

# ALLIES MAKE SOME GAINS; REPULSE FOE

## Violent Bayonet Fighting Reported at Two Points; Artillery Engaged Elsewhere.

### FRENCH LINES UNITED

#### Ground Lost in Bolants Forest is Partly Regained—Barbed Wire Entanglements North of Melancourt Overcome.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The following official communication was issued by the French War Office tonight:

"To the northwest of Pulaelme, south of Noyon, the enemy last night executed violent counter-attacks, which were repulsed.

"To the south of Varennes we gained a foothold last night in Bouruelles. Our attacks continued today and we appear to have made progress in the vicinity of Bouruelles and to the west of Vauquois.

"There is nothing yet to report concerning the rest of the front."

#### German Columns Repulsed.

The official report issued, as usual, earlier in the day, said:

"Between the sea and the Lys, during the day of December 21, there were only artillery engagements. Between the Lys and the Aisne we repulsed a German attacking column which was endeavoring to come out from Carancy, and took several houses at Blangy.

"An attack of the enemy on Mameitz and the nearby trenches made it impossible for our troops to make material progress in this direction. In the region of Lihons three attacks of the enemy were repulsed.

"We made slight gains to the east and the west of Tracy-le-Val, and our artillery delivered a formidable fire on the plateau of Nouvron.

#### Artillery and Bayonets Engaged.

"In the sectors of the Aisne and of Rheims there were artillery engagements.

"In Champagne and in the Argonne in the vicinity of Souain there have been violent bayonet engagements. We have not made perceptible progress in this region. We have occupied in the suburbs of Perthes-les-Hurlus three trenches and 1500 prisoners.

"German positions representing a front to the northeast of Beauséjour have been consolidated. The trench line was by us December 20, and we have occupied all the trenches in the immediate vicinity of Mount Calvaire.

"In the Argonne the progress continues. At St. Hubert we repulsed an attack in the Forest of Bolants. There certain ground has been lost, but we recaptured two-thirds of it.

"Between the Argonne and the Meuse there has been a slight progress in the suburbs of Vauquois, to the north of the Forest of Melancourt, our troops were successful in making their way through barbed wire entanglements and in taking possession of certain trenches of the enemy, where they maintained themselves.

"On the right bank of the Meuse in the Forest of Consenvoye, we first lost and then reconquered after a lively fight the territory gained by us December 20.

"From the heights of the Meuse to the Vosges there is nothing to report.

### BERLIN SAYS ALLIES FAIL

#### Campaign to Advance in West is Credited by Germans.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Among the items given out for publication today by the official press bureau were the following:

"The order of General Joffre for an offensive movement has confirmed the belief held here for some days that the allies in the West were about to attempt an advance. Thus far, however, their attempts everywhere have failed and the situation seems little changed."

# MALAKKA IS LEFT TO FACE ON ROCKS

## Mate and Crew Trying to Row 130 Miles to Help Probably Are Lost.

### SALVAGE SHIP IS ASKED

#### Scene of Mishap is Near Spot of Grounding of Isthmian on Same Night—Current is Cause and New Route is Likely.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 22.—The Danish motorship Malakka, with her 1,250,000 cargo, is still fast on a rocky ledge on the northwestern end of Bird Rock, on the northern end of the Natividad Islands. The Malakka was left to her fate, for a few days at least, as the Arizona, which stood by to lend her aid all night and part of today, has proceeded down the coast.

The captain of the Malakka has asked that a salvage steamer and unskilled expert be sent to his aid at once. The only salvage steamer available is the Inagua, now at Ventura endeavoring to lift the steam schooner Coos Bay.

#### Mate and Men May Be Lost.

The first mate of the Malakka, who left the motorship in one of the long boats with a party of sailors to row to the nearest telegraph station at San Quentin, 130 miles distant, has not been heard from since he left Bird Rock the morning of December 19. It is probable that the entire party have been lost, as an unusually heavy sea has been running the last few days.

Shipping men are calling the attention to the remarkable coincidence of two large ocean freighters being swept practically 50 miles off their course and striking a ledge within 30 miles of each other. The American-Hawaiian freighter Isthmian grounded on San Benito Island at 4:15 o'clock on the morning of December 18. The Malakka hit the ledge off Bird Rock shortly before midnight on the same night.

#### Gale and Sea Violent.

Radiograms from the Malakka's captain verify the statement of Captain Ryer, of the Isthmian, to the effect that a terrific sea and violent gale was blowing at the time.

There is always a strong in-shore current running off the lower California coast, but since the southerly winds have been blowing the current has been running from six to seven miles an hour shoreward, say masters of steamers plying from the lower California coast.

#### Austrian Division Defeated.

"Another Austrian division which attacked us with the bayonet at Goddow also fled, leaving on the battlefield the bodies of 500 of their men. In this region the Austrians under the pressure of our offensive lost many prisoners, three guns and some mitrailleurs.

"The following official statement, issued tonight at Vienna, has been received:

"In the Carpathians we are fighting south of the mountain ridge in the district embraced by the rivers Nagyas, Dunajec and the Tisza.

