BRITISH REGAIN HOLD, SAY FRENCH

Kaiser's Men Repulsed in Four Attacks.

GERMAN TRENCHES ARE TAKEN

Advances of 500 to 1200 Yards Are Specified.

ARTILLERY FIRE SILENCED

Enemy Forced Back in Belgium, Between Lys and Aisne; in Champagne Country and Argonne Is Official Declaration.

PARIS. Dec. 21 .- The following of-

War Office tonight: "The British troops have attacked hons the enemy delivered four successive attacks for the purpose of recap- reached. turing the trenches, which we previously won in that region, but all of them were repulsed.

Enemy's Trenches Taken.

Pulsalenne, south of Noyon, we have gained a foothold in the enemy's trenches of the first line and have de progress in the wood of Saint

"There has been no other report of any note on the operations of the day." Gains, although slight, are recorded in Belgium; between the Lys and the Alsne; in the Champagne country, and in the Argonne. At one point an advance of 1200 yards is recorded and at another the French made 500 yards. Progress has been made between the Argonne and the Meuse on the right

of the Meuse. Artillery Success Reported.

scribed as having been successful on tlan. the Alsne, near Rheims and elsewhere. The text of the afternoon official comanunication follows:

exception is made of some progress in pathles of Sweden. the region of Lombaertzyde and St. Georges, and at a point to the southsoutheast of Bixschoote; the occupation of Bixschoote; the occupation of some houses in Wartelem, south of Zillebeke, and the bombardment by the enemy of the Ypres Hospital.

"Between the Lys and the Aisne we have occupied a forest near the route between Noulettes and Souchez and wo also took possession of all the first line of German trenches between this highway and the first houses of Notre Dame de Lorette, southwest of Loos.

"The enemy has bombarded Arras. Our heavy artillery silenced on repeated occasions the artillery of the enemy to the north of Carnoy, which is to the east of Albert. This artillery also demolished the German trenches and sent head over heels two cannon of a battery established near Hom which is to the southeast of Carnoy. The heavy artillery also scored distinct advantages on the Alsne and in the

General Advance Asserted.

well as in the Argonne, we made along the entire front appreciable advances, brated in the White House. Last year This is particularly so to the northeast he was at Pass Christian, Miss. we blew up four mined saps, and we long visit at the White House. established ourselves in the positions

"Between the Argonne and the Meuse there has been progress along all the front, particularly in the region of Allies' Airmen Reach Brussels and Varennes, where the Brook of Cheppes has been left 500 yards in our rear, (Concluded on Page 2.)

****************** PORTLAND'S SCHOOL SYS-TEM RANKS HIGH.

Portland's public school system ranks with the best in the United States. The manual training department has been advancing rapidly during the past few years and the principle of utilitarianism is developing along broad lines. So rapid is the increase in attendance that a new school room is being added each six days. The enrollment in the grades is 24,-585, in the night schools 2860 and in the high schools 4784, making a total of 32,229. Sixtysix school buildings are required to house Portland's school children. There is no greater factor to attract families to a city than such a school system as Portland's. A complete story covering the progress of Portland's public school system will appear in The Annual

RIVER TO SAVE BOY PATROL PLOWS ICY

WILLAMETTE FROZEN, HAR-BOR BOAT GETS IN ICE JAM.

Craft Digs Way Through Heaviest Coating in 20 to 25 Years in Dash to Oregon Yacht Club.

On a hurry-up call from Yacht Siding, near the Oregon Yacht Club, three and one-half miles up the Willamette River, the Harbor Potrol last FORTS' WEAKNESS UNKNOWN night plowed through ice from one to two and a half inches thick in a spectacular dash to save the life of Wilmer Stanchfield, a youth suffering from appendicitis.

