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AUSTRIANS DEMAND PEACE

Discouraged By Defeats People Make Demonstration Against War Policy.

STATED THAT GREECE AND OTHER BALKAN STATES MAY UNITE AGAINST TURKEY, WHILE BULGARIA REMAINS NEUTRAL—FRENCH GAIN SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS OF TRENCHES IN FIERCE FIGHTING IN WEST—WARSHIPS BOMBARD GERMAN LINES, SILENCING CANNON—ALLIES' AVIATORS DROP BOMBS ON ZEPPELIN SHEDS, WHILE GERMANS RETALATE BY DROPPING THEM ON DUNKIRK—RUSSIANS ASSUME OFFENSIVE, DRIVING GERMANS BACK NEAR WARSAW—HARD FIGHTING IN GALICIA.

PLAN WAR ON TURKS.

Bulgaria Will be Hands-off When Other Balkan States Attack Turkey.
London, Dec. 22.—Bulgaria has given official assurances to the allies that she will remain neutral if other Balkan States attack Turkey. It is said concerted action against Turkey is being planned by Greece and several other Balkan States. This action would add nearly a half million men to the allies fighting strength.

Warships Bombard Germans.

Rotterdam, Dec. 22.—The British warships have been bombarding the German positions along the Belgian coast for thirty-six hours. The German fire has now slackened and it is believed that most of their batteries have been silenced. Allies' aviators bombarded the Zeppelin sheds at Etter-Beek, a suburb of Brussels, doing much damage. German airmen raided Dunkirk, dropping twelve bombs. A number are reported to have been killed.

Russians Move Forward Again.

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—The Russians are again moving forward, taking the offensive west of Warsaw. They drove the Germans back over the Bzura river and once more straightened their line, despite hard counter attacks by the Germans. There has been terrific fighting along the Bzura, from Kamion southwest to Lowicz and along the Utrura, Eawaka, Pisia and Skierniewka rivers. The Russian army is swinging back westward like a mammoth pendulum, having been strongly reinforced.

Desperate Battle in Galicia.

Lemberg, Dec. 22.—Over eight hundred thousand Russians and Austro-Germans are battling over a front one hundred and twenty-five miles long in Galicia, forming an almost ring angle from Biroza, west Przemysl, southwest to Luplawa, thence northwest to Seanklozyn on the Dujac river. The fighting is desperate.

German Submarine Sunk.

Paris, Dec. 22.—It is reported that a German submarine while attempting to attack a British transport off Havre was sunk by a destroyer.

Austrians Clamor for Peace.

Geneva, Dec. 22.—Anti-war demonstrations are occurring daily in Austria and Hungary. The Austrian defeats have discouraged the people who are working to effect separate peace, leaving Germany alone in the contest. Mobs are gathering about the royal palace clamoring for peace.

French Make Gains.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The official statement this afternoon says near Perthes Les Hurles the French have captured three German works, representing fifteen hundred yards of trenches. A lull has occurred in the infantry attacks on Flanders, but the artillery continues. In the Champagne district and around Souain in the Argonne there is fierce bayonet fighting. The statement admits that the Germans have made gains at some points, but indicates that these are of no great importance.

French Attacks Repulsed.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The official statement this afternoon says that the French attacks near Albert, Compiègne, Souain, and Perthes and the British attacks at Festubert and Gwency have been repulsed. At the east the situation is unchanged.

A Fight to the Finish.

Paris, Dec. 22.—At the opening of the French senate and chamber of deputies today Premier Viviani, in his speech said: "The French government has but one policy, that is the prosecution of the war against Ger-

many until absolute victory is won. Europe liberated and peace guaranteed." Many members returning from the front attended the session in uniform. The seats of members who had been killed in battle were covered with flowers.

COTTON COMPRESS VICTORY.

Interstate Commerce Commission Orders Atlantic Coast Line to Discontinue Allowance to Cotton Shippers.
Washington, Dec. 22.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today in a decision ordered the Atlantic Coast Line and other railroads to discontinue granting an allowance to cotton shippers for the compression of cotton at the seaports. The decision resulted from a complaint made by cotton merchants who operate compresses at interior points.

IMMIGRATION BILL DELAYED.

Wilson's Opposition to Literacy Test Section May Prevent its Passage.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Postponement of action on the immigration bill, pending in the senate, until after the Christmas holidays was made virtually certain today when Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, after a conference with President Wilson, gave notice that he would offer an amendment to strike from the measure the proposed literacy test for aliens.

As soon as Senator Lewis had made his announcement champions of the bill sought to have further discussion of the bill delayed until after the holidays. Parliamentary tangles were encountered, however, and on motion of Senator Smith of South Carolina the measure was temporarily laid aside until tomorrow.

