

ALLIES NOW IN FULL CONTROL OF YSER

Germans Complete Evacuation of West Bank of Waterway, According to Paris.

SOME BATTERIES SILENCED

Battery of Howitzers Said to Have Been Destroyed—Artillery Engagements Are Features of Battle Near Arras.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—The French official bulletin, given out in Paris this afternoon, says French troops now occupy the west bank of the Yser Canal. Artillery engagements, all of them resulting more or less advantageously to the French, are reported in the region of Arras, near Nampepe, on the Aisne, in the region of Perthes, near the Forest of La Gruerie, on the heights of the Meuse, and in the Vosges. The text of the communication follows:

"The enemy has completed the evacuation of the west bank of the Yser Canal to the north of the house of the ferryman, and we occupy this bank.

Batteries Reduced to Silence. "In the region of Arras there have been artillery engagements. In the region of Nampepe our batteries have reduced to silence the batteries of the enemy. In the region of the Aisne our heavy artillery silenced the field batteries of the Germans. At a point northeast of Vailly, one of our batteries of howitzers was completely destroyed.

"In the region of Perthes and in the vicinity of the Forest of La Gruerie there have been artillery engagements and some infantry fighting which resulted advantageously to us.

Blockhouse is Blown Up. "On the heights of the Meuse the artillery of the enemy showed little activity. On the contrary, our artillery demolished at Deuxnoeux, to the west of Vigneville, the Hattichatt, two batteries of the enemy, one composed of guns of large caliber and the other used for firing upon aviators. In this same region we have blown up a blockhouse and destroyed several trenches.

"Between the Meuse and the Moselle there is nothing to report, and in the Vosges there have been artillery engagements. In the region of Genouev we have consolidated the positions gained by us the evening before."

50 PASSENGERS SCRAPED

Rate Pullman Car Inmates Vaccinated Following Smallpox Scare.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 12.—(Special).—When southbound Southern Pacific train No. 15, known as the Portland Express, pulled into the Sixteenth street station today it was surrounded by police, headed by City Health Commissioner William J. O'Brien, who with his assistants, coaches, which had made the trip from the north with locked doors, was placed under official quarantine, notwithstanding the indignation protests of the passengers.

The action was the result of a telegram received from the State Board of Health by the Oakland authorities advising them that the conductor of train No. 15 had been taken from the train at Roseburg suffering from smallpox and ordering that proper quarantine regulations be enforced.

The late passengers were sorted out, those who had been in the car when the conductor was removed at one end and those who had entered the train afterward. Among the passengers vaccinated was Cecil Jones, 123 North Fourteenth street, Portland, Or.

PET DOG SAVES 2 LIVES

Alarms Given When Women Are Overcome by Fumes From Stove.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 12.—The pet dog of Mrs. E. B. Loniger qualified for a Carnegie medal today when he saved the life of his owner and her mother after they had been overcome by gas fumes from a stove in which lampblack was being burned.

Mrs. Loniger was awakened at 3 o'clock this morning by the dog's jumping on her bed and whining. He then ran into the room where her mother was sleeping. Mrs. Loniger followed and found her mother unconscious on the floor. Mrs. Loniger fell unconscious while trying to revive her mother.

CHARTER CHANGE IS ISSUE

Managerial Feature Proposed for City of Medford.

