

RETREATING SERBS ARE HACKED FROM ALL SIDES

TEUTONIC ALLIES KEEP UP UNCEASING OFFENSIVE AGAINST DISTRESSED SERBIAN ARMY.

RUSSIANS USE BIG GUNS

Along the Entire Russian Front Heavy Artillery Pieces Are Hurling Shells Against the Germans—All Battle Fronts Active, Etc.

Latest News From Battle Fronts.

That neither side of the great war is disposed to make the first advance for peace would seem to be indicated by statements of Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier, and Herbert P. Asquith, the British prime minister.

"When peace shall come," said Count Tisza, "depends exclusively upon our enemies." While Asquith told the British parliament, "that if any proposals of a serious character for a peace are put forward by the enemy, either directly or through a neutral power, they would be discussed by the entente governments."

The German imperial chancellor, answering a socialist query in the reichstag Thursday, said: "If our enemies make peace proposals compatible with Germany's dignity and safety, then we shall always be ready to discuss them."

The extreme southwestern neck of Serbian territory lying between the Greek and Bulgarian frontier, where the British and French forces have their lines, is the scene of violent fighting. The British, near Lake Doiran, which is almost on the Greek border, have twice been compelled to withdraw from their positions by the Bulgarians' violent bombardment and infantry attacks.

Reports from the Russian front say the Russians have captured the entire staff of the Eighty-second German army division.

Considerable heavy fighting, mostly with artillery, is in progress on all the battle fronts in Russia.

No appreciable gains have been made by either of the belligerents on the Austro-Italian front.

A Teheran dispatch coming by way of Petrograd announced the defeat of a Turkish force in the region of Hamadan, southwest of Teheran, while Constantinople reports that the Turks have been successful against the British in Arabia and are marching in the direction of Aden.

Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, and Earl Kitchener, secretary of war, have conferred in Paris with Premier Briand, Minister of War Gallieni and General Joffre, the French commander in chief.

The French cruiser Descartes has searched at sea the New York and Porto Rico Steamship Company's steamers Coamo and Carolina and removed four firemen and a steward, all said to be Germans.

The Teutons continue to harass the Serbians and Montenegrins both in Western Serbia and several sections in Montenegro. Albanians are said to be participating in the engagements against the Serbs.

While the Bulgarians report that the French are retiring along both sides of the Vardar river in Southern Serbia, the French official report said the Bulgarians have been forced to withdraw at Demirkapou on the Vardar.

The Austrians along the entire Austro-Italian front have shown greater activity with their artillery, and also are using asphyxiating gases extensively. Vienna admits the occupation by the Italians of Austrian trenches near San Michele mountain, but says the Italians were later driven out. Austrian infantry attacks at several points preceded by heavy artillery preparation were repulsed.

Bombardments from land and sea are being carried out against the Turkish positions on the Gallipoli peninsula by the entente allies.

The German government is to ask the reichstag to vote a credit of \$2,500,000,000 supplementary to the 1915 budget.

The United States has sent to Austria-Hungary a note asking for a disavowal of the submarine attack upon the Italian liner Ancona, assurances that such an act will not be repeated, some degree of punishment for the commander of the submarine and reparation for the American lives lost. The communication started by cable Wednesday from the state department to Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, Austria.

Reports that the Italians have sent a force to take part in the Balkan campaign appear to be confirmed in the Austrian official report of a naval engagement in the lower Adriatic sea.

The sinking in the Mediterranean by a submarine of the American oil steamer Communipaw, reports of which come from Rome, overshadow other incidents of the war in so far as this country is affected. The Communipaw, according to the Rome dispatch, was sunk near Tobruk, Tripoli, but the nationality of the submarine and the fate of the crew are unknown. On December 2 the Communipaw, which left New York October 27 and was held up by the Italian government at Genoa, proceeded on her way to Egyptian ports.



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GINNING REPORTS SHOWS FOUR MILLION BALES LESS

Government Report Shows 9,711,453 Bales of Cotton Ginned Prior to December 1.

