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FRENCH CLAIM GAINS IN BELGIUM AND ENGAGEMENTS ALONG FRONT

Claim to Have Occupied and Organized Important Territory Taken From Kaiser's Force's South of Dixmude Night Before Last—Advance Over Swamps at Ypres

ADVANCE TO SECOND LINE TRENCHES OF GERMANS IN REGION OF ALBERT DESPITE WIRE

Admit Losing Ground North of Maricourt and Near St. Hubert Where Germans Made Fierce Attack—Claim German Undermining Trench Blown Up.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The official announcement this afternoon says: "Yesterday we organized in the Belgian territory won from the enemy the previous evening 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 continued over a swampy territory. From Lys to the Oise River, we progressed. In the region of Albert we advanced under a very violent fire and reached a barbed wire entanglement of the second line of German trenches. North of Maricourt we were obliged to abandon the trench occupied the night before. Several German trenches were occupied in the region of Mamets. German counter attacks near Lyons were repulsed. In the Argonne and LaGrurie forest we blew up a German undermining trench. Near St. Hubert, the enemy, by a spirited attack, succeeded in making slight progress. In the Vosges, there has been spirited German rifle firing, but no attack."

ITALY DECLARES FOR PEACE AND DENIES RUMOR OF MOBILIZATION

ROME, Dec. 18.—(Delayed in Transmission)—The Senate adjourned today after a unanimous manifestation in favor of peace. Premier Salandra declared absolutely false any announcement of Italy's mobilization.

MANY LIVES LOST ON SHIPS.

ATHENS, Dec. 19.—A semi-official announcement made here today says that 100 lives were lost, including some German officers, when the Turkish battleship Messudier was torpedoed by a British submarine several days ago and sank in the Dardanelles.

BERLIN IS IN DOUBT ABOUT BIG VICTORY OVER RUSSIANS IN POLAND

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The German War Office's announcement of an overwhelming victory in Poland still fails to bring any response from Petrograd. Berlin is puzzled by the absence of details and is said to be experiencing a shadow of disappointment, although still celebrating the reported victory. Petrograd dispatches say the new Austrian expedition across the Carpathians has been checked and the Russian forces near the Silesian frontier are holding their positions firmly.

AUSTRIANS CUT RUSSIAN LINE.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 19.—According to a Budapest newspaper, an armored train en route from Lemberg to the Carpathian Mountains with ammunition and food, was blown up. This indicates the line of Russian communication with the forces operating in the Carpathians has been successfully attacked.

ENGLISH SHIP IS BLOWN UP

Only One of Crew of Mine Sweeper Off Scarborough Is Rescued

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Lloyd's agent at Scarborough reports that a mine sweeper engaged in sweeping for mines off Scarborough was blown up. Only one of the crew was rescued. Two other vessels are reported blown up in the region visited by the German squadron which raided the English coast.

MANY ON STAGE. The Florence-Gardiner stage had a large number of passengers today. Among those arriving on it were C. G. Hockett of Empire and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd W. Jacobs and little son.

American Cannon Shipped To Russian Army In Poland

ISTHMIAN MAKES WAY TO PORT (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 19.—A wireless from the American-Hawaiian steamer Isthmian, which ran aground yesterday 300 miles south of San Diego, stated the steamer was proceeding steadily northward. If the pressure of the water does not burst her bulkheads, she will reach here tonight.

MILITARY BILL LARGE ONE IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—An army appropriation bill, aggregating \$101,000,000, was agreed upon today by the House military committee. It carries a special fund of \$15,000 for United States military observers in Europe.

COOS BAY GIVEN \$80,000 IN BILL

The Coos Bay Times and W. U. Douglas his afternoon received telegrams from Congressman W. C. Hawley saying: "In Rivers and Harbors bill reported today I have an appropriation of \$80,000 for Coos Bay, \$2000 for Coos River and provision made for a new survey of the harbor from the Smith mill to the entrance." Capt. Maegnon said before sailing today that he and L. J. Simpson would confer with Major Morrow at 9 o'clock Monday morning in Portland relative to the jetty appropriation.

BLUE LODGE ELECTS George Clinkenbeard Chosen Worshipful Master of Blanco Lodge At the regular meeting of the Blanco Lodge No. 38 of the Masons, held Thursday evening, the following officers were elected: Worshipful Master, George Clinkenbeard; Senior Warden, Mair Dano; Junior Warden, A. Bengaton; Treasurer, George Winchester; Secretary, Norris Jensen. The installation of officers will occur December 26.

BELGIAN GOODS TO BE SENT DIRECT

Steamer Washington Will Go From Portland in January—Take Coos Bay Goods (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 19.—The Seattle Chamber of Commerce was notified today by the general relief committee in New York that the steamer Washington, the vessel designated to carry relief supplies from the Pacific Northwest to Belgium will arrive in Seattle January 7. Calls will be made at Portland and Tacoma.

