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RUSSIAN DRIVE

DEVELOPS INTO

OFFENSIVE

Corty-fifth Tear. Daily-Tenth Year.



Second Time in Eight Years-Turns to Rain in Many Places-Little Damage to Fruit, as Thermometer Did Not Drop Below 30.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 30 .-PARIS, Dec. 30 .- Two Austrian Dawn today revealed at many points torpedo-boat destroyers have been in the southern California citrus fruit sunk as a result of an encounter with district the remarkable spectacle of sea forces of the allies at a point Russians are undertaking a great oforange trees mantled with snow. It outside of Cattaro, in the Adriatic. The purpose of the Austrian ships was a scene which had not been witwas to bombard Duarzzo. An allied nessed in many years, but temperatures did not range below 32 degrees, squadron went to meet them with the and the orange crops suffered no result above set forth. In addition the remainder of the Austrian squaddamage.

The snow fell in Hollywood, a subron was pursued by the warships of urb of Los Angeles, although it rain- the allies and compelled to flee toed in the city itself. It also fell in ward the Austrian base. San Bernardino, Riverside, Altadena, This information was contained in a foothill suburb of Pasadena, Rian official announcement of the alto, Bloomington and other places French marine department given out from the Pruth to a position north of in the heart of the citrus region, but today, which reads : melted rapidly under the influence of a steady rain. The valleys stretch-

ing eastward in Riverside and San purpose of bombarding Durazzo, cer- panied by an equally heavy bombardtain squadrons of the allies went ment. Bernardino counties were blanketed, however, almost as heavily as the forth to give battle. The Austrian torpedo-boat destroyer Lika encounmountains usually are at this time tered a mine and was blown up. The of year. destroyer Triglav of the samt type

Valleys Are White

From the foothills edging Pasadena to the San Jacinto mountains, 25 miles east of Riverside, the heights fled in the direction of their base." shone white, while Perris valley, from the Box Springs grade, five miles outencounters of lesser importance than side Riverside, to San Jacinto, lay under two to three inches of snow.

About Hollywood the mountain rupt transportation of Italian troops canyons were filled with whirling white flakes. In San Bernardino about two inches of snow fell, but it did not last long. Bloomington and Rialto, nearby, got about the same amount.

Rain was falling before noon throughout the region.

On Oranges and Lemons RIVERSIDE, Cal., Dec. 30,-Thre

and two torpedo tubes.

ron Chased to Naval aBse.

Destroyers Sunk Off Cattaro in Bat- Petrograd Silent, But Official Austritle With Naval Forces of Alliesan Reports Indicate Important Bat-Attempted Bombardment of Durtle Under Way in Bukowina-Gerazzo-Balance of Austrian Squadmans Make Futile Attack at Lake Babbit and Russians Threaten.

BIG

LONDON, Dec. 30 .- Although Petrograd remains silent on the subject, the public is inclined to believe the fensive in Bukowina, near the Bessa- + Officials of the state department rabian border. Official Austrian reports telling of

attacks by dense masses of Russian troops indicate that an important battle is under way. The fighting centers at a point near Toporeutz, a small tow just within

the border of northern Bukowina, but a simultaneous attack is being made along an extended front, reaching the Dniester, about forty miles. The "An Austrian naval division, hav- latest advices state that the Russian ing come out from Cattero for the assault is being continued, accom-

Delicate Situation

Unofficial reports from the extreme northern portion of the eastern

front state that the Germans have was destroyed by fire from the ships made a serious but futile attack in of the allies. The remaining war- the region of Lake Babit, while the ships of the enemy were pursued and Russians, west of Lake Kanger, are threatening Mitau. These attacks There have been several previous create a delicate situation as a successful advance by either would en-

the one now reported in connection danger considerable forces of the dewith the Austrian attempts to inter- feated opponent. Along the western front, except for to Albania and of supplies for the mining and aerial engagements on the Serbian forces which have retreated British lines, the main fighting seems to that country. Several supply ships to be confined to the Vosges, where, have been sunk by Austrianwarships. in the region of Hartmans-Weiler-The destroyers Lika and Triglav kopf, the French claim to have made

were sister ships built in 1913. They a successful advance. Berlin officwere 266 feet long, of 787 tons dis- jally minimizes this success, but does placement. Each was armed with not deny it wholly. two 3.9-inch guns, six 11-pounders

