M

SCOTT READY FOR PEACE CONFERENCE

American General, With 4700 Men at Back, to Meet Mexicans on Border.

REINFORCEMENTS ON HAND

Preliminary Conversations Held With Persons in Touch With Warring Factions and In-

vestigation Begun

NACO, Ariz., Dec. 20 .- General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States Army, arrived here today and at once began an investigation of the Mexican border trouble here, which has resulted in the killing of five persons and the wounding of 47 by Mexican bullets crossing the line during the 10 weeks' siege of Naco, Sonora. General Scott began a series of con-

versations with persons informed on Mexican affairs and also with those in touch with General Hill, the Carranza commander entrenched in Naco, Sonora, and Governor Maytorena, the Villa be-sieger. This investigation is prelim-inary to conferences General Scott expects to hold with Hill and Maytorena in an effort to secure some agreement which will eliminate further Mexican fighting along the border.

It is recognized that, whatever care the Mexican factions might exercise

the Mexican factions might exercises not to fire into the United States, stray bullets would continue to fail here, individual disobelience of orders.

General Scott's peace denference will be held with an army of 4700 men, unreading the held with an army of 4700 men, unreading the held with an army of 4700 men, unreading the held with an army of 4700 men, unreading the held with an army of 4700 men, unreading the held with an army of 4700 men, unreading the held with an army of 4700 men, unreading the held with an army of 4700 men, unreading the held with a state of the held of the reinforcements from Fort Sill and Faxas City arrived today. The American Eleventh, Eighteenth and Twenty-account Infanty, 10 troops each of the 1316 State Legislature, and sillow, getting a line, and the work of men and the combined forces of the two Mexican camps, with artillery also superior the held of the Mexicans. This is a force greater than the combined forces of the two Mexican camps, with artillery also superior the fair of the Mexicans. General Blins said tonight that military observors on duty along the border had reported no change in the possitions of the Villaista troops under Agronian speech because speeches do nothing that military observors on duty along the borselve he will be a stroops under the held of the not to fire into the United States, stray

Carothers Notifies Department Villa General Has Agreed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Consular Agent Carothers telegraphed the State Agent Carothers telegraphed the State Department today that Governor Maytorena, commanding the Villa forces besieging General Hill's garrison at Naco, Sonora, was preparing to withdraw his troops to a point 19 or 12 miles from the border to eliminate the possibility of firing into American territory. from the border to eliminate the profession of firing into American territory.

This move has been awaited by officials here since Provisional President Gutlerrez announced that he had directed Maytorena to abandon the attack on Naco unless the operations of the Bell family of musicians heading the Orpheum bill. There's nine Bells, bullets across the international line.

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SHIPWRECK LAID TO CAT

Isthmian Sailor Executes Black Feline, Friday Being Doomsday.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 28 .- The black

TWO ROBBERIES REPORTED

Highwayman Gets \$22 and Burglar

\$10 and Jewelry.

J. H. Wageblast, 1215 Hazel Fern avenue, reported to Patrolman M. M. The Avon Comedy Four in a "skule-Jones last night that his home had been burglarized while the family was at church. The thieves kicked the glass gather laughs, despite the age of some out of a basement window to gain en-trance. The loot was \$10 in cash, a woman's watch, three lockets, a gold chain, and a wedding ring.

RAISING OF CRAFT HALTS

Work on Stranger, Sunk Near Carson, Awaits Opening of Locks.

Charles Steelsmith, superintendent of The Dailes - Columbia line, returned last night from Carson, Wash. He an-nounced that arrangements for raising the Stranger, which sank after hitting a rock near Carson, are held up ten

a rock near Carson, are near approarily.

As soon as the Cascade Locks can be operated the steamer F. B. Jones will be sent there and no trouble in floating the Stranger is expected. Mr. Steelsmith said the Stranger was lying in an easy position and that little or none of the cargo was damaged.

Fire Destroys Home.

Pire of unknown cause last night destroyed the home of William Gilbert, at the foot of Virgina street, causing a loss of about \$500. The building was owned by Robert Hohman.

feet the belief that the German victory in the east will insure against danger of a Russian invasion for all time, as operation one commentator puts it, it is beginning to be realized that the victory, as complete as it was, is not synonymous with waters.

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Miss Marion B. Towne, Representative-Elect of Jackson.



