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French Report Capture of German French Commission Makes Detailed Bryan Replies to German Complaint, Trenches-Inroads Into German Trangular Position-Activity in North Confined to Artillery Exchanges-Germans Claim Progress

BY ALLIED ARMY

LONDON, Jan. 7. - The French report announces the capture of a portion of the German first line trenches in the Woevre district to the northwest of Flirey. This advance desoldiers says in its report, made pubrives its importance from the fact He today by the French cabinet; that it indicates the French are making inroads into the German triangular position, the apex of which rests on the right bank of the river or has been a war between civilized dor, however, that if he could furnish Meuse, at St. Milliel.

The activity at Flanders and in that waged on our soft. Plilage, France still is confined largely to ar- ravishing, burning, murder are orditillery exchanges. In them the nary practices of our enemtes, and his influence to stop the traffic with-French claim the advantage, Minealso have been exploded at two points that the German claims that the kill- questions. on the line, with successful results ing of civilians was due to firing of the population, are unfounded. to the French troops.

The enemy at Steinbach has not attacked again, and the French in the German army not only of a systhis region have retained their po- tematic plan for burning villages but riot guns being furnished to the alsitions. They claim also an advance the possession of elaborate material toward Altkirch, in Alsace, south of for this purpose, including torches, Steinbach and Muelhausen. grenades, fuses, oil sprayers, sticks

German Statement

The German official statement on the progress of the war given out this afternoon claims the Germans in the western part of Argonne were victorious and that heavy fighting is going on to the north of Arras. French attacks in the eastern portion of the Argonce forest and to the west of Sennheim (Cernay) in Alsace, the statement says, were repulsed.

In their operations against the Russians the Germans claim to be making progress in spite of the unfavorable weather conditions.

Defeat Not Conceded

Neither Turkey nor Germany has conceded the defeat of Turkish armies in the Cancasus, as claimed officially in Petrograd. As further deReport of Atrocities by Invaders-Pillage, Ravishing, Burning and Murder Ordinary Practices-Newspaper Proof Submitted.

Savage Warfare

compressed powder."

Ravishings Frequent

vaders.

PARIS, Jan. 7 .- The commission WASHINGTON, . Jan. 7. Secreappointed on September 23 to inquire tary Bryan today informed Count into accusations that German offi- Bernstorff, the German ambassador, cers had acted "savagely and inhu- that the United States, in maintainmanely," against French civilians and ing strict neutrality, must refrain from officiall- investigative or commenting upon his charges that dumdum bullets were bein - furnished

Charges Groundless.

Refraining From Comment, But

Remington Works, Showing the

Giving Record of Winchester and

GERMAN FORCE FROM AMERICA

from this country to the allies, Secretary Bryan told the ambassa-"We must conclude that there nevnations of so savagely a nature as proof that forbidden war materials were being shi-sed by American firms, President Wilson would use facts collected in many cases prove out involving legal or international

In a letter to Count Bernstorff. Secretary Bryan referred to denials "We found proof the existence in of American manufacturers to his recent charge of dumdum bullets and lies. The letter follows:

Respect Neutrality.

"I can assure your excellency that of inflammable matters and sacks of I am not unmindful of the spirit in tablets composed of very inflammable which you bring to the attention of this government the improper prac-The commission affairms that it tices which are alleged to have oc-

has distinguished carefully between carred in the conduct of the present fires caused by bombardments and war. But while this government may those said to have been set by hand take these statements and charges when no fighting was in progress. It under consideration, it is, in its efis stated that the object was to in- forts to maintain a strict neutrality timidate the population, thus spread- in the present conflict, obliged to reing terror and panle ahead of the In- frain from investigating their truthfulness or making any comment in

regard to them. "Your excellency also states that "Ravishings of women and girls were so frequent that the number of the British government has ordered

cases established was only a small from the Winchester Repeating Arms a right to the affections of our part of those which might have been company 20,000 'riot guns,' model hearts and to our submission. investigated." the commission says, 1897, and 50,000,000 'buckshot cart-"Of themselves the acts of those "The victims of these officus acts ridges' for use in such guns. This def in occupation are without force; but DAIIA generally refused to testify, because partment saw a published statement the legal authority ratifies tacitly

To the Editor It is fortunate that the people of Medford do not have to depend upon theory respecting the advantages of the new charter. I came from Tacoma, Wash. They have one of these new charters. I know what the government of that city was before the new charter was adopted and also after. I simply cannot find language too strong to express the change. The new charter has made all the difference in the world. It makes the difference between decidedly bad and the very best government. As a man who has lived under both kinds of charters, and now a loyal citizen of Medford, I am extremely anxious to see the new charter carry. In fact, I wish anyone would find me a man here who has lived under one of these new charters who is not strong for it for Medford.