Washington.—The sixth cotton ginning report of the season, compiled from reports of census bureau correspondents and agents throughout the cotton belt and issued Wednesday, announced that 9,711,453 bales of cotton counting round bales as half bales, of the growth of 1915, has been ginned prior to December 1. That compares with 13,073,386 bales, or 82.2 per cent of the entire crop, ginned prior to December 1 last year; 12,088,412 bales, or 86.5 per cent, in 1913, and 11,854,541 bales, or 87.9 per cent, in 1912. The average quantity of cotton ginned prior to December 1 in the last ten years was 10,691,933 bales, or 83.4 per cent of the crop.

Included in the ginnings were 93,361 round bales, with 39,682 last year; 85,878 in 1913, and 73,030 in 1912.

Sea island cotton included numbered 77,161 bales, compared with 63,024 last year, 61,049 in 1913 and 51,275 in 1912.

Ginnings prior to December 1 for Texas and Louisiana and the percentage of the crop ginned prior to that date follow:

Texas—	Bales.	Per cent.
1915.....	2,777,561
1914.....	3,746,578	85.3
1913.....	3,572,105	94.7
1912.....	4,314,821	92.9
Louisiana—		
1915.....	319,849
1914.....	382,093	84.5
1913.....	342,383	78.8
1912.....	343,323	91.6

TOTAL PRODUCTION OF RICE CROP ESTIMATED

Secretary of the Millers' Association Gives 6,370,222 Bags as 1915 Production in United States.

Beaumont, Tex.—The final estimate of the 1915 rice crop was given out this week by J. R. Leguene, secretary of the Rice Millers' Association. The report shows a total production of rice in the United States for this season to be 6,370,222 bags, which includes 50,646 bags carried over from last season. This production is slightly above the average yield for the past five years. The actual crop for this season will not be known until the latter part of July or early in August. The estimated yield for Texas is 1,860,445; for Louisiana, 3,141,241; for Arkansas, 1,188,590; for California, 440,300, and for all other states, 49,000, making the total of 6,679,576 bags. This statement differs but little from figures of the Southern Rice Growers' Association given out a few days ago, which divided the 1915 crops as follows: Arkansas, 1,098,340; Texas, 1,862,046; Louisiana, 3,118,074; California (bags of 180 pounds), 444,000; Atlantic coast states, 49,000.

Prohibition Law Is Sustained.

Denver, Colo.—The authority of Colorado to enact and enforce statewide prohibition was upheld Monday by the state supreme court, which held that cities governed under special charter were without authority to continue traffic in intoxicating liquors after January 1, 1916, when statewide prohibition becomes effective in Colorado under constitutional and statutory enactments.

Asks for Another Federal Judge.

Washington.—The effort to obtain an additional judge for the fifth judicial circuit, which includes the State of Texas, was renewed by the introduction of a bill Monday by Representative James L. Slayden of San Antonio.

Bond Issue to Be Submitted.

Port Arthur, Tex.—The trustees of the Port Arthur independent school district will submit a bond issue of \$450,000 to taxpayers of the district on January 8 next.

TO ORGANIZE FARMERS ON CO-OPERATIVE BASIS

The National Convention on Marketing Unanimously Adopts Resolutions for Much Improvement.

Chicago, Ill.—Resolutions creating a central committee to organize the farmers of America into co-operative societies covering every farm product from poultry and garden truck to grain and live stock and operating in every county and each of the forty-eight States, were adopted unanimously Thursday at the closing session of the National Conference on Marketing and Farm Credits.

The adoption of these resolutions by a conference composed of delegates from forty-five states was declared by Chairman Frank L. McVey, president of the University of North Dakota, to be one of the largest co-operative movements ever launched.

The purpose of the agricultural organization society to be formed is defined in the resolutions adopted as follows:

"To examine into the methods of production and distribution of farm products with a view of evolving a system of greater economy and efficiency in handling and marketing the same.

"To encourage and promote the co-operative organization of farmers and of those engaged in allied industries for mutual help in the distribution, storing and marketing of products.

"To furnish instructors and lecturers on the subject of co-operation among farmers, auditing and accounting, exports and legal advice on matters relating to organization.

