

AUSTRIA READY TO FIGHT.

SHAKE-UP IN WAR DEPARTMENT HAS SIGNIFICANCE.

Wishes to Have Much to Say When It Comes to a Question of What the Powers Shall Do.

London, Dec. 9.—No explanation is yet forthcoming in the sudden resignation of the Austro-Hungarian minister of war, Gen. Auffenberg, and the chief general staff, Gen. Schemua.

It had been expected that in the event of war Gen. von Hoetzendorf would be appointed chief of staff, and his appointment now to succeed Gen. Schemua, coupled with the news of the renewal of the Driebund, and that Austria and Hungary have negotiated temporary loans of \$50,000,000, can not but have a disquieting effect on the international situation.

It is supposed that Austria wishes to exert a strong influence over the coming conference proceedings at London, and especially to prevent the entry of Turkey into the Balkan federation. The Austrian war party is inflamed against Russia in the belief that the defiant Russian attitude is due to the Franco-Russian alliance, and some of the war party, are urging that unless Russia ceases mobilizing the powers comprising the Triple Alliance should fall upon France and crush her before Russia is able to intervene.

However the crisis may end, the war fever is having a disastrous effect on Austro-Hungarian trade. A complete financial panic prevails throughout Galicia, where the various banks recently have paid more than \$40,000,000 to nervous depositors without stemming the run.

It was reported at Paris today that the entire Austrian fleet had concentrated at Pola, the chief naval station of Austro-Hungary.

RUSSIA'S STAND UNCHANGED.

St. Petersburg Government's Attitude Not Altered by Military Preparations of Austria-Hungary.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 9.—Russia's attitude with respect to the Balkan situation has not been changed by the apparently serious military preparations of Austria, the imperial German chancellor's pointed speech in the reichstag and the renewal of the Triple Alliance.

In diplomatic circles here these various incidents are interpreted as tactical developments of Austria's natural desire to safeguard her interests and prestige from the growing influence of Slavdom; her immediate idea being to compel Russia to disavow Serbia in the matter of an Adriatic port.

It is pointed out that while making due allowances for legitimate measures of self-defense on the part of the cabinet at Vienna, Russia is bound also to safeguard her own interests and prestige. It is further urged that Russia can not disavow what she has already done her utmost to restrain the Servians.

In St. Petersburg the opinion is held that no irreconcilable difference remains between the minimum that the Servians demand and the maximum which Austria is prepared to concede, and that a great power like Russia can not give such pledges as Austrian diplomacy expects. Nor is it for a moment believed in official quarters here that Austria will resort to war to enforce such pretensions.

ROMANIA WANTS ITS SHARE.

Bucharest, Dec. 9.—King Carol of Roumania in his speech at the assembly of the Roumanian parliament today asked the legislators to give the government the support necessary for the fulfillment of the hopes of the nation in the forthcoming changes brought about by the Balkan war.

At the same time he significantly remarked that the country's confidence in the Roumanian army was fully justified and the troops would be ready to fulfill their mission.

"Roumania's policy," declared the king, "is moderation and peace within the limits compatible with the higher interests of the country."

Remarking that Roumania had preserved strict neutrality during the Balkan hostilities, King Carol proceeded:

"We have the right to hope that this attitude will win favorable results from our relations with the Balkan states in their new constitution. Roumania is an important factor in the concert of Europe, and in the definitive settlement of the questions caused during the Balkan crisis, Roumania's word will be listened to."

It was announced the Roumanian parliament would be invited to vote increased appropriations for military purposes.

PEACE ENVOYS NAMED.

Constantinople, Dec. 9.—Official announcement was made tonight that Selli Bey, minister of marine; Rechad Pasha, minister of agriculture, and Osman Nizami Pasha, ambassador to Germany, had been appointed plenipotentiaries to the peace conference, which will begin at London, December 13. The delegates will start for London tomorrow.

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STATE HAS NO MONOPOLY.

This State, With its Bless, Says Gov. Brown, is Not Only One Where Women are Protected.

