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ITALIAN MARINES LANDED AT AVLONA MAY START TROUBLE

Italy's Act Under Ordinary Circumstances Would Be Cause for War

AUSTRIA'S CONSENT SAID TO BE GIVEN

Russia Reported to Have Traded Sakhalin Island for Heavy Cannon

Vienna, via Berlin and London, Dec. 25.—"Fighting continued Christmas day," announced the Austrian war office this afternoon. "Along most of our battle front.

"Our forces repulsed Russian attacks near Magyag, in the Latourea region, with heavy losses to the enemy. The Slavs were driven toward Liska.

"Between Wislok and Biala the Russians attacked us Christmas eve and the following day the fighting continued with the utmost violence.

"On the Danube river there has been no change in the situation.

"Another thing in which deep interest was expressed was Austria's probable attitude toward the reported seizure by Italy of the Albanian port of Avlona.

"Italian marines were landed at Avlona late in October but it was stated at the time that this was done only to keep order. The latest occupation, Friday, had every appearance however, of being permanent, it was stated. Whether or not the force first set ashore was withdrawn later or if Friday's landing party simply strengthened the first one, was not known here.

Might Cause War.

Inasmuch as the Italian port of Avlona and the Albanian town of Otranto command the Otranto strait, which serves as Austria's outlet from the Adriatic sea into the Mediterranean, the seizure of it, would constitute sufficient cause for war between the Austrians and Italians. It has been reported repeatedly, however, that Austria was prepared to give Italy a free hand in Albania in return for assurances that the Italians would remain neutral in the present European conflict.

Grinxy reported the sinking of another trawler by a North sea mine—the *Osma*—with the loss of eight out of its crew of nine.

Confirmation is lacking of the Copenhagen report that Russia had ceded its half of Sakhalin island to Japan in return for heavy cannon. The Slavs lost the southern half of the island, which lies off the Siberian coast north of the Japanese archipelago, by the treaty of Portsmouth, which ended the Manchurian war.

It was recognized here that Russia's lack of equipment was preventing the ease from putting into the field all his available forces and Japan, it was not doubted, could help out in this respect if it chose. If the story proved true, however, it was remarked, it seemed to dispose of reports that the Mikado intended to send troops to Europe, or he would need all his munitions for his own soldiers' use.

In Asia Minor, it was understood the Russian army of invasion had been compelled practically to suspend operations merely holding the territory it had already occupied, pending better weather.

GENERAL VON BUELOW STANDS FIRM UNDER ATTACKS OF ALLIES



GENERAL VON BUELOW

General von Buelow commands one of the German armies in France. He has offered a stubborn resistance to the allies and has been responsible for the stand that followed the retirement of the Marne.

Photo by American Press Association.

OSAR GOES TO FRONT.

Petrograd, Dec. 25.—The czar left last night for the fighting front in Poland, it was announced here today.

His majesty left from Moscow, where he has been spending several days with the czarinas.

Samantha Ann goes to church every time she gets a new dress.

HUNGARIAN THRONE MAY CAUSE TROUBLE

Intimated Germany Will Absorb Austria—No Matter What Is Result of War

The Hague, Dec. 25.—The suggestion that Prince Eitel Frederick might become a candidate for the throne of Hungary has been the subject of considerable interested comment here since its appearance in the London Morning Post Thursday.

Efforts to secure from Berlin some sort of confirmation of the assertion made in Petrograd, whence the Post received its dispatch, that the Kaiser favored his second son as Hungarian ruler had proved unavailing up to Tuesday. This was not considered surprising, however, inasmuch as it seemed natural in the German government to hesitate at admitting the existence of a plan which Vienna naturally would object to strongly.

Nevertheless, it is known from many sources that the Berlin chancellery considers the war likely to end, even if the Austrians win it, in the amalgamation of Austria-Hungary with the German empire.