The fate of the bill is in doubt, it was declared by several Democratic senators tonight, as a result of President Wilson's opposition to the literacy test. In the opinion of its sponsors striking out of this provision would mean defeat of the bill, because no substitute method of restricting has been agreed on.

NO PATRONAGE FIGHT.

President Wilson Rediscovers Reports of Conflict With Senate.

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Wilson today ridiculed the reports that he is in a fight with the senate over patronage matters. He summed up the situation by saying that the senate has a perfect right to reject any nominations it pleased.

GREECE BUYS MANY TENTS.

Greek Consul Says They are Not to Be Used for War.

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 21.—Contracts for one million dollars' worth of tents and poles were let to Toledo companies and signed here today by C. Vassadarkis, Greek consul general to the United States, and a representative of the Pamagolopoulos Company, of Athens, Greece, general contractors for the Balkan States.

"These supplies are not to be used for war," said Vassadarkis. "We simply are buying in this country supplies that we would have difficulty in securing in Europe."

THE HOBSON RESOLUTION.

House Adopts Rule Making it The Special Order.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The house today adopted a special rule making in order the Hobson prohibition resolution. There was no roll call.

Hobson immediately addressed the house in a fervent speech, favoring nation-wide prohibition. The speaker repeatedly cautioned the applauding galleries. The vote is expected late this evening.

PITCHED BATTLE IN OCOONEE.

FOUR WHITE MEN WOUNDED AND TWO NEGROES KILLED.

Allen Green and Green Gibson Meet Death When Negroes Attack White Men Said to Have Whipped Suspected Barn Burner Near Fairplay.

Anderson, Dec. 21.—Two negroes were killed and four white men wounded in a battle between the four white men and a party of negroes at Fairplay, in Oconee county, last night. News of the affair has just reached surrounding towns, and, on account of telephone lines being out of commission, full details have not been obtained.

Allen Green and Green Gibson are the dead negroes.

The white men suffering wounds are: Magistrate W. C. McClure, shot in the wrist; John McDonald, shot in the eye; Woodrow Campbell, suffering a wound on the hand; Paul Marrett, sprinkled with shot.

It is said that a negro burned a barn near Knox's bridge in Oconee county Saturday afternoon and that Magistrate McClure, Woodrow Campbell, John McDonald and Paul Marrett went to the suspected negro's house and, carrying him to the place where the barn was burned, gave him a severe whipping.

Returning they are said to have been attacked by a party of negroes led by Allen Green. Green was killed in the fight which followed, and Green Gibson died later from wounds received in the battle. None of the white men is believed to be fatally wounded.

This affair may be a sequel to the well-known fatal stabbing of Julius Marrett in this community a few days ago. Marrett was seriously stabbed while trying to arrest a negro who had escaped from a Georgia county chancery. The negro successfully eluded pursuit in South Carolina, but was later arrested and is now in jail at Toccoa, Ga.

FIGHT AT FAIRPLAY.

Sheriff at Walthalla Does Not Receive Tidings Until Late in the Afternoon.

Walthalla, Dec. 21.—News of the affair at Fairplay only reached Walthalla this evening. An inquiry came from another county this afternoon, and when the sheriff was asked he said he knew nothing. No report of untoward incidents had come from the lower section of the county. At 6 o'clock a citizen came in from the country bringing a report of a battle between negroes and white men.

Sheriff Davis left tonight for the scene. The information received here was to the effect that the community about Fairplay was much wrought up Sunday night with many men under arms.

DARLINGTON FLOUR MILL.

Company With Capital of \$5,000 Granted Commission by Secretary of State.

Columbia, Dec. 21.—The movement for grain elevators and roller mills is gaining ground in this State.

The secretary of State has issued a commission to the Darlington Wheat and Roller Mills company of Darlington with a capital stock of \$5,000. The petitioners are James R. Driggs, W. L. Ward and C. M. Ward. The company will erect a flour mill.

Several days ago a roller mill and wheat elevator company was formed for Bennettsville, in Marlboro county. A 50-barrel a day flour mill is soon to be erected at Dentsville, in Richland county. Companies are forming in Anderson and Greenville and other points in the State for the handling of the grain crop, which will be materially increased this year.

BURGLAR KILLS MILLIONAIRE.

Desperate Battle in Residence in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Dec. 22.—W. M. Alexander, a millionaire lawyer, was shot and killed by a burglar in his residence on Wilshire Place early this morning. His son was wounded during the revolver fight. The burglar escaped.

A MISSISSIPPI LYNCHING.

Negro Thrown into Creek With Rock Tied to His Neck.

Ruleville, Miss., Dec. 22.—A mob last night took Tom Smith, a negro, from the jail, tied a rock around his neck, drove him four miles to Deep Creek, in Sunflower county, and threw him in. He bit the chin off John King, a planter.

