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ALLIES ADVANCE SLOW BUT STEADY SHIPS TAKING PART

Concerted Effort Begun to Press the Germans Back Across the Frontier

FIGHTING TODAY IS AN ARTILLERY DUEL

Germans Also Show Increased Activity But Are Slowly Giving Way

Paris, Dec. 8.—The allies were waging a vigorous offensive today in northern France and Belgium. On the other hand, the Germans had not entirely abandoned their offensive at all points. They were, at any rate, heavily bombarding east Dunkirk, a town close to Newport. At a few other places they seemed to be attempting rather more than merely to hold their own. Their efforts, however, were not to be compared with the allies'. By constant fighting along the Paschelede road, the French, operating from south of Ypres, had nearly reached Roulers in a flanking movement to cover Menin. Supported by their artillery, they had advanced their lines until they had practically cleared the railroad. All along the allied front there was similar activity. Every indication was that a concerted effort had been begun to press the Germans back across or as near as possible to their own frontier. British warships off the Belgian coast were reported to have resumed shelling the German positions within their range.

An Artillery Fight

Paris, Dec. 8.—The enemy has become more active, said the Bureau of war offices' official statement received here today. In the Ypres and Yser regions, the French artillery is replying successfully to all attacks. Operations in the Aisne and Champagne districts consist principally of artillery duels.

The French have gained some ground in the Argonne.

British Make Gains

Amsterdam, Dec. 8.—The British today captured Paschelede, on the railroad midway between Ypres and Roulers. This represented another advance by the allies, opening the way for a flank movement against the Germans toward Menin.

Among the other allied bodies there we have met in the course of human events was the man who said he liked baked possum better than turkey for his Christmas dinner.

CHARTER IS BEATEN AND DOGS THE SAME

Welsh Chief of Police, Rice Treasurer—City May Do Its Own Street Paving

With but 54 per cent of the total registered vote cast and July 50 per cent of the polled vote being that of women, complete returns from all seven wards in the city show that J. T. Welsh has been elected city marshal over Frank Shadock by the small margin of 45 votes; J. O. Rice was elected city treasurer over John F. Davis by a more decisive majority of 271; the dog license ordinance was ratified by a majority of 400; the street improvement amendment was hopelessly lost by a majority of 332.

In the face of the indications of aroused interest in the several issues involved in the campaign, and especially the contest for city marshal and the proposed commission-manager charter amendment, the vote polled at yesterday's election was the lowest cast in

FOUNTAIN ADMITS MURDER OF CHILD

Broke Down and Confessed—Little One Held to Her Doll Through It All

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 8.—Prosecuting officials are today preparing to have David Fountain, confessed slayer of Margaret Milling, aged 10, in the German Lutheran church, indicted and tried before the end of the week. Fountain, alias Frank Fairchild, broke down last night and admitted all the details of the crime. He killed the child in the class room of the church and carried her body to the home. "I decided it would not do to have my body there and returned with it to the basement, where it was found. 'I felt she should have a decent burial,' he said. A doll dressed the child was sewing was found in the belly where the body was, she having clung to it all through her struggle with the demon. Fountain no doubt will try to escape the gallows by introducing his asylum record in Clarinda, Iowa, but District Attorney Washburn says that if it can be proved that Fountain knew right from wrong at the time he killed the child, he can be hanged in California. Thomas Graham, former janitor of the same church, was quickly dismissed after he had surrendered. He had slept in the police station while the police were searching for him. He gave himself up after reading on a bulletin board that he was wanted.

SAY LUMBER PRICES ARE MUCH TOO LOW

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 8.—That lumber exporters of the Pacific coast will complete the formation of an organization to be known as the Douglas Fir Exportation and Export company, which will eventually expand the Northwest forest products to a comprehensive world trade, was shown by the almost unanimous support given the proposition by exporters who are in attendance at the forestry and conservation congress being held here today. This organization will start work immediately after the contracts have been signed by the lumber exporters, and send an expert to survey the foreign lumber market. This step has been followed by others looking toward the operation by the lumbermen of their own ships in times to come. That the lumber manufacturers are not getting out for their products was one of the statements made and statistics in abundance were offered to prove that the lumber business is "pretty sick." Although the meeting was divided on the matter of higher prices, an opinion was voiced that unless an increase of \$3 a thousand dominated the markets, many more mills will have to close and many more workmen lose employment.

years in proportion to the number of registrations, and no doubt the losers in the election will lay the blame to the failure of their friends to get out and vote. It was evident from the time the polls opened until well along in the afternoon that the ladies were taking the greatest interest in the results as they came steadily throughout the day while the male population straggled along in a sort of indifferent and listless manner, from the opening to the closing of the polls.

