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SEVERE FIGHTING IN BELGIUM AND FRANCE

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FRENCH CLAIM ADVANCES ALL ALONG THE LINE

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Both German and French official statements clearly show that operations of great severity are in progress, but they differ with regard to the results achieved.

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Cabled Paragraphs

Tzar and Empress in Moscow. Moscow, Dec. 21.—After a short stay at Riazan, Emperor Nicholas, Empress Alexandra and their children arrived in Moscow at six o'clock this evening.

Member of South African Parliament Arrested. Bloemfontein, Orange River Colony, Africa, Dec. 21, via London, Dec. 22, 1:19 a. m.—Baron Barend Westra, member of the South African parliament, who has been arrested here, is being held at Bethelhem recently a resolution was passed urging his arrest on account of alleged pro-German tendencies.

Allies' Aviators Drop Bombs in Brussels. London, Dec. 22, 3:55 a. m.—A Dunkirk despatch to the Daily Mail says that aviators of the allies paid a visit to Brussels and dropped bombs on the city. The bombs were set off in a night raid, airmen of the allies flew from Dunkirk over the German coast positions and dropped twelve bombs, doing considerable damage. They then returned there in safety.

Merger of Lake Shore and New York Central. Cleveland, O., Dec. 21.—As far as the state of Ohio is concerned, the Lake Shore railway company will pass out of existence tomorrow, when its directors will meet to approve the proposed consolidation with the New York Central and Hudson River roads. The last obstacle to the merger in Ohio was removed today when Judge F. E. Stevens in the court of common pleas refused an injunction preventing the merger asked by the General Investment company of Maine, a minority stockholder, which alleged the contemplated union of the two roads was in violation of the anti-trust laws. Simultaneously with the meeting of the Lake Shore directors in Cleveland, New York Central directors will meet in New York to pass on the merger. The combined system will be known as the New York Central company and will have a capital of \$300,000,000.

Chile Makes Formal Protest to Germany. Washington, Dec. 21.—After a searching investigation of the activities of the German fleet in the southern Pacific recently the government of Chile has made formal protest to Germany against alleged violations of neutrality by German Navy in Chilean waters.

Toll on Deckloads of Lumber to Pass Through Canal. Washington, Dec. 21.—Whether a deckload is subject to tolls on a steamer passing through the Panama canal was discussed at length without a decision today by Secretary Garrison, Attorney General Gregory, Judge Advocate General Crowder of the army and Major Eschschlager, chief of the Panama canal.

Lieutenant Gerstner Eighteenth Victim. Washington, Dec. 21.—Lieutenant Frederick J. Gerstner, killed today at the hands of the German aviators, is being honored by the government of Michigan to give his life in the interest of government aviation since Lieutenant Selfridge fell to his death at Fort Meigs near here, the first aviator to die in the service of the army. Fourteen army officers, two naval officers and two civilian instructors make up the total killed here today.

New York State's Right to Extradite Thaw Upheld. Washington, Dec. 21.—The right of the state of New York to extradite Henry K. Thaw from New Hampshire was upheld today by the supreme court in an unanimous opinion, reversing Judge Aldrich of the federal district court at Portsmouth, N. H., who declared that the case was "too clear for lengthy argument," and with few words declared the extradition of Thaw to New York to be valid.

New Haven Burglar Gets Ten to Twenty Years. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 21.—Frank Smith, alias Frank Miller, charged with two burglaries in this city, was found guilty on two counts in the superior court today and Judge Williams sentenced him to prison for ten to twenty years. He had been in prison before, was arrested recently in Springfield, Mass., and brought back for trial. He made an eloquent plea for clemency.

Too Much Politics Stifles Proper Criticism. Boston, Dec. 21.—"I may never enter public office again," Governor Walsh said today. He was addressing a gathering of Congressional members, to whom he had previously said that he might never be governor again.

Instruction in Military Tactics to Pupils. Washington, Dec. 21.—Federal aid for schools which are now instructing their pupils in military tactics will be agreed to add such a course, was proposed by Representative McKellar of Tennessee in a bill introduced today in the house. Under the proposed measure \$50,000 would be appropriated for such state that would in turn appropriate \$40,000 for military instruction.

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ON A FLIGHT FROM SAN DIEGO TO LOS ANGELES, CAL.

IN A TROPHY CONTEST

Pilot of Wrecked Machine Was Rescued When Another Army Aviator Summoned Aid—Weather Conditions Responsible—Six Airships Started, One Made Flight.

Oceanside, Cal., Dec. 21.—Lieutenant F. J. Gerstner, observer in one of the six United States army scout aeroplanes that started today on a flight from San Diego to Los Angeles, was drowned in the sea ten miles north of here, Captain L. E. Muller, pilot of the wrecked machine, was rescued by Captain L. W. Patterson, another army aviator, whose aeroplane had been summoned to the rescue.

