

METZ BOMBARDED BY FRENCH AIRMEN

Attack Made on Hangars, on Railroad Station and on German Barracks.

ALLIES GAIN IN ALSACE

Paris Official Report Says Enemy's Attacks, Following Sharp Artillery Fire, Have Failed to Regain Lost Ground.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The following official statement was issued today: "Between the sea and the Lys the day was calm and cannonading intermittent."

"Between the Lys and the Oise there is nothing to report. In the valley of the Aisne and in Champagne, artillery duels continued. In the region of Perthes the enemy, after a violent bombardment of the trenches which he had lost, attempted a violent counter-attack which was repulsed by the fire of our artillery and infantry.

Enemy Driven From Ravine. "In the Argonne there was slight progress to the south of St. Hubert. One company gained between 100 and 200 meters. We bombarded a ravine, forcing the enemy to vacate several trenches. Between the Meuse and Moselle, to the east of St. Mihiel, two German attacks against the fortifications of the burnt woods were repulsed. "A dirigible dropped a dozen bombs on Nancy in the center of the city, and while the dirigible was returning, in contrast, bombarded the aviation hangars of Frescar, one of the railroad stations of Metz, where movements of trains were noted, and the barracks of Saint Privat, at Metz. In upper Alsace our troops realized further progress on the heights which dominate Cerny, and have repulsed some attempts there.

German Make Two Attacks. "The following supplementary official statement was issued tonight: "After having all last night directed a sharp artillery and infantry fire against our troops stationed at La Boiselle and in the adjacent trenches, the enemy delivered two consecutive attacks without success. "We hold strongly the trenches captured near Palselstein. On the heights of the Meuse we have secured our occupation of the ground taken near the trenches of Geronne.

"St. Die has been bombarded violently from 9:30 o'clock in the morning to noon."

BERLIN ADMITS NO REVERSE

German Counter-Attack at Albert Declared Successful.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—(By wireless to London.)—The following official communication was issued today by the German general staff: "Nothing of importance happened yesterday in Flanders. English ships appeared off the coast of Belgium. "The enemy made an unsuccessful movement yesterday at Albert in the direction of the trenches which were followed by our troops early this morning. The French attacks in Meurisson, in the region and south of Verdun, broke down under our fire.

"In Upper Alsace, the French attacked our positions east of the Thann-Dammerkirch line, but all these assaults were repelled. "During the first hours of the night yesterday the French gained possession of an important height at Thann, but were thrown back after a vigorous counter-attack and the height remained in our possession today."

BOMB IS THROWN IN HALL

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Firemen carried men and women into the engine house, where they received first-aid treatment and then were removed to the Central Emergency Hospital.

Man Loses Right Eye. Numbers of the women who were only cut about the face by particles of glass strayed about the hall in hysteria, refusing medical aid and talking incoherently.

Beside the woman only one person was severely injured. Walter Morris suffered the loss of his right eye. The others of the injured are suffering from minor bruises and lacerations received either in the explosion itself or the stampede for the exits that followed.

The contents of the bomb remain a mystery to the police, but its effectiveness was beyond dispute. A large vestibule door just within the entrance to the temple and at least 50 feet from the point of the explosion was torn from the hinges and thrown into the street. The glass panes of six large windows facing on Filbert street were broken and crumbled as though run through a crusher and scattered over the street for a radius of many feet. Heavy marble slabs forming a walkway just within the entrance were torn out and broken in many pieces.

Pictures Splashed With Blood. Everywhere within was even greater evidence of the force of the bomb. On the right-hand side, adjoining the room, one side of the organ was torn away clean as though by a rip-saw. Holy pictures were splashed with human blood and throughout the room were bits of hair and flesh from the mutilated body of the bomb-thrower. The body itself was found in a pool of blood, crumpled among some seats on the floor 20 feet from the point of explosion.

It is said Vavara was once a student at the Hindu college, connected with the temple. He lived in the apartments over the temple. As far as known he never had any differences with the swami. Recently he was employed in the machine shops of the Southern Pacific Railroad on the Oakland pier.

