

BIG FRENCH ARMY REPORTED ADVANCING THROUGH ALSACE

In the Western Argonne region it is stated that several of the French trenches have been taken with 250 prisoners. A French attack on Fines, north of Toul, has failed, while attacks on the German positions at Senheim have broken down.

Germans and Austrians Repulsed, Say Russians; Big Losses Admitted

PETROGRAD, Dec. 31 (United Press).—To-day's reports from the front declare that the Germans are being driven back at several points on the Vistula and Rawa Rivers following a series of attacks and counter attacks in which both sides lost heavily. The advantage, it is stated, is with the Russians.

The Galician operations are progressing, the Austrians being compelled to retire farther into the Carpathian passes. Reinforcements are being sent to the southern front and preparations made for forcing the passage of the passes and opening the way for the invasion of Hungary.

To the west the Russians have taken a number of Austrian positions on the line in Galicia east of Zaklitsyn, capturing many prisoners and a number of machine guns.

The fighting in the Caucasus is increasing in volume. The Turkish armies there are being strongly reinforced and there has been a battle in progress in the vicinity of Barykamysh for several days. The Russian artillery is reported to be much superior to that of the Turks, who have found it impossible to construct intrenchments that are not easy for the Russian gunners to demolish.

A strong Turkish column is reported to have been attacked by the Cossack cavalry north of Barykamysh and forced to retreat after losing half of its strength.

The Turkish forces which were yesterday reported concentrating in the vicinity of Yalauzudjum Pass are today said to be advancing in the general direction of Ardahan.

Austria Denies Russian Claims And Says Advance Is Checked

VIENNA, Dec. 31 (United Press).—The War Office in its review of the situation to-day declares efforts of the Russians to force the Carpathian passes have been repulsed. The danger of an invasion of Hungary is said to be remote, as strong forces now dominate every pass through the mountains.

The Russians attempted a surprise attack at Usok Pass but were in turn surprised and defeated with heavy loss.

There has been some fighting near Zaklitsyn in Western Galicia, but at no point, the War Office says, have the enemy gained any material advantage.

(According to the reports from Petrograd several positions were taken from the Austrians at this point and men and machine guns were captured. The reorganization of the entire Austrian lines made necessary by the throwing of enormous Russian reinforcements into Galicia is practically complete and the new positions, it is stated, have been so selected that danger from an enveloping movement has been eliminated.)

JAPANESE NAVY ALSO HALTING OUR SHIPS IN PACIFIC

Protest Made to Congress by Official of Pacific Mail Steamship Line.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Enlargement of the President's authority with respect to issuing arms embargoes was proposed in a bill introduced today by Representative Townner, of Iowa.

Townner likewise urged his proposal before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, in connection with that body's hearings on measures to prevent shipment of munitions to belligerents. He said this nation ought to take emphatic action to prevent continuance of the war through the aid of America's makers of war supplies.

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Intimation that the Administration would to suppress German voters, who considered "his Government pro-ally" was made to-day by Representative Humphrey of Washington.

"At any rate, I am glad that something has happened that has aroused the Administration to a pitch where it now says more than merely 'cut out,'" he said.

U. S. PROTEST IS ANSWERED BY GREY IN TALK WITH PAGE

LONDON, Dec. 31 (Associated Press).—Walter Hines Page, the American Ambassador, had an extended conversation this afternoon with Sir Edward Grey, British Secretary for Foreign Affairs, on the subject of President Wilson's note of protest against the detention of American shipping by British warships.

As the note had been discussed by the members of the British Cabinet yesterday, the Foreign Secretary was able to present to the Ambassador the combined views of himself and his colleagues.

SERVIANS NOW PLAN TO INVADE HUNGARY, HER ENVOY DECLARES.

PARIS, Dec. 31 (Associated Press).—"The Servians will not march on Sarajevo," said Dr. M. R. Venetich, the Servian Minister to France, according to a statement by him published here.

"They will penetrate either to Symria, the easternmost county of Slavonia, Hungary, by way of Bosnia, or Banat, a county of Southern Hungary, by way of Panonova."

KAISER REPORTED TO HAVE SUFFERED SERIOUS RELAPSE.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—A rumor has reached this city that Emperor William's visit to the front to be with his troops has resulted in a relapse and that he is now seriously ill. It is impossible, however, to obtain confirmation of the reports.

