

EASTERN STATES AGAIN IN GRASP OF STORM KING

Snow and Sleet Cripple Traffic as the Storm Moves North From Gulf Coast to Great Lakes—Extensive Damage Report and Many Cities Cut Off From Wire Communication

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Sleet and snow crippled wire communication throughout the east. The storm moved north over Louisiana, gained in force during the night and today was central over the Ohio valley.

Rain, sleet and snow were falling throughout most of the eastern part of the country, and as the storm moves northeast these conditions will prevail tonight and Thursday in the region of the Great Lakes, northern New York and northern New England.

Storm warnings were ordered up by the weather bureau along the Atlantic coast from Key West, Fla., to Eastport, Me. No damage to shipping was reported.

In Southern States

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 29.—Extensive damage was reported early today along the gulf coast and adjacent territory as the result of a storm which swept over this section last night.

Telegraph and telephone wires are reported prostrated in every direction. This morning Birmingham, Montgomery and Pensacola still were cut off from communication with the rest of the world. Mobile's only means of communication was by way of New Orleans.

A heavy downpour of rain accompanied the storm, two inches precipitation being recorded here. The velocity of the wind at Birmingham is unofficially reported at eighty miles an hour at one time. The local weather bureau reports a wind velocity of forty-eight miles an hour along the coast just before midnight.

In Mississippi Valley

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 29.—General rains throughout the Mississippi valley last night which in some sections turned into sleet, resulted in a serious crippling of telephone and telegraph communication today. Trains from the west were late and reported running on slow orders.

In Memphis the thermometer dropped to 28 degrees.

Another storm, accompanied by rising temperatures, is on the way from the southwest, according to the local weather forecaster.

At Cleveland, Oh.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 29.—Cleveland was in the grasp of a blizzard today worse than any which has afflicted the city in two years, and which may completely isolate the city and tie up all streetcar traffic before night. Street cars were stalled everywhere and wires were down all over the city at noon.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 29.—A storm carrying with it sleet, rain and snow, held Ohio in its grasp today. All means of wire communication were prostrated for the most part and steam and electric transportation was badly impeded.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 29.—A rain, sleet and snow storm in Indiana today snapped off telephone and telegraph wires and even poles. Steam and electric railway lines were blocked in many places and all trains were far behind schedule.

CARRANZA WANTS FAITHFUL IN OFFICE

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 29.—Reports reaching here from Mexico City today say that First Chief Carranza has decreed that officeholders who have failed to support the Carranza cause shall be removed from public office. The decree says that offices thus vacated shall be filled by loyal supporters of the constitutional cause.

THE BOY RULER OF ABYSSINIA



Emperor Lidj Jeassu, whose army will aid the allies in Egypt and Mesopotamia.

VILLA RECRUITS FORCES FOR RAIDS AT HEARST RANCH

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 28.—About 800 de facto government troops arrived today at Juarez from Chihuahua under command of General Elisondo. There was no demonstration from the former Villa troops, who, disarmed and paid off, grouped in the railroad yards inspecting their former enemies as the latter, heavily armed, detrained.

General Francisco Villa, according to the latest reports, is at the Babriera ranch, the Hearst property near Madera, attempting to recruit forces. He is reported as saying that, with the disloyal troops surrendering to the de facto government, he would be stronger than ever.

Three thousand government troops from Sonora were expected today to detrain at Pelaya, N. M., near here, according to the Mexican authorities here. The El Paso Southwestern Railroad authorities, however, report that the troops had not yet detrained at Naco.

Andreas Garcia, Mexican consul here, stated that 1200 former Villa troops were mustered out. Garcia stated that 1200 former Villa troops had reached Chihuahua City up to today and of these 800 had been mustered out.

NEW STEAMER ROUTE OPENED TO RUSSIA

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The new steamship route from Norway to Russia is now established and the Norwegian steamer Kong Helge, carrying a cargo of American and English machinery for Russia, has made a trip from Tromsø, Norway, to Alexandroek, Russia, under most favorable conditions, says the Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company. "Since this route will be open throughout the entire year it is expected that it will be of great benefit to Russia, whose trade difficulties became acute owing to the freezing over of Archangel Bay and the interrupted transit of supplies through Sweden."

HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL RETURNS A VETERAN

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Elmer R. Getchell, a Medford high school athlete, who disappeared last June, has returned to his home, a veteran of the European war. He said he had spent three months in the trenches at Arras as a member of the English Irish (King's Liverpool) regiment, and he wore a special decoration awarded the few survivors of that regiment. Getchell is 19 years old. He was released from service through the intervention of Secretary of State Lansing.