BELL FAMILY PRODUCES NEW LINE OF MUSICAL PROGRAMME.

George McKay's Wit Catching, Florenz Kolb and Adelnide Harland in

xylophones. Their first number, the highways. I "Hungarian Rhapsody," was given entirely by the Bell family, with no helping out by the orchestra. The orchestra so often makes half of the xylophonic acts and never gets any credit for it. The Bells, however, are musicians who can make their own accompaniments. Goodness knews they ought to—there's Goodness knows they ought to-there's

enough of them in numbers.

One of the girls, a dainty little maid SAN DIEGO. Cal. Dec. 26.—The black cat, blamed by the crew of the Isthmian for the mishap which nearly sent the freighter to the bottom of the sea, was summarily executed Friday night and the body thrown overboard.

The feline was picked up by a sympathetic seaman in the freight yards at San Pedro and taken aboard the Isthmian as a pet. Unfortunately, the man who carried the black cat aboard had not been going to sea in ships long enough to become imbued with the superstitions of the average deep-

long enough to become imbued with the superstitions of the average deepwater sailor, and as a result he felt no fear when he ascended the gangway with the cat snuggled under his coat.

TWO RORRERIES REPORTED a human pivot she whirls in an acro-batic dance that is novel and amazingly artistic. George mostly jokes, some-times sings, and does some clever ca-pers with his feet.

Florenz Kolb, surely his name is Florenz although the programmes have George H. Peters, Seventh-street terrace, reported to the police last night that two men had strong-armed him and robbed him of \$22 while he was at Sixteenth and Elizabeth streets on his way home. He said the men ran up from behind, grabbed him, and one held him while the other rifled his penings. Their best bet is a sufpose the sufficient of the programmes have it Florence, has an unique offering with Adelaide Harland in "Evolution." From 1860, with its hoopskirts, pantalettes and Beau Brummel days, the merry twain dance and sing and fritter dult oare away up to 1920, not in actual years, of course, but in point of happenings. Their best bet is a sufpose in 1820 Life a biliprious from behind, grabbed him, and one from behind, grabbed him, and one penings. Their best bet is a sur-fragette episode in 1920. It's a hilarious

of its jokes. The singing of the four is this close harmony kind—and is really pleasing—the voices blending nicely. Hal and Frances, a pretty girl and a dashing chap have a song skit sketch, "The Farm," with bucolic songs and wittigisms. An arms of excellence in witticisms. An acme of excellence in its line is the ball bouncing act pre-sented by the two Alexander brothers, who are wizards in dexterous manipulation of the elusive pellets. They have put this sort of act out of the rut, by their new ideas. Opening the bill is a trio of acrobats, Leo Zarrell and com-

FOE IS ABLE, SAYS BERLIN German Folk Warned of Futur

Possibilities in Russia.

'BERLIN, via wireless to Sayville, N. Y., Dec. 20.—The official press bu-reau gave out the following items today:
"Although certain observers still affect the belief that the German victory in the east will insure against danger of a Russian invasion for all time," as

"The Vienna Neue Freie Presse pub-lishes the comment of an unnamed Gen-eral, who points out that the rear guard engagements of the retreating enemy

they will be able to bring enough fresh troops, he says, will depend whether the success already achieved will be of lasting value.

"A Vienna official report describing heavy fighting near Krosno and along the upper Dananjre River shows that the Russians there still are capable of determined resistance. Private advices of the actual fighting is

tack on Nature could be carried on without sending bullets across the international line.

Brigadier-General Bliss, in command of the artillery, infantry and cavalry concentrated about Naco, Ariz, to enforce the American Government's demand that firing across the line cease, reported earlier in the day that May-reported earlier in the day tha Their first number, the highways. Despite this and the paucity thapsody," was given enof official reports, there is complete Bell family, with no helpe orchestra. The orchestra denburg will be able to finish what he

BRITON REPORTED SUNK

DREADNOUGHT THUNDERER LOST LAST MONTH, SAY SWEDES.

or Torpedo Caused Destruction Belleves American Bringing Announcement to New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 .- A report that that sunk in the North Sea on November 7

St. Louis from Liverpool. According to Mr. Rottweller the sink-ing of the dreadnought was seen by eight men, members of the crew of a small Swedish sailing ship called the Soefjord, that put into Liverpool with survivors from the dreadnought on

