

SUMMIT AGAIN RECAPTURED BY GERMAN FORCES

Hartmanns-Weilerkopf Region Continues Scene of Heavy Fighting, With Berlin and Paris Both Claiming Progress—Martial Law Likely in Greece—No Capture of Varna.

BERLIN, Dec. 23., via London.—The war office announced today that the summit of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, captured earlier in the week by the French had been regained by the Germans.

The text of the statement follows: "Western theater of war: During hot fighting yesterday a brave regiment of the 83rd brigade captured the summit of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf. The enemy suffered extraordinarily severe losses and left 23 officers and 1530 men in our hands. We are now busy clearing some portions of a trench on the northern slope which is still occupied by the French.

"The figures given in the French report of yesterday evening regarding the fighting around Hartmanns-Weilerkopf on the 21st are exaggerated by at least one half. Our total losses, including all the killed, wounded and missing, so far as at present ascertained, amount to 1100 men."

French Report Progress PARIS, Dec. 23.—The following communication was given out at the war office this afternoon:

"The night was relatively calm over the whole front. To the south of Arras in the vicinity of Beaurains, our artillery kept up its destructive fire against the positions of the enemy. In Champagne there was fighting at close quarters with hand grenades to the east of Navarin farm and in the sector of Hill No. 193.

"In the Vosges at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf the situation is unchanged on our left. Our right continued to make progress yesterday."

Martial Law in Greece

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Proclamation of martial law in Greece is reported unofficially to be imminent. Although no confirmation of this report is available, there is evidence of growing uneasiness at Athens over the possibility that Bulgarian troops will cross the border.

The only thing which occurred to relieve the situation is the announcement that the Bulgarian officer in command of the force which clashed with the Greeks in Epirus had been punished and that the incident is considered closed.

Yap Liner Sunk

Recrudescence of submarine activity in the Near East is signalized in a startling manner by the sinking of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru. Apparently there was no loss of life, but according to marine insurance men, the property loss was the heaviest incurred in any maritime disaster of the war. The nature of the valuable cargo remains undisclosed.

The mystery of the bombardment of Varna, at first depicted as a formidable Russian attack on the chief Bulgarian port, has stirred London, but according to reports from both sides, it was nothing but a minor naval action among torpedo boats, in which the shore batteries participated. However, a large Russian fleet is said to be in the vicinity of Varna and the action may be merely the preliminary to a serious Russian attack.

PORTLAND POLICE CAPTURE BURGLAR

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 23.—After a running battle for a distance of four blocks, Fred Wagner, an alleged burglar, was captured by police here early today.

Patrolman Johnstone, while investigating a report that two men were trying to break into a saloon, encountered Wagner and a companion and ordered them to throw up their hands. Instead of complying, Wagner grappled with the policeman and disarmed him, while his companion ran away. Several other policemen appeared as Wagner fled, and an exciting pistol fight ensued. Wagner, according to the police, confessed that he had tried to rob the saloon.

ONLY GOOD WILL FROM CANADA TOWARDS U.S.A.

Premier Borden States Friendly Relations Between Sister Nations Are Founded on True Understanding and Sincere Respect—Hopes Treaty to Be Made Perpetual.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Sir Robert Laird Borden, the Canadian premier, addressed the Pilgrims society of New York at a luncheon here today on relations between Canada and the United States and between Canada and Great Britain.

The relations between the Dominion and the United States, the premier believed "were never more firmly founded on true understanding and sincere good will than at present," and as for Canada and the mother country, he said, "they were never so closely united in ideal, inspiration and effort," as at the present time.

In part Sir Robert spoke as follows:

Unguarded Boundary

"From ocean to ocean across this continent runs a boundary line of nearly four thousand miles entirely unguarded on either side. The agreement which accomplished so great a result was made between Great Britain and the United States fifty years before the Canadian federation came into being. It is embodied in a few letters exchanged between their diplomatic representatives and it can be terminated upon six months notice. But for a hundred years it has held good and I believe it will always hold good. Does it not mark an impressive epoch in the relations of the two countries?"

