

ALLIES CLAIM SUCCESSES IN BOTH EAST AND WEST BATTLE LINES---GERMAN ADVANCE CHECKED

WEST BANK OF
YSER CANAL IS
SEIZED BY FRENCH

Artillery Engagements in Arras Region Destroy Three German Batteries—Trenches Blown Up—Extended Section of Canal Which Cost Many German Lives Lost to Allies.

PARIS, Dec. 12, 2:46 p. m.—The French official bulletin, given out in Paris this afternoon, says that French troops now occupy the west bank of the Yser canal. Artillery engagements, all of them resulting more or less advantageously to the French, are reported in the region of Arras, near Namur, in the Aisne, in the region of Perthes, near the forest of Laguerie, on the heights of the Meuse and in the Vosges.

The text of the communication follows: "The enemy has completed the evacuation of the west bank of the Yser canal to the north of the house of the ferryman, and we occupy this bank."

Artillery Duel at Arras

"In the region of Arras there have been artillery engagements. In the region of Namur our batteries have reduced to silence the batteries of the enemy. In the region of the Aisne our heavy artillery silenced the field batteries of the Germans. At a point northeast of Vailly, one of our batteries of howitzers was completely destroyed."

"In the region of Perthes and in the vicinity of the forest of Laguerie there have been artillery engagements and some infantry fighting which resulted advantageously to us."

"On the heights of the Meuse the artillery of the enemy showed little activity. On the contrary, our artillery demolished at Deuxnons, to the west of Vignettes Les Hattonehuet, two batteries of the enemy, one composed of guns of large caliber, and the other used for firing upon aviators. In this same we have blown up a blockhouse and destroyed several trenches."

"Between the Meuse and the Moselle there is nothing to report, and in the Vosges there have been artillery engagements. In the region of Senones we have consolidated the positions gained by us the evening before."

Russians Victorious

"Russia: In the region of Mlava violent attacks on the part of the Germans have been repulsed, and the Russians again have taken the offensive against columns of the enemy that are retiring in disorder. In the region to the north of Lowicz ferocious German attacks have been also everywhere repulsed with heavy losses."

"In the region south of Cracow the Russian offensive has been successfully continued in spite of a stubborn resistance."

"In Servia: The Servian armies, which had reached the Kolubara river, have crossed this stream between the Valjevo, which has been occupied by them, and the junction of the Ljilj. To the north they have occupied Lazarevatz. The number of prisoners taken by the Servians in the course of these recent engagements reaches the total of about 18,000 men."

ADVOCATES GREAT
NATIONAL POWER PLANT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Economic operations demand one great power plant supplying electric current throughout the United States, according to views expressed today by W. A. Breckenridge of the Southern California Edison company, and constructor of Niagara Falls power plants, who appeared today before the senate public land committee in opposition to the water power site leasing bill. He assailed the bill as being opposed to such centralization.

BERLIN CLAIMS
EAST AND WEST
LINES ADVANCED

German Official Statement Asserts That Allies' Attacks in France and Belgium Repulsed and Ground Gained in Argonne—Russians Are Beaten Back in the East.

BERLIN, Dec. 12, (by wireless).—Advances for the German armies in both the west and the east are reported in an official statement given out today at military headquarters. The attacks of the allies in France and Belgium have been repulsed and the Germans have gained ground near Arras and in the Argonne. In the east the Russian forces were beaten back in the fighting along the East Prussian frontier and in Southern Poland.

The text of the communication follows:

"On the east Prussian frontier our cavalry repulsed Russian cavalry, taking 350 prisoners."

Russians Repulsed

"South of the Vistula and in northern Poland our operations are developing."

"In southern Poland, Russian attacks have been repulsed by Austro-Hungarian and German troops."

"In Flanders the French yesterday made attacks in the region of Langemark, which, however, were repulsed. They lost 200 men in killed and we took 340 prisoners."

"Our artillery bombarded the Ypres railroad station to interfere with the movements of the enemy's troops."

"We have made some progress near Arras."

"French troops again attacked us near Souain-Perthes, but without success."

Success in Argonne

"In the Argonne forest the French for weeks past have limited themselves to very weak attacks and they everywhere have been repulsed. On the other hand, German troops have again taken possession of an important French position of support by means of the explosion of a mine. The enemy has suffered heavy losses in killed and many of their troops have been so severely shaken as to be unable to fight any longer."

