

FOG HAMPERS WAR ON WESTERN LINE

Artillery Exchanges Reported "Moderate," With Frequent Counter-Attacks.

FRENCH GAIN IN ALSACE

Positions Near Cernay and Aspach Reported to Have Been Reached and Positions Held Despite Efforts of Germans.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The official announcement made by the War Office today tells of "moderate artillery duels near the sea, of the cessation of operations on the Lys on account of the fog and of gains made in Alsace by the French troops. Many German counter-attacks are said to have been repulsed. The communication says:

"There have been moderate artillery exchanges on the front from the sea to the Lys. On the Lys itself a heavy fog has made operations impossible.

French Lost, but Recaptured.

"Between the Lys and the Oise we have repulsed several counter-attacks of the enemy, notably at Noyelles, to the east of Lens, at Boiselle, northeast of Albert, and at Lihons, to the west of Chaunes, where a trench captured from the enemy was lost and then recaptured by us after a spirited engagement. Between the Aisne and the Aisne during the day of December 24 a very strong German attack was repulsed at Chivry, to the northeast of Supy. In the region of Perthes the artillery silenced the batteries of the enemy which were bombarding the trenches recently occupied by our troops. Two strong German counter-attacks were repulsed during the night of December 24-25.

Severe Attack Checked on Christmas.

"Yesterday, December 25, a further counter attack of particular severity, delivered in front of 1500 yards with important bodies of troops, was completely checked.

In the Argonne and between the Meuse and the Moselle, there is nothing to report.

"In Upper Alsace, December 25 was marked by perceptible progress in front of Cernay. We reached the outskirts of the hills to the west of the town and here we held our positions in spite of several counter-attacks. We occupy also the outskirts of Aspach, the valley and the heights which dominate Aspach on the west."

BERLIN TELLS OF SUCCESSES

English and French Beaten Back on Flanders Line.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—(By wireless to London)—The official announcement gives details of the successes won out. In Berlin this afternoon complete German successes in the western arena of the war. English and French attacks near Nieuport have been repulsed. The statement refers to engagements elsewhere in France, but makes no mention of the outcome or says the situation remains unchanged. It says:

"Near Nieuport during the night of December 24-25, attacks delivered by English and French troops were repulsed.

"The success of the battle with English and Indian contingents near St. Hubert can be better judged today. Nineteen officers and 81 men were taken prisoners, while 14 machine guns and machine gun and other material was captured. The enemy left more than 300 dead on the field. The English asked for a cessation of hostilities to bury the dead. Our losses were comparatively small.

"Some minor engagements have taken place at Liboux, northwest of Amiens and at Tracy-le-Val, northeast of Compiègne. We captured 300 prisoners.

"In the Vosges, south of Diedolsheim, and in Upper Alsace, west of Altkirch, there were small engagements yesterday, but the situation remains unchanged.

The evening of December 20 a French airman threw nine bombs on a certain small village. No troops were near the village, which was but a hospital, which was plainly marked. No damage of consequence was done. In reply to this aerial attack and also the throwing of bombs on the open ways of marching, which is not demanded, and outside the zone of operations, German airmen threw numerous bombs into the outskirts of Nancy."

AUTOS TO BE ARMED

Seattle Chief of Police Takes Measures to Check Outlaws.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 26.—In an effort to stop increasing activity of highwaymen and safecollectors, Louis Lang, chief of police, tonight ordered his automobile equipped with shot-guns for use in chasing criminals. The order is the direct result of an ineffective pistol battle Thursday morning between two safecollectors and a squad of policemen.

The fugitives were wounded, but the police failed to stop the men and they are still at liberty.

"We shall put cool-headed men on these automobiles and there will be no promiscuous shooting," said Chief Lang, "but when they open fire on a fleeing criminal we will be sure he doesn't get away."

DEATH TRAVELS IN COLD

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are certain to have cold weather until Spring arrives, for it will take many warm days to dispose of the deep snow banked down almost to the consistency of ice.

There is some consolation in the fact that the winds will blow, thus insuring the plant from freezing and assuring moisture for its early growth.

South Does Not Escape.

The South is not exempt from the visit of the Frost King. St. Louis is near the zero mark, only two degrees intervening today. The cold wave has penetrated down the Atlantic Coast line and over the mountains, now denuded of their forest cover, will formerly stand between the South and extreme cold weather. Florida, Louisiana and Texas report bitter cold and Northern tourists, who hoped they had escaped the cold rigors of Winter, must move on to Panama or Cuba to find a warm spot.

Government forecasters predict a shift in the wind and say the breezes from the South will bring some relief to the Lakes region tomorrow, but the remainder of the country will continue cold.



PRESENT-DAY NAPOLEON OF FRANCE AND HIS WIFE.

GENERAL AND MRS. JOFFRE.

In view of his success as commander-in-chief of the allied armies in France, General Joffre is looked not only as a great tactician but as a more able general than the man who went down to defeat at Waterloo. Such is the great Napoleon. His men worship General Joffre and the great activity shown by the French lines along the entire bordering front of the country to the armistice issued by General Joffre to his men. "Soldiers," it read, "more than ever before France relies upon your courage and your desire to conquer at any cost. You already have been victorious on the Marne and on the Yser, in Lorraine and in the Vosges. You will know how to conquer until the final triumph."

GUNS CALM SYRIANS

Athens Says North Carolina Threatened to Fire.

FRENCH CHASED BY MOB

Secretary Daniels Calls on Cruiser Captain for Information Whether American Sailors Were Threatened by Turks.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Foot and mouth disease is held responsible for a decrease from last year of \$19,000,000 in the value of livestock received during 1913 at the Union Stockyards here, the largest in the world, according to a report today by the Union Stockyards & Transit Company, which handled all the animals. The shipments totaled 14,659,900 head, worth nearly \$300,000,000.

Up to the time of the quarantine of the yards by the Federal Government the value of livestock received exceeded that of a year ago. Classified, the 1914 receipts were: Cattle, 2,237,600; calves, 361,700; hogs, 6,627,900; sheep, 5367,900, and horses.

SWEET POTATOES GROWN

Dry Farming Station at Washington College Records Achievement.

PULLMAN, Wash., Dec. 26.—(Special) Sweet potatoes grown on the sandy loam of the Columbia River Basin, yielding at the rate of six tons an acre, is the latest achievement of the dry farming station of the State College at Grandview. The potatoes were started in hotbeds and transplanted when danger of frost was past.

Virginia Leaves Under Escort.

The Virginia, escorted by the North Carolina, then left for Dedeagatch and the North Carolina later proceeded to Smyrna.

Many French refugees, the dispatch adds, already have arrived at Pirus.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Secretary Daniels called on Captain Oman, commanding the armored cruiser North Carolina, and a Wisconsin, at the latter's request, December 16, proceeded from the island of Scios on the coast of Asia-Minor for Alexandria to take gold to Jaffa for the relief of Jews in Jerusalem.

Two Turkish ships were captured by the North Carolina and the Tennessee, having gone from Jaffa after depositing gold. Beirut is about 40 miles south of Tripoli.

One report was that Turkish authorities sought to prevent the departure of American, British and French Consuls and that the attack on the American crew of a commercial ship and the threatened bombardment of Tripoli by the American man-of-war followed.

ASHLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—(Special) At Trinity Episcopal Church this afternoon Donald S. Whitlock and Miss Elizabeth Whitlock were married. Rev. William B. Hamilton of St. Mark's Church, Medford, performing the ceremony. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Mary L. Whitlock, of this city, and is a Southern Pacific locomotive engineer. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Johnson, a popular favorite in the younger social set. The newlyweds left this evening.

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