

MARINE CORPS NEEDS MORE MEN AND OFFICERS

Major George Barnett Recommends Addition of 7,200 Men in Annual Report.

NEED MOBILE FORCE TO MAINTAIN ORDER

Report Shows 49 Percent of Corps Have Qualified as Marksmen With the Rifle.

Washington, Dec. 25.—An additional 7,200 officers and men are needed by the marine corps for performance of its manifold duties in the opinion of Major George Barnett, as expressed in his annual report made public tonight. Since the policy of the naval general bureau has been to keep the strength of the navy, however General Barnett recommends the addition at present of only 1,500 men, 60 officers and 23 warrant officers. Secretary Daniels has asked congress for this enlargement of the corps.

In Foreign Countries.
Ever since the Spanish war marines have been sent to maintain order in some foreign country, and to provide the mobile forces for this work, ship detachments and those on guard duty have been drawn ashore. General Barnett recommends an appropriation of \$150,000 for purchase of advance base material for the marines. The report shows that 49 per cent of the total enlisted strength of the corps have qualified as marksmen in rifle practice. The full strength of the corps on September 30 last was 334 officers and 9,979 men.

GRAFTON MAN TAKES OWN LIFE

W. R. McCordia Commits Suicide at Knife River, Minnesota.

Grafton, N. D., Dec. 25.—W. R. McCordia committed suicide at Knife River, Minn. The means used by the unfortunate man to end his life is not known. The information came to County Treasurer Charles Carpenter on Friday from Thomas Martin, probate judge of Lake county, who resides at Two Harbors. Mr. Martin wrote the treasurer to find out if McCordia held title to any city lots here.

Robert McCordia, as he was known here, was a man 62 years of age and a carpenter by trade. He was married and his wife lives here north of the river on the west side of Hill avenue. His aged mother, Mrs. Margaret McCordia, has been a public charge of the city and county for the past two years, and is being cared for at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Murphy of Joliet, at public expense. The old lady is 82 years of age. Deceased was in Grafton about a month ago. He is survived by his widow, mother, three brothers and three sisters.

CHINESE TROOPS JOIN THE REBELS

Pekin, China, Dec. 26.—The government troops in the province of Yunnan have joined the revolutionists under Tsai Ao, who has declared the province independent and guaranteed the safety of foreigners. The revolutionary forces now number 20,000. Conditions in the province of Kwichow are unsettled, but disaffections have not been reported in the other southern provinces.

CHAMPIONSHIP BOUT MAY BE CALLED OFF

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 25.—Asserting that New Orleans newspapers are not lending their support to the proposed 20-round bout between Champion Jess Willard and Fred Fulton of Rochester, Minn., to be staged next March, for the heavyweight championship of the world, Tommy Lurns, one of the promoters today notified Tom Andrews, his local representative, that he desired to call the bout off. Andrews said that if the New Orleans promoters decided not to stage the match, he (Andrews) would gladly take over the project by offering the boxers a purse of \$25,000 for a 10-round bout during the first week in February.

SARAH BERNHARDT NEAR DEATH, REPORT



Sarah Bernhardt.

Sarah Bernhardt is reported from Paris to be near death. This photograph, taken at her home a few weeks ago, is her latest.

DARTMOUTH MAN IS KILLED IN FRANCE

Richard Melville Hall, Dartmouth Student from Michigan. Victim of War.

Paris, Dec. 25.—Richard Melville Hall of Ann Arbor, Mich., a volunteer driver, attached to that section of the American ambulance operating with the French army in Alsace, was killed Christmas Eve in the performance of his duty. The news was received by telephone today by the American ambulance committee. Hall was the 21-year-old son of Prof. H. G. Hall of the University of Michigan. He was one of a group of Dartmouth college recruits who entered the ambulance service last June and when killed he was driving a Dartmouth college field ambulance. He will be given a military funeral at the front tomorrow afternoon.