Macedonian Front

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .--Ambassador Penfield at Vienna Lansing Suggests to All Nations has received Austria's reply to * the second American note regarding the sinking of the liner Ancona. An official announce. ment to that effect was made by Secretary Lansing today. Ambassador Penfield reported *

AUSTRIA'S REPLY TO

AMERICAN PROTEST

that the reply was about 3000 words and that considerable + time would be necessary to place

+ the communication in code in + the embassy in Vienna. There was nothing in his dispatch to + indicate the tenor of the reply. believe the note would arrive + some time before Saturday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- Secretary Lansing has suggested to all the nations, which with the United States, comprise the Pan-American union, that they join in a convention for the arbitration of all boundary line dis-

War Munition Shipments.

AMERICANS TO

GIVEN AMBASSADOR SUBMIT DISPUTES OF MINNESOTA

TO ARBITRATION

putes and for the prohibition of shipments of war munitions to revolu-He died before physicians could artionaries. rive.

Secretary Lansing's proposal which Governor Hammond, accompanied has the full support of President Wilson is being forwarded by the Latin- by his private secretary, J. A. Now-American ambassadors and ministers ell, arrived here three days ago to inhere to their home foreign offices for spect his extensive land and lumber consideration. It is regarded as one interests in East Feliciana parish. He of the steps in a wide plan, in which had not been well for several days, the Pan-American Scientific congress but did not consider his case serinow in session here is a part, for ously serious to consult a physician. preservation of peace on the western hemisphere and a closer union of all the Americas. ing Governor Hammond went into the

Negotiations Confidential

The status of the negoitations and the details of Secretary Lansing's later Mr. Nowell and others heard proposal are so far being held as cellories here.

Mr. Lansing today declined entire. few minutes. y to discuss it in any phase and the Lieutenant Governor J. A. A. Burndisplomats uniformly declared they quist, who becomes governor of Mincould not discuss a matter which was nesota as a result of the death of in its preliminary stage and under Governor Hammond at Clinton, La., consideration by their home foreign was in bed with a bad cold today office.

It became known, however, that governor's death. soon after Secretary Lansing deliv-Mr. Burnquist is a republican, havbefore the scientific congress, in ing been re-elected lieutenant-goverwhich he advocated a Pan-American nor after serving in that position one for all, and all for one," he be- during the administration of Former gan inviting the Latin-American rep- Governor A. O. Eberhardt. resentatives to the state department

two at a time and outlined to them his proposal. At the same time, it is

From Apoplexy While Inspecting **Comprising Pan-American Union to Extensive Land Holdings in Louis-**Join in Convention for Settling Boundary Disputes and Prohibit iana-Will Be Succeeded by Lieutenant Governor Burnquist.

CLINTON, La., Dec. 30 .- Governor + 4

Winfield Scott Hammond of Minne-

sota died suddenly in a hotel here

cent attack of ptomaine poisoning.

Succeeded by Barnquist

Governor a Year

was educated at Dartmouth college,

where he graduated with the class of

years and as a member of the state

OPPOSE WILSON'S

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .--- Repub

leans of the senate foreign relations

committe are preparing to renew

their attack on President Wilson's

Mexican policy when congress re-as-

sembles by fighting confirmation of

ment as ambassador to Mexico.

