

## ALLIES ENCOURAGED BY DEFEAT OF AUSTRIANS

### THINK EFFECT FAR-REACHING

Some Observers Think Russian Success Marks Turning Point in Campaign in the East.

### DEFEAT OF TURKS IN CAUCASUS REPORTED

Allies Still Paying Heavy Price for Small Gains—The Servians' Invasion Plans Outlined.

The allies are greatly encouraged by the recent defeat of the Austrian forces in Galicia by the Russians and some military observers express the opinion that Russian success, together with the retirement of the Germans across the Bzura, is the turning point in the campaign favorable to the Czar's forces. There have been no important developments on either front since Austrians met their defeat in Galicia. That defeat is not considered irreparable, but the Russians feel very much more sanguine over the situation than before. The principal fighting in the western theater now is on the Pillica river, where the German forces are on the offensive and are bringing up big guns. There is speculation as to the probable effect of the Austrian defeat on the situation in the west.

In the eastern theater, the allies still claim to be making slow gains by steady hammering at the German lines in Flanders. The gains are measured in yards in most instances.

The only report of activity on the seas comes from London, this being to the effect that the Austrian dreadnought *Viribus Unitis* has been torpedoed at Pola by a French submarine. The hull of the battleship was pierced, although the vessel was able to make her port. The ship is one of the biggest of the Austrian navy, being of 20,000 tons displacement and carrying 1000 men.

### Russians Defeat Turks.

Petrograd, Dec. 30.—(Delayed)—The following statement has been issued by the general staff of the Russian army of the Caucasus:  
"The battle at Sarikamyah (in Trans-Caucasia, 30 miles southwest of Kars) against large Turkish forces continues. Our artillery fire, dispersed in a formidable Turkish force and more than half of it continues in fight. Part of the Turkish forces concentrated in the region of Yaliluz-Chame and marched from Ardahan to Sarikamyah in Trans-Caucasia, 40 miles northwest of Kars) to the Yaliluz-Chame pass (southwest of Ardahan)."

### Plans of Invasion.

Paris, Dec. 31.—"The Servians will not march on Sarajevo," said Dr. M. R. Zemanich, Serbian minister to France, in a statement issued today. "The Serbian army will penetrate other to Serbia, on the east coast of Slavonia, Hungary, by way of Semlin, or to Banat, in the region of South Hungary by way of Poonoss. The invasion of Bosnia and Herzegovina which are populated by Slavs and which are destined to become part of Serbian territory would leave Hungary indifferent. "The invasion of Hungary, especially if made to the north of the Danube, would cause great apprehension in that country. The Servian troops are now arranged...

### BRIGGS' RECORD IS A CLEAN ONE

Congressman Pou Says to Remove Raleigh Postmaster Would Be to Commit an Outrage.

### REPORT OF INSPECTOR IN NO WAY JUSTIFIED

Some Employes in Office, It Seems, Were Responsible for All the Trouble Being Started.

Gazette-News Bureau. Wyatt Building, Washington, Dec. 31. The evidence in the case did not justify Postoffice Inspector Raymond Gray, who made an investigation of the Raleigh postoffice in recommending the dismissal of Postmaster Willis G. Briggs.

"To remove Briggs from office upon what is shown in Gray's report" said Mr. Pou, "would be a monstrous outrage. I do not only refuse to ask that he be removed but I will resist any movement of that kind with every ounce of power and influence at my command."

Mr. Briggs tried to correct the News and Observer grievance. He instructed his men to weigh the mails correctly, but apparently, they did not do so.

The postoffice department officials told Mr. Pou that Briggs had made a fine record as postmaster at Raleigh. Not a scratch against his record during the eight years he has presided over the Raleigh office has been put against him until the present controversy arose. Briggs has handled several millions of dollars for the government and his accounts have been among the most correct of any coming to Washington.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—(By Wireless to London)—The official statement made yesterday by the staff headquarters of the German army is as follows:  
"In the western theater of war, the fighting continues for the possession of the hamlet of St. George's in the south of Nieuport, which we were obliged to evacuate because of a surprise attack. "Storm and cold are damaging the positions of both armies in Flanders and northern France. "On the west front today everything passed quietly. In east Prussia the Russian cavalry, near Pillalen, about four miles from the Russian frontier, has been driven back. "In Poland on the right bank of the Vistula the situation is unchanged."

### COTTON MILLS COULD ASSIST

N. C. Manufacturers Could Use Local Crop if They Wanted to, Says Commissioner Graham.

### USED MORE THAN N. C. PRODUCED IN YEAR 1913

Cites Case of Manufacturer Buying Cotton at 6½ In-Basis of 13 Cents.

Raleigh, Dec. 31.—Major W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, finds that North Carolina mills manufactured last year 100,000 bales of cotton than the state raised and that the spinners might now take care of the local crop if they felt disposed.

The 1913 crop yielded 790,000 bales, according to the governmental reports issued recently, but the spinners absorbed 906,177. The major quotes an interesting story from Commissioner Price of one of the southern states who told Major Graham a few days ago that he knows a Georgia manufacturer who planned to send his product on the basis of 13-cent cotton which he had bought at 6 and 6½.

The slight jump Tuesday, bringing cotton above seven cents, is taken to mean somewhat better conditions, but to date no mill men who have bargained for 12 or 13 cent cotton have been represented as favoring 10-cent compromise.

### Support Here Next Week.

The Equal Suffrage League of North Carolina will pitch tents here Monday January 4, to be ready for the general assembly when it meets on the sixth.

