

**ALLIES ARE ON THE
BACK ACROSS AISNE**

Germans, With Kaiser Looking On, Wage Determined Battle Around Soissons.

MANY PRISONERS TAKEN

French Say Retirement Is Due to Floods Which Threatened Lines of Communication—Belgians Destroy Depot.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The German and French accounts of the fighting on the western front agree in declaring there has been a desperate battle near Soissons. The issue is not wholly decided, but the Germans are believed to have gained ground northeast of the town while the French wholly failed to make progress. The French are now described as taking up new positions on the south bank of the Aisne.

Westende Reduced to Ruins.

The German officials report, received from Berlin by wireless, said: "In the western theater of the war, in the dunes near Nieuport and southwest of Ypres, a fierce battle was fought. The enemy directed an extremely strong fire on Westende, which they soon will have entirely destroyed. Their torpedo-boats disappeared quickly as soon as they received our fire."

French Prisoners Captured.

"Northeast of the camp of Chalona, the French attacked again yesterday in the morning and afternoon with strong forces, to the east of Perthes. They penetrated, at certain places, our trenches, but were repulsed by energetic counter-attacks. They were back with heavy losses in their own positions, leaving 150 prisoners in our hands."

Belgians Destroy Ammunition Depot.

The text of the French report says: "In Belgium, the firing of our artillery was interfered with by the fog, but nevertheless the capturing yesterday was very spirited in the vicinity of Nieuport and around Ypres. Certain detachments of Belgian troops blew up, at a point to the southeast of Stuyvenkerke, the buildings on a farm which were serving the enemy as a depot for his ammunition."

Alsace Continues in Flood.

The continued flood stage of the River Aisne has carried away several of the regular bridges as well as some of the temporary foot bridges which were built across the river. The lines of communication for our troops were consequently made uncertain. Under these conditions, the German forces on the south bank of the river in the region between Crouy and Missy, with bridge heads on the north bank in our possession."

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Wood Pipe Men Busy.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—That certain Portland interests, principally wood pipe makers, con-

tration, 50 Zapatistas having been killed in the battle.

When General Palafox, the Zapata commander, arrived he ordered the arrest of Turbide, who, sensing trouble, had hidden in a private house in Mexico City. Silliman and Canova interceded and a fair trial was promised, but he doubted the wisdom of surrendering and remained in hiding. Finally through the efforts of the American Government, General Gutierrez, as Provisional President, signed an order giving Turbide safe conduct to the United States.

Villa Orders Arrest.

Canova left Mexico City on the same train with Turbide, but before they had proceeded far an order was issued by Villa for the arrest of Turbide. At the same time a statement was given out by General Palafox, Minister of Agriculture, in the Gutierrez Cabinet, charging Silliman and Canova had accepted a bribe for their efforts in getting the fugitive out of Mexico City. This was vigorously denied by them and the charges were ignored by the State Department.

"I rode on that train," said Turbide tonight, "just one day for I realized that the secret service men were trailing me and that an order for my arrest would come any minute."

"I wrote my will and gave it to Mr. Canova and slipped off the train just south of Aguas Calientes. I walked around aimlessly for 60 miles and finally got a horse on a ranch. For 15 days I rode like a madman, a rancher, and made my way to the American border, eluding troops and police by traveling mostly at night and sleeping by day. I had left my baggage on the train."

He Swims Rio Grande.

"When I finally got to the Rio Grande I was afraid to go to any of the bridges for fear the secret service men would be waiting for me. I have never seen a good swimmer, so I plunged in and swam the river. An Englishman, whose name I will not mention, met me and gave me some food. I was destitute when I arrived."

Last year Turbide was worth several millions. His property has now been confiscated and his funds in Mexico banks similarly appropriated by the different chiefs. By selling some of his property to foreigners he saved a small sum from the wreck.

The episode has an interesting sequel in the status of Leon Canova, who, it was said, became persona non grata to General Palafox and General Villa, because of his part in the escape of Turbide. Canova has been in Washington for several days. General Villa, it is said, ordered the arrest of Turbide without knowing that General Gutierrez had issued a safe conduct.

