

ARMY TURKISH ROUT BY RUSSIANS
GERMANY MOBILIZES 750,000 MEN
ITALY DENIES AUSTRIA'S DEMAND

Wheat.....
New wheat.....
Bran.....
Corn.....
Oats.....
Rye.....
Ham per lb.....
Shoulder.....
Bacon, Sides per lb.....
Potatoes, per bushel.....
Butter, Creamery.....
Butter, Country.....
Eggs, per dozen.....
Lard, per lb.....
Live Cattle.....
Live Hogs.....
Live Sheep.....

PRO-
an Foreign Minister Protested Against Italy's
on of Avlona, the Albanian Seaport

London.—Advances by the French troops at four distinct points along the battle-front extending from the North Sea to Alsace were an outstanding feature of the latest war news.

PRESSING ON TO WARSAW

A further gain by the French in Alsace on the road to the important strategic point of Muehlenau overshadowed for the time being the crashing blow the Russians appear to have dealt the Turkish army invading the Caucasus.

The Paris official statement announced that the explosion was followed by an infantry attack, in which the French captured half of the ditch. In this charge a grandson of the Italian patriot Garibaldi was killed.

The Italian Government has issued a pre-mobilization announcement which provides for the calling to the colors of every able bodied man in the country between the ages of 20 and 40 years.

The German War Office reports that the French were driven from the heights near Sonnhelm (Cernay) in Alsace and that material advances were made in the Argonne. In Poland the Germans have reached the Sucha River and captured 1,040 prisoners.

Lord Kitchener, in a speech in the British House of Lords, said he had perfect confidence in the ability of the Allies to win. He said that probably 2,000,000 more recruits would be required to carry the conflict through to a successful conclusion.

It was reported that Kaiser Wilhelm had rushed 200,000 troops from the battle line in Poland to the south to dam the Russian food that was beginning to overrun Transylvania and also to help save Budapest from being besieged.

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Because of invasion of Persian territory by Kurds and Turks, Persia has sent an ultimatum to Constantinople, the Persian Minister at Rome states.

Preparations for the removal of the Turkish Government from Constantinople are said to have been made.

A communication from Russian headquarters in the Caucasus, recounting the recent Russian successes over the Turks in that region, says it has been established that the Ninth Ottoman Army Corps was completely destroyed and that the booty taken by the Russians included a vast pile of cannon.

German attacks east of the Rawa River are progressing, according to an official announcement at Berlin, which says that 1,600 Russians have been taken prisoners and five machine guns captured.

An official announcement from Vienna admits that in the southern part of Bukowina and in the Carpathian forest lands Austrian forces have been driven back by the Russians.

Further progress by the French in Alsace is reported in Paris. The announcement also reports slight gains by the Allies in Belgium and at certain points in France, but says that, owing to the destruction by a German mine of a section of trenches in the Argonne, the French troops at that point were obliged to fall back a slight distance.

Viscount Haldane announced in the British House of Lords that experts in England were producing a gun which was at least the equal of the German 42-centimeter gun.

Dispatches from London state that reports received there indicate that the Russians, invading Hungary and advancing on Transylvania simultaneously, are engaged in the most gigantic operations of the war.

War at a Glance

MONDAY.
Dispatches from various quarters received at London are regarded there as indicating that Italy, Greece, Roumania and Bulgaria may soon join in the war.

Activity by the Germans along the western battle front is indicated by statements from the French War Office, which report attacks by the Germans at many points, but declare the attacks have been repulsed.

The German War Office reports that the battle at Solissons has recommenced, and that the Germans have made further progress in the Argonne.

Continued bad weather hampers operations in the eastern theatre, and the German War Office states that the situation remains unchanged along the entire front.

A semi-official announcement at Petrograd tells of the destruction of many Turkish merchant vessels and damage done to two Turkish cruisers by the Russian fleet in the Black Sea.

No confirmation of the reported sinking of the German cruiser Von der Tann by the British cruiser Indefatigable off the coast of Brazil has been received.

With the announcement by Berlin that the German forces have retaken Steinbach, in Alsace, confirmation is given the conclusion that the French advance in Alsace has been checked.

The Kaiser's troops also reoccupied Dornhaupt-le-Haut, just south of Steinbach.

In the east the German offensive against Warsaw has been resumed, dispatches telling of the intense cold as an aid to the armies of General von Hindenburg. Swamps that have prevented the carrying out of his strategic plans have frozen, and it is thought that his men are again on the way to force an attack on the Polish city.

The Allies, according to the Paris statement, have captured three lines of German trenches in the Aisne region. Once more Berlin flatly contradicts the French War Office by declaring that Germans made a gain in this very same locality.