"Moreover, we took over 200 prisoners near Apremont. South of St. Mihiel repeated stubborn French attacks were repulsed, as were also other attacks in the vicinity of Marikireh."

GARDNER'S INQUIRY
IS VOTED DOWN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Representative Gardner's demand for a hearing on his resolution for an investigation into the military preparedness of the country was voted down today by the house rules committee by a straight party vote of five to three. All the democrats voted against it.

PANAMA CANAL SLIDE
DELAYS SHIPMENTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 12.—A private dispatch to W. R. Grace & Company, received today from the Panama Canal zone, stated that a new slide in the Culebra cut would cause a delay of about two days to shipping. No details were given.

PARIS, Dec. 12, 5:30 a. m.—The police of Geneva, Switzerland, says a dispatch to the Journal, have arrested a naturalized American named Muller, who, it is alleged, organized an important German spy system with ramifications in Lyons, and the principal cities of eastern France. Muller, the dispatch states, will be tried by court martial.

DRESDEN TAKES
REFUGE IN INLET
OFF PATAGONIA

German Cruiser Which Ran Away at Battle of Falkland Islands Located Along Straits of Magellan—Jap and English Warships Waiting for Her Capture.

LONDON, Dec. 12, 1:06 p. m.—A dispatch to the Evening News from Valparaiso, Chile, says it is reported that the German cruiser Dresden has taken refuge in an inlet in the coast of Patagonia.

The Dresden is the only vessel of the German squadron which met the British fleet in the South Atlantic December 8, that has not been accounted for.

The engagement of December 8 off the Falkland Islands resulted in the destruction of the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig. Later it was announced that the Nürnberg also had been destroyed. The Dresden escaped from the encounter and was supposed to have fled to the westward. This would take her to the coast of Patagonia, where the Valparaiso report places her. Patagonia and the Straits of Magellan offer numerous bays and inlets where a vessel could hide or take refuge. There are some Chilean ports in this part of South America where a warship could intern.

British warships, doubtless are in pursuit of the Dresden from the Atlantic side of the Straits of Magellan, and it is said that Japanese cruisers are watching the Pacific or western entrance on the strait, in case she should attempt again to enter the South Pacific.

GRANDCHILDREN
SEEK MILLIONS
GIVEN SUFFRAGISTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Frank Leslie's million dollar bequest to the cause of woman suffrage was attacked today in two suits started in the supreme court by Florence L. Weissbrod and Lonetta L. Hollander, grandchildren of Frank Leslie, the founder of the publishing firm which bears his name.

The plaintiffs in these suits demand \$400,000 each as their share of the estate and also set forth that \$200,000—all that would be left of the money bequeathed by Mrs. Leslie to suffrage—should be paid to Frank Leslie III and Arthur Leslie, also grandchildren of Frank Leslie I. The petitioners allege that Mrs. Frank Leslie was entitled to only one-third of the \$1,800,000 estate which she disposed of by will.

Mrs. Leslie will provided that the residue of her estate be paid outright to Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt. Although she imposed no restrictions upon Mrs. Catt, she expressed the hope in her will that the money would be spent for advancing woman suffrage.

WALL STREET COMES INTO ITS OWN WHEN EXCHANGE OPENS

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Wall street came into its own today. The stock exchange, closed for nearly four and a half months, except for limited trading in bonds during the past two weeks, was reopened at 10 o'clock this morning for active trading in stocks.

One hundred and ninety-two issues were approved by the governors for trading, and though other issues were barred, notably United States Steel, activity on the floor of the exchange revived memories of big days ten years ago.

Not for many years has there been such a throng of brokers on the floor as that which waited patiently for the signal to resume trading. There are 1100 members of the exchange and nearly 700 of these, it is estimated, were on the floor. Many of

EQUAL SUFFRAGE
TO BE VOTED
UPON BY HOUSE

Committee Reports Favorably Upon Votes for Women and Upon Prohibition—Congressmen to Be Placed on Record Upon Both Propositions—One Day for Each.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Yen and nays votes in the house on special rules for consideration of proposals to submit woman suffrage and prohibition questions for constitutional amendment was assured by the action of the rules committee today.

The prohibition question will be brought into the house Tuesday, December 22, and when it has been disposed of, woman suffrage will be taken up.

Prohibition Bill Up, Too

The rule for consideration of the Hobson constitutional amendment for nation-wide prohibition was voted out unanimously by the committee. Its supporters and opponents were willing to submit it to a record vote in the house. It provided eight hours of general debate and unlimited opportunity for amendment.