"May I recall to you the treaty made in 1910 by which an international joint commission was established for the determination of all disputes between Canada and the United States in respect to the use of the boundary waters? The tenth article contained a reference to the commission, by consent of the two nations, of any difference between them and it is of the most comprehensive character. The treaty is to continue five years from its inception and thereafter until either party gives a year's notice of denunciation. I most sincerely trust that the spirit which has preserved the convention of 1814 will make permanent the treaty of 1910.

Tragedy of the War

"One who has seen the manhood of a young nation spring to arms at the call of duty and who has been inspired by its wonderful outburst of patriotism and its spirit of self sacrifice; one who has had the privilege of addressing the flower of his country's youth within sound and range of the enemy's guns, as well as in the hospitals and convalescent homes beyond the seas and has stood by the graves of those who fell in France and in Belgium; one who has looked forth upon the valley of the foothills that sweep around Ypres, and has realized that more than one hundred thousand men had there found their graves within twelve months—such a person must surely realize the tragedy of this war and the awful responsibility of those who forced it upon the world.

"The outbreak of hostilities found us utterly unprepared with military forces inadequate for the vast campaigns which were immediately found necessary. Perhaps, not even in the stress which came upon this republic more than half a century ago, has the capacity of democracy been so thoroughly and searchingly tested.

A Righteous Cause

"We were called upon to meet the assault of the greatest military power."

PRESIDENT PLAYS GOLF WITH BRIDE

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 23.—The president and Mrs. Wilson made their first appearance on the golf links here today. Other players were on the course, and with these the president and his wife chatted during the round.

Mrs. Wilson wore a light blue tailored suit with tan walking shoes and black toques.

MEDFORD AMONG SIX HUNDRED CITIES TO GIVE CITIZENS CHANCE TO GATHER AROUND COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREES



Community Christmas Trees... In Chicago, (left) and in New York (right.)

JAPANESE LINER SUNK BY TORPEDO WITHOUT WARNING

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The new Japanese liner Yasaka Maru, which was sunk in the eastern Mediterranean by a submarine, while the steamer was on her way from London to Japan, with 120 passengers and a crew of 160, was sent to the bottom without warning, according to a report from Port Said from the agents of the owners.

The Yasaka Maru was sunk Tuesday. A French gunboat picked up the passengers and crew at midnight and landed them at Port Said Wednesday. On the passenger list were fifty-one men, fifty-four women and fifteen children, most of whom were British subjects.

TOKIO, Dec. 23.—News of the sinking of the Yasaka Maru reached Tokio today and caused great excitement. The advices received here say that the steamship was sunk by a submarine near Port Said.

Advices received by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha state that the Yasaka Maru was torpedoed without warning and that she sank in forty-nine minutes. This occurred in the afternoon of Tuesday and it was midnight when the passengers and crew were rescued by the French gunboat.

CARRANZA SUSPENDS PAYMENTS IN GOLD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—In the face of official foreign protests General Carranza has temporarily suspended his decree requiring banks in Mexico City to redeem their notes in gold, according to advices received today by the state department. The suspension is effective until Carranza reaches Queretaro, an indefinite date.

SHIPPERS CANNOT RECOVER REBATES PRIOR TO 1914

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Shippers in San Francisco, Los Angeles and other Pacific coast cities cannot obtain repayment for switching charges which the interstate commerce commission has found unlawful, if the charges were paid before August 12, 1914.

The commission held more than a year ago that the shippers were entitled to recover charges of \$2.50 a car for switching between August 12, 1914, and April 1, 1915. Many shippers, however, wished to recover for charges paid as far back as 1908.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—San Francisco shippers had at stake approximately \$500,000 in switching charges in the case decided today by the interstate commerce commission. Los Angeles and other cities were interested proportionately. It was sought by shippers to have the commission's finding that switching charges of \$2.50 a car were unlawful, made retroactive. If it had been made so, shippers all over the United States would have been entitled to recover many millions of dollars in charges paid during the two years prior to the date of the order.