Atlanta, Dec. 9.—"The executive of no State has a monopoly of devotion to the white women of his State or to the determination to protect them," declared Gov. Joseph M. Brown of Georgia tonight in a statement in which he criticized the mob law speech of Gov. Blease of South Carolina before the recent conference at Richmond.

"I regard Gov. Blease's advocacy of mob law as exceedingly unfortunate," added Gov. Brown, "for the reason that in every other State in the Union the devotion of white men to white women is as sacred as it is in South Carolina and the determination to protect them, or, if need be, to visit condign punishment upon those who have wronged them, is as deep seated and irrevocable as it is in South Carolina."

"Every governor with whom I talked at the conference and every lady who gave me her opinion stood as one in advocating legal process instead of mob law."

WILEY'S SUCCESSOR NAMED.

Dr. Carl Alsberg Appointed Chief Chemist by Taft.

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Taft and Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, after months of consideration, today decided upon the appointment of Dr. Carl Alsberg, a chemist in the bureau of drugs and plants, as chief of the bureau of chemistry of the department of agriculture, a position that has been vacant since the resignation last spring of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the famous defender of the pure food law.

Dr. Alsberg has been in the department of agriculture four years. He was educated in Columbia University and Strassburg University in Germany. He engaged in research work in Germany for several years. Before coming to Washington he was in charge of the department of biological chemistry at Harvard University. The President decided upon his appointment only after careful consideration of the claims made for other chemists. Several times reports arose that he had decided upon a chief chemist to fill Mr. Wiley's place, but they later were proven erroneous. His decision to name Dr. Alsberg was made only today.

THE DESTRUCTIVE CATTLE TICK.

Pictures of Life and Destructive Work of Insect to be Shown.

Columbia, Dec. 8.—Complete details of the life story of the destructive cattle tick will be depicted in moving picture films at the Fifth National Corn Exposition here next month. Uncle Sam will conduct a moving picture show at the exposition, as one of the numerous features of the elaborate government exhibit, and one entire reel will be devoted to a close, detailed study of the life and habits of this expensive pest, its rapacious methods of obtaining a living, and the most effective methods of eradicating it.

The cattle tick film has recently been completed, after two years of research in obtaining pictures. It has been given a preliminary try-out before Secretary Wilson and other officials of the department, but its first public appearance will be reserved for the Fifth National Corn Exposition, which opens January 27th. This reel is highly instructive, and will especially interest the cattle owners of the South, who are estimated to lose annually from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 through the cattle tick alone. Magnified many times, the ticks in all stages of growth will crawl upon the screen before the audience.

This reel is supplementary to the cattle dipping vat—another instructive feature of the department exhibit, at which will be actually demonstrated this most certain, effective and permanent method of eradicating the cattle tick.

The Sumter Dry Goods Company has put in a very attractive Christmas window, coming second in the list of merchants to do their decorating, Levy & Moses being the first to fix up their windows in truly Christmas style.

The Christmas shoppers have started out in earnest and the streets were busy with them both Monday and Tuesday. The merchants are expecting those living in the city to do the majority of their shopping this week.

COTTON GINNING ACTIVE.

RETURNS VERY GREAT DURING TWO WEEKS PERIOD.

Total Now 11,844,432 Bales—Preparation for Market of 1,544,786 Bales in Last Fortnight of November Increased Showing.

Washington, Dec. 9.—With a total of 11,844,432 bales of cotton of the growth of 1912 ginned to December 1, activity in the cotton belt during the period from November 14 to December 1 was greater this year than it was last year, when the country's greatest cotton crop was being prepared for market. This year the ginnings per working day for the period amounted to 102,985 bales, compared with 100,338 bales last year. The total amount ginned to December 1, however, was less than last year by 971,375 bales. During the period 1,544,786 bales were ginned this year, compared with 1,503,571 bales last year.

The sixth cotton ginning report of the census bureau for the season, issued at 10 o'clock this morning, announced that 11,844,432 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, of the growth of 1912 had been ginned prior to Sunday, December 1, to which date during the past seven years the ginning averaged 82.2 per cent of the entire crop. Last year to December 1 there had been ginned 12,816,807 bales, or 82.4 per cent of the entire crop; in 1908 to that date, 11,008,661 bales, or 84.1 per cent, and in 1906 to that date 10,027,868 bales, or 77.2 per cent.