The rule for a vote on the Mondell woman suffrage amendment was voted out, four to three. Representative Foster, democrat, of Illinois, by joining the two republicans and the one progressive on the committee, overruled the three democrats who were opposed to it.

Chairman Henry declared one day would be allowed to each of the propositions and that the house would be kept in session until they were disposed of.

Need Two-Thirds Vote

Representatives Campbell, Lenroot and Kelly, with Foster, outvoted the democrats. Henry, Pou and Cantrall and Representative Goldfogle, another democrat, declined to vote. The suffrage rule would allow six hours of general debate and the usual opportunity for amendment.

It will be necessary for the supporters of both proposals to get a two-thirds majority for the adoption of the rules and then a two-thirds majority for each resolution. Opponents say the necessary votes cannot be gotten. The plan to begin consideration of the questions December 22 makes it apparent that the democrats are determined to curtail the holiday recess as much as possible.

MAYTORENA'S FORCES
CAPTURE BORDER CITY

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 12.—Frontiers, thirty miles south of Agua Prieta, was captured by 300 Maytorena troops last night, according to official word received today by Carranza officials. The garrison there mustered fewer than fifty men. Major Aureliano Iturza, commanding the Maytorena forces, moved southward today for the purpose, according to reports, of stripping the rancho of Roberto V. Pasquiera, Carranza's official agent here.

SERVIAN ARMY
INSPIRED TO WIN
BY KING PETER

"Soldiers! Heroes! Your Old King Has Come to Die With You for the Fatherland, for Servia. Let Us Drive Out the Enemy," Are Monarch's Words.

PARIS, Dec. 12, 4:46 a. m.—The inspiring presence and words of King Peter of Servia are given as the chief cause of the successes recently achieved by the Servian army, says a dispatch from Nish, Servia, to the Matin.

"Soldiers! Heroes! Your old king has come to die with you for the fatherland, for Servia. Let us drive out the enemy."

These historic words, says the Matin's dispatch, were pronounced by King Peter before the order for the general attack was given which resulted in the defeat of the Austrians. The aged king arrived on the battle front at the supreme moment when the country's fate hung in the balance. Mounted on a charger, he slowly rode through the Servian lines, and was everywhere greeted with the wildest enthusiasm.

His words, according to the Nish dispatch, had the effect of a train of gunpowder, and the unforgettable battle began before Topola, the cradle of the Karageorgevitch dynasty, ten miles from Mount Oplenatz, where rest the ashes of the Servian heroes and Royal family.

KAISER QUARRELED
WITH VON MOLTKE
OVER CAMPAIGN

THE HAGUE, via London, Dec. 12, 4:50 p. m.—German newspapers which have been received here show that the German press, although prohibited strictly from criticizing any acts of the government during the war, is much displeased by the sudden change in the leadership of the German military forces. They state that Count Von Moltke has been "politely side-tracked" as chief of the general staff and that supreme command has been given to a "war minister whose behavior towards the Reichstag in the Zabern incident was insulting."

In the short biographies of Major General Von Falkenhayn, which the newspapers are permitted to print, they refer in the most guarded way to what they term his failure up to the present time in the operations on the western front.

It is intimated in these newspapers that there has been friction between Emperor William and Count Von Moltke, owing to a difference of opinion concerning the conduct of the campaign in the west.

RUSSIANS PIERCE
GERMAN FRONT
IN TWO PLACES

Plan of Polish Invasion Declared a Failure—Germans Reduced to Making Bloody and Useless Attacks Upon Russian Front—German Columns Separated by Czar's Forces.

PARIS, Dec. 12, 4:35 p. m.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Matin wires his paper that the German plan in Poland has completely failed. His dispatch says:

"The German plan, which consisted on turning the Russian right wing at Lowicz and at the same time completing a similar maneuver on the extreme left on the river Ronaje, has completely failed. The Germans are reduced to making bloody and useless attacks on our front."

Delaying Advance

PETROGRAD, Dec. 12, via London, 3:05 p. m.—Russian military observers contend that the Germans in withdrawing before partial successes of the Russians along the battle front to the north of Warsaw, are following their well-known tactics of delaying the advance of their opponents as long as possible by holding each successive trench until it becomes untenable. Reports reaching Petrograd today, however, indicate that the German front has been pierced at least on two points between Ciechanow and Przasnysz, which has resulted in the severing of communication between the German columns.

