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## PORTUGAL JOINS IN WAR.

**Officially Reported From Lisbon That Portuguese and German Soldiers Are Fighting in West Africa, Making An Addition to Allies.**

**ITALIAN MARINES LAND IN ALBANIA—AEROPLANES OF RUSSIANS AND AIRSHIPS OF AUSTRILIANS JOIN IN CONFLICT OVER CITY OF PRZEMYSL—FRENCH FIGHT WITH BYONETS IN BLOODY BATTLE IN ALSACE—RUSSIAN ADVANCE ON CRACOW IS STOPPED—GERMANS CAPTURE IMPORTANT RAILROAD TOWN IN POLAND—GERMAN AIRMEN MAKE SUCCESSFUL RAID—BATTLE NOW RAGING IN POLAND—WARSAW THOUGHT TO BE IMPREGNABLE—FIVE MILLION TROOPS PASS CITY ON WAY TO FRONT.**

**British Merchantmen Destroyed.**  
Las Palmas, Canary Islands, Jan. 5.—Continuing its daring raids the German cruiser Kronprinz-Wilhelm has sunk four more of the allies' merchantmen. The Bellevue, Montgel, Bretagne and Union are the last vessels sunk. The crews were brought here.

**Portugal in the War.**  
Lisbon, Jan. 5.—It is officially announced that Portuguese troops have engaged the Germans in Angola, West Africa. This aligns Portugal with the allies.

**Bloody Battle in Alsace.**  
Paris, Jan. 5.—The great battle line now stretches three hundred and seventy miles from the North sea to the Switzerland border. German onslaughts at East Cernay where they are attempting to recapture lost ground have been repulsed. Steinbach has been destroyed by the French artillery. The French are now bending their energies to the capture of Sennheim, the railroad key to Muelhausen. A motorist who arrived today says the mountains in the vicinity of Steinbach are trembling with the roar of monster guns and the hills are running red with blood. The valleys are filled with ruined cottages. British warships are again bombarding the coast. The watertower at Zebrugg has been demolished. Terrific artillery duels east of Amiens along the Alsace and heights of the Meuse continue night and day.

**French Continue Offensive.**  
Paris, Jan. 5 (Official 3 P. M.)—French infantry attacks have resumed in Belgium and resulted successfully in the sand dunes before Neuport. In the vicinity of St. Georges the French made gains of two hundred to three hundred yards, capturing a part of the German trenches. The Germans blew up a French trench near the Lille highway but later the French recaptured the trench. The French maintain their progress on the Thann to Cernay road.

**British Ammunition Destroyed.**  
Berlin, Jan. 5 (Official 3.30 P. M.)—German aviators today successfully raided a British ammunition store house at Rosendael and Coudorkerque, near Dunkirk. A hundred British were killed by bombs. The ammunition and outskirts of the villages were fired.

**Great Battle in Poland.**  
Petrograd, Jan. 5.—Along an irregular front on the Bzura river to the south and southwest for eighty miles a terrific battle is again raging. The Germans who are taking the offensive are being repulsed. The Germans captured a few trenches but lost them again. The Germans occupied a part of the town of Borjilmow, but the Russians who held the trenches on the eastern outskirts are making desperate attacks to drive the Germans back. The Germans crossed the Pillica river at a tremendous cost of life.

**Germans on Defensive.**  
Berlin, Jan. 5.—Repulse of French attacks in Alsace and Argonne, the blowing up of a French trench at north Arras and progress by Germans west of Warsaw are the chief points in the official statements this afternoon.

**French Use Bayonet.**  
Paris, Jan. 5.—Details of the six days' battle for the possession of Steinbach, upper Alsace, show that it ranks with the battle of the Yser in ferocity. A French correspondent declares that the Germans placed women and children in the front ranks so that the French could not fire on them. The French finally captured the position at the point of the bayonet.

