of the Adams Express Co., wagon at Mt. Pleasant, who disappeared last Friday morning with \$2,200 consigned to a Mt. Pleasant man. Broom called at the train as usual and receipted for the package and started out to deliver it. He abandoned his wagon and fled with his booty.

## TO ENLARGE "Q" SHOPS

### Burlington Hears That Road Bearing Its Name Will Double Its Factories There.

Burlington, Jan. 24.—Announcement is made that the Burlington route intends enlarging its shops at West Burlington to twice their present size by additions of new erecting and machine shops at a cost of a million dollars. The new shops mean that about 600 more employes will be placed at work here.

## THINKS THAT OTTUMWA MAY HAVE A CHANCE

### U. S. Marshal N. F. Reed Says President Will Make More Than One Trip

## HOPEFUL THAT STOP CAN BE ARRANGED

### Effort to Be Made Along the Burlington Road; Many Get Acknowledgements

The first itinerary of President Wilson through the west to speak on his preparedness program apparently does not include Ottumwa in the list of places at which stops will be made, but this has not caused United States Marshal N. F. Reed to give up the effort to get the president to stop here. He states that it is probable that a number of trips through the west will be made and is sanguine that Ottumwa will be considered among the countless places asking the president to visit them on his trips in this part of the country.

Acknowledgements of the cordial invitation received by the president from the various sources in the west asking him to make a stop in Ottumwa on his trip through the west on behalf of preparedness, have been received by those tendering the invitations. J. T. Tumulty, secretary to the president, has sent letters to the various persons and organizations that requested President Wilson to stop here. Thanks of the president is extended in each of the communications received.

The following is a copy of the letter received by Secretary Weldenfeller of the Commercial association from United States Marshal N. F. Reed relative to the invitation extended President Wilson to come here:

January 23, 1916.

Mr. John N. Weldenfeller, Ottumwa, Ia.

Dear John:

As I leave town Monday morning I am enclosing to you copy of letter I received and which is an exact duplicate. I have also received letters from other sources and the president will probably be out here two or three times explaining his position on preparedness. I indeed have hopes of curing him for Ottumwa. It can bring about the desired combination of the Burlington road, which evidently will have to be done before we can accomplish much. As I informed you over the telephone, there is only one way to do this right, that is through the Commercial association and Retail Merchants association and other organizations, and through the influence of others who are the president's friends. I will be glad to cooperate with you further if I can be of any benefit to you.

Yours truly,

N. F. Reed.

The following communication referred to in his letter to Secretary Weldenfeller was received by Mr. Reed from Secretary Tumulty acknowledging the invitation to the president to stop in Ottumwa:

The White House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 21, 1916.

My dear Mr. Reed:

The president genuinely appreciates the cordiality of the invitation which you extended in your telegram of January 19 and asked me to convey to you and every one concerned an expression of his warm thanks. Any western trip is decided upon and will be glad to bear your wishes in mind in preparing his itinerary.

Sincerely yours,

J. T. Tumulty, Secretary to the president.

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## DEWEY MILLER IS FOUND LYING DEAD

Blakesburg, Jan. 24.—(Special)—Dewey Miller, the 17-year old son of O. S. Miller, who lives one-half mile south of Brompton, was found lying dead in a ditch near his home about 8:30 this morning.

School children who were passing by found the body. The boy had started out to one of the neighbor's home and it supposed that the horse, which he was riding, threw him. His parents, who are visiting in Charleston were immediately notified and will arrive home this evening.

## EXPLOSION KILLS MANY

Burlington, N. Y., Jan. 24.—Fifteen workmen were killed and as many more probably fatally injured in an explosion at the plant of the Kellogg Blower Co. this afternoon.