

## TURK GAINING GROUND OVER RUSS ARMS

London, Despite Petrograd Denial, Believes Sari Kamysh Taken.

### LOSSES TO BOTH SIDES

Troops Suffer Terribly While Battling Through Snow in Bitter Cold.

London, Jan. 4.—Utterly irreconcilable are the claims of the contending armies in the east. In the west unprejudiced but weather-precious operations which could give a decided advantage to one side or the other. Activities of the Turks seem to be assuming increasing importance. Judging from official communications from Petrograd, the Turks claim to have taken Sari Kamysh, Russia, however, does not admit this, and says the Turks suffered enormous losses. Comparing the Turkish and Russian statements it would seem the Turks are making headway, although both sides are losing heavily as troops founder in the fight through deep snow in bitter cold. The battle of the rivers in Poland continues, both Russians and Germans claiming advantage. Violent fighting is in progress along the eastern front. An official Russian statement shows that, after capturing Polonoie, the Germans attempted to push on in the direction of Warsaw, 20 miles away. The movement marked renewal of the German offensive toward the Polish capital, but the advance was repulsed with large losses. A considerable night battle on the bank of the Buzza river is described in the Russian communication, which says the Germans were permitted to cross the river unopposed, then were attacked with bayonets, without firing a shot. It is asserted several hundred Germans were killed and the remainder surrendered.

## Politicians of Terre Haute Given "Trusties" Room



Election prisoners' quarters at Marion county (Ind.) jail; Harry Montgomery, one of the indicted city officials (right) and Deputy Marshal C. M. Mikesell.

Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 4.—While over a hundred Terre Haute city officials and their political coworkers are now under indictment as a result of the grand jury investigation into the November elections in this city, nearly all of these have secured bail and are enjoying their liberty. At one time more than twenty Terre Haute officials, including Mayor Donn M. Roberts, were housed in the Marion county jail at Indianapolis. During their stay there these officials were honored by being given the "trusties" room, considered the most desirable in the jail. Most of the arrests were made by Deputy Marshal Mikesell, who has been working overtime since the first arrests were made on Christmas night.

The grand jury is about to reconvene, and when it does election conditions in Terre Haute will again be taken up. Mayor Roberts, who is a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor in 1916, declares that all the charges leveled against him have been inspired by political foes. The indicted mayor is said to have been the head and guiding spirit of a political condition that for several years has made Terre Haute elections notorious. The indicted men will be arraigned about January 15, according to United States District Attorney Frank C. Dalley. Their trials will be set at that time, he said.

Roberts' rise in politics has been rapid. In 1910 he was appointed city engineer of Terre Haute, and while holding that position organized the city council against the mayor, who later discharged Roberts. Later Roberts was made county chairman of the democratic party and carried his slate through in the election of 1912. He then became the democratic candidate for mayor, and in an election described by Daniel Fasig, then chief of police, as "the most disgraceful ever held in an Indiana city," was chosen mayor. During that election men were slugged at the polls and election officials driven from the polling places. A grand jury investigated the election and returned indictments against Roberts and a number of his supporters. Roberts was placed on trial, and after a sensational hearing, during which all male spectators were searched for firearms to prevent a shooting affray, he was acquitted. Since his elevation to the mayor's chair of Terre Haute Roberts has been almost continuously in the limelight, figuring in a number of cases in court. Next came the election of last November, which was declared by Terre Hauteans to have been worse than the one the year before and which was the cause of the arrests beginning Christmas night.

## GERMANS AND IRISH OPPOSE HELPING WAR

Delegations From Several Cities Before Committee at Capital.

### URGING RESOLUTIONS

Visiting Contingent Made Up of Members National Alliance and Hibernians.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Delegations from New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Baltimore, among them representatives of the German-American alliance and Ancient Order of Hibernians, appeared today before the house foreign affairs committee to favor pending congressional resolutions to stop exports of war materials to European belligerents. C. G. Hexamer of Philadelphia, president of the German-American alliance, presented memorials adopted by that organization in many states urging adoption of one of the resolutions. Representative Gardner, urging his proposal to investigate the military preparedness of the nation, told the house military committee today that the entire field army and militia, regulars and all of the United States would "just about garrison Paris," and that the United States today own "little more than half of the number of guns Russia had at the battle of Mukden." Gardner had a number of lively passages with members of the committee which he arraigned for not summoning Major General Wood and Crozier to get their views. Hall Nomination Held Up. Renomination of Henry Hall to the interstate commerce commission was held up today by the senate commerce committee at the request of republican senators. Cummins said several senators wanted to know more about why the commission recently reversed itself and granted freight rate increases to eastern railroads.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.  
Cloudy and warmer tonight with the lowest temperature about 20 degrees above zero. Tuesday probably rain or snow, fresh southerly winds. Temperature at 7 a. m. 9. Highest yesterday 23. Lowest last night 7. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 3 miles per hour.  
Precipitation .63 inch.  
Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 97, at 7 a. m. 100.  
State of water 3.4, a fall of .1 in last 48 hours.  
J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.  
Evening stars: Jupiter, Saturn, Mars (the stars near the horizon north-northwest are the eyes of the dragon constellation Draco) below the Little Dipper and polestar.

