

GERMAN ADVANCE MAKES RUSSIANS GIVE UP CRACOW

ARE NOW DRAWN UP EAST OF THERE

In an Effort to Check This Advance, All Available Russian Troops From Other Points Are Being Rushed to the Battle Line Between Radom and Kielce—The Austrians Report Progress in the Carpathians.

United Press Service PETROGRAD, Dec. 24.—Russian troops are pouring in between Kielce and Radom as well as from the south in an effort to check the German advance, which forced the Muscovite troops to retire from Cracow.

It is admitted that the Austro-German troops from the region of Piestokow and Cracow have caused the Russian troops to retire to a point about fifty miles east of Cracow.

United Press Service VIENNA (via Berlin), Dec. 24.—Today's statement says: "Our operations in the Carpathians are taking their normal course. Yesterday we imprisoned 200 and pressed forward further in a northeasterly direction toward the Ludkow passes."

GERMANS INVADE ANGOLA COLONY

United Press Service LISBON, Dec. 24.—Late dispatches say that the latest German invasion of Angola, a Portuguese African colony, is officially acknowledged. It is declared that the Germans, equipped with artillery, approached Nautill, and started a bombardment of the fort. After a brief resistance, the defenders withdrew. Late advices say the Portuguese are reinforcing, and will return to drive the Germans out.

Dress Rehearsal Time

Local Thespians Ready for Big Vaudeville Show

But one more rehearsal remains before local thespians appear Christmas night and the night following in a big vaudeville bill, their purpose being to raise funds for maintaining the Klamath county exhibit at the Panama-Pacific exposition. This will be the final rehearsal, when the players will present each song, skit or act as it will be given before the audience.

The sale of tickets has been extremely good, and capacity houses are assured both nights the bill is given.

Those taking part in the performance have been rehearsing faithfully for some time, and the diversified program to be offered is certain to please. The program to be presented follows:

Selection by Orchestra Lawrence Mohaffey—"A Medley of Patriotism"—"Dixie," "Marching Through Georgia," "America," Hubbard & Sinnott—"A Teutonic Oddity," Introducing "Tria-da-da, That Croony Melody."

Dorothy Weeks—In popular songs The Rivals—Extracts from Sheridan's comedy. Characters: Mrs. Malaprop (with her bad grammar and ludicrous diction), Miss Marjorie Weeks, Lydia Langutah (her niece in love with Beverly), Miss Pearl Bolvin; Sir Anthony Absolute (choleric, but kind hearted), Geo.

SAVINGS OF LITTLE GIRL ARE GIVEN BY HER TO RELIEF FUND

"I just couldn't enjoy Christmas and think of those poor Belgians if I didn't do something to help them." With this remark, Marie Day, eight, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davenport, turned over to a member of the local relief committee \$1.25, the price of a sack of flour. It represents the child's savings for many weeks, and better than all, it reminds us all that no matter how small the world may appear, there is still alive in the hearts of the children at least the true spirit of Christmas with happiness to be found in practical application of the proverb: "It is better to give than to receive."

MAN WITH GUN RULING RANCH

SHERIFF'S OFFICE SENDS MEN OUT TO OLENE TO CAPTURE SHEEPHERDER RUNNING WILD WITH A RIFLE

Becoming crazed from too much J. Barleycorn, George Lepka, a sheepherder employed by Rex Bord, is running amuck on the Bord ranch near Olene, and with a high power rifle, has all of the other people there "tired."

Word to this effect was received this afternoon by Bord. He swore to an insanity complaint, and the sheriff's office has sent men to capture Lepka and bring him here for examination.

Father Dies. Francis J. Bowse today received the sad news of the death of his father in Sioux City, Iowa. He leaves for there in the morning, accompanied by his son.

The Woman's Tax Resistance League of London, composed mainly of suffragettes, and whose motto is "No Votes, no Tax," has decided to pay taxes this year on account of the war.

The War Has Taught Us One Big Lesson



Court Hears Suggestions for Lowering the County Expense

In Addition to Recommendations From Klamath Falls Men, Bonanza Taxpayers Send in Lengthy Resolutions in This Regard

Many were the suggestions made this morning before the county court on the question of curtailing the county's expenses for the coming year in order to lower the tax levy. The estimated expenses of the prosecuting attorney's office were touched upon by several. They contend that the office of deputy prosecutor was unnecessary, and held that the same was the case in regard to the item for detective service, the suppression of crime being held the work of the sheriff's office.

There were various recommendations for lowering the estimate for widows' pensions. One recommendation held that this "tended to pauperism, and was misused," and asked the entire elimination of the fund.