SALMON PACK IS HEAVY

Fishing Season Good at Astoria but Product Moves Slowly.

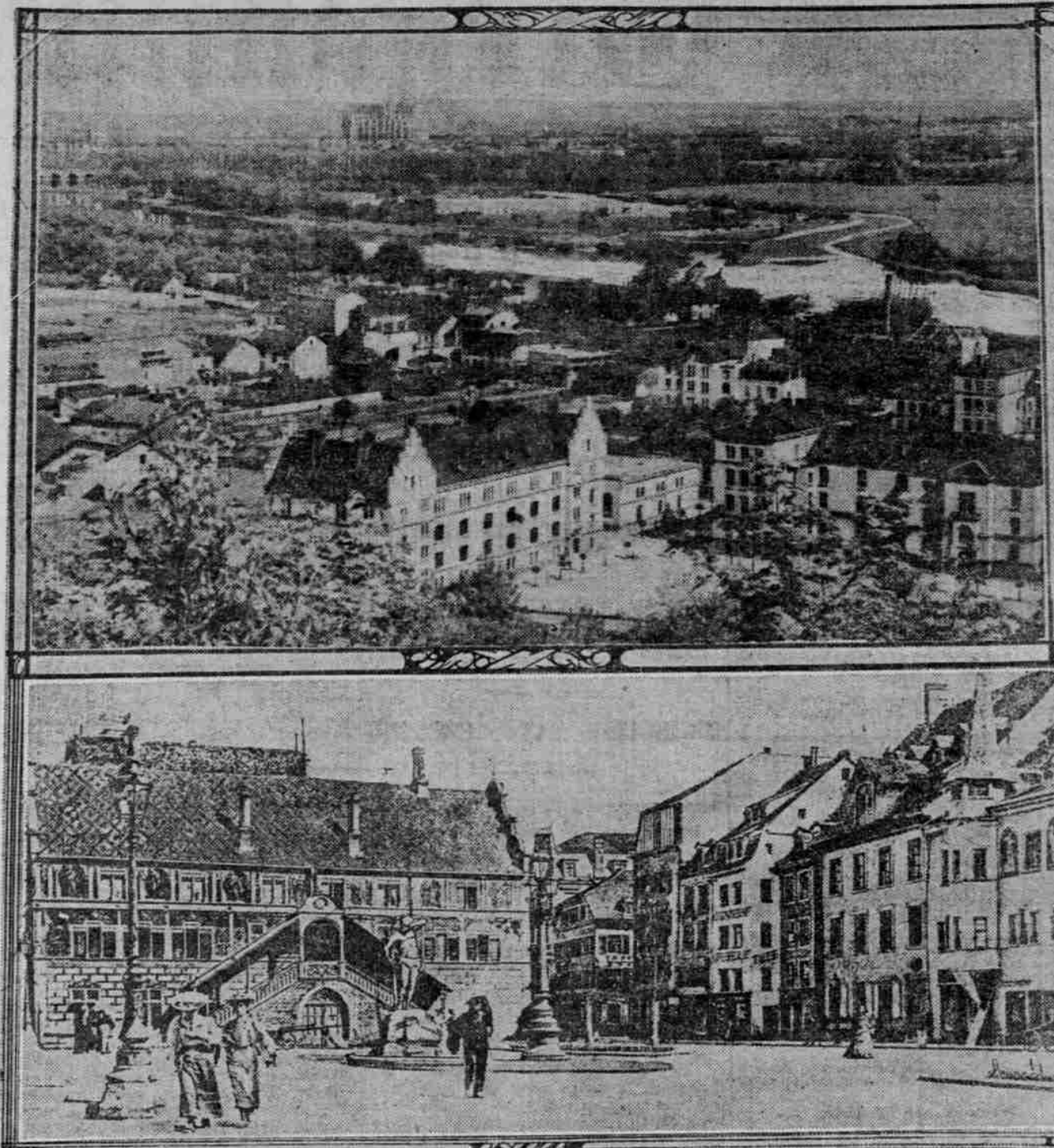
ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The Fall fishing season, both on the Columbia River and the various coast streams, was one of the best in years. About 110,000 cases of canned salmon were packed by the Columbia River canneries and 100,000 cases were put up at the coast plants.

