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STEINBACK TAKEN BY FRENCH AFTER DESPERATE BATTLE

Capture of Town in Upper Alsace Claimed to be An Important Victory

THE STRUGGLE RAGED FOR SEVERAL HOURS

Fought Their Way From House to House in Face of Fire of Machine Guns

Paris, Dec. 31.— Capture by the French of Steinbach upper Alsace, was officially announced here today.

The war office's statement containing news of the victory said the town was wrested from the Germans after a desperate battle during which both sides lost heavily.

The troops fought literally from house to house, the Germans resisting fiercely to the last, meeting the French murderously not only with a hot rifle fire but with incessant volleys from machine guns posted in windows and on house tops.

This struggle raged for hours.

Before they gained their foothold in the town itself, the French had made repeated bayonet charges. Again and again the Germans beat them back. Finally, however their persistence, courage and heavy sacrifices were rewarded, and the streets were entered.

From that moment their progress was slow, but steady, machine gun squads working their way through thoroughfare after thoroughfare dislodging the enemy.

The official statement said fighting was practically confined today to the French center and right.

Quiet On the Left.

The Germans were reported to have blown up two French trenches north of Sillery Wednesday night and then tried to take the second line of defenses. These, however, the French held in the face of a series of savage bayonet charges and finally repulsed their assailants.

North of Beause-Jour, the communication continued, a German counter attack was repulsed and the kaiser's forces were driven back to their secondary line of entrenchments, while north of Meshillos-Hurlus a number of trenches were taken by the French.

Slight Gallic gains were reported in the Argonnes.

The weather, it was stated, continued so bad between the Aisne and the sea that operations in that field were practically suspended.

The victory was declared to be highly important, as it opened the roads to Althirch and Mulhausen.

SUPREME COURT ENDS TERM'S WORK

With the handing down of seven opinions this morning the supreme court [illegible] 19 months upon the supreme bench upon appointment by Governor West, and having failed of election at the last general election, will retire from the bench on the first Monday in January.

Cases in which opinions were handed down, not treated elsewhere and separately in this issue, were as follows:

State of Oregon vs. W. H. Bayles, appeal from Multnomah county; in which the defendant Bayles was convicted of the crime of adultery, the supreme court affirmed the conviction.

State of Oregon vs. L. C. Hammer, appealed from Multnomah county, convicted of fraud in the sale of stock; opinion by Justice Bean, Circuit Judge Morrow, affirmed.

Clara S. Bird, appellant vs. Lucretia Mary Mayo, appealed from Clatsop county; suit to correct mistake in conveyance; opinion per curiam, Circuit Judge Eakin, reversed.

Mary Everart vs. Helmuth Fischer et al, appellant, appealed from Multnomah county, action for personal injuries; opinion by Justice Eakin, Circuit Judge Davis, affirmed.

J. B. Tillotson vs. Joseph Paquet, appellant appealed from Multnomah county; suit for an accounting; opinion by Justice Eakin, judgment of circuit Judge McGinn, affirmed.

GOOD FAITH FAVORED AMERICAN PROTEST

Many of the Things Demanded Are Based on Precedents Established by England

Washington, Dec. 31.—America's protest to England against British interruption of the commerce of this country continued today to absorb official Washington. It was stated officially that it will be weeks, probably months, before negotiations between the two countries over the shipping protest end.

President Wilson has intimated that he does not expect immediately more than partial concessions by Great Britain. He is confident that the first and earliest result will be that England will agree to cease arresting American ships and convoying them to British ports unless good grounds for grave suspicion exist.

President Wilson also declared that some of the points in the protest were undoubtable as they were based on precedents that England herself established. Other features in the note, he said, were certain to cause a delay. One of the questions which probably will cause a lengthy discussion is that the British contraband list be revised. Many eliminations have been demanded by the American government.

Government officials privately say that one of the chief effects of the protest will be to restore confidence everywhere, and especially in Germany, that America really is a neutral nation.

RITCHIE WILL MEET WELSH OR WHITE

White and Welsh Meet Jan. 13 and Ritchie Will Have a Go at the Winner

(By Hal Sheridan.)