OHIO CITIZENS REGAIN BALLOTS

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 23.—Two thousand citizens of Adams county, this state, disenfranchised in 1910 for corrupt election practices, automatically regained their voting power this month, state officials announced today.

The ballot frauds in Adams county attracted the whole nation's attention. Wholesale indictments were returned. For weeks the roads of the county were thronged with rural residents, who made their way to West Union, the county seat, and confessed to Judge A. Z. Blair that they had sold their votes, often for no more than 50 cents.

The customary sentence was a nominal fine and disenfranchisement for five years. In all cases the terms of the sentences expired this month.

WESTERN ROADS GRANTED INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Railroads west of the Mississippi river were given material increases in freight rates today by the interstate commerce commission by a decision in the so-called western advance rate case.

Important increases granted included carload rates on agricultural implements except to points in Louisiana; carload rates on canned goods and carload rates on boots and shoes and leather between Missouri manufacturing points and points west.

Increases on many miscellaneous items were allowed but others were held to be unjustified. The record in the case does not disclose how much additional revenue the railroads will obtain.

Among other increases granted were rates on dried and evaporated fruits in portions of the west and on furniture in carloads from Kansas City and other points to points in Ohio. Increases were allowed also in certain cases in the charges for switching grain and transit charges on fruit and vegetables in the territory beyond the Missouri river.

Increases were denied in carload rates on eggs from points in Kansas to the southwest, as were increases from points throughout the west on cider and vinegar to points in Kansas and Missouri. Increases on bauxite ore, used in the manufacture of aluminum were denied in some cases and granted in others.

WILLAMETTE FLOOD CREST HAS PASSED

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 23.—The Willamette river at noon today had reached a stage of thirteen feet above the zero mark, a rise of only nine-tenths of a foot since yesterday, and it was believed the crest of the flood had passed. The river lacked two feet of reaching a stage where serious damage would have been caused. With the exception of the Southern Pacific line from here to Tillamook all railroads were running trains on schedule time today. The weather has remained clear and cold since the cessation of the storm yesterday.

INDICTMENT OF PLOTTER AGAINST WELLAND CANAL

Paul Koenig and Alleged Conspirators Indicted for Military Enterprise Against Canada—Breitung Admits Buying Explosives for Robert Fay's Bomb Enterprise.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Indictments were returned today charging Paul Koenig, chief detective of the Hamburg-American line, and Richard Emil Leyendecker, an antique dealer, with conspiring to dynamite the Welland canal. Edmund Justice, a Hamburg-American watchman, was also indicted with Koenig on charges of conspiring to secure military information for the German government.

The indictments against Koenig and Leyendecker charged them with conspiring to "set on foot in the United States a military enterprise against the Dominion of Canada."

Aimed at Welland Canal

The indictments set forth that a part of this alleged conspiracy was to destroy with dynamite or other means the Welland canal, leading from Port Colborne, on Lake Erie, to Port Dalhousie, on Lake Ontario.

As a part of the plot to destroy the canal, the indictments allege Koenig and Leyendecker planned to secure employment for their agents in various factories and mills adjacent to the canal.

Max Breitung, under indictment with Robert Fay, Dr. Herbert Keinsle, Walter Scholz, and Paul Daeche, on charges of conspiring to blow up munition ships leaving this country today, admitted through his attorney John B. Stanchfield, that he bought 350 pounds of chlorate of potash for Fay. The admission was made when Mr. Stanchfield moved for a separate trial for Breitung.

Purchased the Potash

Breitung purchased the potash, one of the chief components in certain forms of explosives, at Fay's request, Mr. Stanchfield said, and in so doing acted in good faith and was entirely innocent of any plan to destroy ships. Decision on the motion was put over until January 3, when decisions on similar motions by two of the other defendants will be rendered.

William McCulley, whose name was first given as Robert McAuley, and who was taken to police headquarters at the request of the department of justice investigating the plot to dynamite the Welland canal, was released today after having been questioned by federal officials.