TAKE COOS BAY GOODS.

It is expected that among the goods taken on the Washington will be the consignments gathered in Marshfield by the Progress Club.

DIES IN PORTLAND.

Word has been received here that Dr. J. D. Wetmore, formerly a well known resident of Coquille, died in Portland Wednesday. His body was cremated. His sister, Mrs. J. L. Thompson, lives in Coquille.

Over 165 Carloads of Big Guns and Ammunition Being Sent Via Vancouver, B. C.

FIRST CARGO LEFT THERE FOR RUSSIA

More Shipments From Pennsylvania Factories Expected—Compete With Others (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SEATTLE, Dec. 19.—The arrival of American-made heavy artillery is expected to be of great advantage to the Russian army in Poland next month. A Russian volunteer fleet the steamship Novgorod, now bound from Vancouver to Vladivostok, is carrying 165 carloads of war supplies, mostly siege guns and projectiles. The guns were made in Pennsylvania, and weight 165 tons each. Other trainloads of American big guns and shells are on the way to Vancouver, to be loaded on the Russian liner Tambor, which will arrive at Vancouver December 31. The Russians are using French siege guns and are reported to have received some Japanese guns recently. January should see the American guns tested in competition with those manufactured in Germany, France and Japan.

TO SHIP COPPER TO ITALY SOON

Negotiations With Great Britain to Remove Embargo on American Cargoes There (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—Representatives of the western copper producing interests who called on Secretary Bryan today were informed that an understanding was being framed between the United States and Great Britain, with every indication of success, whereby American copper would be allowed to be transported to Italy without detention. It is understood the British are satisfied with the guarantees which the Italian government will extend that the copper will not reach Germany or Austria.

BIG XMAS MAIL ON BREAKWATER

With 43 passengers and carrying 94 sacks of mail and 11 parcels post packages, aggregating in all 3726 pounds, the Breakwater cleared from here this morning bound for Portland. Those who left for the north were: Jack Hanns, Miss Emma Hanson, G. Glenaskhur, Mrs. Glenaskhur, A. Nicksheets, Anna Fisher, Mrs. Nell McMillan, Mrs. Clay Roberts, Miss Spence Wilson, Miss Myrtle Miller, G. Risley, J. C. Zeh, Joseph Beha, P. Sinn, Mrs. Sinn, Mrs. W. C. Bailey, Mabel Hanson, S. Portaini, Mr. Stinger, G. C. Teeths, J. Noe, Nellie E. Smith, J. F. Simon, A. Banacker, Miss Duncan, Miss Helen Simpson, C. B. Myers, G. Moran, John Biederman, J. Morris, S. Schwartz, Jno. Murphy, T. J. Mahoney, H. L. Kardwell, Mrs. B. E. Haynes, Miss Voltz, Mrs. Newton, Mr. R. Allen, Master Allen, W. S. Colter, Miss Morinne, E. E. Bummell, J. W. Bear, Mr. Quigley.

WOODMEN ELECT NEW OFFICERS

At a meeting of the Woodmen of the World at the I. O. U. F. Hall Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected: Casual Commander—C. H. Wilson; Adviser—Lieutenant—C. E. Elliot; Clerk—W. H. Douglas; Banker—I. Lando; Escort—Fred Sandberg; Manager—Alex Campbell; Watchman—E. Savage; Sentry—Guy Lattin. The installation of officers will take place at a meeting in January when it is planned to have a joint installation with the Women of Woodcraft. A large banquet will be held and friends of the members invited.

PLUM PUDDING FOR ENGLISH TROOPS

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Every man in the British uniform on land and sea will have plum pudding for Christmas dinner. The Christmas pudding fund has raised over \$40,000 and provided over half a million puddings.

TURNS EGYPT OVER TO NEW SULTAN NOW

LONDON, Dec. 19.—King George today sent a message to Hussein Kemal, whose appointment as Sultan of Egypt was announced yesterday, assuring him of his sincere friendship and unfailing support in safeguarding the integrity of Egypt. "Your Highness has been called to undertake the responsibilities of your high office at a grave crisis in the national life of Egypt," King George declared.

COURT HOLDS BUSY MORNING SESSION

John Snyder in Trouble—Three Have Fight—Erickson Caught on "Souise." John L. Snyder, a bartender in the National Saloon, was arrested last evening on the charge of being drunk. Early in the afternoon his wife appeared before the justice of the peace and secured a search warrant for some family jewels which she claimed the husband had hidden. Chief of Police Carter and Constable Cox went to a saloon and bottling works on a futile search and later found the jewels in the Snyder home. Mrs. Snyder declared that her life had been threatened and that she wanted to return to her home in Portland. The couple have been married less than two years and have a little baby boy. Police Judge Butler fined Snyder \$5 for being drunk. Nelse Thorpe, Gust Oleson and Emil Oleson regaled the police court with an English-Scandinavian account of how they came to be mixed into a free-for-all fight. The man's battle had been waged previous to this with John Barleycorn the victor and about 9:30 the men were arrested at the corner of Central and Second as they issued out of the doors and windows of the residence there. In jail all of the men kept themselves warm arguing back and forth through the bars. Judge Butler fined them \$5 each for fighting and they were turned loose. John Erickson went on a "toot" by his lonesome but was halted in his lonely celebration by a blue coated officer of the law. He, too, joined the festive crowd in the city's Harbor of Refuge.

