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ZEPPELIN AIRSHIPS DROP BOMBS IN ENGLAND, FRANCE AND RUSSIA

Eight Killed and One Hundred Injured in Sochaczew, Russian Poland, Today

TWO KILLED AND TWO HURT IN NANCY, FRANCE

English Aviators Put German Aeronaut to Rout After Battle Over Thames River

PARIS, Dec. 26.—A dispatch from Nancy says a Zeppelin airship flew over that city this morning and dropped fourteen bombs. Two persons were killed, two injured and several houses damaged.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 26.—Eight persons were killed and over a hundred wounded at Sochaczew, Russian Poland, today by bombs thrown by five German aeroplanes. One bomb dropped in the middle of a crowd which was watching the aviators and killed or wounded virtually the entire gathering. The market place and a number of houses were set afire and destroyed.

TRIPOLI TURKS BOTHER AMERICANS

Sec. Daniels Asks American Commander for Verification of Greek Report

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Secretary Daniels has called on Captain Olan, commander of the armored cruiser North Carolina, to report whether threats of violence were made by the Turks at Tripoli against American sailors. Athens dispatches said the Turkish authorities sought to prevent the departure of the American, British and French consuls and the attack on the American crew of a commercial ship resulted in the threatened bombardment of Tripoli by an American warship.

MANY ARRESTS IN INDIANA POLITICS

Mayor Roberts of Terra Haute and 75 Others Arrested for Election Frauds

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 26.—Charged in indictments with attempts to corrupt the election on November 3 last in Terra Haute, Donn M. Roberts, mayor of Terra Haute and announced candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor in 1916, and Eli H. Redman, judge of the Vigo Circuit Court, were arrested today. Twenty-six others were arrested today, making the total number of arrests 74 since last night. Others arrested today were Edward Driscoll, secretary of the Democratic City Committee and an employee in the city engineer's office, and Robert Lloyd, a member of the police department. Judge Redman was released under \$10,000 bond this afternoon.

WRITTEN IN BLOOD.

PEKING, Dec. 24.—The American minister, Paul S. Reinsch, has received several letters from Chinese signed with their own blood. One or two of them appeal for mediation with the Japanese, others ask that America attempt to cause a cessation of the war in Europe. It is the custom of Chinese to sign letters or even to write them with their own blood in place of ink, when the reason for writing is grave or nobly inspired. The saying is that the writer "cut off a finger and wrote with his blood," but as a rule a small puncture in the skin supplies sufficient blood for the writing of a letter.

The Sihwald, or city forest of Zurich, Switzerland, adds to the town's revenue \$7.20 per acre a year, reducing the amount needed to be raised through taxation by more than \$32,000.

FOG STOPS WAR NEAR CHANNEL

French Report Moderate Artillery Duels Near Lys and Quiet Elsewhere

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The official statement this afternoon says: "There have been moderate artillery exchanges on the front from the sea to the Lys. On the Lys itself a heavy fog made operations impossible. Between the Lys and Oise we repulsed several counter attacks."

"These repulses occurred notably at Noulletes, Boissele and Lihons, where a trench captured from the enemy were lost and then recaptured by us after a spirited engagement. Between the Oise and Aisne Rivers December 24 a very strong German attack was repulsed at Chilly. In the Perthes region our artillery silenced the batteries of the enemy which were bombarding the trenches recently occupied by our troops. Yesterday a further counter attack of particular severity on a front of 1500 yards with important bodies of troops, was completely checked. In Upper Alsace we made perceptible progress in front of Cernay. We reached the outskirts of the hills to the west of the town. We also occupied the outskirts of Aspach."

Between the Argonne and the Meuse, we made progress Thursday despite the snow and fog. In the region of the Oise and Forges forest our heavy artillery by subduing the batteries and machine guns of the enemy, enabled our artillery to make a leap in advance. On the right bank of the Meuse, the Germans bombarded the south corner of Conseevoye forest. In Alilly forest and Apremont, our artillery forced the enemy to evacuate several trenches. In the lower Vosges, we advanced to within 1500 meters of Clercy."

