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FRENCH ARTILLERY BOMBARDING OUTER FORTS AT METZ

RUSSIANS HOLD GERMANS BACK

DEFENDERS OF WARSAW REPULSE ATTACKS HURLED AT THEM BY TEUTONIC FORCES IN THE EAST

Kaiser's Troops Use Massed Formation in Effort to Penetrate Lines of Czar in Poland--River Banks Covered With Bodies of the Slain.

GERMANS CROSS BZURA AT ONLY ONE POINT IT IS SAID

Fighting Believed to be Fast Approaching a Crisis--Slavs Assume Offensive Along Pilica River and Attempt to Break the German Lines.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 25.—Resisting constantly day and night attacks along the front between the Vistula river and Opoczno, the Russian defenders of Warsaw are holding their lines against the Germans. The forces of the kaiser launched assault after assault in massed formation but each time they were beaten back. The banks of the Bzura and the Rawa rivers are covered with corpses of the German slain. Only at one point, the war office stated, had the Teutons succeeded in crossing the Bzura. The main attack is being directed midway between Sochaczew and Skirniowicz. The Slavs were said to be trying to penetrate the German front along the Pilica river. The fighting in Poland is believed to be approaching a crisis. General Francous, commander of the German force recently beaten back in its advance from the northward on Warsaw is endeavoring to renew its march southward from Mlava. It was conceded he has managed to partially regain the offensive.

VIENNA, Dec. 25.—The following announcement was issued this afternoon by the war office: "Fighting continued on Christmas day along most of our battle front. Our forces have repulsed Russian attacks near Magyaz, in the Latorcaza region, with heavy losses to the enemy. The Slavs have been driven toward Lasko. "Between Wislok and Biala, the Russians attacked us on Christmas eve and on the following day fighting continued with the utmost violence. On the Donajec river, the situation is unchanged."

PARLIAMENT IS DISSOLVED BY JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

NEW ELECTION TO BE HELD IN MARCH--NAVAL PROGRAM CAUSE OF HITCH.

TOKIO, Dec. 25.—A parliamentary election throughout Japan is expected sometime in March. As was expected, parliament was dissolved on Friday as a result of its refusal to make financial allowances asked for by the Okuma cabinet for an increase in the size of the army. The administration hopes the next election will give it the majority it desires.

French Vote War Fund.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The Chamber of Deputies voted unanimously an appropriation of 8,500,000,000 francs (\$1,700,000,000) to cover the expenses of the next six months, including the cost of the war.

MEXICAN FACTIONS ARE BATTLING FOR CONTROL OF PORT

Fighting is Reported in Progress Ten Miles West of Vera Cruz--Battle Also Near Tampico.

CARRANZISTAS FALLING BACK

Other Points of Conflict Are Reported in Advice to Washington -- Peace Convention, Which Opens January 10, Hopes to Frame Comprehensive Land Law.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—It was believed here today that a battle for the control of Vera Cruz is in progress.

Late advice were that the followers of Carranza and the Villistas were fighting 10 miles west of the city and that the Carranzistas were retiring toward the main defenses.

Severe fighting was reported as taking place in Tlaxcala state and near Tampico.

When the peace conference reconvenes in Mexico City January 10, the leaders plan to attempt to frame a comprehensive land law. It is the hope that such a law will simplify the disbanding of the army, enabling the government to ask the A. B. C. powers and the United States for recognition.

ARRESTS MADE AT MANILA TO QUELL ALLEGED UPRISING

Filipinos Charged With Being in Conspiracy Against Officials of the United States.

10,000 SAID TO BE INVOLVED

MANILA, Dec. 25.—Eight Filipinos are under arrest and the arrest of more is being considered likely in connection with what appears to have been a concerted attempt at a local native uprising on Thursday. It was said the army officers were warned in advance, the number of conspirators being placed at 10,000. The attempt was a complete fiasco, the native gatherings being quickly dispersed in various places and today from all indications the authorities had the situation well in hand.

The plot was attributed to the activities of Artemio Ricarte, a Filipino now in exile in Hong Kong.

13 TONS OF COTTON ARRIVE FOR USE ON WOUNDED MEN

HOLLAND - AMERICAN LINER CARRIES NECESSITY FOR AUSTRIAN TROOPS.

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 25.—The Holland American liner Sommelsdyk arrived with 13 tons of cotton for use in Austrian hospitals. Extra clerks expedited the shipments' transfer by parcel post to Vienna and Budapest.

AMERICAN SHIPS SAID TO HAVE THREATENED PORT

DANIELS WILL INVESTIGATE STORY THAT BOMBARDMENT WAS INTIMATED.

INDIAN CHILDREN ENJOY XMAS TREE AT MISSION

SANTA CLAUS DISTRIBUTES GIFTS--EVERYBODY HAS DELIGHTFUL TIME.