AMSTERDAM, via London, Jan. 7. WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.-President whose report of the arrest of Cardi- ama canal, the San Diego and San stitution. Francisco expositions, and his speaknal Mercier elicited today an official denial from the German military government in Belgium, publishes a dis- today he planned to be away from with equal justice forbid him to hire in the last quarter of a century. patch from Bergen-Op-Zoom, Neth- Washington for that period, unless 1 per cent, or even an individual

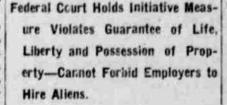
erlands, purporting to confirm the public business necessitates his pres- alien. ence here. statements that the cardinal was Detailed plans for the formal open-

The much discussed paragraphs of conference today between President must see that at least 80 per cent of the pastoral letter of Cardinal Mer- Wilson and Senators Overman, those names were of duly qualified from the factory or delivery at price Hoke Smith and Gallinger and Rep- electors, Great Britain and Italy pro-

pastoral charge to define your duties Sherley. Mr. Wilson now has before him a lated the treaty rights of their citiof conscience toward the power which has invaded our soil and which at tentative program for the opening, zens, this moment occupies a greater part drawn up under the direction of Secof it. That power has no authority retaries Bryan, Garrison and Danin law. In the sanctuary of your icis. An invitation to include the Pasoul you owe it neither esteem nor cific northwest in the innerary was telle of the United States district the factory busy, and in my opinion attachment nor obedience. The sole extended to the president today by

legal power in Belgium is that Senators Chamberlain and Lane: which is derived from our king, our Brady and Borah of Idaho, Suthergovernment and the representatives land of Utah and Jones and Poindexof the nation. This alone for us ter of Washington. He promised to represents authority; this alone has take in those states if possible.





DECLARED VOID

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 7.-The Arizona anti-alien employment act, adopted by the people of the successful Rogue River valley farmstate at the November elections as an er, amassing thereby a comfortable initiative measure, was declared un- competence, writes as follows reconstitutional, null and void here to- garding the growing of sugar beets day by a special court of three fed- in the valley: eral judges.

In brief, the court held that the

This struck at the vitals of the act, which ordered that any employer ing of the canal were considered at a with a payroll of five or more names "I consider it an obligation of my resentatives Underwood, Mann and tested to the state department that thing of the kind is proven a success these conditions of employment vio- it will start up activity in other

> Employers of foreign labor took up the case and obtained a temporary injunction from Judge W. H. Sawcourt. The writ was made returnable here, and arguments that it should be vacated on the one hand and made permanent on the other were heard vesterday by Judge Sawtelle, Judge Van Fleet of the United States district court and Judge Morrow of the United States circuit

court. Arizona, through the state attorney operal, defended the act as necWell-Known Retired Farmer, Who Successfully Farmed in Valley for Many Years Says That Beet Sugar **Factory Offers Valley's Greatest Opportunity in Quarter Century.**

SUGAR BEETS IS

THOMAS' ADVIC

NO. 247

FOR

I, W. Thomas, retired, for many years a practical, hard working and

To Th Public:

SIGN

The sunset of life don't give me statute violated the guarantees of mystical lore or anything of the kind, life, liberty and the possession of but I want to say to the people of property made to all alike, whether the Rogue River valley that if they aliens or not, under the fourteenth don't give favorable consideration to 6:22 p. m .- The Amsterdam Tijd, Wilson expects his trip to the Pan- amendment to the United States con- the matter of signing up for enough sugar beet land to get that proposed

That if the state of Arizona could factory under way, they will let the ing tour afterward, to last from forbid any employer to hire more greatest opportunity go by them that March 5 to May 1. He told callers than 20 per cent of atiens, it could has ever been presented to this vailag

Pay to Sacrifice

To get this thing to going is so important that I know it will pay anyone to involve some personal sacrifice, even to the extent of raising a crop at a small profit, if too far away offered, or this reason. Once anylines and before we know it the conditions prevailing five years ago will be restored. There is unquestionably enough land available to produce the amount of beets required to keep with our climate conditions a longer period of operation will be possible each year here than in any section so far made use of for sugar beets. We all know that the root crops make their best growth late in the season here, which will prolong the season also for reducing them in the factory.

