

EVERY ATTEMPT OF RUSSIANS TO CROSS NIDA RIVER FOILED

Heavy Guns of Austrians Enfiladed Advance With Fearful Result

DEFENDERS GAIN GROUND

Little Change in Positions of Either Side in West—Paris and London Again Fear Airship Attacks—Airmen Active

(By the United Press) Vienna, Jan. 13.—The efforts of the Russians to force a passage over the Nida river have been repulsed with very heavy losses. All day yesterday the Russians tried to get pontoons across, but failed. Austrian artillery mounted at strategic points raked the Russian columns, inflicting enormous losses. The Austrian artillery compelled the Russians to evacuate Merihof, from where they retreated across open country. In the Carpathians the weather is hampering operations. The Austrians have gained ground in the valley of the Upper Ung, from where the Russians have retreated to the neighborhood of the Ueck Pass.

Aviators Attack Dunkirk Daily. London, Jan. 13.—Aerial activity is the chief feature of the fighting in France and Belgium. German aviators are most active in the north, and pay daily visits to Dunkirk and towns in that vicinity. They frequently drop bombs, and many have been killed. The Germans have established a Zeppelin and aeroplane base at Ghent. They expect to raid Paris and London. All lights in the city are nightly dimmed.

Fighting in Caucasus Resumed. Petrograd, Jan. 13.—The Russians have been greatly reinforced along the entire front to prevent an anticipated German offensive. In the Caucasus fighting by the Turks has been resumed. Severe fighting is in progress along the Olty river at Oltyu, where the Russians have captured 1,800 Turks.

Lines Hold Fast in West. Paris, Jan. 13.—The French east and west of Rheims are attempting to drive a wedge into the German lines. On the heights of the Meuse both sides have attempted forward movements, but with little success. In the region of St. Mihiel the French are maintaining their positions, but are unable to gain new positions. Typhoid has broken out in the German ranks and the number of cases is increasing.

Claims of German Successes. Berlin, Jan. 13.—The Germans have captured a series of French trenches near Palinsburg. The French offensive against Laboiselle and Touvron Hill has been repulsed. The German counter attack in the vicinity of Croy resulted in a complete French defeat. The two main French positions with 1,700 men were captured. In the region of St. Mihiel a French attempt to re-take ruined forts held by Germans was repulsed with heavy losses.

Much Big Gun Fighting. Paris, Jan. 13.—There is severe fighting east and west of Soissons. Weather conditions have little improved. Around Nieuport and Ypres artillery duels continue with the advantage to the French. The Germans have been heavily reinforced from Soissons to Berry Au Bac. From Rheims to Argonne violent artillery duels are the rule. From the Vosges to Alsace heavy snows are hampering the armies' movements.

REPAIRING MR. L. HINES' RECENTLY BURNED HOUSE. Extensive repairs have been commenced on the handsome residence of Mr. Lovit Hines at Caswell and McLevean streets, which was partially destroyed by fire last month. The repairs will extend over several weeks. To satisfy himself that a defective chimney did not cause the mysterious midday blaze which nearly destroyed the home, Mr. Hines has had the chimney carefully looked over. No defect was located and the origin of the fire remains as much of a mystery as ever.

CARRANZA'S TROOPS COMPLETELY ROUTED AFTER LONG BATTLE

With Decisive Victory of His Forces Around Monterey Villa Prepares to Take Active Charge of His Army

(By the United Press) Washington, Jan. 13.—The battle between Carranzistas and Villistas, near Monterey has resulted in the complete route of the Carranza forces after four days of desperate fighting. The Carranzistas have been driven from Saltillo past Monterey. Villa will now take command of his army and push the campaign to eliminate Carranza. The House naval committee today agreed to recommend the construction of two new battleships.

GREENVILLE MAN KILLED HIMSELF IN NORFOLK

The Free Press Tuesday carried a story sent it from Baltimore, telling of the arrest of a woman who had been married there to Louis Rawls of Greenville, and at the same time had a living husband in Philadelphia. The marriage to Rawls followed their arrest for white slavery. L. A. Rawls, possibly the same man, giving his home as Greenville, twenty-three years of age, has committed suicide, according to a dispatch from Norfolk. Rawls died in the elevator at St. Vincent's Hospital in the Virginia city after a hurried run in a police patrol from 1023 Main street, where he had been picked up after taking poison. He is said to have become infatuated with a woman at that address. He poured the poison into a glass and, bidding those near him good-bye, drained it.

