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FRENCH MAKE GAINS IN EFFORT TO RECAPTURE ALSACE PROVINCE

Reports Today Indicate That French Armies Are Making Headway in Gaining Possession of Long-lost Territory Which They Sought at Opening of War

ALLIES SHELLING MULHAUSEN AFTER CAPTURE OF STEINBACH; FIGHTING DRAGS EVERYWHERE

German Reports Conflict With Paris Announcements—Russian Reports of Success Against Germans Denied by Berlin—Many Small Battles

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Russian announcements of the defeats of Germans are disputed today by the Berlin War Office, which states the attacks of the invading armies in Poland made progress and strong Russian assaults have been repelled. No mention is made, however, of the situation in Galicia, where the Russians are described as having inflicted a severe defeat on the Austro-German forces.

The French campaign for the repossesion of the lost province of Alsace, one of the first objectives of the armies of the republic after the outbreak of the war, apparently is making progress. Unofficial reports last night that the Allies are shelling Mulhausen, were supplemented today by the French official statement that the town of Steinbach, in Upper Alsace, has been invested.

In France and Belgium, the fighting drags on with small victories for each side. The German official announcement tells of the capture of a French trench in the burned forest west of Apremont. The French statement admits the loss of this trench, but adds it was retaken later after three counter attacks. Both Paris and Berlin mention minor gains with violent fighting at various points. The French statement says the Allies captured the Belgian town of St. George, around which heavy encounters have been in progress some time.

WILL LIMIT BANK DEPOSITS SOON

Comptroller Williams to Fix Maximum at Ten Times Capital and Surplus

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Comptroller Williams of the Currency Bureau, submitted his annual report to Congress today. Among new legislation recommended was an amendment to require National banks to limit deposits to ten times the combined capital and surplus.

BIG SHIPMENTS BY UNITED STATES

Exports of America During December Will Exceed Imports by Over \$88,000,000

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Secretary Redfield told President Wilson and the Cabinet today that exports from the United States during December exceeded imports by \$88,000,000.

ENGLAND WILL MODEL U. S.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The recent visit to Devonport of the United States collier Jason, which came as a naval Santa Claus, has led to an unexpected result. According to one writer the visit may have other effects than the cementing of friendship. This writer says: "The Devonport dockyard people have taken stock of the Jason with some admiration. She is so superior to anything that has yet been evolved for maintaining the coal supply of our warships at sea that the United States Navy is pretty sure to find her visit reciprocated by the sincerest form of flattery."

GERMAN PAPERS ISOLATED.

BERNE, Dec. 29.—German papers are complaining bitterly of the isolation of the country from neutral countries, as a result of the war. These four cable lines in which she is interested have been cut: Emden-Hamburg; Shanghai-Tsingtau; cable across canal of Fife; Sebastopol-Vladivostok. The following have been interrupted: Anglo-German; Azores-United States; Yap Island-Unad; Slangal-Yap.

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England Notified Detention Of American Ships Will Be Costly

MANY SHIPS WERE LOST BY ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 29.—During the first four months of the war, 54 British foreign-going ships, valued at \$11,400,000, with cargoes worth \$18,800,000 were captured or destroyed by the Germans. These are the official figures of the Liverpool and London War Risks Insurance Association.

AMERICAN SHIP MADE NO THREAT

Recent Flurry at Tripoli Was Caused by Russian Cruiser—Late Report Received

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Captain Oman, commanding the armored cruiser North Carolina, at Beirut, Syria, informed the Navy Department today that it was a Russian cruiser and not an American vessel which recently threatened to bombard Tripoli. Oman's dispatch said: "December 25th the Russian cruiser Askold sent boats with armed men on a reconnaissance near Tripoli at the village of Banias. Before their arrival at the beach the boats grounded in shoal water and the crews of the boats were jeered by the populace. At threats of the Turkish authorities to imprison the boats' crews they were informed that the Russian cruiser would bombard the village in such an event, and consequently no one was made a prisoner. No shots were fired."

