# **GERMANS ON SHORE** MOWED BY FLEET

Violent Battle Is Raging on Yser.

## ALLIES SEIZE FOE'S TRENCHES

Gains Made From Sea to Lys, Says Paris Report.

## ADDED STRENGTH SHELLED

Superiority of French Artillery Is Shown by Interruption of Encmy's Fire, Declares Official Communication.

LONDON, Dec. 21 .- A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amaterdam savat

"The Germans have evacuated Dixmude, but the report that the alliehave taken Middelkerke is untrue."

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 20 .-The Sluis, Netherlands, correspondent early tonight. of the Telegraaf sends the following: "A dispatch says that violent fighting occurred on the Yser. The fleet's guns are playing havor in the German ranks. Trains filled with wounded are entering Bruges. Most of these trains

### proceed eastward. Slight Gains Reported.

"The allies have not occupied Roulers, but the fighting is raging between there and Ypres and Dixmude."

ficial communication was given out in Paris today: "From the sea to the Lys we have

galned a little ground before Nieuport the Justice. and St. Georges. "To the east and south of Ypres.

where the enemy reinforced his organizations, defensive artillery battles oc curred and there was slight progress on our part.

German Trenches Selzed. From the Lys to the Oise the allied forces have seized a portion of the German trenches of the first line on the front running through Richebourg. L'Avenue and Givenchy 'Lez-La Bassee. "To the southeast of Albert the recentured vesterday

pose of retaking the trenches won by in the legion and will be able to go to us on the 18th. They were repulsed. "From the Olse to the Argonne the superiority of our artillery continued to be manifested by the interruption of the enemy's fire, the destruction of machine gun shelters and observator. Mrs. J. B. Markham Falls on Stairs, ies, and the dispersion of a consider-

### able number of troops. Allies Repulse Attacks.

"In the Argonne, the forest of La two on Fontaine Madame, and one at

ges there has been no salient incident to report." The official communication issued

tonight says: "There is no modification to report along any of the front."

## ALLIES' LOSS HEAVY, SAYS FOE GERMANY INTERNS FRENCH Germans Say Attacks on Them

Cease After Failure. BERLIN, by wireless to London, Dec. 29 .- Army headquarters today gave out an official communication as follows: "On the west front the enemy has ceased his unsuccessful attacks on as in the vicinity of Nieuport and Bix-

choote, The attacks near La Bassee, which were made by the French and English, were beaten off with heavy loss to the enemy. Two hundred colored and English prisoner were captured. Six hundred bodies of English soldiers (Concluded on Page B.)

### LUMBERING IS OREGON'S GREATEST INDUSTRY.

In Oregon there are 400 active sawmills, employing 18,000 persons, with an annual payroll of \$12,000,000. Of the 28,000 wage-earners in the state, 64 per cent are engaged in the lumber industry. The capital invested in the industry in Oregon is \$35,000,000 and the mills are producing each year 2,000,-000,000 feet of lumber, valued at about \$30,000,000. The standing timber of the state, if manufactured into lumber and shipped in earloads of 10,000 feet each, would fill 37,500,000 cars. Coupled together they would make a train 284,000

miles long. Nearly two-thirds of the persons employed in the state are vitally affected by the industry. A great proportion of the state's business is entirely dependent upon the industry. A feature of The Annual Oregonian will be an interesting discussion of this important subject by one of Oregon's most progressive lumber manufacturers.

## JUPITER AND MOON SEEN IN NEAR-HUG

FLIRTATION IN HEAVENS IS TALK OF ENTIRE TOWN.

One or Tother Shies Over Embrace in Public and Rain Planet Sneaks Away to Return Again Today.

Portland witnessed a sensational ce estial flirtation last night.

The planet Jupiter was paying marked attention to our own Lady GERMANS REFUSE SURRENDER Moon, as she sailed her silver sickle serenely across the clear southwestern

Hotel Oregon lobby out to share the striking spectacle. After that The Oregonian was deluged with telephone calls directing attention to the phenomenon and inquiring as to its mean ing, particularly in relation to the European war.