WIFE KILLED BY HUSBAND.

ALBERT TOLBERT CHOKED WOMAN TO DEATH.

Two Had Been Forced to Separate Several Times—Man Summoned Sheriff and Coroner After Horrible Deed.

Greenwood, Dec. 21.—Albert Tolbert a young white man working at Pamola cotton mills here, choked his wife to death yesterday afternoon while in a room with her alone. Tolbert seemed utterly indifferent to the crime and asked that the sheriff be sent for himself and the undertaker for his wife's body.

The dead woman was Miss Nola Hall from the Donalds section of Abbeville county. She and Tolbert had been married several years but had not been able to live together and had separated several times. Lately they had been living together and working in Pamola mill. They occupied two rooms of a house and M. D. Ellenberg and family the other two rooms of house. Yesterday Mr. Ellenberg heard them quarreling and heard the woman scream. He and his family thought they were fighting but did not suspect the actual nature of the struggle. A little later Tolbert came to the door and asked Ellenberg's son to go for the sheriff, saying he had killed his wife. He had a knife in his hand.

Mr. Ellenberg sent for Superintendent McCuen. When Mr. McCuen arrived he found the woman dead on the floor and Tolbert sitting by the fire smoking a cigarette. Tolbert told him he had choked her to death. Said it had been done about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. It was then 2 o'clock. Sheriff McMillan and Dr. Lyon were soon on hand and the examination showed the woman's neck broken. The doctor observed that the woman seemed to have been strangled and Tolbert replied that she was, that he had choked her to death. He was carried to jail. There was considerable talk of lynching but cooler counsel prevailed.

The dead woman was about 22 years of age. Tolbert appears to be about 25. He is from the McCormick section.

CENSORSHIP ON BIG SCALE.

British Censors Handle 50,000 Cablegrams Each Day.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Censorship of an unprecedented scale is in operation now over the complicated system of cables connecting Europe with America. After some friction the machinery created by the British government is handling an average of 50,000 cablegrams each day, and even this figure does not represent the full volume of business, because many cablegrams, from their private character, are not subject to censorship.

An official statement of the business of the British censors here today makes it appear that in this great mass of business few cablegrams have been delayed or stopped. It is explained that when a properly addressed message destined for the United States is stopped the censor invariably informs the American ambassador with an explanation of the reason.

AFRICANS SUFFER FROM COLD.

Toes of Senegalese in Belgium Freeze and Often Amputation is Necessary.

London, Dec. 20.—Troops from the tropics are suffering intensely from the cold in Belgium. This is especially true of the Senegalese. In many cases their toes or feet have been frozen so badly that amputation has been necessary, according to Mrs. Harry Floyd, chief commissioner of the French wounded emergency fund, who has just returned from the hospitals at Havre, Lisieux, Bayeux, Deauville and other points. Mrs. Floyd says many of the hospitals are badly in need of anaesthetics, tetanus serum, surgical instruments and surgeons.

THE ENTIRE POLISH LEGION.

Duke Nicholas Authorizes Organization of Poles.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Dec. 20.—(Via Petrograd and London, 5.45 P. M.)—By authority of Grand Duke Nicholas, a Polish legion has been organized. The Russian army contains many Polish volunteers, but the legion will be the first Polish contingent flying a distinctive flag to be accepted.

Four thousand Poles now are enrolled in the legion and will be ready to go to the front in six weeks.

THE TIDE OF BATTLE TURNS

Russians Defeat Germans on Bzura and Are Driving Them Back Towards Lodz, Repulsing Advance on Warsaw.

In West Allies Have Made Continued Gains, But Reinforcements Arriving at German Center, May Turn Advantage at That Point to Their Opponents—Persia States That It Will Remain Neutral—Conflicting Reports of Russian and Turkish Gains—Attempt Made to Seize Suez Canal.

Suez Canal Threatened.

Constantinople, Dec. 23.—Official—The Turks in Egypt began their march upon the Suez canal Monday. The Turks in Caucasus made a surprise night attack on the Russians at Elaguz Mirli, east of Koprikoi, inflicting heavy loss.

Russians Shell Turks.

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—Russian warships in the Black sea shelled the Turks advancing toward Batoum. The Russians continue to press back the Turks in the direction of Van. (Official.)

Airmen Attack Strassburg.

Geneva, Dec. 23.—Flying at a height of four thousand feet French aviators dropped three bombs on the main station of the German aviation station near Strassburg on Monday, inflicting heavy damage, leaving the station in flames. Great activity prevails at the Zeppelin factory in Friedrichshafen.