Mail advices from London say that the Canadian regiment known as Princess Patricia's Own was sent to the front Christmas Eve. The Scots from Canada were to follow shortly.

The Pope, in another audience, went over the Belgian situation.

In the east the Russians seem to be unchecked in their sweep through Bukowina. London expects this invasion of Hungary to progress rapidly.

The Austrian night statement says that the rain and mud has checked all operations in Galicia.

Berlin reports the death of a Persian battlefeld of the Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch, brother-in-law of the Czar of Russia. An invasion of Persia is indicated.

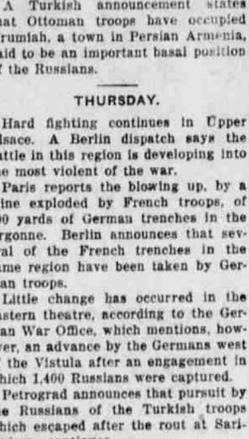
Roumania is preparing a mobilization and unofficial dispatches say her entry into the war is expected.

Interest in Roumania is increased by reports that Greece and Turkey are near a break.

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THE CHRISTMAS BRIGADE



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VILLA TO TAKE BORDER TOWNS

Plans Thus to End Firing Into United States.

DRIVE CARRANZA FORCES

Has Promised General Scott To Expel American Cities To Fire Not More Than Eight Hours—Sacrifices Eastern Advantage.

El Paso, Tex.—General Villa is moving to attack the Carranza garrisons of the Mexican border towns opposite Naco and Douglas, Ariz., with 8,000 convention troops.

According to an announcement at Petrograd, the Russians have defeated the Austrians at Uzok Pass, forcing a way through the Carpathians.

Continued progress by the French troops in Alsace and gains by the allied troops in Belgium are announced by the French War Office.

SERVIA A SECOND BELGIUM.

Over 100,000 Wounded There, Writes Mme. Groultch.

Washington, D. C.—Conditions in the devastated portions of Serbia are as distressing and the misery as great as in Belgium, according to a letter received at the Red Cross headquarters here from Mme. Groultch, wife of the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Serbia.

"Every available building near the front has been converted into a hospital," Mme. Groultch wrote, "and the wounded must sleep sometimes on floors, in corridors or sheds. Often wounded can only be dressed every third or fourth day for want of bandages and gauze. Surgeons are working 18 hours a day; nurses and local committees are exhausted from the strain."

She added that there were 100,000 wounded Servians and Austrians in Serbia.

MILLION VOTED FOR AIRCRAFTS.

House Committee Also Agrees For Staff Corresponding To Admiralty.

Washington, D. C.—One million dollars for aircraft was voted by the House Naval Committee. They also agreed to include in the appropriation bill provision for a "chief of operations," with a staff corresponding to the British Admiralty.

Provision was made for a 50 per cent. increase in aviators' pay, with double pension allowance in case of death while on duty. The committee agreed, after considerable discussion, on the provision for a staff corresponding to the Admiralty, but insisted on making this subject to the direction of the civilian Secretary of the Navy.

BIG PANIC IN GOTHAM SUBWAY

Two Hundred Are Injured and Scores Overcome.

ONE WOMAN FATALLY HURT

Clothes Torn Off Women In Fierce Fight To Escape From Cars. Buildings Near By Turned Into Hospitals.

New York.—The worst accident in the 10 years' history of New York's subway occurred during the morning rush hours when 700 passengers in two stalled trains were struck with the dense smoke and acid fumes from a short-circuited cable.

In the ensuing struggle to escape some 200 persons were injured, one, a woman, fatally. Others were overcome and were rescued, unconscious, by police and firemen, while scores struggled to the street, unscathed or hysterical, their clothing torn and faces blackened by smoke.

As the result of the accident, the city at night was in the throes of a transportation blockade without parallel in its history. Not until late in afternoon was a wheel turned again in the subway and at that time only a limited local service was in operation.

PUTS RUSS LOSS AT 2,000,000.

Germans and Austrians Have Captured 500,000, Says Berlin.

Berlin.—Including in the budget of news given out by the official press bureau were the following items:

"The Paris Matin estimates that the Russian losses in killed and wounded up to December 23 number 1,750,000, but as the Germans have captured more than 200,000 Russians and the Austrians have taken 200,000, the Russian casualties must exceed 2,000,000.

"Reports received here from Constantinople say that more than 15,000 Russian prisoners captured in the Caucasus are being conveyed to the interior of Turkey.

"The correspondent at Brussels of the Kreuz Zeitung asserts that it is admitted in French official circles that the losses in the French Army up to December 20 were about 1,000,000 men, of whom 20,000 were officers.

"Destitute Russians living in Germany received up to the beginning of the new year 20 marks (\$5) from Russia. From January 5 the pension is reduced to five marks (\$1.25) fortnightly. The diminution here is considered to be proof that the Russians lack money."