CONTRACT FOR WORLD'S BIGGEST SUBMARINE

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—Contracts were awarded by the Navy Department today to the Electric Boat Company for one seagoing submarine to be built at Quincy, Mass., for \$1,350,000; and for three coast defense submarines to be built at Seattle, Washington, at \$450,000 each. The Lake Torpedo Boat Company was awarded contracts for four coast defense submarines, to be built at Bridgeport, Conn., for \$427,000 each. The big seagoing submarine of 1,000 tons will be twice as large as any submarine now in a foreign navy. Certain features of American design will make this craft unique. She will have a radius of action of about 3,000 miles, a surface speed of 20 knots and submerged speed of 11 knots. By using her storage batteries she will be able to travel completely under water for more than a whole day.

W. W. KITCHIN FAVORS STATE-WIDE PRIMARY

Washington, Jan. 12.—Former Governor W. W. Kitchin of Raleigh, who is spending the day here, hopes the present Legislature will pass a state-wide primary for every office in the State. Mr. Kitchin, however, has his doubts as to that body going that far. "I am for a state-wide primary for all offices and for all parties on the same day," said the former Governor. "I hope the Legislature will enact such a law, but I have my doubts about that."

BILLS TO MAKE MOUNT MITCHELL STATE PARK

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—The project of Governor Craig to make of Mt. Mitchell's summit a governmental park, received a start today when Buncombe's representatives in the Senate and Yancey's in the House presented bills condemning the property for that purpose. Governor Craig saved the mountain spruce and balsam last year when he persuaded lumbermen to halt operations as they approached the top and wait for action of the General Assembly. He pledged the owners of the timber rights to do what he could to interest the State in compensating them. The bill was introduced by Senator Weaver and sent over to the House.

RHODES SCHOLARS HELP IN RELIEF WORK



These American students at Oxford, all but one of them Rhodes scholars, are attached to the staff of Capt. J. F. Lucey of the Belgian relief commission, in Rotterdam during the Christmas holidays. Left to right, they are: S. H. Paradise, Medford, Mass.; W. W. Stratton, Salt Lake City, Utah; H. C. Powdermilk, Wilcox, Ariz.; G. F. Spaulding, Los Angeles; L. C. Wellington, Amherst, Mass.; D. T. Nelson, Mayville, N. D.; C. F. Hawkins, Los Angeles.

SIXTY-NINE FACING TRIAL FOR FAILURE LIST ON TAX BOOKS

Solicitor Will Allow Delinquents to Escape Prosecution If They Make Good and Pay Costs As Well, He Says

Sixty-nine citizens of all degrees of prominence face trial in next week's term of Superior Court for failure to list their taxes. The three score and nine will be given a chance to pay the taxes, together with \$10.85 apiece costs, according to Solicitor Henry Shaw. Mr. Shaw presented the names of the delinquents in the fall and the December grand jury found the true bills. Practically all of the defendants are white, and many of them men of means. Prosecution will be carried out, it is stated by the court officials, if the defendants do not remit by Saturday night. Should all 69 fail to pay and be convicted, as in all probability they would, the costs ensuing to the county would amount to \$748.65.

BELIEVE ITALY ON THE VERGE OF WAR

Germans Leaving Country in Fear of Commencement of Hostilities—Police Compiling List of Aliens for Any Emergency. (By United Press) Rome, Jan. 13.—The Germans in Italy believe Italy will enter the European war in the near future on the side of the Allies. The Germans are leaving Italy. The police are making a house-to-house canvass to locate all aliens in order to round them up immediately if necessary.

HOUSE VOTES DOWN EQUAL SUFFRAGE

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—The House tonight by a vote of 204 to 174 refused to submit to the States an amendment to the Federal constitution to enfranchise women. A two-thirds majority would have been necessary for adoption of the resolutions submitting the amendment. Hundreds of women who had sat in the crowded galleries throughout the eight hours of debate, greeted the announcement of the result with varied expressions of approval or disapproval. Dejection mingled with enthusiasm as the purple and yellow sashes of the suffragists and the red-hose bedecked anti-suffragists fled out into the House corridors, wearied with the long strain of oratory.

TURKS TREAT U. S. FLAG WITH RESPECT

New York, Jan. 12.—Although conditions in Constantinople have been chaotic for some time, the American flag has been respected in every sense of the word, according to George Tomayan, who arrived here today from the Turkish capital, where he had been in charge of an American orphan asylum.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

GERMAN SUBMARINES SUNK BY LAND BATTERIES

London, Jan. 13.—Two German submarines which essayed a raid in Dover harbor today were sunk by land batteries.

TURKS OCCUPY PERSIAN CITY

Petrograd, Jan. 13.—The Turkish advance guard has occupied Tabriz, the second largest city in Persia.

N. Y. CONCERN LOWEST BIDDER FOR P. O. WORK

Westchester Engineering Company Would Erect Federal Building For \$51,900—Contract Not Yet Awarded.

