

# ADVANCING ON WARSAW

## Germans Attacking Russians.

### HOLD RIVER POSITIONS

#### Czar's Forces Cross Bzura and Then Destroy Bridges.

London, Dec. 21.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army, which is advancing on Warsaw over a wide front between the Vistula and the Pilica rivers, and which on Friday occupied Lowicz, reached the new Russian positions along the Bzura river and southward to Pawa, Saturday, with the result that another big battle is in progress.

The Russians retired across the Bzura river, destroying the bridges behind them, and two German detachments, which followed over a partly burned bridge, were attacked and are said to have been annihilated, fifty survivors being taken prisoners.

This is only the beginning of the great battle for Warsaw, from which the Germans now are only thirty miles or less. Field Marshal von Hindenburg, however, expects stern resistance, which the strongly reinforced Russian army is certain to offer to his further advance, protected as it is by the Vistula river, which the Germans have been unable to cross.

The Russians are continuing their operations against East Prussia, as though the capital of Poland were not threatened, and by counter attacks are attempting to throw off the Austro-German attacks in Galicia. An Austrian sortie in force from Przemysl, according to the Russian official statement, has failed entirely and there, as well as at other points, prisoners and guns were taken.

## ALLIES ADVANCING AT TERRIBLE COST

London, Dec. 21.—The offensive operations of the allies in the west are being carried out under conditions of siege warfare and are being stubbornly opposed by the Germans, who, in their entrenchments and surrounded by wire entanglements, make an advance of even a few yards a costly matter for the attacking forces.

In Flanders a little ground has been gained at considerable cost, despite the fact that along the coast the allies have the assistance of warships which continually bombard the German positions. The advance has been more marked from the Belgian border south to the River Oise, where the ground is not as wet as in the flooded regions of Flanders.

Along the Aisne and in the Champagne district the French artillery, which now probably is stronger than the German, has been busy keeping the Germans on the move, but in the Argonne region it is the Germans who are on the offensive and they claim to have made a slight advance.

The general opinion of military men here is that some time must elapse before the allies can expect to make any marked progress. Besides being in fortified positions, which could only be taken after having been thoroughly searched out by the artillery, the Germans still have more machine guns than the allies and, as has been proved in previous battles, these, so long as they can be successfully operated, make infantry attacks too costly to be attempted.

## RULERS UNITED FOR PEACE

Kings of Sweden, Norway and Denmark End Conference.

Stockholm, Dec. 21.—King Christian of Denmark, King Gustave of Sweden and King Haakon of Norway, who, with their foreign ministers, met in conference at Halmoe on Friday and Saturday to formulate a plan for combining their respective interests during the war, reached an agreement on the special questions raised. The statement is made in an official communication issued here.

The deliberations of the monarchs and ministers consolidated the good relations among the three kingdoms and also enabled an agreement to be reached on the special questions raised. It finally was agreed to pursue the co-operation so happily begun and to arrange, when circumstances should occur, for fresh meetings between representatives of the three governments.

## BRITISH TAKE OVER EGYPT

Put an End to Turkish Suzerainty Over Country.

London, Dec. 19.—Great Britain has declared Egypt a British protectorate and at once put an end to the suzerainty of Turkey over the ancient country.

# STATE NEWS BITS

## Minor Happenings of the Week Throughout Minnesota.

In the report of the state labor department for 1913-1914 the commissioner of labor, W. F. Houk, makes some important recommendations regarding employment offices in Minnesota. He urges the re-establishing of the office of superintendent of employment offices, with a sufficient salary to enable the department to procure a man specially trained for this work and capable of developing the state of ces in a scientific and businesslike manner. He recommends also that all private employment agencies shall procure their licenses from the labor department and that the licenses be revocable by the department on the conviction of any agent for violation of the laws governing employment offices.

A meeting of potato growers that promises to be of great import to the industry in Minnesota will be held at University Farm, St. Paul, Jan. 7. The gathering will be one of a series of conferences held during the week when the Minnesota College of Agriculture is giving its annual series of short courses for farmers and farmers' wives. Besides the meeting of the potato growers there will be conferences of creamery managers, live stock breeders, horse, swine, sheep, Short Horn, Hereford, Holstein, Guernsey and Jersey breeders, Minnesota Crop Improvement association, growers of fruit and county agents.

Plea for a larger state appropriation for the state fair is made in the annual report of the Minnesota State Agricultural society presented to Governor A. O. Eberhart by Secretary John C. Simpson. The state now contributes \$15,000 a year, but this should be increased to \$25,000 a year, it is urged, and in addition provision should be made for a new live stock barn to cost \$200,000, and for the extension of the grandstand at a cost of \$40,000.

