

ITALIANS PRESS BACK INVADING HUNS; VIOLENT FIGHTING RESUMES IN THE WEST

NEW YEAR IS GREETED BY CITY IN REAL POMP

Songs, Swell From Throats of
Thousands in Great Commu-
nity Sing at Auditorium; Military
Flavor Seen in Celebrations.

Happy Crowds Throng Down-
town Streets and Whistles
From Shipyards Help Swell
Din as Hour Approaches.

PORTLAND'S welcome to the new year was hearty and vociferous.
Civic pride, domestic felicitation and military fervor greeted the 1918 youngsters with a display of pomp and ceremony truly befitting the ambitious offspring of Father Time.
The dying year received also every mark of respect and as the church bells tolled, whistles blew, and the bedlam of noises signaled the dawn of a new era the old year passed on in the calendar of time with many expressions of regret at the parting.
Hundreds of toasts for the success of the American armies in the battle for democracy were drunk and the loyal patriotic sons of freedom vowed to keep the fires burning in the crucibles of Mars until the hosts of Uncle Sam shall have returned, victorious from the battle fronts.
Paens of song swelled from 350 throats at the Auditorium where the great community sing was staged. The huge watch meeting, the feast held in the Auditorium and the second of the kind held under the auspices of the city, was the shrine for thousands.
(Concluded on Page Six, Column Six)

ZERO WEATHER IN GOTHAM CONTINUES

Less Than One Third of Normal
Coal Supply Arrives; Many
Offices Close.