Shortly after breakfast this morn-

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

DIES SUDDENLY

Governor Hammond Passes Away State and County Taxation Fixed by **County Court With Assistance of** Taxpayers' League-Budget Estimates Followed Closely, Saving Being Placed to Roads and Highways,

WEATHER Fair and Warmer Friday. Max. 30, Min. 1236, Pre. .08

TAX LEVY

1915 FIX

NO. 240

1915 Tax Levy Mills. early today from a stroke of apop- + Schools lexy which physicians stated appar- + High school and library.____ ently had been superinduced by a re- + Pacific highway interest fund + General county expense, including state _ 10.6



ing of the county court Thursday. The total levy remains as in the budget advertised, but curtailments made in some funds were placed to the road account, so that there is \$70,000 to be spent on county roads

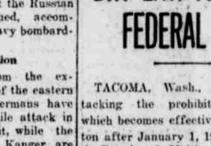
washroom of his hotel and a moment during the coming year, instead of the \$39,000 estimated in the budget. Even him groaning. Rushing in, they found with this additional amount, the road confidential between the state depart- the governor on the floor. He was fund is less this year than for many ment and the Latin-American chan- carried to his room and physicians years, and only enough money for summoned, but he expired within a maintenance is provided.

Taxpayers Present

The budget committee of the Jackson County Taxpayers' association, consisting of J. M. Keene, J. B. Ware, James Owens, L. Neidermeyer, Benwhen he received the news of the ton Bowers, F. V. Medynski and J.

H. Carkin, were present along with many taxpayers and took up items of the budget with the court. The increase in road funds was unanimousby approved, and investigation showed that many of the county expenditures were fixed by state laws, and out of control of the county court.

Winfield Scott Hammond, eight-A report by the taxpayers' commit-



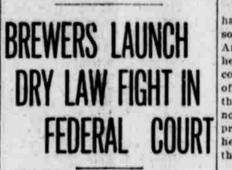
TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 30 .- Attacking the prohibition measure, which becomes effective in Washington after January 1, 1916, the Seat tle Brewing & Malting company of

Seattle, through Attorneys Piles and Howe, filed suit in tederal court in Tacoma today against W. V. Tanner, attorney general of the state, asking

the court for a temporary restraining order prohibiting the attorney general from proceeding against the company for the manufacture, possession and shipment of beer out of the state pending the disposition of its action in the United States court.

The complaint sets forth the company has more than 15,000 barrels of beer, valued at more than \$50,000,

whichi it complains, it cannot ship Nothing has happened to cha out of the state before January 16 the Macedonian position, but it is because of the lack of facilities, and declaration, which suggested that all generally believed that any advance asks the court to restrain the attor- the Pan-American states should, if into Greek territory must be made by nev general from proceeding against necessary, constitute a united bul- ticket. Previously he had served efficiency and economy in the fruit the Bulgarians, the opinion being that the firm for each day of its failure the Austro-Germans cannot spare to comply with the prohibition act, as aggression upon a neighbor, was disenough troops for a serious attempt it alleges the attorney general has against Saloniki. threatened. The complaint attacks not only the ly expressed their apprehension of Domestic tension in England over the compulsion question has been prohibition law, but also the direct Mr. Lansing's statements. greatly relieved. Speculation contin- legislation amendment to the state ues concerning the method which is to constitution and the federal Webbhe adopted to reach eligible unmar- Kenyon act, giving states the power ried men, a majority agreeing that the to regulate liquor importations. It is closed today, but there are indica- young man, was admitted to the bar Derby plan of attestation will be exalleged publications of the direct leg- tions that it took the usual form of and began practice of law at St. islation amendment and the prohibition law were not sufficient. After was in such official form as could ney of Walonwan county nearly six attacking the Webb-Kenyon act as be transmitted to their home governunconstitutional, the complaint sets forth that even if constitutional it does not apply in Washington, as this SPOT IN OREGON is not strictly "dry" territory, since the importation of liquor is possible.

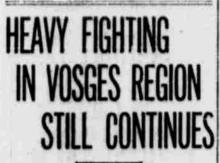


inches of snow fell early today at miles southeast, reported seven and a half inches of snow on the ground. SALVATION ARMY Rialto and Bloomington. Perris, 17 At El Senor, south of Perris. the snow was five and one-half inches deep. Corona reported thrree inches on the heights just above the lemon groves.

