



ALLIES CONTINUE TO GAIN AGAINST ENEMY IN FRANCE

Progress is Measured by Yards, But Advance, While Slow, is Steady and Teutons Forced Back.

TRENCHES FULL OF WATER

Men Fight Over Swampy Ground, Making Tactics Difficult—Germans Reported to Have Evacuated Roulers—Kaiser Sending Reinforcements to His Line in Belgium.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—Fighting in water-filled trenches and in roads knee deep in mire, through swampy patches of woods and fields which were mere wallows for the men and horses, the allies made further gradual progress on Thursday, according to a statement of the war office issued this afternoon.

Besides accounting briefly for Thursday's developments, the statement went into detail concerning the recent operations up to December 5.

It stated that the allies advance was proceeding literally by yards but nevertheless was steady and extended all along the line from the North sea into Alsace.

An unofficial report was current that the Germans had evacuated Roulers and it was thought possible that they had retired from Thourout and Thiel.

There was fighting today, said the official statement, along the entire 250 mile line northeast, east and southeast of Paris, except in the Tynes district, where, it was stated, the Germans had delivered three furious attacks on Thursday, once actually reaching the French trenches only to be repulsed finally.

Evidently fearing they did not have enough men in the extreme north of Belgium to hold the coast, the Germans were said to be reinforcing their troops in that section with the recent levies, mostly boys between 18 and 20 years old.

LIVERPOOL MARKET UNCHANGED TODAY

Reports from Liverpool show today's wheat prices stand the same as yesterday, to wit, nine shillings and six and three-fourths pence. On American money the Liverpool price is a trifle under \$1.40 per bushel.

INITIATION OF 45 CANDIDATES IN K. OF C. TO OCCUR SUNDAY

With fully 100 visiting members of the Knights of Columbus from the various councils of Oregon and Washington and 75 Knights from the local council anticipating attendance, there promises to be a goodly crowd present Sunday to participate in the ceremonies incident to the initiation of a class of 45 candidates in the third degree of the order.

A good sized delegation will arrive from the Walla Walla council to exemplify the first degree. A similar delegation from La Grande, headed by District Deputy J. H. Peare, will have charge of the third degree. The second degree will be exemplified by the Pendleton council.

State Deputy W. H. O'Brien will be here from Astoria and with him will be a number of prominent Knights from that city, Portland and The Dalles. Delegations from the Baker and Pasco councils will also be in attendance. Bishop O'Reilly and a number of other priests are expected to attend.

The initiation will be held in the Eagle-Woodman hall and a banquet will be served in the evening at the

DESPITE PRESENCE OF TROOPS, SHELLS FALL OVER BORDER

Factions at Naco, Sonora, Engage in Artillery Duel—American Artillery Arrives on the Scene.

WASHINGTON SENDS WARNING

United States Will Stop Careless Firing Which Has Endangered American Residents in Texas Town—Gutierrez Said to Have Ordered Maytorena to Change Tactics.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The state department was advised by Agent Silliman at Mexico City that provisionally instructed General Maytorena at Naco to "avoid such firing as might be dangerous to the lives of Americans and suspend operations entirely unless this could be done."

NACO, Ariz., Dec. 11.—Artillery from El Paso sent to guard the international boundary arrived today. The troops and guns detained some distance east of Naco.

Maytorena opened on Hill's trenches with artillery this morning from a new position. Many bullets and a few shells fell on the American side.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Government officials are determined to completely stop the firing into Naco, Arizona, from across the Mexican border.

A message from General Bliss at Naco said that everything was quiet there. An official warning to Carranza and Gutierrez, that they must control their troops, it was believed will result in General Hill and Maytorena, leaders of the opposing factions at Naco, Sonora, being ordered from the border.

Advice received at the state department said Gutierrez had ordered Maytorena to cease firing unless he can continue without endangering the American side of the border.

WITHDRAW TROOPS IF ALL IS WELL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—President Wilson telegraphed to Governor Ammons of Colorado asking whether it would be safe to withdraw the federal troops from the strike districts. If Governor Ammons replies that the state is ready to assume control of the situation the president will withdraw the troops immediately.

