

AEROPLANE GETS RANGE OF GUNS FOR THE ALLIES

GERMANS SAY THEY HOLD THEIR LINES

Pierce Cannonading Is Reported Through the Vosges Mountains. With the Reports Heard in Switzerland—Russian Troops Say They Are on the Eve of a Crushing Victory—British Ships Shell Base.

United Press Service

PARIS, Dec. 28.—For two days a most violent battle has been raging all along the front through the Vosges hills. Reports from Basel Bay the Cannonading was heard in Switzerland.

The fighting was preceded by a most remarkable flight. A French aviator flew across Muelhausen and vicinity, located the enemy's artillery, signalled the range, and enabled the French gunners to shell these pieces.

United Press Service

BERLIN (wireless), Dec. 28.—The official statement says:

"From Neuport, the enemy unsuccessfully renewed attacks on our lines yesterday. They were supported by fire from warships, which killed several inhabitants of West Ende.

The allies attack on Ste. George, a hamlet in Flanders, failed.

"Southwest of Verdun and west of Zeenheim, the enemy was also defeated in their attacks, but elsewhere the situation is unchanged."

United Press Service

PETROGRAD, Dec. 28.—News of another crushing defeat is daily expected. The Russians have imprisoned upwards of 20,000 in the recent fighting, indicating that the Austrians are on the verge of defeat everywhere.

The Russians made decided advances in the Noda and Donajec valleys.

United Press Service

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Regarding the British raid on Cuxhaven, a government official said:

"The raid by British warships and aeroplanes on the German naval base and the dropping of bombs upon Cuxhaven may be regarded as England's answer to the threats of Baron von Tirpitz. He threatened with words that he would attempt to starve out England, establishing a submarine patrol to torpedo English merchantmen.

"Deeds are better than words, however, and the Cuxhaven raid speaks for itself."

KILLED BEFORE HE COULD VISIT

HUSBAND OF LOCAL WOMAN HAD PLANNED TO VISIT HIS FAMILY HERE DURING THE HOLIDAYS. WAS ELECTROCUTED

It was far from a merry Christmas for Mrs. Adolph Maier of this city, for instead of having with her the husband she had not seen for two years, she had received tidings of his electrocution at Tonopah, Nev., the day before he intended to start here for a visit.

M. Maier was employed in electrical work there, and he and another man were killed in the accident. The remains are to be shipped here from Tonopah tonight, and will be interred here.

Mrs. Maier is a sister of Mrs. W. J. Steinmetz of this city. She has two sons.

The Columbia highway from Astoria to Pendleton is to be completed by July 1, 1915, says Major Bowly.

Harry K. Thaw on a Fishing Trip in His New Hampshire Exile



Harry Thaw, perhaps the most notorious prisoner at this time in the United States, who has been in New Hampshire since he escaped from Matteawan asylum in New York state, where he was sentenced for the murder of Stanford White, must be returned to that state. He escaped in an automobile with the aid of several notorious characters of New York city. When he was captured a federal judge in New Hampshire decided in his favor. The attorney general of New York took the case to the United States supreme court. There the contention that Thaw had been indicted for conspiracy in escaping and should be returned to New York to answer that indictment, whether insane or not, was upheld. He must go back to stand trial, despite the fact that the courts of New York have already decided he is insane. William T. Jerome, who fought the case for New York, insists that the prisoner will be tried on the conspiracy indictment.

MISS DUNBAR IS WINNER OF TRIP

DAUGHTER OF CITY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT GETS TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO EXPO.

Miss Margaret Dunbar will go to the Panama-Pacific International with her expenses paid by the Klamath Chamber of Commerce. She sold the highest number of tickets to the Christmas vaudeville, the standing of the contestants at the close being as follows:

Miss Dunbar	11,050
Miss Barnes	7,900
Miss Thomas	5,350
Miss Ogie	3,500
Miss Sanitana	2,750

Miss Thomas withdrew from the contest several days before its close. The final count was made this morning by Rev. J. S. Stubbelfield, Hon. George T. Baldwin, Ed Vannice, W. O. Smith and John V. Houston.