Eucalyptus trees serving as windbreaks in the Perris region, are said to have suffered considerable dam-3.9%.

Hemet and San Jacinto were cut off from communication early today, as also were Banning and Beaumont. the Salvation Army, located in * a

(Continued on page four).



BERLIN, Dec. 30, by wireless .-Heavy fighting continues in the Vosges. Announcement is made by the war office that positions near Hartmans-Weilerkopf have been reconquered by the Germans. A British surprise attack near Lille failed.

The text of the statement follows: "British attempts during the night police have no clue, although a re- ty-eight, a drop of four degrees. A consul at Durazzo, the members of pressed in his speech as working out Henry Prather Fletcher's appointof December 29 to enter our posi- port is being run down that the dyn- rise in temperature is predicted for his staff and fifty other Germans tions northwest of Lille by surprise amiting was done as a blind to facil- tonight, itate the robbery of the barroom in failed. the hotel across the street. The ho-

"The Germans reconquered positions near Hartmans-Weilerkopf. "On the whole front artillery and tempt was made to rob the barroom. creasing, indicating rain or snow to-

acroplanes were active. The enemy's air craft attacked the towns and railair craft attacked the towns and rail-road stations of Wervick and Menin (Belsium) No military damage was (Belgium.) No military damage was inflicted, but seven civilians were wounded and one child was killed. A British aeroplane was shot down in a fight northeast of Cambrai.

"Eastern front: Russian detach-

ments advancing south of Schlok (near the Gulf of Riga) and on Gen- telegram from Cheng-Tu, capital of eters in Idaho, Montana and eastern eral Von Linsingen's force were re- the province of Sze-Chuen, says there Washington today. Kalispell and pulsed. General Von Bethmer's Aus- are indications that a rising in westro-Hungarian troops reputsed an at- ern China is being planned, secret below zero. Idaho reported the lowtack of strong Russian forces against preparation being made for the re- est temperature as two above and trai News says: the bridgehead at Burkanov, on the volt. The opinion is expressed in the in Spokane one above was registered Strips (in east Galicia.) The enemy dispatch, however, that the chances at 9 o'clock. suffered heavy losses, in addition to for the success of the movement are small. losing 900 prisoners."



BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 30 .- The headquarters of the local branch of teaded for this purpose.

downtown building owned by the army, was damaged early today by an explosion of dynamite. The explosive blew out the entire store front of the building and shattered glass in a hotel and a number of stores across the street.

Large boxes of Christmas toys and other materials given the army by department stores for the Christmas celebration to be held tomorrow night were blown into the street. A part of the debris gathered from the car tracks in the middle of Broadway clded drop in temperature occurred

WESTERN CHINA

was the Christmas tree which had throughout Oregon last night and tobeen fully decorated in preparation day. At Baker, in Eastern Oregon, for the good time to be given the des- the mercury fell eighteen degrees. titute children of the city tomorrow. reaching a minimum of eight degrees Adjutant L. A. Reno, in charge of below zero early today. At Rose- that Italian troops have occupied the tions themselves would practically the work here, had no theory today burg twenty degrees above was reas to why dynamite should be ex- corded, twelve lower than yesterday, ploded in the army's building. The while at Portland it registered twen-

SEATTLE, Wn., Dec. 30 .- On the lin. tel management declares that no at- northwest coast the pressure is de-

> east winds. The lowest temperature war. in Seattle and Tacomu last night was

ature of 28 is forecasted for tonight. SPOKANE, Wn., Dec. 30 .- Temperatures near zero or below were

SHANGHAL China, Dec. 30 .--- A recorded by government thermom-Mavre, Mont., reported ten degrees

degrees below zero.

WITH 8 BELOW ITALIANS OCCUPY DURAZZO, ALBANIA PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30 .- A de-

Albanian scaport of Durazzo.