Although McCulley admitted having known Paul Koenig chief of the Hamburg-American line detectives, accused by the government of having formulated the Welland canal plot, for five years, and having recently been in his employ at a "trailer," federal officials said there was nothing to warrant holding the man.

BULGARS APOLOGISE FOR INVADING GREECE

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Athens correspondent of Reuter's Telegram company sends the following:

"In reply to representations made to the German and Bulgarian governments regarding the Koritza incident, in which a Bulgarian detachment in alleged pursuit of a small Serbian force transgressed the Greek frontier, the Greek government has received assurances that the Bulgarian officer responsible would be punished."

ROOSEVELT DEFAMER FREED FROM ASYLUM

NYACK, N. Y., Dec. 23.—After being confined in state institutions for the insane since November, 1914, Mrs. Ivan Claussen, writer of threatening and eccentric letters to Theodore Roosevelt and others, is to be released from the state hospital for the insane at Middleton. A court order to this effect was signed today. She will be placed in the custody of her brother, Matthews Claussen, of New York City.

OBREGON TAKES COMMAND OF VILLA DISTRICT

Hearst Ranch Confiscated With Madera Property by Villa—Latter's Brother Arrested at San Antonio—Villa's Wife Arrives at New Orleans to Sail for Cuba.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 23.—General Alvaro Obregon, in command of the Carranza forces, who arrived last night from Nogales, Sonora, to take charge of the surrendered Villa territory and troops, was closeted today with Mexican Consul Adreas Garcia. He will be unable to cross the border until late this afternoon, it was said. Juarez was quiet.

J. B. Barker and M. C. Quijada, employes of the Babricora ranch, the W. R. Hearst property near Madera, arrived after a trip of nine days overland. They reported that the ranch had been confiscated by General Villa with all the Madera property ten days ago and that General Medina Vieta was placed in charge. Looting was begun and four American prisoners of General Vieta were still in captivity when they left.

According to the manager of the Hearst property in Mexico, who is here, the four men held prisoners by Medina Vieta are: P. Keane, an Englishman; F. S. Black and William Evans, Americans, and Richard Wagner, a German.

Villa's Brother Arrested

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 23.—To forestall habeas corpus proceedings by which Colonel Hipolito Villa might have obtained his liberty before documentary proof could have been obtained from El Paso, Colonel Villa, accompanied by a detective, was started early today for El Paso. Villa was arrested here last night on a train, the action being based on a telegram from the El Paso chief of Police, charging him with swindling. Villa agreed to return without formal court order.

Villa Not Coming

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—General Francisco Villa, Mexican revolutionary leader, is not coming to New Orleans to sail for Cuba, according to statements today by his wife and his secretary, M. E. Gonzales, who arrived last night with Mrs. Hipolito Villa, and several other members of the family.

The general's wife said she and her party would sail for Havana next Saturday on the steamer Atenas. Steamship officials said General Villa had not booked passage.

Both Mrs. Villa and Villa's secretary asserted they did not know the general's whereabouts.

YAQUIS DESTROY AMERICAN FARMS IN YAQUI VALLEY

GUAYMAS, Mexico, Dec. 23.—Yaqui Indians still have power over the Yaqui valley except two ranches, one being owned by an American named Bruns, where he, together with another American and eight Germans is supposed to be holding out, although no news whatever has been received from them since Monday when the second Yaqui raid had begun.

According to detailed accounts received today from settlers, the Indians have destroyed all the buildings and property where they have taken charge, but as yet no reports have been received of any Americans or other foreigners being killed.

On account of lack of ammunition Waldo Sheldon and Barrett Jones, the two young men from Greenwich, Conn., neeticut, who were running a large ranch and who last spring were successful in driving off the Indians, were compelled to abandon their property during the night and after a long journey through the Indians' lines succeeded in getting out with only a skinrush in which no one was injured.

Most of the settlers are practically destitute and many are thoroughly disheartened.