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 Cents Dollars
 96° Centrifugal N. Y. Per lb Per ton
 Price, Hawaiian basis 4.01 \$80.20
 88° Centrifugal N. Y. Parity No quotation
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ALLIES MOVE STEP BY STEP UPON TEUTONS PARIS CLAIMS

Belgian and French Troops in Flanders Are Reported To Be Closing In On German Forces From Opposite Directions

KAISER'S MEN COMPLETELY SMOTHERED BY ARTILLERY

With Sixty Heavy Guns Concentrated Upon Enemy's Trenches, General Joffre Gives His Staff Officers Exhibition Slaughter

(Associated Press by Commercial Pacific Cable)

PARIS, DECEMBER 25.—CHRISTMAS morning finds the Allies occupying positions in Flanders well in advance of those held forty-eight hours ago, the advance being pushed slowly but surely, foot by foot, with every move calculated towards the permanent possession of the territory occupied. Much of the advance is being gained through the work of the sappers, who are continually bringing the Allies' lines within easy striking distance of the enemy.

The Belgians yesterday began working down from the direction of Middelkerke towards Dixmude, on the right bank of the Yser, the direct crossing of which from Perwyse to Stuyvenkerke has been found impossible because of the flooded lowlands. At the same time the French advanced towards Dixmude from Dixmude, east of the flooded sections.

GERMANS MAKE TWO ATTACKS

The Germans made two attacks upon the French lines along the Aisne, near Ferthos sur Hurios, being repulsed in both instances. Like success attended the Allies at Ville sur Tournai, where the Germans attempted an advance and were thrown back with serious losses.

"In the forest fighting at Apremont, in the Argonne, our artillery completely smothered the enemy," says the official communique, "and we gained several trenches. Our guns likewise silenced several German batteries."

In connection with this activity of the French artillery, a report has reached here that on Monday General Joffre, commander in chief of the Allies, summoned the Russian and British military attaches to his field quarters with the message, "Come and you will see something never before seen in any war."

TEUTON COMMANDS WIPED OUT

The observers were conducted to a position near Arras, where sixty heavy guns were concentrated on a short segment of German trenches at known ranges. At the command, the whole battery opened a furious fire simultaneously and sustained it for fifteen minutes.

At the end of a quarter of an hour the firing ceased and a charge of infantry was ordered and carried out. As the regiments rushed across the intervening space between their lines and the German trenches, there was no counter-charge, not a shot nor a gleam of bayonet in the German positions.

They found the trenches scored as though a huge plough-share had torn the soil to pieces. The holes were filled with dead and wounded soldiers, many of them buried by the ground thrown up by the shells.

Some wounded prisoners were taken but not a man escaped.

TREMENDOUS NEW GUNS

The latest British army reinforcements brought with them many new guns of tremendous size and power. They are fourteen-inch howitzers, and they will outrange the famous German forty-two-centimeter mortars. Immense reserves of shells and ammunition are being prepared close to the battle line, to be used in the advance as the Allies press forward in Belgium and France. Field hospitals which will accommodate many wounded are also being arranged.

BERLIN SAYS TEUTONS ARE HOLDING OWN

Germans Have Assumed Offensive Again in East Prussia and On Polish Border

Vienna Tells of Heavy Losses Inflicted Upon Russians in Galicia and Hungary

(Associated Press by Commercial Pacific Cable)

BERLIN, December 25.—Yesterday was without any particular developments before Nienport, in Flanders, while elsewhere along the western front there were only desultory attacks by the French, which, with the exception of one place, were easily repulsed. Near Souain Ferthos the Germans have abandoned one line of trenches, which the French artillery almost levelled.

In East Prussia the Germans have again assumed the offensive, advancing from Neidenburg and Soldau.

GERMANS CAREY POSITIONS

At Miawa, on the Polish border, the Germans carried a number of positions and captured a thousand prisoners.

Southeast of Tomaszow, on the Pilica river, the Russians delivered a number of fierce attacks, which were repulsed.

The reports of the Galician situation from Vienna tell of heavy losses inflicted upon the Russians in their attacks upon the Austrian positions in the Latawers Valley. The battle is continuing, with the Russians suffering heavily.

RUSSIAN BATTALION DESTROYED

During one stage of the battle the Austrians feinted a retreat and the Russians charged over mined ground. The mines were exploded and one whole battalion was wiped out.

Between the eleventh and the twentieth, in the fighting in Hungary and Galicia, the Austrians captured a total of forty-three thousand Russians, the greater number being taken during the Russian retreat from Hungary.

Altogether, the number of Russians taken by the Austrians totals two hundred thousand.