Allies Move Forward.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Since the allies resumed the offensive all along the battle front in Belgium and in Alsace-Lorraine they have made the following gains. Four miles to point east of Lombartzyde on the Nieuport-St. George-Dixmude line; three miles at Ypres on the Bixchoote-Paschendale-Cheluvelt-Holebecke line; five miles on the Arras-Labasse line, taking practically all of the German's first line trenches; three and a-half miles between Argonne and Meuse, taking the trenches and strategic roadways ten miles toward Muelhausen in Alsace; slight gains on the Baupeme-Albert-Roye-Moyon line; at Tiacy Leval and on the heights of the Meuse and in the Woevre district the Germans made some gains by counter attacks east of Rheims, between the Nesle and Aisne rivers. Gen. Joffre, however, is not satisfied with the situation. He recently retired twenty-four French generals. Germans have been reinforced in West Flanders and may attempt to resume the offensive.

Warship Reported Sunk.

Athens, Dec. 23.—An unidentified warship is reported to have been sunk off the coast of Syria with all on board. French and British warships have been off the coast for some time.

Germans Claim Gains.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Official—At the west the allies' offensive movement which was begun December 18th has broken down before strong German counter attacks. The enemy are now on the defensive. After repelling the attacks of the allies for five days the Germans have advanced at several points, particularly in the Argonne region.

Reinforcements for Germans.

Amsterdam, Dec. 23.—Private messages today confirm the reports that many regiments from Poland are passing through Aix-la-Chapelle toward the battle front in northern France.

Persia Remains Neutral.

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—The Persian legation today denied reports that Persia had decided to support Germany and Turkey in the war.

French Claim Continued Success.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Official—This afternoon the allies are maintaining their offensive with continued success in Belgium and France. The French have made progress on the coast between the North sea and the read running from Nieuport to West-end. Allies have recaptured the village of Givenchy-lez-Labasse. A heavy fog at Arras is impeding the operations. There is sharp fighting at other points favorable to the allies.

Great Battle in Poland.

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—A great battle is raging today along the Pilica river, between Lodz and Opoczno. There

is a lull in the fighting along the Bzura river. On the western side the Germans are awaiting reinforcements. The German defeat along the Bzura is declared to be greater than at first reported. Germans sustaining a fearful loss.

Russians Driving Germans.

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—Official—The Russian army is driving east Prussia from the north and south have driven the Germans back across the Bzura. On the Bzura river we are repulsing the Germans who are attempting to advance from Lodz. Warsaw is now safe. In eastern Galicia and southern Poland, we have broken the Austro-German offensive. The Germans are sacrificing tens of thousands of men for temporary gains while we are sacrificing none except for permanent gains.

Kaiser Goes to Western Front.

Amsterdam, Dec. 23.—A dispatch today states that the Kaiser arrived at Cologne Tuesday with his entire staff en route to the western front.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE MAY COME UP.

Chairman John Gary Evans of the Advisory Board Calls Meeting for January 7.

Spartanburg, Dec. 22.—John Gary Evans, chairman of the advisory board of the South Carolina Equal Suffrage League, will call a conference of the board to be held in Columbia January 7 to discuss the plans and the policy of action to be adopted pursuant to presenting the question of equal suffrage at the approaching session of the general assembly. The matter will be in the shape of a joint resolution asking that the constitution be so amended as to allow women to vote. The resolution must be adopted by a two-thirds vote before an election on the amendment is authorized. If the advocates for equal suffrage win their battle before the assembly the election would probably be held in the general election in 1916.

Mr. Evans and other leading exponents for equal suffrage confidently believe that the way is clear for presenting the matter in some definite shape and accordingly the question of equal suffrage will be one of the leading features at the 1915 session of the solons.

MOTHER KEEPS CHILDREN.

But Must See That They Divide Time With the Father.

Columbia, Dec. 22.—The supreme court this afternoon issued the following order finally disposing of the Tillman children:

"After hearing return to the rule issued herein, and upon consideration thereof, it is ordered: That it does not yet appear that the respondent shall be deprived of the custody of her children.

"Ordered further, That no reason has been shown why the children shall not yet be given into the custody of the Tillmans for the time heretofore directed and that during the year 1915 the father of the children shall have their custody not only for the time heretofore directed, but in addition thereto the time the children were directed to be put into the custody of their grandparents.

"Ordered further, That the father shall indicate to the mother what particular season is agreeable to him to have such supplemented custody, upon which notice the children shall be given to him.

"Ordered further, That refusal of the infant children to comply with the order of the court is not a sufficient excuse, but on the contrary, if the mother can not enforce such compliance, then it will be incumbent on the court to find other agencies of control.

"Ordered further, That a copy hereof be served upon the father, B. R. Tillman, Jr., and the mother, Mrs. Lucy Dugas."