As soon as the situation is explained to all the chiefs it is believed Canova will go back to Mexico to continue his work for the American Government. He is not constantly under instructions from Washington. Secretary Bryan took a personal interest in the case.

One of the numerous reports the State Department has of Turbide told of how, soon after Vera Cruz was seized by American forces and anti-American feeling was running high in Mexico City, he made a wild dash in a motor to a private house and saved two American newspapermen from execution as spies. The correspondents had since found with codes in their possession.

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PARIS, Dec. 16.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Etienne Poulet, describing his impressions as an air scout says, "Hiding and concealment has become such an art in modern warfare that it is more difficult to find the enemy than to kill him." He says: "Infantry assumes the appearance of stacks of straw, cannon become to the sharpest eye nothing but inoffensive piles of brushwood."

"Observation madders are 'made up' with such perfection that they are easily mistaken for poplars or cypress trees; false hedges and artificial thickets, even, frequently conceal batteries of artillery and detachments of infantry from the eye of the air scout."

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A plain statement of facts regarding sales

You know my reputation for handling nothing but the finest kind of wearing apparel for men and women.

You know that I am going to move in two weeks.

You know that it is to my advantage to have every one in Portland and vicinity know of my new store in the Stevens Building, at Washington and West Park, that opens Feb. 1.

You know, and I know, that my future depends on the impressions you gain and retain of my business now and in the new store.

You know, therefore, that the statements made regarding the offerings in this ad are facts—that you owe it to yourself to investigate the difference between these and other offerings in this store as compared to the "hurrah" stuff that is undermining the reputation of all good merchants in our community.

Only two days more of this offering, Friday and Saturday. Ladies' and Men's Balmacaan Overcoats, hand tailored in the mid-season styles from finest imported Scotch and English tweeds, "Priestley Cravenetted," in all popular and new mixtures and shades.

\$25 and \$30 Balmacaans \$12.75 for less than the cost of materials and labor

These are offered at this price only for today and tomorrow.

TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH

Ladies' Suits, Coats and Dresses

Mid-season arrivals at these real reductions:

\$25 and \$30 garments, \$11.75 \$45 and \$50 garments, \$21.75
\$35 and \$40 garments, \$16.75 \$55 and \$60 garments, \$26.25
\$70 and \$80 garments, \$31.50

Two Neckwear offerings that will astonish and surprise you at the utter disregard for intrinsic selling values.

Words can't describe the merit of these— 35c, 3 for \$1.00 see them in the windows
And the \$1.50 and \$2.00 kind for 85c

CHESTERFIELD CLOTHES

The standard of the country for Men and Young Men, at these prices

\$20.00 Overcoats and Suits	\$13.50	\$35.00 Overcoats and Suits	\$22.25
\$25.00 Overcoats and Suits	\$16.75	\$40.00 Overcoats and Suits	\$26.75
\$30.00 Overcoats and Suits	\$19.25	\$45.00 Overcoats and Suits	\$29.50

R. M. GRAY

273-275 Morrison at Fourth

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Infantry Made to Look Like Straw Stacks, Cannon Resemble Piles of Brush.

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TRICK KILLS BOX BILL

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GREENFIELD SAMPLE SHOESHOP

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

tractors and a group of bond buyers would make a serious effort to defeat the proposal for a steel pipe line to the south fork of the Clackamas River became known here from an authoritative source last night.

The amendment which will be submitted to the voters has been prepared and has been sent to Boston bond experts, who will examine it. The document was prepared by Morris Bros. of Portland, and last week the committee checked it over with City Attorney Schuchel and La Stupp.

The proposed amendment will be submitted to the Council in the form of an ordinance. Twenty-one days are required to call a special city election, so that it is probable that the issue will be put before the voters about March 1.

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CARRANZA DECREE LEGALIZES DIVORCE

Mexican Leader Says Purpose Is to Emancipate Women of Lower Classes.

OTHER LEADERS AGREE

Bonds May Be Dissolved by Mutual Consent Where Couple Have Lived Together Three Years—Unions Now Chiefly Illegal.