X-RAY PROCESS USED TO FIND CONTRABAND

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

NEW YORK, December 25.—Fearing that contraband of war might be concealed within the outer wrappings of raw cotton, the British agents yesterday examined ten thousand bales of that commodity by the X-ray process yesterday, the cotton being billed to Bremen. The British have guaranteed immunity from seizure of American cotton cargoes going direct to German ports, provided it is made evident to the British agents at the ports of departure that no contraband is in the shipment.

HOUSE WILL BEAT WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, December 25.—Representative Underwood, floor leader of the Democratic party in the house, yesterday publicly predicted that the resolution to amend the Constitution for the inclusion of woman's suffrage will be defeated in the house by a two to one vote. He says that the question is one for the individual states to settle and should not be made a national question. It would be unfair, he says, for the National Congress to impose a franchise condition upon any state which does not want it.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

EL PASO, December 25.—From the Carranza headquarters yesterday, in the name of his government, was issued a manifesto repudiating and declaring void any contract of any nature whatsoever entered into by the convention government, as backed by the arms of Pancho Villa.

Patrol of German Soldiers On Duty Along Bank of Yser River In Belgium



PRESS BUREAU FOR WAR NEWS CLOSED TODAY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

LONDON, December 25.—The official press bureau closed yesterday afternoon at four o'clock and will not be opened again until this evening at nine, during which time no news will be given out for publication.

The last action of the bureau officials before closing for the holiday was to issue a revised list of casualties among the officers at the front, this list being in full up to the fifteenth.

It shows that there has been a total loss among the officers, killed, wounded and captured, of 2355. Of these 1081 have been killed in action.

BIG FRENCH CRUISER ESCAPES SUBMARINE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

PARIS, December 25.—A French cruiser of the Courbet type was attacked by an Austrian submarine while cruising off the Gulf of Otranto yesterday.

The cruiser was struck but the effect of the torpedo explosion is reported to have been slight. The submarine escaped.

An attempt on the part of a German aviator to reach Paris last night was frustrated by the French air patrol.

The German machine was chased and overtaken by the French fliers and brought to earth. The German pilot was killed.

BUFORD WITH TROOPS SAILS PANAMA ROUTE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

SAN FRANCISCO, December 25.—The first troopship to sail from this port for the Atlantic via the Panama Canal is the U. S. A. T. Buford, which cleared yesterday with the Thirtieth Infantry. This regiment is to be stationed at Plattsburg Barracks. Brigadier General Edwards was a passenger on the Buford, going to the Panama Canal Zone to assume command of the troops there.

There Are Seven Legal Holidays In the Territory

LEGAL HOLIDAYS IN HAWAII are New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday, Decoration Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Regatta Day and Christmas. Holidays generally observed but not holidays by law, are Chinese New Year, Good Friday, Kamehameha Day and Thanksgiving Day.

Service of the papers in the divorce case of Makalika Kamaoaha against William Kamaoaha has been made by High Sheriff Jarrett on the libellee. The Kamaoahas were married in Honolulu August 24, 1914, by Rev. K. Poai. Extreme cruelty is charged. Mrs. Kamaoaha claiming that her husband was given three months in jail because of a beating she received at his hands.

Grand Duke Nicholas, Commanding Slavs



KING ALBERT OF BELGIUM GRATEFUL TO AMERICANS

HEADQUARTERS OF THE KING, West Flanders, December 25.—Albert of Belgium, in an interview with the correspondent of the Associated Press at the front yesterday, thanked the people of the United States for their generous giving in aid of the stricken non-combatants of Belgium.

King Albert praised the gallantry of his troops in having faced daily superior forces and having lived up to the best traditions of the Belgian race. That he would again lead his troops back into Brussels, victor in the conflict for Belgian territory, was his confident assertion.

The Belgian king is the real commander of his army and in no sense of the word a figurehead. He sleeps in the townhall of the town in which these headquarters are situated, within easy reach of the battlefield, his bed being a rickety cot.

When a few leisure hours permit, he visits the Queen, his chief support during the dark hours. She lives a few miles distant from headquarters, but on Belgian soil, where she is in full charge of a base hospital, to which a majority of the wounded Belgians are taken.

Neither King Albert nor Queen Elisabeth has a personal suite. The King's aides are hard-working staff officers, while the ladies associated with the Queen are all trained nurses, taking their share of the work in the wards.

BROTHER OF MASTER PIANIST IS SLAIN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, December 25.—A brother of Paderewski, the great Polish pianist, is among the many Poles who have fallen while fighting in the Russian ranks in Poland, according to an authenticated report received here.

