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ALLIES MAKE PROGRESS IN GENERAL ATTACKS ON GERMAN BATTLE LINE

Reports Today Indicate Apparent Advance by French and English, Although Latter Have Suffered Reverses at Certain Points in France and Belgium

GERMANS HOLD STUBBORNLY TO LINE THEY OCCUPIED AFTER RETREAT IN BATTLE OF MARNE

French Claim Russians Are Advancing in East and West Prussia, But Admit Czar's Troops Are Being Worst in Fighting in Poland and West of Warsaw.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Although further progress apparently has been made by the Allies in their general offensive movement, the German armies as a whole are standing fast and as far as known have lost no important sections on the long line on which they settled down after the retreat which followed the battle of Marne early in the war. Today's official communications indicate that each side has had its victories and defeats.

The French army chiefs state they captured the last section of a line of German troops near Perthes Les Hurlus, where fighting has been severe for several days, and made an average gain of 800 yards.

The German statement, speaking of this engagement, says the French attacks were "partly repelled." French claims to progress in Belgium were denied in Berlin, where it is said the British suffered reverses at the hands of the Germans.

The German War Office reports no developments in the East, saying merely that fighting is continuing.

The French statement, however, asserts that the Russians are pressing forward their invasion of Germany, across the East Prussian frontier, but admits the Germans made progress in the fighting in Poland and west of Warsaw.

FRENCH CLAIM ALLIES GAIN IN SERIES OF HARD ATTACKS ON GERMAN LINES

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The official statement this afternoon says: "Yesterday in Belgium we made slight progress between the sea and the highway from Nieuport to Westende, as well as in the region between Steenstraete and Bixchoote, where we occupied a forest, some houses and a redoubt. We re-captured the village of Givenchy Les LaBassée. In the Perthes Les Hurlus region we carried, after two assaults, the last section of the line which we occupied in part December 21. We made an average gain of 800 yards. In the last trench, which we captured we took a section of machine guns, including the gun crews. A violent counter attack was checked. We made progress northeast of Beausejour and repulsed counter attacks. We advanced in Lagrurie against a front of trenches 400 yards wide and running not less than 250 yards deep. We blew up with mines two of these German lines of works and occupied the excavations. Fighting is going on in the vicinity of Bourouilles, with the outcome fairly serious. It would appear not to have been possible to retain entirely the positions we acquired yesterday."

GERMANS ENTER PORTUGUESE LANDS

Lisbon Reports Invasion of African Possessions by Superior Force of Kaiser

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LISBON, Dec. 23.—The Germans have again invaded Angola, Portuguese West Africa. The fact was announced in the Chamber of Deputies by the Minister of the Colonies, who said the Germans had made a fresh attack on the military post at Naulha. The Portuguese commander had only a small force and retreated.

MARSHALLS IN ARIZONA

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 23.—Vice President Marshall and Mrs. Marshall arrived here today to spend the Christmas holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kinsey. Governor Hunt met the Marshall party at the station.

TO WITHDRAW TROOPS

President Wilson to Recall Federal Force From Colorado.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Arrangements for beginning the withdrawal of Federal troops from the Colorado strike districts within the next ten days, was announced today at a conference between President Wilson and Governor Ammons of Colorado, Governor-elect Carlson and Senator Shafroth.

LONDON EXCHANGE OPENED

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Dec. 23.—It was officially announced tonight that the London stock exchange would re-open January 4.

DRESSED TURKEYS

GEESSE LARGE DUCKS CHICKEN FOR CHRISTMAS.

STAFF GROCERY.

COL. GOETHALS IS IN NEW YORK

Head of Panama Canal Zone Arrives to Urge Necessity of Sending Warships

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Colonel Goethals reached New York today on his way to Washington, where it was said he would discuss with President Wilson his recent request for warships to enforce the neutrality of the United States if necessary in the Canal Zone.

The request of Col. Goethals for the dispatch of American warships to the canal to preserve the neutrality of the United States was suggested by naval officers in charge of the wireless plans and naval affairs in the zone and was forwarded to Washington as a matter of form by Col. Goethals, acting in his capacity of Governor of the Canal zone, and the incident is regarded so far as Goethals is concerned. This was announced by the Colonel himself on his arrival today from the canal zone. He intimated that he would have nothing further to say on the matter of sending warships to the canal unless he was asked to give his views.