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Condensed Telegrams

A thunder storm burst over London.

The Senate confirmed the nomination of Major-General Frederick Funston.

The Italian Senate adjourned after a unanimous manifestation in favor of peace.

The cities of Bridgeport, Bellaire and Martin's Ferry, Ohio, voted Saturday to go "wet."

Rattlesnake venom as a cure for epilepsy failed in official tests conducted by the State of Kansas.

Mrs. May Shannel, of St. Louis, fired twenty shots at a peeping Tom. None of the shots took effect.

King George sent a message to Hussein Kemal, new Sultan of Egypt, assuring him of his friendship and support.

One of the prizes shot during the Wisconsin hunting season was a white deer which was sold to a taxidermist for \$999.

Seventy-nine heirs in Sharon, Pa., who are to share in \$26, left by a relative, voted to use the money for a banquet.

Contributions amounting to \$1,333, received by the New York State Board of the American Red Cross, bring the total to \$10,717.

Col. Albert Carre, commanding at Thann, Alsace, has authorized the celebration of a midnight mass on Christmas Eve.

Oscar Flicker, aged 18, a salesman in a store in Newark, N. J., was fined \$50 and paroled for two years for stealing \$1 from the till.

The United Fruit Co.'s wireless plant at Orleans, having a range of 2,000 miles and valued at \$75,000, was destroyed by fire.

Nearly five hundred students of Princeton have signed a petition asking the faculty to recommend a military course of instruction.

Seventeen bottles of whiskey and a half barrel of beer was found hidden in a piano, in a house raided by the police of Junction City, Kansas.

While playing with companions on the ice on Pelham reservoir, Mount Vernon, N. Y., Clarence Core, 11, broke through and was drowned.

Fifty thousand half pound pieces of maple sugar were sent by the Duchess of Cornwall to Canadian soldiers and sailors who are serving in the war.

Oakenont, a Mohawk Indian, will lead a Christmas carol with the lighting of the Christmas tree in Madison Square Garden, New York.

The Duchess of Argyll will distribute \$150,000 donated by W. W. Astor, London, for the relief of families of British officers killed or wounded at the front.

The naval collier Caesar left Washington with a cargo of Government explosives to be shipped at the San Francisco exposition. The cargo will pass through the Canal.

Rear-Admiral Walter McLean, commander of the Fourth division, and his staff, transferred his flag from the battleship Minnesota, to the Rhode Island, at Vera Cruz.

Ti Lung, the only Chinese laundryman in Plainville, Mass., was badly punished by three men who entered his place and robbed him of a small sum of money.

The British Christmas Pudding Fund has raised \$40,000, so that every British soldier and sailor, including those interned in Holland, will have a Christmas pudding.

Opportunity to purchase candy for Christmas through the prison office will be accorded the inmates of the State prison at Charlestown, Mass., it was announced today.

Fire swept through nine low build, Ingersoll, Conn., was used by Michael Durant, a big man, and damaged a large tenement house before the blaze was brought under control.

Lieut. Governor W. P. O'Neil, of Indiana, and twelve officers and employees of the 1913 Legislature, who were indicted for presenting illegal claims against the State, were acquitted.

Edgar L. Ryder, of Ossining, N. Y., brought suit against the New York Central Railroad for the return of 2 cents, charged in excess of the legal fare between Ossining and Tarrytown.

Under a decision of Surrogate Fowler, who holds that Henry Rutherford was a resident of New York, the State will collect a transfer tax of about \$100,000. The estate is valued at 7,000,000.

The Canadian Pacific Railway liner Empress of India, was sold to Gaskwar of Baroda, the richest Prince of the Indian Empire. It will be used as a hospital ship for Indian soldiers.

John Callon O'Laughlin, an American newspaperman who accompanied the American Christmas ship Jason to Europe was decorated with the Grand Cross of the Order of Francis Joseph by the Austrian Emperor.

William K. Bagge, an assistant in the office of G. A. Roosevelt, the Swedish vice consul, was struck and killed by a train at the Winchester Highlands station of the Boston and Maine railroad. He was 59 years old.

Government Loses Monopoly Suit

AGAINST THE LEHIGH VALLEY ROAD AND OTHERS.

CASE WAS DISMISSED

By Judge Charles M. Hough in the United States District Court at New York—Department of Justice Officials at Washington Surprised at Finding.

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No Monopoly Shown. Judge Hough in dismissing the suit "No monopoly of interstate commerce, nor any attempt to monopolize, is shown. The proof of the purchase of anthracite coal, and it is impossible to find any other normal results of monopoly without also finding violations of the commodities act, the restraint of interstate trade in coal transported over the Lehigh railroad, there can be no restraint without control, and since the railroad does not control the coal it carries