ADMIRAL STURDEE WAS TOLD TO SWEEP SEAS OF GERMAN VESSELS

LONDON, Dec. 11.—That Admiral Sturdee, whose British squadron sank the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Lelso off the Falkland Islands Tuesday and six hours later sent the Nurn-

berg to the bottom, was assigned the task of sweeping the Atlantic clear of the kaiser's commerce raiders by January 1, it was stated on high authority. The expectation was expressed he would succeed.

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Mrs. J. Borden Harriman to Attend Mine Strike Inquiry



DENVER, Dec. 11.—Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, member of the federal commission on industrial rela-

CROWN PRINCE IS SUMMONED TO THE KAISER'S BEDSIDE

PARIS, Dec. 11.—That the German crown prince has been summoned to the kaiser's bedside was reported here by the "Echo De Paris."

EARNHART NAMES MEN TO INVESTIGATE ROAD

STRONG COMMITTEE WILL TRY TO SOLVE COLD SPRINGS PROBLEM.

In accordance with instructions given at the Cold Springs farmers' meeting held at the Commercial club rooms a week ago last Saturday, R. O. Earnhart, chairman of the meeting, has named a committee to take up the matter of investigating the various phases of the problem of connecting that farming section with the Columbia river by a road of some sort.

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\$1.20 PER BUSHEL ON WHEAT IS SAID TO BE PRICE NOW

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—Following reports that congress may be asked to prohibit the exportation of foodstuffs to the warring nations in Europe, export interests were said to be offering in the interior as high as a dollar and twenty cents a bushel for smutty club wheat, tidewater track delivery.

ANOTHER GERMAN CRUISER IS SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 11.—It was reported tonight that the German cruiser Frederick Karl has been sunk. The vessel was last reported in the Baltic. Its normal complement was 537 men.

HANDLING OF INDIANS BY LANE PLEASURES MOORHOUSE

PLAN TO PUT REDMAN ON "HIS OWN FEET" DECLARED TO BE RIGHT IDEA.

That Secretary of the Interior F. K. Lane is on the right track when he advocates "standing the Indian on his own feet" in his annual address is the belief of Major Lee Moorhouse, former agent on the Umatilla reservation. Major Moorhouse in a statement this morning declared himself heartily in sympathy with the secretary of interior's proposed line of action, stating that from his knowledge of the Indians he believed they would best be helped to attain a high citizenship by being treated less like children and wards and more like reasoning humans.

That part of Secretary Lane's address referring to the Indians is as follows: "It is the judgment of those who know the Indian best, and it is my conclusion after as intimate a study as practicable of his nature and needs, that we should henceforth make a positive and systematic effort to cast the full burden of independence and responsibility upon an increasing number of the Indians of all tribes. If, year by year, a few to stand altogether upon their own feet, we will be adding to the dignity of the Indian race and to their value as citizens."

Of 12,500 new residence buildings erected in the Boston Edison company's territory during the past four years 3700 are wired for electric lighting.

VON SPEE AND HIS CREW MADE HEROIC FIGHT TO THE END

Although Germans Realized They Faced Death in Naval Engagement There Was no Sign of Surrender.

TRANSPORTS ALSO ARE SUNK

British Make Clean Sweep of Southern Seas of Kaiser's Fleet—Main Engagement off Falkland Islands Lasts Five Hours—Unidentified Fleet Reported Near.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 11.—Positive confirmation of the sinking by British warships of the Nurnberg was received here. It was also learned the Dresden met a similar fate eight hours later but this wasn't official. It was stated on reliable authority and generally believed. This accounted for Von Spee's entire squadron.

It was learned the main engagement off the Falkland Islands lasted five hours. Admiral Von Spee and his officers were said to have realized they faced death but gave fight without a sign or thought of surrender. The Nurnberg and Dresden were faster than the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Lelso and therefore were able to keep up a longer running battle. The Nurnberg finally was overtaken and sent to the bottom, firing to the last.

The Dresden was said to have been destroyed eight hours later.

Chilean admiralty reports told of heavy cannonading heard from 1:30 to 3:00 p. m. Thursday off the islands of Mocha, Chilean possessions. It was believed at the time the German transport Prinz Eitel Frederick was chasing the British ships Puerto Saavedra and Chile, but later it was reported that British war vessels were pursuing German craft.