NEWS SUMMARY

General.
 French artillery bombard outer defenses of Metz.
 Mexican factions battling for control of Vera Cruz.
 Naval fight reported off Chile.
 Russians holding back Germans at Warsaw.
 Arrests made at Manila to quell uprising.

Local.
 Silver thaw follows cold snap and converts Pendleton into skating rink.
 Coffee club extended Christmas cheer to many.
 300 Indians enjoy Christmas celebration at Tutuilla.

SILVER THAW ADDS DANGERS TO EVERY KIND OF TRAFFIC

Pendleton's Streets are Turned Into Thin Smooth Ice by Fine Rain Which Immediately Freezes.

MANY PERSONS HAVE FALLS

Automobiles Damaged in Collisions and Other Vehicles Have Similar Fate--Hill Dwellers Have Doubly Difficult Time Getting Down Town--Prisoners Worked.

All Pendleton was turned into an ice pond during the night by a "silver thaw" which signaled the breaking of the cold snap which has gripped Pendleton for the past three weeks. The fine rain that fell immediately froze and soon there was a coating of thin ice over everything, making traffic exceedingly unsafe.

This condition has prevailed all day although the temperature has risen several degrees and caused a partial thaw. Few teams ventured out early this morning although the iron-shod horses seemed to have less difficulty than pedestrians. The hill-dwellers had an especially hard time as it was almost impossible to walk on the inclines. Many were the undignified falls which resulted and in a few instances minor injuries resulted. Automobiles, too, have had a hard time of it, it being almost impossible for a car to make a turn without skidding. Several cars were slightly damaged by collisions and a number of rigs met a like fate.

The small boy has been enjoying the unusual condition of the weather. Ice-skates made their appearance and the paved streets and walks made a good rink. Sleds were also brought into commission on every hill and the boys enjoyed faster sliding than they have ever given them. A few near-serious accidents are reported from this pastime.

Street Commissioner John Heathman put a crew of city prisoners to work with shovels this morning scraping paths across streets and merchants by means of salt made the downtown walks fairly safe for pedestrians. Those who live on the hill, however are still keeping to the streets.

THE COLUMN OF TROOPS MAKES RAPID ADVANCE AGAINST ENEMY IN WESTERN THEATER OF WAR

Teutons Already Driven From Heights Along First Defenses Declares Report From Paris--Fighting Continues Christmas Day When Germans Try to Recover Lost Ground in Belgium--Allies Repulse Attacks.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—It was reported here this afternoon that the French are bombarding the outer defenses of Metz.

It was declared the French lines have advanced beyond Arnville and through the Lapriete forest.

The Germans have been cleared from the heights within range of the outer forts about Metz, it was stated. There was no cessation of fighting along the front on Christmas day. The German attempts to regain their lost positions in Belgium were repulsed by the British, French and Belgian troops.

Besides Lihons, it was stated the Kaiser's troops suffered repulses at Nonlette, Boiselle and East Albert.

"Night attacks in the Perthes region," said a statement, "was repulsed, the French artillery silencing the Germans' fire. The attack was resumed on Friday and again repulsed."

Referring to the struggle in Poland, the communication declared the Russians have repulsed the Germans who succeeded in crossing the Bzura river, south of Sochaczew, inflicting heavy losses on them.