The market for Fall salmon is said to be quiet and the pack of silversides is moving slowly. The prevailing prices are \$1.15 a dozen for pound cans and from 65 to 75 cents for halves.

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TWO TOWNS ON GERMAN SOIL AT WHOSE GATES FRENCH INVADERS ARE KNOCKING.



TOP, VIEW OF METZ. BELOW, STREET SCENE IN MUELHAUSEN.

FOE PRAISES BRITISH

Bayonet Charge Meets Attempt to Shake Courage.

FRENCH FOUND BRAVE, TOO

Commander-in-Chief of Kaiser's Army in West Predicts End of Fort Building, Also Other Theories of Warfare.

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GERMAN FRONT IN FRANCE, Dec. 21.—I have just spent three days with General von Heeringens army in the field and have seen nothing half so interesting as the fine old patriarch who is its Commander-in-Chief. General von Heeringens, "the victor of Saarburg" and ex-Minister of War, though probably less known to American newspaper readers than the "featured" Generals, is one of the grand old men of the German army and a figure to be reckoned with.

General von Heeringens, like all the other German Generals, even if you can see it, did not hesitate a second to praise his British opponents.

"At one point we used a mine-thrower (mine thrower) against one of their trenches. These mortars go off with a frightful noise, calculated to shake the courage of the stoutest. After the tenth shot our men advanced with a loud hurrah! expecting to find the British retreating but—will you believe it?—those tough Scotsmen crawled out of their trenches and actually attempted a counter-bayonet charge. The French—also fight bravely."

Speaking of the larger lessons of the war so far, he said: "I believe that there will be in future no great building boom in forts; and again, the old theory of trenches has been sent to the scrap heap. Formerly, you know, it was thought indispensable to have a clear firing field of at least 1000 yards, if possible."

French Find Cover Quickly. Now that artillery plays such an all-important role, the thing is not a wide firing field, but cover and protection against artillery fire, even if you can see to fire for only 50 yards. Fifty is quite enough, and an infantry attack can be stopped in that distance.

"Another thing: After you have taken a village by storm the men must find safe cover without an instant's loss of time, as you can invariably expect an immediate heavy artillery fire from the enemy. The French are particularly good at finding cover quickly. Our men must imitate them."

"Also telephones and aeroplanes are indispensable. War without them would be unthinkable now."

"What is the one bravest deed that has come to your knowledge. Your Excellency?" I asked.

Recruits Face Fire Blasting. "Shall I give you a bombastic answer?" he replied, good-humoredly. "Well, then, there have been so many brave deeds that no one of them stands out pre-eminently. But in the retrospect the finest thing, to my mind, was our young troops, charging for the first time in the face of a murderous fire, singing 'Deutschland, Deutschland ueber Alles!'"

Some idea of the position of the Germans in the West can be gathered from the fact that the General had time to smoke and chat with me for something like ten hours in two days.

"Let the people know in America that we are not barbarians; that everything is quiet and in good order with us, and that we are looking forward with calm, energetic confidence to victory," he said earnestly, on speeding the parting correspondent.

ITALY READY TO AID

Cruiser Ordered to Help American Warship in Turkey.

CZAR DENIES SALE OF ISLE

German Report of Cession to Japan Is Declared Unfounded.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 27.—The Russian government has authorized the official news agency to deny in the most categorical manner the statement that Russia has ceded to Japan half the island of Sakhalin, in exchange for heavy artillery. It is asserted that the report is absolutely unfounded.

One of the items given out by the German official press bureau on December 25 said that reports had been received from Copenhagen to the effect that Russia had traded her half of Sakhalin to Japan for heavy guns.

RELIEF TO BE CONTINUED St. Johns Committee Will Report on Operations to Date.

ST. JOHNS, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—All members of the Christmas committee will meet tomorrow night at 203 Jersey street to adopt plans for continuation of the relief work during the winter. A complete report of all work will be submitted. The relief committee is composed of V. W. Mason, chairman, Chief of Police, Port, Postmaster Monahan, Alexander S. Scales, C. Graden, N. Stark and Mr. Blair.