An unidentified fleet was said to be operating in the same locality. The German cruiser Karlsruhe and the converted cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm, which also are off the Chilean coast, it was stated, Chilean accounts were to the effect the colliers and supply ships which were serving the Karlsruhe and Kronprinz Wilhelm had been sunk by the British after the crews were taken off.

RED CROSS STAMPS NOW FOR SALE AT STORES IN CITY

MONEY RECEIVED WILL BE USED TO HELP FIGHT TUBERCULOSIS.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Red Cross Christmas stamps, sold each year for the benefit of the national tuberculosis fund, are now on sale here under the auspices of the Thursday Afternoon Club. The stamps are on sale at all times at the drug stores and on each Saturday afternoon until Christmas special sales will be held at the Peoples Warehouse, the Alexander store, Sayres and at the post office. At each of these places young ladies will sell the stamps on the days mentioned above and those who desire to give aid in the fight against the great white plague are asked to buy the stamps and place them on Christmas parcels.

The Thursday Afternoon Club committee handling the stamp sale consists of Mrs. F. E. Boyden, Mrs. Ros T. Bishop and Mrs. E. P. Marshall.

FOUR FATALLY BURNED IN NEW YORK INCENDIARY FIRE

SCORES OF OTHERS LIVING IN BUILDING HAVE NARROW ESCAPES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Samuel Gordon, his wife and two daughters were fatally burned and scores of others narrowly escaped death in a fire which swept a building at a hundred and Fourteenth street. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

at the front almost constantly since the war began. An official statement today said he was considerably improved. My informants confirm this. According to official announcement the catarrh has practically subsided. His temperature is normal. He's able to receive reports from the chief of the general staff. His improvement started last night and continued today.

What for a time was a thoroughgoing scare over foot and mouth disease was dispelled at Echo yesterday when two experienced veterinarians from Portland inspected a band of cattle and found the ailment with which they suffered was not the dreaded disease against which the federal government has been so rigidly quarantining.

The cattle belong to Henry Blackwell, were purchased in the John Day country and are being fed near Echo in preparation for the Portland market. Two days ago it was discovered that many of the cattle were af-

fectured with trouble of some sort. Out of 100 head 85 became sick and a feature of the disease was the fact that the cattle became lame. It was believed that the cattle were suffering from founder. Due to being changed from alfalfa hay to barley hay. However, those in charge were in doubt and in order to set all fears at rest two veterinarians were summoned from Portland. They inspected the cattle yesterday and reported the trouble to be due entirely to founder from overfeeding or from the change of feed.

None of the Blackwell cattle died.

CATARRH OF THE THROAT IS THE AILMENT SUFFERED BY KAISER

(By Karl Von Wiegand.) LONDON, Dec. 11.—A dispatch from Berlin via The Hague said the Kaiser was much better. Physicians allowed him to sit up a few hours.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—The Kaiser is suffering from catarrh of the throat. I'm able to state this on authority of persons close to the court who are in a position to know. His illness is due to exposure. He has remained

Prince Joachim at Front



Prince Joachim, one of the younger sons of the Kaiser, who was seriously wounded by Turcos troops in France more than a month ago, has returned to the firing line after recovering from his wounds.

OREGON MEN IN THRILLING EXPERIENCES IN WAR ZONE

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—Dr. John L. Hill and Rev. Albert H. Hicks of Albany, Oregon, arrived on the steamer Canopic from Italy. They started for Palestine but were prevented reaching there by the war. They detailed thrilling experiences.

CONGRESSMAN PAYNE OF N. Y. DEAD AT WASHINGTON

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ACCOMPANY BODY TO ITS RESTING PLACE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Speaker Clark appointed a committee of the house to escort the body of Seneca Payne, a member of congress from New York, who died of heart failure last night, to Auburn, where interment will be made. Vice President Marshall appointed a senate committee to attend the funeral.

WILL PURCHASE LEAGUE CLUB

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Ban Johnson, president of the American league admitted that Jacob Ruppert, a millionaire brewer, probably will purchase the New York American league club. The only detail unsettled, he said was the price.

SCARE OVER FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE DISPELLED BY "VETS"

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