Included in the ginnings were 72,927 round bales, compared with 87,996 bales last year, 101,718 in 1910, 134,393 bales in 1909, and 201,480 bales in 1908.

The number of sea island cotton bales included were 51,275, compared with 87,656 bales last year, 77,591 bales in 1909, and 68,396 bales in 1908.

Ginnings prior to December 1 by States, with comparisons for last year and other big crop years, and the percentage of the entire crop ginned prior to that date in those years follow:

Table with columns for State, Year, Ginnings, and P. C. Lists data for Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Other States.

The ginnings of sea island cotton prior to December 1, by States follow:

Table with columns for State, Year, and Ginnings. Lists data for South Carolina and Texas.

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BLEASE ON RACE MEET.

GOVERNOR STATES ATTITUDE AS TO PROPOSED MEET IN CHARL. TON.

Opposed to Gambling, He Says, but Not His Business to Stop it—Declares that if Local Officers, Whose Duty it is to See that Law is Obeyed, Tell Him Situation is Beyond Their Control, He will do His Duty.

Charleston, Dec. 11.—"I am opposed to gambling in any form," said Gov. Cole L. Blease last night when asked by a reporter what was his attitude towards the race meeting which the Charleston Fair and Racing Association proposes to open next month at Palmetto Park. "I love to see two roosters fight, but without gaffs. I love a game of cards, but let it be a good, clean game. I don't propose to come down here during the races to ferret out the gambling, but I expect the sheriff and the citizens to do their duty. According to the Act passed by the Legislature against gambling, any citizen can go before a magistrate and swear out a warrant against a man for gambling at the races. If the officers of the law find that the gambling is beyond their control and appeal to me to aid them in the matter, I will do my full duty. "I like horse racing, and there are thousands of others who like it, but I stand unalterably opposed to gambling on the races. It is not my business to come down here and stop gambling. Your own citizens can do that; the sheriff can stop it. If the officers, whose duty it is to see that the law is obeyed here at the races, come to me and admit that the situation is utterly beyond their management and that they cannot stop gambling, I will do my duty to have the law enforced."

WHITE'S TEAM PROVES STRONG.

Wins out from Cuttino's Team by Majority of 85 Pins.

White's and Cuttino's teams, Team No. 1 and Team No. 2, in the Y. M. C. A. bowling contest, bowled Monday night three good games, White's team winning out in the end by a majority of 85 pins over Cuttino's team. There was a small crowd to watch the bowlers, but not so much enthusiasm was shown as in the last game before it, when Team No. 3 lost from Team No. 2, tying it for first place. With the result of the game Monday night Team No. 3 is ahead in the contest for the trophy.

The next match will be held Thursday night when Team No. 3 bowls Team No. 4, captains Creech and Lord, respectively.

Negro Still Living.

It was learned Tuesday morning that James Wilson, the negro hurt on the Atlantic Coast Line track Saturday night, was still living, although there was small chance of his recovery.

BITTEN BY MAD DOG.

Four Persons Bitten by Fox Terrier Belonging to Mr. H. G. Osteen, One of the Victims Being His Son.

On Thursday afternoon of last week Hubert Osteen, son of Mr. H. G. Osteen, James Burns, son of Mr. W. B. Burns, Mr. Murray Griffin, and Harry Cantey, delivery boy in the employ of DeLoorme's Pharmacy, were bitten by a Fox terrier belonging to Mr. Osteen. The dog was confined and kept under observation until it died Saturday about noon. The head was expressed Saturday night to the State Laboratory in Columbia, for examination by Dr. F. A. Coward, who was notified by long distance telephone and by mail of the circumstances. Sunday night Dr. C. P. Osteen received a telegram from Dr. Coward stating that examination of the dog's head showed that it had rabies.