MATERIALLY CHECK SMALLPOX SPREAD

More Adults Afflicted of Late—Are to Enforce Vaccination Order.

Grand Forks, Dec. 25.—City health officials have succeeded to a great extent in checking the spread of the smallpox epidemic, according to City Physician Dr. Alfred Deen. The number of homes affected has materially lessened, although the number of individual cases is slightly larger, as the spread, up to the past week, has been greater among the adults. During the past two weeks only two cases were reported. The vaccination order will be strictly enforced, however, said Dr. Deen today. The time was extended until the re-convening of school after the holidays, but if at that time, any children not vaccinated will be prohibited from attending school. The smallpox epidemic in Grand Forks and East Grand Forks is not venacular, as some reports emanating from other places have declared. Other cities in the state and throughout the middle western states have reported epidemics of the disease.

SHORE LEAVE FOR INTERNED SAILORS

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 25.—The navy department order prohibiting shore leave for men on the interned German cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich and Kron Prinz Wilhelm, imposed Oct. 12 because of broken pledges, was suspended today long enough to permit services at Portsmouth. Two hundred sailors accompanied by a number of officers marched to the church in a body and returned to their ships immediately after the services.

W. D. MANN PASSES.

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 25.—William D. Mann, railroad man and theatrical promoter, died here today, of pneumonia. He was 55 years old. **CHILD FATALLY BURNED.** Ballinger, Texas, Dec. 25.—R. L. Harwell, Jr., 11 years old, was fatally burned while inspecting his Christmas stocking at a fireplace in his home here early this morning. His night gown caught fire from the grate.

THIEVES STEAL \$400,000 WORTH OF CERTIFICATES

Registered Mail Pouch Is Rifled in Transit From Post Office to Depot.

NEGRO DRIVERS OF MAIL WAGON HELD

Other Securities Valued at \$350,000 Found Hidden in Wagon by the Police.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 25.—Four hundred thousand dollars in stock certificates were stolen from a registered mail pouch here last night, while in transit in a one-horse covered wagon from Wilmington postoffice to the Pennsylvania station. The bag contained stock certificates of the Du Pont-Hercules and Atlas Powder Co., General Motors Co. and railroad companies to the value of \$750,000, but \$250,000 of the securities were subsequently found hidden in the vehicle.

Drivers Arrested.
Albert Johnson and Earl Johnson, negroes, the drivers of the wagon, were arrested today. They are not related. The men are believed, according to the police, to be tools. It is the belief of the police that the stock not recovered can be more rapidly negotiated than that which the thieves left behind. The two negroes were given a hearing by United States Commissioner Maffay and each was held in \$2,000 bail for appearance next Thursday. In default of bail, they were committed to jail.

SALOONS DARK AT OSLO, BORDER TOWN

Last Drinking Resort on the Upper Minnesota-N. D. Line Closed by Option Law.

Warren, Minn., Dec. 25.—This week marked the end of the saloon on the upper western Minnesota border. Ten drinking resorts of Oslo, in this county, have been closed. The town maintained four wholesale houses and four saloons. It has been said that a saloon owner in Oslo could retire after two years in business. Saloons changed hands constantly and the former proprietors lived a life of ease after retirement.

But with the saloon banished, Oslo business men are optimistic for Oslo's future. All vacated buildings have been spoken for and will be used for legitimate business. There was no disorder, as the dealers sold out their stocks and closed up shop. Most of the business came from North Dakota towns and from Warren.

ST. LOUIS HAS MURDER MYSTERY

St. Louis, Dec. 25.—Mystery surrounds the death of three men, one white and two negroes, whose bodies were found on the shore of Creve Coeur lake, in St. Louis county, today. The body of one of the negroes found propped up against an iceberg, had a broken neck and fractured shoulder bone. The bodies of the other negro and William Bates, the white man, bore no marks of violence. A coroner's jury tonight returned an open verdict and an autopsy will be held tomorrow to ascertain the cause of death. Investigations by county authorities based on the theory that the men were killed by drinking poisoned whiskey was begun tonight.

