

## BRITISH HARD PRESSED.

### IN MESOPOTAMIA VALLEY THEY ARE FIGHTING AGAINST HIGH ODDS.

Attempts to Recapture Force of 10,000 Men Halted in by 60,000 Turks—British Lines Porto Said Sunk by German Submarine After All of Passengers Had Been Placed in Boat—German Lost Big Cruiser in Battle.

London, Jan. 11.—With Kut-el-Amara as a center, and Bagdad as the goal, a violent battle is progressing between the British and Turks in Mesopotamia, near the original garden of Eden. Great hordes of Mohammedan tribesmen have joined the Turks. The British are attempting to repulse ten thousand British who are hemmed in by the Turks. Sixty thousand Turks are opposing the British advance up the Tigris valley.

## MONTENEGRO HARD PRESSED.

### First Army Making Head in the Mountains.

Sofia, Jan. 11.—The Montenegrin army is making its last stand in the mountains. They are surrounded on three sides. The Austrians are coming from the north and east and the Bulgars from the south. Military experts say that it is only a question of time until Montenegro meets the same fate as Serbia.

## ITALIAN LINES SUBMARINED.

### Ship Attempted to Escape But Was Overhauled and Sunk.

Rome, Jan. 11.—The official statement on the sinking of the Italian liner Porto said by an Austrian submarine issued today, said: "The ship attempted to escape, but abandoned the effort and raised the white flag, as the submarine approached the steamer attempted to ram her and the submarine opened fire. The submarine waited until all the passengers were on board in the rescue work, and then torpedoed the ship."

## TO CUT DOWN EXPENSES.

### Appropriation Committee Announces That Appropriations Will Not Exceed Two Millions.

Columbia, Jan. 11.—The ways and means committee this afternoon decided by resolution that the appropriations for the State for the fiscal year would not be allowed to exceed two million dollars.

## COTTON GINNINGS TO JAN. 1.

### 19,643,783 Bales Against 14,443,146 Ginned in Same Time Last Year.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The eighth cotton ginning report of the season, compiled from reports of census bureau correspondents and agents throughout the cotton belt and issued at 10 A. M. today, announced that 19,643,783 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, of the growth of 1915, has been ginned prior to January 1. That compares with 14,443,146 bales, or 90.3 per cent. of the entire 1914 crop ginned prior to January 1 last year, 13,347,721 bales, or 95.5 per cent. of the 1913 crop, and 12,907,495 bales, 95.7 per cent. of the 1912 crop. The average quantity of cotton ginned prior to January 1 in the last ten years was 11,963,038 bales or 83.4 per cent. of the crop.

## FIRE AT SUBMARINE BASE.

### New London Naval Station Threatened With Destruction.

New London, Conn., Jan. 11.—Fire starting in coal bin at the United States submarine base here for a time threatened several submarines. The workmen finally extinguished it after several thousand dollars loss to material had been caused.

## W. H. COLEMAN WHO HAS BEEN CHOSEN FOR POSTMASTER AT COLUMBIA HAS NOT YET BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE PLACE BY PRESIDENT WILSON AND POSTMASTER T. H. HUGGINS, WHOSE TERM EXPIRES TODAY, WILL HOLD OVER UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE.

## MEXICANS KILL NINE MORE.

### REPORTS REACHING EL PASO FROM MADERO STATE THAT WOMAN AND ENGLISHMAN ARE AMONG DEAD.

Report Has Not Yet Been Confirmed, However—President Wilson Will Not Be Changed From His Announced Mexican Policy—Bodies of Former Victims Reach El Paso—Suro Villa Was Instigator.

El Paso, Jan. 13.—Word was received here today that nine more Americans, including one English and one American woman, was killed by Villa followers at Madera. Officials have been unable to secure confirmation of the report. The murders are reported to have been the work of Gen. Rodriguez, who recently said he would kill all Americans he got his hands on.

## PRESIDENT NOT STAMPEDED.

### He Firmly Refuses to Change His Mexican Policy.

Washington, Jan. 13.—President Wilson made it clear today that his Mexican policy is unchanged. Senator Sheppard, of Texas, laid before the president telegrams from many Texas constituents urging armed intervention. Senator Sheppard said, after the conference, that the president will continue his policy.