Assuming such an outcome, officialdom here held to the view that Austria would come in as one and Hungary as another distinct state, and while one man might continue at the head of both of them, as at present, a complete divorce would be more probable.

The Dutch view was that the Hungarians however, might prefer to select their own sub-king, and the prediction was made that, in such an event their choice would be the eldest son of the late Archduke Francis Ferdinand, whose assassination at Sarajevo last summer was the immediate cause of the war.

With the death of Francis Joseph, the present Austro-Hungarian ruler, Francis Ferdinand would have become emperor of Austria and King of Hungary.

His children were by hismorganatic wife, the Countess Chotek, who was slain with him and as such they were not recognized under Austrian law. Hungary, on the other hand, regarded them as legitimate and there were many forecasts of trouble between the two countries when Francis Ferdinand died, had he ever come to the throne, as a result of this difference in views.

With the two separated, however, and entering the German empire as separate states, no such difficulty would exist and if the natural line of succession should be followed Ferdinand's son would reign in Hungary.

HUBBARD REPORTS ACTIVITY IN REAL ESTATE

Crow & Pierce report three sales of real estate which were consummated within the past week. Mr. Wm. Miller, for eighteen years connected with the post office department at Portland, and who has been prominently connected with the political history of the state for a number of years, has purchased a tract of land in the Hill Acres addition one-half mile south of Hubbard. Mr. Miller will build a modern bungalow early in the spring. He is a brother of J. M. Miller, collector of internal revenue at Portland, and his wife is a sister of Mrs. Club Wear of Hubbard. The Millers expect to make Hubbard their future home.

Mr. Carl Kruger of Butte, Montana, has purchased a piece of land in Goudy Gardens and intends to locate there next summer. Mr. Kruger is a close friend of A. J. Saxton, who recently bought a piece of Goudy Gardens. Mr. Kruger will build a home here early in the summer of the coming year.

Miss Agnes Lyons of Worcester, Mass., has tied up a nice piece of the Mimick Homestead tract and will pay cash for it in January. This is the second piece of the Dimick Homestead tract that has been sold by this firm recently. Crow & Pierce do not for a moment let the prevailing belief in "hard times" interfere with their well laid plans for success, but keep everlastingly at it, and the results show they are beginning to bring new people into Hubbard seeking permanent homes.

THE CHILDREN'S PLEA.

Washington, Dec. 25.—A novel plea for peace in Europe will be handed here soon to the ambassadors of belligerent nations. It will be signed by 300,000 American school children.

AMERICANS' THREAT SAVED THE FOREIGN CITIZENS IN BEIRUT

Cruisers North Carolina and Tennessee Prevent Massacre of French

REPORT UNVERIFIED BUT BELIEVED TRUE

Requisitioned American Ship and Loading Foreigners On It Saved Them

Washington, Dec. 26.—Inquiry concerning the truth of a report that they threatened to shell the port of Tripoli, Syria, to quell a demonstration against French citizens, being taken away on an American steamship, was cabled today by Secretary of the Navy Daniels to the commanders of the American cruisers North Carolina and Tennessee, at Beirut. It was the second time within ten days that Secretary Daniels had heard that the two cruisers had "threatened bombardment" of Turkish towns in order to save aliens.

In the absence of confirmation from Ambassador Morgenthau, or the commanders of the cruisers, Secretary Daniels ignored the first report. Reiteration today, however, caused him to seek the truth.

The latest report was that one of the cruisers requisitioned an American steamship at Tripoli to transport the British and French consuls and other foreign citizens and that a mob tried to prevent their embarkation. Several members of the steamship's crew were reported injured in the fight which followed. The mob was reported to have been quieted by a threat of bombardment by one of the American cruisers.

It was also reported that the American Ambassador Morgenthau had protested to the Turkish government, but confirmation from the diplomatic representative was lacking.

