

CHRISTMAS GOES WITHOUT TRUCE ON BATTLE LINE

No Cessation of Military Activity, But No Decisive Action—Russians Resume Offensive—French Claim Progress, But Emphasize Repeated Attacks of Germans.

LONDON, Dec. 26, 1:15 p. m.—Christmas has come and gone without a truce on the part of any of the warring nations of Europe.

A spectacular element of the recent news was supplied by an aerial duel between a German aircraft and two English biplanes over the Thames.

From Petrograd comes news that the Russians have resumed the offensive at several points in Poland and that they have captured no fewer than 11,000 prisoners.

French Claim Progress

Although stating that further progress has been made, today's communication from the French war office lays chief emphasis on the repeated attacks by the Germans, who apparently have undertaken a series of vigorous onslaughts in response to the offensive movement of the allies.

Reviewing conditions in the eastern arena, the French war office asserts that the Germans have been thrust back along the line before Warsaw, and that in the fighting in the region of Crauw the Russians have won the advantage.

Germans Contradict

The German statement contains the striking announcement that the German attacks on the Bzura river have ceased. It claims successes on the right bank of the Pilica and describes the situation elsewhere as unchanged.

Other encounters in France are mentioned, but nothing is said as to the outcome.

Italy Occupies Avlona

Italy's occupation of the Albanian port of Avlona was believed to open up possibilities of complications which might make it difficult for the Rome government to maintain its neutrality.

STOCK RECOVERY ON WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Opening with the lightest trading and lower prices, today's brief session soon recovered to a level well above Tuesday's close.

RUSSIA CEDES TO JAPAN ISLAND IN EXCHANGE FOR GUNS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The Japanese embassy received official advice from Tokio that Russia has ceded to Japan its half of the island of Sakhalin for some heavy guns.

ELECTION FRAUDS CAUSE ARREST OF HUNDRED INDIANANS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 26.—The arrests of forty-six men at Terre Haute late last night, who were indicted by the federal grand jury December 23, charged with conspiracy to violate the election laws, has created a sensation in political circles throughout the state.

Frank C. Dailey, United States district attorney, who conducted the investigation before the federal grand jury, said today he would take up at once the Indianapolis election cases, where it is claimed frauds were committed at the November election.

United States courts have jurisdiction in the proposed investigation because a United States senator and member of congress were elected at the last general election.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 26.—Charged in indictments with attempts to corrupt the election of November 3 last in Terre Haute, Don M. Robert, mayor of Terre Haute, an announced candidate for the democratic nomination for governor in 1916, was taken in custody by United States Marshal Mark K. Storen at Terre Haute today.

Robert, accompanied by Judge Eli H. Redman of the Vigo circuit court, answered a summons and sought the marshal at his hotel. At first Robert, Redman and Storen would not talk, but later the mayor admitted that both he and Redman had been placed under arrest. Early this afternoon neither had been able to furnish bond.

County Sheriff Dennis Sheak, who surrendered voluntarily early in the morning, emerged from Marshal Storen's temporary office in a hotel this afternoon and announced that he had been able to furnish bond.

With the arrest of Edward Driscoll, secretary of the democratic city committee, and an employe in the city recorder's office; Robert Lloyd, a member of the police department, and seven others, the total number of arrests was brought up to seventy-four this afternoon out of the more than 100 men indicted as the result of probing the recent city election at Terre Haute.

CLAIM GUTIERREZ ANGRY AT VILLA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The Carranza agency here announced today the receipt of the following communication from Carranza's agent at Vera Cruz: "General Villareal at Monterey informs us that he recently had a conference at Saltillo with General Alvarez, the Gutierrez governor of the state of San Luis Potosi, who informed him that Eulalio Gutierrez had sent him to inform Villareal that he had demanded from Villa that he eliminate himself from political activities, but that Villa had not complied and that Gutierrez was disposed to enroll himself and his troops once again under the banner of the first chief and the plan of Guadalupe."

The Weather Oregon—Rain tonight and Sunday; southeasterly winds.