10,000 EXHAUSTED GERMAN SOLDIERS ARE TAKEN BACK TO BRUGES.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 31 (Central News Cable).—Ten thousand exhausted German soldiers of the marine brigades, cavalry and bicycle corps, arrived at Bruges from the front on Tuesday, according to a despatch from Sluis (Holland) to the "Handelsblad."

KAISER WILHELM'S FAVORITE SON WINS PROMOTION IN ARMY.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 31.—Prince Eitel Friedrich, the favorite son of the Emperor, has been promoted to the command of the First Brigade of the Imperial Guard.

STOCK EXCHANGE LIFTS MARKET UP FOR THE NEW YEAR

Brokers Give Shares a Boost in Order to Set Pace for Twelve Months.

WHEAT KEEPS RISING.

Bethlehem Steel Joins Procession in Rumor of Schwab's Big War Orders.

On the Stock Exchange to-day there was not much exuberance, but the brokers, always a bit susceptible to superstition, said it would mean bad luck for the next twelve months to usher in the new year with a declining, despondent market. So they framed up a little boom all around to cheer things up for to-night's celebrations.

There was light trading and quotation were made on relatively few stocks, but in nearly every case the prices were dressed up a fraction to make a good showing. In a few specialties there was genuine advance. Alaska Gold Mines Company, Bethlehem Steel, American Can and Amalgamated Copper enjoyed climbing up to peak at the end of the New Year over the heads of the crowd.

Particularly was there rejoicing for the insiders in Alaska Gold. This is a mining company owning low grade gold mines near Juneau, Alaska. The stock is \$10 par value, but to-day's culmination of a steady rise carried it to 27.14.

The ill wind of war has blown good to Bethlehem Steel and its bustling president, Charles M. Schwab, who has been chasing back and forth across the ocean for orders of munitions of war. Rumors have it that the year's showing will be fine for the company. Its common stock had a rise of 1 1/2 points to-day and touched 46 1/2. The preferred is selling at 91 3/4, the highest price of the past year.

President Noble of the Stock Exchange issued a statement about maintaining minimum prices below which no transaction is permitted. He said:

"Owing to uncertain position incident to war and the abnormal condition of foreign markets it has been deemed wise to guard against sudden demoralization of prices that might come with some unlooked for news. Minimum prices furnish this safeguard by arresting a panicky decline automatically. It is not the intention, however, that minimum prices should be used to valorize or sustain the market at any arbitrary level. It is the object of the committee to keep minimum prices as far as possible in conformity with supply and demand while at the same time using them as a check against unforeseen panics."

On Cotton Exchange there was very little business transacted, because of the uncertainty regarding ocean shipments. No exports were reported to-day.

The liveliest market of the country was Chicago Board of Trade, where wheat resumed its steady rise in price with large purchases, despite the efforts of a bear clique to keep it down. There were reports of heavy orders from foreign nations. December wheat rose to \$1.27 3/4 per bushel and the future option for May was two cents higher.

STOCK QUOTATIONS, 1 P. M.

Table with columns for stock names (Alaska Gold Mines, Am. Sugar, etc.), opening prices, high, low, and closing prices.

YOUNG VOLUNTEERS LEAVING BERLIN FOR THE FRONT



GERMAN VOLUNTEERS, WITH MOTHERS, WIVES OR SISTERS, ARE LEAVING THEM AS THEY LEAVE FOR THE FRONT.

ROGERS LED A DUAL LIFE, SAYS WOMAN WHO IS DYING

(Continued From First Page.)

accomplished just what I wanted to prevent and have made it worse! I am glad that I cannot get well. I hope I may die quickly."

Dr. Hague, who said he had learned to regard Mrs. Ida Rogers with a great deal of respect and admiration in the two and a half years he has attended her since the birth of her first child, added: "And it is, perhaps, the best for the poor woman that her wish for death must come true."

The physicians at the hospital have learned that the unhappy woman was about to become a mother for the third time and attribute to that fact her desperation and also a certain natural disorder of mind which might lead to irrational action.

REAL WIFE SAYS SHE STILL LOVES HER HUSBAND.