New York, Dec. 31.—A certain New York promoter, who for the time being is keeping his identity secret, plans to give Willie Ritchie a chance to regain the lightweight title. There are thousands of fans throughout the country who still believe that Ritchie is the best lightweight in the world, and late in February he will be given a chance to prove that their confidence in him has not been misplaced.

The exact date of the battle will not be determined until after Charlie White and Freddie Welsh meet here in a scheduled 10-round contest on the night of January 13. Ritchie will meet the winner of this contest. White recently outpointed Welsh and is one of the nation's most serious contenders for the title. Should he be fortunate enough to knock out Welsh, White will be selected to meet Ritchie. If, however, Welsh holds White to another decision victory the champion will meet the Californian.

To Fight in Cuba.

The final bout in the lightweight [illegible] not be held in New [illegible] will it be staged in [illegible] The promoter plans to [illegible] a Havana, Cuba, where [illegible] mitted. This promoter [illegible] concerning the match [illegible] ian accepted, but stipulates that the terms must be satisfac[illegible]

[illegible] isted all along that he [illegible] for his bit for a match [illegible] He also has maintained [illegible] st post a side bet of [illegible] reputable stakeholder, [illegible] lieved to be a promoter [illegible] who would guarantee [illegible] nt for one bout, so it [illegible] the champion has modi[illegible] demands. It is also equally [illegible] Ritchie would not bet $25,[illegible] nces. Welsh probably will be given $15,000 for his end and Ritchie guaranteed a sum somewhere in the neighborhood of $7500. The battle most probably will be staged the latter part of February.

MILLIONAIRES UNHAPPY.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Dec. 31.—Mrs. William Miller Graham, known to the society of San Francisco, New York and many European capitals, is plaintiff in a divorce action on file today in the Santa Barbara county superior court. She charges cruelty, but the details of the complaint have not been made known. A husband is a multimillionaire oil operator.

DEFEND OUR CONSTITUTION.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 31.—Alleging that the measure violates the federal constitution, 25 Mexicans, Japanese and Chinese are suing today in the federal district court to enjoin the enforcement of the recently enacted "eighty per cent" foreign labor law, which is to become effective tomorrow.

Every girl vows when she marries that she will not stand for neglect from her husband the way her poor old mother does.

THE WAR SITUATION AT END OF YEAR; THREE THINGS DONE

Expert Analyses War and Shows How Little Has Really Been Accomplished

GERMAN COMMERCE SWEPT FROM OCEANS

Austrians Driven from Servia—Galicia Occupied by Russians—That's All

(By J. W. T. Mason, former London Correspondent of United Press.)

New York, Dec. 31.—The end of the year, and with it the conclusion of five months of fighting, found only three positive results accomplished in the general war in Europe.

It is practically certain that these three things will continue as permanent factors in the struggle.

They are:

The sweeping of German commerce from the seas.

The driving of the Austrians from Servia.

Russia's occupation of eastern Galicia.

All other accomplishments in the various war zones have been only tentative. Indecision dominates the situation. True, Germany has been beaten in its main objective, but it is not defeated.

Peace May Disappoint.

Predictions made in August that the war would end in the German empire's disintegration and by the exile of the house of Hohenzollern have not been fulfilled and are not likely to be.

Germany's decisive overthrow is no longer among the probabilities. The year's end sees the Teutons being forced slowly backward, but the effort on the allies' part to do this seems almost superhuman. Berlin's capture would exhaust the Anglo-Franco-Russian forces to a greater extent than it would be worth.

Disappointment has characterized all the war's developments and affects all the belligerents. It would be logical in keeping with the present situation if ultimate peace should be similarly disappointing.

Belgium Spoiled All Plans.

Belgium's participation in the conflict, with such furious patriotism, struck the keynote of the subsequent indecision by interposing an unexpected obstacle to the Germans' advance on Paris.

Liege and the Belgian army delayed the kaiser until a British corps had time to reach the continent, and it was this corps, in turn, which saved the French army during its retreat through northern France.

The kaiser was thrown out of his stride by these interruptions and Paris escaped capture.