LESS POVERTY THIS YEAR THAN LAST IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 25.—This was a merry Christmas in New York in spite of mild and foggy weather. Charitable agencies which supplied cheer for the forlorn, stated tonight that there is less poverty this year than a year ago. Stocks of food which had been provided for the usual Christmas dinner was more than sufficient. There was greater call for clothing than for food. So many garments have been sent to Belgium that not enough are left to supply the needs here, it was reported. Most of those who applied today for dinners at missions and other similar institutions, were aged and infirm. It was said there was no lack of employment for those willing and able to work.

GOV. HANNA LEAVES FORD "IN A RACE"

Ford Lieutenants Misrepresented Informal Calls Made on Norwegian Officials.

HANNA DISPLEASED WITH ENTIRE TRIP

Party Will Not Be Allowed to Pass Through Germany on Way to the Hague.

St. Paul, Dec. 25.—Governor L. B. Hanna of North Dakota has quit the Henry Ford peace expedition at Stockholm, according to news dispatches received in the Twin Cities from abroad. Mr. Hanna's action, according to these dispatches followed a clash with Ford's lieutenants over alleged misrepresentations of informal calls the Governor made on certain Norwegian officials. It is asserted, the dispatches say, that while these calls had nothing to do with the Ford peace propaganda, the latter's representatives permitted the public to infer the opposite, causing it to associate the Norwegian officials with the movement. **Quits in Rage.**
This is said to have displeased the North Dakota governor, who is reported to have left the peace party in a rage. The members of the Ford peace expedition have held various meetings in an endeavor to arouse peace sentiments in Sweden. These meetings were not accorded any official character. The Swedish peace and arbitration league stated that it was unable officially to recognize the expedition because the expedition came without official recognition from America.

No Definite Charge.
Those who have in charge of the expedition since Ford's departure for the United States say that they are still in a definite program of procedure. The members of the peace mission will leave Stockholm next Wednesday night and arrive at Copenhagen Thursday. Information has been received that it will be impossible to go to the Hague through Germany. Hence, this will necessitate the chartering of a steamer from Denmark and proceeding to the Hague by the sea. The peace session will end about January 7th when most of the members of the party will return to the United States.

PRESIDENT GETS CAUGHT IN STORM

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 25.—President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson were driven from the golf links here today by a heavy rain storm which broke suddenly and drenched both of them before they could reach their hotel a mile away. Despite the cold mountain air, however, it was said at the hotel tonight that neither had suffered any serious effect, although the president caught a slight cold. This evening President and Mrs. Wilson ate a Christmas dinner in their private suite.

More than fifty Christmas presents sent by relatives, members of the president's official family and close friends, were delivered at the president's suite today. **Get a Real Soaking.**
On the golf links today, witheered service guards acting as caddies, the couple had just started around the links when the first raindrops fell. They immediately turned back to the hotel and as the storm became heavier the president removed his coat and threw it about Mrs. Wilson's shoulders. Even this did not save her from a thorough drenching. At the hotel other guests offered such first aid preventatives as were at hand, but the president laughingly refused to accept them.

THREE KILLED BY LACKAWANA TRAIN

Corning, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Miss Mary McChesney, 20 years old; Ethel McChesney, 17 years old, of Avoca, and Benjamin Harrison, 20 years old, of Corning, were killed today by a Delaware, Lackawanna & Western freight train at the Avoca station. The young women went to the station to meet Harrison, who was to be their Christmas guest.

THE WEATHER.
For North Dakota: Snow and much colder Sunday, with a cold wave; Monday fair; fresh to strong northerly winds Sunday.

New and Watson Make Hoosier Senate Battle Lively Affair

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 25.—The entrance of Harry S. New in the race for the republican nomination for United States senator has put a different aspect on what was a tangled condition of affairs within the republican party in Indiana. It seems the issue has now been definitely settled as a race between James E. Watson of the old guard, New, a candidate of decided strength, and Arthur K. Robinson, a vigorous young man who is running on his policy of a "new ideal."