Indianapolis, Dec. 31.—To prevent destruction of the official records of the November 3, election and the May 5 primary in this county, Alvah J. Rucker, who will become promoter, attorney Friday, has obtained a temporary injunction against criminal Judge J. T. Markey, Frank P. Baker, present prosecutor, and other officials. Federal District Attorney Dalley said he expected to bring the Indianapolis election to the attention of the federal grand jury which returned indictments in the Terre Haute case, when it reconvenes Monday.

## URGES CAUSE OF MADISON IS TO WORK CONVICTS

Woman Who Earns But \$6 a Week Cannot Live Without Outside Help, Says Mrs. Glendower Evans.

### RELATES INTERVIEWS WITH GIRL WORKERS

Tells of the Various Ways in Which They Eke Out Their Existence on Pitifully Low Wages Paid.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 31.—A girl who earns only \$6 a week must go hungry unless she receives some outside help, Mrs. Glendower Evans, of Boston, declared today before the American Economic association. Mrs. Evans has been connected with the work incident to the establishment of a minimum wage scale in Massachusetts and has made an extensive survey of conditions there.

"The vast majority of wage earning women work because they must," she said, "and the vast majority earn wages far below the requirements of a decent living."

### CLEMENCY TO 55 MORE CONVICTS BY BLEASE

Sixteen Full Pardons, Twenty-four Paroles and Fifteen Commutations.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 31.—Governor Blease yesterday granted clemency to fifty-five state prisoners. Twenty-eight were serving terms for homicide, seven for burglary, four for larceny, and seven for other offenses.

### FOOD EXPORTS INCREASE BUT AT LOWER PRICES

Washington, Dec. 31.—War has tremendously increased the volume of food exports; but the level of prices of meat animals has declined in the United States compared with the situation last year, according to a table issued today by the department of agriculture. On November 15, the average price of meat animals, including hogs, cattle, sheep and chickens, was \$1.50 per hundred pounds, a decrease of 34 cents a hundred pounds as compared with November 15, 1913.

### INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION TO RESUME HEARINGS

New York, Dec. 31.—The federal commission on industrial relations will resume its hearings here on Tuesday. Over 50 witnesses, including J. P. Morgan and John D. Rockefeller, have been subpoenaed.

## COMMENTS ON NOTE FRIENDLY

### ELECTION FRAUDS ROW STIRRED UP

Marley, a Democratic Pollholder at Thomasville, Is Served With Warrant.

Special to The Gazette-News. Thomasville, Dec. 31.—A sensation was sprung upon this town Tuesday night when a warrant charging fraud in the recent election was served upon J. R. Marley, democratic pollholder in the south Thomasville precinct.

This action is the result of alleged frauds perpetrated at the box that was afterward thrown out for irregularities. The charge is that Marley put republican ballots into his coat pocket instead of into the box. It is stated that he admits putting one ballot into his pocket, but says that it was one that he picked up from the table for examination, and not one handed in by a voter. As he was looking at it, according to his story, some one approached the box and he inadvertently thrust the paper he had in his hand into his pocket. He surrendered it when the republican pollholder, J. P. Gilbert, protested; but ever since rumors have been flying thick and fast.

### SELF-SACRIFICE OF SIX BLUE JACKETS

Bravery of Handful of Frenchmen Effected Capture of St. Georges.

Paris, Dec. 31.—How the self-sacrifice of six French bluejackets resulted in the capture of the village of St. Georges, about two miles from Nieuport, by the French troops is described by the Matin's correspondent in Flanders. Concerning the occurrence, he says:

"The situation of a force of Belgians, isolated on a strip of land surrounded by a flood, was critical and the artillery fire alone was not able to effect anything against the enemy."

"The British battery at Rama Capelle tried to reach the German positions, but their shells burst over the French positions. "Six bluejackets hoisted a three-inch gun in a large punt and poled up the canal behind the village, running the gauntlet of rifle fire from the Germans. As fast as one man in the boat would take the pole until he fell, the rest were mortally wounded, but the last push of the pole sent the punt to the bank where the French advance guard was waiting. "The gun was quickly landed and a few shots at a distance of about 300 yards brought down the houses on top of the Germans occupying them. The Germans beat a retreat and a battery of Belgians later completed the rout. "Meanwhile the French columns triumphantly took possession of a heap of ruins which was formerly St. Georges. Before night the French engineers had established a bridge head which enabled the artillery of the allies to debouch on the right bank of the Yser."

London Papers Think Mutual Good Feeling Will Bridge Difficulty Between England and the U. S.

### CABINET TAKES UP AMERICAN PROTEST

Westminster Gazette Suggests Certain Practices Which Might Less Restrict U. S. Commerce.

London, Dec. 31.—Protests by the United States against the restriction of American commerce by the British fleets in the detention of vessels to search for contraband have been taken up by the British cabinet. The American note containing the protest is likely to occupy the attention of the ministers for some time, and in the meantime American Ambassador Page is invited to go over the entire question with Foreign Secretary Grey.

### APPLE CROP BIGGEST U. S. EVER PRODUCED

Total Yield This Year 259,000,000 Bushels—N. C. Produced Nine Millions.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The apple crop for the present year is the largest ever produced in the United States. Estimates prepared by the department of agriculture show that the yield will be about 259,000,000 bushels, which is about 114,000,000 bushels more than the total yield of last year.

Among the estimates for the various states are the following: Virginia 15,500,000; Kentucky 14,700,000; West Virginia 12,400,000; North Carolina 9,000,000; Tennessee 8,600,000.

### PRESIDENT WILSON TO GO TO INDIANAPOLIS

Washington, Dec. 31.—President Wilson decided definitely today to go to Indianapolis on January 8 to speak at the Jackson day celebration, under the auspices of the Indiana Democratic club.