

FULL LEASED
WIRE DISPATCHES

CIRCULATION IS
OVER 4000 DAILY

GERMANY MAY ATTEMPT TO SEIZE GRAIN PORT

Mackensen Seems To Be Driving Strong Toward Odessa, After Having Conquered Seven-Eighths of Rumania—Berlin Reports Steady Advance and Capture of Large Number of Russian Prisoners Through Breaking of Russian Lines—Fighting Becoming More Severe Daily

London, Dec. 28.—Attempt to invade Russian soil north of Dobruja or east of Moldavia, as the next development in Field Marshal Von Mackensen's eastern offensive, is expected here. Advance of the Teutonic columns is being opposed in fierce fighting by the Russo-Rumanian troops. The German forces have lost heavily in their northward advance and from now on they will have even heavier fighting cut out for them, as the Russo-Rumanian lines are now attaining their greatest strength through consolidation.

Very little doubt existed here today in the minds of military experts that Mackensen's objective was Odessa, Russia. They recalled recent dispatches from the eastern front hinting that this was the point beyond Bucharest at which the Teutons were aiming.

Almost seven-eighths of the entire territory of Rumania is now in German hands. Moldavia alone remains free from the invader. But here the Russian and Rumanian line is safe from the sort of military tactics by which Von Mackensen and Von Hindenburg achieved most of their successes in the Rumanian campaign—flanking operations. On the west, the allies front is protected by the great Carpathian range and on the east the rivers Danube and Pruth are safeguards.

London now expects a stiffening of the resistance along this Moldavian line and a halt put to the German advance. Capture of Rimneul Sarat, announced last night, was not unexpected here.

Berlin, via Sarville wireless, Dec. 28.—Capture of 3,000 more prisoners bringing the total of Russian soldiers prisoners during the engagements about Odessa by the war office today. "Yesterday, Rimneul-Sarat up to 10,000, was reported, 3,000 prisoners and 22 machine guns were brought in," the statement said. "The number of prisoners made by the Ninth army in engagements near Rimneul-Sarat amounts altogether to 10, 230.55."

The Danube army, according to the war office, had daily partial engagements yesterday. "In Dobruja, Bulgarian and Turkish troops succeeded in ejecting Russians from fortified height positions east of Maeln."

The statement said the Prussian and Bavarian infantry detachments at Rimneul-Sarat pressed behind the enemy as they flowed back, took by stampede new enemy positions constructed during the night and pushed ahead beyond Rimneul-Sarat."

The victory was achieved over Russians rather than Rumanians, the Russian forces being those summoned to Rumania's defense. The enemy was defeated December 26 and tried then to regain the lost ground by counter thrusts of strong masses, but failed. "At the same time further south-east," said the statement, "German and Austro-Hungarian troops pierced strongly entrenched Russian lines and also repulsed violent counter attacks made against their flank. They advanced fighting in a northeasterly direction, the enemy again suffering heavy, sanguinary losses in defeat."

Brings Down Another. Paris, Dec. 28.—Sub-Lieutenant Guy.

Abe Martin



"I always want to live in a little town where you're remembered after they hear you back 't' th' every after," said Abe Martin, today. "One thing I'm glad of is that stogies have been shortened an inch."

CHICAGO'S CRIME RECORD

Chicago, Dec. 28.—When the successor to Chief of Police Healey steps in New Year's eve he will face the problem of combating a record of crime which may not be equaled in any city. Figures published today compiled by Thomas M. Kilbride, secretary of the state board of pardons, show this crime record for Chicago: A hold-up every six hours. A murder every other day. Two suicides a day. An arrest every seven and one-half minutes. Liquor, lust, gambling and bad company are the most frequent causes of crime, Kilbride says.

NEW TRIAL DENIED CAPLAN

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 28.—Denying the motion for a new trial for David Caplan, convicted of manslaughter in connection with Los Angeles Times dynamiting in 1910, Superior Judge Willis sentenced Caplan to ten years' imprisonment today. This is the maximum penalty.

HUSBAND ASSERTS WIFE IS NOT TWINS

She Cannot Take Baby Out One Door and Buggy at Same Time

New York, Dec. 28.—Babies won a temporary victory today and are still people. In supreme court, after a hearing Justice Bijur reserved on the famous apartment entrance baby case. Meanwhile Marjorie Reese, four months old, continues through a temporary injunction to use the front entrance of the Robert Morris apartments with the dogs and cats and people, instead of being smuggled up the garbage and laundry entrances.

Marjorie's father is trying to make the lessee of his apartment let her use the front door all the time. They insist she ought to use the rear entrance because her baby carriage wheels track up the beautiful foyer. Justice Bijur suggested maybe Marjorie could be brought in the front way and her carriage in the rear way. Papa Reese said he hadn't married twins and that mamma Reese was the sole guardian of little Marjorie and couldn't be both places at once.