But this was followed immediately

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BORN LAST NIGHT TO CHRONOS AND CLOTHO

The Baby "Nineteen Fifteen," Now Nursed by Lachesis with Atropos Waiting

The little New Year, named in advance of his arrival "Nineteen Fifteen," was born last night way out in the middle of the Pacific ocean, or to be exact, was born according to local time at 4 o'clock this morning. This counting his birth as having happened at the 180th meridian of longitude. However, the way the international folks have established an arbitrary line, which varies widely as to the place where yesterday runs into tomorrow, there is some difference in the baby's birth hour at different places. North of about latitude 17 north the baby was born about longitude 173 east, or about half an hour later than where he came into the world along the meridian and two hours and forty-five minutes after he was born south of latitude 17 north.

However, it matters not much where he was born or the exact minutes of his birth, as the main worry with most of us is "what will he bring us?" Since the hours he was born he has been traveling east, and it is indeed a good thing for the youngster that he reached every place in the night and darkness. Thus his first glance of the world was not so bad as if he had come in broad daylight and got his impressions of the world [illegible] trip. Had he come in the [illegible] over China he wo[illegible] and in Europe he might well have wished he had never been ushered into so cruel and wicked a world. It is well he passed these places at midnight. As you read this, if by chance you should, the little fellow is probably this side of London winging his way to the new continent at a 1000-mile-an-hour gait.

Here's luck to the little fellow, anyway, and hoping the youngster may reciprocate the sentiment and back it with the substantial facts for all of us.

DISCUSS THE PROTEST.

London, Dec. 31.—American Ambassador Page had a long conference this afternoon with Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey concerning the Washington protest against England's treatment of American commerce on the high seas.

It was understood that Page explained the American position and emphasized that the note was intended in the friendliest spirit and in the hope of an improvement in conditions which might develop seriously if ignored.

No further statement was issued except that negotiations which had been begun probably would continue for some time.

SOLEMN SERVICES OVER ARCHBISHOP

Solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiem for Repose of Soul of Late Archbishop

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Solemn pontifical mass of requiem, embracing the most impressive rites of the Roman Catholic church, for the repose of the soul of Archbishop Riordan, was celebrated here at 10 o'clock day in St. Mary's cathedral. The services began with the procession of ecclesiastics from the porch of the church to the sanctuary, to the music of Guilmant's funeral march. The mass was then started and was carried to a conclusion before the sermon was delivered and the blessings of the body given.

The celebrant of the mass was the Right Rev. Taomas Grace, bishop of Sacramento. The deacon was Rev. P. C. Yorke and the sub-deacon the Rev. P. E. Mulligan. The high priest was the Rev. M. D. Connolly and the masters of ceremonies were the Rev. John J. Cantwell and the Rev. Charles A. Ramm.

There were seven bishops in the sanctuary, including Bishop Hanna, who delivered the sermon, and Bishop Grace. Other highly-placed clergymen, many of whom represented the great religious orders—the Jesuits, the Dominicians, the Franciscans and others—were present. Representatives of all the Catholic societies attended. There were seats for only 1100 persons in St. Marys, but if all the applicants could have been accommodated more than 20,000 persons would have attended the services.

REPUBLICANS WILL HAVE CELEBRATION

Plan for Big Blow Out When Governor Withycombe Is Inaugurated

If the plans of the Salem Republican club do not miscarry, there will be a rousing celebration of the inauguration of Governor-elect James Withycombe when that worthy assumes the reins of state government, Tuesday, January 12, which will have been the first celebration of the election of a republican governor for 12 years in Oregon. And the republican club proposes to make of it an event which can be recalled with pleasure by all who are fortunate enough to be in attendance and take part.

Quite a number of the club's membership responded to the call for the meeting, which was held in the circuit court room of the court house and was presided over by Seymour Jones, and before the discussion of the proposed observances of the inaugural ceremonies had proceeded very far much en-

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The Weather

Oregon: Tonight and Friday, unsettled, probably rain west portion; southwest winds.

