

# ALLIES NOW EAST OF ARRAS

## Germans Gain in South; Russians Towards North

United Press Service  
PETROGRAD, Dec. 19.—German claims to a sweeping victory near Warsaw are not only denied by the war office, but the defeat of the Germans in Northern Poland is pointed out.

"The object of such fanfares is too evident to make us worry about putting guard upon European opinion," says the statement. "The Germans would like to mould this opinion to their own will, but they are succeeding badly."

"They think they can make themselves conquerors, whereas they have really been driven from Ciechemoff, with the Russian troops on their heels."

"From the fact that the German staff itself has admitted this, neutral countries will be able to ascertain the truth of this statement."

United Press Service  
LONDON, Dec. 19.—Confusion regarding the status in the east as the result of conflicting statements from General von Hindenburg and Grand Duke Nicholas, indicate that both armies were partially successful this week.

The German advance upon Warsaw from the north was badly routed, but the situation in the southern front undoubtedly is in favor of the Germans, as their advance from south of the Vistula toward Warsaw is progressing.

United Press Service  
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 19.—Advices say a Russian armored train carrying food and ammunition to the Carpathians was blown up. The cause is not given.

United Press Service  
LONDON, Dec. 19.—It is reported that General Potiorek, an Austrian commander, is to be deposed and probably court martialed, because he disavows the Serbian campaign.

An Austrian official statement claims the Russians are retreating along a fifty mile front.

## Graeco-Turkish Break Is the Latest Threatened



United Press Service  
ATHENS, Dec. 19.—Germany is endeavoring to prevent a rupture in the friendly relations between Greece and Turkey. There is war talk rife throughout the kingdom today.

The German ambassador at Constantinople has been ordered by Germany to intervene there and prevent the threatened execution of a Greek army officer as a spy by the Turkish authorities.

## BELGIAN RELIEF WORK ORGANIZED IN KLAMATH NOW

PLAN IS TO SEND A CARLOAD OF FLOUR

Martin Brothers Make a Special Price on Barrels of Klamath Flour, and Committee Is Named to Receive the Contributions and Forward Them to Reach the Proper Persons So They Will Be Shipped.

A carload of flour from Klamath county for the relief of the starving people of war-stricken Belgium. This is what local people hope to bring about as our contribution for the relief ship, which leaves Portland early in January.

A local committee is composed of the two local banks, the pastors of all the local churches, Dr. W. A. Leonard, Mrs. Skillington, Mrs. C. R. Miller, Miss Laura Bice, R. H. Dunbar, George A. Wirtz, M. D. Coats and W. S. Slough. They will receive and forward contributions.

In order to make it easier on those contributing, Martin Brothers Milling company has made a special price of \$4.80 per barrel for Anchor Brand flour. All who can are urged to contribute for a barrel or a sack of flour.

It is the intention of the committee to send the Klamath county contribution by the middle of the coming week. All non-perishable provisions will be welcome.

It is estimated that 80,000 barrels of flour is less than enough to supply the Belgians one day.

## This is One of Most Important of Recent Moves

United Press Service  
LONDON, Dec. 19.—Moving northwest from Arras, the French and British forces today hold ground which represents the most important gain since the occupation of Arras, following the battle along the Aisne.

This is the first time in two months that the allies held territory east of Arras.

Fighting is reported in the outlying districts of Ste. Laurens and Hany. This represents an eastward advance of two and a half miles.

It is reported, though not confirmed, that the allies made an important advance near Armentieres.

The German artillery is again bombarding Rheims.

Prince Auguste Wilhelm, one of the Kaiser's sons, was wounded in the head and leg near there.

United Press Service  
BERLIN, Dec. 19.—(Wireless to Sayville, N. J.)—"On the western front the fighting continues about Nieuport, Bizchoote and La Bassée," says the official statement. "The enemy's attacks west of Noyon have been repulsed."

United Press Service  
GENEVA, Dec. 19.—Swiss-German newspapers publishing statements showing the number of Germans dead, wounded and prisoners to date and the total at 1,200,000.

Olene Man Visits.  
W. R. Brotherton, a well known resident of the Olene country, came in today to give attention to business matters.

## Verdict an Acquittal

### After Short Deliberation, Merrill Men Freed

"Not guilty," was the verdict returned by the jury which heard the testimony in the Sims-Chandler-Ernst case, which occupied the circuit court for nine days. This was returned in thirty-five minutes after the jury left to deliberate.

"Had the jury taken a vote on the case as soon as it left the court room I believe that it would have been for acquittal," said one juror. "Before we voted, we discussed the case, and all were agreed that the hide introduced could not have been buried for a year, and be in as good condition as it was. The light that Brandenburg testified to seeing in the Sims place while Sims was away is another matter that was convincing."

The three defendants are well known through the county. Love Chandler, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Chandler, is considered Klamath county's best rider, and has starred in two Rodeos. William Sims has a ranch in the Sand Hollow country, and Ivan Ernst is a brother-in-law.

They were arrested in December, 1913, charged with killing a spotted cow belonging to J. N. Johnson of Sand Hollow, and selling the meat. This was alleged to have been committed in December, 1912, and as evidence, the prosecution's witnesses declared that they found the hide and head of the cow, buried on the Sims ranch. The preliminary hearing was held before Justice of the

Peace Gowen, and the trio were bound over to the grand jury, the defense offering no testimony.