GREAT STEEL MILLS FILLING WAR ORDERS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

PITTSBURG, December 24.—The big steel mills of Pittsburgh are busy filling war orders for the belligerent nations. One hundred and twenty-five thousand tons of barbed wire have been ordered, equivalent to 275,000 miles, to be used in entanglements before the positions in the field.

CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATED BY MAINLAND FOLK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

SAN FRANCISCO, December 25.—Public celebrations of Christmas Eve were held throughout the country generally last night on scales never before reached, the breaking of the cold spell in the East making the outdoor festivities possible. As a rule there was good weather in the majority of the celebrating cities.

Here, around Lotta's Fountain, a crowd of merry-makers to the number of fifty thousand gathered in listen to the vocal singing of the boys' choir and the solos of Madame Farquell.

In all the Coast cities the outdoor celebration was general.

Throughout all the Central States there was a very optimistic celebration of the arrival of Christmas, the greatest in history. In scores of cities there were outdoor, public Christmas trees, brilliantly illuminated, around which the crowds circulated in holiday mood and costumes. Singers paraded and hundreds of bands and orchestras took part.

PARCEL POST RECORD HAS BEEN ENORMOUS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, December 25.—All the records of the parcel post service were broken during the past week, the amount of Christmas mail handled by the department of the postoffice service being enormous. The department had expected the increase of business, however, and there has been no congestion.

JAPAN HAS NOT BEEN ASKED TO SEND ARMY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

TOKYO, December 25.—Baron Kato, the foreign minister, when questioned in the diet yesterday, stated that Japan had not been asked by any European government to dispatch an army to the front in either theater of the war. Japan had, however, sent a contribution of five million dollars towards the Red Cross work of the Allies.

AUSTRIAN EMPEROR IN BEST OF HEALTH

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

LONDON, December 25.—The report which came by way of Rome on Wednesday, to the effect that Emperor Franz Josef of Austria, was dying and that the last sacrament had been administered, is declared to be wholly without foundation in a Reuter's dispatch from Vienna, received yesterday. The Emperor, says this dispatch, is in the best of health and is spending Christmas with his family at the Schoenbrunn Castle.

TROOPS WILL HONOR 'XMAS' WITH RECESS IN FIGHTING

British and French Governments Have Made Every Effort To Afford Their Men At Front Some Measure of Yuletide Cheer

FIESTA OF CHRISTENDOM QUIET AT ALL CAPITALS

Streets of Paris Are Thronged On Christmas Eve But Crowd Is Sober and Quiet, While Lead-en Skies Make Berlin Gloomy

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

PARIS, DECEMBER 25.—THE British and French are making every effort to afford their men at the front some measure of Christmas cheer today, while King Albert has drawn upon his private purse to do the same for the Belgian troops. In addition to what can be supplied by the governments in the way of cheer, no effort is being spared to forward to the men the extra supplies furnished them for Christmas by their friends and relatives.

LUXURIES FOR TROOPS

The French ministry of war is forwarding to the front a large quantity of champagne, to be divided among all the soldiers in the Allied army at the rate of one quart bottle for every four men.

The British government is sending pipes and tobacco and cakes of chocolate, while the Belgians will receive each twenty-five cigars as the gift of their King.

LULL IN FIGHTING

While there has been no agreement between the governments nor between the rival commanders facing each other on the battle fronts, it is expected that there will be a decided lull in the fighting today, each army resting in honor of Christmas, with only enough men out to guard against possible surprises.

PARISIANS ARE QUIET

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

PARIS, December 25.—Last night was the quietest Christmas Eve ever known in this capital, for so many years the great playground of the greatest merry-makers of the world.

The streets last night were thronged as of old, but the crowd was sober and quiet. There was little music and practically no attempt to hide the sorrow widespread.

All the churches of the city were crowded at the midnight services.

REMEMBER BELGIAN DISTRESS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

NEW YORK, December 25.—The preachers in more than two thousand American pulpits will, in their Christmas sermons this morning, deal with the urgent needs of the Belgian war sufferers.

A request that the Christmas sermon should deal with this greatest need of the hour was made by the Belgian Relief Commission, and favorable replies have been received from more than two thousand clergymen.

This is a white Christmas in the East, all the Atlantic States being snow covered. The various charitable societies have done an immense amount of work locally, relieving the distress caused by the snow and the generally prevalent cold weather.

CHRISTMAS IN BERLIN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

BERLIN, December 25.—Christmas is being celebrated here under leaden skies and with a gloom that the efforts of the press and the officials cannot dispel. There is little Christmas display in the shops and a very moderate amount of celebrating in the cafes.

The season has been marked by the very large amount of giving on the part of the well-to-do to the poor and to the families of the soldiers at the front, in which charitable work the women of the American colony have taken a very active part.