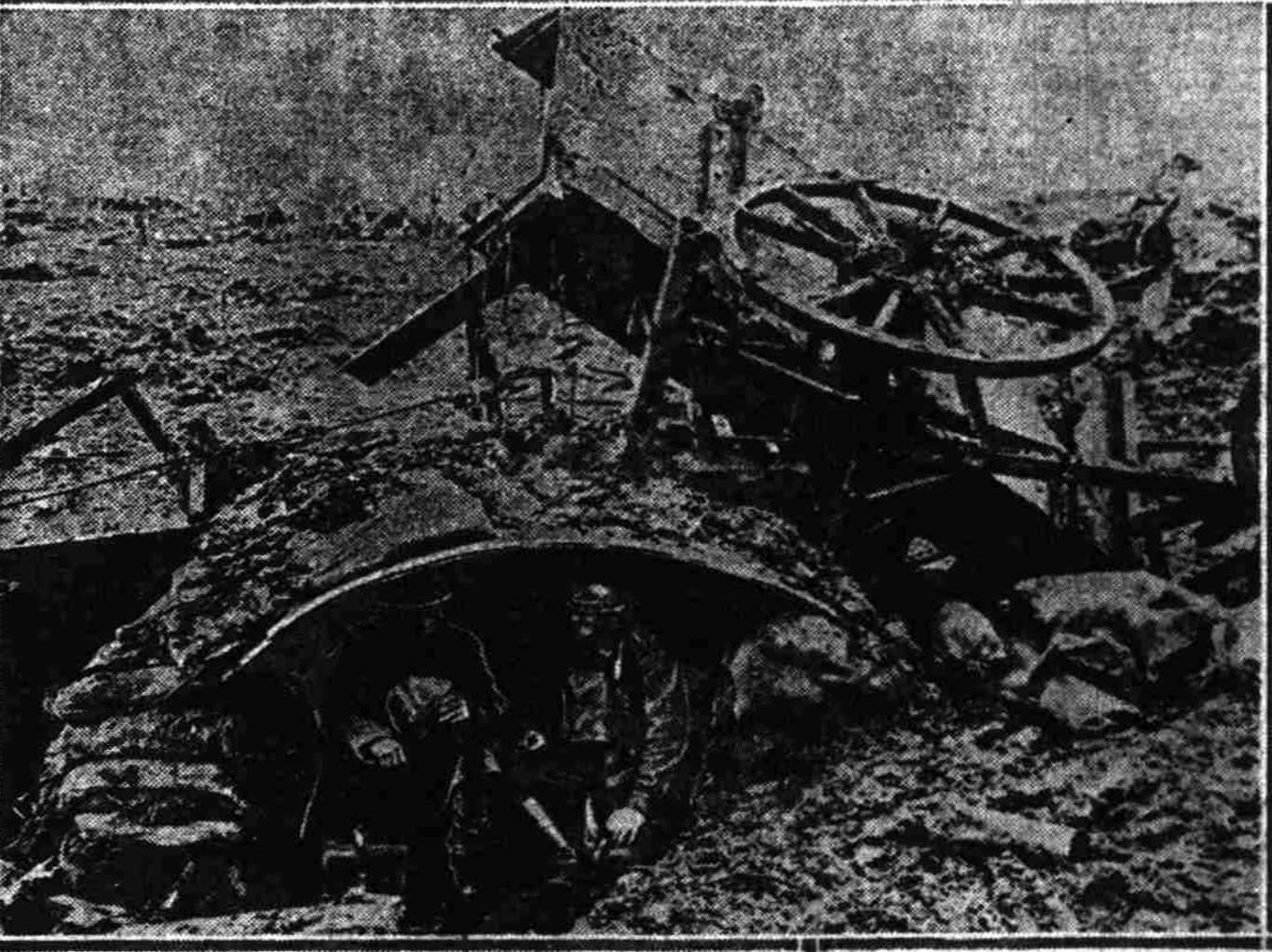
New York, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—New York faced the New Year shivering today. Down-town thermometers ebbed down to 5 and 6 below zero in the early morning hours, and a sunless sky gave hint of small likelihood of any great rise during the day.
Twelve dead directly through the cold was the toll to date. City authorities, working tirelessly to hurry coal shipments to the city, were apprehensive of a big increase in this death list among children on the lower East Side unless immediate relief was given from the present lack of fuel.
Less than one-third the normal, required amount of coal was received in the city yesterday. Thousands of homes are literally lacking heat. Several huge office buildings welcomed the holiday, being faced with the dilemma of cutting off all heat, light and elevator service. The 26-story building of the International bank at 60 Wall street closed late last night "until further notice." There is no coal in the bunkers there.
Bringing of coal and food supplies into the city by the Hudson tubes and the Pennsylvania river tunnels was suggested as one solution of the difficulty.
The shortage of coal produced another danger today—a great decrease in available gas for the city. Enormous demand for gas for heating is depleting the reserve supply. Thousands of householders are forced to sit in the kitchens and get heat from their cooking ranges, which has resulted in a vastly increased consumption.
San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 1.—(I. N. S.)—Fire Chief Bishop and Fireman Capley are dead here today as the result of a collision between the chief's truck and a hook-and-ladder wagon.

Chief and Fireman Die in Collision

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 1.—(I. N. S.)—Fire Chief Bishop and Fireman Capley are dead here today as the result of a collision between the chief's truck and a hook-and-ladder wagon.

HEROES "CARRYING ON" IN HELL THAT ONCE WAS FAIR FLANDERS

WITH THE AUSTRALIANS IN FLANDERS—A remarkable group of photographs showing what the Germans have done to what was once one of the most fertile and beautiful places in the world. Our boys will soon be facing these conditions in their struggle to drive the barbarians back to their own haunts and to return Belgium and France to their rightful owners. At the top left is a photo giving an idea of the difficulties of an advance. Australian troops are shown helping to drag out a camouflaged field gun which had sunk up to the hubs of the wheels in mud. At the top right, two Australian engineers take shelter in a bombproof during an enemy bombardment, and are shown smoking and chatting, oblivious to the screeching shells falling around them. At the bottom, on their way to relieve their fighting brothers in the front line trenches. Australian soldiers marching up the battle-scarred road to their places.