Although such action was not expected before February 1 at the earliest, the supervising architect of the Treasury Department has announced the bidders for the construction of the new \$95,000 postoffice at Queen and North streets here. Fourteen bids were opened Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The lowest bidder was the Westchester Engineering Company, of White Plains, N. Y. There were two North Carolina bidders in the competition. A Greensboro concern made the second lowest bid, and Blalock Bros., of Kinston, were in the list. The supervising architect has not announced to whom the contract will be let, but since the specifications are rigidly drawn, and that concern made the lowest offer, it is regarded as practically certain that the Westchester company will get it. They asked \$51,000.

OHIO HOLDING A SAFETY EXPOSITION

Columbus, O., Jan. 13.—With exhibits from nearly a score of states, the industrial safety exhibition opened here today under the direction of the state industrial commission. It is the first exhibition of its kind to be held under state direction. New York is represented by twelve of its largest manufacturing concerns, Illinois by nine and Pennsylvania by four. Among other states represented are: Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Colorado, Missouri, Michigan, New Jersey, Wisconsin and West Virginia. Safety appliances on railroads are shown by several railroad companies. The bureau of safety and efficiency of the Alcohol League of the United States is demonstrating the relation of alcohol to accidents. Prevention of disease is being shown by life insurance companies.

STATE VETERINARIAN HERE TO ASSIST FOLEY

Dr. E. G. Hargett of Raleigh, a State veterinarian, arrived today to assist Ment and Milk Inspector J. F. Foley in administering the tuberculosis test to dairy cows. About 200 animals are in the various dairies supplying the city, and every one of them will be subjected to the test. It will take the two veterinarians about three days to complete the work, which was commenced this afternoon.

JOINT COMMITTEE WILL HANDLE ALL THE LOCAL BILLS

Senate Passed Bill Today—Repeal of Kiss Bible Passed Second Reading, Held Up on Final—State-Wide Primary Bill introduced

(By W. J. Martin.) Raleigh, Jan. 13.—The Senate passed the McRae resolution providing for a joint standing committee on consolidation of private and public local bills for great economy in money and saving of time of the Assembly. Nearly an hour was consumed in debate on the bill to repeal requirement to kiss the Bible in administering oaths. It was finally passed on second reading by a close vote and went over for the final reading on objection being lodged and inability of friends of the bill to suspend rules. Senator McNeely introduced a bill for a state-wide primary. In the House, Representative Currie of Fayetteville, introduced a bill for a state-wide dog tax.

ROMANS ALARMED BY SEVERE EARTHQUAKES

Shocks Felt Early This Morning Caused Suburbanites Much Concern—Police and Firemen Detailed to Investigate.

(By the United Press.) Rome, Jan. 13.—Severe earthquake shocks were felt here at 7:30 o'clock this morning. The police and fire departments were ordered to ascertain the real damage. The earthquake caused much alarm to residents of the suburbs. The earthquake caused a panic in Rome proper and destroyed a number of buildings. In the town of Pereto eighteen were killed. The shock was very severe. It is believed that it was of extreme violence in Austria. Communication has been interrupted.

BOTH NATIONAL BANKS RE-ELECT ALL OFFICERS

Pursuant to law, the stockholders of the national banks of the city met Tuesday afternoon and elected officers. Both the First National and the National Bank of Kinston re-elected their old directors and officers. The officers of the two institutions are: National Bank of Kinston: R. C. Strong, president; J. E. Hood, vice-president and J. J. Stevenson, cashier.

SPECIAL SESSION TO REVISE TAX LAWS

Richmond, Va., Jan. 13.—The Virginia legislature assembled in special session today, upon call by Governor Stuart. The only business is to revise completely the tax laws of the "Old Dominion."

PRESIDENT CANADY NAMES COMMITTEES FOR ENSUING YEAR

Recently Created Immigration and Colonization Committee Headed by L. Hines—New Members Committee Campaigning

President J. H. Canady of the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon announced the committees appointed by him for the current year, as follows:

New Enterprises—C. Felix Harvey chairman; H. E. Moseley, F. C. Dunn, W. D. LaRoque, Charles F. Harvey and Barron Caldwell. Advertising and Publicity—B. W. Soilmann, chairman; H. G. Braxton and C. W. Forlaw. Legislation—N. J. Rouse, chairman; D. F. Wooten, E. R. Wooten, C. B. McNairy and L. J. Mewborn. Health and Sanitation—G. C. Cowper, chairman; W. T. Parrott and Stanley Whitaker. Civic Betterment—J. W. Goodson chairman; Ira M. Hardy and W. T. Hines.

Entertainment, Celebrations and Conventions—C. Oettinger, chairman; C. Felix Harvey, J. G. Dawson, T. V. Moseley and D. T. Edwards. Good Roads—J. M. Parrott, chairman; H. Tull, R. F. Churchill, T. B. Brown and F. A. Whitaker.

Insurance—T. W. Mewborn, chairman; E. B. Lewis and H. H. Grainier.