New entered the race following the announcement that Hugh T. Miller of Columbus had withdrawn. Mr. Miller's campaign manager, Edward H. Schmidt, formerly United States marshal for Indiana, is campaign manager for Mr. New, and it is said practically all of the Miller forces have rallied to New's support. New has thousands of friends in the state, and has never been mixed in factional affairs. He has been connected with politics since he was old enough to vote, having held offices from pollbook holder to chairman of the republican national committee.

When a member of the national committee he had active charge of the arrangements for three national conventions, equaling the record of his father, John C. New, who managed three republican national conventions. Watson is a strong candidate and is the man on whom the biggest fight is being made. He has the support of practically every manufacturer in Indiana. His campaign manager, Lucius O. Hamilton of Indianapolis, who is also president of the Columbia club, the largest republican club in the state, has enlisted the support of the Indiana Business and Prosperity league, an organization of manufacturers. He attempted to gain the support of the Indianapolis credit men's organization, but failed apparently, as members of the club are up in arms over his effort to put the club on a partisan basis.

Among laboring men it is rumored that should Watson be nominated Samuel Gompers, president of the



James E. Watson (top) and Harry S. New, American Federation of Labor, will come to Indiana and make 75 speeches against him.

Warring Nations of Europe Are Celebrating Christmas as Usual

London, Dec. 25.—The people of London spent Christmas in a depressing atmosphere of rain and mist. The last of the soldiers on furlough arrived at the London terminal as late as midday, having been delayed by a rush of passage across the channel, which left many of them still pale and miserable when they reached London.

The great charitable institutions celebrated the day with tremendous energy. There were ample provisions for homeless soldiers, for the wounded, for prisoners and interned aliens, and wives and families of the men at the front. The hospitals were bright with

flowers and gifts, while visitors literally overran the already crowded wards, each patient being allowed two or three visitors at a time. Special services were held in virtually all the churches and attended by large congregations. War was the almost invariable subject of the sermons.

Petrograd Quiet.
Christmas was quietly celebrated by the American and British residents of Petrograd, with gathering at various homes. George T. Marye, Jr., the American ambassador, and Mrs. Marye entertained a number of Americans and Russians at a dinner at the Astoria hotel.

DR. COOK RETURNING FROM EXPLORING TRIP

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the American explorer, who went to India in June to ascend the Himalayan mountains, and was detained in India for five weeks as a German spy, is making his way across Siberia, intending to return to New York, according to E. F. Brooks, a motion picture operator with Cook's party. Brooks left Dr. Cook and his companion, H. Thompson, November 30, at Yokohama, Japan, and arrived here today on the steamer, Dairen Maru.

"JIMMY LEGS" WILL SOON BE IN DISCARD

Washington, Dec. 25.—The passing of "Jimmy Legs," which is a man-of-war's name for the master at arms, charged with the duty of maintaining discipline, is told in the annual report of the bureau of navigation. The report says the number of men in that rating has been reduced and the rating itself soon will be abolished.

"It is not believed," says the report, "that a special police force is necessary aboard ships. Every petty officer should be made to feel by virtue of his appointment he has a share of responsibility in maintaining discipline." "Jimmy Legs" and his mate are traditions handed down from the very beginning of the British navy.

SCHLAFER WILL LEAVE VARSITY

University Registrar to Direct the New Work in Indiana. Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 25.—Geo. E. Schlafer, registrar at the University of North Dakota, and secretary of the faculty, who took up the work in September, 1913, has resigned, the resignation to become effective February 1 next. Mr. Schlafer has been appointed as director of the course for the training of community workers, under the direction of the extension department of the University of Indiana. The work will be developed in Indianapolis and the course begun with the training of playground assistants. The call for the work came from J. J. Pettijohn, at one time director of the University of North Dakota extension department, and now recognized as one of the leading men in the United States in extension work.