NORWAY MAY HAVE WAR WITH ENGLAND

Lloyd's Charge 5 Per Cent to Insure Against War Between the Two Countries.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Dec. 29.—Considerable surprise and some uneasiness is being expressed here at news that Lloyd's, of London, is charging five per cent to insure against war between Great Britain and Norway within a year.

SMALL SHIP IN DISTRESS AGAIN

American Barkentine Irgard May Be Total Loss South of Oahu Islands

HONOLULU, Dec. 29.—Somewhere south of Oahu Island, the American barkentine Irgard is supposedly in need of assistance, if she has not passed beyond the possibility of aid. The liner Sonoma reported by wireless that the Irgard was in distress, but a tug sent from here returned unable to find any trace of her. She was 671 tons and was built at Port Blakely, Washington.

NEW ALASKA JUDGE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—President Wilson today nominated Charles E. Bunnell of Valdez, for Judge of the District Court of Alaska.

DANCE AT SUMNER SATURDAY, JAN. 2.

DANCE THE OLD YEAR OUT AND THE NEW YEAR IN AT EAGLES HALL, DECEMBER 31. MARTIN'S ORCHESTRA. DANCING UNTIL 1 O'CLOCK.

PRES. WILSON DISCUSSES NOTE TO GREAT BRITAIN INSISTING ON BETTER TREATMENT

HEAVY INDEMNITY WILL HAVE TO BE PAID

POINTS OUT THAT ENGLAND IN PREVIOUS WARS HAS TAKEN EXACTLY SAME POSITION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—President Wilson, referring today to the American note to Great Britain insisting on better treatment for American commerce, declared that large damages eventually would have to be paid by England for the unlawful detention of American cargoes. The President pointed out that many protests had previously been made in specific cases, and if the contention of the American government was correct, as he is firmly convinced it was, plans for indemnification would ultimately have to be met by Great Britain. Supplementary to the previous protests, the note sent yesterday, the President explained, represented fully the position of the United States, saying that so far as the theory is concerned there really is no debate on the point raised, because England herself in previous wars has taken exactly the American position.

ALLIES GAIN IS FRENCH REPORT

Claim to Have Occupied Belgian Village—Artillery Fire Severe—Many Battles

PARIS, Dec. 29.—The official communication this afternoon says: "In Belgium, the village of St. Georges was occupied by our troops. From the Lys to the Somme the enemy bombarded our positions violently near Rehelle, at Staubin, Lequesnoy and Pouchoir. There has been a calm between the Somme and the Argonne. In the Argonne we gained a little ground in Lagurle, Bolante and Courte Chaussee forests. On the heights of the Meuse several German counter attacks were repulsed in the Lebuchout forest. The German forces which occupied our trenches in the burned forest west of Apremont have been driven out after three successive counter attacks. In upper Alsace, following a violent engagement, we are today closely investing Steinbach."

SANTA CLAUS KILLED

COUER D'ALENE, Idaho, Dec. 29.—Mrs. John Robinson, of Spokane, was accidentally shot and killed while distributing Christmas presents yesterday at a camp nine miles from here. She and her husband had taken the presents to camp but a short time before the accident occurred. She had been married five months.

SOME COLD SPOTS

Among the coldest places were: Charles City, Iowa, 24 below; La Crosse, Wis., 24 below; Peoria, Ill., 18 below; Davenport and Des Moines, Ia., 14 below; Devil's Lake, N. D., 18 below; St. Paul, 22 below; Green Bay, Wis., 18 below.

SAN FRANCISCO FAIR OPEN ALL THE TIME

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—There will be no closing at the Panama-Pacific Exposition on Sunday. President Moore announced that the gates to the grounds and doors of all exhibit palaces will be open every day from Feb. 29 to Dec. 4.

MERRY NEW YEARS IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29. Cafe revelers will be allowed music and dancing all night New Year's eve, Police Chief White has announced, but there will be no relaxation of the 2 o'clock liquor law. Ordinarily music in cafes is stopped by ordinance at 1 o'clock.

