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FRENCH CLAIM ADVANCES MADE ON BELGIAN LINE

PARIS, Dec. 28, 4:50 p. m.—The French official statement given out today concedes the losing of certain trenches to the Germans, but otherwise claims advances for the forces of the republic.

Advances have been made in Belgium and near Lens the French progressed 800 yards. Near the Meuse there has been slight progress and a German attack in upper Alsace was driven back. The French lost trenches to the Germans near Ypres. The text of the communication follows:

"In Belgium we have continued to advance. To the west of Lombardzde we are actually at the foot of the sand dunes on which the enemy has established his line of resistance. At a point south of Ypres we have lost a section of the trenches of Hollebeke.

In the region of Lens, near Carney the enemy yielded under our attacks 800 yards of first line trenches.

"In the valley of the river Aisne and in Champagne there has been intermittent artillery fighting which was particularly severe in the vicinity of Rheims and around Perthes. Here the enemy directed their artillery fire especially against the positions to the west of Perthes, conquered and occupied this.

"On the heights there has been slight progress by our troops along the entire front.

"In the Vosges the enemy bombarded the railroad station at St. Die, but the railroad service has not been interrupted.

"In upper Alsace, to the northeast of Steinbach, a counter attack of the Germans was repulsed."

ARCHBISHOP OF CALIFORNIA DEAD

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 28.—New Year's week will be one of mourning of the Roman Catholic territory of California while the last tributes are paid to Most Rev. Patrick Riordan, archbishop of San Francisco, who died at his home here yesterday after a brief illness from pneumonia. The body will lie in state at St. Mary's cathedral from today until Thursday, the date for the funeral ceremonies.

Archbishop Alexander Christie of Portland, Bishops Conarty of Los Angeles and Thomas Grace of Sacramento, and Rev. Daniel Riordan of Chicago, brother of the late archbishop, it was announced, would be here to attend the services. The archbishop has been the head of the church in California since 1884. He was 75 years of age.

FRANZ JOSEPH SENDS THANKS FOR GIFTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The state department today announced receipt of the following telegram from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna:

"Emperor Francis-Joseph has communicated to me his grateful thanks to the sympathetic friends in America who sent gifts of clothing and toys to the war orphans by the ship Jason. Half a million gifts this week are being distributed throughout Austria-Hungary. Emperor thanks every donor and person taking part in the work of sending Christmas cheer to his suffering people."

ROYAL ROSARIANS DUE HERE TUESDAY

The Royal Rosarians of Portland, about sixty-five in number, will arrive in Medford Tuesday, December 29, at 4 p. m., en route to San Francisco and San Diego. Their mission is to advertise Oregon and the rose carnival. John M. Scott wires requesting that the citizens of Medford come to the train and give them a rousing greeting.

CHRISTMAS

(By Elizabeth Yoekev.)
 'Tis Christmas time and all the earth
 Will celebrate a Savior's birth.
 Today all men as brothers meet;
 All nations' hearts together beat.
 The day when men'sries soft and sweet
 Glide swiftly by on noiseless feet.
 'Tis Christmas time—our sorrow's
 great
 As others' woes we meditate.
 Our brothers, friends, in distant lands
 Stand face to face with blood-stained
 hands.
 'Mid our own joy we pause awhile
 To send good thoughts o'er many a
 mile.
 We ask that Christ, the Prince of
 Peace,
 May reign and wars forever cease.
 'Tis Christmas time, the time of
 cheer,
 Through sorrow's dart some homes
 are drear.
 Spread bounteous blessings far and
 wide,
 Help banish care this Christmastide,
 Seek out your foes, chide faults con-
 done,
 Let mercy speak in softest tone;
 Take love and hope to hearts that
 ache;
 This do for the child Jesus' sake.
 Ashland, Or., Dec. 9, 1914.

AMERICAN RELIEF RENEWS ITS LEASE

LONDON, Dec. 28, 2:07 p. m.—The American relief committee today renewed the lease for its present offices for a period of six months. The demands on the committee continue to be heavy and it still has so much to do that it is not possible to move its offices to the American embassy.

