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The Czar's Forces After the Austrians

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

Vienna, Dec. 30 (Central News Cable)—In an official communication issued to-night, Vienna admits that the Austrians are hastily retreating before the Russians along the entire eastern front. The Czar's troops are in overpowering number and the Austrians are not able to cope with them. The Austrians have lost much amunition.

AFTER TERRITORY

Athens, Dec. 30 France with the fleet off the west- a fox. ern entrance of the Dardanelles.

warships are preparing to launch another severe attack upon the Turkish forts in a supreme effort to force President Alexander Asks a passage. The chief reason for this great attack, it is said, is the neccessity to supply fresh arms and ammunition to Russia.

ATTACK TURKS

Constantinople, Dec. 30-There are at least fourteen in the Allied fleet off the western entrance of the Dardanelles. Apprehension was caused here today by reports that the Allied fleet National Union in pressing the quesis preparing for another terrific attack on the Turkish forts defending the water-

by Turkish headquarters urging the people to remain calm and giving assurances that there is no chance of Two the Dardenelles 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.

Russian assertions that an important victory has been won over the Austrian ces in Galicia were coned today is an official which the admission was made that the Austrians were compelled to retreat along the entire eastern front. It is said that the situation to the north, in Poland, is not affected by this reversal, although Petrograd asserts the movement of the main German army has been checked with osses described as enorm-

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Villa's Aid Held Responsible For Murder of W. S. Denton.



Fierro, who is charged and England have made pre- with having caused the parations to occupy Con- death of the American, Benstantinople, it was learned ton, is now assisting Villa in here today. A fleet of trans- his activities in Mexico. He ports bearing a big Allied is said to be one of the most army has been assembled crafty of men and as sly as

The French and British ISSUES CALL TO **FARMERS UNION**

for Meeting In Raleigh On Jan. 14

Raleigh, Dec. 30-President H. Q. 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. The objects of the meeting are stated in a letter to Clarance Poe, member of the executive committee, as follows:

"To prepare a bill for co-operative to fix per diem salary of sub-committee handling fertilizer trade; to plan campaign to promote co-operative enteprise during 1915; to decide whether or not we will co-operate with tion of rural credits before present Congress: and any other matters that may be brought before the council.'

statement was issued PADGETT FAVORS A LARGE NAVY

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 sub-com-mittee virtuells was through with its measure which does not touch upon the naval building program for next ear, but eliminates all provision for dry dock at Norfolk which the Navy Department had recommended.

The bill provides \$1,000,000 for viation development and closely follows estimates of the Navy Department including the \$2,782.535 for ammunition for ships, \$1,000,000 for torpedoes, \$1,150,000 for purchase and manufacture of smokeless pow-

When the full committee meets text week Chariman Padgett will inist upon the Navy Department's building program of two dread-noughts and eight or more submarnes. Representative Stephens of California will press for division for a battle cruiser and Representative Roberts of Massachussets and others will insist on more submarines, mines ine layers and sweepers. Several ommitteemen are expected to urge a eduction in battleships and an inease in submarines.

Ex-Judge D. L. Ward returned las

FRANK'S COUNSEL **GETTING READY** FOR BIG BATTLE

Solicitor Dorsey Is AlsoGet- In the Vicinity of Nieuport ting State's Contention In Shape

HEARING SOON

ly Take Up Case In 90 Days

Atlanta, Dec. 30.-Clerk O. C. Paris, Dec. 30.-(Central News Fuller, of the United States District Cable)-Slight gains in the vicinity Court, within the next few days of Nieuport are reported in the offiwill certify to the record in the ha- cial communication issued by the beas corpus application of Leo M. War Office tonight. The Germans Frank and forward it to the Clerk have been driven back at several of the United States Supreme Court points and there is heavy bombardin Washington as the first definite ment at St. Georges on the Aisne step in placing the famous murder region and the heights of the Meuse. ease before that tribunal for the review made possible Monday by Unit-Judge W. T. Newman.

turns from his Christmas vacation, and will determine on a course of action to expedite the proceedings.