At the trial just ended, the defense alleged that the suit was brought in an effort to drive Sims and Chandler from the country, because Sims had homesteaded a tract on Bryant Mountain whereon was located an Indian spring. The fencing of this is said to have aroused some of the cattle men, and it was stated that they made a number of threats.

"We have not been the least afraid of what the outcome of the case would be," said William Sims, one of the defendants. "There have been many different tricks tried on us to get us to leave, and the indicting me on a horse stealing charge grows out of the same motive. We like Klamath county, and have no idea of leaving."

While not all of the witnesses have as yet claimed attendance and mileage, the claims thus far entered by them amount to \$719.60. Allowing just \$350 for jury fees, without the mileage of the accepted jurymen, the pay and mileage of the jurors cost thus far enumerated in the case is \$1,069.60. Besides this, there are the fees of Attorneys Casill and Manning who assisted in the prosecution, the fees of Court Reporter Richardson, the cost of the preliminary examination and witness fees at the preliminary hearing and before the grand jury.

## REAL CATERER TO PLAY PART

MANAGER OF HALL GRILL WILL BE MANAGER OF THE CABARET IN THE FINALE OF CHRISTMAS VAUDEVILLE

Another touch of realism that has been added to the plans for the caaret scene in the Chamber of Commerce Christmas vaudeville is the selection of H. E. Day as manager of the cabaret. Day is the manager of the Hotel Hall Grill, and all of the patrons of that popular eating place bear strong testimony as to his fitness to carry out this exacting work, for all he will have to do is to act natural.

Another addition to the vaudeville company is Clifford Sevits, who is listed as Manager of the Wardrobe, but calls himself property man. He is organizing a capable following to see that the proper props are all there when wanted.

## CAST TO HOLD A REHEARSAL

All of the amateurs who are going to participate in the vaudeville show to be staged Christmas night and the night following for the World Fair fund, will meet at the opera house tomorrow at 3 p. m. for rehearsal.

At this time, the order of the program will be outlined.

Herald want ads bring results.

## GARRISON GETS WHAT HE WANTS

VERY LITTLE CHANGE IS MADE IN THE AMOUNT OF THE ARMY APPROPRIATION AS THE RECOMMENDATION READ

United Press Service  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—The house committee on military affairs has agreed to an army appropriation bill carrying practically everything asked for by the war department. No provision is made, however, for a larger army, or for the establishment of a reserve.

The measure carries appropriations for \$100,000,000, which is \$3,000,000 below the submitted estimate. The budget devotes \$400,000 for another squadron of eight air machines.

Leaves Tomorrow.  
County School Superintendent Fred Peterson leaves in the morning to attend the Oregon State Teachers' convention at Eugene and to grade papers and attend the county school superintendent's convention at Salem.

Away for the Holidays.  
Miss Willa Leonard left this morning for Grants Pass, where she will spend the holidays.

Leaves After Visit.  
Mrs. J. E. Ballinger, who has been visiting her son, Postmaster W. A. Delzell, left this morning for Los Angeles. She will visit Oakland and San Francisco on the way south.

Xmas in California.  
Mrs. Sam Short and children departed for California this morning to remain over Christmas.

## Bill a Help to Irrigation

### Jones' Measure Provides for Bond Guarantee

A bill that will bring help to all forms of irrigation projects and make it possible for such projects as the Horseshoe and the Lower Klamath Lake districts to secure the money with which to carry on their work, has been introduced in the senate by Senator Jones of Washington.

The bill follows:  
Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, That the declared purpose of this act is to encourage the reclamation of lands under laws enacted to that end by the several states, and to provide for the co-operation of the United States in aid thereof.

Sec. 2.—That whenever any district duly organized under the laws of any state, having for its purpose the irrigating, draining or diking of lands within the district, and being authorized by law to issue its bonds to procure funds for the carrying out of the purposes of its organization, shall desire the co-operation and aid of the United States, it shall file with the secretary of the interior plans and estimates of the work proposed to be done for the reclamation of district lands, and shall make application to have such plans and estimates examined and approved. The secretary of the interior thereupon shall cause an examination to be made of the plans and the district project, and if the same shall be deemed feasible, or shall be so modified as to be feasible, the secretary of the interior may, on behalf of the United States, guarantee the interest on bonds to be issued by said district for the purposes aforesaid.

Sec. 3.—That the district bonds to be guaranteed as hereinbefore provided shall run for a period not to exceed forty years, and the interest to be guaranteed shall not exceed 4 per cent per annum, and with these limitations each state may prescribe the time and manner of the payment of the bonds of its districts. The guaranty upon all bonds shall be conditioned that any defaulting interest shall be paid by the United States; and in case any district shall default in its bond interest, and such interest shall be paid by the United States under its guaranty, the United States shall have all remedies which are given by law to the bondholder, and the bonds and interest shall be made by law a lien upon all the lands within the district.

Sec. 4.—That the secretary of the interior thereupon shall cause an examination to be made of the plans and the district project, and if the same shall be deemed feasible, or shall be so modified as to be feasible, the secretary of the interior may, on behalf of the United States, guarantee the interest on bonds to be issued by said district for the purposes aforesaid.

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