

ALLIES ADVANCING OVER SWAMPY AND

Renewed Activity Reported Along Battle Line in Belgium and France.

BRITISH ARE FORCED BACK

Trenches Captured Friday Near Neuve Chapelle Regained by Germans—Indian Corps Meanwhile Wins New Ground.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The following official communication was issued tonight by the French War Office.

"In Belgium, in the region of Stenstraete, an attack by the enemy has been repulsed and we have made sensible progress in the neighborhood of the Korteken Inn.

"The British troops have lost, in the vicinity of Neuve Chapelle, several of the trenches which they captured yesterday. In the meantime the Indian corps has advanced a few hundred meters toward Richebourg l'Avoue.

"The enemy has displayed activity in the direction of Thiéval and Lihons. At the latter place a detachment of the enemy was taken by surprise in marching column and literally mowed down.

"From the Oise to the Vosges there has been no incident worth noting."

"The earlier official news today was more lengthy than usual. It said: "During the day of December 18 we organized in Belgium the territory won from the enemy the evening before to the south of Dixmude, and we advanced our front to the south of the Inn at Korteker.

"Our advance to the south of Ypres has been continued over a very difficult and swampy territory.

"Kilometer of Progress Noted. "From the Oise to the Oise we have progressed in the region of Notre Dame de Consolation, to the south of La Bassée, by more than one kilometer. During the past two days we also made progress in the direction of Carény, St. Laurent and Blangy.

"In spite of very spirited counterattacks, the position taken by us December 17 has been retained. "In the region of Albert, during the night of December 17-18, and during the day of the 19th, we advanced under a very violent fire of the enemy and reached the barbed-wire entanglements of the second line of German trenches. To the north of Maricourt we were obliged to abandon a trench occupied the night before and set on fire by the enemy. Several German grenades have been occupied in the region of Mametz, and in the vicinity of Lihons three violent counterattacks on the part of the Germans have been repulsed.

"Enemy's Artillery More Active. "In the region of the Aisne there have been artillery engagements, and in the Champagne the artillery of the enemy showed, December 18, increased activity as compared to the 17th.

"In the Argonne, in the forest of La Gurie, we blew up a German undermining trench. Near St. Hubert the enemy, by a very spirited attack, succeeded in making slight progress.

"It has been confirmed that on the heights of the Meuse our fire, directed by aviators, demolished two heavy batteries of the enemy and damaged a third battery.

"From the Meuse to the Vosges there is nothing to report. In the Vosges there has been spirited German rifle firing, but no attack."

BATTLE IS DEVELOPING

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gives rise to the general expectation that the next news of importance is to come from that direction.

The Austrians appear to have abandoned for a time all operations in Serbia. Tension military criticism is of the opinion that the Austrians were faced with the question either of strengthening their forces in Serbia or in Western Galicia and that they chose the latter course, as it was the one that required the greatest urgency. Later events, the military observers say, fully justified the Austrian army headquarters staff decision.

Servian Campaign Waits

The operations in Serbia will be resumed, it is expected, if West Galicia is cleared of the Russians.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—According to a Berlin wireless dispatch received from Vienna to main headquarters say that in the battle of Limanowa the Austrian troops completely routed the Russians, of whom Western Galicia is now clean. The Austro-Hungarian army made 26,000 prisoners and took a large quantity of war material, it is claimed.

"The Russian loss was enormous," the dispatches add, "and the pursuit is everywhere being followed up."

AVIATOR KASPAR BACK SAFE

Berlin's Apprentice Jurist Returns With 400 Bullet Holes in Plane.

BERLIN, Dec. 4.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Aviator Lieutenant Kaspar, who is in private life an apprentice jurist, is back in Berlin after another series of daring flights. The flight carried him over Calais, where he tried to destroy some of the hostile ships in the harbor. He dropped 10 bombs, but none of them hit the designed mark. A hot fire which greeted him on his arrival grew steadily hotter. Finally high-angle guns on some of the ships began work and Kaspar, his bombs exhausted, returned to his base.

It was Lieutenant Kaspar who flew over Dover some weeks ago and dropped several bombs. He also has made several flights over Paris. The wings of his aeroplane show the nature of the fire to which he has been subjected on his various flights. There are more than 400 bullet holes in them.

ENTERTAINMENT IS PLAN

Minnesota Society Chooses Watchword for New Year.