In the early evening Jupiter, moving toward the moon, seemed about to be embraced. But either she was such a young meon and shied, or the usually dignified old planet became consciou of the attention he was attracting and altered his course-

Anyway, they didn't collide. Instead, Jupiter moved majestically above the moon

For a time their positions, as star and crescent, made the national symbol of Turkey.

H. H. Parker, an amateur astronome who lives at 374 East Fifty-first street, identified Jupiter as the sidereal Lothario who was bestowing his ardent admiration on the bashful Luna. Star-gazers say the crescent-and-star

# COURT SCORES ACQUITTAL

'Murder Is Murder," Says Judge In Cleary Case.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 20,-Supreme Court Justice Morschauser who presided at the trial of William V Cleary at New City, N. Y., said in a statement today that the verdict of ac-PARIS, Dec. 20 .- The following of- quittal rendered by the jury did notaccord with his views of the case. "Murder is murder, call it by what-

ever name you will," is the belief of "I believe sympathy has played a great part in the case," he said.

## POLISH LEGION TO AID CZAR

Contingent of 4000 Will Be Ready for Front in Six Weeks.

WARSAW, Russian Poland, via Perograd and London, Dec. 20 .- By authority of Grand Duke Nicholas a Polish legion has been organized. The trench captured by us on the 17th near Russian army contains many Polish Maricourt and lost on the 18th, was volunteers, but the legion will be the first Polish contingent flying a dis-"In the region of Libons the Germans | tinctive flag to be accepted.

the front in six weeks.

but Tot Is Protected.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 20 .- (Special.)-Although Mrs. J. B. Markham Grurie, we have repulsed three attacks, was knocked unconscious and her shoulder broken when she fell downstairs today, the 18-months-old babe "Between the Argonne and the Vos- and a cut glass pitcher that she carried were unhurt.

Mrs, Markham slipped on the landing and fell the entire flight. Sha was hurt seriously but physicians say that she will recover.

Males Between 16 and 60 to Be Held in Camp Near Holseminden.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 20 .- Following the enforcement of a similar measure against Englishmen, the German government will intern all French males between the ages of 16 and 60 who are residing in Germany.

They will be taken to a camp near Holseminden.

## RUSSIAN PLOTTERS TO DIE

Many Men and Women Revolutionists Arrested, Says Berlin.

BERLIN, by wireless to Sayville, Y., Dec. 20,-The St. Petersburg (Petrograd) police have arrested a great number of men and women on ccount of a revolutionary plot. A court-martial at Perm. East Russia, has sentenced 22 men to death on account of strike riots.

## ALLIES' YSER LOSS 215,000

Cost to British 80,000, Belgians 60,000, French 75,000, Says Foc.

BERLIN, via The Hague and London, - The Neusten Nachrichten prints a Brussels dispatch estimating the losses of the allies in the Yser campaign at 215,000 up to December 12. This total is made up of 69,000 Belgians, 80,000 British and 75,000 French.

## KAISER IS AGAIN AT FRONT

German Emperor Is Completely Recovered. Amsterdam Hears.

LONDON, Dec. 21 .- A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Amsterdam says:

"The German Emperor has completely recovered and has returned to the front, according to an announcement from the Berlin main headquarters."

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BREAKFAST EATEN **AS SEAFIGHT RAGES** 

**Britons Reserve Fire** in Falkland Battle.

6 o'clock, and called everyone in the Gneisenau, Out of Ammunition. Goes Down Defving.

MANY OF CREW. RESCUED

Scharnhorst Ablaze as She Sinks With All Hands, Including Admiral von Spee; Sturdee Enter-

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 20 .- Details of the recent naval battle off the Falkland Islands, in which a British squadron sank the German cruisers Scharnhorst. Gneisenau, Leipzig and Nurnberg, became known here today when Admiral Sturgee, the British commander, and combination will be more nearly perfect his staff came ashore to attend a reception given by the Belgian and French ministers.