The election passed off very quietly and without the slightest disturbance; as a matter of fact, it is safe to say that hundreds of the voters did not even stop to think that an election was being held and some may express surprise on learning that one had been in progress. The results of the election will be canvassed by the city council at its next regular meeting, when the successful candidates will receive notice of their election and the result of the vote upon the measures will be proclaimed by the mayor. The newly-elected officers will assume their respective offices on the first of the year.

G. C. Millett, alderman for the seventh ward, who is holding the position upon election by the council to serve until the first of the year, was elected to fill the unexpired term of Alderman Pressall, resigned, by a vote of 157 over his only opponent, Seymour Skiff, who received but 36 votes, but who announced his candidacy only election morning. The total vote in all of the wards upon all of the candidates and measures follow:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Tot.	Mar.
Shadock	148	277	112	288	163	247	171	1406	—
Welsh	158	247	80	276	254	250	186	1451	45
Davis	143	194	71	270	211	298	386	1263	—
Rice	156	332	119	310	198	273	156	1334	271
Dog license	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yes	144	256	94	315	254	272	214	1548	400
No	142	212	80	213	140	191	139	1098	—
Street improvement	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yes	171	272	112	300	257	273	216	1669	541
No	120	208	63	227	136	195	119	1068	—
Charter	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yes	137	240	107	232	154	130	177	1197	—
No	153	234	74	297	237	349	165	1529	332

Short term alderman Ward 7—G. C. Millett, 157; Seymour Skiff, 36.

KAISER HAS THE MEN BUT IS SHY ON ARMS IS EXPERTS OPINION

Critic Says This Is Why Forces in France Had to be Sent to Russia

HAD NOT EQUIPMENT FOR MORE RESERVES

Capture of Liege With Its Facilities for Making War Supplies Delayed This

(By J. W. T. Mason, former London correspondent for United Press.) New York, Dec. 8.—Official confirmation was forthcoming today of this column's recent surmise that the Germans had been withdrawing troops from France and Belgium for operations against Russia. The Petrograd war office estimates that six army corps and five cavalry divisions, which would be a total of about 300,000 men, have been added to the German strength in Russian Poland in the past fortnight. The Slav version was that part of these troops were from the western theatre of war and that part were new levies. The proportions were not stated, however. The gains the allies are now making in northern France and northwestern Belgium, following their long weeks of slow retirement, undoubtedly mean a very considerable diminution in the German strength in that zone. Of the 300,000 reinforcements sent to Poland, probably half at least, was withdrawn from the west. Whether these seasoned veterans can be returned to France and Belgium is a crucial problem for the kaiser. At any rate, it is plain that he has reached the end of his supply of arms. He undoubtedly has more men than he can have weapons for more than he has already in the field; otherwise it would not be necessary for him to shift his troops from frontier to frontier, since a more satisfactory course, from his standpoint, were it open to him, would be to strengthen his force in the field by the calling of fresh men to the colors. It is clear that four months of devastating warfare have exhausted even Germany's great preparations. Undoubtedly this limit would have been reached before had not Liege fallen into Teutonic hands. This city is one of the world's greatest centers for the manufacture of war supplies. Not only is it Belgium's Essen but it also produces munitions for many of the other smaller European countries. Unquestionably, as soon as the Germans took it, they set all its furnaces and forges going to the limit of their capacities. The supplies thus turned out must have formed a splendid supplement to the Krupp factories' output and the war's wastage. It begins to appear at last that Germany is approaching a critical period of its double campaign. Although the tactics of Frederick the Great, who held Europe at bay by quick concentrations against isolated divisions of his enemies, have been followed by the German general staff. This method, however, is growing more and more dangerous to the kaiser, as his foes' strength increases. For the first time since the war broke out, the Teutonic race back and forth from east to west or from west to east, is beginning to make the troops part.