Of Strategic Advantage

A German repulse here, military critics say, will be more significant as a strategic advantage than as a decisive factor in the campaign now raging on all sides of Warsaw. It will give the Russian forces operating to the northwest of Warsaw, Russians point out, space in which to maneuver on the right bank of the Vistula, their right wing, which hitherto has been cramped by the falling back of their own troops upon the Polish capital.

The uninterrupted fighting in the last three weeks is now being augmented, it is said, by day and night attacks on the Russian positions between Lowicz and the river Vistula. Constant reinforcements from other parts of the battle front are reported to be entering the struggle in this locality.

SECOND WARNING
GIVEN MAYTORENA
BY UNCLE SAM

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 12.—A second warning from the Washington government to Governor Maytorena was received here today demanding that Maytorena withdraw immediately from the range of the American border town. It had been given verbally. It was understood, to one of Maytorena's agents at Washington.

NACO, Ariz., Dec. 12.—Jose Maytorena, insurgent governor of Sonora, who has been besieging the Carranza garrison of Naco, Sonora, since September, said today that he had received no order from Provisional President Gutierrez to stop firing in order to prevent bullets striking in American territory. Until he does receive such order he will continue his attack. Meantime he is preparing for a final assault on Naco Tuesday.

"I have received no orders from President Gutierrez to stop my attack on Naco," read a statement Maytorena issued today. "Unless I do receive such orders from Mexico City I will continue fighting. I regret that bullets have fallen in American territory, and especially that Americans have been wounded. My men take every precaution to prevent complications with the United States. Strict orders have been issued regarding shooting into American territory and I am sure that the danger to Americans has resulted from the tactics and practices of the enemy."

ENDORSE PLAN
FOR BEET SUGAR
MANUFACTORY

Enthusiastic Meeting Results in Appointment of Committees to Secure Desired Acreage in Sugar Beets—Sugar Makers Outline Proposal and Answer Questions Propounded.

Endorsement of the plan to establish a beet sugar factory in the Rogue river valley was accorded Friday afternoon at a mass meeting of farmers, landowners and business men at the Nat. and as a barometer of public sentiment offers of acreage were made this morning without solicitation. A campaign to secure signers will begin next week, and details arranged for the planting and harvesting of the 1915 crop when the required acreage is secured.

Acting in conjunction with the Farmers and Fruitgrowers League, a committee will be appointed by W. H. Gore, call upon all landowners and farmers.

Progressiveness Revived

The sentiment expressed at the meeting showed a revival of the old time progressive spirit. The offers of the beet sugar interests were outlined by F. S. Bramwell and A. Nibley, and they received a rapid fire of questions from prospective growers, which they answered to the satisfaction of the questioners. They showed a thorough working knowledge of the beet sugar industry, and made a good impression upon the audience.

Both the speakers praised the Rogue river valley, and expressed the opinion that its soil was largely adapted to the growing of beets. The beet sugar industry has a soil expert with every plant. The representatives said they were surprised at the extent and apparent fertility of the valley. Willamette valley reports picturing this section as nothing but a "bankrupt canyon not worth bothering about." Roseburg and Douglas county have made a feeble effort to secure the beet factory there.

Much Enthusiasm Shown

From the enthusiasm manifested at the meeting Friday, and the street conversation today, there will be little difficulty in securing the required amount of acreage. For the first time in months, there is a united and harmonious effort towards a common good, and the establishment of a permanent payroll. Two or three of the old line knockers, were about this morning walling and weeping, as when any public movement is under consideration.

At the meeting Friday afternoon, D. W. Stone, J. A. Perry, H. C. Stoddard, and Alfred Carpenter, most of whom were acquainted with the beet sugar industry in some phase gave talks.

A feature of the meeting was the attendance of farmers from out of town points.

BRITISH WARSHIPS
COAL AT SEA

PANAMA, Dec. 12.—It is persistently reported here today that a squadron of six British warships met four British colliers at a point on the high seas fifty miles south of Panama, and coaled from them. It is believed locally that these warships came from Australian waters. One of them is even said to be the Australian battleship Australia.

For several days past there has been much wireless interference and it is believed that the colliers and the warships have been in communication. Also ship captains coming into Balboa have reported the nearness of British cruisers.

Six British colliers have called at Panama during the last few days. This concentration of colliers undoubtedly has been for the purpose of supplying the British squadron.

A Japanese fleet is said to be off the coast of Chile and the British warships are believed to have sailed for the south to effect a junction with the Japanese.