"To issue reports, pamphlets and instructions which will help in spreading knowledge of the best means of rural betterment and organization.

"To encourage and co-operate with government departments, educational institutions, societies, educational centers, etc., in all efforts to solve the questions of rural life, rural betterment and agricultural finance and the marketing and distribution of products and the special application of the facts and methods discovered to the conditions existing among the farmers of America and to the solution of the problem of the increasing cost of living.

"To investigate the land conditions and land tenure with a view to working out better, more equitable and fairer systems of dealing with this problem so vital to the social and the economic well-being of the country.

"To call, from time to time, such conferences or conventions as will help to carry out the above-mentioned objects."

The resolutions also provide for the permanent organization of the national conference on marketing and farm credits.

Mexicans Held Without Bail.

Brownsville, Tex.—Lorenzo Lopez and Rojerlo Caballero Friday were remanded to the custody of the sheriff without bail on the charge of complicity in the wreck of the St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico railroad train on the night of October 18 last, and in connection with the killing of Dr. E. S. McCain, deputy state health officer, and Corporal Albert McBee of the United States army.

Big Sugar Mill Starts.

San Benito, Tex.—The sugar mill at San Benito began grinding last week. The plant, which has the capacity of 500 tons of cane daily, is being operated for the first time in two years, it having been bought in several months ago from the receivers and improved by the expenditure of a large sum of money.

Officer of Navy Resigns.

Vallejo, Cal.—Lieutenant Edson C. Oak, acquitted by a court martial recently on charges growing out of the boiler explosion on the United States cruiser San Diego a year ago, has been notified that his resignation had been accepted by Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

Bastrop Bond Issue Approved.

Austin, Tex.—The attorney general's department Monday approved a \$50,000 bond issue of Bastrop road district No. 2.

NEW 64TH CONGRESS IS FORMALLY OPENED

CHAMP CLARK IS AGAIN ELECTED SPEAKER AND RULES OF PREVIOUS HOUSE ADOPTED.

A FLOOD OF BILLS, ETC

Two Thousand Measures and Resolutions Find Their Way Into Hopper. Many Proposing Measures of National Defense, Etc.

Washington.—Congress assembled and organized Monday for the session which is expected to be the greatest within the memory of the present generation.

Four hours' work in the house saw Speaker Clark re-elected to the chair; Representative Mann returned to leadership of the republican minority; the introduction of 2,000 bills and resolutions, many of them proposing measures of national defense and many more in opposition; the reappearance of constitutional amendments to enfranchise women and a miniature rules fight that flickered out with the adoption of last year's rules with a few changes.

In the senate practically nothing was done, except the election of Senator Clarke of Arkansas as president pro tempore.

Almost \$46,000,000 is asked by the army engineers for maintenance and improvement of rivers and harbors for the twelve months beginning July 1, 1916. Estimates for that work submitted to congress Monday call for appropriations aggregating \$45,839,510.

What Texas and Louisiana desire in the way of rivers and harbors:

Texas—Galveston, \$150,000; channel, Galveston to Texas City, \$75,000; channel, Pass Cavallo to Port Lavaca, \$3,000; channel to Port Bolivar, \$25,000; Port Aransas, \$200,000; Sabine Pass, \$690,000; Houston ship channel, \$250,000; mouth of Brazos river, \$45,000; Sabine-Neches canal, \$200,000; Brazos river, Velasco to Old Washington, \$20,000; Old Washington to Waco, \$250,000; Trinity river, \$50,000; West Galveston bay channel and adjacent streams, \$49,400; inland waterway on Texas coast, West Galveston-Brazos river section, \$15,000; Brazos river-Matagorda bay section, \$30,000; Aransas Pass-Cavallo section, \$30,000; channel to Victoria on Guadalupe river, \$23,500; channel, Aransas Pass to Corpus Christi, \$15,000; Cypress bayou, \$5,000; Sulphur river, \$12,000.