Entertainment will be the watchword of the Minnesota Society of Oregon next year, says the first annual Christmas message sent by the officers of the society members. In such as the society has in its personnel, some clever entertainers and artists, a comprehensive social programme is planned for 1915.

The principal object of the society is the getting together of the former residents of the Gopher state and the helping of the Commercial Club and other organizations in the entertainment of visitors from Minnesota or elsewhere. The next regular meeting of the society will be held January 12.

DUMDUM EVIDENCE PRESENTED BY GERMAN AMBASSADOR



TOP—WOUND CAUSED BY DUM DUM BULLET IN FOOT OF GERMAN SOLDIER. BELOW DUM DUM CARTRIDGES.

DUM DUMS SHOWN

German Ambassador Files Photographs at Washington.

FEARFUL EXHIBIT IS MADE

Allegation of Germans That Soft-Nosed Bullets Were Seized in France Is Hotly Denied by British Officials.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Photographs

have been filed with the State Department at Washington, in support of the charge made by the German government that the British have been using dum dum bullets in the war.

At various times the English and French have charged that the Germans were using dum dums and the Germans have made like charges against the English and French. These have been explained by some American Army officers on the theory that individuals in both armies might be using dum dums without the knowledge of their commanders.

By scratching the nose of a steel jacketed bullet with a pocket knife it is easy to make it "mushroom" when it strikes an object. The German charge filed at Washington, however, is that the cartridges were issued to the expeditionary force which sailed from North Wall, Dublin, August 8, and landed at Ostend the following day.

A bandolier shown in a photograph was taken from the ammunition box of the British regiment which came over on the Lancrans, of the Lamport & Holt line. It contains what the Germans describe as an "improved" form

OREGON AMONG FOREMOST DAIRYING STATES.

As a dairying state Oregon is rapidly approaching first rank. In the western part of the state and in the irrigated sections of Eastern Oregon, where large holdings have been divided into small tracts, dairying already is well established. It promises much greater development. In many sections of the state natural conditions are ideal for the industry. Mild climate, cool nights, abundance of pure water and luxurious growth of stock foods, such as alfalfa, clover, vetch, kale and corn, are among the chief advantages to be noted. Market conditions are exceedingly favorable. For a number of years the average price of butter-fat in Oregon has been much higher than in Eastern States. With an active market for dairy products and with the low cost of production, Oregon presents a most inviting and profitable field for the dairying industry. In The Oregonian Annual, which will appear January 1, 1915, there will be a full presentation of this important subject.

Emperor William Visits Wounded.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 19.—(Via London, Dec. 20.)—A dispatch received here from Berlin quotes the Vossische Zeitung, of that city, as saying that on Friday Emperor William visited the wounded soldiers in the hospital at Potsdam.

BAVARIANS MAKE BERRY OVER WAR

James O'Donnell Bennett Describes Life on Firing Line With Brave Men.

HOME IS ALWAYS IN MIND

Men in Ranks Suffer Fewer Hardships Than Officers Domiciled in Bleak French Chateaus Miles in Rear.

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along. More than once as night was closing in we have been brought to a halt by a prodigious snorting and a blinding white light a hundred feet ahead of us. We stop, and then work our way tentatively along the edge of the road until we have gotten out of the zone of the blinding light and the snorting.

What we passed was a steam roller with a stone crusher attachment. The German soldiers and the French peasants who are operating it will work all night so that the road may be in shape for the passing of the first ammunition train in the early morning.

Officers Salute Wounded. Sad, slow moving figures are in the train moving hour by hour up to and away from the camp and the intrenchments—figures of pale, bandaged men lying in the bottom of farm wagons that have been bedded with straw.

Many of them are too weak or too heavily bandaged to be able to salute the officers sweep by them in the automobiles, but the officers salute them most punctiliously. Sometimes they order the chauffeurs to halt and then, from a side street, a messenger empties of their contents into the straw-bedded farm wagons. The men smile wanly or feebly wagging a sound arm. The officers salute again, and their cars rush on.

We are drawing near to the camp, halting as we reach the steep lane that leads to it behind an army wagon that is piled high with neatly wrapped parcels. They look as if they might have come from a store in the city. The store in the last weeks of Christmas shopping, so carefully wrapped are they and so gay with colored string. A hundred soldiers, burly, laughing, shouting, their hands stretched to the parcel distributors, are standing around the wagon.

