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VIENNA (via Berlin and London), Dec. 9.—The official statement from the war office today says: "In western

Galicia our attacks continue. Calm prevails in southern Poland. The enemy's renewed attacks in the vicinity of Piotrkow have failed.

Berlin reports that hostile aviators dropped bombs upon Freiburg, province of Baden, yesterday. They inflicted no damage and were driven off.

Pope Asks Christmas Truce; Berlin Willing

THE HAGUE, Dec. 10.—The Berliner Tagblatt states:

The Pope has appealed to all the belligerent powers with the object of arranging a "three-weeks' truce for Christmas. Germany is opposed to this in principle."

Allies Push Steadily On, Declares Communiqué

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—Gains of 200 to 300 yards along the French center line are reported today in the official communiqué issued from the war office.

The official statement covering the operations of yesterday says: "Calm prevailed on the 9th in Belgium and the region of Arras.

Brisk fighting continues in the vicinity of Ypres and along the entire line from the coast to Lille. Ypres has again been bombarded. It is reported here.

Unconfirmed reports state that the allies have gained possession of Dixmude. This position has changed hands repeatedly, however, and as it is in the midst of the inundated section, great importance is not attached to it from a military standpoint.

Russian Staff Admits Peril of Poland Capital

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Manager of Millionaire's Estate Testifies to Incidents Connected With His Work.

William J. Dante, manager of the Hutchins estate for nineteen years, was a witness today in the trial of the contest of the will of Silston Hutchins before Justice Anderson in Probate Court and told of a number of instances which he thought the millionaire indicated that his mind was not clear.

Up until 1904, when the millionaire suffered a stroke of paralysis, Mr. Dante said he thought Mr. Hutchins had a "wonderful physique and mentality," but after the affliction he noted a change for the worse. He said that after Mr. Hutchins had been away six months following the stroke he told him that he had been on a Japanese warship, and subsequently told him he had been to Mexico and the North Pole.

Mr. Dante said on one occasion Mr. Hutchins insisted on receiving a list of his securities, but Walter Silston Hutchins, a son of the millionaire, said Mr. Hutchins a list and was later upbraided by the son. Other seeming differences among members of the Hutchins family were related by the witness.

Federal Troops to Quit Colorado Mines Soon

Federal troops which have been guarding the mining regions of Colorado probably will be withdrawn to their home stations within the next twenty-four hours, Senator Thomas of Colorado, who saw the President this morning, showed him a telegram from Gov. Ammons stating that now that the coal strike is settled, the State is prepared to take over the work of guarding the mine properties.

The President is understood to have wished a telegram direct from Gov. Ammons to this effect.

Senator Thomas expressed the belief that his refusal to admit the pitiful condition of the miners would be turning out today or tomorrow.

Prices Deeply Cut

On Quality Groceries Tomorrow and Saturday

Delicious Breakfast Bacon

Sweet Mild Flavor, Hickory Smoked, Cured From Young Tender Pigs, Absolutely Boneless, Pound . . . 20c

FAIRY SOAP, 2 CAKES . . . 7c

CRINE'S CATSUP bot. 5c

PEANUT BUTTER lb. 11c

BEST CREAMERY BUTTER

SULTANA TOMATOES can 10c

Quaker or Mother's OATS, a pkg. 8c

BARLEY or TAPIOCA lb. 4c

37c lb.

SCOTCH PEAS—lb. 4c

Save the A & P Coffee and Tea Checks and Secure Useful Christmas Gifts

Visit our Premium Parlors, 310 F. st. n. w., and see the wonderful assortment of useful gifts we give away with our premium checks. Come tomorrow and see this grand collection and pick out your Christmas gift.

El Ryad Coffee, 35c lb.

Sultana Coffee, 30c lb.

Iona Coffee, 25c lb.

Fresh Roasted Coffee, 20c lb.

A Good Coffee for, lb. . . . 15c

Red Kidney Beans, 3 cans 25c

RELIABLE PEAS A Big Bargain Can 10c

Chocolate Almond Bars 3 for 10c

Brooms, 23c, 29c, 34c

Argo Starch a box, 4c

FAT NORWAY MACKEREL 8 lb. 99c

A & P Grape Juice, Small, 8c; Large, 15c

Good Cheese 20c lb.

Brookfield EGGS Every Egg Guaranteed, 32c Doz.

Country EGGS From Maryland and Virginia, 29c Doz.

Pure LARD 12 1/2 c lb.

BIG MAIN STORE, 607 7th St. N. W.

Atlantic-Pacific Tea Co.

GARDNER CAUSTIC IN MAKING REPLY

Denounces as "Lullaby Policy" Wilson's Message Relative to Nation's Preparedness.