The average number of Americans assisted by the committee weekly is now about twenty-five. These reached London chiefly from the continent. Furthermore, unsettled shipping conditions leave many American seamen stranded in England, and the committee offices are crowded every day with Americans seeking passports.

Of the \$300,000 appropriated by the United States some months ago to assist Americans stranded in Europe on account of the war, there remains today about \$100,000.

INDIANA OFFICIALS STILL IN PRISON

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 28.—Donn M. Roberts, mayor of Terre Haute, who with 92 other men was arrested on a federal indictment charging conspiracy to corrupt the election of November 3 last, still was in jail here early this afternoon unable to furnish bonds of \$10,000. Because of the crowded condition of "federal row" in the county jail, Mayor Roberts last night was forced to sleep on a straw tick on the cement floor.

Twenty-one others of those arrested have been unable to furnish bond. It is said 125 indictments in all were returned and other arrests were expected today.

SCAFFOLD COLLAPSES KILLING AN ACTOR

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 28.—Walter S. Dickinson, a vaudeville actor, was killed and five other persons dangerously injured today when a scaffolding on a hotel in the course of construction collapsed. Dickinson's skull was fractured when he was caught under the falling structure as he was walking along the street. All the other injured were workmen on the building.

Sanders Kenner, a negro, one of the injured workmen, died later. Theatrical friends of Dickinson, among whom he was known as "Rube," said his home was in Lincoln, Neb.

NEWS FROM COUNTRY CORRESPONDENTS

UPPER ROGUE RIVER

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cornutt of Central Point spent the week end with W. T. Houston and family. Miss Lula Houston came up home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morgan spent Christmas at George Stacey's.

The Christmas tree at the Recco Creek school house was well attended and Santa Claus remembered everyone. The program was fine and was greatly enjoyed by all. It was a credit to Miss Rose Nealon's management.

Miss Nealon went to Table Rock to spend the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Houston and Miss Ida were in Central Point several days last week. One of their horses became sick and detained them.

Warren Bergman and bride came Tuesday and are visiting his mother, Mrs. B. Clarno. Warren's friends treated him to a serenade by the tin pan band the evening he arrived and all wish them a happy life.

John Foster spent several days last week with his sister, Mrs. Henry French.

Mr. Wyant and son Ben of Ashland are spending the week with Mrs. Eugene Bellows.

Miss Rena Ash and brother, Lowell, returned from the valley Christmas.

An auto went up the river Christmas.

The snow of a week ago is still lying in patches. The freeze of the last week has frozen the water and ground and is hard on the stock, and the rain is now welcome.

Mrs. Schuyler Hammond returned home Wednesday from Medford. She is greatly improved in health.

A number attended the mask ball at Godfrey's hall, aEagle.

Charley and Wesley Coffeen returned home for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox of Eagle Point spent Christmas with his father, John Cox, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fry of Medford were Trail visitors this week.

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS

By A. C. Howlett.

In my last I omitted to state that there was quite a number of our citizens went from the surrounding country to Medford to attend the funeral of Mrs. Clara Rader last Tuesday. Mrs. Rader lived in this immediate neighborhood while she was raising her family, and leaves a long list of friends with whom she associated in her younger days.

I also wish to acknowledge the receipt of money from W. H. Crandall of Eagle Point, H. C. Barber of Brownsboro and T. C. Duggan of Eagle Point since my last. I also omitted to state that Mrs. Henry Meyer of Lake Creek, who has been in the hospital in Medford and had an operation performed, was brought out here on Sunday, the 20th, remained here until Tuesday and then went on up home and at last accounts she was getting along quite well.