The ice on the river was the heaviest, old-timers say, in 20 to 25 years, and the patrol boat returned to its berth badly cut and battered, having essayed an ice jam and broken her way through several miles of ice of varying thick- SIEGE'S CASUALTIES FEW

Young Stanchfield was hurried to St. Vincent's Hospital, where at midnight it was believed he had received Details Give Losses as Follows: attention just in time. If the patrol boat had not made the trip through the ice the lad would have had to be carried some two or three miles and physicians believe he would have died before he reached transportation to the hospital.

Engineer Carl Prehm was in charge of the harbor patrol boat and took the ficial communication was issued by the deep water as the most open route. Near Ross Island the east channel was attempted, but the boat ran plump into an ice jam and was extricated only and this morning regained most of the after considerable maneuvering. The trenches previously lost. Before Li- west channel was then essayed by Engineer Prehm and Yacht Siding was Because of the urgent need the patrol crunched its way to the shallow landing.

Young Stanchfield is the son of A. W. Stanchfield, who is a member of "In an attack to the northwest of the Oregon Yacht Club. They live in

a houseboat near the club. Harbormaster Speler ordered the patrol out in the face of the menacing ice when he heard the case was so

TRIPLE ALLIANCE AWAITED

Russian Press Sure of Scandinavian Union From Kings' Conference.

PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 21 .-The Russian press is convinced that the formation of a Scandinavian triple albank of the Meuse, and on the heights liance may be announced at any time now as the result of the conference at Malmoe, Sweden, last week of King The French heavy artillery is de- Hankon, King Gustave and King Chris-

The newspapers express the opini that such an alliance could not possibly be a source of danger to Russia, that it "The day of December 20 brought would allay all apprehension concernnothing of importance in Belgium if ing the possible pro-German sym-

Business and Professional Men of Detroit Fight for Choice Corners.

DETROIT, Dec. 21 .- Business and professional men-all of whom were nce newsboys-sold papers on the city streets today. Nearly \$2200 was colected and the fund will be devoted to Christmas charity. More than 70 and 500 Sikhs, assigned purely for well-known citizens energetically piled political reasons, was a German gartheir trade and "fought" for choice

Papers brought sums ranging from s vidow's mite to checks for \$50 and

WILSON PLANS CHRISTMAS

President to Pass Holiday in White House With Daughters.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. - President "In Champagne, in the region of Wilson will pass Christmas quietly rosnes Perthes and Beausejour, as here with his daughters. It will be Wilson will pass Christmas quietly the first Christmas day he has cele-

of Beausejour, where we won and oc-cupied 1200 yards of the enemy's here tonight or tomorrow from her ches. In the Forest of La Grurie home at Williamstown, Mass., for a

AVIATORS RAID ZEPPELINS

German Coast.

LONDON, Dec. 22 .- A Dunkirk dispatch to the Daily Mail says that aviators of the allies paid a visit to Brussels and dropped bombs on the Zeppe n sheds, which were set on fire. In a night raid airmen of the allies flew from Dunkirk over the German coast positions and dropped 12 bombs, doing considerable damage. They then returned in safety.

GERMAN CRUISER IS SUNK

Coast of Scotland Rumored Scene of Latest Naval Engagement.

LONDON, Dec. 21, 4:45 P. M .- Persistent rumors are current that a German cruiser has been sunk off the coast

It is also rumored that two British destroyers arrived at Leith, Scotland, badly damaged. There is no official confirmation of

these reports.

KAISER HURRIES TO WEST

German Emperor, With Enormous Suite, Takes Field Again,

LONDON, Dec. 22.-The German Emperor, accompanied by the Imperial Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg; the Ministers of War and Marine and a numerous suite, has gone to the westrn front, according to advices to the Daily Mail from Copenhagen,

TSING-TAU'S DOOM

Unexpectedly Quick Surrender Explained.

Japanese Fail to Understand Germans' Action.

Germans 170, Japanese 1700 and British 60 Killed-Garrison of 4500 Against 23,000.