TRAINS TO SOUND CUT TO 3 DAILY

Three passenger trains between Portland and Puget Sound hereafter will do the work of nine, according to plans for wartime curtailment of duplicated service reached at a conference of Union Pacific, Northern Pacific and Great Northern officials here Monday.
There will be no night trains between Portland and Seattle. All parlor observation and sleeping cars will be eliminated. Trains will leave Portland over the O. W. R. & N. at 8:30 a. m.; over the Great Northern at 12:30 p. m.; and over the Northern Pacific at 4:15 p. m., daily.
Trains will leave Seattle for Portland at the same hours, and a seven-hour schedule will be maintained. An express and baggage train will leave at 10 p. m. each way daily. All Portland trains, including the Great Northern's, will depart from the Union station, and at Seattle will depart from the King street station.
Tickets on any of the three lines will be honored by all three; this applies to both train and boat service between Tacoma and Seattle.
All the extra trains were taken off today. Traffic chiefs in conference, acting in pursuance to suggestions from Director General W. G. McDoo, attacked this three-line competitive problem first of all. Twelve trains each way per day formerly were run, each of the three competing railroads—all using the same track—sending four trains, two by night and two by day. Subsequently each road took off one train each way, making nine regularly scheduled.
The new regime takes off all but one train each way for each railroad.
The curtailment was suggested by the floods in the Puget Sound district, which make travel hazardous.
Long-distance telephone consultation with Seattle officials of the Great Northern supplemented the conference of Northern Pacific and Union Pacific heads here, so that the curtailment decision was made unanimous.
Relieved by the cutting down of passenger service, but these will be assimilated by other departments, probably in the freight service. The locomotives thus released will do much toward relieving the freight car shortage, which is said to be critical in Washington and Oregon at the present time.

Flood Damage to Roads Heavy

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 1.—(I. N. S.)—At least eight days will elapse before transcontinental railroads will be operating.
(Concluded on Page Five, Column Four)

Chicago Cuts Down Municipal Expenses

Chicago, Jan. 1.—(I. N. S.)—Chicago, as a municipality, today began the New Year with a tight grip on its bankroll.
Retrenchment measures involving a reduction of \$3,857,789 in the municipal budget have been agreed upon by the city council.
A saving of \$800,000 is to be effected by closing of 12 precinct police stations and the pensioning of 350 policemen; \$371,000 will be saved by compelling all firemen to take a vacation one day each month without pay; employees of the city health department will be laid off; \$400,000 will be saved in the collection of garbage and \$300,000 less will be spent in street lighting.
Numerous other municipal economies have been ordered as a result of Hoover's financing of the city council.
(Concluded on Page Two, Column Three)



CELLO IS TOWING STEAMER KILBURN

Engines Become Disabled Off
Oregon Coast and Boat Is
Being Brought Back.

According to word received from Astoria at noon by the local agent, the Kilburn in tow of the Cello, is due at Astoria at 2 o'clock. No further details have been learned as to what happened to the Kilburn.
Astoria, Or., Jan. 1.—(I. N. S.)—The steam schooner Cello, towing the steamer Kilburn with her engines disabled, is reported 40 miles south of the Columbia river. The Cello will probably arrive here with her tow this afternoon.
Whether the steamer F. A. Kilburn, which runs between Portland and San Francisco, is in distress off the southern coast of Oregon, or whether a New Year's greeting was mistaken for an S. O. S. call, are questions which are puzzling port officials here today. Shortly after midnight the wireless operator at Marshfield picked up the familiar call for help from the Kilburn.
The message said the vessel was lacking badly and gave her position as 20 miles north of Yaquina point. Almost immediately the steam schooner Cello radioed that she, too, had picked up the call and was speeding to the rescue. At that time the Cello was off Tillamook bar.
Fully an hour later the United States naval radio station here heard the Marshfield operator flash to the Kilburn, "Same to you," as though the Cello was making Government Camp impossible early in the fall.

