

# 1,000,000 GERMANS IN YEAR'S CASUALTY LIST ON FRENCH FRONT

...to be perfect. The general charge is that he had been systematically passing out defective parts since April 4, 1916.

Having lost four men, one of whom, Capt. Paul Herring, is believed to have been killed in an enemy mine. One of the reasons for the failure of the campaign was the failure of the American Expeditionary Force to take the town of Verdun in October, 1916.

## ENTIRE PERSHING ARMY IS NOW SNOWED UNDER

American soldiers in France now "digging out" instead of "digging in."

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE Friday, Dec. 29 by Associated Press.—Will another day of howling snowstorm—the fourth—virtually the entire American Expeditionary Force within the army zone abandon preparations to battle the Germans and begin a fight to keep from being snowed under. All last night and throughout today the flakes fell, choking the roads and badly delaying traffic.

By nightfall the roads were in such shape that ploughs were brought out to keep the way clear. Noon after dark the sky cleared and a full moon came out, bathing the entire country in light almost as brilliant as day and making conditions ideal for air raids. There were low-hanging clouds on the horizon, however, giving promise of more snow.

## REGISTRANTS FAIL TO GET DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRES

Twenty Per Cent. Haven't Reached Men—Changes in Addresses Largely to Blame.

About 20 per cent. of the draft registrants in Greater New York are not being reached by the questionnaires, according to the office of Draft Director McCook. Mr. McCook gave out today the result of a canvass of one-third of the 183 Local Exemption Boards regarding returns for the first 5 per cent. of questionnaires mailed to 27,000 of the 540,000 registrants in the city.

Of these questionnaires only 74 per cent. have been returned on time and filed out by the registrants. In 2 per cent. of the cases an extension of time for filing out the questionnaires was granted. Four per cent. of the questionnaires were found to have been sent to men already in the service of the army or navy.

## PROCLAIMS WIDOW'S RIGHT TO BURY HER HUSBAND

Court Decides in Favor of Mrs. Walter, Who Accuses Late Millionaire's Brothers of Fraud.

The right of a widow to bury her husband and to bring suit for damages against those who obstruct her efforts in this behalf was proclaimed today in an opinion by Supreme Court Justice Hutchins in the suit of Mrs. Ann M. Keuthie Walter against the three brothers of her late husband and Moses Heller, as administrators of his estate, to collect \$19,000 damages.

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## "GENE" DRISCOLL BANKRUPT

Foe of "Tim" Foley Has Assets of \$15 and Liabilities of \$4,475. Eugene J. Driscoll, a leader in the political fight to elect the Second Assembly District from "Tom" Foley, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy today. He has assets of \$15 and liabilities of \$4,475, the principal claim against him being one for \$4,024 by the State of New York, representing a judgment recovered on a forfeited bond.

## 2,269 AUTOS STOLEN IN YEAR

All but 364 Recovered, Police Report to Woods Shows. Police Commissioner Woods received today the report of the automobile squad for the period from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. It shows that 2,269 automobiles were stolen in New York streets and all but 364 of them were recovered. The squad also recovered eighty-five cars stolen in the city of New York.

## HYLAN'S SWORN AS MAYOR BUT HIS SLAVE IS UNFILLED

Police Commissioner Still Undecided—Plans Made to Build Schools at Once.

Judge John F. Hyland interrupted a busy day at his headquarters in a betide Justice Day in Part I. of the Supreme Court and took the oath of office as Mayor of New York at noon today. On Jan. 1 he will go to the City Hall without ostentation or parade and become Mayor in fact.

Hyland has not yet picked all the members of his new Cabinet. Those who profess to have his confidence say that the incumbent of the Police Commissioner's office is still in doubt.

In doubt, too, is the man who is to succeed Street Commissioner Father-ton, whose resignation takes effect on Jan. 1. This was demonstrated today by the fact that Judge Hyland sent word to A. H. McElroy, Deputy Street Commissioner of the Bronx, asking him to take charge of the Street Department as Acting Commissioner on Jan. 1.

Among the callers at his office in the rooms of the Business Men's League to-day were former Ambassador James W. Gerard and John W. Hovers, who called to urge upon Hyland the necessity of keeping in existence the Mayor's Committee on National Defense, whatever changes he may make in the personnel. Miss Gilderleeve, dean of Barnard College, and Mrs. Willard D. Straight, who are members of the woman's branch of the present committee, also called with the same plea.

Judge Hyland held a conference with a number of assistant superintendents of schools in regard to immediate school construction. Assistant Superintendent Shellow reported that the \$7,000,000 appropriated during the Mitchell administration for school building was still available and recommended the construction of four new buildings in Brooklyn, two in Queens and one or two in the Bronx.

New York City members of the Legislature met with Mayor-elect Hyland and the incoming Board of Estimate to-day to discuss the legislative program of the new administration. Municipal ownership and operation of public utilities and more effective food control were the principal topics.