RUSSIANS CLAIM DUAL ALLIANCE FAILS IN GALICIA

Austrian-German Campaign Pronounced Failure—Lack of Cohesion, Dogged Perseverance and Demoralization Resulting From Lack of Success Characterizes Efforts.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 26, via London.—The war expert of the Novoye Vremya, in a summary of the war published today, refers to what he calls the "collapse of the Austrian campaign in Galicia, the lack of cohesion on the part of the German armies to the north of Crauw and the dogged perseverance, but with waning spirit of the Germans at Sochaczew," which he says described the situation in Poland.

Going into detail, this observer says:

"The lack of success of the Austrian army in the Sanok-Lisko front devitalized all the Austrian operations in Galicia. The fate of Przemysl has been a weighty factor with the Austrian general staff, which placed great importance on the co-operation of the garrison in this fortress with the army advancing through the Pezlaboretz Pass. The unsuccessful sorties of the garrison of the fortress and the failure to effect a junction with the field army caused the collapse of the entire Austrian plan. The Przemysl sorties were the last feverish efforts of the garrison's expiring energy.

Campaign Weakens

"Following the failure of the Austrian army on the Sanok-Lisko line," the writer goes on, "their entire campaign weakened so that our counterattacks became more and more effective. Finally the Russian armies took the offensive along the entire front. The Austrians lost all interest in their third Galician campaign when they failed to relieve Przemysl. They began with high spirits and large hopes, based on the co-operation of fresh German troops, which had not as yet fought in Russia; reliance was placed also on a simultaneous attack on a large scale by the German army before Warsaw. At the present time there is fighting going on in the Bzura, near Bolimow; in the valley of the Pilica; on the banks of the Nida; along the river Dunajec in Galicia and in the foothills of the Carpathians. There is no cohesion other than that resulting from isolated episodes. Although large forces are engaged on both sides, there is no fundamental unity to the strategy of the enemy. Even the daily struggles about Sochaczew show that the German perseverance is merely the breaking through the Russian right.

Siege of Przemysl

"Russian control of the right bank of the Vistula," he writes, "for a distance of forty miles below Ilow has been a decided step to the delivery of food and ammunition to the Germans by boat from Thorn.

"A soldier who has been invalided from the forces besieging Przemysl says that the garrison within the fortress is short of ammunition and is economizing in its use of shells and cartridges. The fuel supply, however, evidently is good, since

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GENERAL KELLY-KENNY OF BRITISH ARMY DEAD

LONDON, Dec. 26, 3 a. m.—General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny, formerly adjutant general of the British forces, is dead. His home was at Doolough Lodge, in County Clare, where he had lived since his retirement in 1907.

General Kelly-Kenny was a distinguished soldier and had seen active service in many foreign fields.

In 1905 General Kelly-Kenny by appointment accompanied Prince Arthur of Connaught on a special mission to the emperor of Japan. He visited the United States in 1909 after he had retired from active service. General Kelly-Kenny was nearly 70 years of age, having been born in County Clare, Ireland, February 27, 1849.

AMERICAN CRUISERS THREATEN TO BOMBARD TURK PORT OF TRIPOLI

ATHENS, Dec. 26.—Bombardment by an American cruiser of the Turkish port of Tripoli, Syria, is said to have been threatened on account of an attack by the Turks on the crew of an American merchantman on which British and French soldiers desired to depart. Incomplete reports state that the threat of the warship's commander quelled the attack. The cruiser Tennessee has been in the east Mediterranean several months and was last reported not far from Tripoli.

BALKANS PLEDGED TO FAVOR ALLIES

PARIS, Dec. 26, 6:15 a. m.—The only obstacle to Rumania joining the forces of the triple entente, according to the Figaro, was the lack of guarantees from Bulgaria regarding the country's neutrality. The Figaro learns from a good source, it says today, that these guarantees have now been obtained as a result of the joint action of the triple entente powers at Sofia with the further understanding that in the event of Bulgaria deciding to intervene in the war it would be against the enemies of the entente.

EIGHT KILLED BY AIRSHIP IN RUSSIA

PETROGRAD, Dec. 26 via London, 6:20 p. m.—Eight persons were killed and over 100 were wounded in the town of Sochaczew, Russian Poland, today by bombs thrown down from five German aeroplanes. One bomb dropped in the middle of a crowd which was watching the aviators and in exploding, it killed or wounded virtually the entire gathering.