Supplies on hand include new and second-hand clothing, \$130 in cash and \$150 worth of groceries, 100 jars of jelly and 250 quarts of canned fruits. Flour and 200 pounds of beans have been sent by a Portland wholesale house.

HIGHEST TEMPLAR IS DEAD

Colonel MacArthur, Grand Master of Knights, Is Stricken Suddenly.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Colonel Arthur MacArthur, grand master of the grand encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, died suddenly of apoplexy today at his home here. He was 64 years old.

Colonel MacArthur was the editor and publisher of the Troy Northern Budget and was widely known as a newspaperman. For many years he was prominently identified with Masonry and was elected grand master of the grand encampment at Denver, in 1912. He has been a Mason since 1872.

FIRE DAMAGES HOSPITAL

Patients in San Francisco Building Are Drenched.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Fire in ward A of the Letterman General Hospital at the Presidio of San Francisco today brought such speedy aid from the hospital corps fire department that several patients were drenched in their beds.

The great wooden building which houses the hospital and which has been identified with Masonry and was because of its inflammability was saved.

ROYAL STORK IS MERCIFUL

Amnesty to Many Prisoners May Follow Birth of Italian Princess.

ROME, Dec. 27.—The daughter born to the King and Queen of Italy Saturday will be named Maria, it is announced. It is expected that as a sign of rejoicing over the birth of the Princess amnesty will be granted to a number of prisoners, including those condemned for participation in the revolutionary movement last June and others not accused of ordinary crimes.

TURKS REPORT VICTORY

Single Ship Said to Have Attacked Russian Fleet.

Enemy Said to Have Refused Battle at Another Point and to Have Retreated to Sebastopol.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 27, via London.—An official communication issued Sunday says: "The Turkish forces are victoriously advancing along the Caucasian front. There is no truth in the Russian official report that the Hamidieh has been torpedoed at Sebastopol. The Turkish fleet, including the Hamidieh, steamed through the Black Sea and returned without damage."

"One of our warships on December 24 met a Russian squadron composed of five battleships, two cruisers, ten destroyers and three minelayers. The Turkish ship, single-handed, in the night, attacked and bombarded the battleships and sank two minelayers, the Oleg and Athos. Two Russian officers and 30 sailors were rescued and taken prisoners."

"Simultaneously another portion of our fleet successfully bombarded Batum. On December 25, in the forenoon two of our ships offered battle to the Russian fleet, which retreated to Sebastopol."

Nine Taken in Pool Hall Row. The police reserve squad was called out last night to quell a disturbance in a pool hall at 263 First street. Nine men were arrested by Sergeant Lyons, in command of the squad, and Patrolmen Fair, Long, Nelson and Humphreys. The men were Ben Collins, 25 years old; Fred Carlson, aged 21; Ivey Collins, 26; Frank Karloff, 28; Henry Evans, 23; John Marshall, 21; Ben Noloff, 25; John Boloff, 29, and Peter Collins, 19.

CAN GERMANS GET HOME? IS QUESTION

Russia Has Chosen Battlefield on Which to Smash Her Enemy, Says Writer.

COUNTER INVASION IS PLAN

No Position or Town Taken by Assault by Kaiser's Forces, Although Number of Men Lately Sacrificed Equals Corps.

(By the special correspondent of the London Post.)

PETROGRAD, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The Germans on Friday sensibly slackened their hitherto frantic attempts to force a passage of the rivers which mark the Russian front. On the left bank of the Vistula they now are bringing up heavy artillery up to and including 11-inch guns.

The invaders are moved along ordinary roads by motor to action, but in emergencies can even be dragged by horses, 13 to a gun. Naturally they move only on the best roads and these are extremely scarce in Poland.

Frost has now set in, which will slacken the traffic of every kind, provided the snowfall is not too heavy.