This is a great, glad hour for them, for this wagon has brought them gifts from some German city perhaps 200 miles away. There are soap cakes, sweets, sweetmeats, woollens, field post cards, song books, knee warmers for the men in the trenches, cigarettes, cakes, rich chocolate, and such like articles either useful or dainty.

"Liebesgaben" Come by Trainloads. "Liebesgaben" (love gifts), the German call these consignments which come by trainload and wagonload from the Fatherland, and more often than not they arrive without specific address from the "unserer soldaten" (for our soldiers).

Half a mile to the south of the densely wooded height in which the camp is located, the road is lined with a line of soft, yellow, downy, and long and curiously weighted rope that depends from it, which looks like a dragon tail, is known as a "dragon balloon." It is shaped as it is because it always keeps its head to the wind and stands better than the pear-shaped balloons of the German army has had these 20 years. The French used to laugh at them. They envy the Germans their possession now. "They are of the greatest value."

As you climb the steep incline that leads to the camp, you hear the chiming of telephone bells, the hum of voices in sleepy conversation, and from the trees above the crackle of dry twigs, the rustle of leaves and the sound of more strident voices which, when they first fall on your ear, seem to be engaged in the monotonous repetition of tables of figures of the arithmetic.

You realize that the lookouts aloft are receiving and forwarding telephone messages relative to artillery fire.

Guns Directed by Telephone. They are watching the batteries, posted a mile or two miles away, and if the effect of the fire does not satisfy them, they chant instructions into telephones leading direct to batteries. "Twenty meters to the left," they say, or "Too short," or "Thirty meters to the right."

Other men in other trees are watching other batteries and their singsong mingles with the other. Sometimes it is like nothing so much as the chiming of a tallor when he takes your measure for a suit of clothes, and is echoed by his assistant, who puts the measurements in a big book.

Always the singsong is followed by remote explosions and if you are in the trenches, too, you can see combs of fire leaping from a great high way across the valley.

While this chanting and pounding goes on, the men in the trenches are sitting in front of little huts which run along the most thickly wooded side when the entire scene is lit up by the sleepy hum of conversation comes. Inside the huts other men are sleeping, snoring triumphantly.

God, Nothing Else, Is Feared. In the first, but three Bavarians are stretched out on straw that is bedded two feet deep in a kind of stall. On a beam above their heads are chalked in ornate Gothic letters words which are here translated awkwardly in order to preserve the literalness:

WE BAVARIANS FEAR GOD, and Beside That NOTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD.

One assertive individual has proclaimed himself and his abode to the world by means of a doorplate that reads "Klein aber Mein" (little, but mine).

A hut inhabited by six private soldiers is placarded with the words of the Wolf's Cave. Three of the "wolves" in question are grinning at the American visitor from behind a ward glass which is the chief story of their hut. Their comments are profoundly guttural, but there is no snarl in them at all. Keep them out of a fight and they will harm nobody, but only sing plaintive Bavarian songs like "Muss I denn?"

The houses are capitally built, partly of logs cut in the surrounding forest and partly of rough planking brought from French villages or in carload lots from Germany at the end of the line of railway communication, and thence

CHRISTMAS HINTS



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by wagon to the camp. The roofs, and sometimes the sides, of the huts are thatched with pine boughs, and to some of the ridge poles little evergreen trees have been fastened.

Place Seems Made for Children. Grim as is the business that has brought the men here, they seem to be living in the atmosphere of an all-the-year-round Christmas—dolls' houses lettered in colored chalk, roofs of living green, giants going in and out of tiny doorways, and sleepy laughter, and the excited opening of the packages of love gifts of little worth, and the place—but it is no place for children.

Lace curtains at the little glass windows! Ave, and clean lace curtains, too. Curtains and glass were brought up from the villages along with an occasional chromo of some pastoral scene, taken perhaps from the inn parlor of a village that now lies shot to death. As a work of art the chromo is appalling, but the spirit of rustic peace in it no doubt comforts the heart of a homesick Bavarian and carries his thoughts back to a village among his own hills.

Besides, on a wet day—and most of the days are wet—the chromo puts a warming splash of color into a man's house. This is desirable, because until the fog rolls up the heights at evening the fires are allowed in the camp, but for cooking or for comfort. Nothing would more certainly draw the enemy's attention than a campfire. So one straps a wet overcoat close around him, scrunches deeper into the straw and thinks of times when he used to raise an unholy row at home when the household routine did not move just so.