Can Grow Good Beets

they will eventually cover the valley,

we will hardly get so heavy a crop

Until we get the ditches to going as

tails of this fighting are received in London, it would appear that this reported Turkish disaster was complete as that suffered by any forces since the outbreak of the war. In spite of this, however, the latest of together ignores the fighting in the Caucasus and dwells upon the struggle which has spread over the Persian frontier to Urumiah, an important town where the Turks say that, aided Marringer, councillor of state.



CHICAGO, Jan. 7 .- Two dollars a grant the islands a larger measure bushel for wheat, the dream that of self-government.

only enthusiasts ever expected to Manuel L. Quezon, resident comcome true, was within one-half cent missioner from the Philippines, urged of being a reality today on one grade the passage of the blit with a defiof wheat if the cost of delivery to nite promise of complete independ-Europe might be counted as part of ence included. He said the Aguinalthe price. A carload of Durum do government established in 1898 wheat was sold to go to Italy on a before the Spanish-American war had basis that figured delivered at a des- extended its influence and control to all parts of the group. tination \$199 1/2 a bushel.

Such a price breaks all records for It should be viewed in some meas-Durum wheat. The supply of that ure, he thought, as proving the cavariety in the United States is said pacity of the Filipinos to govern to be virtually exhausted for this themselves, SCREON.

Rapid upturns were witnessed in the speculative market. News that France and Italy had purchased 1.- ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER 500,000 bushels or more today at the scaboard made the prices of options leap higher than at any time since the beginning of the European war and reach levels that before had not been equalled since the celebrated attempt at a world-wide squeeze by Joseph Leiter.

May wheat, the chief speculative Secretary F. W. Streets for the year to use false passports for this pur- islature. delivery, went to \$1.38% as against read. A balance of \$544.56 was \$1.36 at the finish last night. Among shown to be in the club treasury. the purchasers of the May option was The club is practically free of debt. wanted to make sure of charity sup- of Ben Sheldon, Bert Anderson and wheat for spot cash.

of the Winchester company, the cotit would compromise their future." The commission supplied with reetness of which the company has general interests and from this ratigreat detail the testimony on which confirmed to the department by teleits conclusions are based. These de- graph. In this statement the compositions will be published later as pany categorically denied that it has a government document. The mem- received an order for such guns and bers of the commission are Georges cartridges from or made any sale of the communications from Turkey als Payelle, president of the court of ac- such material to, the British government, or to any other government encounts, chairman; Edmund Paillot, councillor of the court of cassation; gaged in the present war.

Armand Mollard, one of the ministers Dum-Dum Bullets attached to the foreign office, and G. "Your excellency further calls at-

COMMERCIAL CLUB

The annual meeting of the Com-

mercial club was held at the public

library last night, and the report of

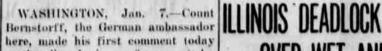
tention to 'information, the accuracy of which is not doubted,' that eight million cartridges fitted with 'mushroom bullets' have been delivered since October of this year by the Union Metallic Cartridge company for the armament of the English army. "In reply I have the honor to refer to the letter of December 10, 1914.

of the Remington Arms-Union Metalto your excellency, called forth by ing consideration of the bill to you in regard to the sale by that for organized laundrymen. company of soft-nosed bullets. From

this letter, a copy of which was sent (Continued on page two.)

BERNSTORFF SPEAKS

state legislation and competition of Orientals, and that there were 15,000 USE OF PASSPORTS the United States.



on the alleged misuse of passports by German reservists in the following statement :

"England has violated The Hague

tional law by taking unarmed people off vessels, a proceeding against which the German government complained to the neutral governments. German citizens were deprived of go-

ing home and several may have tried pose, because of their desire to defend their country, a motive which

every good citizen will understand.

Cook county.

those acts which are justified in th **IU SHIPPING NOTE** fication alone they derise all their judicial worth. ENTIRELY FRIENDLY "The occupied provinces of Bel-

gium are not conquered provinces. Belgium is no more a German province than Galicia is a Russian province. Nevertheless the occupied LONDON, Jan. 7, 8:04 a. m .- The part of our country is confronted by reply of Great Britain to the Ameria situation to which it must submit."



placed under restraint.

cier, contains the following:

can note regarding interference with American shipping, it is said in official quarters, is wholly conciliatory and shows a disposition on the part of England to do everything within are high and loss of time is costly to shipowners.