TSING-TAU, Dec. 1 .- (Correspon ience of the Associated Press.)-Shortage of ammunition was the compelling factor in the surrender of Tsing-Tau. Dominating the ultimate event, of course, were always the numerical inferiority of the garrison in men and guns, and the strategic weakness of the fortifications, unknown to the Japanese, but the Germans did not actually hoist the white flag until they had run out of powder and shot. Even this dogged and skilfully conducted defense fell short of what the

Japanese expected. The Japanese seemed to have the kindliest feeling toward the Germans personally, but their troops could not understand why the Germans had surrendered before the last man had been killed, and why Governor Meyer Wal- 2 MORE MAY ENTER WAR

deck had not committed suicide. Japanese Knew Task Well. But if they were kindly toward the Germans individually, the Japanese

vell understood what they were fighting for nationally. "Our men in the trenches knew their years standing Every private knew that Germany combined with Russia and France in 1897 to force us to yield Port Arthur. And then Germany took Arthur in the hands of China, though won by assault from Russia at enormous cost to Japan, the possession by proaching proaching and Greece.

Few sieges have resulted in so few operations. The Germans lost 170 Unidentified Steamer in Distress killed and between 500 and

wounded. Japan Loses 1700; British 60. The Japanese casuaities as given by Lieutenant Kamio, the Japanese commander-in-chief, were slightly in excess of 1700 and the British 60. Against a besieging force of 23,000 Jaranese, 1000 South Wales borderers

The defenders had not sufficient (Concluded on Page 5.)

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Greece and Roumania Assured Against Bulgars by Allies.

LONDON, Dec. 21 .- Following on the ategorical assurances of the Bulgarian government of its intention to maintain task," said a Japanese officer after the strict neutrality in the war Great capitulation. "It was a score of 20 Britain, France and Russia have given guarantees to both Athens and Bucharest that Bulgaria will not attack Greece in the event of the latter country assisting Servia and will not at-Tsing-Tau for herself. With Port tack Ro mania should that state active-

ly participate in the war.
This is taken to foreshadow the approaching participation of Roumania

cusualities in proporation to the numbers engaged and the scope of the

200 Miles South of San Diego. SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 21 .- The radio station here received a wireless message late tonight from the Arizonan, porting that she had sighted a steamer. ame not known, on the rocks at Cedros Island with searchlights and anchor lights on and that the Arizonan would stand by and lend any assistance The Sedros Islands are some 200

SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS.

WILSON IS FACING Monday's War Moves

Federal Appointments

SENATORS NOT CONSULTED

velop Soon.

INDEPENDENCE CROPS OUT

First Trouble of Session Arises Over Adoo, President's Son-in-Law.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 21 .- If President Wilson appointments without consulting Dem ocratic Senators from states in which the appointments are made, he soon will have serious trouble on his hands. Already a coolness has grown up be tween the President and the Senate be-

changes his ways. Should the worst happen, the Presi will find his legislative programme

Election Saves President.

In the last session President Wilson had several patronage rows with Senators, but he was able to carry his point then, because the election was approaching, and the Democrats had raised the cry, "Stand by the Presi-Now that the election is over dent." and this cry failed to prove all that was expected of it, the Senate, for the first time since Mr. Wilson entered the White House, is beginning to show a little independence, and seemingly is disposed to stand up for its rights and for the rights of its members.

The first trouble of the session arose over the nomination of John H. Lynn. who was nominated for District Attorney for Western New York, as it now Secretary McAdoo. Senator O'Gorman, bitterly. he only Democratic Senator from New York, was not consulted about this appointment, although the office was one as the coast beyond Ostend, where the pulsory, as is the case in all states havmmonly regarded as "Senatorial pat-

At first it was reported this appointment had been made on the recommendation of up-state leaders but that proved to be incorrect. When Lynn's Germany and Austria are failing to nomination reached the Senate it was promptly rejected by unanimous vote, simply and solely because the appointment was objectionable to Senator O'Gorman, and because the President had not done the Senator the courtesy (Concluded on Page 2.)