The river and harbor bill ordered reported by the house committee appropriates \$75,000 less for Minnesota local projects than the estimates submitted by the secretary of the treasury early in the session. Of this \$60,000 was for work in the Leech river and for the Mississippi between Winnebago and Pokegama reservoirs, \$5,000 for the harbor at Agate bay, and \$5,000 for Grand Marais.

With the side curtains of their buggy drawn to protect them from the cold Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rebaume of Washington township, Le Sueur county, failed to see or hear an incoming passenger train and were run down on a grade crossing near the Omaha station at St. Peter. Mr. Rebaume was killed and his wife was hurt seriously, although she will recover.

S. H. Greeley, secretary of the Equity Co-operative Exchange, will leave St. Paul soon after Jan. 1 for his home in Winnetka, Ill., where he will look after his private business. He has been one of the prominent factors in developing the co-operative exchange at St. Paul.

Mrs. John Shields, ninety-seven years old, one of the pioneer settlers of Mendota, is dead. Mrs. Shields came to America from Ireland in 1850. She was married to John Shields in the same year at Cincinnati, O. Five years later they moved to Mendota.

The Minnesota Cannery association, its session in St. Paul, voted to make the executive committee of the organization a legislative committee to keep track of all bills relating to the canning industry introduced in the legislature at the coming session.

William C. Smith, former assessor of Ramsey county and a brother of the late Robert A. Smith, who was mayor of St. Paul several years, is dead. Mr. Smith was born in Booneville, Ind., about eighty-one years ago.

Angus McPhee, ninety years old, one of the earliest settlers in that section of the state, is dead at Sleepy Eye. He reached there from Canada at a time when there was no railroad in the country west of St. Peter.

Mrs. Sarah J. Williams, eighty-one years of age, is dead at Minneapolis, her end coming less than a month after the death of her husband. Mrs. Williams came to Minnesota in 1857.

Fire starting over John Satterstrom's store at North Branch wiped out the main business block of the city with a loss estimated at \$100,000.

Thomas Phelps, eighty-five years of age, who was in turn a pioneer in California, Minnesota, Wisconsin and South Dakota, is dead at Minneapolis.

Statewide prohibition workers and sympathizers will meet at a banquet in St. Paul Jan. 12.

The new \$18,000 schoolhouse at Backus has been destroyed by fire.

## GRAND AND PETIT JURORS DRAWN.

District Court will convene Jan. 12 at 11 o'clock w. on the grand jury will meet. The petit jury will meet Jan. 13. This is the first time a grand jury has been called in this county since the June term in 1912. The jurors are as follows:

- GRAND JURORS.**  
John Knox, Brownsdale Village.  
I. S. R. Scovill, Austin City.  
J. K. Harlan, Grand Meadow Village.  
J. F. Ziemer, Waltham Village.  
K. O. Eric, Le Roy Township.  
H. C. Trowbridge, Lyle Township.  
T. S. Green, Pleasant Valley Township.  
A. P. Martin, Nevada Township.  
A. Lerude, Lansing Township.  
W. E. Groby, Bennington.  
T. F. Cummings, Austin City.  
Nick Human, Taopi, Village.  
Bernard Eise, Pleasant Valley.  
W. J. Dever, Racine Township.  
Earl Laril, Udolpho Township.  
Henry Quast, Marshall Township.  
L. W. Gillett, Red Rock Township.  
H. B. Bce, Lansing Township.  
Albert Stark, Dexter Township.  
O. A. Huntley, Lodi Township.  
Reyal Lines, Austin City.  
John Heimer, Adams Township.

- PETIT JURY.**  
F. A. Studer, Dexter Township.  
Wm. J. Now, Le Roy Township.  
H. J. Lockwood, Frankford Twp.  
Iver Erickson, Clayton Township.  
Herman Grams, Pleasant Valley Township.  
E. A. Wignes, Clayton Township.  
S. H. Warington, Lyle Township.  
Sam Johnson, Le Roy Township.  
Rudolph Quandt, Pleasant Valley.  
W. P. Lambert, Austin City.  
E. E. Edwards, Waltham Township.  
L. M. Eggen, Nevada Township.  
Elmer DeYoung, Grand Meadow Township.  
Anton Bohn, Dexter Township.  
Ed Knutson, Adams Township.  
Herbert Burrington, Grand Meadow Township.  
John Nicholson, Grand Meadow Township.  
Geo. E. Smith, Windom Township.  
E. D. Nelson, Nevada Township.  
W. J. Eagen, Red Rock Township.  
Wm. Beach, Bennington Twp.  
Max Ellinghoyser, Racine Twp.  
J. J. Myhre, Le Roy Township.  
S. H. Simonson, Frankford Twp.

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**C. W. B. M.**  
The C. W. B. M. met with Mrs. Frank Bell Thursday afternoon. The following papers were read: "Proclaiming the Prince of Peace" written by Mrs. Art Rice and read by Mrs. Art Padelford.