GRAFT CHARGED TO MEXICO AGENTS

Mexico City Official Claims They Were Bribed to Secure Release of Gov. Iturbide

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—American Consul Silliman at Mexico City reported today that General Palafox, Minister of Agriculture in the cabinet of Provisional President Gutierrez, has issued a statement saying that Silliman, Special Agent Canavo and others had accepted a bribe of 500,000 pesos to effect the release of former Governor Iturbide. "Iturbide was commander of the Federal District during the brief administration of Provisional President Carranza, but remained after his colleagues had fled and took an active part in keeping order. Secretary Bryan, admiring Iturbide's personal courage in preferring to maintain order rather than to make his escape, made representations to Gutierrez and Villa to obtain his release. Iturbide is now on his way to the United States, but reports say Palafox announced his intention of arresting him if caught."

BLACKSMITH IS GOVERNOR.

Villa Appoints Guadalajara Executive Aided by Church Faction.

EL PASO, Dec. 26.—Julian C. Medina, a blacksmith, has been appointed governor of the state of Jalisco by General Villa, according to advices from Guadalajara. Miguel Dieguez, the Carranza appointee who was deposed when Villa captured Guadalajara recently, was a carpenter. During his recent visit to Guadalajara, General Villa sought a loan of a million pesos from the people of the state. The major part of the sum it is said, will be supplied by the church party, which is gratified over Villa's action in reopening the churches, which were closed by the Carranza governor.

Philippine Revolution Broken Up Before It Got Good Start

NEW SOUTH WALES ENDS WHEAT CORNER

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 26.—The government seized the entire stock of wheat of New South Wales, excepting the amount needed to supply the farmers. This action was aimed at speculators who, taking advantage of war conditions, had been seeking to inflate prices. The government fixed wheat at \$1.20 a bushel.

GERMAN AIR CRAFT FIGHT OVER THAMES

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Christmas has come and gone without a truce on the part of any of the warring nations. While there has been no cessation of military activities, no decisive action occurred along either of the great battle fronts. A spectacular element of developments on Christmas day was supplied by an aerial duel between German aircraft and two English biplanes over the Thames. Several thousand people witnessed the battle. The Germans escaped.

RUSSIAN ISLAND GIVEN TO JAPAN

Balance of Sakhalin Ceded by Czar to Mikado for Heavy Artillery for War

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—The Japanese embassy received official advices from Tokio that Russia has ceded to Japan its half of the island of Sakhalin for some heavy guns. The island was officially Russian until September, 1905. The southern half was ceded to Japan by the terms of the treaty of Portsmouth.

NACO FREE FROM MEXICAN BULLETS

Gov. Maytorena Withdraws Troops From Range of Gen. Hill's Guns

NACO, Dec. 26.—Governor Maytorena, with the Villa forces, began retiring today out of range of the guns of the Carranza garrison. This movement is in fulfillment of the statement Thursday by Maytorena to General Scott, who is negotiating for a cessation of Mexican warfare along the international boundary. Official reports to General Bliss show the Villa forces have removed many guns, abandoned the front trenches and are preparing to retire to the main Maytorena camp eleven kilometers from Naco, which they besieged three months. Outpost bomb proofs on Maytorena's trenches were destroyed during the night. At noon, Maytorena's trenches were all evacuated and the first train load of soldiers had departed for the southwest.

DEWEY IS 77

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Admiral Dewey was 77 years old today. Secretary Daniels, his aides and members of the Navy General Board called on the Admiral at his home and found him in good spirits and health.

Secret Plot for Uprising of 10,000 Around Manila Stopped by Discovery

PROPOSED TO SEIZE FORTS NEAR CAPITAL

Scheme Leaked Out Few Hours in Advance of Time for Uprising—Leaders Arrested

MANILA, Dec. 26.—Eight Filipinos have been arrested on the charge of sedition as the result of an abortive uprising in Manila and its environs Thursday night. Further arrests are probable. From army sources it is learned that a general warning was sent to all officers Thursday afternoon stating that fully ten thousand Filipinos in Manila alone were ready for a concerted attack on Fort Santiago, the Cuartel Espana, Cuartel Infanteria and the Medical Depot. Military units were immediately prepared and street patrols started at dusk. Constabulary agents who are members of secret societies disclosed the plans for the uprising, thus enabling the force of constabulary and police to disperse gatherings at Bagumbayan, Paco and Navotas. At Calocan Square American sailors seized chairs when a force of Filipinos approached the dance hall in which they were quartered and using the chairs as weapons routed the Filipinos, of whom a number were injured.