## ENGLAND ISSUES A MODIFIED RULE

Turpentine and Resin Shipped Before Being Banned Out Will Be Paid For.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—The British embassy last night issued its first statement on the shipping situation since the publication of the American note of protest. It cleared up one point on which the United States had asked for information by announcing that turpentine and resin shipped from this country before these articles were declared contraband would be paid for when seized. The statement said: "Turpentine and resin shipped before the publication of the order placing them on the contraband list will be paid for." "All copper shipped before the date of the declaration that copper was contraband has been paid for or released." "No cargoes of Italy have been held up at Gibraltar since Dec. 4. Italian ships carrying cargoes of commodities of which export from Italy is prohibited are not interfered with unless there is clear evidence of fraudulent intentions on the part of shippers." "Negotiations are proceeding in London with a view to the removal of the embargo on rubber against a pledge not to export similar to that arranged with regard to German aniline dyes. The negotiations have been retarded by the discovery of shipments of rubber from the United States to Europe under disguise." Officials of the Washington government expect the coming week to clear the air of much of the uncertainty prevalent over the seizure of American cargoes and ships by the allies. With the expected answer from Great Britain to the American note the decision of scope of special cases probably will be expeditious. The dispatch of the note covering the general situation has for the moment adrift some of the individual cases. Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, who has been conducting much of the negotiations in this connection, has not been at the state department since news of the sending of the note was made public. It is believed that pending the deliberations of the British government on the general subject of neutral commerce he is awaiting further instructions before continuing his negotiations. While interest in the diplomatic controversy opened by the sending of the American note is widespread in official and diplomatic Washington, a feeling of confidence prevails on all sides that an amicable adjustment will be reached.

## CAUSE DEATH OF WOMAN IS YET MYSTERY

Dr. Ronalds, Husband, and Two Servants Are Under Surveillance.

### MATTOON SENSATION

Chicago Chemist Unable to Give Answer After Superficial Examination.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 4.—Chemical analysis of the viscera of Mrs. Alice Ronalds, who died Friday night at her home in Mattoon, Ill., under unexplained circumstances, probably will be necessary to determine the cause of death. A coroner's chemist today made a superficial examination of the woman's stomach and asked that other organs be brought to Chicago. At the inquest witnesses testified to the disordered house and bruises on the woman's face. The husband, Dr. Harold Ronalds, and two servants were questioned and are kept under surveillance. Witnesses at the inquest testified they believed it a case of suicide. A complicating circumstance which has intervened further to baffle those who have been investigating the mystery was the discovery that the two children of the dead woman were sent to the home of relatives in Indiana last Wednesday—two days before Mrs. Ronalds' sudden death. Dr. J. G. Baker and Dr. R. D. Parsh, who with Dr. Kleckner conducted the postmortem examination, said there was a possibility that the marks of violence found on the dead woman's face and skull might bear some relation to her death. If the chemist's analysis of the stomach fails to reveal traces of poison, the physicians will insist that a second postmortem examination be held for the purpose of determining whether death resulted from concussion of the brain or other injury inflicted by a blow. John Graham, a brother of Mrs. Ronalds, went to Mattoon from his home in Grayville. He said he wished the case to be investigated thoroughly and urged the authorities to leave no stone unturned. Attorney W. E. Ronalds of Harrisburg, Ill., a former county judge of Saline county and a brother of Dr. H. E. Ronalds, arrived in Mattoon late Saturday afternoon and was present at the inquest for a short time. Never Had Quarrel. Mrs. Ronalds was about 55 years old and had always been healthy and cheerful. She and her husband never had a quarrel, so far as the sheriff could learn. C. D. Purcell, his wife Ida and Dr. Ronalds were in the house when police authorities summoned by the physician arrived. Purcell and his wife were intoxicated, according to Sheriff H. B. Sinnabough, and were taken into custody. The husband who accompanied Mrs. Ronalds to the inquest, but could tell nothing. He said he believed his wife had committed suicide, but that he knew of no reasons why she should, except that recently she had complained of not feeling well. Purcell and his wife, who are servants, asserted their ignorance of the affair. They had seen no one enter or leave the house, had not seen Mrs. Ronalds and had heard no cries for help, they said. They were examined minutely. There was no blood on their garments. There was no scratches or marks on their bodies. There was nothing that would indicate they had been in a struggle. Harvester Files Appeal. Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—The International Harvester company today docketed in the supreme court its appeal from the decision of the lower federal courts, which adjudged it a violator of the Sherman anti-trust law. Laveta Murder Case on Trial. Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 4.—The trial of the Laveta murder case, so-called, an outgrowth of the Colorado coal strike, in which nine members of the United Mine Workers of America stand charged with killing three mine guards and a chauffeur, began in the district court today. The alleged murders took place in Laveta, Nov. 8, 1912. Judge McPherson IS SERIOUSLY ILL. Council Bluffs, Iowa, Jan. 4.—Judge Smith McPherson of the federal district court of southern Iowa, has been ill some time at his home in Red Oak, Iowa, and today it was announced that Judge Walter J. Smith of the federal circuit court had been designated to discharge the duties of McPherson during the coming year.

