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GERMANS DECLARE ALLIES REPULSED IN SERIES OF ATTACKS AT MANY POINTS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Via Wireless.)—The official communication today says: "The enemy did not renew the attacks near Nieuport yesterday. At Bixchoote, we took 230 prisoners December 22. The enemy was again active yesterday near Chalons. Infantry attacks followed a fierce artillery attack made by the enemy in Souain and Perthes regions. These were repulsed."

"A trench kept under continuous fire by the enemy was lost to us, but was recaptured in the evening. The position was abandoned after this successful counter attack because parts of the trenches had been almost leveled by the enemy's fire. More than a hundred prisoners were left in our hands.

In the East we have assumed the offensive and are advancing on Neidenburg and Soldau (East Prussia.) We repulsed the Russians after several days fighting at Mlawa (Northern Poland) and the enemy's positions at Mlawa are again in our hands. More than a thousand prisoners were taken in these battles.

At the confluence of the Bzura and Rawka Rivers, fierce bayonet attacks took place at many places. The artillery could do little on account of the misty weather. The Russians suffered heavy losses on the right bank of the Pilica River. Southeast of Tomaszow the Russians attacked fiercely several times, but were repulsed with heavy losses by the Austro-German forces. Farther south the situation is unchanged."

FRENCH ANNOUNCE GAINS BY ALLIES BUT HEAVY FOGS DELAY OPERATIONS

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The official communication today says: "From the sea to the Lys River we made progress by sapping operations in the dunes, and we repulsed an attack in front of Lombaertzyde. At Zwartelin, southeast of Ypres, we occupied a group of houses and drove back as far as the southern part of the village in a counter attack. The Belgian army pushed forward certain detachments along the right bank of the Yser to the south of Dixmude. In the Arras region, fog still makes operations impossible. In the Aisne region, the Zouaves all day yesterday held back brilliantly a number of attacks. In the vicinity of Perthes all German counter attacks were repulsed. Northwest of Mesnil les Hurlis, we occupied the German trenches for a distance of 400 yards and drove back a counter attack. In the Argonne, we took possession of a piece of ground in La Grurie forest. In the Meuse region, prevalence of fog made important operations impossible. In the Consenvoye forest, we repulsed a German counter attack. In the Apremont forest, our artillery demolished and caused the enemy to evacuate the trenches. Northwest of St. Die, our infantry gained ground."

BANDON CASE IS MERELY STARTING

So Says Detective Mitchell Who Declares Evidence is Now at Hand

That the Bandon case has been merely scratched on the surface and that the real meat of the story remains yet to be told is the assertion of Detective W. J. Mitchell, who came over from Coquille yesterday with his wife and daughter on a Christmas shopping trip.

"We have been on the defensive so far," declared Mr. Mitchell, "but from now on there is a different angle and we have plenty of evidence to support our contentions. There is a great deal yet to come out."

Already the trial of Lolita Simpson, charged with perjury, has been held in Judge Hall's office, where she came as a juvenile charge. The girl was turned over to her father and will remain in his care.

Mr. Mitchell said it is probable the other two perjury charges will be heard some time in January. He believes it would be hard to hold them over until February for the reason that District Attorney Lilleqvist will be absent in Roseburg, where he has the Barton case coming up for trial.

Though the grand jury is now off on a recess Mr. Mitchell is of the belief that they still have before them quite a bit of work and will probably be reconvened.

As to the trend the case will take from now on th detective would not say, though he intimated that City Attorney Treadgold of Bandon will have many serious questions to answer. This much was brought out in the testimony of Lolita Simpson this week when she made direct accusations against the attorney, declaring he had been making a supreme effort to break Joe Coach. Just as firmly as the story is told against him, Treadgold makes the accusation that it is all a frame-up.

EIGHT FAMILIES FOUND IN NEED

F. K. Gettins Completes Tour of Investigation—Immediate Needs Are Provided For

There is little poverty or want on Coos Bay to mar the Christmas joys, according to Fred K. Gettins, who last evening completed a three-day tour of Marshfield and its environs in behalf of an organization of good fellows who regularly lighten the gloom by exercising charity. After his three days' investigation, he reported that there were only eight families in the Marshfield district who might be considered as in need.