KAISER STILL BLASPHEMES TO SOLDIERS

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—"We all are instruments in the hands of God Almighty to restore peace," Kaiser Wilhelm told his troops around Cambrai on Christmas eve, according to delayed dispatches, received here today.
"You must have wondered why God allowed a fourth year with us still at war," he said. "We maintained peace nearly half a century while others disturbed it. So, for force, we must bring peace."
German newspapers, which feature the kaiser's address, are also full of discussion of a great German offensive on the west front. The Socialist organ Vorwarts declares that Germany will "use concentrated forces on one front in order to convince her enemies of the necessity of peace."
Amsterdam, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—"We face 1918 with firm confidence, forward with God to fresh victories," was the kaiser's New Year's salute to his armies and navy, as reported in Berlin dispatches today.
"Gigantic battles have been decided in favor of your glorious arms," the war lord said. "But the allies still hope with new allies to beat you and destroy forever Germany's world position."
"They will not succeed."

MOTOR DRIVEN TO GOVERNMENT CAMP

As his own particular way of celebrating the advent of New Year's, Osmon Royal drove an automobile to Government Camp, the 4000 foot elevation on the slope of Mount Hood, this morning.
The achievement, crowned with success, an effort to reach Government Camp on New Year's day which Mr. Royal has been making annually for 10 years, the attempts always hitherto abandoned by failure.
The feat is the more astonishing in view of the fact that April 9 is the earliest date of arrival by any automobile at Government Camp in any previous year, and April 9 excelled all other records by 45 days.
"We encountered no snow," Mr. Royal telephoned The Journal from Government Camp immediately after his arrival. "We made the run from Rhododendron Inn at the foot of the mountain in an hour and 45 minutes. We did not need nor use chains. The snow nearest Government Camp is two miles farther up the mountain toward timber line. Such a condition has never been known here before. The sun is shining. It is nearly as warm as summer and we find it unnecessary to wear our coats."
"It required half of Sunday to come from Portland to Rhododendron. We had to replace the bridge over Zig Zag river. It had been removed by flood. Otherwise the trip might have been a summer's ride. Weather so mild was never experienced before at this place."
The car driven by Mr. Royal was supplied by the Francis Motor Car company and C. E. Francis and Louis Elk of the company accompanied him.
Usually snow makes Government Camp inaccessible early in the fall.

SEATTLE NOW ENTERTAINS BOLSHEVIKI

SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—The mysterious Russian ship Shikha is expected to sail this week for a foreign port with a miscellaneous cargo, including a large quantity of pig iron loaded Saturday.
No incriminating evidence has been found by federal officials who have been investigating the vessel since wild rumors were first launched to the effect that she carried munitions.
The officers and crew of the Shikha were entertained by the Commercial Club and Chamber of Commerce Saturday and it is expected they will have no difficulty in getting clearance from this port.
A startling tale that the Shikha came as the emissary of the Russian Bolsheviks to arm and incite the I. W. W. to revolt was sent out from Seattle last week. The ship's crew was arrested and an "arsenal" of rifles and ammunition reported found aboard her.