MILLION DOLLAR CARGO ON WRECKED SHIP

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The salvage steamship Jaqua sailed from here today to aid of the motor ship Malakka, ashore on Cedros Island, 300 miles south of San Diego. The vessel and cargo are valued at more than a million dollars. The Jaqua was formerly on the Coos Bay run and was converted into a wrecker after she went ashore near San Francisco when Bert McCollum was purchaser of her a few years ago.

National Prohibition Defeated By Lack Of Two Thirds Vote

KAISER AND STAFF RUSH WEST TODAY

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from the Cologne correspondent of the Central News says that Emperor William, with his entire staff reached Cologne today from Berlin on their way to the western battle front.

GEN. SCOTT HOPES FOR MEXICAN PEACE

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NACO, Ariz., Dec. 23.—Gen. Scott successfully completed today the first step in an effort for peace on the Mexican border. He conferred with General Hill and said: "It was a very satisfactory interview." A conference with General Maytorena is now being arranged by Scott.

PRES. WILSON IN SANTA CLAUS ROLE

Gets Big Christmas Tree at White House for His Small Grand Niece Today

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—President Wilson will play Santa Claus on Christmas Day for his small grand niece, Anne Cothran, who will spend the holidays at the White House with her mother and grandmother, Mrs. Anne How, the President's sister. A large Christmas tree was delivered today at the White House.

NOT ALL BASKETS ARE OVERFLOWING

Last Appeal Made for Clothes and Provisions—Municipal Tree is Ready

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

Baskets filled with good cheer in the shape of provisions and clothes were made up this afternoon by the Ladies' Guild of the Episcopal church in the office of Dr. E. V. Morrow, where for three days supplies have been brought by many generous donors, helping toward making a merry Christmas in many families where otherwise there would have been but little evidence of the happiest time of the year.

Toys and candy and nuts, everything to delight the "kiddies," were sent to the Guild Hall at the Episcopal church where tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock will be held the big municipal tree for every youngster in the city who wants to come.

However, there still remain several families on the list who have not yet been cared for. If no one donates baskets today these people will have practically no Christmas, in other words there are not enough provisions and clothes supplies to go around and the members of the committee make an urgent appeal that everyone give who can.

Provisions and clothes should be put in baskets and brought any time tomorrow to the Guild Hall at the Episcopal church. The baskets are to be distributed Christmas morning. In putting clothes in baskets the committee asks that a list be attached to the basket so that without sorting they can tell what size children the clothes will fit.

The municipal tree is made possible through the generosity of the "Good Fellows," consisting of the following who have made contributions: W. S. Chandler, Archie Johnson, Carl Stockin, Dorsey Kreitzer, H. S. Harris, Alma McIntosh, Guy Chambers, Royal Niles, W. T. Hamilton, J. I. Terrell, W. J. Conrad, H. J. Mc-

Hobson Resolution Favoring National "Dry Wave" Has 196 to 189 Votes in House

PARTY LINES BROKEN IN VOTE ON MEASURE

Prohibition Leaders Declare They Did Not Expect Even Majority in House

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The Hobson resolution for national prohibition in the House failed to get the necessary two-thirds majority, and consequently failed. It had a majority, the final vote being 196 for and 189 against.

The final vote came shortly before midnight at the close of many hours of a remarkable debate in which the question of states' rights figured prominently and after several amendments, it was voted upon. Not for some time had such a spirited struggle been witnessed in Congress. The resolution failed of adoption by sixty-one votes, an affirmative vote of 258 being necessary.

An analysis of the vote of the House last night shows that of those voting for the prohibition resolution, 114 were democrats, 67 republicans, 11 progressives and four independent republicans. Those voting against the resolution included 141 democrats, 46 republicans, one independent republican and one progressive.

Prohibition leaders today reiterated their expressions of satisfaction in obtaining a majority of the votes, saying they had not expected to get the two-thirds vote.

READY FOR SANTA CLAUS TO START

Baskets Will Carry Christmas Cheer—Appeal Made for Contributions to Cause

Bundles of warm clothes, provisions enough to gladden the hearts and appetites of a small army, found their way today into the office of Dr. E. V. Morrow, where the Ladies' Guild are making ready for more than 30 Christmas baskets, which they will make up tomorrow afternoon and distribute on Christmas eve over the city. More than 20 families have been found who are in need; it is upon the generosity of the more fortunate that these people must mainly rely for their share of the Yule-tide spirit.