Mr. Gettins made a most thorough tour and aside from his personal search, he investigated cases that were reported by others. Some of these he scratched off the list, as he found that they were not sufficiently in need to warrant charity being extended to them. The eight families include some in Bunker Hill, Boise Addition and in Ferndale and Marshfield proper.

Each of the eight families were provided with some of the necessities of life, which will take care of their immediate needs and insure them being adequately cared for.

In addition to the charity extended by Mr. Gettins, children in the eight homes will be gladened by toys and other tokens from another bunch of good fellows, who will also care for some families in North Bend who have been reported in need.

Mr. Gettins' report will do much to clarify the rumors of a considerable number on the bay being in need.

—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

EDWARD DYER and W. E. Yerkes were down from Daniels Creek last night and returned there today. Tomorrow will be first Christmas that Mr. Dyer has been able to spend at home since he came to the coast, his work having always taken him away.

Capture Of Lodz By Germans Turning Point Of War In East

ARIZONA GOES DRY

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Arizona's prohibition law will go into effect January 1. Special United States tribunal from which injunctions were sought to prevent its enforcement, refused to issue such injunctions in a brief decision rendered today. An appeal to the United States Supreme Court will be taken at once.

CRUCIAL TIME NOW NEARING IN BIG WAR

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Christmas eve finds little change in the underground warfare in the western theater, where Gen. Joffre still appears to be cautiously feeling for an opening in the strongly entrenched German line across France and Belgium. In the east the supreme German effort continues to be made before Warsaw. The Germans are now bringing up 42 centimeter guns preparatory to siege operations.

—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

WAR CENSORS REST ON CHRISTMAS DAY

London Office Will Close and No War News Will Be Passed for Transmission

LONDON, December 24.—The official press bureau and censor's office propose to take a holiday from 2 o'clock on the afternoon of December 24 to 9 o'clock Christmas night, during which period no news will be passed for transmission.

—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

PLAN TO ADD TO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Coos River Consolidated District May be Enlarged—New School Nears Finish

Will Smith, of Coos River, was in Marshfield yesterday en route to Coquille to take up with County Superintendent Baker and the other officials the question of adding another school district to the new consolidated district on Coos River. The district in question lies just south of the boundaries of the consolidated district and will prove valuable to both districts.

The territory which it is proposed to add to the Coos River district has only ten residents of school age and its assessed valuation is something more than a million dollars. The residents are in favor of it, but some of the non-resident property owners, generally timber holders, are opposing it because they do not want to pay the slightly higher tax that the Coos River district will levy. W. J. Conrad, of the Coos County Tax Association, is expected to oppose it. However, Mr. Smith was very hopeful that the project could be carried out as it would be beneficial to both districts.

Mahaffy Opposed Progress.

Mr. Smith was one of the men to whose efforts the consolidation of the Coos River district is largely due. He was chairman of the district board when he took it up and had the support of Director John Hendrickson. Chas. Mahaffy, another director of the district, opposed it vigorously and saw County Superintendent Baker and had the latter opposing it until Mr. Smith and his sister, Mrs. Chas. Dungan, put the proposition before him in the right light. Then Mr. Baker switched from Mr. Mahaffy's side and joined in with them. At the time, Mr. Smith, although a director in his home district, was sending his three children to school in other district, because the home school was practically inaccessible to his place.

New School Progresses

The new school house is progressing fine. There was some delay in the non-arrival of some of the material, but now the finish is in sight and they will have one of the finest rural school buildings in the state. Not only that, but they are planning to make the course one of the best, town high schools not even being excluded.