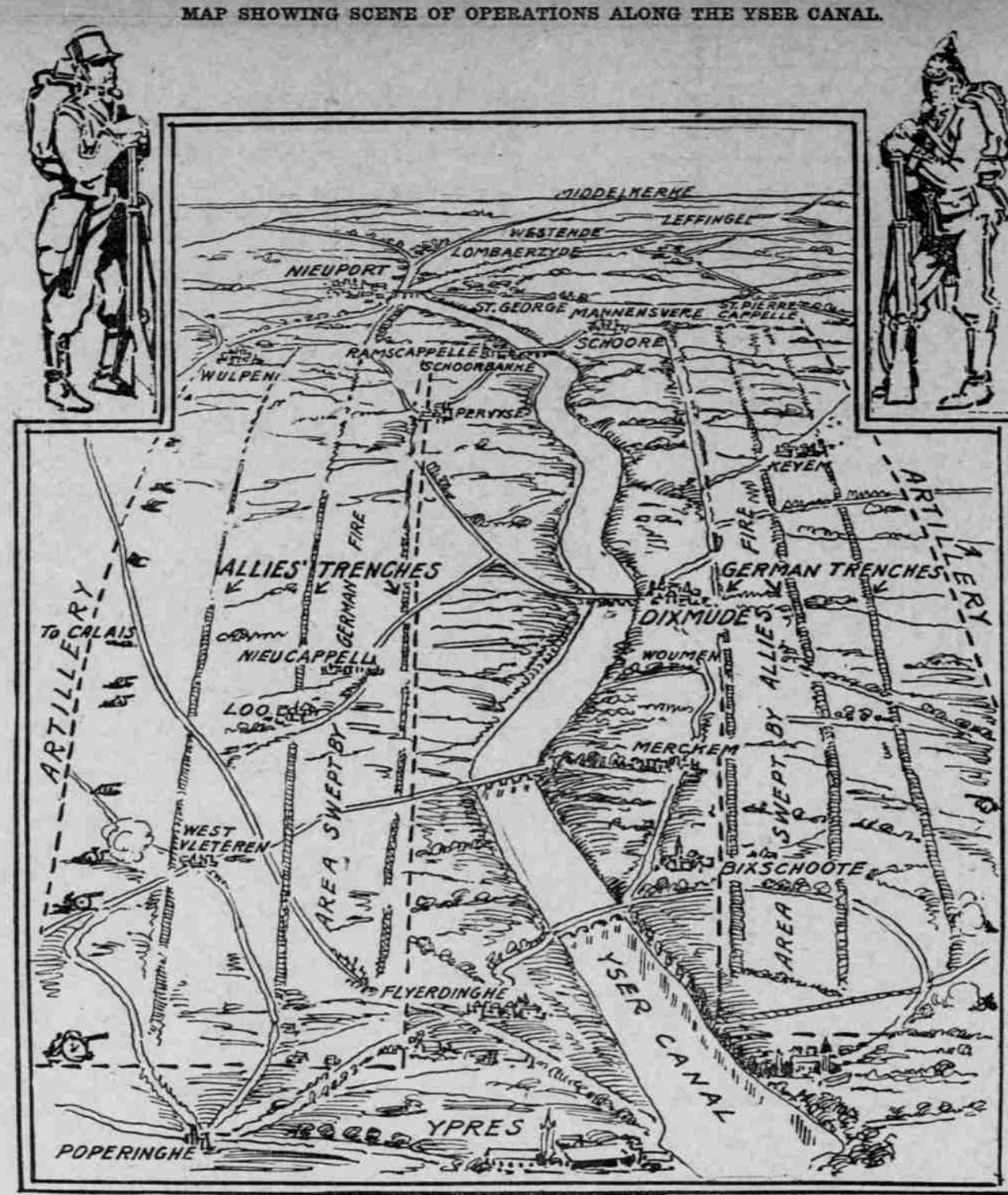
MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special).—At a meeting of the City Council tonight an election was called for a vote on the proposed new city charter at the general election, January 12. The charter was thoroughly examined by the city fathers, many changes made, but the main features were not altered in the final draft.

FORTUNE TELLERS BARRED

Germany Forbids Trade Owing to Frequency of Tragedies.

LUBECK, Germany, November 28.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Fortune-tellers now are forbidden to practice in any part of the German empire. Soon after the war broke out they began to do an enormous business with relatives of soldiers in the field, who wanted to know how things were going with them. As to the fortune-tellers often had tragic consequences, as many of the callers were in a high state of nervous tension.

The uncertainty of relatives regarding their men folk at the front has been aggravated by the complete middle of the field postal organization, which is being criticised severely by the newspapers.



ALLIES, WHO HAD BEEN HELD IN LINES OF TRENCHES INDICATED ON MAP HAVE NOW ADVANCED TO WEST BANK OF CANAL, ACCORDING TO YESTERDAY'S DISPATCHES.

QUICK RAID FEARED

Hero of Mafeking Thinks Germans Menace England.

FACTORIES ARE IN DANGER

Destruction of Industrial Centers, It Is Pointed Out, Would Throw 14,000,000 Persons Out of Employment at Once.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—General Baden-Powell shares the opinion of many other English military experts who believe that Germany fully expects to invade England if possible, and will direct its activities toward the commercial cities in the North of England, rather than toward London and the resort cities of the South. In the opinion of General Baden-Powell, the German Emperor will endeavor to land at least 50,000 troops in England.

TREMENDOUS DAMAGE POSSIBLE

"Once let them get hold of some of the big manufacturing towns, factories would be smashed up and ruined and I estimate that they could then throw 14,000,000 persons out of employment, rendering them destitute and starving. It is certain that even by a short sharp raid, they could do a tremendous amount of damage."

BERLIN ANSWERS SWEDES

Denial Concerning Mines, However, Regarded as Unsatisfactory.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 12, via London.—Germany's answer to Sweden's request for an explanation of the laying of mines by Germany by which three Swedish vessels were blown up is considered far from satisfactory by the Swedish press, according to the Aftonbladet.

CHURCH BAZAAR GIVES \$80

Cafeteria Dinner Held and Plays Presented by Congregation.

More than 400 attended the bazaar at the Rose City Methodist Episcopal Church Friday night, given under the auspices of the Aid Society. The netted \$80 and the annual event eclipsed any former one in interest and returns.

RUMOR HAS PRINCE DEAD

Paris Prints, but With Reserve, Told About German Heir.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—(Special).—The Temps says that one of its correspondents in Switzerland has seen two letters from different persons to friends, in which the death of Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany is mentioned. These letters were sent and received by people in different classes of society.