**Germans Capture Points.**  
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**Blow up German Trenches.**  
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**Italians in Albania.**  
Rome, Jan. 5.—Italian marines were landed at Durazzo, Albania, last night. They are now holding the city to prevent its capture and looting by Mussulman insurgents. Members of the various legations are refuging on Italian warships.

**Battle in the Air.**  
Lemberg, Galicia, Jan. 5.—Two Russian aeroplanes engaged three Austrian airships in a battle above Przemysl today. At five thousand feet the Russians dropped six bombs upon the forts destroying three guns. Three Austrians rose to attack the Russians. One was disabled and the others descended. The Russians returned to their station undamaged.

**Russian Advance Checked.**  
Vienna, Jan. 5.—The Austrian army has decisively checked the Russians who were advancing on Cracow, inflicting heavy losses and taking 30,000 prisoners. The Russian casualties were severe along the Dunajec river front.

**Germans Take Borjilmow.**  
Berlin, Jan. 5.—It was officially announced today that Germans have captured the Polish town of Borjilmow, an important railroad town. The situation south of the Vistula greatly favors the Germans.

**Soldiers Pass Through Warsaw.**  
London, Jan. 5.—It is reported that five million Russian soldiers passed through Warsaw going westward and southward. Surrounded by an immense field and strong fortifications, it is believed that Warsaw is impregnable.

**Turkish Army Destroyed.**  
Petrograd, Jan. 6.—Broken fragments of the Turkish invaders of trans Caucasia are being pursued today by the victorious Russians who captured 35,000 prisoners, vast quantities of munitions and many guns. The Ninth Turkish corps was annihilated and the Tenth badly shattered. The rugged country through which the Turks are fleeing is impeding their flight. Thousands have been killed by falling into chasms and deep streams.

**Germans Retreat from Bzura.**  
Petrograd, Jan. 6.—A news dispatch from Warsaw states that Germans along the Bzura and Pillica rivers are preparing to retreat. They fear the wide turning movement of the Russian army from the South.

**Try to Regain Lost Ground.**  
Paris, Jan. 6.—The official statement this afternoon says: The Germans have made two desperate attacks to regain the lost ground in the sand dunes on the coast and southeast of St. Georges, but were repulsed. Along Airene and around Rheims the French artillery has silenced the German batteries. The French advanced a hundred yards northwest of Rheims. In the Argonne the French have retaken three hundred yards of trenches.

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## COTTONSHIP REACHES GERMANY

**AMERICAN SKIPPER TAKES 6,000 BALES TO BREMEN.**

Dutch Pilots Refused to Guide Ship Through Mines and Capt Pinchin Picked His Own Way—First to Arrive.

Bremen, via The Hague and London, Jan. 5.—Through the daring of an American skipper, the steamer El Monte with 6,000 bales of cotton, which sailed from Galveston December 3, arrived at Bremen on January 1. The cotton was the first to reach this port during the war.

After the El Monte reached the Hook of Holland the Dutch pilots refused to assist her captain, Edward T. Pinchin. They declared it was impossible on account of mines to make the trip.

Captain Pinchin, however, was determined to go on, so he proceeded without a pilot, picking his own course without mine charts or other aid. He safely reached Bremen, greatly to the amazement of the Germans. The El Monte is to return to America with 1,500 tons of mixed cargo.

## SHIPS TO HAVE CHANCE.

**Democrats Determined to Push Measure for Buying Vessels.**

Washington, Jan. 5.—Continued Republican belligerency towards the government ship purchase has begun to alarm administration leaders. With but two months of the Sixty-third congress remaining, all of the big supply bills undisposed of by the senate and minority senators manifesting a determination to fight the ship bill to the last ditch, fears were expressed by Democratic leaders that the administration's legislative programme is in danger.

As a result of conferences among Democratic senators today it is probable night sessions may be forced in the near future to test the endurance of opponents of the shipping bill.