Monday morning Mr. Burns and Mr. Osteen, accompanied by Mr. Griffin, took the two boys to Columbia for examination by Dr. Coward and to consult him as to the treatment. Dr. Coward advised that all of those bitten be given the Pasteur treatment, the serum to be furnished by the State Laboratory and administered by the regular physician of the persons requiring the treatment. The treatment, which continues twenty-one days, was started on Tuesday. Dr. Archie China treating Mr. Griffin and James Burns and Dr. C. P. Osteen, Herbert Osteen and Harry Cantey.

The circumstances under which the dog bit the two boys, Mr. Griffin and Harry Cantey were not such as to cause serious apprehension at first, for she had a litter of young puppies and was inclined to be cross, as she had been with previous litters. Hubert Osteen and James Burns went into the out-house where the puppies were and were examining them, when the dog snapped Hubert on the hand, inflicting a very slight wound on the back of the hand. James Burns started to run out of the house and the dog seized him by the ankle, tearing the stocking and breaking the skin in two places, the wounds being sufficient to cause blood to flow.

Mr. Griffin was bitten when he went to Mr. Osteen's house to make the afternoon delivery of mail. The dog was lying on the piazza at the time. Mr. Griffin handed the mail to Mrs. Osteen, who was sitting in the piazza, and went down the steps, the dog apparently paying no attention to him. But as he went out of the yard the dog followed him and as he reached the sidewalk, seized him, without warning, by the ankle. Mr. Griffin kicked loose and at first thought no damage had been done beyond tearing his trousers, but a few moments later the ankle began to smart and an examination showed that the skin had been broken by four of the dog's teeth.

Harry Cantey was bitten sometime during the afternoon as he was passing the house on a bicycle, the leg running out and seizing him by the foot, but inflicting only a slight wound.

All of the wounds were promptly treated with peroxide of hydrogen, or carbolic acid as a precautionary measure, only, as there was no reason to believe that the dog had hydrophobia, as she had not acted peculiarly prior to this time, and her attack on the children and Mr. Griffin was attributed to the fact that she had puppies only two days old and was cross on that account. She was handled several times Thursday afternoon and Friday by Mr. Osteen and she made no attempt to bite him and was obedient and intelligent when spoken to. The death of the dog was a suspicious circumstance, however, and the head was sent to Columbia for examination in order that all doubts might be removed, and to allay whatever uneasiness was felt.

Another serious phase of the matter is the fact that this dog bit at least two dogs, and perhaps others. The owner of one dog that was bitten is known and has been notified, the other dog has not been located. It is extremely probable that other dogs were bitten during the time that the fox terrier had the disease, for the authorities say that a dog does not usually die of hydrophobia until the sixth of eighth day, and occasionally the disease has a longer duration. In these circumstances it will be only a reasonable precaution—for their own safety and for that of their families—to say nothing of the public—for all dog owners to keep a close watch over their dogs and at the first indication of sickness to securely confine them.

Mr. Osteen's dog must have been bitten some time recently by some stray dog that had rabies and other dogs may have been bitten at the same time by the same dog. And only a few days ago a dog belonging to Mr. E. W. A. Bultman went mad, but was killed before it did any damage. Dr. Coward told Mr. Osteen Monday that there appeared to be an epidemic of hydrophobia in the State, that the case reported from Sumter was the sixth within two days, and that he was sending out more than thirty treatments every day.

The situation is one that demands that every precaution be taken to prevent other people being bitten by mad dogs. No one can tell what dog or whose dog has hydrophobia, or when it will go mad and bite some person when he least expects it. Every dog that has been permitted to run at large on the streets any time within the past month or two may have been bitten by a mad dog and now has the germs lying dormant in its system, but liable to break out in a rabid form any day.

California Woman Seriously Alarmed.

A short time ago I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs and caused me a great deal of annoyance. I would have had coughing spells and my lungs were so sore and inflamed I began to be seriously alarmed. A friend recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saying she had used it for years. I bought a bottle and it relieved my cough the first night, and in a week I was rid of the cold and soreness of my lungs," writes Miss Marie Gerber, Sawtelle, Cal. For sale by all dealers.—Adv't.