ALLIES PUSH OFFENSIVE MOVEMENT IN GERMAN ANGLE NORTH OF PARIS

Official German Statement Indicates Kaiser's Troops Are on Defensive in Northern France and Belgium and Claims French Attacks Were Repulsed

FRENCH CLAIM MUCH GROUND GAINED IN ATTACKS ON GERMANS NEAR WHERE LINE SWINGS EASTWARD

No Detailed News Given Out Concerning Developments in Poland But Russia Does Not Admit Claims of Germans Concerning Big Victory There.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—It is indicated by the German war office statement today that the offensive in the west now rests with the Allies. The Berlin communication speaks of a series of hostile attacks, which, it is said, were repulsed. The French statement, however, asserts further important advantages have been won by the allies, who apparently are now making an effort to push back the German lines at the sharp angle north of Paris, where it swings eastward. At Albert, it is said, the Allies under a heavy fire pushed through entanglements in front of thesecond line of entrenchments. At several other points, according to the French, ground has been won and German trenches occupied. In two instances it is admitted that the Germans made progress.

The day's official reports fail to clear up the situation in the east. The German announcement was as definite as before, merely stating that in Poland, pursuit of the Russians continued and a Russian cavalry attack on the East Prussian frontier has been defeated. Petrograd does not admit the German victory in Poland.

GERMANS ANNOUNCE ALLIES CHECKED IN ATTACKS AND RUSSIANS FLEEING

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—The official statement this afternoon says: "Yesterday took place a series of hostile attacks in the western arena. Fighting continues at Nieuport, Bixschote and Labassee. We repulsed the attacks of the enemy west of Lens, east of Albert and west of Noyon. On the East Prussian frontier a Russian cavalry attack west of Pilkallen was repulsed. In Poland, the pursuit of the enemy continues."

VILLA TROOPS REVOLT AT SAN LUIS POTOSI AND AMERICANS GUARD NAGO

VILLA TROOPS REVOLT. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 19. A dispatch to the local Mexican consul today says: "The Villa garrison at San Luis Potosi revolted against Villa this morning and surrendered to General Gonzales, the Carranza commander who is loyal to Carranza."

NAGO, Ariz., Dec. 19.—Three additional camps along the tactical line of defense, covering the Mexican bor-

der for a distance of five miles, were laid out today for the reinforced American troops here. The main cavalry camp, two miles north of the border, will constitute a reserve. The new camps will shelter the infantry brigade which began arriving today and will face all of the border within direct range of the lines of both Maytorena and Hill. The Sixth Brigade of infantry, reinforcing the American cavalry troops already here, began to arrive today. Most of the brigade will be here by night. A few Mexican bullets again fell on the American side last night.

COLUMBIA RIVER STEAMER SUNK

Captain and Members of the Crew of Stranger Accused of Being Intoxicated (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 19.—Charges were filed today with the United States inspectors of steam vessels by the passengers of the river steamer Stranger, which sank in the Columbia River yesterday, alleging that the captain and members of the crew were intoxicated when the accident occurred. The Stranger, belonging to The Dalles-Columbia line, struck a rock just above Carson and now lies half submerged. All the passengers were rescued. It is thought the vessel can be raised and repaired. A big hole was torn in her side.

STMR. COOS BAY LOST AT VENTURA

Wooden Vessel Built in Marshfield in 1884 is Sunk After Wrecking Wharf Today (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) VENTURA, Cal., Dec. 19.—Backing into a wharf here today to take on a cargo, the steamer Coos Bay swung against the structure, pounded it to pieces under a heavy swell and after wrecking herself, sank. Captain Bowen said the ship will probably be a total loss. She was a wooden vessel, 544 gross tons, and was built in 1884. She plied between San Francisco and Ventura.

NOTICE TO MASONS.

The Royal Arch Masons will have a session Monday afternoon to confer the degree of Royal Arch Mason. A. P. DAVIS, High Priest.

Built on Coos Bay. The Coos Bay was built at the old shipyards in Marshfield in 1884. It has been years since she has made this port. She was 180 feet long, 27 feet wide and had a draught of 14 feet and besides carrying lumber was equipped for carrying passengers. She carried a crew of 26 men. Cake Plates. SUMNER HARDWARE COMPANY. Large Vases. SUMNER HARDWARE CO.