It is expected that the Solicitor and are re-entrenching. probably with Grice, will proceed to Washington as soon as the record docket for an early hearing.

May be Heard in 90 Days the docket in regular order, however, trenches around Mulhausen. it would not be reached for at least eighteen months, and possibly two

habeas corpus, the decision of Judge the region between the Aisne and ces is reported from Tepeaco, between high seas. Official England accepts lawyers, setting out the points on a slight advance in the region of Four General Eusemio Zapata, with 5,000 as unfriendly, and attributes it to

How Decision Would Work British and French warships enterprises, including rural credits; able to Frank would mean another taken important positions southeast sale and summary executions for po- ence of the right to search the vessels. hearing before Judge Newman on the of Zonnebake. question of whether the condemned man should be liberated from jail on verse decision would leave the case where is stands today

> There has been much speculation further hearing, habeas corpus pro-(Continued on Page 8)

Dreadnoughts and R. P. HOBSON TO **MAKE ADDRESS**

Subject of Prohibition

Raleigh, Dec. 30-Among the noted speakers to be here for the meeting of the North Caroline Anti-Saloon League, January 13 and 14, will be Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson. He will speak on the evening of Thursday, January 14. Another important participant in the program will be Dr. A. J. Batron of Waco, Texas, who, besides being a member of the executive committee of the Anti-Saloon League of America, is the head of the temperance movement of the Southern Baptist Convention. He will speak Wednesday night. Supt. R. L. Davis is looking forward to an unprecedented meeting. He says that the prospects are bright for the biggest meeting the league has ever held. It was impossible to secure the service of former Governor M. R. Patterson of Tennessee, but other speakers ranking as high in the cause as he does will be heard.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30 .- Fire swept drunk: Wayne, Pa., today, with one cassecuring a shotgun, killed his step-representing a carrying capacity of alty. The damage was \$100,000, brother.

SLIGHT GAINS ARE REPORTED BY THE ALLIES

They Have Made Some Progress

STORMS PREVAIL

Supreme Court Will Probab- Intense Cold Weather Not Inducive to Fierce Conflicts

Trenches Captured.

Petrograd, Dec. 30.—The Russians ed States Supreme Court Justice La- occupy Merdenek, near Sarykamysh. mar, when he granted a writ of error where Turkish trenches were captured on an appeal from the decision of during a series of bayonet charges. The Turks lost heavily. The Turks Solicitor Dorsey will confer Thurs- are committing outrages on the naday with Attorney General Warren tive population. Many women and Grice, when the Attorney General re-children have been massacred. The Russian movement against Cracow has been resumed. The Germans have

Blizzard Continues.

Paris, Dec. 30.-Blizzards in Belis sent up by Clerk Fuller and move gium and northern France are greatthat the case be advanced on the ly hampering operations. there is fear of an epidemic of sickness since the men are exposed to the weather with their only protection trenches If the case is advanced the chances with their only protection trenches are that it will be heard within the half-filled with water. Long range next 90 days. Should it be placed on French guns are shelling the German

German Guns Silent. Paris, Dec. 30.-The French have silenced heavy German artillery in Clerk Fuller is allowed 30 days in the vicinity of Aspach. The Germans which to certify the record and send are attempting to retake St. Georges. it to Washington. The record consists near Nieuport, where the French of the original petition for a writ of lines have advanced two miles. In tionalist victory over the Zapata for- war to search American ships on the Newman denying it, and the excep- Champagnie continuous cannonading Mexico City and Vera Cruz. General the protest in a friendly manner, but tions to this decision fied by Frank's is going on. The French have made Obregon, with 4,000 men, defeated unofficial comment places the action which they alleged the judge erred. de Paris. A German attack on Tete men. The casualties on both sides German influence. President Wilson de Faux, in the Vosges region, was were five hundred. The effect of a decision by the repulsed. The fighting in the Alsace Villa will take stern measures to ticed by shippers. Issuance of false United States Supreme Court favor- district continues. The French have back Gutierrez's orders against whole- manifests justifies England's insist-

Austrians Holding Out.