AUSTRIA SENDS WILSON THANKS

Emperor Expresses Gratitude to Americans for Christmas Gifts to His People

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—A dispatch to the Austro-Hungarian embassy from Vienna announced that the Austrian emperor had expressed thanks to President Wilson through Ambassador Penfield for the Christmas gifts distributed yesterday among the children of dead soldiers.

BELITTLE MANILA REVOLT REPORTS

American Officials and Island Representative Think it Exaggerated for Politics

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Officials of the Insular Bureau of the War Department, in the absence of official advices from Manila, are inclined to view the reported uprising there as not serious. Early in the week Governor Harrison reported he could find no basis in Manila for accounts of the threatened revolt. Manuel Quezon, resident commissioner from the Philippines in Congress, declared today that conditions in the Philippines are being exaggerated by the interests opposed to the pending bill for a greater measure of self government and ultimate independence for the islands.

SWISS ARMY WILL BE MUSTERED OUT NOW

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The Swiss government has decided to order a partial demobilization, according to the Petit Parisien's Berne correspondent, who says that 250,000 men will gradually be released from duty.

DOLLAR DEBT IS CAUSE OF CRIME

SOLON SPRING, Wis., Dec. 26.—In an argument over a dollar account, Louis Kurilla, a farmer, shot and killed Fred Dickinson, a blacksmith. As he was about to be arrested, Kurilla shot and killed himself with the same shot gun.

AID CHICAGO'S POOR

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Christmas dinners were provided for nearly 200,000 persons in Chicago yesterday, according to estimates from various charity organizations. Forty thousand baskets, each containing enough food for five persons, were distributed. Six inches of snow covered the ground.

COLD WAVE ON EASTERN COAST TODAY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—A cold wave held the country from the Mississippi river to the Atlantic coast in its grip today and broke the December temperature records in many places. Thirty-two degrees below zero was the temperature at Northfield, Vermont, while Albany, N. Y., reported sixteen degrees below. The cold wave extended as far south as Florida.

FLORENCE BOY NEARLY DROWNS

Night Officer Tanner Rescues Ten-year-old Son of W. J. Clark From Siuslaw

FLORENCE, Or., Dec. 26.—Ralph Clark, the 10-year-old son of the proprietor of the Bayview Hotel, narrowly escaped drowning this morning in the Siuslaw River. The little fellow was playing on the dock, fell into the water and went down several times. His clothing filled with air and the swift outgoing tide swept him down stream several hundred feet. Night Officer Jack Tanner heard him hoiler and cut a boat loose and effected his rescue, just as the little fellow was being swept under a large tub tied to the Kyle dock. He was removed to his home, where doctors are working over him with the best prospects for his early recovery. The family are late of Roseburg.

CHINESE FEAR FLOOD.

PEKING, Dec. 24.—The Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, H. E. Chang Chien, has again written to Paul S. Reinsch, the American Minister, asking if he will urge the Red Cross Society to proceed as quickly as possible with the loan for the What River Conservancy project. Another terrible flood has occurred, worse than usual, and thousands of lives are being lost from pestilence and starvation as well as drowning.

TICKETS FOR THE CATHOLIC LADIES CHARITY BALL

at the BUSY CORNER and CHANDLER NEWS STAND.

GERMANS RENEW ATTACKS AGAINST ALLIES LINES IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM

JAPS TIRE OF COST OF WAR

Imperial Diet Dissolved Because It Would Not Approve Large Increase in Army

TOKIO, Dec. 26.—The Imperial Diet was dissolved yesterday. Considerable opposition had developed in the House of Representatives to the budget for 1915 which showed an estimated expenditure of \$278,000,000 and a decrease in revenue of \$40,500,000. As a climax, the House rejected the army expansion measures proposed by the government, which led to its dissolution. The closing session of the House was dramatic in the extreme. The debate extended all through the day and on into the night. The House was unable to compose its differences and there was no sign that the debate was approaching an end, when shortly before ten o'clock it was announced that Emperor Yoshihito had exercised his royal prerogative of dissolving the Diet. When the Diet convened December 5, the Minister of Foreign Affairs appealed to the Diet to lay aside political strife in the view of the unsettled international situation.

REPORTS ROBBERY BUT IS DOUBTED

Wm. Sendall Says He Lost \$350 Watch and \$126 in Cash While in Saloon

Wm. Sendall, a logger, reported to the police and Constable Cox late Thursday that he had been robbed of a \$350 gold watch and \$126 in cash in a local saloon. He said that he went in, took a couple of drinks, sat down and fell asleep and when he awakened a few hours later his valuables were gone. He still showed the effects of liquor and was not sure about the robbery.