"It's a Long Way to Warsaw." Presumably the heavy artillery is not intended so much to force a passage of the rivers as to bombard the fortresses which the Germans apparently now expect to reach. Their first idea was that they got across by the rivers would soon dispose of the Russian forces behind this line and march gloriously into Warsaw. The Germans have broken this idea, and it is a little premature, perhaps, for it will be still a long way to Warsaw, even when the passage of the rivers is effected, which is still to be done in fact. Enough men to make an army corps in several weeks' attempts by day and night have been sacrificed already.

According to information the Germans have taken nothing whatever by assault—neither towns nor positions—since Russia decided to reconstruct her strategic front.

The rearguard probably has held touch with the Germans while the Russians moved to their new positions, but only modern armies could score victories over such rearguards, as in the present case the rearguards were almost entirely of cavalry, whose only duty is to keep in touch with the advancing enemy and annoy his advance at every step.

It is not merely mendacious but ridiculous for the Germans to speak of victories all the way from their political frontiers half way into Poland. As a matter of fact Poland occupies the unhappy position of Belgium. It is the cockpit of Russia and half of it is ruined already and not worth much now as a conquest even if the conqueror for a moment dreamed he could stay there.

Czar's Cavalry Only Is Turned. Singularly after the first German flight from Poland it was gratuitously assumed that the Russian army pursued the enemy into Germany, when the valiant Germans turned round and drove the Russians back again half way to Warsaw. That story was as false as the present, for the pursuit was a cavalry affair.

The bulk of the armies of Russia will not attempt to attack Germany on her own territory until the German fighting forces are smashed beyond recovery on the ground that suits Russia, but not Germany, namely, the cockpit of Poland, where the smashing process is now going on. There is no doubt about the immediate result. The only doubt is whether the Germans will again extricate their best troops and get away home.

13,000 CAPTURED BY RUSSIANS

Germans Reported Repulsed and Austrians in Full Retreat.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 27.—The following official statement was issued from general headquarters today: "During December 26 the fighting along the lines of the Bzura and Rawka rivers was confined in general to artillery fire. We have repulsed with success various attacks by the Germans. "Along the lower course of the Nida River we waited, towards evening of December 25, from the village of Wislica, the Central Pilica region the battle, on the contrary, continued keen, except on the Lower Nida. On the whole Galician front, the struggle is under conditions favorable to the Russians."

NEW YEAR'S EVE.

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Arabs in Riot Are Killed.

BERLIN, Dec. 27, via wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—The Rome newspaper Vita reports an outbreak of rioting in Alexandria, Egypt. Three thousand men with machine guns, the paper says, were necessary to suppress the disorder. Eighty-five Arabs were killed.

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GERMANS HARRY AIRMEN

MARKSMANSHIP AND RANGE IMPROVES, SAYS LORRAINE.

Wounded English Actor-Aviator Says Danger Increases—Wounding of Companion Is Described.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Robert Lorraine, the actor and an expert and daring aviator, now recovering from wounds in the London Nursing Home, says that the anti-aircraft guns of the Germans are excellent.

"They have many batteries of these," he says, "although in the early days of the war their shooting was poor; it is no longer so and they can send shells to burst at a height of 8000 feet above the ground. An effective observation cannot be made at a greater height than 6000 feet, the batteries get a chance of hitting us. Sometimes we have descended as low as 5000 feet to make sure of certain things."

"One day when at about that height, the machine I was in suddenly dived nose first. I thought for a second that a shell had burst close to the machine and smashed the rudder, so glanced back, but there was nothing wrong there. The machine was up again in a moment. When I looked at the man who held the levers, I saw blood dripping from his eyes. I clambered over to help him should he relax his hold on the levers, but he was strong enough to keep control of the machine until he had brought her down."

Australian Cruiser Long Off Chile.

VALPARAISO, Chile, Dec. 27.—The Australian battle cruiser Australia, which came into this port yesterday, sailed about the Pacific coast of South America for several weeks.

Truckee's Largest Hotel Burns.

TRUCKEE, Cal., Dec. 27.—Fire of unknown origin totally destroyed today the Glendale Hotel, the largest hotel in Truckee.

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