## 46,712 BRITISH PRISONERS HELD BY THE GERMANS

Official Announcement Gives Total, Including Those in Switzerland.

LONDON, Dec. 15 (by mail).—British prisoners held by the enemy, including those in Switzerland, total 46,712, according to an official announcement. The prisoners include members of the regular army, territorial forces, Royal Navy and naval division, divided as follows:

| Officers         | Other ranks  |
|------------------|--------------|
| In Germany.....  | 1,853 41,858 |
| In Turkey.....   | 340 1,959    |
| In Bulgaria..... | 42 686       |
| In Austria.....  | 12 74        |
| Total.....       | 2,257 44,457 |

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## 103, HE IS BITTER AT KAISER.

Newark Man, on Birthday, Says Wilhelm "Deserves to Be Dead." Tim for Wilson all the time," he said, "but I would not change places with him for all the world. If ever a man deserved to be dead, Kaiser Wilhelm is that man. He is of no use to anybody."

## HOW THE BATTLE LINES ON ALL FRONTS HAVE CHANGED IN 1917



## WEATHER BELOW ZERO HERE; "COLDER" IS FORECAST FOR TO-NIGHT

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They said they had been without heat or hot water for two weeks. The house is in the hands of a receiver. The Magistrate told the tenants to make their complaint in the judge who appointed the receiver.

Joseph A. Hall, Bronx Administrator, said that only 1,800 tons of coal arrived in the Bronx last night as against twice that amount the night previous. Whereas during the week past the coal reserve in eight week morning had been from 4,500 to 4,800 tons in dealers' yards, there were but 2,500 tons undistributed early to-day. Hall added:

The cut of from 20,000 tons weekly to 20,000 for coal peddlers, which was decided upon at yesterday's meeting of the Fuel Conservation Committee would put 300 peddlers out of business within a few days, said the Fuel Administrator.

Whenever complaints are received of sick persons in cold houses policemen are sent to investigate at once and if the facts are as represented relief is given.

Twelve thousand tons were expected in Brooklyn yesterday, but failed to arrive. Two bargeloads of coal reached a pier at Morgan and Johnson Avenues, Williamsburg, this morning, and a throng of women, men and children stormed the hatches in a vain effort to get a little fuel.

"You can't have it" the crews shouted. "It's consigned." Hair-don't fights started and police rescues were called. The police finally quieted the people by telling them that, if they would be patient perhaps they could fill the bags that they carried. But it was a false "perhaps."

It is estimated that New York needs 40,000 tons of coal a day. The amount received yesterday was estimated at between 20,000 and 25,000 tons. It is not expected to exceed this average for several days. The mines were shut down three days this week, and because of the New Year's holidays are expected to be idle three days next week.

WIGGIN URGES PRIORITY EDICT TO BRING COAL HERE. A. H. Wiggin, Federal Fuel Administrator for New York State, announced today that he is "moving heaven and earth" to get a railroad priority order for the transportation of coal here.

## Germans Suffer 1,000,000 Casualties in Fighting Of Year on French Front

70,000 Men and 1,400 Cannon Captured and 1,030 Planes Downed by French.

ON THE FRENCH FRONT, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press).—One million casualties have been suffered by the German armies along the front occupied by the French troops during 1917, according to statistics carefully compiled here. French territory amounting to many hundreds of square miles has been freed from German domination by the year's fighting and the German Crown Prince has left between 60,000 and 70,000 prisoners from among his best troops in French hands. His cannon to the number of 1,400 have been captured, and thousands of machine guns and hundreds of trench mortars.

Three dominant events on the front of the French armies in France have marked the year, and each has terminated in a victory for French arms. First came the enforced retreat in March of the German forces from the greater part of the Department of the Somme, the Oise and the Aisne, brought about by the combined smashing blows delivered by the French and British during the Battle of the Somme in the fall of 1916.

Then followed the French offensive on the Aisne and in Champagne, whose conclusion came only at the end of seven months of almost continuous fighting, with the capture from the Crown Prince's armies of the key of the Hindenburg position formed by the Fort of Malmesdon and their reluctant retreat from the famous Chemin des Dames. This left in the French hands all the good observations useful for future operations.

In the mean time the French had fought and won the culminating battle for the liberation of Verdun. In the course of which the French troops regained nearly every inch of the ground around the fortress which it had cost the Crown Prince 500,000 men to capture in 1916.

In aerial combats the French aviators undoubtedly proved themselves masters of their German adversaries. By the end of October, the last complete return available, French aviators had destroyed in ten months 517 German airplanes whose fate it was possible to confirm with certainty. Besides these they had brought down another 513, the absolute destruction of which could not be confirmed, but which had been seen to fall out of control with a great possibility of a fatal crash.

These figures, totalling 1,030, make an excellent record, and to them must be added twenty-two German captive balloons. Entente has won the greatest victory of the war and that diplomats have destroyed all that has been fought for.