CHAPIN MUST RETURN THE OLD FOLKS' MONEY

As a condition precedent to the consideration of extending executive clemency to W. H. Chapin of the Chapin-Herlow Mortgage & Trust company, of Portland, who was convicted of bribery by ballot in connection with a real estate transaction, Governor West this morning informed the petitioners for Mr. Chapin's suspension of penitentiary sentence that some means be provided whereby the old couple, William and Marion Grace, who were alleged defrauded of their savings, be restored to their rightful means of subsistence during their declining years.

Mr. Chapin was convicted in the Multnomah court of the crime stated in the above paragraph and the conviction was affirmed by the supreme court in an opinion handed down last Tuesday. Since that time Governor West has been presented with an immense petition signed by scores of Mr. Chapin's friends pleading for clemency in his behalf. In discussing the subject to the newspaper men this morning Governor West issued the following statement:

"This trouble appears to have grown out of a real estate transaction, through which a man and his wife, well along in years, lost their savings.

"I am more interested in seeing this old couple provided for in their declining years than I am in having Chapin go to prison. I would likely see my way clear therefore, to extend clemency should his friends come forward with relief for the old couple.

"If he is given his release a reasonable provision must be made for the immediate needs of the old couple, and a bond entered into which will insure future payment to the extent of the money lost. His friends will be expected to join in the bond to a limited amount, say \$500.

"This arrangement will enable Chapin to meet the situation without calling upon his friends to advance the full amount of money at this time, and will insure the full protection to those who suffered the loss."

LINEMAN KILLED.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 25.—Mark Covell, a lineman, living at 2429 Melrose street, was instantly killed by an electric current at 4 o'clock this morning while attempting to sever a live wire leading to the plant of the California Soap works in Emeryville.

The California Soap works was totally destroyed by fire, with a damage of \$10,000. Four horses in the stables at the works were burned to death.

The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

During the last few days men have been going about town bundled up in overcoats, but you can't bluff the "wishbone girls."

EAST AND NORTH IN GRIP OF JACK FROST

Temperature Below Zero Generally—32 Below at Herkimer, New York

Washington, Dec. 26.—The east and north were gripped today in the coldest weather of the winter. The cold wave extended as far south as northern Florida. The following below zero temperatures were reported:

Northfield, Vt., 32; Albany, N. Y., 16 below; Syracuse, 12; Peoria, Ill., 18; Boston, 2; St. Paul, Minn., 22; La Crosse, Wis., 24; Davenport, Ia., 14; Kansas City, 2.

Zero weather prevailed at Omaha, Neb. Key West, Fla., was the warmest spot in the country, with the temperature 76 degrees above zero.

The temperature dropped here to 8 degrees above zero.

Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and West Virginia were visited by heavy snowstorms yesterday.

32 Below in New York.

Little Falls, N. Y., Dec. 26.—The coldest weather of the winter prevailed throughout this section of the state today. At Herkimer the thermometer dropped to 32 degrees below zero. Street thermometers here registered 25 degrees below.

Coldest of Season.

New York, Dec. 26.—Residents of Greater New York were shivering today in the coldest wave of the season. Municipal lodging houses and charitable organizations were swamped with applications for relief.

Chicago 4 Below.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—The coldest weather of the winter gripped Chicago today. The thermometer registered four degrees below zero at 9 o'clock.

Patrick Hurley, found unconscious on the street, later died from exposure.

It keeps a man guessing when he meets a woman who has nothing to say.

AVIATOR PUT OUT LONDON'S LIGHTS

Fearing Attack London Remains All Christmas Night Without Lights

London, Dec. 25.—Following Thursday's bombardment of Dover by a German aviator and Friday's appearance of a hostile flying man over Gravesend, Sheerness and Southend-On-Sea, elaborate precautions were being taken here today to guard against aerial attacks.

Orders had been issued against any lights except such as were absolutely necessary and it was required that even these be kept carefully under cover.

Probably never before in history was the city in such Egyptian darkness as last night. Few people ventured out, and those were forced to grope their way through pitch blackness.