PITIFUL CONDITIONS IN BIG POLISH CITY; FACING STARVATION

Lodz, Poland's Great Manufacturing Center, Has 150,000 Unemployed

BREAD IS SELLING AT 30 CENTS A LOAF

Great Crowds Stand in Front of Bakeries and Fight for Food Doled Out

(By Karl H. Von Wiegand.)

With the German Army at Lodz, Dec. 21.—(Via The Hague to London.)—Lodz, the great manufacturing center of Poland, is today a city of want and misery. Beautiful young girls are offering to sell themselves into white slavery in the hope of gaining food and shelter.

Lodz's population is 300,000. It's factories are closed and 150,000 men and women are idle. Even if there was a market for their products the factories could not be operated, for lack of coal. The petroleum supply is exhausted also.

The food shortage has resulted in appalling conditions. Bread is selling at 30 cents a loaf. Great crowds stand for hours in front of the bakeries waiting for a chance to buy the little that is offered. They fight for the food that is doled out to them.

The people say the Russians who retreated from the city before the Germans' advance stripped it of supplies.

The suffering is relatively greater than anywhere in Belgium. Men, women and children shiver in the streets, begging for food. I saw a score of girls, driven to desperation by hunger, offer themselves into lives of shame to get something to eat.

The Germans are now occupying Lodz for the third time since the war began.

Industrially, a Wreck.

It is little damaged by gun fire but industrially and economically it is a wreck.

General G. (name deleted by censor) of the German army, is military governor of the Lodz district. He hopes that when the railroad connecting it with the frontier has been repaired and communication with Germany reestablished, the present terrible situation will be improved.

The headquarters of General Mackensen, who, next to Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and General Ludendorff, the latter's chief of staff, is the leading figure in the eastern campaign, were forty miles from Warsaw Saturday. The day I left there, however, he was planning to move them.

The Russians have made a strong counter attack in southern Poland in an attempt to straighten their line but have been repulsed. The Germans are constantly moving forward in this region.

The Russian retirement in northern Poland has practically ceased. Heavy fighting is in progress.

WIDOWS' PENSIONS AND CARE OF POOR

Cost In the State for Both Is Shown to be About $34,000 a Month

According to a statement just issued by Insurance Commissioner Ferguson, compiled from monthly reports filed with the accountancy department of his office, Gilliam and Marion are the only two counties in the state which do not recognize the widows' pension law and pay no money out under its provision. Instead, however, Marion and Gilliam counties take care of their resident poor and dependents out of the relief and care of poor funds, and, in this respect, outside of Multnomah and Clatsop counties, Marion pays out more money from this fund than any other county in the state.

This statement was prepared to show the cost of the widows' pension law to each of the 34 counties of the state, but it goes further than that and shows that there was expended by all of the counties of the state, during the first nine months of the year 1914, an aggregate total of $301,520.90 for the care and relief of the indigent poor of the state, which is equivalent to an average of $33,503.32 per month, or $402,039.84 per year. This statement, however, does not take in the three months of October, November and December, which, on account of the cold weather

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PASADENA READY FOR GREAT FESTIVAL

Five Thousand Roses to be Used in Decorating One Car—Weather Is Ideal

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 31.—Progress on the work of decorating floats for the Tournament of Roses indicates that tomorrow's great floral pageant will include more elaborate entries than ever before. A private entry by Mrs. Anita Baldwin McClaughry will be decorated with five thousand white roses. Many outside cities are preparing floats in which roses and other flowers will be used in lavish profusion, while the tournament association itself will place in the parade a series of twenty fairy floats, worked out in delicate blossoms.

Weather conditions have been ideal for the production of faultless blossoms and never in the 26 years of the tournament's history has it been so easy to obtain decorative material.

Grand Marshal Frank G. Hogan, in a proclamation issued today, announces that the floral parade will start exactly at 10:30 tomorrow morning and that all floats must be in line at 9:30 to be judged for prizes.

The afternoon sports at Tournament Park will begin at 1:30 and will include a great athletic meet in addition to the two Roman chariot races, which are the great annual feature of the day. The tournament ball will be held at Hotel Maryland at 9:30 in the evening.