The amount set aside by the county for road work was also objected to. One suggestion was made that \$12,000 be shaved off this, and another that there be no new road work done, and the money applied to paying off past indebtedness.

The office of county agriculturist was held by Bonanza people to be unnecessary. They ask that the salary for it be eliminated.

The county court is to meet again Monday. It is possible that at that time some steps may be taken regarding the levy.

Prominent among those making recommendations this morning were Charles J. Ferguson, representing R. N. Day and other timbermen; Jackson Kimball, local representative of the Weyerhaeuser Land company, and Herbert S. Gale for the Southern Pacific.

Besides these, there was a lengthy resolution from the Lost River Precinct Taxpayers' League, recommending cuts. The resolutions, signed by President D. G. Horn and Secretary P. J. Bowne, follow:

Cut sheriff's deputies to one at \$1,200 per year, saving \$1,200.

Cut treasurer's deputies to one at \$900, saving \$300. Cut allowance to treasurer for tax collection to \$1,800 from \$2,340, saving \$540.

Cut extra help from assessor's office leaving assessor and two deputies at \$3 per day, saving \$628.

Cut county clerk's force to two deputies at \$900 per year and \$1,200 per year, saving \$1,140.

Cut county school superintendent's deputy hire of \$150; also the \$100 travelling expenses.

Eliminate entirely "hook expert" items.

Cut county surveyor to a maximum salary of \$750, and then paid only when employed, saving \$1,000.

Eliminate \$400 deputy item for circuit court clerk's office.

Call for bids on all stationery and supplies. Reserve the right to take more or less than called for in bid.

Elimination of widows' pension item, estimated at \$5,000. "Tends to pauperism, and is abused too much."

Reduction of registration and election expense to \$150.

Reduction of court house expense \$500.

Save \$1,400 by eliminating the deputy district attorney and making the detective service item \$300. "What is the sheriff's office for if not to suppress crime, etc.?"

Place sealer of weights and measures on a flat salary of \$300 per year and expenses. "Too high a salary for the work involved."

No new road construction while the county's condition is as at present. Elimination of the \$35,900 new road fund and the \$20,000 for outstanding road indebtedness, or placing it to liquidation of present debts.

Entire elimination of \$2,000 agricultural extension work, or salary of county agriculturist. "No need for such assistance. Taxpayers need the money a great deal worse."

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ENGLAND TO FORGET THE WAR FOR XMAS; NEWS BUREAU CLOSED

United Press Service. LONDON, Dec. 24.—For a period of thirty-one hours, beginning at 2 o'clock this afternoon, England will turn her complete attention to the observance of Christmas. So far as possible, news regarding the war will be directed only to those in command of the army and navy departments. No war news will be received by the newspapers. The official press bureau closed this afternoon, and will give out no more news regarding the war until 9 o'clock tomorrow night.

GERMAN AIRMEN BOMBARD DOVER

AFTER DROPPING BOMB, AEROPLANE ESCAPES FROM FIRE OF FORTS AND PURSUING BRITISH AVIATORS

United Press Service. LONDON, Dec. 24.—A German aeroplane today dropped bombs over Dover. Although the forts fired at it, the craft escaped. The official statement regarding the incident follows: "One of the enemy's aeroplanes was seen over Dover at 10:55 this morning. None of the bombs dropped did any damage. The aeroplane flew out to sea when pursued by British aircraft. It succeeded in escaping through the thick fog."

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ALLIES CONTINUE GAINS IN WEST, SAY LATE WIRES

STRONG RESISTANCE MADE BY GERMANS

By Mining Sand Dunes Near Coast, Allies Make Progress There, While the Belgians Gain Ground Along Right Bank of the Yser—Fighting in France Also Advances, Says, Communiqué.

United Press Service. PARIS, Dec. 24.—The communiqué reported advances in Belgium near the coast for the allies, the sand dunes being mined and utilized. It is announced that all German attacks, although very fierce, have been repulsed.

The Belgian troops, who are fighting along the right bank of the Yser, have also advanced considerably. Their progress was especially marked south of Dix Mude.

The Communiqué reports extensive advances, similar to those earlier in the week. The German attacks indicate a desperate resistance.

French troops report advances in the Argonne and Woivre regions.

The gift laden trains and transports have reached the front, and wherever possible the distribution of gifts to the soldiers is going on. Despite the Christmas tide, though, the fighting is brisk, and there is heavy cannonading in progress.

Believing that to be worthy of heaven, they must be clean, Communists hate and don their clean than before entering a battle.