What was the fate of the aviator sighted Christmas day nobody knew. He escaped in the fog from the English aeroplanes who ascended to fight him, and when last seen was making for the North sea, but whether or not he made a safe landing on the German side, London had no means of knowing.

Though the Englishmen who attacked him thought his aeroplane was hit by their shots, it was certain that he was flying with undiminished speed at the time he disappeared, so that any injuries he or his machine suffered must have been slight.

He dropped no bombs.

It was expected a regular aeroplane patrol of the coast would be maintained henceforward.

STEAMER ASHORE.

London, Dec. 25.—Disabled in a North sea gale, a Hull steamship was ashore today at the entrance to Peterhead harbor, on the Scotch coast. The crew had been saved but five rescuers were drowned in accomplishing it.

When your ideal is shattered, save the pieces.

WHITMAN IS GOVERNOR.

New York, Dec. 25.—District Attorney Whitman was sworn in today as governor of New York by Presiding Judge Ingram of the appellate court. His inauguration will take place January 1.

FIFTY-FIVE BELOW.

Saratoga, N. Y., Dec. 27.—A report received here today from Lake Desolation said the thermometer there dropped to 55 degrees below zero early in the day. The mercury touched 40 below here.

REPORT FRENCH ARE BOMBARDING METZ SETS PARIS AFLAME

This, If True, Marks the Most Spectacular Advance Yet Made by Allies

BATTLE CONTINUED ALL CHRISTMAS DAY

French Claim Other Gains Though None of Any Very Great Importance

Paris, Dec. 25.—Reports that the French were bombarding Metz's outer defenses caused tremendous enthusiasm here today.

In their progress toward the Metz defenses, it was said, the French lines were advanced beyond Arnaville and through LaPietre forest.

There was no cessation of fighting Christmas along the front further to the northward, it was stated. The Germans continued their efforts to regain the ground they lost earlier in the week in Belgium, but failed uniformly.

Allied forces were said to have continued their mining and artillery operations along the coast throughout the day.

Official Statement.

Paris, Dec. 25.—Fog was so thick today in the fighting zone between the North sea and the River Lys that little cannonading was being done today, it was stated in the war office statement posted here this afternoon.

Between the Lys and the Oise, it was stated, a series of desperate German attacks had been repulsed by the allies. Mention was made of one entrenched line at Libons, which the French captured from the Germans, the Germans recaptured from the French and then the French wrested again from the Germans.

Besides Libons, it was stated, the Kaiser's troops suffered repulses at Noulette, Boiselle and east of Albert.

Further progress by the French was reported in upper Alsace.

"A night attack in the Perthuis region," said the statement, "was repulsed, the French artillery silencing the Germans' fire. The attack was resumed Friday and was again repulsed."

"Between the sea and the Lys," said the statement's text, "cannonading is feeble, a heavy fog interfering with operations."

"We have repulsed numerous counter attacks by the Germans between the Lys and the Oise, at Noulette, Boiselle, Libons and east of Albert. At Libons the enemy's trenches were taken, and we have made further progress in upper Alsace, maintaining our new positions on the hills west of Cronay despite the enemy's counter attacks."

"Our troops have occupied the outskirts of lower Aspach and the heights west of Carpath."

Referring to the struggle in Poland, the communication declared the Russians had repulsed the Germans who succeeded in crossing the Buzna river, south of Borhaczew, inflicting heavy losses on them.

The Germans were also said to have been repulsed at Bolkow.

Further southward and along the Pilica river hard fighting was reported still in progress.

The struggle south of the Vistula and along the Nida was declared to be turning in favor of the Russians.

NORWAY MAY HAVE WAR WITH ENGLAND

Lloyds Charge 5 Per Cent to Insure Against War Between the Countries

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 25.—Considerable surprise and some uneasiness is being expressed here at news that Lloyds of London, is charging five per cent to insure against war between Great Britain and Norway within a year.