"In Galicia Monday the Russians renewed the offensive without succeeding through. On the Lower Dunajec particularly they suffered severe losses.

"Along the Nida River and the district of Tomaszow the fighting was slight. The engagements in front of Przemysl continue."

### ROMANIA CEDES LAND

#### MOST OF TERRITORY ACQUIRED FROM BULGARIA RESTORED.

Complete Union of Balkan States in Interests of Peace Declared Blocked by Greece and Serbia.

PETROGRAD (via London), Dec. 22.—Bulgarian Minister announced today that an agreement had been reached between Roumania and Bulgaria under which Roumania will restore to Bulgaria the province of Dobruja and most of the other territory acquired from Bulgaria as a result of the second Balkan War.

"This agreement has been accomplished without pressure from either Germany or the allies," said an official connected with the Roumanian Ministry. "We shall continue to be neutral and believe that Roumania, although she has no cause to fear us, also will remain neutral."

It has been asserted here that the fear of Bulgaria alone had prevented Roumania from invading Austria and entering the war on the side of the allies.

# HILL ARMY TO STAY

## Besieged General at Naco Not to Follow Maytorena. LATTER IS STILL SILENT

### Torrential Rains Creating River 100 Feet Wide and Five Feet Deep

#### Prevent Conference With General Scott.

NACO, Ariz., Dec. 22.—An agreement to create a neutral strip along the Mexican side of the border, to save Naco, Ariz., from further damage from Mexican shot and shell, will be sought tomorrow by Brigadier-General Scott, chief of the staff of the United States Army.

General Scott has been here several days, receiving suggestions from both Sonora factions as the best way of stopping the siege of Naco, Sonora, which has resulted in the killing of five persons and the wounding of 47 on the American side of the line.

General Hill, whose force of Carranzistas has been besieged in the Mexican town by Governor Maytorena's Villista troops, declared today that he would not evacuate the place, where he had withstood attack for ten weeks. He agreed, however, not to follow Governor Maytorena if the latter withdrew from the place so far from Nogales, Sonora. No word has been received from the Sonora Governor as to whether he would accept such a solution.

Torrential rains that created a river 100 feet wide and five feet deep between the United States Army camp and Naco, Ariz., today by Brigadier-General Scott from holding conferences with the Mexican leaders.

The first accident since the arrival of the infantry which swelled the American border patrol here to more than 6000 men occurred today. Private Baker, of the Eleventh Infantry, was killed while attempting to board a passing freight train on his way to camp.

### CARRANZA TRIP INTERRUPTED

#### Wild Locomotive Sent by Zapatistas Into Isthmus-Bound Train.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The trip of General Carranza, from Vera Cruz to the Isthmus of Tehuacan, was interrupted by Zapata forces, who captured Soledad and from there sent a wild locomotive into his approaching train. Carranza nor any of his party was injured.

These facts were reported tonight in a private dispatch from a point on the railroad on which Carranza was traveling. Officials of the Washington Government placed full credence in the report, but declined to comment on it, according to Carranza's departure for the Isthmus.

General Carranza, according to the private dispatch, returned to Vera Cruz after the incident at Soledad and has now gone to Cordoba to inspect his troops. From Cordoba some of his officers say he will continue his journey to the Isthmus, after which he will go to Mexico to a lasting appointment.

Carranza officials here deny emphatically suggestions which have been current in Mexico City that Carranza intended to visit a Central American port. They say the first chief planned his trip to the Isthmus shortly after the railway to this part of Mexico was taken over by the Carranza faction.

### PLIMPTON STATE PRINTER

#### Board Appoints Secretary to Fill Office Temporarily.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The State Printing Board has appointed William Plimpton, secretary of the Board, temporary State Printer. He will assume the duties of the office January 1, when State Printer's term expires and the law providing a flat salary ceases to exist.

Under the law, which becomes operative when, state printing will be let largely on contract, and the printer will receive \$1800 a year, instead of \$4000, as at present. The printer, it is said, will be asked to amend the law so that the plant owned by the state may be used as a printing plant.

The Board announced that a permanent appointment had been made until after the session of the Legislature.

### STATE SCHOOL OCCUPIED

#### Seventy-five Girls Now Are in Washington Institution.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Washington's latest state institution, the State School for Girls, one-half mile from Grand Mound, Thurston County, was occupied today when the state board of control transferred the 75 girls of the State Training School at Chehalis to the new quarters.

The institution consists of two modern brick cottages, built to accommodate 30 chehalis school will be devoted to wayward boys, exclusively.

The new institution has for its superintendent the first woman institution head, Miss Mary Campbell, of Seattle. The institution is 10 miles from the Chehalis institution, the bill providing for its creation specifying that the new building must be within the 10-mile circle.

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VIENNA REPUDIATES DEBTS

No Alien Enemies to Collect on Notes Due January 1.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Austria-Hungary will pay no money, for the present at least, to alien enemies who hold her 4 1/2 per cent notes due January 1 next, according to an announcement made here today by Dr. Constantin Dumba, Austro-Hungarian Ambassador to the United States.

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