## LONDON REOPENS STOCK EXCHANGE

Severe Restrictions Placed on Trading to Prevent Panic in Selling Securities.

London, Jan. 4.—The London stock exchange reopened today after being closed on account of the war since July 30. Severe restrictions were placed upon trading to prevent anything approaching a panic in selling or unloading of securities by hostile countries. Business was strictly on a cash basis. The session opened with cheers and the singing of the national anthem by a smaller attendance than usual. A number of British and French members were absent on account of the war. In fact business that was resumed even on a limited scale is taken in the history of the exchange was safely negotiated through the efforts of the treasury and stock exchange committee. The general opinion that restrictions would curtail business to a considerable extent was borne out in the first half hour. Not a single bargain occurred in American and only a few of these securities appeared. New York, Jan. 4.—Rumors of peace originating in Rome, affected favorably the stock market today.

## DISPELS MURDER THEORY

Note Left by Man Found Shot Tells of Suicide.

Aurora, Ill., Jan. 4.—A note found yesterday in the Wheaton summer home of W. J. Nelson of Chicago supports the theory that the young caretaker of the place was not murdered, but killed himself. The theory of Sheriff Heisterman, who thought that Stevenson slew himself because he nursed the fear that he had caught the hoof and mouth disease, which has been sweeping throughout this section, is also set at naught by the note, which said he was going to take his own life because nobody cared for him. No girl was mentioned in the writing, but Coroner Hood is satisfied that an unhappy love affair prompted the suicide. Owen Assails Taft. Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Former President Taft was characterized as a "high priest of reaction," and many other national figures were assailed by Senator Owen of Oklahoma for their opposition to the initiative, referendum and recall, at the opening today of the second national conference of popular government.

## RATE HEARING IN CHICAGO FEB. 15

Western Railroads Are Seeking Increases Based Upon Traffic Conditions.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Public hearings on freight rate increases proposed by railroads west of the Mississippi river will begin in Chicago Feb. 15. The western roads are not asking for a horizontal increase on all rates, but an increase based upon traffic conditions and upon movement of individual classes and commodities. Some advances proposed aggregate 30 per cent, others only 2 or 3 per cent, and on some kinds of traffic no increase has been proposed. It is understood the western roads have endorsed to rates rates so as not to bear too hard on the general shipper.

## ILLINOIS LAW TO PUNISH AUTOMOBILE SPEEDERS

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 4.—Passage of a state law which would punish habitual automobile speeders with jail sentences instead of fines was announced today as the object of a state conference proposed by representatives of automobile clubs, automobile manufacturers and public officials.

## REPUBLICANS CONTROL THE OHIO LEGISLATURE

Columbus, O., Jan. 4.—The Ohio legislature convened today in the 81st session. The message of Governor Cox lauded the workmen's compensation law, which is one of the accomplishments of the present administration, and urged that attempts to weaken it through amendments would be promptly defeated. Republicans control both branches of the legislature. Governor-elect Willis, republican, will be inaugurated Jan. 11. Madison, Wis., Jan. 4.—Emanuel L. Philipp, republican, of Milwaukee, was inaugurated governor of Wisconsin today. The ceremonies were simple but impressive.

