

RUSSIA MAKES FRESH OFFERS TO ROUMANIA

Czar Seeks to Have Adjoining Country Place Army in the Field to Oppose the Germans.

AUSTRIAN TROOPS ARE DEFEATED AT BIJLOPOLJE

Enormous Quantities of Big Guns Are Being Massed Preparatory to Attack at Salonika.

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LONDON, Dec. 27.—The German general staff evidently intends to use the same tactics that were pursued by Field Marshal von Mackensen on his drive through Serbia.

Gen. Castelnau, who went to Salonika to confer with the British and French army of that zone has taken personal direction of plans for the defense of the allies' positions.

About 30,000 prisoners of war have been turned over to Italy by Serbia.

Famine and anarchy are said to prevail in Albania. Only a very small section of the country around Durazzo is held under the authority of Essad Pasha.

The Italian troops that were sent into Albania are faced with menacing conditions. The Italian government is having a difficult time sending supplies across the Adriatic owing to the presence of Austrian submarines.

In reply Italy gave assurances that she has no program of expansion.

NEW OFFENSIVE IS STARTED BY TURKS

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Turks have begun a new offensive in Mesopotamia. An official dispatch from Gen. Townsend states that the Turks began a fresh series of attacks against the British positions at Kut-el-Amara, on the Tigris river, on Saturday. The assaults were repulsed with heavy losses for the Turks.

BERLIN, Via Amsterdam, Dec. 27.—Rapid increase in revolutionary sentiment in England's colonial possessions in Egypt and the Orient—particularly India—was predicted today by German officials as a result of the collapse of the allies' campaign in Gallipoli peninsula.

John Meek, mechanic; Fannie Elizabeth Avery, nurse, city. George M. Barwick, contractor, Robinson, Ill.; Vena Karus, Robinson, Ill.

Asks \$10,000 For Death of Son Killed by Auto

Damages of \$10,000 are asked by Frank Trudzniski for the death of his seven-year-old son, who died last October, the result of injuries the father charges, received from an automobile used by Charles W. Korpak & Son, cleaners. The father alleges in his complaint filed in superior court Monday that the car was driven at a reckless rate of speed, exceeding 30 miles an hour and was proceeding on the wrong side of the street on W. Division st. The accident, according to the complaint, occurred in October of 1914.

The father charges that he was entitled to damages inasmuch as he lost the earnings of his son until he was 21 years old, and that the boy's mother, Theofilia, has suffered great anguish and grief as a result of the lad's death.

J. Elmer Peak represents the plaintiff. GOOD WILL FUND BOOSTED Total Pledges To Date For Charity Are 21,504.75.

The Christmas week contributions to the Federation for Social Service amounted to \$279.05. The total pledges to date are \$21,504.75. An offering of \$40 was received from E. J. Harrison, representing the fishermen in the city belonging to Orak Temple of Hammond, Ind. This order contributed over \$500 to charity during the holidays. Class No. 8 of the North Liberty M. E. church Sunday school also sent \$5.25. Pledge cards continue to be received by the Federation, which is maintaining an office in the Chamber of Commerce building.

LOAFED ALL DAY XMAS Firemen Failed to Answer a Run in 24 Hours.

South Bend has no Christmas fires this year. Not even a still alarm was necessary to call the fire department to put out the usual Christmas tree blaze, according to the reports—or lack of reports—at the central station. Not a company made a run on Christmas day.

Another point of interest, overturned Christmas trees is taken by the fire department men to mean that more care was exercised this year in lighting and decorating the trees, for there apparently were as many this year as usual. A list of "dots" was issued by Fire Chief Sibley last week in regard to Christmas trees.

RINKS READY ON TUESDAY Park Employees Are Busy Cleaning Off the Snow.

Listen winter sports! All will be in readiness again Tuesday, according to park officials, who, since the heavy snow fall of Friday, have been working constantly to prepare municipal "ponds" and the River Side drive hill for skaters and coasters.

Another point of interest, especially to the coasters, is the fact the danger zone existent for so long at the foot of the Leper park hall, has been removed.

WILL BANQUET TONIGHT Surviving Members of Volunteer Fire Department to Celebrate.

Members of the Relief Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, of the old volunteer fire department will hold their 30th annual banquet tonight at the Oliver hotel. The banquet will be served at 8 o'clock. The officers are: President, Capt. Edwin Nearing; vice president, George C. Corman; secretary-treasurer, Dr. L. S. LaPierre.

CHARGE IS DISMISSED Man Accused of Desertion is Providing For Child.

Charges of child desertion against Roman Przybylinski, indicted by the grand jury at its last session, were dismissed Monday in superior court on motion of Deputy Pros. Nye. The prosecutor told the court that the charge was preferred under the lazy husband act enacted by the last legislature, but that he had learned that the man was making proper provision for the child's support.