These men were taken in charge by British officers and were kept under surveillance at an out-of-the-way sailors' mission," said Mr. Rottweller. "I heard of the report in a roundabout way and through a friend I managed to talk with one of the crew. He told way and through a friend I managed to talk with one of the crew. He told me that the Thunderer blew up and sank in full view of himself and his mates on the Soefjord. The crew hastened to the scene and a dozen or so of men were picked up from the water. Mr. Rottweller sald he was a passenger on the steamship Nooerdam, leaving New York for Rotterdam the early part of September. He and 35 others were taken from the ship by British authorities at Plymouth and detained eight days pending investigation as to eight days pending investigation as to their being Germans, but were released on proof of identity. He spent 10 days in Germany and since that time has been in England and France, his passport covered with indorsements, indicating that he visited many of the

indicating that he visited many of the prominent cities of England and the Continent.

The Soefjord is not listed in the maritime register.

TURKISH STRAIT SHELLED Allies' Fleet Bombard Inner Forts of Dardanelles.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—An Athens dis-patch to the Exchange Telegraph Com-pany reports that the allied fleet bom-barded the interior forts of the Dar-

engagements of the retreating enemy may not only be designed to save the Russian train, but also to give reinforcements time to come up. On whether they will be able to bring enough fresh troops, he says, will depend whether

Defenses Reduced to Scrap

The report of the actual fighting is a repetition of what has appeared in the daily French official statements, telling of capture of German trenches, of sapping and mining operations and heavy artillery duels. Concerning the latter the observer says that the British artillery on December 17 obtained several hits on what apeared to be

e continues:
From a prisoner captured on Decem-November 4. The same man de- injunction against of water in the trenches. The shell-ing that went through the 31st of this

"We have reason to believe, from the evidence obtained from prisoners, that many of the landwehr are heartily sick of the war and resent the harsh treatment of their officers. They have been persuaded that the British illthe British dreadnought Thunderer was sunk in the North Sea on November 7 by coming into contact with a mine or being hit by a torpedo was brought here today by George Rottweiler, of Chicago, a passenger on the steamship St Louis from Liverage. world. Many variations in their uniforms now are to be seen. Some of the troops are wearing their peace lothing, which is of brighter color layed until after the trial. than the gray service dress. There is evidence that certain of the units facing us are much under strength."

Concerning the offensive movement of the allies, the observer says:

"In conjunction with the French, who also are pressing forward, a move-ment has been started which has re-sulted in a small gain of ground." The narrative then records gains made by British and Indian troops near Ypres and south of the Lys, which already have been reported already have been reported

> Peter Chiarmonte Held in Chicago After Signing Two Checks,

confessed having passed several worth-less checks in Portland.

amounts in Portland. The Portland de-partment notified Chicago last night that they would not send for the man. Cruiser Tacoma Reaches Colon.

danelles Saturday.

This would indicate that extensive operations, heretofore not revealed in the news dispatches, have been in progress for some time in Turkish waters.

COLON, Dec. 20.—The United States cruiser Tacoma, ordered to the canal cone in response to Colonel Goethals request for warships to maintain the neutrality of the canal, arrived here today from Guantanamo.

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British Official Observer Says Germans Are Stronger and Better Entrenched.

SMALL GAINS IMPORTANT

Tactical Advantage Often Greater Than Measure of Distance Would Seem to Imply-Prolonged Bombardment Necessary.

LONDON, Dec. 20 .- The great difficulties under which military operations in France and Belgium are being conducted are described in a narrative of recent developments written by an official observer attached to the British headquarters and made public today by the Official Information Bureau. The recital brings the story of the war, as covered in these eyewitness reports, up to December 17.

"The opposition now being encountered resembles to some extent that met with by us in the beginning of October, when we first reached the Franco-Belgian frontier and before the Germans brought up their full force and assumed the offensive," says the report.

Germans Much Stronger. "It has one great difference, how-ever, and that is that the enemy is in much greater force and his positions are much stronger and better organized

ther operations.

"Siege approaches, such as saps, help the attacker to advance under cover and minimize the losses, but they do

The official observer points out that the purpose of this is to reduce trenches, mines and machine guns to

month, he states, exceeded anything which had been experienced previously. Landwehr Reported Resentful.