Our teachers and the friends of our school had an entertainment in the opera house last Wednesday eve and in connection had a Christmas tree. The exercises were not very elaborate, some of the children took part in the exercises and they had some good vocal and instrumental music, but the most interesting part of the program was the distribution of the presents. A sack of candy and nuts for each child and a number of presents to the favored few. At the same time the citizens of the Recco Creek school district had a Christmas tree entertainment and my informants, one the young men boarding with us, reports that they had one of the most enjoyable times they have had in that section for a long time. They don't do things by halves out there, but go for it by the wholesale, and they made their candy sacks large enough to hold about a quart of candy and nuts and an orange each, and each person received a sack besides a quantity of other things. In fact, he said that the tree was simply loaded, and a big lot stacked on the floor, so of course they had a fine time. But I heard one of our leading thinking men from the country commenting on our Christmas tree; that he did not like our system of holding such festivities, for he said while the most of the children will enjoy it, especially those whose parents and friends are able and willing to purchase the presents for their children, there are always some of the little folks whose hearts ache when they see their little associates or neighbors receive nice presents, such as a nice doll for a little girl or a trinket for a little boy, and they have to go home with feelings of disappointment to think of their sad condition. And perhaps there is at least grounds for thought on this subject.

Mrs. George Weeks and four children of Trail came out Wednesday to visit her mother, Mrs. Lebo, spending Christmas with the family.

Sam Coy and W. H. Isbell, who live on Reese creek, were here for dinner Thursday and while here I asked them to subscribe for the Mail Tribune, as I did not see their names on the list, but they both told me that they read that paper, as Mr. Coy lives with W. E. Hammel and so has it first hand, and Mr. Isbell said that he had been cutting wood for Mr. Hammel for the last year, and so he got the Mail Tribune through Mr. H., so I failed to get my game that time. I might say in this connection that Mr. Hammel has gone back to Missouri on business.

Wig Jack was in town Thursday and reports that the cold weather has frozen up about all the water in the hills so that the stock is suffering for water to drink.

J. W. Corlies, the foreman on the Ala Vista orchard, was doing business in our town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Winkle were in our town getting Xmas presents for their children Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Clarno, who have a farm on or near Rogue River, were among us Thursday, and so was Frank Dimmick, who lives on one of the George Stevens' places.

Roy Ashpole, one of our hardware men, and wife went to Medford on Thursday evening to spend Christmas with his father and mother, Gladys Natwick accompanied them.

Mrs. Ollie Bell of Medford came out and went to Brownsboro to visit her son-in-law, George Brown, and family, and her granddaughter, Miss Mabel Culbertson, went to Medford.

Miss Rose Nealon, who is teaching in the Recco creek district, came out on the car Thursday and went on to Table Rock to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mr. Harrison, our agent at the Eagle Point lumber yard, is in Medford at this writing.

BUTTE FALLS BUBBLES

Miss Etta Stewart is home at present after having spent a few months in Eagle Point.

Miss Patterson who is teaching at Antioch is visiting this week with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Sears.

The Xmas tree Thursday evening was well attended and everyone appreciated the program very much.

Dr. Buchanan and family of Eagle Point are visiting with Mrs. Buchanan's mother, Mrs. Kee. Dr. Buchanan is principal of the Eagle Point schools.

Mrs. Marian arrived last week from Iowa to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Boughton.

Miss Edith Fredenburg is spending her vacation with her father and mother of this place.

Leta Peelor is home for a short visit.

Mr. Cowden arrived Thursday from Kansas. Mrs. Cowden met him in Medford Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smith's house burned last week. Most of the things were saved but were damaged.

There was a dance held in the Dooms' Hall Thursday night after the Christmas tree. Oyster soup was served.

WEDDING BELLS

A quiet ceremony, attended only by immediate relatives of the contracting parties, united in marriage Donald S. Whitney and Miss Ethelind Sanford at Trinity Episcopal church, Ashland, Saturday afternoon, December 26, at 2:30 o'clock. It was a ring service, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Wm. B. Hamilton of St. Mark's church, Medford.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Mary L. Whitney and a brother of Mrs. Louise Conner of the Hotel Oregon, and Mrs. M. E. Briggs, all of this city. He is a locomotive engineer in the service of the Southern Pacific. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Sanford, and is a universal favorite in the younger social set.

The church was very prettily decorated on the occasion of the wedding event. The bride was given away by her father, a sister, Mrs. George Rose, being her attendant as matron of honor. The groom's right hand man was Monte Briggs.