The naval officers were warmly re-

Invincible Struck 20 Times It is said that the cruiser Invincible which led in the attack on the Scharnhorst, Admiral von Spee's flagship, and after that vessel had been sunk was in at the death of the Gnelsenau, was struck 20 times by projectiles, but sustained no serious damage. The vessel's casualties were light, considering the number of times she was hit, only 14 members of her crew having been

When the battle began and while the is said, the British commanders re- towards Tripoli. served their fire and permitted their men to have breakfast before answer-

Little Signalling Required. When the Britishers did come into action, however, little signalling was done, as each vessel's commander already knew what his task was to be. When the Gnelsenau sank she was without ammunition, but had refused to Her officers and men stood on the deck singing patriotic songs as she took her plunge beneath the waves. A large number of her crew, including several officers, were rescued. Some of these men died later from wounds or from shock sustained by submersion

Scharnhorst Goes Down Ablaze. The Scharnhorst was ablaze when she sank with all hands, including Admiral Two sons of the Admiral. one aboard the Gnelsenau and one aboard the Leipzig, were lost.

in the cold water.

The commander of the British flagship was slightly hurt on the foot by (Concluded on Page 5.)

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## DEMAND IS MADE BY ITALY Explanation of Threatening Ara-

bians Is Wanted of Turkey. PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 21 .-According to an Odessa dispatch to the Bourse Gazette, the Italian Ambassador at Constantinople has been in-structed to demand explanations of the threatening attitude of 4000 Arabs un-Germans were firing at long range, it der Turkish and German officers

It is reported that the Ambassador threatens a rupture of diplomatic re-lations unless a satisfactory answer is made within a certain time limit,

# Lod Alone Is Entitled to Honors in

East, Says Emperor William. KARLSRUHE, via Berlin, to London, gram from Emperor William:

is being pursued along the entire was on the scene. front.

the honors." Emperor William thanked in a telegram the Fourteenth army corps, which later. participated prominently in the fighting on the Russian center.

HE NEVER DOES COME TO OUR HOUSE.

# FIRE DESTROYS 9 GRESHAM BUILDINGS

**Business Places Razed** in Early Morn Blaze.

## DAMAGE ESTIMATE IS \$45,000

Merchant Is Rescued From Flames: Wires Shock Many.

## ONE IS LONG UNCONSCIOUS

Portland Sends Apparatus to Neigh bor Town and Threatened Destruction of Larger Area Is Finally Prevented.

Losses aggregating probably \$45,000 were caused at Gresham, 12 miles east of Portland, by fire early yesterday morning, when nine buildings in the business district on Main, between First and Second streets, were destroyed with the contents, covering half a block on

each side of the street. The fire started at 3 o'clock in th store of the Bartelt Mercantile Company. The origin has not been determined. The stocks carried in all the

business places burned were wiped out. Mr. Bartelt, who was sleeping on the Flanders. econd floor of the store, barely escaped suffocation. He was rescued by Fleet pagne district the French artillery, Fox, a business man, who reached him which now is probably stronger than with a ladder.

### Live Wires Fell Many Persons.

T. R. Howitt was rendered unconwire that had been burned in two by have made a slight advance He was revived several from a similar cause. The fallen strands

with electricity, and added to the difficulties of the firemen. alarm. The flight was made over to be attempted.

### frozen ground. Blase Jumps Street.

the west side of Main street, after two | feat of the Austrians, who invaded Ser-Dec. 20 .- Grand Duchess Louise of buildings had been doomed, and was via, and now are making their second row, according to the almanacs, the Baden has received the following tele- soon beyond control of the Gresham advance toward Saraveyo, capital of Weather Bureau and numerous other ram from Emperor William: | department. An appeal was sent to Bosnia.
"Field Marshal von Hindenburg has Portland, and 19 minutes later a comst reported that the Russian army, bination chemical-hose truck from East have

"It is evident that the Lord aided hours, and for a time threatened a pect to be before Saraveyo within three our heroic troops. To Him alone is due larger area of the business district. It was gotten under control shortly after 5 o'clock, but smouldered several hours

Ice hampered the efforts of the fire-(Concluded on Page 4.)