SOCIAL VALUES HINGE UPON WAR SAYS ROOSEVELT

Preparedness to Hold Wicked Nations in Check is Only Way to Successfully Oppose Might as the Servant of Wrong, Declares Ex-President to Sociological Society.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—A paper by Theodore Roosevelt on "Social Values and National Existence" furnished a theme for an animated discussion today before the American Sociological society in annual session here. It was read by Professor Edward Ross of the University of Wisconsin, president of the society. "Infinitely the most important fact to remember in connection with the war and militarism in relation to moral and social values," wrote Mr. Roosevelt, "is that if an unscrupulous warlike and militaristic nation is not held in check by the warlike ability of a neighboring non-militaristic and well-behaved nation, then the latter will be spared the necessity of dealing with 'moral and social values,' because it won't be allowed to deal with anything. It seems to me positively comic to fail to appreciate with the example of Belgium before our eyes, that the real question which modern peace-loving nations have to face is not how militaristic or warlike spirit within their own borders will affect these 'values,' but how failure on their part to resist the militarism of an unscrupulous neighbor will affect them."

Confusion of Citizens

Discussing the mental confusion of the average citizen who thinks war in itself is wrong, Mr. Roosevelt wrote that war could be defined as the use of force between nations and that the question of whether it is right or wrong depended entirely upon the purpose for which and the spirit in which it was waged.

"There are, of course, persons who believe all force is immoral; that it is immoral to resist wrongdoing by force," he added. "I have never taken much interest in individuals who profess this kind of morality; and I do not know the extent to which they would apply it. But, of course, if they are right in the theory, then it is wrong for a man to endeavor by force to save his wife or sister or daughter from abuse or to save his children from abduction and torture. It is a waste of time to discuss with any man a position of such folly, wickedness and poltroonery."

Might is Essential

"At present in this world and for the immediate future," wrote Mr. Roosevelt in conclusion, "it is certain that the only way to successfully oppose the might which the servant of wrong is by means of the might which is the servant of right."

Speakers on the program to discuss Colonel Roosevelt's letter included Miss Mabel Boardman of the American Red Cross society; Professor E. C. Hayes of the University of Illinois and Professor J. Q. Dealey of Brown university.

GERMAN PRINCE WITH MORGANATIC WIFE WILL TAKE PRINCESS AS HIS BRIDE



Prince Oscar and His Morganatic Wife

When Prince Oscar, son of the kaiser, marries Princess Marie Augustine of Anhalt, he will set a marrying record for the royal family of Germany. According to the Almanach de Gotha, the prince already has a wife in the person of Countess Ina Marie von Bassewitz, whom he married morganatically on July 31, 1914.

FORDITES DUBBED SPIRITUAL VIKINGS BY SWEDISH HOSTS

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 29.—The members of the Ford peace expedition were called "spiritual Vikings" tonight at a banquet in the ballroom of a local hotel which they gave in honor of their Swedish hosts.

Many prominent men and women of Stockholm were present. Mayor Carl Lihagen, one of the speakers, said: "You have come like the Vikings of old across the sea. You are Vikings in a spiritual sense. I agree with the Americans that it is better to try something than nothing."

Gaston Plantiff thanked the mayor in the name of Mr. Ford for the reception given the mission. Other speakers were H. C. Evans of Des Moines, Ia., and Judge Ben Lindsey of Denver. Senator Helen Ring Robinson of Denver presided. It was stated tonight that Viggo Cavling, editor of the Copenhagen Politiken had arranged a reception in Copenhagen for the party.

INDICTED WARDEN PROFFERS \$2000 BAIL

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Thomas Mott Osborne, millionaire warden of Sing Sing, indicted on seven counts yesterday in connection with his administration of the prison, appeared here today and offered \$2000 bail for appearance later to answer to the charges. No date for the pleading was set.

CZAR SMASHES AUSTRIAN LINES IN BUKOWINA

Russians Start Offensive to Reduce Pressure in Balkans—Kashan, Persia, Taken by Muscovites—Fierce Fighting in Region of the Vosges on West Front.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The fierce fighting on the Galician-Bessarabian front, of which mention is made in both Russian and Austrian official statements, seems to support the forecasts that Russia, instead of directly attacking Bulgaria, hopes to reduce the pressure on the entente allies in the Balkans and Asia Minor and impress Rumania and Greece by a diversion to the north, with the intent, if possible, of breaking through the Austrian lines.