Republican senators today prevented consideration of the ship measure by discussing at length the urgent efficiency bill. Several Democratic senators declared that should the minority prevent passage of the shipping bill at this session an extra session would be called. Intimation of a similar nature also were heard at the White House.

## KING GEORGE TO THE POPE.

**Thanks Holy Father for Proposal to Exchange Wounded.**

Rome, Jan. 5.—Replies received by Pope Benedict from sovereigns with whom he sought to arrange the exchange of wounded prisoners of war were given out at the Vatican today. The first answer, from King George, said:

"It is with pleasure that I thank Your Holiness for your telegram with profound satisfaction, my government received the proposal of Your Holiness, which gave strength to the suggestion we already had made to the German government; which government has notified us just at this moment of their consent. I trust that an agreement will be effected before many days pass from the New Year."

## TO EXCHANGE PRISONERS.

**England and Germany to Swap Men Who Can't Fight.**

London, Jan. 5.—The official information bureau announced tonight that an agreement had been reached between England and Germany for exchange of prisoners who are incapable of further service. The announcement follows:

"On December 10th the British government proposed to the German government, through the United States, that arrangements be made for exchange of British and German officers and men, prisoners of war, who were physically incapacitated for further military service. The acceptance of this offer by the German government was conveyed to the British government on the 21st. Arrangements are being made to give effect to it."

The French have maintained their position despite a terrific bombardment by the Germans. The Germans, however, recaptured one of their old trenches in the eastern slope, but the French still hold the summit of the hill.

## Will Exchange Incapacitated Prisoners.

Rome, Jan. 6.—The pope was notified today that Germany and Austria had accepted his suggestion that prisoners of war incapacitated for further service be exchanged.

## N. Y. SUBWAY TRAGEDY.

**SCORES BURNED TO DEATH IN STALLED CARS.**

Accident at Power House Stops Cars. Fire Breaks out, Many Are Trampled and Crushed to Death—Many Others Perish in the Burning Cars.

New York, Jan. 6.—Many persons were killed and scores injured today when the subway system was crippled by an accident at the main power station. Fire started on a "stalled" train at Fifty-Sixth street and Broadway. There was a panic among the four hundred passengers trapped on the train who fought savagely to escape. Many were crushed and mangled. Twelve bodies have been taken out, but many more remain in the burning cars.

At 11 o'clock the firemen declared that there were two hundred bodies still in the subway. They are preparing to blow up the street over the subway to get at the bodies.

## SUBWAY PASSENGERS ESCAPE.

**None Lost When Underground Car Is Stalled, but Some Thought to Be Fatally Injured.**

New York, Jan. 6.—Scores of persons were overcome by smoke or crushed in the wild panic resulting from the complete paralysis of the subway system by the burning out of the cable to the main power plant. Wildly excited firemen and police declared early today that many were dead, but later investigations showed no lives lost. That many were not killed is little short of a miracle. The burning train between Fifty-Sixth street and Broadway was stalled far below the surface. The injured were lifted up with ropes or carried out in a roundabout way by firemen. Nearly a hundred were injured, some fatally, it is thought.

The subway will be out of commission for several days before the necessary repairs will be completed for a resumption of traffic. The surface and elevated cars are greatly congested.

## GREAT REVIVAL CLOSES.

**Rev. B. F. McLendon's Preaching Is Means of Fifteen Hundred Persons Professing Christ.**

From The Daily Item, Jan. 7. The greatest revival meeting in the history of Sumter closed last night. About 1,500 people made profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and crowds of people came into the different churches.

There is no doubt that B. F. McLendon is one of the great evangelists of the South today.

He is a man that lays no claims to education; gets up and forgets his surroundings; throws rhetoric and English to the winds, and flays sin.

A prominent pastor was heard to say that McLendon is one of the most remarkable preachers that he had ever heard, and that any other man had made the mistakes in his pronunciation of English that he did, would not be heard by the people. And yet this man is preaching to more people than any man in the South today, and is getting more results.