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cause of the manner in which patron age has been dispensed since the election, and this coolness is likely to develop into open hostflity on the part of the Senate unless the President

not only will fall to secure the confirmation of his appointees, but he held up by a stubborn Senate.

THE German Emperor, according to late advices by way of Copenhagen, has gone to the front in the western theater of the war, where the general attempt by the allies to force the Germans backward has been going on for several days. Both German and French official

statements clearly show that operations of great severity are in progress. but they differ with regard to the results achieved. The French assert they have advanced all along the line, tell of the recapture by the British troops of trenches previously lost and the rerulse of German attacks aimed at the etaking of trenches which have fallen to the allies during the past day or two. To the south of Noyon, also, th French assert they have gained a foothold in the first line of the German trenches. No mention is made by the French of any repulse of the allied

The German official statement tell? of the dislodement in the neighborhood of the canal of La Bassee of the Anglo-Indian troops and the capture of their trenches after inflicting heavy losses and taking prisoners. To the northeast of Chalons, in the neighborhood o have repulsed a fierce attack by th French, who left many prisoners is their hands and a large number of

In Poland and Galicia battles are fought between the Russians and the German and Austrian allies amid deep snow, in bitter cold. In Belgium and Northern France the Germans and the French, British and Belgian allies are The Germans in Poland again are making a fierce attack toward the cided definitely. Various suggestions capital and the Russians are making a stand against them on the east bank Warsaw. Grand Duke Nicholas' army eral are being put into form for submishere holds a natural strategic line 50 miles long, running, roughly, north and south along the east banks of the Bzura and Rawka rivers.

The Petrograd reports assert that the German force in North Poland has retreated across the boundary into East Prussia in a northwesterly direction. It asserts also that the Austrian advance through the Carpathian passes to the north has been checked and the attempts of the Przemysl garrison to break through the lines repulsed. According to this report, the Austrians

with heavy slaughter. The Austrian communication, on the other hand, asserts successes in the Carpathians, but admits that the Russians again occupy Galicia and South Poland in force. Apparently, therefore, the Cracow and Przemyal investments are proceeding and have not been broken.

Serious fighting between the Rusand Turks around Erzerum, Turkish-Armenia, has been stopped by turns out, on the recommendation of from which the Arabs are suffering made to this on the ground that worksnow six feet deep and the intense cold,

> British ships again have been bom-Germans have established many shore batteries hidden in the grass and sand Political developments in Hungary, whose people are reported to be deenly discontented because they think that give Hungary a fair share of protec- to certain lines of industry. In certion, are the subject of much speculation and deep interest in England.

The French Parliament will sit in Paris today. About 200 members are serving with the colors, but are returning from the front to attend the ses-

EDITORIAL FELT AS SNUB Los Angeles Mayor Calls Off Pro-

posed Visit to San Diego.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21 .- (Special.)-Calling the attention of the Mayor of San Diego to an editorial in a San Diego publication, reflecting on Los in the general fund threatened, when Angeles, Mayor Rose today sent a let- all contributors were to resume payter to Mayor Charles O'Neall declining ments. It has been the belief of emto visit San Diego on the occasion of

The editorial was under the caption. "Give Her a Hot Stove," It said in players could expect to be exempt durpart: "Los Angeles is a cheerful beggar. Having been snubbed by the President, who will visit San Diego and San Francisco on his trip to the Coast next Spring, that city is willing to take any old thing that may happen along."

the exposition opening.

LAYOFF BOON TO FORGER Boise Merchants Swindled by \$2500

Bad Railway Checks.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 21 .- (Special.) -Forged checks amounting to \$2500 were cashed in Boise Saturday night by merchants.

fect imitation of the Intermountain Rallway Company's checks. The checks were stamped with the same kind of protectograph used by the ratiway company. The checks were cashed at a time when men em-ployed on the railroad were being let

which were of pink bond paper in per-

BOY SAVED BY COMPANIONS Human Chain Formed When Lad of

12 Goes Through Ice at Baker.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 21 .- (Special.)-Little Eddie Perkins, 12 years of age, owes his life to his plucky comrades in a shinny game. The youngster was skating on Powder River today, playing shinny, when, in chasing the puck, he went too near an airhole and fell formed a "human chain" and dragged

Powder River is virtually the only

COMPENSATION ACT **NEEDS AMENDING**

Deficit Faced Under Present Provisions.