HIXON DEATH TO BE PROBED

MAN WHO WAS SUPPOSEDLY KICKED BY A HORSE NEAR CHILOQUIN, DIES AT HOSPITAL. CORONER INVESTIGATES

Coroner Whitlock and other officials who have looked into the circumstances surrounding the death of William Hixon, who has been at the Blackburn hospital in a state of coma since Wednesday, are not at all sure that death was due to a kick from a horse. An investigation is being made today, and an inquest may be held tomorrow.

Hixon was brought in from a place on the Williamson River, near Chiloquin, Wednesday, unconscious. It was stated that he was kicked by a horse. An operation revealed that the skull was fractured, and trepanning was resorted to, but Hixon died last night without recovering consciousness.

A number of Indians are being examined today, and their stories may indicate that the man was the victim of foul play.

WOMEN TO WORK OVER CLOTHING

IN ORDER TO ASSIST A FAMILY IN STRAITENED CIRCUMSTANCES, WOMEN WILL PLY NEEDLE TOMORROW

A special meeting of the members of the Woman's Library Club has been called for tomorrow at 1:30. At this meeting the women will remodel some clothing in order to fit out one local family that is in decidedly hard circumstances.

The work of the club's Philanthropic Department in assisting those in need and distributing donations of clothing and other supplies, has done a great deal to alleviate misery and to cheer homes that might otherwise be sad. This work is to be carried on permanently, and all donations left at the library will be welcomed, and used to the best advantage.

Some Dandy Present.
A present that arrived a little late, but nevertheless was enthusiastically welcomed, was an \$800 Behning grand piano, purchased for George Blehn by his two little daughters as a Christmas surprise. The instrument was bought through Shepherd's Piano Depot.

Douglas county will pay \$141,000 less taxes than in 1914.

The Sultan of Turkey



The Sultan of Turkey has been driven into the war against the allies by the advisers about him who are friendly with Germany. He is not believed to be much of a force in the government and it is thought that he had not much to say about the decision of Turkey to join with Austria and Germany.

MONEY POURS IN FOR BELGIAN FUND

SEVERAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO FLOUR PURCHASING FUND COME IN DAILY—WILL HAVE TO SHIP CAR SOON

Contributions to the local Belgian relief fund, with which a carload of flour is to be sent to Portland for shipment to Belgium, are coming in in a steady stream. The following were added since the last publication: First National Bank, A. R. Campbell, J. W. Bryant, Sunset Grocery, Elmer I. Applegate, Bell's Cash Store, A. Friend, Mrs. Drew, Miss Blee, Frank Arant, R. H. Penber, Chas. Pattee.

As the steamer will clear from the Portland dock early in January, those wishing to contribute toward the car of flour should make haste to do so, for it will be necessary to send the car out in a few days to insure its being loaded on the relief steamer.

MILLER MOVIES SHOW LUMBERING

LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHER COMPLETES 2,500 FEET OF FILM FOR McLOUD RIVER LUMBER CO., SHOWING ALL PROCESSES

C. R. Miller of the Miller Photo Company, left yesterday morning for McCloud, taking with him 2,500 feet of motion picture film he made last fall, showing the lumbering operations of the company. This film is to be used by the company at the Panama-Pacific International exposition.

A private exhibition was given at the Temple theater Saturday, to test the pictures, and it was the unanimous opinion of all present that the films compared favorably with those of the film companies, both from the standpoint of educational interest and from the standpoint of photography. The movies show lumbering at McCloud from the time the railroad crew start the building of a railroad into the woods until the big trees are felled, bucked, hauled to the mill, sawed, finished and shipped. The picture is one that has high educational value.

Matches are so scarce at the war front that an English officer paid \$2.50 for a single one.

CANADIANS FIRE ON AMERICANS

SOLDIERS PATROLLING FRONTIER FIRE ON AMERICAN DUCK HUNTERS, KILLING ONE AND WOUNDING OTHERS

United Press Service
BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Much feeling has been engendered here by the action of Canadian soldiers patrolling the frontier, near Fort Erie. The soldiers opened fire on an American boat containing duck hunters, all Americans, and killed one of the hunters, Walter Smith, and fatally wounded Charles Dorisch. Both men are Americans.