Vienna, Dec. 30.—It is officially ana habeas corpus writ, according to nounced that the Austrian armies the warring chiefs that a general am- take the suspected vessel to the nearthe opinion of his counsel. An ad- have not been completely routed. The nesty for political offenses be declar- est British port. movement to relieve Prezmysl has ed. been abandoned, but the Austrians still hold the main trenches on the on this point, as the impression has Sromnik, Sorlica and Jabliska front. prevailed that a favorable decision by It is denied that the Russians have the Supreme Court would mean the resumed the movement against Cra-immediate freeing of Frank without cow. The Montenegrins are bombarding Austrian positions at Krievosije with little result.

SELF GOVERNMENT FOR FILIPINOS

Will Speak At Raleigh On 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. The committee intends to hasten consideration of the bill, with a view to reporting it favorably next month.

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

The committee is considering ar amendment stipulating a time upon which independence might be granted under given conditions.

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

Pineville, Ky., Dec. / 30.—Moss Jones, 9, and his stepbrother, Robert DISASTROUS FIRE IN WAYNE, Gibson, 5, left alone at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius ated under foreign control prior to Gibson, found whiskey and became the outbreak of the European war

United States' Note To England A "Bomb"

GLENN H. CURTISS.

Built Aeroplane America For Transatiantic Flight.



Glenn H. Curtis is said to be working on some new models of areoplanes which note protesting British interference will startle the aeronautical with U.S. commerce is not expected. retired to the left bank of the Bzura world. His plans are being Delay in England's reply is regarded kept secret and the public as necessary, because it will require is totally in the dark as to lines in Congress have been obliteratwhat these are.

Disturbances the protest Continuous Reported From That Section

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

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 benquet which is held during the month of January and they are again making plans for this event. Two years ago Secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels, delivered the principal address for the occasion. Last year Senator F. M. Simmons was the guest of honor and made the leading address. So far the speaker for the approaching banquet has not been secured. The organization has in mind several prominent men who they are endeavoring to secure, but just who will be selected has not been made public. An invitation will be extended to every editor in the State and the officers of all of the chambers of commerce in North Carolina. A large number of these will attend and one of the greatest gatherings ever held is anticipated.

NUMBER OF NEW SHIPS AD-DED

Washington, D. C. Dec. 30-One nundred and fifty vessles which operhave been added to the merchant maway three of the largest buildings They quarreled and the Jones boy, rine since August 18. The vessels

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

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 nowin force by the British warships ' on the high seas, was presented to Lord Haldane at the Foreign office yesterday. It is true that Lord Haldane was in charge of the office in the absence of Sir Edward Grey * who was on his vacation, but the note was not received until today.

Washington, Dec. 30 An immediate reply from Great Britain to the ed, and the leaders of all parties have praised the government's stand. According to a high official, the final cause prompting the government's action was the constantly shifting pol-ON IN MEXICO icy of England in the treatment of contraband. A special session of the contraband. A special session of the British cabinet is expected to discuss

England Divided

London, Dec. 30 - England is divided into two factions as the result of the protest of the United States Washington, Dec. 30.-A constitu- against the right of English men-ofadmits that deception has been practaken as a preliminary complicance search is impossible on the high seas with President Wilson's request to all and the only method available is to

Of Great Importance London Dec 30-The American

note protesting against the British treatment of American commerce and insisting upon an improvement, seemed to overshadow in the mind of the British public today the news from the European battlefields. While the note caused no surprise in official circles, it was wholly unexpected by the British public, as there had been virtually no intimation that any friction had arisen between the two governments. Placards posted by the evening pa-

pers 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. Consequently the British people regard this as one of the most important occurences of the whole war. 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

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Mobile, Ala, Dec. 30-A special from Auburn, Ala., says: "Manager Tom Bragg, of the athletic department of the Auburn Polytechnic Institute made public today the following schedule of football games for the eleven representing the institution:

October 2-(pending). October 9-University of Florida

t Auburn. October 23-A. and M. (Missisippi) at Birmingham.

October 30 Georgia at Athens. November 6-Mercer at Auburn. November 13-Vanderbilt at Bir-

mingham. November 25-Georgia Techs at