THE NEW DOG LAW

When the new city ordinance goes into effect, upon the canvass of the vote of yesterday's election by City Recorder Elgin and proclamation of the mayor, it will be unlawful for any dog to run loose or to be at large in the public streets or any other public place in the city without being under control by the owner by means of a chain or leash, or in or upon any vehicle under the personal control of the owner or custodian. The new ordinance repeals all ordinances previously in effect regarding the government or control of dogs within the city, including that which prescribes a license for canines and, in case a dog is caught running at large at any time after the new law goes into effect, it will cost the owner not less than \$3 to get it out of the pound, for the first offense, and \$4 for each succeeding offense thereafter. In case the dog is not claimed and redeemed by the owner after three days have elapsed from the date of its impounding and notice of such served upon the owner, the dog can be either "humanely killed" or disposed of to somebody else other than the owner, subject to the claim of the owner at any future time. It is a safe bet that the lonely silk handkerchief with his monogram in one corner will lead the list of father's Christmas presents.

SLAVS ARE STOPPED.

Berlin, by wireless to London, Dec. 8.—Continued attacks by combined German and Austrian forces in the southwestern part of the Russian government of Piotrow, have finally resulted in the Slav advance, it was announced here today in an official message received from Vienna. The scene of the fighting was in the southwest of Russian Poland, near the Austrian frontier. The Russian advance on the Nowa-Radon line was also said to be at a standstill.

CHRISTMAS TREE WILL BE A BEAUTY

Big Fir on Court House Lawn to be Gay with Lights and Things for the Kiddies

Salem's municipal Christmas tree will be accompanied by a real Santa Claus, according to Fred Mangus, chairman of the committee in charge of the affair. Christmas cheer is not complete without a Santa Claus, according to Mr. Mangus' belief, and, although some of the present-day youngsters doubt the genuineness of Saint Nick, their gifts will be dispensed by the genial old saint regardless of modern thought. No pains will be spared to make the enterprise a real Christmas treat to be enjoyed by old and young alike, and the spirit of "peace on earth, good will toward men" will be carried out to its fullest extent on a huge scale. The committee soliciting funds for the show have already raised about one-half of the amount needed, \$200, and expect to secure the remainder without any trouble. All who have been asked to contribute have been generous in their offerings and the financial success of the affair is assured. James Young and Frank Spear, the other members of the committee, also are soliciting funds and will be glad to receive contributions for the municipal Christmas tree. Chorus of Sixteen. Dr. Epley, who has charge of the musical program, has arranged for a male chorus of 16 voices to be selected from the best artists in the city. In addition to this there will be two numbers by the male quartette and a number of solos by local singers. The Salem band will contribute to the music for the occasion, and Rev. Marshall will deliver the yuletide address. The fir tree on the court house lawn will be specially lighted for the occasion and the electricians of the city promise something unique in electrical lighting effects. The decorations will be in charge of a special corps of workers, and, according to Mr. Mangus, Salem will witness one of the finest municipal Christmas entertainments possible to be staged. The youngsters of the city will each be presented with a bag of candy, a bag of nuts and an apple in addition to the gifts and the elders who find so particular pleasure in a bag of candy will lend their presence to the affair that they may absorb some of the Christmas cheer which prevails on this the one day which is celebrated throughout the civilized world.

TURNER STANDS FOR MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

Turner, Or., Dec. 8.—The election of city officers, mayor and two councilmen on the issue of whether or not the present council were to be upheld in the action of disposing of the \$10,000 bonds and awarding the contract to construct the municipal gravity water system to the V. R. Dennis Construction company of Portland, was held to Turner yesterday. The balloting resulted in the reelection of the present mayor, G. E. Booth, and the two outgoing councilmen, George Moore and G. A. Massey. The campaign was marked with considerable bitterness, and the result is a considerable endorsement of the municipal ownership principle. Shipments from Mt. Angel. The Butte Falls Prune company shipped another carload of their fine Petit prunes to Chicago the other day and have an order for a couple more cars. Fred Schwab and N. Schmidt and Son have shipped during the week about twenty carloads of potatoes to points in California south of Dunsmuir. They are waiting for cars and are anxious to ship.—Times.