UNFAIR RATES ARE BLAMED

Promised Exemptions Now Appear Unlikely.

BENEFITS DECLARED HIGH

Soualn, also, the Germans assert they Framers of Measure Say Original faction if Legislature Had Allowed It to Stand.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 21 .- (Special.)-That the workmen's compensation act must be amended by the next Legiscontesting the mud fields foot by foot. lature to make it financially sound and retain it in workable form has been defor the improvement of the law have been made, and it is known that sevsion to the Legislature.

Under the present law, judging from the income and expenditure during the first six months of operation of the law, there is little doubt that there would be a deficit at the end of the first year which the Legislature would have to meet with an appropriation. This, it is declared, must be obviated, and amendments will be offered looking to

that end. Blame Placed on Amendments.

At a meeting of Commissioners Beckwith and Marshall, Miss Hobbs, Commissioner-elect; with James B. Kerr have been driven into the fortifications and George M. Cornwall, of the com mittee which drafted the original measure submitted to the Legislature, held in Portland Sunday, Mr. Kerr de clared that amendments passed by the Legislature were largely responsible for the apparent weakness of the bill. He said the bill, as originally drafted, he was confident, would have been sat-

isfactory. It was suggested at the meeting that benefits were too high under the law. and that they could be cut 40 per cent and be no higher than those in Wasteington and other states. Objection was men would reject the measure, and it was argued that this could be prevented by making its provisions com-

ing a lower scale of benefits. Unfairness in Scale Asserted.

Members of the Commission declare the trouble with the measure is that schedules are not properly arranged and that rates are unfair with regard tain instances owners of slightly hazardous businesses are compelled to pay igher rates than those of extremely

bazardous ones. One feature of the present measure which promises to fail utterly is that providing exemptions for employers. Under the act each employer pays into he Industrial Accident Commission fund contributions for one amounting to 3, or 11/2 per cent of his

payroll, according to class. The theory of the law, as it was understood when presented to the Legislature, was that after the payments for one year the employer should be required to pay only for accidents at his place of business until a deficiency ployers who are within the provisions of the act that a general call was a remote contingency and that the em-

ing the second year at least. The present outlook, however, is that there will be no exemptions, but with employers continuing payments as now there will be a deficit, because of the liberal benefits. It is declared that the number of accidents during the first six months of the law has exceeded all expectations. In that time 1979 claims were filed. The Commission has set aside \$74,623.73 for pensions; it has paid for time loss \$33,741; first aid, \$25,518.69, and the cost of administration has been \$36,103.35. The balance ls \$112,095.95.

Return to Old Plan Foreseen. Unless the law is revised by the comng Legislature it is declared that employers who expected exemptions after the first year will reject the measure

and return to the old plan of indemnity insurance. They say it would be much cheaper and much more satisfactory than the state scheme of compensation which charges continuous high rates. announce they are not ready to say just what amendments they will submit to the Legislature it is certain that at least seven classes of hazardous industries with differential rates will be suggested, and it is probable that the Washington plan of basic rates will be

the fund reaches satisfactory propor-Pension Limit Suggested.

established. Those rates are much

lower than the present Oregon rates

and may be continuous, although pro-

vision is made for exemptions when

It has been suggested also that into the swift stream. His companions limits be fixed by statute to the amounts set aside for pensions in cases of fatai accidents. In other states where there are compensation laws there are limits. water not frozen to the bottom in this Under the Oregon law the Commission (Concluded on Page 4.)