Louisiana—Southwest pass, \$850,000; Atchafalaya river, \$70,000; Bayou Bartholomew, Macon, D'Arbonne and Corney and Roefut and Tensas rivers, \$16,000; Bayou Crossettete, \$5,000; Johnsons bayou, \$2,500; Bayou Plaquemine, \$20,000; Bayou Queue de Tortue, \$3,000; Bayou Teche, \$10,000; Bayou Terrebonne, \$3,000; Bayou Vermillion and Mermentau river, \$13,000; Bogue Chitta, Bogue Falia, Bayou Manchac, Amite, Chefuncte and Tick-faw rivers, \$8,000; Calcasieu river and pass, \$6,000; Waterway, Franklin to Mermentau, \$10,000; removing water hyacinth, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, \$20,000; inland waterway, Mermentau river to Sabine river, Texas, \$10,000.

CONSTANTINE SENDS TO AMERICA A MESSAGE

Makes Plain the Policy of Greece in Her Effort to Remain Neutral During the War.

Athens, via Malta and London.—Constantine I, king of the Greeks, received a correspondent Monday and gave him a message for America on the attitude which Greece has assumed in the world war and the reasons for the policy which has been followed by the Greek government.

"I am especially glad to talk for America," said the king, "for America will understand Greece's position. We are both neutral and are altogether determined, if it is humanly possible, not to court destruction by permitting ourselves to be drawn into the frightful mortex of the present European conflict. Both are trying by every honorable means to guard our sovereignty, protect our own people and stand up for our national interests without sacrificing that neutrality which we recognize as our only salvation.

"America is protected from immediate danger by the distance which separates her from the battlefield. We, too, thought that once. But the battlefield shifted and may shift again. What is happening in Greece today may happen in America, Holland or any other neutral country tomorrow if the precedent now sought to be established in the case of Greece is once fixed."

Santa Fe Settles Up Taxes.

Center, Tex.—The tax collector this week received payment of all state and county taxes due by the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe, the total amount paid by the road being \$14,865.28, representing 51.66 miles of road in Shelby county.

New Oil Well at Lake Charles.

Lake Charles, La.—An oil company brought in a well on a forty-acre tract in the Ederly oil field Monday. The well started with an initial flow of 5,000 barrels.

A Good Time.

"Have a good time at the party, Willie?"
"You bet I did. They had three kinds of cake and I tried 'em all twice."

DON'T GAMBLE

that your heart's all right. Make sure. Take "Renovine"—a heart and nerve tonic. Price 50c and \$1.00.—Adv.

The forty-eight-inch vein of trouble lies so near the surface of the ground that any man can drive his pick into it.

Impossible.

Guest (to waitress, doubting bill)—"What! I'm supposed to be drunk fourteen glasses of beer? It is impossible, little one, or I must have kissed you long ago!"—The gentle Blaetter (Munich).

Always keep Hanford's

hand for accidents. It's good insurance. Adv.

After a man has worked

in a newspaper office all he wants to do is yawn.

WHAT IS URIC ACID?

THE CAUSE OF BACKACHE, RHEUMATISM, LUMBAGO

Ever since the discovery of uric acid in the blood by Scheele, in 1775, and the bad effect it had upon the body, scientists and physicians have striven to rid the tissues and the blood of this poison. Because of its overabundance in the system it causes backache, pains here and there, rheumatism, gout, gravel, neuralgia and sciatica. It was Dr. Pierce who discovered a new agent, called "Anuric," which will throw out and completely eradicate this uric acid from the system. "Anuric" is 37 times more potent than *Mithra*, and consequently you need no longer fear muscular or articular rheumatism or gout, or many other diseases which are dependent on an accumulation of uric acid in the body. Send to Dr. Pierce of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., for a pamphlet on "Anuric," or send 10 cents for a package of "Anuric" Tablets. If you feel that tired, worn-out feeling, backache, neuralgia, or if your sleep is disturbed by too frequent urination, go to your best man and ask for Dr. Pierce's "Anuric." Dr. Pierce's reputation is based on this medicine and you know that "Pleasant Pellets" for the liver and "Favorite Prescription" for the kidneys women have had a splendid reputation for the past fifty years.



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