SCHWAB SAYS GOOD DAYS ARE COMING

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Charles M. Schwab arrived from England and announced that the nations of Europe have placed contracts of more than \$300,000,000 since the beginning of the war. He predicted for this reason that the United States is now on the threshold "of the greatest period of prosperity seen in many years."

FOR RENT—Beautiful furnished apartment, with free heat and water, at Myrtle Aris. \$30 per month. Phone 267-L.

FRENCH MAKE GAINS IN VIOLENT ARTILLERY AND BAYONET BATTLE

Capture Half Mile of German Trenches After Heavy Bombardment of German Positions Near Old Battleground in Northern France.—Report Was Delayed

INFANTRY ASSAULT FOLLOWS SHELLING OF TWELVE MILES OF KAISER'S BATTLE FRONT NEAR ARRAS

Twenty-Minute Bayonet Engagement Causes Heavy German Loss, According to Dispatches Today—Germans Surprised by Infantry After Artillery Duel

ARRAS, Northern France, Dec. 27.—(Delayed.)—That portion of the French army now holding the lines near Arras today attacked the Germans on a front 12 miles long. They carried half mile of German trenches near Lens by assault and tonight are holding these positions in force. The way for this attack was prepared by violent artillery and machine gun fire, which swept the German positions from a point north of Lens to the suburbs of Arras. German batteries everywhere replied heavily. The French fire suddenly ceased and the French infantrymen leaped from the trenches, charging the German positions. A brief and furious bayonet encounter brought victory. It was all over in twenty minutes.

TRAIN WRECKED BY VILLA TROOPS

Traffic on Tampico Division of Mexico Railway Blocked by Force of Soldiers

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 29.—Troops believed to be operating under General Villa's orders, according to a dispatch received here today, wrecked a passenger train and blocked traffic on the Tampico division of the Mexico railway, 175 miles west of Tampico, December 26. The only foreigners on board were an American and his wife, who were treated courteously.

CARRANZA FORCE HAS JOINED VILLA

Over 7000 of Former President's Troops at Tepic and San Blas Change Sides

ON BOARD U. S. S. SAN DIEGO, Enroute to San Diego, Ca., Dec. 29.—(Via Wireless.)—Seven thousand troops of Carranza's force declared today for Villa, at Tepic, on the west coast of Mexico. Foreigners at San Blas and Tepic took refuge aboard the United States supply ship Glacier. Rear Admiral Howard, in command of the Pacific fleet, on receipt of the news, ordered the gunboat Annapolis by wireless to San Blas, but no trouble is expected.

NAME GUARDIAN FOR ART COACH

County Judge Hall Appoints Mrs. Leo J. Cary to Look After Brother's Property

COQUILLE, Or., Dec. 29.—Judge John F. Hall, at a session of the county court here yesterday, appointed Mrs. Leo J. Cary guardian of her brother, Arthur Coach. Coach is a son of the late Col. Coach of Bandon, who died a few years ago leaving a fortune of about half a million dollars to be divided among his three children.

TAX LEVY FOR NEXT YEAR FIXED

COQUILLE, Or., Dec. 29.—The Coos County Commissioners, at a special session here, fixed the tax levy for 1915 at twenty mills, one mill less than last year. At the meeting it was decided to trim \$3000 off the \$15,000 estimate for advertising, donations, etc., making the sum \$12,000. This is a few hundred dollars more than a year ago.

COUNTY AND STATE ONE MILL LESS THAN LAST YEAR—MARSHFIELD 5.1 MILLS

County and state20
Port district4
Municipal13.5
Schools13.6
Total51.1

SALOONS AND CRIME.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Early closing of the saloons has caused an enormous decrease in crimes of violence and disorder, according to Judge Robert Wallace, chairman of the London Sessions courts.

"Figures I have obtained," he said in addressing the December grand jury, "are so remarkable that they ought to be known. For instance the September grand jury had before it seventeen cases of aggravated assault and battery. The 11 closing order was introduced, with the result that in October the number fell to five. Then the closing hour was altered to 10 o'clock and in November the cases fell to two while today, for the first time in the history of the country, we have not a single case of this character to deal with."

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