TALKS TO BOYS. Albert Clarke, a traveling salesman, talked to the Newsboys' club on "Efficiency and Success," at the regular meeting held Sunday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. Refreshments were served.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. Hiram W. Peters, farmer, Wenadress, Wash.; Mary E. Hoover, North Liberty.

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Army of General Tsai-Ao is Fully Equipped and Ready to Meet Government Force.

REVOLT HAS SPREAD TO ADJOINING PROVINCES

Shanghai Dispatch Says Cruiser was Captured by Students But Later Abandoned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—There are nine vessels of the United States navy in the vicinity of Shanghai, according to latest reports of the navy department. They are the cruiser Cincinnati and the gunboats Helena, Quiros, Samar, El Cano, Palos, Monocacy and Villa Lobos, and the collier Abarenda.

PEKIN, Dec. 27.—Simultaneously with the promulgation of an order sending 60,000 government troops to stamp out the revolution in Yuan-An province, reports reached Pekin today that the revolt had spread to the adjoining provinces of Kwang Si, Kwei-Chow and Szech-Wan that Gen. Tsai-Ao, the revolutionary leader, had enrolled under his banner 200,000 fully equipped soldiers.

Gen. Tsai-Ao was in Pekin when Yuan Shi-Kai accepted the tender of the throne and it was known that he intended to start a revolt, if the republican form of government was changed, but he fled in disguise when his arrest was ordered and made his way safely to the city of Yun-Nan-Pu, where he had previously served as military governor during the early days of the republic.

Government officials had thought that Tsai-Ao would have little influence in the districts outside of Yun-Nan provinces, but the reports of revolt in three other provinces led them to alter their opinion today. The government's forest sent Yun-Nan probably will be largely increased.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A Shanghai dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. reports the capture of the Chinese cruiser Chao-Ho by rebel students, who, however, abandoned the vessel after it had been bombarded by other warships in the harbor of Shanghai. This was probably another move in the revolt that broke out on Dec. 5. The dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. says: "Rebel students boarded the cruiser Chao-Ho and fired shots, but abandoned the ship after other cruisers had bombarded it. Loyal Chinese forces hold the arsenal. Volunteers are guarding the American cruisers and harbor works."

Shanghai dispatches on Dec. 6, announced that a mutiny had occurred on board the Chao-Ho. Later messages said that the mutiny had been quelled and that the outbreak had been confined to the one cruiser.

WOMAN KILLS SALESMAN Cabaret Singer Says Man Intended to Leave Her.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Albert Sheppard, a salesman for A. Bishop & Co., furriers, was found shot and near death early today in his apartment. Dorothy Sheppard, a cabaret singer, who said she was his wife, told the police that Sheppard was wounded accidentally. Later, when locked up, she said: "Yes I shot him. He said I was extravagant and he was going to leave me. I'm sorry I only hit him once. I fired three times. I hit no one else. He earned a good salary."

MOB OF 6,000 HELD AT BAY BY MILITIA

REGAIN GROUND. PARIS, Dec. 27.—The Montenegro legation today announced further successes against the Austrian troops in Montenegro, issuing the following statement: "Our Sanjak army continued its offensive Sunday. After a fight lasting the entire day it occupied several villages hitherto in the hands of the enemy including Godmuch, Douvo and Debrido. The Austrians suffered heavy losses.

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Greece to Remain Neutral as Long As it is Possible

ATHENS, Dec. 27.—Ex-Premier Gounaris, who is expected to succeed M. Skoufoulidis as prime minister, declared in an interview today that Greece is determined to remain neutral. "We do not want to mix ourselves in this war unless events force us to depart from our policy of neutrality," declared M. Gounaris. "The foreign policy of the government remains unchanged despite the outcome of the recent election. "Greece is a small state and does not want to be dragged into a war which might result in a catastrophe for her similar to that suffered by Belgium and Serbia. We are just Greeks and I am neither pro-German nor pro-French."

CITIZEN ARMY IS HELD IMPOSSIBLE Garrison's Plan is Not Expected to be Included in Measure.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The Garrison "continental army" plan will not be incorporated in the army bill when it is reported to the house, unless there is a complete change of sentiment among military affairs committee members, even among those favoring a much larger force than is advocated by the administration.

The war department admitted today that great objection to the plan is increasingly evident. The chief objection is the conviction on the part of the army officers that training the citizen soldiery only two months each year could not possibly result in making them fit to back up the standing army in case of necessity. Another argument raised against the plan by military experts is the training would be of little or no value except under the direct and continuous direction of regular army officers. In the present state of the military establishment, this would be impossible.