### however, expects stern resistance which the strongly reinforced Russian army is certain to offer to his further advance, protected by the Vistula River

Cross. The Russians are continuing their operations against East Prussia, and by these counter-attacks are attempting to throw off the Austro-German attacks in Galicia. An Austrian sortie in force from Przemysl, according to the Russian official statement, has entirely failed, and there, as well as at other points, prisoners and guns were taken.

on Warsaw over a wide front between the Vistula and the Pilica rivers and

which on Friday occupied Lowicz reached on Saturday the new Russian

that another big battle is in progress.

hind them, and two German detach

ments which followed over a partly

burned bridge were attacked and are

said to have been annihilated, 50 sur-

This is only the beginning of the

great battle for Warsaw, from which

the Germans now are only 30 miles or

which the Germans have been unable to

ivors being taken prisoners.

The Russians retired across the Bzura River, destroying the bridges be-

The offensive operations of the allies in the west are being carried out under onditions of siege warfare and are being stubbornly opposed by the Germans who, in their entrenchments surrounded by wire entanglements, make ly matter for the attacking forces.

In Flanders a little ground has been gained at considerable cost, despite the fact that along the coast the allies have the assistance of warships, which continually bombard the German positions. The advance has been marked from the Belgian border south to the River Oise, where the ground is not as wet as in the flooded regions of

Along the Aisne and in the Chamthe German, has been busy keeping the Germans on the move, but in the Argonne region it is the Germans who are sclous by coming in contact with a live on the offensive, and they say they

The general opinion of military men hours later. Harold Kern and a fire- in London is that some time must man also were severely shocked by elapse before the allies can expect to wires, and several others were shaken make any great progress. Besides becharged the water from the hose lines be taken only after having been thoroughly searched out by the artillery. the Germans still have more machine A. E. Lindsey, a merchant, sleeping guns than the allies, and, as has been KAISER REPORTS VICTORY A. E. Lindsey, a inerchant, steeping guns than the line across the street from where the fire proved in previous battlee, these, so long as they can be successfully opering his night clothes, to turn in an ated, make infantry attacks too costly

The Service and Montenegrin armies cent cold snap finally was broken. The fire spread from the east side to again have joined hands after the de-

after desperate fighting, retreats and Thirty-fifth and East Belmont streets from the Austrians, have formed a junction near Vishegrad, which the facie evidence of insanity. The fire raged for more than two Montenegrins have occupied. They ex-

> The first Boer rebel to meet the ex- Winter. Just why 10:35 A. M. should treme penalty was Captain Fourier, an be selected for the momentous event ex-officer in the Union defense force, is not quite clear, although meteorwho was executed at Pretoria yester- ologists and astronomers aver that they day. This would seem to indicate that know. The sun will rise in Oregon at any of the officers of the Union defense 7:37 and set at 4:30 o'clock. force who joined the rebellion, especially the leaders, will be severely dealt have shivered, called Weather Forewith, although there is a strong senti- caster Drake on the telephone for their ment in the country for lenlency.

> The German Emperor, having recovered from his recent illness, according yesterday he could promise no relief to an announcement from headquarters from the cold. Last night, however, at Berlin, has returned to the front. he said there was a little indication The fact that the Emperor had regained that the rapid rise of the thermometer his health was indicated in a previous yesterday might mean that the tail-ond dispatch, which said that he had vis- of the cold wave had reached Portland. ited the hospital at Potsdam.

From Athens It is reported that the allied fleet has bombarded the interior forts of the Dardanelles, but no details of the bombardment are given.

Prince von Buelow, the former Imperial German Chancellor and now Ambassador to Italy, has been received with great cordiality at Rome by King Victor Emmanuel.

# FOX TROT STANDARDIZED

Tango and Maxixe Also to Be Re-

duced to Scientific Basis.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—(Special.) Twenty of Philadelphia's leading dancing masters met today and decided to standardize the fox trot, tango and naxixe, in order to eliminate the confusion of steps and styles of dancing evident at every big dance and ball. Special attention was given the fox trot and it was scientifically dissected. analyzed and classified rigidly into ex-

actly five prescribed figures. The intricacies of the hesitation, tango, maxixe and one-step were also reduced to scientific formulae. The canter waltz, the half and half, the Pavlova sgavotte and Brazilian polka remain to be considered, but the dancing masters intend to continue the deliberations until all these steps have been horoughly discussed and standardized,

## EXILE AFTER WAR OFFERED

French Pretender Makes Proposal in Order to Be Recruited.