PORTLAND MAN INTROUBLE

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—A bandaged hand, he said, prevented Peter Chiarmonte, of Portland, Or., from writing two checks he wished to cash at the new Hotel Morrison tonight, Chiarmonte asked a beliboy to make out the checks, one for \$15 and another for \$5. He signed them in a sprawling handwriting. The clerk was suspicious and telephoned for the police.

Chiarmonte, according to the police, confessed having passed several worth-

Detective Ackerman, of the Portland police department, said last night that Chiramonte was supposed to have passed several checks for trifling

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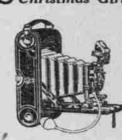
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COURT ORDERS DELAY OF OPERA-TION ON ALLEGED FORGER.

Hospital Enjoined From Permitting Treatment Arranged by C. M. Chamberlain Before Date of Trial.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 20 several hils on what apeared to be the German headquarters. The narrative continues:

"From a prisoner captured on DecemThe County Prosecutor added the ber 14 it has been ascertained that both the Twenty-third Regiment and the Jaegers suffered enormous losses appeared in the court and asked for an scribed November 5 as a terirble day, Sacred Heart Hospital and the physi-saying he had never before seen such clans, as he declared Chamberlain seeks

mud as that in which the Germans to ward off being tried on the criminal were operating and that the troops charge.

Chamberlain was tried in the court to ward off being tried on the criminal charge.

Chamberlain was tried in the court of Judge Blake recently and convicted on a charge of having forged the signature to a check. He was granted a new trial, however, when he introduced affidavits to show he was suffering from a physical allower when the case. from a physical aliment when the case was tried. He also introduced affidavits to show that his conviction was a frameur on the part of complaining

'itness.

The injunction and show-cause order

restraining order will be made perma-nent unless the defendant shows cause why the operation should not be de-

SEA FIGHT WAITS: MEN EAT

(Continued From First Page.) being struck by a flying splinter. Had there doubtless would have been fatalities aboard, as one of these guns was smashed by a German shell.

The Germans saved from the disaster ave been sent to England

CANOPUS ORDERED TO RUN Glasgow's Officer Explains Battleship's Absence From Fight.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—When the

her was made in the dispatches con cerning the disaster to the other British ships caused considerable curiosity. This curiosity was not allayed until now, when a letter came from an offi-cer of the Glasgow, explaining that after the Good Hope and Monmouth had been sunk, the Glasgow, fleeing from the scene, warned the Canopus by wire-less to run. With the Good Hope and Monmouth at the bottom, officers of the Glasgow regarded it as suicidal for the Canopus to come up and en-gage a vasily superior enemy flushed

gage a vastly superior enemy flushed with victory. The Canopus was then 200 miles away. Repeatedly the Glasgow tried to get her wireless through to the battleship.

the Germans kept jamming the other things that will brighten their signals.

"We were some hours getting men of the city and Christmas stock-through to her," the letter goes on to say. "She no doubt would have fought sewn by women of the city. Every man and women on the farm will be reversing the farm will be reversing the farm will be reversing the contract of the city. signals. gallantly, but could hardly have hoped and woman on the farm will be remembered with appropriate presents. Incidentally, the officer's letter tells

of the damage to the Glasgow.
"I can never understand the miracle
of our deliverance," he writes. "No one ever will. We were struck at the waterline in all by five shells out o about 600 directed at us, but, strangely not in vulnerable places, our coal sav-ing us on three occasions. As we arnot armored, we should not tle line against armored vessels.

Cruisers at Puerto Montt

Santa Claus will not forget the peo-

PUERTO MONTT, Chile, Dec. 20. The British cruisers Glasgow tol arrived here today. Santa to Visit County Farm.

BUELOW SEES ITALIAN KING New German Ambassador Presents

His Credentials to Rome. ROME, Dec. 20 .- King Emanuel re-German Ambassador to Italy, who presented his credentials and remained for an hour in cordial conversation with the monarch, Leaving the palace Prince von Buelow said he was greatly pleased

with the result of his audience.

King Victor Emanuel sent the court carriages to the new Ambassador's residence to bring him to the Quirinal. Santa Claus will not forget the peo-ple at Multnomah County farm this accompanied by Baron von Hinden-year, for arrangements already have burg, Counsellor of the German emeen made to bring them cheer. Candy, bassy and a nephew of the famous

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