## Kills Hotel Clerk; Shoots Self.

Utica, N. Y., Jan. 4.—John Morrison, once a champion hockey skater of Canada, shot and killed Ezra Albert, a hotel clerk, at Tupper Lake Junction last night and then probably fatally wounded himself. Pestilence at Przemysl. Lemberg, Galicia, via Petrograd, Jan. 4.—Pestilence is spreading in the city and among the garrison of Przemysl, which is now almost without provisions, according to reports received here.

## WHEAT OVERTOPS PREVIOUS RECORD

May Advances to \$1.32 3-4 Because of Absence of Fear of Argentine.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 4.—Wheat today overtopped all previous high records since the beginning of the European war. May advanced to 1.32 3/4, compared with 1.32 on Sept. 5 last. Shutting out of fear of Argentine competition and higher quotations of Liverpool, indicating urgency of the European demand, caused the advance. Ocean freight rates from Argentina have so sharply advanced that South American grain is no longer relatively cheap.

## PLANS NATIONAL REVIVAL IN TRADE

"Buy It Now" Slogan of Campaign of Agricultural Publishers' Association.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 4.—A nation-wide campaign to assist in a revival of business activity under the slogan, "buy it now," was launched here today by the Agricultural Publishers' association, a national organization of farm papers. Appeal will be directed particularly to farmers. A committee report pointed out that our "farm population alone is nearly forty million," and that an "average expenditure of \$10 would place more than four hundred million dollars in circulation."

## FAST MAIL TRAIN IN DITCH; 14 HURT

Albert Lea, Minn., Jan. 4.—A fast Des Moines southbound passenger train on the Minneapolis and St. Louis railroad was wrecked near Emons, Minn., today by a defective switch. The chair car and smoker were demolished. A relief train arrived here with 12 of the most seriously injured. Thomas Mayer, Humboldt, injured. C. F. Mater, Humboldt, and Conductor Keating of Minneapolis, are perhaps seriously injured. Among others seriously injured: E. J. Connelly, Fort Dodge, Iowa, leg broken; H. R. Clothier, Forest City, Iowa, leg crushed; Miss F. M. Long, Des Moines, shoulder crushed.

## SECOND DEATH IN POISON MYSTERY

Three Women Who Have Been Wives of New York Attorney Refuse to Talk.

New York, Jan. 4.—Slow poison administered six days ago by Mrs. Ida Rogers to her two babies and herself resulted today in the death of the older child, John, aged 2. Lorita, 8 months old, died last Wednesday. The mother's death is expected. Loris Elton Rogers, a lawyer, known as her husband to the neighborhood in the Bronx where they lived, still keeps vigil at the sick woman's bedside. He has no comment to make, nor does Mrs. Annie Requeimore Rogers, who divorced Rogers in 1909, nor Mrs. Caroline Giddings Rogers, who married Rogers in 1909 and lived with him until last October on Riverside drive.

## AURORA BAGS WILD CAT

Shoots Marauding Beast in the Outskirts of City.

Aurora, Ill., Jan. 4.—Farmers in the northern outskirts of Aurora are wondering where a wild cat, shot last night by Henry DeKing, came from. Whether the beast, which measures four feet in length, escaped from the Lincoln park zoo or from the winter quarters of some circus, or just grew up in the dense woods north of this city, is a conundrum. Numerous complaints have been heard from farmers near what is known as the Big Woods, that poultry and sheep were being killed and carried away. Saturday night DeKing was in a barn when the animal crept into the yard. He had a rifle in the barn and killed the animal at the first shot.

## Miss Dodge Leaves Large Bequest.

New York, Jan. 4.—Miss Grace Headley Dodge, philanthropist, who died in this city Dec. 27, left more than \$1,200,000 to public and religious institutions. Under her will died for probate today bequests include \$500,000 to the teachers' college of Columbia university and the national board of Young Women's Christian association of the United States. Poultry Freight Rates Upheld. Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Rating of poultry in carloads by western railroads as third and fourth-class freight, thus increasing charges, was today held by the interstate commerce commission to be justified. Champaign, Ill., Jan. 4.—The government may resume mail delivery in Champaign on Tuesday, as residents are finally putting up house numbers in response to the postoffice mandate.

## MOB HANGS PAIR ALABAMA BLACKS

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 4.—Two negroes, Ed and Will Smith, accused of implication in the murder of R. A. Stillwell, an Elmore county farmer, were taken from Wetumpka jail early today and lynched by a mob. Governor O'Neal ordered a special session of the Elmore grand jury to investigate the lynchings. The militia is on duty.