The report apparently is corroborpassed through Belfinzona, Switzer-

land, yesterday on their way to Ber-

Durazzo and Avlona are the principal Albanian ports. Avlona was night and Friday, and warmer weath- occupied by the Italians several er with gentle to moderate south- months ago before Italy entered the

26 degrees and minimum temper-



LONDON, Dec. 30 .- A dispatch mail wagon drivers. They delivered from Zurich, Switzerland, to the Cen- two pouches of mail to a railroad sta-

from a supporting phlegmon in the police. covered. doctors having resorted to lancing."

stood the Latin-Americans uniform-

To Unite Americas

The technical form in which the new proposal was made was not dis- 1884. He came to Minnesota as a a memorandum to the diplomats and James. He served as county attorments as the basis for the action. One of the first elements of the hearly six years.

proposal, which has for one of its ultimate objects the well being of a thoroughly united America, is the preservation of peace on the American continent.

It is realized that the chief menaces to such a peace are boundary disputes and revolutionary activity. It is pointed out that if all boundary disputes are removed to the realm of arbitration and all the Pan-American nations bind themselves to absolutely prohibit shipments of war muni-

GENEVA, Dec. 30, via Paris .- It tions to any other than established is reported here on good authority governments, peace among the nabe assured and the attention of all the American nations could be deated by the fact that the German voted to what Secretary Lansing extheir destinies.



bert Johnson, one of the two negroes Fletcher, but it is political. under arrest charged with robbing a police.

Johnson and the other negro were in the revolutions.

tion and a third they took to their

enth governor of Minnesota, was tee recommends economy in the conaugurated just about a year ago, fol- duct of the poor farm, one janitor lowing his election on the democratic for the jail and courthouse, greater cussed in some detail. It is under- ington from the second Minnesota road work, co-operation between vardistrict. He was unmarried and was jous departments for economy and efborn November 16, 1863, at South- ficiency. boro, Worcester county, Mass. He

Outstanding Warrants

The committee reported upon outstanding warrants as follows: Out when Judge Tou Velle took office . \$565,000 Now outstanding (December 435,000 20, 1915)

board of normal school directors for Reduction during past three \$130,000 vears "This is gratifying as far as it goes. The outstanding warrants are humiliating evidences of neglect or incompetence of certain former county courts, and the result of neglect on the part of the taxpayers in failing to keep in touch with the county court and the various departments of the county business."



Senator Borah, one of those who intends to lead the fight said to-NEW YORK, Dec. 30 .- Edward In day that the opposition was not to Diamond, his wife, Celia Diamond, Mr. Fletcher himself, who is a repub- Samuel Parkin and Samuel Simon lican and much esteemed, but to the were indicied today on charges of appointment of an ambassador at a first and second degree manslaughtime when the republican senators ter growing out of the deaths of contend, there is no government in twelve persons in a fire which deall parts of Mexico. There also is stroved the five-story Diamond WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 30 .- Al- some democratic opposition to Mr. gandy factory November 6.

Mrs. Diamond, as owner, and her The republicans are opposed to husband, as agent of the building, registered mail pouch containing one recognition of any other government were charged with failure to provide million dollars in scentitics Christmas in Mexico without reparation for the adequate fire protection. They ve, has confessed, according to the many American lives lost and the mil- pleaded not guilty and were held in tions of dollars of property damaged \$10,000 ball cach.

Parkin and Simon, proprietors of the Essex Shirt Company, which are cupied the third and fourth floors, Germany Recognizes Carranza BERLIN, Dec. 30, via Londonwere charged with having maintained "Emperor William, who is suffering home and cut open, according to the Germany has extended recognition to a locked trup door on the stairway, the de facto government of Mexico, in this way causing a majority of the Prince Albert, Sask, reported 20 neck, has been given some relief, he Nearly all the scourities were re- headed by General Venustiano Car- deaths. They also pleaded not guilty and were held in \$5000 bail each.