BIG NORFOLK FIRE UNDER SUSPICION

Headquarters of Army and Navy
Officials Burned; Two Ex-
plosions Precede Blaze.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—Fresh fires in the Lorraine hotel and large commercial buildings near the Monticello hotel were discovered shortly after noon today. Enemy allies are suspected, and guards have been rushed from the navy yard to patrol Norfolk's fire district. The city is in a turmoil, believing enemy plans are to destroy the city.
Norfolk, Va., Jan. 1.—(I. N. S.)—A searching investigation is being made this afternoon of the origin of a fire which today destroyed one of the largest business blocks in the retail section of the city, including the Hotel Monticello, and caused a loss of \$3,000,000. The Norfolk fire chief suspects that the fire was of incendiary origin and because of the fact that the Monticello hotel is headquarters of many army and navy officials, it may develop that German agents were responsible. Two distinct explosions, one in the hotel proper and the other, two hours earlier in the millinery establishment of Madame Sutton, have not yet been explained. This afternoon the fire chief is making a high altitude search for incendiary bombs. It was believed to be under control.
Cold weather, freezing hydrants and bad weather conditions generally interfered with the work of the firemen. The local authorities and agents of the department of justice and the war and navy departments are co-operating in an investigation of all the circumstances in connection with the fire.
Because of the importance of Norfolk in connection with war preparations officials are taking no chances and a general roundup of all suspicious characters has been made.
England Holds Own
In Population Race
London, Jan. 1.—(I. N. S.)—In comparison with the enemy nations, England is more than holding her own in keeping up the population, despite the tremendous sacrifice of human life caused by the war. This statement was made today by Sir Bernard Mallett, a high authority on vital statistics. Between the outbreak of the war and June, 1917, there were 200,000 more marriages than in any preceding period of the same length, he said. Sir Bernard advised that the state encourage marriage and also encourage child-birth by granting "birth bounties."
Berlin Reports Gains
Berlin, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—The British front, the war office reported, "In the Tomba region there was violent artillery fighting throughout the day."
Bishop Sumner to
Be Married Today
Chicago, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—The wedding of Right Rev. Walter T. Sumner, Episcopal Bishop of Oregon, and Miss Myrtle Mitchell of Nequame, Mich., will take place late this afternoon in the cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, where Bishop Sumner was ordained. Only relatives of the couple will be guests.
Following the marriage, the couple will leave for a two-week visit in eastern cities. They will make their home in Portland, Ore.

British Want Draft Law Intereffective

Washington, Jan. 1.—(I. N. S.)—A proposal that Englishmen in the United States be drafted into the American army and Americans in England be conscripted for the British army was laid before President Wilson Monday by Sir Frederick Smith, attorney general of England.
The suggestion was made officially, it is understood, on behalf of the British government.

ITALIANS FORCE HUN TO RETIRE OVER PIAVE

Entire River Bank at Zenson Is
Recovered From Austro-Ger-
man Forces, War Office An-
nounces in Report.

Italian Government Takes Over
All Land Available for Agricul-
ture and Will Put Men at
Work Cultivating the Fields.

ROME, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—Austro-German forces have been driven back to the east bank of the Piave river at the Zenson bridgehead, the Italian war office announced today, adding: "Owing to energetic pressure exerted by our arms, the entire river bend at Zenson is now ours."
Washington, Jan. 1.—(I. N. S.)—The Austro-German thrusts into Italy between the Brenta and Piave rivers are about to be resumed.
Italian aviators have reported to the war office that great quantities of artillery and munitions are being massed behind the Austro-German lines and a great concentration of troops is in progress.
The aerial raid on Padua, which did much damage to the cathedral, was repeated last night. Churches and hospitals were the targets and many women and children were killed.
Desperate Attacks at Cambrai
London, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—New Year's day on the western front was ushered in by the accompaniment of violent fighting in the Cambrai sector.
Unofficial dispatches from the line today told of continued and unceasing German efforts, through highly localized attacks, to secure a grip on Welsh ridge. At several points in this particular salient positions have been taken and retaken two or three times, the combat raging fiercely back and forth.
All Field Marshall Haig had to report was that the British lines were intact after counterattacks had restored positions taken by German liquid fire attacks.

Rome Is Indignant
Rome, Jan. 1.—(I. N. S.)—A wave of indignation surged through Italy today over the news of the German air attacks upon Padua, although it is an ancient and historic building in that city.
The Padua cathedral, the facade of which was blown away by a German bomb, was begun in 1551 and completed in 1577. It was built in the Renaissance style and contains numerous antique sculptures and paintings.
The cathedral is situated in the neighborhood of St. Anthony, of Padua, which was sacked during the years of 1293 and 1307. On the exterior are seven great domes in the oriental style in rivalry with St. Marks church at Venice.

Allenby Still Advancing
London, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—Still further advances by General Allenby north of Jerusalem were reported officially today. Between Thursday and Saturday, he said, 750 of the enemy had been taken prisoner and 1000 enemy dead had been counted.