ROLPH NAMES A NEW FIRE BOARD

INCLUDES MEN FROM VARIOUS WALKS OF LIFE, BUT WHOSE COMPETENCY CANNOT BE QUESTIONED

United Press Service
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Mayor Rolph today named the following to compose the new San Francisco fire board: John T. Fogarty, an insurance man; John F. Davis, an attorney; T. R. Herring, president Longshoremen's Union, and Frank C. Sykes, a contractor.

HE WAS ANGRY WITH HIS WIFE

SO HE BEAT HER TO DEATH AND THEN BLEW HIS OWN FOOL BRAINS OUT WITH THE EVER-READY REVOLVER

United Press Service
SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 28.—Enraged because his wife sued him for divorce, Martin Loth today beat the woman to death with some blunt instrument and then blew his own brains out with a revolver.

"JOHN DOE" IS STILL SOUGHT

As soon as "John Doe," who this time figured in the fracas at the Gray hall in Pine Grove Christmas night is arrested, the trial of the eight implicated persons will be held. Thus far, Linn Smith, Van Cornish, Henry Stiles, M. E. Shannon, Lewis Hoagland, Otto Arnold and Merrill Archer have been arrested.

Hoagland and Arnold have been released on their own recognizance. Smith is at liberty on a bond signed by A. Oehler and Dick Turpin, and the others on bonds given by W. T. Lee and J. A. Thompson.

Cornish, Hoagland and Arnold appear to have been the "innocent bystanders" in this affair. Several state that Cornish and Arnold took no part in the fracas, and that Hoagland, who was busy changing a tire on his auto, kept out of the trouble until he was attacked, and then only fought in self defense—cleaning up his assailant, by the way. All of the youths with the exception of "Mr. Doe" are in town awaiting the hearing. All of them, even Archer, who was cut in several places by a knife in Stiles' hands, seem willing to let the matter drop, and it is reported that they will enter pleas of guilty to the charge of disturbing a public meeting when the case is called before Justice of the Peace Gowen.

VIENNA REPORTS TROOPS ACTIVE IN CARPATHIANS

NAVAL BASE IS STILL HELD SAFELY

United Press Service
While in Galician Hills, Austrians Have Retreated and Slav Allies Hold Their Ground East of Drina. Official Statement Says the Russians Have Failed Utterly in Their Campaign Along the River Donajec.

United Press Service
VIENNA (via Berlin), Dec. 28.—Today's official statement follows:

"The situation in the Carpathians is unchanged. Our forces have been forced to withdraw a little before the Russian attacks between Rymansko and the Tuchow in the Carpathians in Galicia.

"The enemy's attack along the Lower Donajec and the Lower Nida failed. The battles continue in the neighborhood of Tomazow.

"All of the Balkan territory belonging to the dual monarchy, except some unimportant frontier regions in Bosnia, Herzegovina and Southern Delmatia, are clear of the enemy.

"A narrow strip of land called Spizza Budna has been occupied by the Montenegrins since the beginning of the war. Their attack on Boche de Matero failed utterly. The bombardment of the coast fortress there by the French fleet also failed, so the naval harbor is therefore secure in our hands.

"There are some Montenegrin army divisions in Herzegovina, and there are some Serbian troops east of the Drina on a line with Foche Vistograd. These have not retreated, even during the Austrian offensive."

REVOLUTIONISTS ARE REVOLTING

CONSTITUTIONALIST ADVICES RECEIVED IN THIS COUNTRY INDICATE TROUBLE IN THE RANKS OF THE VILLISTAS

United Press Service
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 27.—The constitutionalist consulate in this city today received a dispatch from Vera Cruz to the effect that the Villa forces had evacuated Mexico City, and hurried north to save the line of communication to Jaurez. The dispatch gave news of a revolt among the Villa forces at Torreon.

"NO MILL SITE"—LAMM LUMBER CO.

HEAD OF COMPANY DENIES EVEN NEGOTIATIONS BEING MADE FOR THE PINE TREE COMPANY MILL SITE

"The article appearing in the morning paper regarding our purchasing of the site and machinery of the Pine Tree Lumber company is entirely erroneous," says W. E. Lamm of the Lamm Lumber company. "No agreement of the kind has been entered into.

"There has not even been negotiations toward this. Furthermore, we have made no statement whatever about the cost of logs, and the price, so far as we are concerned, is purely the result of imagination." As yet, the Lamm Lumber company has not decided where it will locate its saw mill.