A very little bit of one's own Christmas given in this way, will do a lot of good and be missed not at all by those who have a share to give. The ladies of the committee declare that bottles of fruit, children's clothes, anything for the little tots, useful household articles and toys will be heartily appreciated and will go far in gladdening the Christmas-day for those who are less fortunate.

Still more children have been added to the list who are waiting for the big Christmas tree of Thursday evening. Yesterday the list was about 100; today it has grown considerably larger. Everyone of the youngsters are to be brought to the Guild Hall of the Episcopal Church in style. Owners of automobiles are donating their services, declaring that for at least once the children are the "kings and queens" of the occasion.

Keown, William Woods, Charles Van Dusen, G. M. Dunlap, Sherman H. Price, O. Steinbach, W. Matson, Harry Gordon, E. I. Chandler, The Gunner, R. T. Kaufman, O. H. Wilmer, J. W. Bennett, F. M. Parsons, R. E. Laraway, Buster Brown, R. Starr, N. D. Oswald, Dr. Derby, E. K. Jones, William Chandler, A. E. Glossop, Ben Chandler, Frank D. Cohan, R. W. Morrow, George E. Dix and C. B. Landers.

ALBERT DAVIS, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Davis, of Haynes Inlet, came back from Gravelford, where he has been attending school and will spend Christmas with his parents. With him came Beacher Crouch, who also went home to the Inlet this afternoon.

BREWERY IN OHIO FAILS FROM DROUTH

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 23.—The Hoster-Columbus Breweries Co., a \$12,000,000 corporation, went into the hands of receivers today on order of the United States District Court. "The decreased demand for beer, adverse legislation and the voting dry of many states and counties in the last eight years" were given as the causes.

ALFRED HENRY LEWIS DIES IN NEW YORK

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Alfred Henry Lewis, newspaper man and author, died today at the home of his brother here, of intestinal disorders. He was ill only a few days.

MAY SETTLE WILL QUIETLY IS RUMOR

Controversy Over John Golden's Will May Be Effected Out of Court

An out of court settlement with the heirs of John Golden, deceased, may be effected, and in this way escape a long and expensive litigation. This was the rumor afloat today, and while nothing definite could be learned, it was generally understood that the settlement would be made. Nephews of Mrs. Kennedy, sister of John Golden, immediately after the will was opened, threatened to take the matter into the courts in an effort to secure a larger share of the estate for their mother, who was left \$20 a month "when she needed it."

John Goss has been retained as attorney for the Kennedy family. He declared today that nothing had been done by way of settlement and further stated that he had no idea such a settlement could be brought about. To bring the will into the courts, it is pointed out, would be an expensive proceeding and despite the costs would lay the entire estate open to further dividing by court decision.

NANN SMITH HERE FOR CHRISTMAS

Arrived in This Morning From San Francisco With 45 Passengers Aboard

It was a jubilant crew that came in on the Nann Smith this morning for the lumber carrier will lay over here until 5 a. m. Saturday, thus giving them all Christmas at home. There were 45 passengers on the Nann Smith from San Francisco this morning. She also brought quite a large express consignment.

The cabin passengers arriving from San Francisco were: Geo. Langford, Mrs. Geo. Langford, Miss Frances Williams, Mrs. Nora Tower, Miss May Preuss, Mrs. Hager, Mrs. Sarah Jordan, C. Waller, A. Welch, Mike Sell, J. Littler, Fred L. Reynolds, Arthur L. Doyle, L. J. Keating, Mrs. L. J. Keating, Mrs. E. Farringer, Miss U. Farringer, Mrs. E. Templin and child.

Blue Ridge Tigers In.—Between 75 and 80 Blue Ridge Tigers from McDonald & Vaughan's logging camp came down this morning to celebrate their Christmas in the city. The camp has closed down for about two weeks. Last year they were given a banquet by Emerson Ferrey, of the Blanco Hotel, though nothing definite has yet been arranged for this year's celebration.