The market place in Sochaczew and a number of wooden houses were set afire and destroyed. Sochaczew is on the Bzura, 30 miles west of Warsaw.

HUNDRED MILLION CHRISTMAS PACKAGES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Preliminary estimates by postoffice officials place the number of parcel post packages handled during the Christmas rush at 100,000,000 and indicated that the total volume of parcel post traffic for 1914 will total nearly 1,000,000,000 packages.

New Year's Issue

The Mail Tribune's annual New Year's issue will be finer than ever this year. Special attention will be paid to the tourist attractions of southern Oregon, including the scenic beauties, world wonders and paved highways. The issue will be better illustrated than any of our previous New Year's issues—and that is going some.

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REBELLION OF FILIPINOS TURNS OUT A FIZZLE

Eight Natives Arrested on Charge of Sedition—Plot of Secret Order for Uprising Betrayed by Constabulary and American Forces Prepared—Effort Poorly Organized.

MANILA, Dec. 26.—Eight Filipinos have been arrested in a charge of sedition as a result of an abortive rising in Manila and its immediate environs Thursday night. Further arrests are probable.

From army sources it is learned that a general warning was sent to all officers on Thursday afternoon, stating that fully 10,000 Filipinos in Manila alone were ready for a concerted attack on Port Santiago, the cuartel espana, the cuartel Infanteria and the medical depot. The military units were immediately prepared and a street patrol was started at dusk.

Uprising Betrayed

Constabulary agents who are members of the secret societies disclosed the plans for an uprising, thus enabling a force of constabulary and police to disperse gatherings at Bagumbayan, Pao and Navotas, near Malabon. At Calocan a squad of American sailors seized chairs when a force of Filipinos approached a dance hall in which they were gathered, and using the chairs as weapons, routed the Filipinos, of whom quite a number were injured.

The rising was evidently poorly organized and lacked leaders. It was composed for the most part of persons implicitly trusting the word of Artemio Ricarte, a revolutionary who conducts a continual propaganda from Hong Kong, to which place he was banished by the American authorities some time ago. Ricarte, it is stated, advised that the anti-American attempt be made on Christmas eve, when the American officers would be expected to celebrate the holiday.

Well Under Control

Reports from the provinces tell of minor risings and occasional violence, but details from these sections are lacking. The situation today from all appearances and according to official statements, is well under control of the military authorities.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Manuel Quezon, resident commissioner general of the Philippines in congress declared today that conditions of the Philippines were being exaggerated by interests opposed to the pending bill for a greater measure of self-government and ultimate independence for the islands.

"I know nothing of the reported arrests for insurrectionist plots," he said. "I am satisfied that when investigated they will disclose nothing more serious than what here would be arrests for violations of police regulations. The Philippine people know a revolutionary movement would interfere with independence. They will be much disappointed if the bill does not pass at this session of this congress. But failure to pass it will not mean insurrection."

GERMANY REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE FOREIGN ENVOYS TO BELGIUM

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The British authorities have been advised of Germany's notification to neutral governments that it will no longer recognize the exequaturs crediting their consuls to Belgium, a preliminary step to the official taking over of Belgium by the Germans. It will mean the refusal to recognize Brand Whitlock the American minister.

ZEPPELIN DROPS FOURTEEN BOMBS AT NANCY, FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 26, 3:55 p. m.—A dispatch received here from Nancy says that a Zeppelin airship flew over this city early this morning and dropped a total of 14 bombs.

Two persons were killed and two others wounded.

Several houses in Nancy were slightly damaged but none of the public buildings were injured.

This is the first report of any hostile activity on the part of any Zeppelin against any French city. The last notable exploit of a Zeppelin was over Antwerp, when such a ship flew over that Belgian seaport in the first weeks of the war and threw down bombs.

Nancy has a population of about 100,000. It is due east from Paris and about ten miles from the German frontier.

The Berlin official announcement of today said that German airmen had thrown medium sized bombs into the outskirts of Nancy in retaliation for the throwing of bombs by a French airmen into an unnamed German village.