New Members—William Hayes chairman; C. W. McDevitt, A. L. C. Hill, T. V. Moseley, J. O. Miller, W. B. Douglass, N. B. Moore, E. V. Ferrell, J. E. Hart, S. H. Isler, George Knott and G. G. Moore.

Trade Extension—E. G. Barrett chairman; H. H. McCoy, D. V. Dixon, H. C. Hines, P. A. Hooker, J. E. Hood and A. S. Copeland.

Immigration and Colonization—L. Hines, H. Tull, R. F. Hill, P. S. B. Harper and J. C. Rashberry.

President Canady has issued a request to all chairmen to call meetings of their committees as soon as possible and perfect programs for their work during the present twelve months, which Mr. Canady hopes to make the most successful year yet for the Chamber.

The committee on new members has begun a campaign to increase the membership from about 125, the present number, to 200.

The committee on immigration and colonization was created at the body's last meeting. Its main purpose is to attract good immigration to develop the farming country surrounding Kinston.

PLEASE TELLS THE LEGISLATURE ADIEU

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 12.—Governor Blense delivered his farewell message to the South Carolina Legislature today when it convened at noon. He will be succeeded January 19, by Richard I. Manning and then will retire to private life.

GREEK HERO DIED TO SAVE OTHERS FROM THE FLAME

Dunn, Jan. 12.—James Marangales a Greek restaurant manager, is dead and the Bijou, a handsome moving picture theater, is a smoldering mass of water-soaked ruins as the result of a fire which threatened to sweep the entire business district just before midnight yesterday. The Bijou is an amusement hall with orchestra, balcony and a third floor, which served for rooming quarters for Greeks who conduct the cafe. When the fire started two helpers of Marangales were asleep in the building, while he was on duty in the restaurant, two doors away. He rushed into the burning building, groped through the smoke and the flame, reached their beds and sent them to safety, but was exhausted from the effort to reach them. It was not known that he was in the building until the fire had been extinguished. When discovered he was unconscious and early this morning he died in a local hotel.

Through the fire the estimated loss is about \$2,000 to the Bijou management and to P. T. Massengill, owner of the building.

HARD GALE WHIPPED NORTHERN ATLANTIC THROUGHOUT NIGHT

Vessels Battled With High Seas and Wind on the Open Sea

AT LEAST TWO KILLED

Steamer Aground Off Bartholdi Statue—Panic in Movies Theater—Schuykill River Rising—Worst Storm in Years at Phila.

(By the United Press) New York, Jan. 13.—A sixty-mile gale whirling up the Florida coast lashed the northern Atlantic coast all night. At least two are dead and many are injured. Incoming steamers report severe battles with the storm and mountainous seas. The Italian freighter Oceana is aground off the statue of Liberty. Two hundred moving picture spectators here were thrown into a panic as a section of a big derrick snapped off in the gale, and crushed the roof of an adjoining building. Several were injured.

Two Dead in Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, Jan. 13.—As a result of the worst rain and wind storms in years, two were killed and many injured in Pennsylvania. The Schuykill river is rising to the flood stage. Schooner Driven Ashore.

New London, Conn., Jan. 13.—The coasting schooner Ruth was driven on the rocks during the storm last night off Ocean Beach, and is a total loss.

DUNCAN AND MOREHEAD CHUMMY IN MEETING

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—National Committeeman Carl Duncan and ex-Chairman John Motley Morehead sat today together in the meeting of the Republican executive committee, praised each other's oratory and sent their old differences to the unreturning erstwhile.

The hall of the chamber of commerce must have been chosen in the event of a frost. Those who picked it for a convention place did not calculate upon a crowd. But it wasn't half large enough for the visitors and newspaper men took notes on their sleeves, so great was the jam. Butlers and Owens, Bynums and Tuckers, Duncans and Sewalls, Holtons and Littles, war horses and spring colts, all elements were represented. The gathering amazed its friends and confounded its foes.

The meeting of itself did little that can be reduced to type. The organization already exists, and it is two years from an election. But it needs some money and without indicating how much it asked for, the well-based rumor that \$1,000 was raised for an organization has been admitted by those who see good in the publicity of such a militant faith.

ALABAMA DRY BY LAST OF MARCH

(By the United Press) Mobile, Ala., Jan. 13.—State prohibition leaders today announced that bills now before the Legislature would make the State dry by March 31, which means that the State will have to refund saloon men over \$500,000.

TO ENCOURAGE SHOOTING AMONG HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

Washington, Jan. 13.—Promotion of rifle practice among high school students and other American youths, and also their elders will be discussed tonight at the annual meeting of the board of directors of the National Rifle Association, which offers several prizes annually of various rifle competitions.

WHEAT STILL SOARING ON THE CHICAGO EXCHANGE

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Wheat opened at \$1.39 a bushel today, and advanced three-eighths of a cent in fifteen minutes.