Mrs. Caroline Giddings Rogers was ill in bed to-day at the home of her brother, Prof. Giddings, No. 203 West One Hundred and Fourth Street. At his office in Kent Hall, Columbia University, Prof. Giddings made this statement for her: "Whatever my husband has or has not done—and I believed and always will believe that he is, essentially, a good man, I love him."

"Woman's love is incomprehensible," Prof. Giddings added. "It is for me to find Rogers and find out what he has to say. This is not a complete surprise to me. For two and a half years I have felt that my sister was unhappy. I questioned her and her reticence made me still more certain. It was not what she told me but her refusal to tell me anything which convinced me she was in great trouble. I questioned Rogers and he passed me off with the remark that my sister was not well and was over imaginative. If the woman in the Bronx, whom I never heard before, was told of an agreement by which my sister was to divorce her husband, she was deceived. I am sure."

Prof. Giddings went to Lebanon Hospital and gave Rogers his wife's message. "I am very grateful," said Rogers, "but I am in no condition now to talk to anybody. Later I shall explain matters to you."

"But what about the statement of the woman upstairs that you told her my sister was to divorce you?" asked the professor.

"I told you I wouldn't talk about that!" yelled Rogers, turning threateningly. "You heard what I said." Then he went upstairs to the dying woman.

"I am glad," said Prof. Giddings, as he left the hospital, "that my sister is safe at home with me. I do not know what might have happened to her out on that deserted mountain in New Jersey."

Rogers himself appeared at the hospital at 7 o'clock this morning, still acting and talking wildly and went to the bedside of the dying woman. He left word at the office that no messages were to be sent to him until he was first informed from whom they were coming. He sent for M. L. Jacobs, a lawyer with whom he shared office at No. 21 Broadway and who gave out some details

ASKS COURT TO TEACH HIM HOW TO BE SAILOR

But State Reform Schools Have No Course in Seamanship, So Youth Is Paroled.

Jacob Epstein, twenty-four years old, of No. 124 West One Hundred and Twentieth Street, and Samuel Hirsch, eighteen, of No. 1327 Fifth Avenue, were arrested a few evenings ago for loitering about No. 1 West Thirty-second Street, where they had no business. The mothers of the boys were in court to-day and asked Magistrate Appleton to send them to some correctional institution. Epstein chose to learn bookkeeping, so he was sent to the New York State reformatory.

"How would you like to learn steamfitting or plumbing or electrical engineering?" the Magistrate asked Hirsch.

"Not at all," replied the young prisoner, quite seriously. "I think all that kind of business is too confining. I'd like to learn how to be a sailor."

That trade is not taught in any State institution; so the boy was put on probation for one year in the custody of his mother. During that period he must keep out of poolrooms and go to bed punctually at 9 o'clock every night.

WOODS ASKS PROSECUTOR TO PROBE POLICE CASE

Magistrate Discharged Men Who Were Arraigned on Charge of Burglary.

Police Commissioner Woods wrote a long letter to the District Attorney to-day calling his attention to a case which came up in West Side Police Court last Sunday and was decided by Magistrate McQuade. Patrolman Anthony Hornow, William Gundelshimer and Edward J. Gerszuan of the West Forty-seventh street precinct arraigned before Magistrate McQuade, William Fitzgerald of No. 554 West Fifty-fifth street, Peter Ryan of No. 792 Eleventh Avenue, and Peter Gorman of No. 783 Eleventh Avenue. Fitzgerald had a swollen nose and a black eye.

Hornow charged that the three men had burglarized the clothing store of Louis Brill at No. 777 Tenth Avenue at 3 o'clock in the morning. A clean handkerchief identified by Brill as one stolen from his store was found on Fitzgerald. Testimony was offered to establish that the three men in the air and attracted the attention of the other officers. Hornow and the others testified that Fitzgerald resisted arrest and that Hornow hit him with his fist.

Fitzgerald charged that he and his friends were peaceably proceeding home when Hornow assaulted him with a nightstick. Magistrate McQuade promptly discharged all three prisoners and reprimanded Hornow for hitting Fitzgerald.

Commissioner Woods wants the District Attorney to bring the matter of Fitzgerald before the Grand Jury.

MOVING PICTURES AT HOME.