NO BATTLE RAGING OFF CHILEAN COAST

VALPARAISO, Chile, Dec. 26.—No new sea-fight has occurred off the Chilean coast, so far as can be ascertained today at Valparaiso.

The cannonading reported last night 15 miles off this port by the Chilean torpedo gunboat Torme and which was supposed to be an engagement between the British cruiser Newcastle and the German cruiser Dresden and converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Frederick, is now believed to have been the Newcastle saluting the flag of Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee, commander of the British squadron which sank the German squadron off the Falkland Islands.

The Australian battle cruiser Australia anchored in the bay this morning. Vice Admiral Sir George Patey, commander of the Australia, came ashore and paid his respects to the Chilean authorities. He said he had not met the cruiser Newcastle while on his way to Valparaiso and asserted he was unable to explain the origin of the firing reported off the coast. The Australia has been cruising along the Pacific coast of South America for several weeks. A few days ago she paid a visit to Callao, Peru.

AUSTRALIAN CRUISER ARRIVES AT VALPARAISO

VALPARAISO, Chile, Dec. 26.—The Australian battle cruiser Australia came into this port today. She had been on the Pacific coast of South America for several weeks. A week ago she put into Callao, Peru.

Portland Livestock Market

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 26.—Cattle—Receipts 28; steady. Hogs—Receipts 663; high. Prime light, \$7.25@7.40; medium, \$7.05@7.15; smooth heavy, \$6.70@6.90; rough heavy, \$6.40@6.55. Sheep—Receipts 581; steady.

ENTIRE EAST SHIVERS IN GRIP OF COLD WAVE

Below Zero Weather Breaks Records From Mississippi to Atlantic—52 Below in Vermont, 18 Below in Illinois, 40 Below in Adirondaks—Florida Also Suffers.

From Omaha, Neb., to the Atlantic coast zero weather prevailed today in the wake of a cold wave which originated in Manitoba, Can., and swept southward and eastward. Cold weather records were shattered in many points where official weather reports are maintained.

Among the coldest places were: Charles City, Ia., 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.

Telegraph and telephone companies reported many "cold weather breaks," due to the contraction of wires.

Chicago fared better than its outlying suburbs, because of a protecting curtain of fog, but none the less experienced its coldest morning with the mercury at 4 below, though it quickly went up to 9 above.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—A cold wave held the country from the Mississippi river to the Atlantic coast in its grip today and broke December temperature records in many places.

Fifty-two degrees below zero was the temperature at Barre, Vt., while Albany, N. Y., reported 16 degrees below zero; Hartford, Conn., 4 degrees below; Syracuse, N. Y., 12 degrees below, and Peoria, Ill., 18 degrees below.

The extremely cold weather extended southward as far as Florida peninsula, and below zero temperatures were recorded in New England, interior of New York, West Virginia, Michigan, Illinois, Northern Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota.

Lower temperatures were promised for tonight in the south Atlantic states.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—New York shivered today in the grip of the coldest weather of the season. The temperature dropped to 4 degrees above zero. The wind blew thirty miles an hour.

New cold weather records for December were reported up state, Ogdensburg reporting 32 below and Utica 25 below.

S. ALBANS, Vt., Dec. 25.—The lowest temperature in Vermont, 53 degrees below zero, was reported in Barre today. This shattered all previous records for December. Here it was 20 below; at Rutland, 22; at Montpelier, 30, and at Burlington 16.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Northern New York is experiencing today the coldest weather of the winter. The official thermometer registered 24 below zero during the night in this city. Temperatures from 30 to 40 below have been reported from various points in the Adirondack mountains.

COREY, Pa., Dec. 26.—December records for cold in northern Pennsylvania were broken here today when thermometers registered 24 to 30 degrees below zero.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—This was the coldest December 26 in Philadelphia since the weather bureau began keeping records forty years ago. At 7 a. m. the temperature was 9 degrees above zero.

FRENCH SUBMARINE SUNK BY AUSTRIANS

PARIS, Dec. 26, 6:10 a. m.—The Italian press states, according to advices to the Matin, that a French submarine belonging to the fleet of Vice-Admiral Lapeyriere has been sunk while attempting to torpedo Austrian battleships in the Austrian naval base of Pola. The crew, it is stated, were rescued and taken prisoners.