"The movement toward a general peace cannot be arrested," declared Dr. Erzsberg, leader of the German minority Socialists, in an interview received here today. Erzsberg predicted a separate peace with Russia very soon.

Assurances have come from the Russian Ambassador at Tokio that Japan will not send troops into Manchuria and Siberia until consent of the Entente has been secured. The State Department had no confirmation of the Bolshevik refusal to pass an American diplomatic courier at the border, but authorities indicated their belief that the Bolsheviks were trying to compel these couriers to get passports from Bolshevik representatives, thereby giving the Bolsheviks possible cause for saying that the United States Government recognized them officially.

## SALE OF CHALONER'S HOME IS HALTED BY UNIVERSITY

CHARLOTTETOWN, Va., Dec. 29.—Intervention by the University of Virginia, to which John Armstrong Chaloner, in 1877, bequeathed his personal property and his home, Merry Mills, resulted in the postponement of the auction sale of the property today.

The sale had been ordered to satisfy judgments under Virginia's "Fair-Dealers Law," the university having bonded, pending a hearing, to determine ownership of the property. Chaloner is rated a millionaire, but nearly all his property is in New York State, where the courts have held him insane and placed his property in the hands of a guardian.

## CREW OF A U-BOAT CHEER WHEN TAKEN AS U. S. PRISONERS

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Though kept under strict guard they seemed contented and after a short time commenced to sing. To make them comfortable the crew of the destroyer gave them warm coats and heavy clothing.

"The German officers said the first depth charge had wrecked the machinery of the submarine and caused her to sink to a considerable depth. The submarine bore no number or distinguishing marks. She was identified by life belts and by stamps of an officer and men of the crew. One of the life belts had 'Kaiser' marked on one side and 'Gott' on the other.

"The Fanning proceeded to port and transferred the prisoners under guard. As they were taken to small boats, the Germans gave three cheers. The commanding officer of the Fanning read the burial service over the body of the dead crew member and the destroyer proceeded to sea and buried him with full military honors.

"In his report the commander of the Fanning praises the conduct of his officers and crew and gives particular credit to Lieut. Walter O. Henry, officer of the deck, and to Coxswain Loomis, who alerted the periscope. He also commends Pharmacia's Mate Harwell and Coxswain Connor, who jumped overboard to save the drowning German.

"The British Commander-in-Chief, under whom the destroyers were operating, said this in his report to the British Admiralty: "The whole affair reflects credit on the discipline and training of the United States flotilla; the incident shows that the Fanning is a man of war in the best sense of the term, well disciplined and organized and ready for immediate action."

"He also praises her commander, Lieut. A. S. Carpenter, and commends Pharmacia's Mate Harwell and Coxswain Connor. The British Admiralty commended the prompt action of the Nicholson, which, he says, completed the success of its sister ship. The Nicholson was commanded by Lieut. G. H. Fort. The British Admiralty sent a telegram to the Commander-in-Chief directing him to express to the commanding officer, officers and men of the Fanning, its high appreciation of their successful action against enemy submarines.

"Vice-Admiral Sims, commanding the American forces operating in European waters, commended the officers and men of the Fanning and Nicholson to the next highest rating in recognition of their vigilance in sighting the periscope."

Officers of the destroyer Fanning and warrant officers commended are Lieut. A. S. Carpenter, commander.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES. ST. JAMES' CHURCH, 100 West 42d St., New York. Rev. FRANK WAREFIELD CROWDER, Rector. Service with singing of Psalm by candlelight.

## SHELL FROM LINER SMASHES U BOAT

4 OTHERS TAKEN

Ship's Passengers See Shot Hit Pursuing Submarine 1,500 Yards Away.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A German submarine was sunk by the fire of guns of an American passenger steamer approaching the British coast Wednesday, according to reports of the passengers and gunners aboard. The ship was at full speed about noon in a very smooth sea and clear weather. A portshell was sighted and the submarine was seen plainly by the passengers as it came to the surface at a distance of about 1,500 yards directly in the wake of the ship.

The steamer was brought about sharply and the two guns each took a shot with only an interval of two seconds. The second shell exploded and debris from the submarine was seen flying in the air. Afterward no trace of the submarine was visible. The convoy signalled to the liner: "A direct hit!"

The watch on the bridge and the gunners and passengers confirm the verdict. No trace of a torpedo was seen. The incident passed so quickly that there was no alarm or panic. Passengers who came running to the deck at the sound of the guns were told that the excitement was all over.

## SAYS 12 U. S. DESTROYERS CAPTURED 4 SUBMARINES

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Four German submarines were captured recently by twelve American destroyers, according to an American seaman who reached his home here from a French port to-day.

The seaman—a former Boston newspaper man—was aboard a troop ship at the French port recently, he said, when the destroyers, all flying the Stars and Stripes, steamed in with their prizes. The submarines had been on the surface with their conning towers open and were recharging their batteries when the American destroyers swept down upon them and took them without a fight.

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