PARIS, Dec. 20 .- (Special.) - The Duc d'Orleans, the pretender, has written a letter to Premier Viviani in which he says that inasmuch as all the allies have refused his services in the war. he begs the introduction of a bill into the chambers changing the exile law The Duke offers to return to exile after the war if France will permit him serve through the campaign

## **COLD? TOMORROW** Sunday's War Moves WINTER IS TO BEGIN FIELD MARSHAL VON HINDEN-BURG'S army, which is advancing

Advent of Season Due positions along the River Bzura and southward to Rawa, with the result at 10:35 A.M.

## TODAY EVE OF SHORTEST DAY

less. Field Marshal von Hindenburs, Avaunt, Summer Underwear; Hail, Overcoat, Tuesday.

## MERCURY IS JUMPING JACK

Sunday Almost Registers Coldest and Warmest Weather Since Chill Set Upon Portland Two Weeks Ago-Forecast Cheery.

## WEATHER CONDITIONS IN THE

PACIFIC NORTHWEST. THE DALLES-Columbia filling with ice: mercury 3 above. PENDLETON - Four above:

light snow covers ground. ALBANY-Minimum 24 above; aun melts snow, EUGENH - Sleighing enjoyed

for first time in five years; minimum 15 above. ASTORIA-Minimum 29; colder weather predicted; lakes afford

ice skating. SALEM-Sunday warmest day of cold spell; minimum 28. LA GRANDE-Ten inches of ice on Grand Ronde River; all trains

late. WALLA WALLA .- Clear skies indicate even colder weather; inch of snow on ground. SPOKANE .- Light snow falls;

### Inland Empire temperatures close to zero.

Brace up, you who think it's cold! Winter doesn't begin until tomorrow This is true in spite of the fact that resterday afternoon the thermometer went up to 40 degrees for the first time in nearly two weeks, and gave a little evidence that the backbone of the re-

. The real Winter, however, doesn't begin until 10:35 o'clock A. M. tomorsources of information. At 10:35 o'clock The two armies, the supplies of which Tuesday morning Summer underwear will become contraband, absence of an overcoat a crime and a straw hat prima

Tomorrow Shortest Day. Tomorrow is the day of the Winter solstice-the shortest day in the year. Officially it marks the beginning

For two weeks Portland residents daily taste of bad news and cursed the weather prognosticator, expressing hope that he would be wrong. Until

Cold and Warmth Registered. Two weeks ago this cold wave advanced from the Pacific Ocean in mass formation. It registered as low as 21 degrees one morning, when a few vater pipes froze and ice began to form on lakes near Portland, Last Wednesday the thermometer recorded 23 de-Yesterday, however, came near regis

### (Concluded on Page 3) ........ SHIPPING ABROAD OF ORE-GON PRUNES TANGIBLE EVI-

DENCE OF PROGRESS. The superior quality of the Willamette Valley prune has been attested for several years Willamette by the ready welcome the markets of France and England have given it and now a part carload of Italian prunes is en route from Salem to the palace of King Vic-tor Emmanuel, of Rome.

The shipment, made by the

Willamette Valley Prune Associa through H. S. Gile & Company, of Salem, is said to be the first delivery of evaporated prunes directly from an Amer-ican agency for the exclusive use of Italy's King.

While visiting in Europe early this year, Mr. Gile found that no foreign fruit was offered in the open markets of Rome. investigating prices he exhibited samples of the Oregon prune to the King's steward and a hando order resulted. Mr. Gile that the Oregon prune can be laid down in Rome for less than 8 cents a pound, where the Italian product retails at from 15 to 17½ cents a pound. Several carloads of Willam-

ette Valley prunes have been shipped each year recently to France and England and it is expected the present shipment to Italy will widen the market materially. The Panama Canal offers additional inducement to marketing of the Oregon product in Europe. The first Oregon shipment of prunes via the Canal went forward recently bound for Liverpool, a market which finds the Oregon product necessary in spite of the war.