Most of the committee members who are opposed to the plan for these reasons have no other plan to offer, but profess to be open-minded and will be guided by the suggestions given the committee by the recognized military authorities and general officers who will be summoned to appear before it. At present these officers are restricted from voicing their plans publicly, an order to this effect having gone broadcast through the army from the office of the secretary of war.

NORTH AFRICAN COAST BOMBARDED BY FRENCH Turkish Battery in Gulf of Sollum is Destroyed by Ship's Fire.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The ministry of marine today announced that a French cruiser had bombarded the north African coast of the Gulf of Sollum, destroyed a Turkish battery. The Gulf of Sollum touches the northeastern part of Egypt and the northeastern coast of Tripoli.

The statement issued by the ministry of marine follows: "In the course of an exploring trip in the Gulf of Sollum one of our cruisers bombarded and destroyed a Turkish battery. "The armed frigate Paris II, commanded by Naval Lieut. Papanet, found itself on the Ottoman coast in the vicinity of two large submarines equipped with artillery. The French trawler opened fire on the vessels which, by using their superior speed, kept themselves at long range. After a cannonade of two hours the submarines fled."

FATALLY INJURED. ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 27.—County Policeman A. T. Butler was fatally injured late last night when he ran his motorcycle into a speeding automobile. His partner, Policeman Jesse Waters, was painfully hurt.

KING CONSTANTINE ILL PARIS, Dec. 27.—The Athens correspondent of the Journal wires that King Constantine is suffering from virulent pleurisy and that his condition is serious. Although the world at large has heard much mystified as to the nature of the king's condition it is well known to physicians here that the sickness of the Greek monarch is unfortunately fatal. It is no secret among Greek physicians that the king is a victim of virulent pleurisy which is accented to be incurable. Constantine's death is regarded as certain within three years.

CRATER IS OCCUPIED BY GERMAN TROOPS

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FOOD IS BADLY NEEDED Supplies Intended For Albania Are Held Up.

ROME, Dec. 27.—Pestilence, famine and anarchy reign in Albania. Thousands of men, women and children in Albania are starving while American relief supplies are rotting on shipboard, the relief commission being unable to get the food stuffs into the interior.

TURKS IN BELGIUM. LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Amsterdam correspondent of the Central News Agency telegraphs that Austrian troops and another contingent of Turks have arrived in Belgium. Eight thousand Austrians were reported to have passed through Charleroi on their way to the front.

LORD CURZON MAY BE MADE NEXT PREMIER

With Reports Current of a Cabinet Crisis Ministry Meets to Take Up Lord Derby's Scheme.

PRESENT GOVERNMENT NEAR BREAKING POINT

Continued Attacks From Without and Within Expected to Result in Sensational Developments.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—With reports current of a cabinet crisis, the ministry met today to take what was expected to be final action upon the report of Lord Derby regarding his enlistment scheme. The cabinet decision was expected to be fraught with grave import, not only for the British army of the future, but also for the ministers themselves, particularly Premier Asquith and Sec'y of War Kitchener.

Continued attacks on the cabinet from within as well as from without—have weakened the strength of the present government to such a point that impartial observers would not be surprised by sensational developments in the near future. The government's loss of strength is not with respect to the aims of the war, but rather with reference to the confidence of the country in the ministry's ability to carry out the purposes for which Britain is fighting.

Lord Curzon in Front. For several months Minister of Munitions Lloyd-George appeared the logical candidate for the premiership in case Asquith were forced out. Then Sir Edward Carson forced to the front as a logical recipient of the coveted post, but today there is a third candidate in the person of Lord Curzon of Kenderstone, holding the post of lord of the privy seal in the present cabinet.

Lord Curzon may ultimately become the strongest of the three, owing to the tendencies which are likely to deprive Lloyd-George and Carson of some of their more conservative supporters.

If Lord Curzon should win out in the triangular contest which is being waged by his friends against the supporters of Lloyd-George and Carson, Lord Kitchener would retire from the war office, Kitchener forced the cabinet to agree with him as to the conduct of India's affairs when Curzon was viceroy of India. Curzon was overruled, and it would be impossible for the two men to serve in the cabinet.

INSIDE BY SNOW

Golf Links Are Covered and Executive Spends Time Going Over Mail.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 27.—Overcast skies and a covering of snow which made pedestrianism dangerous, held Pres't Wilson and his bride close to their suite in their hotel here this morning. The president rose early intending to play a round on the golf links to work out any latent effect of his wetting of Saturday when he and Mrs. Wilson were caught in the rain.

But a couple of inches of snow covered the links with the weather indicating that more might be expected soon. So he hustled Secret Service Chief "Joe" Murphy over for his confidential stenographer, Charles Swen, and buckled down to clear up a bunch of important correspondence which Swen brought here from Washington last night.