Hicks—(From the Homeville Journal.) "Did you go to the moving pictures last night?" "Wicks—No! My wife made me stay at home and rehang all the pictures in the parlor."

GULDEN'S Mustard advertisement with logo and text: "TRY IT ON Sandwiches, Ham, Cheese, Sardines, Corned Beef. MAKES Cold and Hot Meats Tasty READY TO USE. 10 CENTS. At Delicatessen and Grocery Stores."

DIED. HOWISON.—On Thursday, Dec. 31, at the 15th year of his age, HENRY H. HOWISON, Rear Admiral U. S. N. retired. Funeral services at his late residence, 52 Locust Hill, Yorkers, N. Y. Friday, Jan. 1, at 4 o'clock P. M. in the parlors at Washington, D. C. Please omit flowers.

VILLA'S MEN DRIVE CARRANZA TROOPS OUT OF MONTEREY

City Is Occupied After Enemy Evacuates It—Break in Cabinet of Gutierrez.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Carranza's forces evacuated Monterey, the largest city in their possession, on Dec. 29, and Gen. Villa with a large force is now occupying it, according to official despatches to the State Department this afternoon. They also stated that the railway between Tampico and Monterey had been cut and that trains have been fired on.

Villa is now expected to march upon Tampico and to clear the northern border of the small Carranza forces in that section.

Disruption in Provisional President Gutierrez's cabinet was also reported to-day in an official despatch from Mexico City. The Minister of Public Instruction has resigned.

Provisional President Gutierrez's proclamation of amnesty was made public by the State Department to-day. Gutierrez pointed out that executions without due process of law had excited the horror of civilized nations and called the attention to the fact that unless better order and government can be maintained in Mexico there will be no hope of recognition from the powers.

State Department officials admitted that despatches from Special Agent Stillman contained no assurances that Villa and Zapata would respect the proclamation.

VILLA JAILS GEN. BLANCO.

Pisoner Was Former Military Commander of Mexico City.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Gen. Lucio Blanco, who remained in military command of Mexico City for some time after the withdrawal of Carranza's forces and pending the arrival of the Villa and Zapata forces, has been imprisoned by Villa, according to a despatch to-day to the Carranza agency from Vera Cruz. The message dated yesterday, says:

"Advice received from Mexico City received by the War Department from secret service men say Gen. Lucio Blanco, former military commander of Vera Cruz today became denuded of rebel Villa's and Zapata's forces. Gen. Carrizosa, operating under command of Villa with 60 soldiers, surrendered his force and himself to Gen. Carrizosa in Jalisco and offered his sword to the First Chief.

PENNY CANDY advertisement with illustration of a candy box and text: "At The Threshold of The New Year. We desire to express our grateful appreciation of your patronage and friendship for the passing twelve months, and sincerely hope that 1915 will bring with it an abundance of Happiness, Good Health and Good Fortune for you all."

New Year Extra Special! 5 POUND BOX OF EUREKA MIXED CANDY. 95c. Special for Thursday: CHOCOLATE COVERED ROYAL PEPPERMINTS. 10c.

MANHATTAN MIXED CANDY—A choice collection of sweets comprising all the most old-time favorites and newest novelties in splendid variety. 65c. HIGH GRADE CHOCOLATES or Bon Bons and CHOCOLATES. 1.00.

Special New Year Feature! MILK CHOCOLATE COVERED MALAGA GRAPES. 29c. ITALIAN STYLE CREAM CHOCOLATES—Favorites with millions of LOTS Candy Lovers. These sweets are identified by a center of richly flavored Van. Sugar Cream and outside coating of Bitter Sweet Chocolate. 30c.

MILK CHOCOLATE COVERED MALRASCHINO CHERRIES. 39c.

Loft advertisement with address: 206 BROADWAY, 147 NASSAU STREET, 268 WEST 156TH STREET, 28 WEST 34TH STREET, 149TH ST. & THIRD AVENUE, 157 MARKET ST., New York.

"Open Air to Everywhere" advertisement for Columbus Circle and Madison Square. See the crowds of merrymakers tonight—See the beautiful Christmas trees at Columbus Circle and Madison Square—See them Comfortably from a 'Bus. Greatly increased night Service for New Year's Eve. Fifth Avenue Coach Co.