"The Children of the Bible, Moses and Marion," Mrs. Logan.  
"In Red Man's Land," Mrs. Taylor.  
"The Star in the East, or the Orient" Mrs. Hayter.  
A very fine lunch was served by Mrs. Bell, which all the ladies enjoyed.

**THERMOMETERS.**  
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**SHOWER FOR MISS AMANDA SODERGREN.**  
A parcel shower was given Miss Amanda Sodergren at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Beazley at Baker, Mont., Wednesday evening followed by a luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Johnson. The marriage of Miss Sodergren and L. A. Swannan of Lewiston has been set for Dec. 26th.

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**RED CROSS SEALS FOR SALE.**  
Red Cross Christmas Seals will be among the holiday necessities which can be secured by mail this season. We have seals for sale at this office. Buy a few and put them on your Christmas packages and letters. Send a few to your correspondents or other friends living out of town, for 10 each. Seals are on sale at all public buildings. Call or write The Transcript and get a supply.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY.**  
The Koterie of the Presbyterian church held their Christmas dinner and party in the church dining room Tuesday evening. Dinner was served at 7:30. Carnations and lighted red candles adorned the table. Betty place cards and other decorations made the long table attractive. Twenty-six were seated at dinner. After the three-course dinner was served the guests found Christmas gifts in stockings hung before a fire place.

**AMOMA OFFICERS.**  
The Amoma held its regular meeting Wednesday at Helen Baker's home. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Frances Conner. Vice President, Lillian Waterman. Secretary, Eva Bullis. Treasurer, Mildred Brown. Librarian, Sarah Craig. Reporter, Mariah Elton. Visitor, Helen Baker. A two course luncheon was served after the business meeting.

## MIOZOTA SOCIETY ELECTION.

The regular meeting of the Miozota society was held Friday at the home of Mrs. Harry Austin. The proceeds of the meeting were \$10.00. This was the annual meeting and officers were elected. The following were chosen: President—Mrs. Jo Boulton. Vice Pres.—Mrs. Charles Aultfather. Secretary—Mrs. Adam Goodsell. Treasurer—Mrs. H. F. Chandler. The January meeting will be held with Mrs. Charles Aultfather in Cedar City.

**SHOWER PARTY.**  
Miss Grace Gardner entertained a company of young ladies Friday evening at her home on Kenwood avenue in honor of Miss Florence Weidt whose marriage to Kenneth Lawson Stewart of St. Paul takes place New Year's evening. Miss Weidt was invited to Miss Gardner's home for lunch and later in the evening the other friends called. A Christmas tree decorated the dining table where lunch was served at 10:30. Gifts were hidden about the house and the bride-to-be found these by means of clues of paper which gave directions. The guests report a delightful time.

**SONG SERVICE.**  
A Christmas song service was given at the Congregational church Sunday evening under the direction of the choir director, Mrs. S. Burnham. The church was attractive with holly and other decorations in red and green. The Christmas carols and antems rendered were especially fine on this occasion. Miss Susie Basford rendered an organ prelude. Rev. Gregory gave the beautiful Christmas story taken from the life of Jacob Riis. The service of music and story was excellent throughout and was well attended.

**PRINCE AUGUST WILLIAM.**  
Fourth Son of Kaiser, Hurt at Front, Taken to Berlin.

Prince August William, fourth son of Emperor William, has recovered sufficiently from injuries he suffered in an automobile at the front several weeks ago that he could be taken to Berlin.



He has arrived in the capital in fairly good condition. Some time, it is stated, will be needed for the complete recovery.

## GERMAN SHIPS DASH ACROSS NORTH SEA

London, Dec. 17.—German cruisers which bombarded the towns of Hartlepool, Whitby and Scarborough, on the eastern coast, successfully eluded pursuit by British coast guard vessels, according to an official announcement by the war office.

The hostile squadron made its escape in a fog, after an encounter with ships patrolling the neighborhood of the towns attacked. According to the official estimates the casualty list totals 110, of whom forty-one are known to be dead.

Men, women and children of the civilian population were left dead or wounded, struck without warning while at breakfast or at work. Three churches were damaged; the gas works and lumber yards at Hartlepool were set afire and the abbey at Whitby was struck.

The Balmoral hotel at Scarborough received the full effects of a shell. A number of shops and houses were shattered and partly burned in each of the towns.

## BANDIT HAS BRIEF CAREER

Killed After Robbing Two Banks and Stealing Auto.  
Cincinnati, Dec. 18.—The life of Frank C. Hohl, notorious automobile bandit, ended here following a three hours' career of crime, which included the robbing of two Cincinnati banks, the theft of an automobile and a pistol duel with policemen that resulted with almost certain fatal wounds to one officer and the death of the bandit. Thirteen thousand one hundred dollars are missing as the result of the bank robberies and the police are confident that Hohl, in his wild automobile drives, managed to pass this money along to some confederate.

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