CANAL CELEBRATION PLANS.

Wilson Asks For \$250,000 To Defray Expenses.

Washington, D. C.—In a conference with Democratic and Republican leaders of Congress, President Wilson asked for an appropriation of \$250,000 to defray expenses of the celebration planned for opening of the Panama Canal next March. The President summoned to the White House just before he took the train for Indianapolis Senators Overman, Hoke Smith, of Georgia, and Gallinger and Representatives Underwood, Sherry and Mann, and laid before them tentative plans for the celebration submitted to him by Secretaries Bryan, Garrison and Daniels. The plan includes the entertainment of visiting officers of foreign fleets which are to participate in the naval review and pass through the canal, if that is possible, and the transportation of the fleet and visitors.

HALT ON EXPORT OF ARMS URGED

Germans and Irish Americans Before House Committee.

U. S. NEUTRALITY QUESTIONED

Immediate Action On Resolution To Stop "Unholy Commerce" In War Supplies Asked—Many Join in Plea. U. S. Unfriendly To Germany.

Washington, D. C.—Hearings on pending resolutions to restrict the export of arms and munitions to the belligerent nations of Europe began before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Delegations from New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Baltimore, representing German-American and Irish-American organizations, appeared before the committee. All urged immediate action on the resolution of Representative Bartholdt, of Missouri, which would empower the President to prohibit the exportation of war supplies, which would empower the President to prohibit the exportation of war supplies, which would empower the President to prohibit the exportation of war supplies.

TURKS DESPOIL CONVENTS.

Religious Orders In Holy Land Near Starvation.

Washington, D. C.—Hundreds of missionaries and other religious workers in the Holy Land are facing starvation, according to reports received by the Rev. Godfrey Schilling, of the Franciscan Order, commissary general for the Holy Land in the United States.

The reports show, according to a statement by Father Schilling, that the Turks have turned the Franciscans out of nearly all of their convents in Armenia, Upper Syria and Galilee, leaving them in possession, however, of their convent of St. Saviour, in Jerusalem, and the convent of the Annunciation at Nazareth.

U. S. SUES FOR \$9,015,029.07.

Sum Claimed As Taxes On Colored Oleomargarine.

Columbus, Ohio.—Suit for \$9,015,029.07 was filed in the United States District Court here against the old Capital City Dairy Company. That sum is alleged to be due the Federal Government as taxes on colored oleomargarine. Appointment of a receiver for the company is also asked. This suit asked further for appointment of a receiver for the old Capital City Dairy Company, a New Jersey corporation.

FORBID AMENITIES WITH FOE.

German Army Authorities Frown On Fraternizing.

Berlin, via London.—The German Army authorities have issued a general order prohibiting in future troops in the field from fraternizing with forces of the enemy, as they did at several points in the western theatre of the war at Christmas. To such an extent was this fraternizing carried out that at one place where the Germans and British played football Christmas Day they agreed to suspend hostilities for two days more.

JOB FOR SENATOR BRISTOW.

To Be Public Utilities Commissioner At \$4,000 a Year.

Topeka, Kan.—Joseph L. Bristow, United States Senator, will be appointed to a place on the Kansas Public Utilities Commission when his term in the Senate expires on March 4. Gov. Elect Arthur Capper announced that Senator Bristow had accepted the offer of the appointment. The place carries a salary of \$4,000 a year.

PARAGUAY HAS REVOLUTION.

75 Killed Or Wounded In Street Fights At Asuncion.

Washington, D. C.—A revolution has broken out in Paraguay, the State Department was informed. The President has been placed in captivity. In street fighting at Asuncion, the capital, more than 75 persons were killed or wounded.

LOSS OF CRUISER DOUBTED.

Rio Janeiro Has No Word Of Alleged Naval Battle.

Rio Janeiro.—The Havas Agency has received no confirmation of the reported naval battle between the British cruiser Invincible and the German cruiser Von Der Tann off Rio Grande de Norte.

Naval official here place little credence in the report.

TO MAINTAIN BAN ON ABSINTHE.

France Finds Prohibition Of Sale Has Benefited Population.

Paris.—The Cabinet has approved a measure for submission to Parliament making permanent the prohibition of the sale of absinthe and similar liquors. The Government finds that the military decree forbidding absinthe has benefited the population.

FIRING FROM DARDANELLES.

Turk Guns Bombarding French and British Ships.

London.—A wireless dispatch received here from Berlin gives a report received in the German capital from Athens that the Dardanelles fortresses have commenced a bombardment of the blockading Anglo-French fleets, and that one torpedo boat has been slightly damaged.

Belfast, Ireland, has a municipal abattoir.