GERMANS CLAIM VICTORIES OVER ENGLISH--SAY FRENCH LOSSES HEAVY

Official Announcement From Berlin That British Positions Near Richebourg Were Captured and Many Prisoners Taken—Violent Counter Attacks Repulsed

SAY FRENCH ATTACKS NEAR RHEIMS AND AT OTHER POINTS PARTLY REPELLED WITH HEAVY LOSSES

Declare Situation in East and West Prussia Unchanged and Battle for Possession of River Fronts Near Warsaw Continue—No Change Along River Pilica

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The official statement today says: "Attacks in the region of Lombaertzyde and to the south of Bixchoote have been easily repulsed by us. At Richebourg l'Avoue, the English again were driven from their positions yesterday. Notwithstanding desperate counter attacks, we retained all positions which we captured from the English on Richebourg Canal from Aire to Labasse. Since December 20 we have captured 750 British and colored soldiers, five machine guns and four mine throwers.

"Attacks north of Sillerie, southeast of Rheims, at Souain and Perthes have been partly repelled by us with heavy losses to the French.

The situation in East and West Prussia is unchanged. Battles for the possession of branches of the Baura River, west of Warsaw, continue. The situation on the right bank of the River Pilica is unchanged."

HEAVY LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES IN SEVERE WINTER BATTLES IN POLAND

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Dec. 23.—When weather conditions under which the troops in the Eastern theater of war are recalled, the suffering of the men in the trenches may, to some extent, be appreciated. The country is experiencing the full force of winter. Each side has experienced tremendous losses in this battle of rivers, and although the Germans claim to have forced the Russian line at a number of points, it is nevertheless a fact that the Russian front has been straightened out, and it is difficult to visualize which contender is possessed of strategic advantage.

FRANCE VOTES NEAR TWO BILLION DOLLARS FOR NEXT SIX MONTHS WAR

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The Chamber of Deputies voted unanimously today an appropriation of \$1,700,000,000 to cover the expenses of the next six months, including the cost of war.

RUSSIA RUSHES MORE TROOPS TO BATTLE DEVELOPING NEAR CRACOW

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

PETROGRAD, Dec. 23.—Large bodies of Russian troops are moving toward Cracow from the North and East. An important battle is apparently developing in Southwestern Poland.

STOP WIRELESS FOR BRITISH

Panama Zone Officials Demand Equipment of English Ship Sending Codes

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Lieutenant Cranshaw, naval radio officer at the Panama Canal Zone, cabled the navy department today that the wireless of the British steamer Proteus, in Balboa harbor, had been dismantled by the Canal police December 19, after it was found that she had been sending code messages.

MARINE SURGEON'S BERTH STILL FULL

Dr. Strate, of North Bend, Not to Retire—Rumors of Applicants for Office

Rumor was rife today that there are two applicants for the position of marine surgeon on Coos Bay and that Dr. Lloyd W. Mott of North Bend, and Dr. E. V. Morrow, were both in line for the berth, which at present is held by Dr. L. K. Strate and has been held since December of 1912.

Dr. Strate at noon declared that he, too, has been hearing rumors to this effect, but that he has no intention of resigning his office. He holds it under the United States Treasury Department, having qualified under the civil service laws. This last clause takes the position entirely out of politics.

The salary attached to the position here is under \$340 a year, hence to hold such an office it is not necessary that the applicant pass an examination, though his record is examined closely prior to appointment, that the officials may know the man is qualified to serve as marine surgeon.

"I have heard these stories," said Dr. Strate, "but the only thing that can remove me is a court martial. I am not thinking of retiring."

WANT TO GET LIST OF NEEDY

Do you know of any deserving family whose Christmas will be rather bleak unless Santa Claus comes to the rescue?

If so notify J. W. Hildenbrand, Tom James, F. V. Catterlin, George Goodrum, George H. Ro ttor or A. P. Davis or any of the Marshfield Elks and they will see that Santa Claus visits every deserving home. If possible tell the membership of the family and where they live.

J. W. Hildenbrand said today that they had found very few needy families in and around Marshfield. A few were reported at North Bend and some in the Coquille Valley, but they have got a line on very few here.

MISS EDITH MARKHAM returned today from school at Gravelford and went up to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Charles Leggett, on Haynes Inlet. She was accompanied by her brother, Milton Markham, who has been lumbering on Daniels Creek.