England wishes to do everything in WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 .- More its power consistent with the proper result of the battle between the rigid exclusion of Chinese was urged safeguarding of the interests of the factions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.-Military he Cartridge company of New York before the house immigration com- allies to facilitate world trade and mittee today by George W. Hooper stimulate commerce, paralyzed as it however, were interpreted as poscertain newspaper reports of state- and E. M. Sullivan of Boston, and J. is by war conditions. Consequently, sibly indicating that part of the ments alleged to have been made by A. Barkey of Chicago, all speaking it is declared, there is no disposition navy was preparing to move the the pulp, which the gentlemen who

Hooper said the Chinese were against the purchase of German vescrowding the American laundrymen, sels by Americans where the sales patches said that the Mexican gunand the Japanese were threatening to are genuine and the ships are not boats Bravo and Progeso left Vera This will make the very best kind of erowd the Chinese. He said 112,000 used so as to avoid what might rea- Cruz January 5 carrying soldiers, conwage-earners in American steam sonably be called the consequences laundries were being affected by of belligerency.

Orientals, and that there were 15,000 Chinese in the laundry business in ALL PASSPORTS MUST

LONDON, Jan. 7, 1:52 p. m .--- All

assports issued by the state depart-

ment at Washington will in the fu-

going for the consular stamp.

essary to its police powers over dangerous gatherings. Labor troubles in the mining camps gave birth to the act.



WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 .- The Mexican navy, or part of it at least, reason to avoid delay to American has declared for neutrality, according shipping at a time when freight rates to dispatches to the Gutierrez agency pense bill which has no nearly swampthe Atlantic coast have retired to a quiet cove off Yucatan to await the

Dispatches to the state department. on the part of England to protest seat of the Carranza government from Vera Cruz to Progreso. These dis-

> stitutionalists' money, gold and sil-The Progeso was said to be bound for Tampico and the Bravo for Progeso.

> > STILL IN HOSPITAL

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 .- Seventy-

BE VISED IN LONDON SUBWAY VICTIMS

more, the bearers of American pass- recovering from their injuries. Most

ports, previous to leaving England for of them were men; some were women

the continent, will have to submit who had been mauled during the

their passports to the consul in Lon- stampede for the street. All suf-

don of the country whither they are fered from the effects of smoke or

also have discovered recently in the The death list of what was first

hands of persons to whom they were believed to be a great disaster, re-

not issued. The result of this is mained at one. How many persons

governing the issuance of passports ably never will be definitely estab-

lished.

other neutral countries for Europe Nnone was expected to die.

Passports issued by Sweden and who had ared worst in the panic.

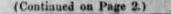
as we otherwise could, but I know beyond any doubt, from my personal experience that a very good quali-

ity can be produced by proper cultivation, and the main thing is to get the factory going. Just think of the benefit that will result to everybody in the valley from the amount expended in producing such a crop as will result from five thousand acres

in beets. Such a large proportion of the total amount "stays at home," and eases up money matters locally. Everybody is busy and the great exhere, which say four gunboats on ed some of the best orchardists will be almost wiped out.

Winter Feed for Hogs

With all this, though, the greatest immediate benefit we will get from it will be the cheap winter feed for hogs and cows, the thing in this section where we fall down, derived from propose building the factory agree to offer back to the farmer or whoever wants it for sixty cents per ton., ensilage or cowfeed, and it will also enable farmers to more than double ver bullion, saddles and foodstuffs. the number of hogs produced here, and conditions making it desirable for the pigs to come in the fall and their growth being slower than in sections where clover and corn rush their maturity. Cheap winter feed





JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 7 .--Complete reports today from points in southern Georgia and northern braises or cuts. They were the ones Florida swept by violent winds last night, showed two persons killed, twelve injured and a number of homes and farm buildings wrecked. Besides the fatalities at Quitman and Abbeville, Ga., several persons were reported hart at Eastman, Chauncey and Stillmore, Ga. Principal damage in Florida was said to have been confined to Weliborn.

OVER WET AND DRY ture have to vised by the American embassy in London, if the traveler seven victims of yesterday's subway SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 7. passes through London. Further- accident, were still in hospitals today

over the house speakership until next week and to indefinitely postpone the filling of the two senate vacancies In consequence of this proceeding, from Cook county districts, the wet and dry issues today continued to hold up the work of the Illinois leg-

There was but one definite development and that was the announced determination of the democrats who the Rockefeller Foundation, which A committee was appointed composed If this really has been done, it will are at present in control of the senhave to be proved. In any case, how- ate, to completely exonerate that that neutral European countries also were carried unconscious from the plies for Belgium, and had been un- H. A. Latta to arrange plans for the ever, German officials in this coun-body before making a recount of the are tightening up the regulations smoke-filled tube to the street probable to get satisfactory terms on annual Get Together meeting and try had nothing whatever to do with votes in the contested districts in as has the United States.