## Marriages.

**Manning Times.**  
Married last Wednesday afternoon, by Rev. G. P. Watson, pastor of the Manning Methodist church, Dr. Thomas W. Gunter, and Miss Eva Curtis both of Paxville.

Married by Rev. M. J. Kyser at Paxville on Christmas day at the home of Mrs. G. H. Lackey, Mr. Charles Brown and Miss Cornelia Ridgill.

Married at Bishopville yesterday, Mr. Morris Ness, a prominent young business man of Manning, and Miss Rachael Levy of Bishopville. Rabbi J. Simonhoff of Charleston performed the ceremony in the presence of a large congregation in the opera house, after which there was an elaborate reception at the home of the bride's parents, attended by a large number of guests from New York, Sumter, Charleston and Manning. Mr. Bennie Ness, a brother of the groom was the best man, and Miss Mary Karesh of Charleston the maid of honor. The couple will take a bridal tour, after which they will make their home in Manning, and receive the congratulations of the groom's friends here.

City Recorder Etchison, of Columbia, has filed a request with city council that the legislature be petitioned to amend the law so as to permit him to impose a fine of \$100 for violation of city ordinances. The maximum fine is now \$10.

## ITALY MAY JOIN THE ALLIES

**Demands Immediate Reparation for Arrest and Detention of Four Italians When Belgrade Was Captured by Austrian Army.**

**Turkey and Greece Near Breaking Point of Diplomatic Relations—Germans Report Gains in Argonne and Resume Offensive at Lille—French Gain in Woevre Region and Repulse German Attacks at Other Points—French in Alsace and Lorraine Are Marching on Muelhausen—German Aeroplanes Defeated—Turks Make Gain in Persia—Mlaw, German Base of Operation in Poland, Point of Attack By Russians—Turks Crushed in Transcaucasia.**

### German Offensive at Lille.

Paris, Jan. 7 (Official)—German aviators who were attempting to attack Dunkirk were put to flight by the French batteries. Fighting in Flanders is generally confined to the artillery in which the French gained the advantage. The Germans have apparently renewed their offensive in the region of Lille, but a violent attack by the Germans was repulsed there. The French progress in the Woevre district, northwest of Flirey is important. They now control a part of the first line of the enemy at Steinbach. At Hill number four twenty-five the enemy have ceased their counter attacks. The Germans made an attack at Watwiller and near Kolschlag, but were repulsed. The French have advanced four kilometers west of Altkirch, where their heavy artillery silenced the German batteries. The French are now within two miles of Altkirch.

### Merchant Ship Sunk.

Newcastle-on-Tyne, Jan. 7.—The steamer Affrieda, with a crew of 22 was sunk North sea off Scarborough by a mine today. The crew escaped.

### Jap Envoy to Vatican.

Amsterdam, Jan. 7.—A news dispatch states that Japan intends to send a diplomatic envoy to the vatican. England recently sent an ambassador to the vatican for the first time in four centuries.

### Turkish Success in Persia.

Constantinople, Jan. 7 (Official)—The Turkish army has occupied Urmia, Persia. The natives have joined the Turks against the Russians. An indecisive battle between the Russian and Turkish fleet has taken place. The Russians have sunk an Italian merchantman.

### Marching on Muelhausen.

Paris, Jan. 7.—General Joffre has thrown one hundred thousand men into upper Alsace and Lorraine, and they are marching on Muelhausen from three directions. The German attempt to lay siege to Belfort ended in a failure and they have been driven back and are now on the defensive. In Flanders the fighting is mostly confined to the artillery.

### Russians to Attack Mlaw.

Petrograd, Jan. 7.—The Russians are gathering for a great battle for the possession of Mlaw, Poland, near the east Prussian frontier, which is used as a base by the Germans. Later dispatches from Tiflis show that the Turks were completely crushed. They lost fifty thousand men around Sarikamisch.