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men of straw which the President had ordered to be destroyed with the grasp of his scholarly eloquence."

Wants Peaceful Inquiry. No one, continued Mr. Gardner, asked that "our young men spend the best years of their life making soldiers of themselves." All he asked was a peaceful investigation by an independent commission "which shall be charged with the duty of recommending to the country exactly what we ought to do to insure our national safety." The only suggestion of compulsory military service he said, had come from Assistant Secretary Roosevelt of the War Department, and he added that the President "has the power to discipline Mr. Roosevelt for his temerity, but he should not rely on Mr. Roosevelt's words for stuffing his man of straw."

Then, taking President Wilson's assertion that in time of national peril the country must depend upon "citizens trained and accustomed to arms," Mr. Gardner asked how enough citizenry could be obtained and how long the regular army would be left unencumbered while this citizenry was being mobilized. Nor did he think the President realized that there were only 130,000 militiamen in the whole country, and that 5,000 of these did not appear for inspection last year.

"Even the President," he added, "with his transcendental ideas cannot expect his trained citizenry to fight with their fists," and the country is "short 335 field guns and 1,224 rounds of ammunition," according to the chief of staff.

Mr. Gardner also criticized severely the secretary of committee hearings on army and naval affairs and on coast defenses, and referred sarcastically to the "pitiful publicity" advocated by the Administration. The refusal of the Committee on Rules to accord him a hearing on his resolution he characterized as an insult in the history of the nation.

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Friday's Big Sale of Men's House Slippers at 95c

Nothing like a pair of COZY SLIPPERS to warm a man's heart toward the thoughtful giver.

Tomorrow we offer these good \$1.25 values—at 95c

Tan Kid Traveling Slippers in leather cases. Black or tan soft kid Everett or Opera Slippers. Warm black felt Everett slippers with flexible leather soles. Low cut, gray felt "Best Mate" slippers with cushiony buckram black felt. Best quality, fancy Terry Cloth Bath Slippers, trimmed with velvet.

Friday Big Sale of Women's Xmas Slippers 95c

A classy showing of the most attractive \$1.25 and \$1.50 Slipper values—at 95c.

Felt Juliet of the famous Lord Green Co.'s make. Red, gray or black felt, trimmed with black fur. Belting leather soles. Infinitely little felt "Siesta" slippers with soft silk soles, spring heels, lambwood inlay. In late spring, old tan, gray or Gray with torn down collar of contrasting shade. "Stiletto Slippers" made of soft felt with leather sole and low heel. Colors: Black, Pink, Blue, Red, Brown.

Friday's Sale of "Gift-Footer" at 49c

Women's and Children's warm felt house slippers with leather soles. Men's soft kid "Siesta" slippers, without heels. Colors: Black, red, pink, blue, tan. Men's and Women's styles cloth overgarters in black or gray. Infants' cute little soft sole Boots and Moccasins—all colors. Men's and Women's fancy towelling cloth Bath Slippers.

Women's dainty Satin Pump with covered wood heel. Styles in black, white, pink, or blue in all sizes. Six better styles—but not in all sizes—in the same colors of satin—also black velvet. These were \$2.50 to \$3.50 a pair. Tomorrow at \$1.95.

Durable Winter Shoes For the Young Folks \$1.95

A Friday Sale of regular \$2.50 grades—reduced to \$1.95.

For Boys: A good wearing style of school and dress shoes, Gun Metal Calf, Storm Calf, in black, white, tan. Laced and button models with solid oak leather soles. Sizes 1 to 5 1/2.

For Girls: Extra high Patent Storm Boots. In Patent Gun Metal Calf, a sharply serviceable, perfect fitting styles. Sizes 1 1/2 to 2.

The Weather Suggests—Rubber Footwear

Get it at "Hahn's"—and buy it from one of the greatest Rubber Stocks in the U. S.—where qualities are always at the top—and prices at the bottom.

Knee Boots "Storm King" Buckle Top Boots.

Children's 6 to 10 1/2 \$1.39

Misses' 11 to 12 \$1.69

Youths' 11 to 12 \$1.95

Women's 3 to 8 \$2.00

Boys' 2 to 6 \$2.45

Men's \$2.50 up

Youths' \$2.50

Men's \$3.00

Women's \$1.00 to \$2.50

Men's \$1.50 to \$3.00

High Storm Shoes For the Boy!

Will "tickle" his sense of manliness—give him more pleasure than any other gift in the category!

We are showing some corking good values in Black and Tan Storm Calf, 8-inch Bluchers. With large eyelets—2 straps and buckles at top. Full double soles.

Sizes 1 to 5 1/2 \$2.50

Sizes 10 to 13 1/2 \$2.00

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Sizes: 5 to 8 \$1.50 & \$1.75