Where Christ Was Born

A Present Journey Into the City of Bethlehem

Bethlehem today is a small city of about 8,000 inhabitants. It is only six miles from Jerusalem, a pleasant afternoon carriage ride.

It is the oldest city in the world, for, unlike the other cities of the ancient world, it never has been destroyed. Protected by its insignificant, it has escaped unscathed the succession of destructive invasions which wiped out Jerusalem and the greater cities.

It is a remarkable fact that the population of Bethlehem is altogether Christian, there being no Mohammedans except the soldiers and police, and no Jews except some enterprising merchants from New York and Chicago. It is also remarkable that the people of Bethlehem continue to deserve the reputation they have borne for nearly forty centuries for their peculiar beauty.

The young men of Bethlehem today have the same ruddy cheeks and possess a degree of physical beauty far beyond that of any other Syrians.

As the races have changed completely this peculiar healthful beauty is due, no doubt, to the fact that Bethlehem is the center of a small region of wonderful fertility, and its people get enough to eat, which cannot be said of the inhabitants of many other towns of Palestine.

Bethlehem's narrow, steep and slippery streets are not distinguishable from those of any other small Syrian town. But every stranger, every visitor, and every pilgrim goes through them quickly to that fortress like group of buildings which is known as the Church of the Nativity.

Unlike the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, there is no disturbing doubt. There is every reason to believe that the cave over which the church is built is actually the very place of the nativity of the Lord, and that historical truth justifies the inscription within the cave:

"Hic de Virgine Maria Jesus Christus Natus est"—"Here of the Virgin Mary Jesus Christ was born."

The nave of the church is the common property of all Christians, and it is the most ancient example of Christian architecture extant. It was completed in the year 330 A. D. by the Emperor Constantine, although begun by his mother, the Empress Helena. Its roof is of stout English oak, and was built by King Edward IV. of England at about the time Christopher Columbus was seeking means for his epoch-making voyage. Yet with all its interest, its antiquity, and the nobility of its architecture, the nave is a barren and desolate place in which no religious services are ever held.

The Chapel of the Nativity is a natural cave in the rock which is reached by two staircases descending from the choir. The cave is covered with marble, and is decorated, or decorated, according to one's individual opinion, by scores of paintings, figures of saints, gaudy tinsel hangings, city embroidery, and the like. On the east side of the grotto is a recess, the roof of which is the uncovered natural rock.

In the pavement of this recess is set a silver star, which indicates the spot where our Saviour was born, and around it is the inscription quoted before. Over the star hang sixteen silver lamps, constantly burning. Six of these belong to the Greeks, five to the Latins and five to the Armenians. Near by there is a plain altar which is used by each of these three sects in turn. It is a narrow little room, 22 feet long and only 11 feet wide, into which is constantly crowding a steady stream of devout worshippers. They fall on their faces before the manger in the rocks and kiss the silver star in a frenzy of religious emotion. There is no light except from the tiny lamps; there is no ventilation at all.

JAPS VOTE "NO" ON LARGER ARMY

RECOMMENDATION OF CABINET IS REJECTED BY PARLIAMENT, ON GROUND THAT FINANCIAL BURDEN ALREADY TOO BIG

United Press Service. TOKIO, Dec. 24.—The Japanese parliament today rejected the request by Count Okuma's cabinet that increased appropriations be made to enable the enlargement of the army.

It is expected that the cabinet will dissolve the parliament decision to-

morrow, and trust to receiving the support of the people at an election. The opposition is due to the opinion that an additional financial burden cannot be borne by the Nipponese, especially if the government plans to send troops to the European battle grounds.

In From Dairy. Charles W. Sherman Sr., the veteran journalist, is in from his home-stead near Dairy.

Postoffice Open in Morning. Tomorrow morning the postoffice will be open from 8 to 10. All mail is to be distributed tomorrow, so box renters will be able to get all the mail addressed to them.

The Portland Gas and Coke Co. will lay its mains around Milwaukie, on account of an ordinance cutting the price of their gas to \$1 per 1,000 feet.

MORE MONEY FOR BELGIAN RELIEF

FUND WITH WHICH TO PURCHASE CARLOAD OF FLOUR IS STEADILY CLIMBING—FIVE NEW NAMES ARE ADDED

In addition to those heretofore printed, the following contributions have been received toward purchasing a carload of flour for the relief of the Belgians:

C. W. White, \$5; B. F. Shepherd, \$4.80; G. C. Blower, \$1.30; K. K. K. Store \$2; W. O. Smith Printing company, \$4.80.