

The Czar's Forces After the Austrians

In Official Statement Issued Last Night Vienna Admits the Latter Were Forced to Beat a Retreat

Vienna, Dec. 30 (Central News Cable)—In an official communication issued tonight, Vienna admits that the Austrians are hastily retreating before the Russians along the entire eastern front.

AFTER TERRITORY

Athens, Dec. 30—France and England have made preparations to occupy Constantinople, it was learned here today.

The French and British warships are preparing to launch another severe attack upon the Turkish forts in a supreme effort to force a passage.

ATTACK TURKS

Constantinople, Dec. 30—There are at least fourteen British and French warships in the Allied fleet off the western entrance of the Dardanelles.

A statement was issued by Turkish headquarters urging the people to remain calm and giving assurances that there is no chance of the Dardanelles being forced owing to the strength of the Turkish forts.

It is reported that a fleet of French and British transports has joined the warships, and that all are crowded with troops for the invasion of Turkish soil as soon as a landing can be effected.

SUMMARY OF WAR

Russian assertions that an important victory has been won over the Austrian forces in Galicia are confirmed today in an official statement from Vienna, in which the admission was made that the Austrians were compelled to retreat along the entire eastern front.

RUDOLFO FIERRO. Villa's Aid Held Responsible For Murder of W. S. Benton.



Fierro, who is charged with having caused the death of the American, Benton, is now assisting Villa in his activities in Mexico.

ISSUES CALL TO FARMERS UNION

President Alexander Asks for Meeting in Raleigh On Jan. 14

Raleigh, Dec. 30—President H. O. Alexander of the State Farmers' Union has called a meeting of the State Council of that organization to be held in this city, Thursday, January 14, at 10 o'clock.

PADGETT FAVORS A LARGE NAVY

Two Dreadnoughts and Eight of More Submarines

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30—The House naval sub-committee has been called to meet tomorrow to finally pass upon the preliminary draft of the appropriation bill.

The bill provides \$1,000,000 for aviation development and closely follows estimates of the Navy Department including the \$2,782,535 for construction of ships.

Ex-Judge D. L. Ward returned last night from a business visit to Vanceboro.

FRANK'S COUNSEL GETTING READY FOR BIG BATTLE

Solicitor Dorsey Is Also Getting State's Contention In Shape

HEARING SOON

Supreme Court Will Probably Take Up Case In 90 Days

Atlanta, Dec. 30.—Clerk O. C. Fuller, of the United States District Court, within the next few days will certify to the record in the habeas corpus application of Leo M. Frank and forward it to the Clerk of the United States Supreme Court in Washington.

Solicitor Dorsey will confer Thursday with Attorney General Warren Grice, when the Attorney General returns from his Christmas vacation.

It is expected that the Solicitor probably with Grice, will proceed to Washington as soon as the record is sent up by Clerk Fuller and move that the case be advanced on the docket for an early hearing.

May be Heard in 90 Days If the case is advanced the chances are that it will be heard within the next 90 days.

Clerk Fuller is allowed 30 days in which to certify the record and send it to Washington. The record consists of the original petition for a writ of habeas corpus, the decision of Judge Newman denying it, and the exceptions to this decision filed by Frank's lawyers.

How Decision Would Work The effect of a decision by the United States Supreme Court favorable to Frank would mean another hearing before Judge Newman on the question of whether the condemned man should be liberated from jail on a habeas corpus writ.

There has been much speculation on this point, as the impression has prevailed that a favorable decision by the Supreme Court would mean the immediate freeing of Frank without further hearing, habeas corpus pro-

R. P. HOBSON TO MAKE ADDRESS

Will Speak At Raleigh On Subject of Prohibition

Raleigh, Dec. 30—Among the noted speakers to be here for the meeting of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, January 13 and 14, will be Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—Fire swept away three of the largest buildings in Wayne, Pa., today, with one casualty. The damage was \$100,000.