Linooleum Used as Wall Paper. Lace curtains are not the sole sign of high living in these quarters. The inside of one house has been lined two-thirds the height of the walls with linooleum, also beyond peradventure a spill of war.

It is curious how, even in a rough camp on the battle front, the human attributes and impulses that spring of possession and nonpossession instantly manifest themselves. With a candor that makes it to him the best of comforts you envy the soldier whose hat is lined with linooleum. Men come into that hut and run their hands over the linooleum with absolute awe. Can it be real? Is there so much luxury and splendor in the world? Ah, well! The gods have their own scheme for the distribution of their gifts, and various is the fortune of war.

But the fact remains that here in this dripping wood and amid the incessant pounding of the batteries are the lace curtains and the linooleum. The man whose palace they adorn affects to take them lightly. He would not be so proud. But you can see that the men who are for the moment his guests are oppressed and humble.

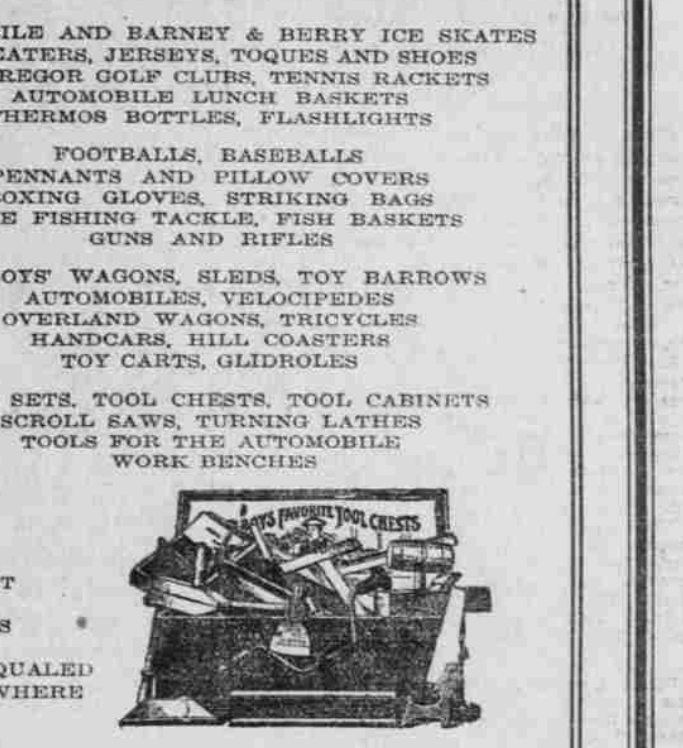
The truth is, too, that the soldiers in this camp where there is so much coziness and so much solid comfort—after you get the hang of the way of living—are in many ways more agreeably housed than are the Generals and staff officers in the bleak French chateaus four or five miles back of the firing line—stately old palaces some of these, but difficult to warm and often far from sanitary.

The great salons that the officers use as dining-rooms can be warmed for at least half their length by great fireplaces, but when the staff goes to bed there is much historic shuddering as spurred boots go climbing up the broad stone stairways to chambers that are like tombs. Even the thought that Napoleon gave to one of his best generals the particular chateau in which I shuddered yesterday, failed to warm my extremities.

PART OF LOOT RECOVERED

\$8160 of \$12,660, Which Robber Stole, Is Found.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 19.—Eight thousand dollars and six hundred dollars of the \$12,660 obtained by Frank G. Hohl, the automobile robber, who was killed following his raid on two banks last Thursday, was recovered by detectives here today. The remaining \$4500 is believed to have been mailed by Hohl to P. C. Wright, Louisville, Ky. All efforts to find this package of money through the postoffice, however, have proved unavailing.



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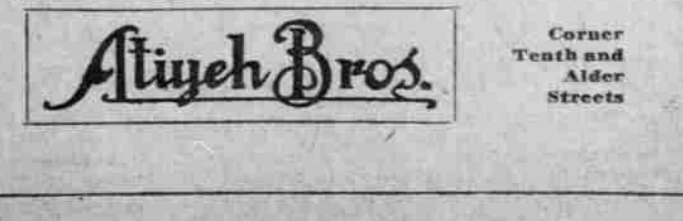
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