REPORT 600 VILLA TROOPS SURRENDER

Villa to Go to Tampico—Gutierrez Proclaims General Amnesty

Washington, Dec. 31.—Advices received here today at the Carranzista agency declared the state of Vera Cruz, Mexico had been cleared of Villistas and that General Sauviran, commanding 600 Villa troops, had surrendered to General Obregon at Jalpitan.

Dispatches received at the state department today said Carranzistas evacuated Monterey Tuesday and that the city had been occupied by General Villa at the head of a large force. Railway communication between Tampico and Monterey has been cut and numerous trains fired on.

General Villa, the dispatch stated, expects to march to Tampico and will clear the northern border of small Carranzista forces.

Disruption of President Gutierrez's cabinet was also reported in a dispatch from Mexico City. It was said the minister of public instruction had resigned but no details were given.

The state department also received today President Gutierrez's amnesty proclamation. It said the illegal executions in Mexico had horrified the civilized world and asserted that unless better order and government were obtained there was no chance of securing the recognition of foreign powers. State department officials admitted, however that advices from American Agent Silliman contained no assurance that General Villa and General Zapata would respect the proclamation. It was also asserted that General Villa had imprisoned General Blanco.

CELEBRATION OF OPENING OF CANAL BEGINS TOMORROW

Thousands Gathered in San Diego for First of Coast's Big Celebrations

FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT SEVEN TONIGHT

Dedication Program at 11, and at Midnight President Presses the Button

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 31.—With sunny skies overhead, with the streets thronged with thousands of merry visitors and the city in her very best holiday attire, San Diego was awaiting today the touch of President Wilson's hand at the White House in Washington that will flash on the lights at midnight, opening the Panama California exposition.

Every detail for the gala event has been arranged. Distinguished visitors, including Governor Johnson John Barrett of the Pan-American Union, William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, representing the president, and others are to assist in the formal program.

The gates of the Spanish City on the hill were closed to all today. The streets and buildings were being put into spick and span shape for the opening.

City Is Jammed.

Special trains, bearing additional thousands, rolled in today jammed to the platforms. Every hotel and lodging house in the city is filled to capacity and visitors are being taken into private homes. California hospitality was evident on all sides thousands of San Diegans wearing buttons bearing the inscription "I live here. Ask me."

Tonight's festivities start at 7 a. m., when the gates of the exposition are thrown open. From 7 to 9 visiting newspaper men are to be guests at a banquet, and at 9 p. m. the Spreckles organ will be dedicated. At 11 p. m. the formal dedication program will take place, with a number of distinguished speakers. At midnight President Wilson will flash on the lights and from that time on a merry carnival will reign with dancing on the Prado.

The ceremonies continue through tomorrow and Saturday.

THE BURGLAR KILLED.

Riverside, Cal., Dec. 31.—Swift retribution is believed today by Coroner Dickson to have overtaken a burglar who wounded three men here several days ago after he and a companion had robbed the home of Cashier Charles E. Waite, of the Riverside Savings bank. Called to Palm Springs late yesterday to view the body of a Mexican who was decapitated by a train, the found the man's pockets filled with jewelry which had been stolen from the Waite home. The man's name was J. Bonificio.

SENATE IS "CLASSY."

Washington, Dec. 31.—By a vote of 34 to 26, the senate voted down today the amendment to the immigration bill, admitting to the United States fugitives from political, religious and racial persecution, whether they could pass the literacy test or not.

"WORLD AT WAR" ATLAS

The Capital Journal has just received a new shipment of the "World at War" atlases. They are of a later and revised edition, compared with those we have been giving away to our subscribers. Instead of 16 pages, they consist of 24 large, highly-illustrated pages, printed on heavy enameled book.

The atlas contains splendid colored maps of all the warring countries, with routes of travel and railroad lines; many tables of army and navy and general statistics—in fact, the work is a complete ready-reference library for students of the great war. It is a book which would ordinarily sell for $1.00 or $1.50, but we are having them made up in large lots and buy them at a price which allows us to give them away to subscribers on very easy conditions.

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