## DEATH TRAIN ARRIVES.

### Bodies of Villa's Victims Brought to El Paso.

El Paso, Jan. 13.—The death train, bearing the seventeen bullet-riddled corpses of Monday's massacre arrived here this morning. The bodies were terribly mutilated. The head of C. E. Watson, general manager of the Cui mine, was hacked from the body with bayonets. The others were stabbed, cut and shot horribly. Weeping relatives claimed the bodies. The police was doubted here today, as the arrival of the bodies inflamed sentiment against Mexicans still more.

## VILLA RESPONSIBLE FOR MASSACRE.

### Washington, Jan. 13.—Customs Collector Cobb, of El Paso, wired Secretary Lansing today that Gen. Villa was seen in the vicinity of Monday's massacre. Officials here are of the opinion that Villa was in close touch with the outrages, if not actually leading the party. Mr. Cobb said that 500 armed Mexicans watched the massacre from a distance. Carranza troops, dispatched from the garrisons at Juarez and Chihuahua this morning are seeking the murderers. Bart Kramer, a young rancher, is reported murdered, but report is unconfirmed.

## TRY TO LYNCH SALAZAR.

### El Paso, Jan. 13.—Attempts to lynch Gen. Ynez Salazar, a former follower of Gen. Orozco, was frustrated today by the sheriff, who spirited him away from his hotel before the mob arrived.

## BONDS AT LOW INTEREST.

### County Gets Four Hundred Thousand Dollars at Less Than 5 Per Cent.

Greenville, Jan. 10.—Greenville county today sold \$400,000 in road bonds to E. H. Rollins & Sons of Boston at a net interest rate of 4.49 per cent. This rate is the lowest, stated a representative of the bond buyers, which has been made in either of the Carolinas in several years.

## CAPITAL GREATLY STIRRED.

### Washington, Jan. 12.—The capitol is stirred over the Mexican massacre more than anything since the Lusitania tragedy. Secretary Lansing left the cabinet dinner and went to his desk at midnight to get the latest details.

## ATTEMPT MADE TO ASSASSINATE JAPANESE PREMIER.

### Tokio, Jan. 13.—An unknown man attempted to assassinate Count Okuma, the Japanese premier yesterday by throwing two bombs into the count's automobile. The count was uninjured.

## VILLA'S GRIM ANSWER.

### SAID TO HAVE PERSONALLY COMMANDED SQUAD THAT MASSACRED AMERICANS.

Official Washington is stirred over murder of Americans in Mexico. Villa himself is said to have led the squad which massacred fifteen Americans, and one Canadian in Chihuahua, according to reports reaching here today. The massacre is thought to be Villa's answer to the United States for detaining Carranza.

## VILLA ORDERED MASSACRE.

### El Paso, Jan. 12.—A special train carrying Assistant Manager Ryan of the Cui Mine left the morning this morning to bring back the bodies of the massacred Americans. Practically all the victims were employees of the Cui mine and were married. A number of their wives collapsed today following the confirmation of the report of their husbands' death. Later dispatches confirm the report that Villa personally led the force which dragged the Americans from the train and gave orders for their execution after beating their naked bodies. H. C. Myles, British vice consul here, has received dispatches saying that a representative of the British government had secured a sworn statement that Villa led the party. The statement was made by a Mexican passenger on the same train, named Mendoza. According to Mendoza Villa will teach the Americans better politics than to recognize Carranza.

## DEMAND IMMEDIATE ACTION.

### Washington, Jan. 13.—Administration officials are demanding that "swift judgment" should be taken in fixing the responsibility for the massacre of Americans. Senators and representatives are preparing to force a change in the president's Mexican policy.

## GREEK PORT RAIDED.

### Aeroplanes of Central Powers Drop Bombs on City.

Sofia, Jan. 12.—Twelve German aeroplanes raided Saloniki Friday, the war office announced today, dropping nearly a hundred bombs, causing fires and wrecking buildings. Two allied aeroplanes, which rose to give battle, were shot down.

## MARCHING ON CETTINJE.

### Rome, Jan. 12.—The Austrian force which stormed the defenses on Mount Lovchen are advancing on Cetinje, the Montenegrin capital. The Montenegrin government is reported to be in flight. Over half the little nation is now Austria's, but terrific battles are still raging in the mountain blizzards.