BAKER TURKEYS SCARCE

Geese and Ducks, However, Are Declared Plentiful.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special).—A family in answer for the Christmas market is predicted by Baker dealers. Offerings of 15 cents a pound live weight and 17½ cents a pound dressed have failed to bring out the birds from the farmers, and the statement was made today that there is a real possibility that this may be as much due to there being but few turkeys to offer as to a desire for higher prices.

USEFUL GIFTS MODERATE PRICES

Never before have we assembled so vast and beautiful assortment of Holiday Jewelry at moderate prices. We anticipated the times and the modest prices will surprise and please you.

DIAMONDS ARE MY SPECIALTY

The reason we sell more than other Jewelers is not alone due to the immense collection of beautiful gems on display, but to the well-known fact that I sell them for less and never misrepresent.

EASY PAYMENTS WITHOUT EXTRA CHARGE.

Largest Diamond Dealer in Oregon.

283 Morrison St., bet. 4th-5th

AIRCRAFT ARE MANY

Thousands in Service of Beligerents of Europe.

NAVY NEEDS OFFICERS

Admiral Blue Says Requirements Cannot Be Met for Several Years, 200 Merchant Vessels Essential in Case of War.

SHORTAGE OF OFFICERS SERIOUS

"There are altogether 4565 men and 263 line officers short of the number necessary to man the vessels of military value which could be used in time of war," the statement adds.

MENTHONED

Of the expense of campaigns carried out on the water at any great distance, Admiral Blue said: "I worked out the figures some time ago and found that in order to keep our fleet supplied with fuel and provisions while operating 5000 to 6000 miles from its base in the United States about 200 merchant vessels



Men's Suits and Overcoats at Genuine Reductions

A great pre-holiday sale of every man's and young man's suit and overcoat in the store. The very best hand-tailored clothes at reductions genuinely made from regular prices

- Regular \$20 Suits and Overcoats \$14.85
- Regular \$25 Suits and Overcoats \$19.85
- Regular \$30 Suits and Overcoats \$23.50
- Regular \$35 Suits and Overcoats \$28.50
- Regular \$40 Suits and Overcoats \$32.50

Reductions Include All Blues and Blacks

BEN SELLING LEADING CLOTHIER

Morrison Street at Fourth

Victor Blue, chief of the Navigation Bureau, said the Navy was suffering more from a shortage of officers than from shortage of men.

CORVALLIS ATHLETIC BODY MEETS

An athletic association composed of a number of church and business organizations has been organized in Corvallis. The first meeting for "stunts" at the Oregon National Guard Armory was held Thursday night. About 150 men represented teams from the Corvallis volunteer fire department, a number of church clubs and a business men's team. Races, and tugs of war were on the programme.

THERE IS NO LAW ABOVE THE CONSTITUTION

Yet, the field of economics must be free as nature, fettered only by reasonable restrictions, or else famine slackens the speed of progress. The arbitrary hand of the Drys has written upon the books, and the Spring Valley Wine Company must close its career in Oregon. Our large and choice stock of wines and

Liquors

is hereby cast upon the open market until all is sold.

\$3 Whiskies, \$2.25 Gallon

Buy whisky by the gallon while our stock lasts—the savings are unusual indeed.

- Monogram, elsewhere \$3, our price..... \$2.25
- Old Kentucky, a \$3.50 whisky..... \$2.45
- Marble, valued \$4..... \$2.90
- Sunny Trail, rich and mellow..... \$3.25
- King Hill, pride of Kentucky..... \$3.45
- Prince Albert, a \$6 whisky..... \$3.85

\$1.50 Wines, 85c Gallon

The prices quoted include sanitary glass container.

PURE CALIFORNIA WINES

- Imperial, elsewhere \$1.50; our price..... 85c
- Old Vintage, a \$2 wine..... \$1.15
- Cream of California, "oldest and best"..... \$1.45
- De Luxe, 65c a quart..... \$1.85

HIGH-GRADE WHISKIES

- Sunny Brook, bottled in bond..... 79c
- Old Kentucky..... 75c
- 5 different well-known whiskies..... 65c
- Cream Rye..... 79c
- Marble..... 80c
- Sunny Trail, "rich and mellow"..... 90c
- King Hill (8 Summers old, bonded)..... \$1.05
- Prince Albert, "smooth as velvet"..... \$1.15

Spring Valley Wine Co.

Portland's Largest Liquor House YAMHILL AND SECOND STS. Main 589, A 1117

Useful Gifts Moderate Prices

Never before have we assembled so vast and beautiful assortment of Holiday Jewelry at moderate prices. We anticipated the times and the modest prices will surprise and please you.

DIAMONDS Are My Specialty

The reason we sell more than other Jewelers is not alone due to the immense collection of beautiful gems on display, but to the well-known fact that I sell them for less and never misrepresent.

EASY PAYMENTS without extra charge.

Peter Bloch

Largest Diamond Dealer in Oregon.

283 Morrison St., bet. 4th-5th