The rate is low as compared with the charge for insurance that such countries as Italy, the neutral Balkan states, Holland, Denmark or even Spain will not be drawn into the conflict but the supposition here had previously been that such a thing as an Anglo-Norwegian clash was so near an impossibility that a fraction of one per cent would be ample to insure against it.

The real basis for worry in Norway was, of course, England's recent request, which the Christiania government refused, for a Norwegian port as a naval base.

That Lloyds should have deemed even a five per cent rate necessary

"WORLD AT WAR" ATLAS

The Capital Journal has just received a new shipment of the "World at War" atlases. They are of a later and revised edition, compared with those we have been giving away to our subscribers. Instead of 16 pages, they consist of 24 large, highly-illustrated pages, printed on heavy enameled book.

The atlas contains splendid colored maps of all the warring countries, with routes of travel and railroad lines; many tables of army and navy and general statistics—in fact, the work is a complete ready-reference library for students of the great war. It is a book which would ordinarily sell for \$1.00 or \$1.50, but we are having them made up in large lots and buy them at a price which allows us to give them away to subscribers on very easy conditions.

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GENERAL VON BESELER HERO OF ANTWERP, IS ACTIVE IN FLANDERS



GENERAL VON BESELER

General von Beseler, the hero of Antwerp, is now believed to be prominent in the attempt of the Germans to drive to the coast. After he captured Antwerp, which was the greatest feat of the war up to that point, he joined most of his forces with the German right wing in France, and then the attack on the Belgian and English and French began, with Calais and Dunkirk as the objective and vital points.

Photo by American Press Association.

KAISER'S FORCES ARE BEATEN BACK IS RUSSIAN CLAIM

Warsaw's Russian Defenders Holding Their Lines Against the Germans

BATTLE IN POLAND REACHING CRISIS

Say Nothing Can Save Von Hindenburg from Being Forced to Retreat

Petrograd, Dec. 25.—Resisting constant day and night attacks along the front between the Vistula river and Opoczno, Warsaw's Russian defenders were holding their lines against the Germans today.

The Kaiser's forces launched assault after assault against them in massed formation but each time they were beaten back. The banks of the Buzna and Rawa rivers were covered with their corpses. Only at one point, the war office stated, had the Germans succeeded in crossing the Buzna.

They were directing their main attack against a spot midway between Sochaczew and Skorzynowicz.

The Slavs were not entirely on the defensive. Along the Pilica river they were trying to penetrate the German front.

The fighting in Poland was believed here to be approaching a crisis.

General Francos, commander of the German force which recently attempted an advance on Warsaw from the northward and was beaten back the way it came, was endeavoring to resume his march to the southward from Mlawa. It was conceded that he had managed partially to regain the offensive.

Experts said that nothing but success by Francos or the defeat of the Slav line before Warsaw could save Marshal Von Hindenburg from being compelled to retreat again. The war office was confident that neither of these two things would happen and that Von Hindenburg would have to retire.

The battle west of Warsaw had reached enormous proportions.

In southern Poland and Galicia, the Russians were regaining the advantage over both Germans and Austrians.

It was expected the siege of Cracow would be resumed soon.

DEATH OF MISS J. F. HUGHES.

Monday afternoon occurred the burial of Mrs. J. F. Hughes, of Aurora, in the Hubbard cemetery. Mrs. Hughes died Saturday night, death following a stroke of paralysis. Funeral services were conducted Monday morning at Aurora by Rev. Kennedy of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Hughes was formerly a resident of Hubbard and was past 66 years of age.

MEXICANS WITHDRAW.

Naco, Ariz., Dec. 25.—The Villista troops at the international border retired today to a position out of gunshot of this town. It was believed that before night the entire Villa force under General Maytorena would be at its new post.

on Anglo-Norwegian risks was taken up suggesting that Englishmen considered trouble as a result of the incident at least a bare possibility.

The Weather

Oregon: Rain west portion, to night and Sunday; southeasterly winds.