Gen. Von Hindenburg, German Leader, Says Fate of Campaign Decided There

GERMANS CUT WAY THROUGH RUSSIANS

Two Divisions Turned Cut Way Through Warsaw Reservists —Took 12,000 Prisoners

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LODZ, Monday, (By courier to Posen).—The capture of Lodz, according to the declaration today by Gene. Von Hindenburg to the correspondent of the Associated Press, was the turning point of the campaign in Poland. The Russian lines in northern Poland rested on this city, for the possession of which there occurred the most bitter struggle of the entire war.

After the Russians were forced to evacuate the town, a general Russian retirement was necessary. The correspondent visited the spot where occurred the celebrated "cutting off" of the two German corps which, after being entirely surrounded by the rapid advance of the Warsaw reserves, turned and cut their way out and brought with them about 12,000 of their would-be captors.

—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

RUMOR CLASH IN MEXICO DENIED

Report of Friction Between Villa and Gutierrez Discredited by Reports Today

SCOTT AND MAYTORENA

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

NACO, Dec. 24.—General Scott left camp to meet Maytorena on the border yesterday, but Scott missed meeting Maytorena, because of a misunderstanding. Scott is hopeful of solving the problem created by Mexican fire across the border.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Provisional President Gutierrez and General Villa had a long conference last night in Mexico City, according to advices today to the State Department. As no mention was made of friction between the factions, the State Department officials regard their dispatches as evidence against the reports that Gutierrez had been made a prisoner and his forces engaged with the Villa troops.

Carranza has no intention of fleeing the country, according to a telegram received at the Carranza agency here.

—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

MYRTLE POINT LOSES PASTOR

Rev. Coulter Resigns to Accept Call From Montana Church

(Special to The Times.)

MYRTLE POINT, Dec. 24.—Ellsworth E. Coulter, pastor of the Christian Church has resigned, to accept a call to the church at Moore, Montana. Mr. and Mrs. Coulter accepted the call to the church here eighteen months ago, and during this time the church has been greatly strengthened and each department of the church has been reorganized and put in working order. There have been 55 additions to the church. Mr. and Mrs. Coulter are leaving hosts of friends in Myrtle Point, who wish them well in their new field of labor.

WILSON SANTA CLAUS TO MANY KIDDIES

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24—President Wilson went golfing today despite a heavy snowstorm. Children living along the road he takes to the golf club were made happy by the arrival of an automobile filled with presents from the White House.

CHRISTMAS CHEER ALONG BATTLE LINE

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LONDON, Dec. 24.—All the armies are planning to spend Christmas as best they may. Boxes and greetings from home are being distributed in the trenches, at the hospitals and in the camps.

—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

ARIZONA SWEPT BY BIG FLOODS

Santa Cruz and San Pedro Rivers on Rampage Causing Much Damage

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 24.—The Santa Cruz River is on its worst rampage in a generation and the San Pedro River, west of Bisbee, is nearly a mile wide. Other streams are swollen in proportion. Railroad tracks are washed out, buildings flooded or carried away and several lives lost are some of the results of seven days' rain. Nogales is isolated.

—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

JOHN MUIR DIED IN LOS ANGELES

Famous California Naturalist Succumbs to Pneumonia After Short Illness

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—John Muir, the famous naturalist of California, died at a hospital here today of pneumonia. He was 76 years of age. He was brought here from Daggett, Calif., arriving at midnight, and died at 10 this morning.

—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

CARNEGIE IS BOOSTING PEACE

Scottish-American Peace Advocate Sends Cablegrams to Belgians and English

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—On the anniversary of the signing of the treaty of Ghent, and of one hundred years of peace among English speaking nations, Andrew Carnegie, Chairman of the American Peace Centennary committee, sent two cablegrams in behalf of the committee. One was of good will to the citizens of Ghent through the King of Belgium and the other to Earl Grey, chairman of the British committee, expressing the hope that England and the United States will unite after the war in proclaiming that international disputes shall hereafter be adjusted by arbitration.

—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

E. L. ROBINSON returned yesterday from an extended stay at Reedsport, where he has been laying out a big addition to Warren Reed's future metropolis, which will be put on the market soon. He reports that the cold weather has raised havoc along the upper Umpqua, the ice being so thick that the Eva could not reach Scottsburg. Upper Smith River was also frozen over.