Invasion of Persia

Simultaneously comes news of the capture by the Russians of Kashan, one of the principal cities of Persia, and of an advance toward Isfahan. These points are too remote for their occupation directly to menace the Turks, who are fighting the British under General Townshend on the Tigris, but undoubtedly the Russian advance will have an important political effect in Persia and possibly an influence upon the projected movement of the central powers against Egypt.

Conflicting accounts come from Athens and Saloniki regarding the movements of the troops of the central powers on the Macedonian border, but there are persistent reports that the Greeks have given the Bulgarians permission to cross the border if they and their allies are still intent on following the entente troops to Saloniki.

On Western Front

The recent French official statements indicate that the allies are maintaining the offensive in the west, with the fighting fiercest in the Vosges. The offensive movement undertaken by the French in the Vosges at Hirsstein, is said by the German war office to have broken down last night.

The report concedes that the French penetrated German positions in Hartmans-Weilerkopf, but says they were expelled later. "The French twice attacked positions on Hartmans-Weilerkopf, which our troops had recaptured. They penetrated certain points in our trenches. After the first attack the enemy was driven off everywhere. Fighting for possession of certain trench sections continues. Up to the present the French have lost five officers and more than 200 men who have been captured."

BRITISH LABOR LEADERS IN FAVOR OF CONSCRIPTION

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A conference of representatives of the labor party is being arranged to consider the decision of the cabinet in regard to compulsory military service. The question is being canvassed eagerly at trades union centers.

Advocates and opponents of conscription are equally emphatic. Many members of the labor party are ready to support compulsory service once they are satisfied it is necessary and are assured it will be applied impartially.

Some are still insisting on a further opportunity for unmarried men to volunteer, but it is believed the cabinet has decided against further volunteer calls.

A meeting of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers will be held tomorrow to go into the plan of David Lloyd George for relaxation of trades union rules so as to increase the number of men performing certain classes of work. The engineers will discuss Mr. Lloyd George's bill amending the munitions act which will come before parliament when it reassembles.

TURKISH FRONT SHELLED BY ALLIES WARSHIP FLOTILLA

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 28, via London, Dec. 29.—The Turkish war office tonight gave out the following statement: "Dardanelles front: One of three enemy aeroplanes flying over Ari Burnu was hit by our artillery fire and fell into the sea. Later it was towed by two vessels to the island of Imbros."

"A vessel of the Agamemnon class (a British battleship with a displacement of 16,500 tons) protected by two cruisers, two monitors and eight torpedo boats, bombarded at intervals our positions. Our artillery, replying, hit the battleship and one of the cruisers with two shells. On the 27th a monitor posted behind the Isle of Merkebe fired eighty shells on the Anatolian coast narrows. Our Anatolian batteries repeatedly bombarded the landing places at Tekke Burnu and Seddul Bahr, disturbing an enemy transport, sinking a boat near Tekke Burnu and destroying a great shed. One of our water planes successfully dropped four bombs on a tent camp."

VENIZELOS HONORED BY GREEK PEOPLE

ATHENS, Dec. 28, via Paris, Dec. 29.—Thousands of Greeks of all classes began filing past the residence of Former Premier Venizelos of Greece this morning on the occasion of his saint's day and gave him an extraordinary greeting.

There were workmen in blouses, soldiers in uniforms, statesmen, former cabinet ministers, politicians and men of every social rank in the procession, who pushed their way through the dense crowd that remained in front of M. Venizelos' house all day.

CAVALRY SIGNALING IN THE GREAT SAND DESERTS OF EGYPT



British cavalrymen photographed while in signal practice in the great desert of Egypt.

PROBE MORALS OF MOVIES CAMPS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—Reiterated assertions by a clergyman and others that immorality was rampant in many of the motion picture camps and studios of this city, and that the surrender of honor frequently was the price exacted of young women ambitious to appear on the screen, were given official notice today by the county district attorney, who said that an investigation would be started at once and action taken by the grand jury if facts warranted.

The charges were made on several occasions in public by the Rev. Dr. Charles C. Seecaman, pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church South. Dr. Seecaman said that he had received scores of letters from girls, film actors, and even directors of motion picture companies, who bore testimony to widespread demoralization in the industry which gives employment to thousands in Southern California and disburses monthly sums estimated at \$2,000,000.