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ANOTHER MEMBER QUILTS FORD SHIP

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 27.—Following the withdrawal of Mrs. Inez Millholland Boissevain, the suffragist leader, from the Ford peace party, several other members of the expedition threatened to leave today. They said that they fully endorsed Mrs. Boissevain's protest against the arbitrary selection of a governing committee by the expedition's leaders and that unless satisfactory legislation were given and pledges made that all further action of the kind should be taken by the expedition as a whole they would abandon the party at Copenhagen.

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It is now proposed to make the headquarters of the expedition at Copenhagen instead of at The Hague. Supporters of this plan point out that it would be useless to go to Holland's capital without Scandinavian help and that the thing to do is to remain at Copenhagen until peace advocates of Norway, Sweden and Denmark decide to give their help to the expedition.

To encourage those Americans of the expedition who had become disheartened over the failure to enlist delegates at Christiania, one of the leaders announced today that Carl Lindhagen, mayor of Stockholm and president of the peace arbitration league would probably join the party as a Swedish delegate. No others have been found willing to serve, however.

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Society Leader Back From London



Mrs. John Astor, Photographed Upon Her Arrival in New York Aboard the Rotterdam, and Her Son Vincent Astor, Who Met Her at the Pier.

NEW YORK.—Mrs. John Astor, first wife of the late Col. John Jacob Astor, arrived here from England to spend the holidays with her son and daughter, Vincent and Muriel Astor, after more than a year in England, during which she has devoted practically all her time to charitable work for the British soldiers at the front.

Mrs. Astor will return to England early in January, according to present plans, taking her daughter with her. It is expected that while here she will arrange several affairs for the aid of the British soldiers.

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BERLIN SEEKS SOLUTION OF NOTE DISPUTE

Hopes to Find Way to Satisfy United States Without Disrupting Austrian Naval Forces.

NO CHEERFUL NEWS REACHES WASHINGTON

Immediate Reply is Demanded by U. S. But Conferences Over Note Are Still in Progress in Vienna.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—German diplomacy today is seeking a way to aid Austria in settling the Ancona dispute and finding a way out that will satisfy the United States without making concessions which will disrupt the Austro-Hungarian naval forces. Whether it will succeed officials here do not know. Only on one point are they certain.

That is that there will be no concessions made in the note which the dispute into a diplomatic tangle which will necessitate prolonged exchanges between the two governments. Arbitration of the principles involved, if that is what Austria is hoping for, according to inspired advices from Vienna, will not be considered.

U. S. Makes Demands. What the United States wants is the acceptance by Austria of her demands for disavowal, punishment of the submarine commander and indemnity for American lives lost. If Austria will accept this general situation the details will be arranged any way she desires. If not, then diplomatic relations will be severed.

The exact situation, so far as the Ancona is concerned, which faced the state department today, was as follows: "No word indicating that he believes Austria is formulating a satisfactory reply has been received from Ambassador Penfield."

Baron Zwiendek, the Austrian charge here, has failed to satisfy Sec'y Lansing that his status with his government is such that he could, if given opportunity, settle the matter in dispute.

The United States still insists on a speedy reply, but, according to the best information reaching the state department, conferences are continuing between the Austrian foreign minister and Berlin officials.

Break is Feared. Both at the white house and state department an air of pessimism prevails and the statement is made that so far there has been no information received that would indicate that Austria desires anything more than to throw the controversy into diplomatic conversational channels.

It is admitted, of course, that the German influence may yet prove successful. Advices direct from Berlin and from Copenhagen and Rotterdam indicate that ever since the rejoinder to the original Austrian reply reached Vienna, Baron Bristow has been in communication with the imperial German chancellor in Berlin.

Germany, it is admitted, wants to avoid any break between her ally and the United States.

NO WARNING WAS GIVEN JAP SHIP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The state department today announced the receipt of a cable from Consul Bristow at Port Said, announcing that the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru was sunk without warning. Consul Bristow's cable reported the department Christmas day, but was not given out until Sec'y Lansing had seen it.

Consul Bristow stated that the 129 passengers and 162 members of the crew, picked up by a French gunboat, were landed at Port Said. W. J. Leigh, an American, was among the passengers. Bristow's message stated that the portage of the submarine was not seen until the liner was sinking.

The vessel sank in just 29 minutes after being torpedoed. The nationality of the submarine is not known. Following is the text of Consul Bristow's cablegram: "The Yasaka Maru was sunk without warning. No attempt was made to escape. The periscope was not seen until after the torpedo struck the vessel. She sank in 29 minutes. One hundred and twenty passengers, one American, W. J. Leigh, and 162 crew, took to boats and were followed by submarine, nationality unknown until French submarine approached. No lives lost."