SLIGHT GAINS ARE REPORTED BY THE ALLIES

In the Vicinity of Nieuport They Have Made Some Progress

STORMS PREVAIL

Intense Cold Weather Not Inducive to Fierce Conflicts

Paris, Dec. 30.—(Central News Cable)—Slight gains in the vicinity of Nieuport are reported in the official communication issued by the War Office tonight.

Petrograd, Dec. 30.—The Russians occupy Merdenek, near Sarykamysh, where Turkish trenches were captured during a series of bayonet charges. The Turks lost heavily.

Blizzard Continues. Paris, Dec. 30.—Blizzards in Belgium and northern France are greatly hampering operations, there is fear of an epidemic of sickness since the men are exposed to the weather with their only protection trenches half-filled with water.

German Guns Silent. Paris, Dec. 30.—The French have silenced heavy German artillery in the vicinity of Aspach. The Germans are attempting to retake St. Georges, near Nieuport, where the French lines have advanced two miles.

Austrians Holding Out. Vienna, Dec. 30.—It is officially announced that the Austrian armies have not been completely routed. The movement to relieve Przemyśl has been abandoned.

SELF GOVERNMENT FOR FILIPINOS

Hearings On the Jones Bill Resumed Yesterday Morning

Washington, Dec. 30.—Hearings on the Jones bill to extend a greater measure of self government to Filipinos were resumed today by a senate committee with Dean C. Worcester, a former commissioner of the Philippines, as star witness.

Chairman Hitchcock asserted today that the recent disorders in the islands would not be permitted to impede the progress of the bill.

BOY, 9, BRUNK, KILLS HIS STEPBROTHER, 5.

Pineville, Ky., Dec. 30.—Moss Jones, 9, and his stepbrother, Robert Gibson, 5, left alone at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Gibson, found whiskey and became drunk.

United States' Note To England A "Bomb"

GLENN H. CURTISS. Built Aeroplane America For Transatlantic Flight.



Glenn H. Curtis is said to be working on some new models of aeroplanes which will startle the aeronautical world.

FIGHTING GOING ON IN MEXICO

Continuous Disturbances Reported From That Section

Washington, Dec. 30.—A constitutional victory over the Zapata forces is reported from Tepeaco, between Mexico City and Vera Cruz.

Villa will take stern measures to back Gutierrez's orders against wholesale and summary executions for political offenses.

John Tull, of Havelock, was a visitor to New Bern yesterday.

PLANNING FOR ANNUAL FEAST

Chamber of Commerce to Give Banquet to Members

The New Bern Chamber of Commerce has in past years made a feature of the annual banquet which is held during the month of January and they are again making plans for this event.

NUMBER OF NEW SHIPS ADDED

Washington, D. C. Dec. 30.—One hundred and fifty vessels which operated under foreign control prior to the outbreak of the European war have been added to the merchant marine since August 18.

The Britishers Seem to Think That This Country Should Allow Search and Seizure on High Seas.

London, Dec. 30.—(Central News Cable)—The official Press Bureau tonight denies the report that the note from the United States government protesting against the right of search and seizure now in force by the British warships on the high seas, was presented to Lord Haldane at the Foreign office yesterday.

Washington, Dec. 30.—An immediate reply from Great Britain to the note protesting British interference with U. S. commerce is not expected. Delay in England's reply is regarded as necessary, because it will require great consideration and care.

England Divided London, Dec. 30.—England is divided into two factions as the result of the protest of the United States against the right of English men-of-war to search American ships on the high seas.

Nothing of the kind since President Cleveland's Venezuelan message has produced such a sensation. The first impression of the public is that the note may create friction and perhaps some unfriendly feeling, although the newspapers point out that it specifically states the representations were made in a friendly spirit.

Placards posted by the evening papers were given over exclusively to the American note and the papers gave it the largest headlines they have given any news during the past month.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

- October 2—(pending).
October 9—University of Florida at Auburn.
October 23—A. and M. (Mississippi) at Birmingham.
October 30—Georgia at Athens.
November 6—Mercer at Auburn.
November 13—Vanderbilt at Birmingham.
November 25—Georgia Techs at Atlanta.