## FAILS TO PRESENT EVIDENCE.

### Buchanan Again Tries to Get Action on Impeachment of His Prosecutor.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Representative Buchanan of Illinois today unsuccessfully sought the adoption of a resolution to have the judiciary committee begin immediately an inquiry into his impeachment charges against United States Attorney Marshall of New York. Representative Moss of West Virginia opposed the resolution on the ground that Representative Buchanan "had not yet offered a shred of evidence to the committee and he has had two opportunities to do so."

## ARMY OFFICER DIES.

### Washington, Jan. 11.—Col. Jos. H. Dorst, U. S. A. retired, died at his home near Warrenton, Va., this morning of apoplexy. He was formerly military attache in Austria.

## COUNT OKUMA ATTACKED.

### A law enforcement league has been organized in Richland county to assist the officials to enforce the prohibition law.

## NEW MEMBERS SWORN IN.

Columbia, Jan. 12.—Three new members of the house—R. B. Belsler, of Sumter; R. Burton Hicks, of Spartanburg, and J. Terry Wood, of Greenville, were present and sworn in. The only new member of the senate, Charlton DuRant of Clarendon county, successor to the late Louis Appelt, also received the oath of office. Senator LeGrand Walker, of Georgetown, president pro tempore of the senate, presided over the senate in place of Lieut. Gov. Andrew J. Bethea, who has not yet returned from his pilgrimage to Europe with the Ford peace party. He is expected in Columbia in the next few days, however.

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Plant in New Jersey and Two Near Wilmington Wrecked by Explosions—Secret Service Men Seek Clues to Identity of "Outside Influences."

Wilmington, Del. Jan. 10.—Following the explosion at the Dupont powder plant at Carney's Point, N. J., early today, in which three workmen were killed, two mills blew up at the upper Hagley yard near here this afternoon. In one of the latter accidents one workman was slightly burned. The three explosions within one day have had the effect of making the secret service and police departments of the DuPont Powder Company unusually active in looking for possible clues indicating "outside influence."

A press mill blew up at 3 o'clock this afternoon. It was in this explosion that the workman was hurt. Ninety minutes later a mixing mill near the press mill exploded. It contained 500 pounds of powder. No one was injured. Both mills were blown to atoms, the shocks being heard for at least twenty-five miles.

The disaster at Carney's Point was due to an explosion of smokeless powder, while at the upper Hagley yard it was black powder that went off. Up to a late hour tonight there were no developments as to the cause of the explosions. While expressing the belief that all the blasts were due to accidents, officials of the company have issued instructions for a searching investigation.

## BULL MOOSE MEET.

### National Committee in Session in Chicago to Fix Date of Convention.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—The members of the Progressive national committee went into session here today to select the site and date for the convention. Col. Roosevelt was absent, but his secretary Justin McGrath is here. G. W. Perkins is presiding. It was learned that the Progressives have reserved eight hundred rooms in local hotels for June 7th, the date on which the Republicans start their convention.

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## THE LEGISLATURE IN SESSION.

### READING OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE OCCUPIES NOON HOUR.

Mass of Bills Introduced at 71st Session—One Calls for Granting of Divorce and Other to Raise Salaries of Justices and Governor—President Wilson's Administration Unanimously Endorsed.

Columbia, Jan. 11.—The 71st session of the South Carolina legislature convened here today at noon shortly after which the message of Gov. Manning urging educational and economic reforms and dealing with the internal problems of South Carolina was read. The general assembly initiated its session by adopting without a dissenting vote the resolution introduced by Mr. Bingham of Aiken endorsing the administration of President Wilson.

A mass of bills were introduced, the most important being by Representative Wolfe of Anderson, providing for a constitutional amendment allowing divorces in South Carolina. A bill providing for an increase in the salaries of Supreme Court justices of the governor and other State officials was presented. Several new members were sworn in.

Columbia, Jan. 12.—Senator Wightman, of Saluda, injected spice in the debate of the senate today by objecting to the Carlisle measure allowing women to become notaries public and school trustees on the grounds that such a measure is an "entering wedge for woman suffrage." The senate refused to kill the measure.

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