VERA CRUZ, Jan. 4.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—General Carranza has added to his program of reforms the granting of absolute divorce.

Any Judge in Mexico—if he cares to take the chance of Carranza's resentment—may now grant absolute divorce. The law became effective on New Year's day.

Mexico has heretofore never granted more than a legal separation. The new law not only provides for divorce with the right to remarry, but makes the dissolution of the union so simple that the mere agreement of man and wife to break their marital contract is sufficient.

Other Leaders of Like Mind.

If the factions headed by Villa and Zapata and Gutierrez should not agree to duplicate Carranza's decree, or if Carranza restores himself to power, a state of marital relations not differing greatly from bigamy may be expected in the territory controlled by Carranza. It is asserted, however, that Villa, Zapata and their followers are of like mind on the question and will not hesitate to follow Carranza's example.

Should the law stand, Mexico will be perhaps the most liberal country in the world in specifications of the causes for divorce. In the case of mutual consent, it is merely necessary for the man and wife to sign an agreement saying they are tired of living together, providing for proper division of property and the disposition of the children, present this to a Judge after it has been attested by a notary, and the Judge has no option but to grant the divorce which enables them to search for new mates.

Law Favours Husbands.

Unfaithfulness, cruelty and those offenses usually listed in most divorce laws as reasons for separations are given, but there are a few unusual features as well. Abandonment on the part of the wife is defined as "abandonment without cause of the conjugal home, even though it be for a single night." Toward the husband the law is more lenient. His absence from home shall not be regarded as abandonment unless he has remained away for 30 consecutive nights.

The wife who refuses to support her husband when he is out of work and when she has money shall be adjudged as having given grounds for divorce. One restriction has been placed in that section relating to divorce by mutual consent. It is specified that in that case the parties must have lived together at least for three years.

Many Unions Now Illegal.

Carranza, commenting on his decree, said that marriage among the lower classes was exceptional; that "those unions which do exist rarely are legalized, whether on account of poverty or the instinctive fear of entering into an irrevocable contract." He explained that in his opinion divorce offered the

best remedy for reducing the number of illegitimate unions, which he admitted characterized a great part of the unions of Mexico. He was chiefly concerned, however, in alleviating the condition of woman, especially the woman of the middle and lower classes.

"It is a fact," he said, "beyond all doubt that in the middle classes the woman, due to special conditions of education and custom, is incapacitated for successful participation in the economic struggle. On this account the woman finds herself the victim of her husband, placed in a condition of slavery from which she cannot escape except by means of a law that will break the bond joining her to her husband and so emancipating her."

RED CROSS ASKS HELP

AMERICAN ORGANIZATION WILL SEND CONTRIBUTIONS TO ITALY.

Money Given Will Be Forwarded to Sufferers in Earthquake Zone Through State Department.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The American Red Cross announced today that it would be glad to receive at its headquarters here contributions for the Italian earthquake victims and would forward such money through the State Department to the proper officials in Italy.

The following statement was issued tonight at Red Cross headquarters: "The press dispatches indicate that another dreadful calamity has visited Italy, occasioned by an earthquake which is reported to have destroyed many thousands of lives and to have devastated a large area. The number of homeless by the Messina earthquake in 1908 was upwards of 50,000, and the American public responded in relief by raising, through the American Red Cross, the magnificent sum of approximately \$1,000,000 to assist those stricken people."

"Now there is another opportunity for the charitable people of the United States, whose population includes many hundreds of thousands of Italians, to help in providing relief for those rendered homeless and destitute by this latest catastrophe at Avezzano, Caserta and other places in the earthquake region."

"The American Red Cross will be glad to forward funds to the Italian Red Cross for the needed aid in the distressed territory."

CHILDREN HATE PILLS, CALOMEL AND CASTOR OIL

If Cross, Feverish, Constipated, Give "California Syrup of Figs."

Look back at your childhood days—remember the "doses" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them. With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physics simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well-founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicious "California Syrup of Figs." It's nature's positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach; and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Beware of counterfeiters sold here. See that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt—

ROSEBURG COMMERCIAL CLUB ELECTS.

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