LITTLE CHANGE IN WAR DESPITE SEVERE FIGHTING AT MANY POINTS

No Significant Changes in Positions of Armies Indicated in Official Statements From Contending Forces—Furious Engagements Between Allies and Germans

TRENCHES CAPTURED, RECAPTURED AND FINALLY DESERTED OWING TO SEVERE ARTILLERY FIRE

Germans Claim Russian Advance in East Prussia Checked and Czar's Forces Defeated at Mlawa—Battle at Warsaw Being Fought Out With Bayonets

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Official statements reveal the intense nature of the fighting now in progress in both the East and West, but indicate that with the possible exception of East Prussia, there has been no significant changes.

The German's statements tell of a fight for the possession of a trench in France which was won by the French, recaptured by the Germans and finally abandoned. So fierce was the strife that the trench was almost leveled by the artillery fire.

The French statement, while saying small gains were made here and there, mentions German attacks at so many points that it is apparent that the Allies have not been permitted solely to take the offensive. Such ground as they won recently was not to be held without hard fighting.

The fighting in Poland has become more severe and at points along the west of Warsaw, the issue is being fought out with bayonets. Berlin states that the Russian advance in East Prussia is checked, and he Russians at Mlawa, near the Prussian border, were defeated.

FRENCH AIR PATROL BRINGS DOWN GERMAN AERONAUT NEAR PARIS TODAY

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Dec. 24.—A German aeroplane trying to reach Paris, says The Journal, was pursued and brought down by a French air patrol, at Pontoise, nineteen miles northwest of Paris.

JAP BATTLESHIP AND DESTROYER GUARD ENGLISH MERCHANTMAN FLEET

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 24.—The Japanese battleship Hizen, accompanied by a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer and several English merchantmen, has anchored off Puerto de Pisura, Per

CZAR VISITS MOSCOW HOSPITAL

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—Emperor Nicholas and the Empress, accompanied by their children, visited the hospitals in Moscow today. The Emperor is on his way back to Petrograd from the Caucasus.

AUSTRIANS TORPEDO FRENCH SHIP

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Dec. 24.—An official statement given out in Paris today says an Austrian submarine torpedoed a French battleship in the Gulf of Otranto. The battleship was damaged only slightly. No one was injured.

DROPS BOMBS AT DOVER

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Dec. 24.—"An aeroplane of the enemy dropped a bomb while passing over Dover this morning," says the official statement. "The missile fell in a garden and exploded, but no damage was done. The aeroplane was seen for a few second only. It left immediatelly, passing out over the sea. A British air craft went up, but did not see the enemy again. The weather was cloudy and foggy."

FIVE LIVES LOST IN NEW YORK FIRE

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Five members of a family occupying an apartment on the top floor of a five story tenement house were trapped early today in a fire that started in the basement and spread rapidly up the elevator shafts. Four members of the family were suffocated before aid could reach them, the fifth dying soon after being taken to the hospital. The dead are Mrs. Mary Corsco, her three sons and a niece. The only surviving member of the family is Arthur Corsco. A telephone operator at the Polyclinic Hospital, he was on duty when the fire started and ordered the ambulance to the scene. He did not learn of the death of his relatives until his mother was brought into the hospital, where she died.

TWO LIVES LOST IN TEST HOLES

Archie Long, Rescued After 130 Hours, Succumbs at Winona, Wash., Today

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

WINONA, Wash., Dec. 24.—Archie Long, who was rescued alive from the government test hole after having been buried for 130 hours, died today. He was unconscious when taken from the hole. His companion, Otho Chappell, died before the rescuers reached him.

—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

EDGAR SIMPSON, the dare-devil autoist and lumber magnate of North Bend, was seen on our street one day this week displaying his expertness as a manipulator of the steering wheel. Edgar says it requires more knowledge to navigate an auto over a water pipe than it does to navigate a ship over a whole ocean of water. And Edgar knows.