TWIN CITIES HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 25.—Christmas cheer was carried to every poor home in Minneapolis and St. Paul today, food and clothing being distributed to the needy by various charitable organizations. The Minneapolis General Electric company presented its patrons with a Christmas gift in the form of a 5.55 per cent reduction in lighting rates. Throughout the central northwestern states, according to reports tonight, Christmas Day was celebrated on a more elaborate scale than for several years past. Community exercises were common.

GREECE AWAITING NEXT MOVE OF THE TEUTONS

Huge Army Being Prepared by Central Powers for Operations Against Saloniki.

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED AT NISH

British Seize Entire Parcel Post on Steamer of Rotterdam.

London, Dec. 25.—The dispatches from the continent that the holiday lull will first be broken on the Balkan front, where Greek observers believe the Central Powers are preparing a huge army for operation directed against the Entente. Whether this will take the form of an actual attack on Saloniki, or merely an advance into Greece for the purpose of seizing strategic defensive points is a matter of keen speculation in Athens.

According to one correspondent, the Greek government has definitely decided not to permit the enemies of the Entente to penetrate Greek territory unless the Central Powers satisfactorily guarantee that Greek territory will not be endangered. **Germans Take Charge.**
According to dispatches from a Serbian source, the Germans have established a provisional government at Nish, withdrawing all the Bulgarian and Austrian troops and ending Bulgarian interference in the administration of Serbian affairs. It is admitted that proclamations have been issued announcing, "Germans will respect Serbian nationality."

Entrench in Serbia.
The Montenegrin official communication states that the Austrians are entrenching on the front between Montenegro and Serbia. A quietus has been put on the talk of a huge German peace campaign from Zurich by the departure from that town of Prince von Bulow and his staff of secretaries, of which much has been heard in the press during the last few days.

In England David Lloyd-George, minister of munitions, is the chief figure for the moment. This is no holiday period for him, as he is in the midst of the most important work of persuading the trade unionist to consent to his scheme of "labor dilution."

Bombard Bulgar Ports.
Severe damage has been done to the Bulgarian port of Euzinograd in a bombardment of the town by four Russian cruisers and two torpedo boats, according to advices received here today. A few days ago, Russian torpedos boats bombarded land batteries at Varna and for several weeks Russian warships have been attacking Black Sea ports. This is taken to mean that recent statements concerning the reduction of the Turkish navy may have been correct.

Serbia has been requested to return to their homes in a proclamation by Emperor William. The statement promises to respect their neutrality. **Conditions in Poland.**
Even more depressing than the worst part of Belgium and East Prussia, is Poland—a land of graves and trenches, of ruin and destruction, on a scale that has been wrought nowhere else by the war. The conflict has been waged back and forth across the ancient kingdom so long that agriculture has had little chance, and except in those sections where the German forces have been in control for some time, the fields are barren, scarred by miles and miles of earthworks.

From the East Prussian boundary to approximately the old Rowka position, there is visible the maximum amount of order and peaceful quiet, at Rowka the interminable graves, with their helmets, adorn crosses, the slashes in the earth that once were trenches, but now "homes" of countless refugees, the maze of partly destroyed barb-wired entanglements, and the ruined villages begin.

For miles between Alexandrowo on the boundary and Warsaw, and between Warsaw and Lodz, the old trenches line the railroad tracks, while the graves line the trenches. **Armed for Volunteers.**
It is officially announced that the armet scheme, which is already in force for men enrolled under the Derby plan, has been extended to give the right to wear a special armet to men who have been refused for military service on account of medical reasons.

Paris, Dec. 25.—The maturing affecting commercial paper has been extended for 90 days, and those furnishing supplies to the government are exempted from the decree which occurred today. **Armenians Suffering.**
While reports continue to be received here of the sufferings of the Armenians, the representations made by Monsignor Dolci, apostolic delegate at Constantinople, to the Turkish government so far had not produced the desired effect. The Ottoman officials have replied that in-

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