Previous to leaving Saturday evening on a wedding trip which will be extended as far south as New Orleans, Mr. and Mrs. Whitney attended a social family reunion at the home of Mrs. Rose, on Third street, where light refreshments were served and best wishes in behalf of the newly weds were cordially expressed.

The Booth-Kelly mills have been put on an eight-hour day for the winter.

Corvallis cannery is being re-organized with a larger capital.

EDEN PRECINCT

Mrs. King of Phoenix was a Medford visitor Saturday.

Enmett Beeson and wife of Talent were in Medford Thursday.

Miss Davis, teacher of the primary department of the Phoenix school, went to Portland to spend Xmas with home folks.

We are sorry to announce that Miss Cope of Phoenix is still in a very critical condition and that little hope of her recovery is entertained.

Mrs. F. B. Outman and children of North Talent spent Xmas with relatives in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Graves and William McPhail of North Talent spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. Pool of Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Carey were guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. E. O. Reese, of 123 Ohio street, Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hartley and Mrs. Merian Hartley and children spent Xmas with relatives in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Calhoun spent Xmas with their daughter, Mrs. S. S. Stephens and family, of Talent.

Mrs. C. Cate, nee Dollie Rose, of La Grande, Or., presented her husband with a fine boy on December 23. Mrs. Cate's mother, Mrs. Rose, is with her daughter.

Mrs. Lizzie Stancliff had as guests at dinner Xmas at her home the following of her children and friends: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Isanes, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Stancliff and daughter, Vivian, Miss Marion Stancliff, Bertie Stancliff, Mrs. Lillie Blackwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rader spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. Garrett, Mr. Rader's sister, of Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. M. Johnston of Phoenix took a trip to Ashland on Christmas day to see Ashland and enjoy the ride. Mr. Johnston is manager of the Rex spray plant at Phoenix.

BUNCOM BREVITIES

Mrs. A. D. McKee went to Medford to do some trading recently.

J. H. Jennis is hauling hay.

Bert and Fort McKee are cutting their next winter's wood.

B. Solsman has purchased a new stump puller.

Erwin Lewis is gathering his cattle out of the high hills.

E. D. Stephenson has gone to Klamath Falls, on business.

The Gold Leaf mine will operate a five-stamp mill in the Bohemia district with a 12-horsepower gas engine.

GERMANS STATE NAVAL ATTACK NIEUPORT FAILURE

BERLIN, Dec. 28, by wireless.—The German headquarters staff today issued the following statement:

"In the western theater the enemy unsuccessfully renewed his attacks on Nienport, supported by warships, which did no damage to us, but killed or wounded a few inhabitants of Westende. An attack on the hamlet of St. George also failed.

"South of Ypres we captured one of the enemy's trenches and some dozens of prisoners fell into our hands on this occasion.

"Several violent attacks by the enemy in the region to the northwest of Arras were repelled.

"To the southeast of Verdun the enemy renewed his attacks, but they also were without success. A similar result occurred when he attempted to capture a height to the west of Senheim for which we fought yesterday.

"There is no news from East Prussia or from Poland. North of the Vistula and on the left bank of the Vistula our attacks are developing, notwithstanding the very unfavorable weather."

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Jeff Conover, who has a farm on the Eagle Point and ferry road, was in town the 24th.

Christmas Mrs. Howlett had among her guests for dinner Ed Coy, Miss Loretta Childers, W. L. Childers and his two small children, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, C. W. Clements, James Ringer, Charles Sherman, Tony McClelland, Fred Palouse, wife and son, Robert, Mrs. Menzner and Gus Rosenberg, beside our regular boarders. The bookkeeper in the Mail Tribune office was booked to come, but she got sidetracked somewhere else.

 TO THE MINERS OF JACKSON COUNTY.
 The Mail Tribune asks you to phone or write or call at the office and give in the production each of you has made this year.
 We will get up an estimate for the New Year's edition.
 Let us make it as complete as possible.

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One Reel

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