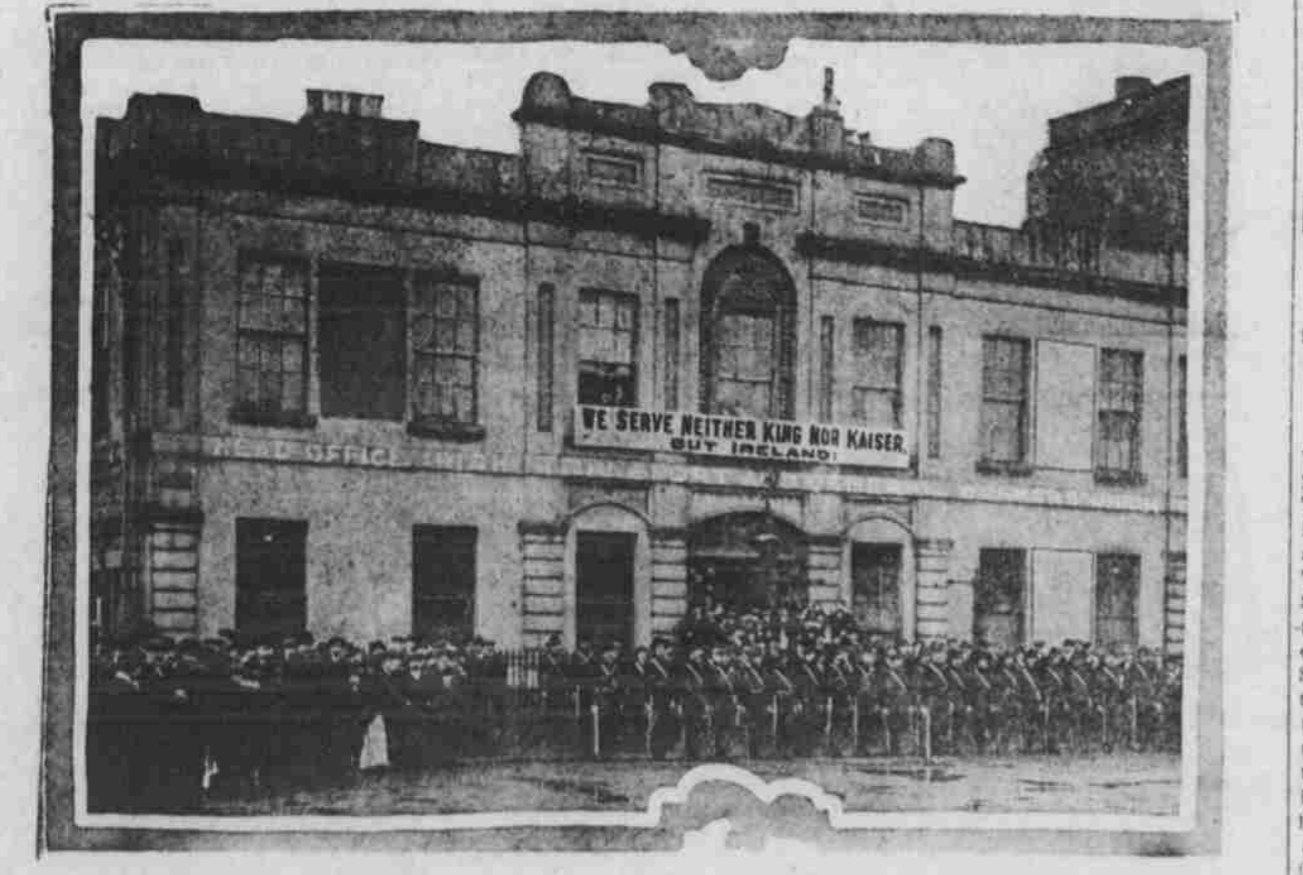
The Germans were also said to have been repulsed at Molinow.

The struggle south of the Vistula and along the Nida was declared to be turning in favor of the Russians.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The Matin quoted the Italian Press as authority to the effect a French submarine was sunk while attempting to raid Austria's naval base at Uola. Earlier in the week a report was current that an Austrian battery had sunk one of the allies submarines but the nationality wasn't given nor the scene of the engagement stated.

Well Known Soldier Dies.
 LONDON, Dec. 25.—General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny, a well known English soldier, died at his home at Hove, Sussex, aged 74.

How Dublin Irishmen Defy King of England



This photograph shows a company of "Larkin's Citizen Soldiers" in front of the headquarters of the transport workers' union, of which Jim Larkin, the famous labor leader, is the head. They have defied, not to join in the war against England's enemies, but to fight for home rule in case there is an attack from the Irishmen who had previously organized. The sign on the building above them shows their sentiments: "WE SERVE NEITHER KING NOR KAISER" and "BUY IRISH!"

So far the British authorities have taken no official cognizance of the threat implied in the sentiment so boldly expressed. They are so busy trying to get recruits in England for the war that they have not undertaken to stir up more trouble in Ireland. Larkin is now in the United States. He has had several meetings of Irish and Germans to show sympathy for the Germans in the war in Europe.

LONDON DARK TO PREVENT ATTACK BY GERMAN AIRMEN

GREAT PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN TO GUARD AGAINST AN AERIAL RAID.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Following Thursday's bombardment of Dover by a German aviator and Friday's appearance of a hostile flyingman over Gravesend, Sheerness and Southend-on-Sea, elaborate precautions are being taken here to guard against aerial attacks.

Orders were issued against any lights except such as were absolutely necessary, and it is required that even these be kept carefully under cover.

Probably never before in history was the city in such stygian darkness as last night. Few people ventured out and these were forced to grope their way through pitch blackness.

GOLD WEATHER INTERFERES WITH FIGHTING BIG FIRE

LUMBER YARD AT CHELSEA DESTROYED BY FLAMES--LOSS IS \$125,000.

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—The plant of the Pope-Cote Lumber company at Chelsea, near here, was destroyed by fire. Appeals for aid were sent to Revere, Everett and Boston. Extremely cold weather hampered the efforts of the firemen. The water froze as soon as it hit the various buildings. The damage was \$125,000.

Club at \$127.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 25

Spot club wheat reached \$1.27 today, establishing another new high record.

NAVAL BATTLE OFF COAST OF CHILE REPORTED BY DESTROYER

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 25.—No confirmation has been received here of the wireless report from the Chilean destroyer Loma that a battle was progressing between German vessels and the British cruiser New Castle off Valparaiso.

Chilean reports declare that the presence of a powerful Japanese fleet off the west coast has been confirmed.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 24.—The Australian dreadnaught Australia put into Valparaiso harbor today.



A French aviation camp near the fighting front showing the machines of the aerial scouts lined up in readiness for duty.