WALL ST. GAMBLERS MADE SIXTY MILLION BY TIP ON PEACE NOTE

Washington, Dec. 28.—Over sixty million dollars was made in Wall street by those having advance information on President Wilson's peace note, according to a telegram received today from Thomas Lawson by Representative Wood, of Indiana.

Colorado Is Facing Regular Coal Famine

Denver, Colo., Dec. 28.—Colorado will soon feel the pinch of coal famine, dealers declared today, despite the fact that this state is one of the heaviest producers of bituminous coal in the Union.

President Wilson, Sixty Years Old—Good Health

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Wilson is 60 years of age today. From a "close up" view he looks at least 10 years younger. A side view of the chief executive as he stepped almost jauntily through the corridor leading from the White House to his office, he looked about half his three score. According to Dr. Cary T. Grayson, the

AGREEMENT IS NOT SATISFACTORY TO CARRANZA

Leader of De Facto Government Will Make New Proposals

MEXICAN AMBASSADOR AT CAPITAL REMOVED

Carranza's Forces Are Attempting to Head Off Villa's Army

Washington, Dec. 28.—Luis Cabrera of the Interior, who is chairman of the American group of Mexican-American peace commissioners, General Carranza's answer to the last United States note regarding the troop withdrawal protocol.

The note was presented without explanation by Cabrera, who would make no statement regarding it. Secretary Lane said he might make a statement regarding it later this afternoon. Presentation of the note under these circumstances was generally interpreted as meaning Carranza, instead of signing the protocol, has decided once more to submit counter proposals.

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TODAY'S WAR MOVES

Russia is about to face another German invasion—this time in Bessarabia. Teutonic columns will be on Russian soil north of Dobruja and east of Moldavia within the next few days if they continue their present rapid rate of advance.

Odessa and Ends of Great World War News

London, Dec. 28.—A British military mission in Rumania destroyed Rumanian oil fields valued at \$150,000,000 before that territory fell into German hands.

Reply to Switzerland

Amsterdam, Dec. 28.—Germany and Austria have replied to Switzerland's reiteration of President Wilson's peace suggestions with practically the same phrases in which they acknowledged the American note, dispatches from Germany said today.

Sinking Justified

Berlin, via Sarville wireless, Dec. 28.—Germany's answer to American inquiries as to sinking of the Norwegian steamship Delto as transmitted to Ambassador Gerard today justifies sinking of that vessel on the ground that she was violating neutrality and dismisses the contention that her passengers were jeopardized as unjustified.

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HAVE SOME MONEY

Washington, Dec. 28.—Resources of the national banks have increased over four billion dollars since the inauguration of the federal reserve system three years ago, according to the report of Comptroller of the Currency Williams today.

Tobacco is Barred

McMinnville, Or., Dec. 28.—The days of the college boy who was wont to roam the campus exuding great puffs of smoke from an overgrown calabash pipe have ceased, if President Riley of McMinnville College insists upon obedience of an order issued putting the ban on tobacco in all forms.

REPLY OF ALLIES TO GERMAN NOTE FULLY PREPARED

Peace Based On German-Made Plans Has Been Rejected

ALLIES WILL MAKE CLEAR AIMS FOR WAGING WAR

German Reply to President Wilson's Peace Note Received Today

FIFTY SURVIVORS OF STEAMER WRECK

Fate of Remainder of Four Hundred Passengers Still Unknown

Tokio, Dec. 28.—Fifty survivors of the passengers and crew of the steamer Sankaku Maru, which was wrecked off Chefoo landed safely, according to a dispatch from that city received today. The survivors include two American passengers.

First dispatches yesterday stated that there were 400 passengers and crew aboard the Sankaku when she went ashore. Today's advices account for only 50 Americans and Japanese and "a few Chinese passengers." This would leave the unaccounted for approximately 350. Dispatches from Tokio do not indicate clearly the probable fate of these, except to express the ominous fear that many may have frozen to death.

NO MORE NOTE WRITING ON SUBMARINE ISSUE IF PEACE MOVE FAILS

Washington, Dec. 28.—The fact that the allies intend to state their terms and aims is thought here likely to put Germany diplomatically "in a hole" and hence to make peace even more improbable than it now seems.

Answer to Wilson

Berlin, via Sarville wireless, Dec. 28.—General opinion in Berlin is that the German answer to President Wilson's note "seemingly appreciates the president's intentions and perhaps adds practical suggestions for conclusion of peace," the press bureau announced today.

THE WEATHER

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO WEAR OFF?
Oregon: Tonight and Friday generally fair; easterly winds.