Celebrator Injured.

Ano Molineo and Jim Moranzo, two sons of Sunny Italy, celebrated too freely yesterday on "dago red" and almost caused a riot at Borroes' saloon on North Front street late in the afternoon. They broke a glass and Moranzo cut his hand severely and Dr. Horsfall had to be called in to take several stitches in the gash. Moranzo had a few dollars and was forced to pay his bill immediately. When they caused the disturbance a big crowd congregated around the place.

Eggerton Is Gone.

Tom Eggerton, who came here a few months ago from Coquille to go into partnership with J. E. Edmunds in the Coos Bay Wiring Company, has turned up missing. He was engaged as swamper in Tom Madden's Shamrock saloon and simply failed to show up. He had been drinking heavily for a long time. Some think he went to Coquille and some think he may have dropped into the Bay.

Bunker Hill Trouble.

Mrs. Greene, a widow who lives with her children in Bunker Hill, has complained to Justice Penneck and Constable Cox that John Little, who returned here on the last Nann Smith has been molesting her. She would not swear out a warrant against him and no arrests were made, but may be made today. Mrs. Greene is a relative of Mrs. Grandell.

Causes Trouble.

J. Fahlar, who resides, according to the police report, "at a Russian boarding house on North Front street," went out to the Victor Brann home near Eleventh and Commercial last night and tried to start a fight. Fahlar was not arrested, but probably will be.

Offensive Movement of French and English Results in Onslaughts by Kaiser

FRENCH CLAIM MORE PROGRESS MADE THERE

Germans Claim Victory Over English and Indians—Poland Situation Unchanged

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Although stating further progress was made, today's French communication lays chief emphasis on the repeated attacks by Germans who apparently have undertaken vigorous onslaughts in response to the offensive movements of the Allies. Some of the German attacks extended over considerable sections of ground involving large bodies of troops, but assertion was made that all were checked.

Perceptible progress in Alsace was claimed by the French. The Berlin statement says near Neuport during the night of December 24-25, French and English attacks were repulsed. It announces that in a battle near St. Hubert with the English and Indian contingents, 19 officers and 818 men, 14 machine guns, 12 mine throwers and other war material were captured. In Russia the German statement says Russian attacks in the vicinity of Lotzen were repulsed and a thousand prisoners were taken. It asserts the situation east of the Vietsla River is unchanged and says the German attacks on Bzura have ceased.

TOOK CASH FROM UNION MARKET

A James of Bandon, a machinist, remained out of jail yesterday and escaped facing a serious charge because of the Christmas clemency of Peter Dungee and Alva Bonebrake of the Union Market.

After making restitution of most of the \$40 he had stolen from the safe of the Union Market, James was allowed to go without being prosecuted, although \$2 of the amount stolen is unaccounted for.

James has a family at Bandon, and although an expert workman, has played the booze game too hard and too long and is unable to hold a position. Lately he had been staying around Marshfield, eking out an existence by odd jobs. In the Christmas rush he was given a job at the Union Market. Thursday noon when Mr. Bonebrake had gone to dinner and the other employees were busy in the front room, James slipped in through the rear door of the office and took the cash drawer out of the safe. Mr. Bonebrake simply turned the key in the cash drawer when he left at noon, leaving sufficient change to meet the ordinary demands.

James took the entire cash box and contents and then turned the key in the inner door of the safe and made his exit out the back way. He did not cover up the cash drawer very carefully and a party going by saw the box of silver. It struck the latter as peculiar and when James started down the railroad track, pushing the money into his pockets, he reported it to Dungee. The latter opened the safe and seeing that the box was gone started in pursuit and caught James and made him return the money.

James was then allowed to go, just to give him another chance.

SQUABBLE OVER BONDS.

But the most important matter to come up was the status of the \$30,000 bond issue sold six weeks ago to J. M. Wright & Co., bond brokers of Denver, Colo. It appears that instead of sending the money, after receiving the bonds made out and executed as the buyers demanded, they have begun to make various technical objections, even going to the extent to argue that the city has no power to issue such an amount as \$30,000 in bonds, or half that sum.—Coquille Sentinel.

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