RUSSIANS ARE AT GATES OF CRACOW IS THEIR CLAIM TODAY

Claim Force of 200,000 Slavs Have Driven Austrians to Their Forts

LOSS WAS GREAT BUT GERMANS' WAS LARGER

The Russian Story Is Not Accepted in Its Entirety at London

Petrograd, Dec. 8.—The Russians were hammering today at the outer gates of Cracow. Before a force of 200,000 Slavs under the Bulgarian commander, General Dimitrieff, which was said to have reached the city, the Austrian troops outside its defenses were said to have withdrawn behind the forts. A bombardment of the suburbs was understood to be already in progress. The Petrograd war office was also out today with a denial of the German capture of Lodz. Fighting there, it was asserted, was still raging. It was admitted that the Russian losses were heavy but those of the Germans were declared to have been still greater. After their retreat toward Strykow, it was declared their corpses were found in some places piled waist high. The survivors were reported still attempting to cut their way through a Russian wedge which was described as forcing its way into their line. There were said to be places where they were fighting behind breastworks formed from the heaped-up bodies of their slain. Made a Little Trouble. The war office owned that the kaiser's forces succeeded in keeping up a vigorous offensive in the Lodz district for eight days, up to December 5. This offensive ability was described as due to the Germans' reinforcement by six army corps and five cavalry divisions. Part of these troops were said to have been withdrawn from the western but the others were newly called to the colors. Owing to lack of cohesion, however, they were declared to have lost terribly. "The Germans" said the official report, in detail, "have brought up to their eastern forces six corps and five cavalry divisions, part of which were from the western front and part were new formations, enabling them to continue their attacks for eight days, to December 5. "But owing to lack of cohesion and as a result of their heavy losses, they abandoned the attack. "The fighting December 6 around Lodz and Lwow was characterized by an absence of German activity. "Among other questions the defense of Lodz remains to be revised, as a desire to retain that point absolutely would prove inconvenient in many respects."

German Story Different.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—(By wireless to London.)—"East and southwest of Lodz, we are closely pursuing the enemy," stated the war office today, in its official report to the German public. "In addition to the heavy losses they suffered yesterday, the Russians are still losing at present. We have taken 1,500 prisoners and 16 cannon. "On the western front, it is untrue that the French have advanced in the Argonne region. There have been no French attacks there whatever. "We have been slowly gaining Sunday we captured Malencourt, taking 250 prisoners. "The French attack on our troops north of Nancy was repulsed."

KAISER IS SICK.

Berlin, by wireless to London, Dec. 8.—The kaiser is ill here, it was announced today. It was said he was suffering from bronchial catarrh and that his sickness was delaying his return to the front.

COURT MUST AGAIN THRESH THIS STRAW

Governor's Refusal to Issue Certificate Brings Question Up Once More

Refusal of Governor West this morning to issue a certificate of election to C. U. Gantenbein, who was elected a member of the circuit court for Multnomah county to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of former Judge Cleaton, who vacated the sixth department to re-assume the office and duties of county judge, and the institution of mandamus proceedings by Judge Gantenbein in the supreme court to compel the issuance of the certificate, the appellate court is again called upon to pass upon the validity of the act of the legislature of 1913 which created the sixth member of the circuit court for Multnomah county.

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FOREIGNERS NOT IN IMMEDIATE DANGER AT TURKISH PORTS

Turks So Far Have Not Arrested Either British or French Citizens

BUT NONE OF THESE CAN LEAVE COUNTRY

Safety of Entire Foreign Population Due to Efforts of American Consul

(By Henry Wood, staff correspondent for the United Press.) Salonika, via London, Dec. 8.—All Russians, Serbians and Montenegrins in Smyrna have been arrested by the Turks, British and French subjects there are not permitted to leave. Of the British there are 1,200 and of the French 2,000 in Smyrna. All are threatened with imprisonment in a concentration camp. To all Turkish brigands who join the colors and aid in fighting the sultan's enemies an amnesty has been granted. The native Christian population of Smyrna has been forced to construct a road southward for an Ottoman invasion of Egypt.

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Petrograd, Dec. 8.—The Russians were hammering today at the outer gates of Cracow. Before a force of 200,000 Slavs under the Bulgarian commander, General Dimitrieff, which was said to have reached the city, the Austrian troops outside its defenses were said to have withdrawn behind the forts. A bombardment of the suburbs was understood to be already in progress. The Petrograd war office was also out today with a denial of the German capture of Lodz. Fighting there, it was asserted, was still raging. It was admitted that the Russian losses were heavy but those of the Germans were declared to have been still greater. After their retreat toward Strykow, it was declared their corpses were found in some places piled waist high. The survivors were reported still attempting to cut their way through a Russian wedge which was described as forcing its way into their line. There were said to be places where they were fighting behind breastworks formed from the heaped-up bodies of their slain. Made a Little Trouble. The war office owned that the kaiser's forces succeeded in keeping up a vigorous offensive in the Lodz district for eight days, up to December 5. This offensive ability was described as due