### Greece and Turkey Hostile.

Athens, Jan. 7.—Diplomatic relations between Greece and Turkey are nearing the breaking point. Greek consuls in Asia Minor report continued Turkish atrocities against Greek residents. A cruiser has been sent to Durazzo to protect the Greeks there.

### Italy Calls Austria.

Turin, Jan. 7.—It is reported here that Italy has demanded immediate reparation from Austria for the arrest of four Italians at Belgrade. When the Austrians occupied Belgrade they seized and held the Italians among other hostages.

### Berlin Reports Success.

Berlin, Jan. 7. (Wireless)—Official 3 p. m.—Further progress by the Germans in the Argonne is announced. There is hard fighting north of Arras where the French are trying to recapture the trenches recently taken by the Germans. The report that the French have captured the German trenches at Courte Chausee is contradicted with the declaration that the French were driven back all along the

line with losses. At the east the situation unchanged, bad weather hampers troop movements.

### EMENT PARDON.

Blessed Says in Letter to Nicholls.

Spartanburg, Jan. 5.—Gov. Bleese says he is not going to pardon Clyde Clement, the youth held here in the county jail under life sentence for the murder of his infant daughter, the child of Freda Pendleton, drowned in Lawson's fork in the suburbs of this city last February. The governor has addressed a letter to S. J. Nicholls in which he says he would give Capt. Nicholls his shoes and socks in cold weather, but he will not grant his request for a pardon for Clement. However, he adds if the matter of reducing Clement's sentence to a term of years will do him any good, he will be glad to take the matter up with that in view. The governor says he heard part of the trial and is satisfied that the girl is just as guilty as the boy, but he would not like to say what brought about her acquittal.

The Pendleton girl was tried on the same charge and at the same time with Clement and was acquitted.

### Real Estate Transfers.

I. C. Strauss and Davis D. Moise to H. C. Tucker, lot and buildings on Corbett street, \$1,700.

H. C. Tucker to W. I. Whitehead, lot on Blanding street, \$2,000.

W. I. Whitehead to Lee & Moise, lot in city, \$5 and other consideration.

John Brown, Janie Crossen, et al., to Elizabeth Brown and children, 41 acres in Stateburg township, \$5 and other consideration.

Elizabeth Brown, John Brown, et al., to Amelia Thompson, 44 acres in Stateburg township, \$5 and other consideration.

Elizabeth Brown, John Brown, et al., to R. S. Roach and children of Elizabeth Roach, 41 acres in Stateburg township, \$5 and other consideration.

Elizabeth Brown, John Brown, et al., to Betsy Ann Keith, 46 acres in Stateburg township, \$5 and other consideration.

R. S. Roach, Amelia Thompson, et al., to Jane Crossen, 42 acres in Stateburg township, \$5 and other consideration.

Elizabeth Brown, R. S. Roach, et al., to John Brown, 41 acres in Stateburg township, \$5 and other consideration.

Elizabeth Brown, John Brown, et al., to Mary Alston, 23 acres in Stateburg township, \$5 and other consideration.

### David Doar Elected Collector.

David Doar, who was a resident of this city for several years up to last fall, has been elected collector of the First National Bank to succeed J. W. Kinard, who has been promoted to the place of bookkeeper. Mr. Doar has many friends in Sumter, who are glad to welcome him back to the city and wish him success in his new duties.

### Miss DeHaven Entertains.

Tuesday evening Miss Bessie DeHaven entertained in honor of a number of her friends, from 6 to 11 o'clock at her home, 10 West Bartlette Street. During the first half of the evening delightful games were played, later delicious refreshments were served those attending. New dances were demonstrated during the evening by Prof. and Mrs. Holcomb. A number of out-of-town guests were present.

The Orangeburg county dispensaries sold \$32,296.70 worth of liquor in December.