

AWFUL WEATHER ADDS TO WAR'S MISERY IN WEST

Leadon Clouds, Fog and Rain Make Tommy Miserable Creature.

BETTER SUPPLIED, THO, THAN GERMAN

Captured Trenches Offer no Protection — Supplies Brought up in Open.

With the British Army in France, Via London, Dec. 14.—From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.

Several hours of glorious December sunshine this morning brought glad relief from a week of dreary days and sent scores of airplanes and observation balloons aloft and quickened the pulse of the entire British army organization on the western front.

Best of all, however, Tommy in the front line gets a hot meal daily. There is breakfast at 7; dinner at 12; tea at 5 and soup or stew at 9 and again at 2 o'clock in the morning.

From reports received from German prisoners and observations made during raids the British have discovered that conditions on the German front are very different. Along most of the new lines formed by the battle of the Somme the German front lines are merely a broken stretch of linked-up shell holes with no deep dug-outs and only a few improvised hiding holes where two or three men can take cover in the shrapnel.

Must Work in Open. British reports from the Somme section say the German communication trenches are impassable from mud and the shelling of the British guns, so that all the carrying of supplies and the bringing up of reinforcements have to take place over the open, without cover of any kind.

Germania Have Hard Time. Thus far this winter, German prisoners say their troops in the west have not been supplied with any sheepskin or fur coats. They have received only heavy vests, rubber bands and mittens.

Another Federal Probe. United States District Attorney Begins Inquiry Into High Cost of Living at Cleveland.

Prohibition in France. Premier Briand Announces Strict Measures Preventing Consumption of Whiskies and Liqueurs.

Francis Joseph Left Vast Private Fortune. Willing Sixty Million Crowns for Fund for Benefit of Wounded Soldiers and Invalids.

Wants Regent Law Amended. Equity Society Would Increase State Board to Five Members.

Berlin Workers Not to Be Called Till Feb. 1. German Submarines Operating Near French Coast Destroyed Steamships Carrying 17,000 Tons.

Severe Liquor Law to Be Introduced in Washington Session. Seattle, Dec. 14.—A Prohibition law, forbidding entirely the importation and possession of intoxicating liquor except for sacramental purposes, and restricting the sale of alcohol, will be introduced at the session of the state legislature in January, it was announced here yesterday.

Severe Liquor Law to Be Introduced in Washington Session. Decision to resent the measure has been made by more than 100 Prohibition workers from all parts of the state who met here under the auspices of the anti-saloon league of Washington.

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Poor of Guanajuato, Mexico, Die at Rate Of 70 a Day; Eat Grasses and Twigs, While Soldiers Enjoy Life and Torture Women

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 14.—The poor of Guanajuato, a large mining city of central Mexico, are dying at the rate of about seventy persons a day, according to an affidavit sworn to by an American mining man. The affidavit has been forwarded by government officials to Washington.

GERMAN TROOPS PLEASED WITH KAISER'S MOVE

Shouts of Joy Tempered by Doubt as to Success of Proposal. German Headquarters in the West, Dec. 13, via Berlin to London, Dec. 14.—The German peace note was read at noon on Tuesday to all the reserves and to the troops resting behind the front. Its contents were made known to the soldiers at the front or on the way to or from the trenches through announcements on improvised bulletin boards.

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PROTEST MAY BE FILED

Pacific Coast Shippers to Fight Proposed Advance in Transcontinental Freight Rates. Portland, Ore., Dec. 14.—Pacific coast shippers organizations are expected to file a protest with the interstate commerce commission against the proposed advance in transcontinental freight rates, effective January 1.

ASKS HONOR FOR JOHN H. WORST

Co-operative Herald Wants Legislature to Elect Him President Emeritus. Fargo, N. D., Dec. 14.—A demand upon the legislature that it recognize upon the John H. Worst, former president of the North Dakota agricultural college by electing him president emeritus of the college, was made today by the Co-operative Herald, the Society of Equity paper.

IRISH FARMERS PROSPEROUS

Raise \$2,745,000 Head of Poultry in 1916—Increase \$25,000. London, Dec. 14.—Indicative of prosperity among the smaller farmers, recent returns for 1916 show Ireland has 26,745,000 head of poultry, an increase of 250,000 over a year ago. Great Britain has no figures approaching these.

THE WEATHER

North Dakota: Generally fair tonight and Friday. Warmer tonight. Southwest to west winds.

UNIVERSITY READINGS

7 a. m. —; maximum —7; minimum —28; wind south 10 miles; barometric 30.16.

ENGLISH PEACE ADVOCATES SEEK DEFINITE STAND

Anti-war Members of Commons May Endeavor to Draw Out Government. London, Dec. 14.—The anti-war members of the House of Commons today, a Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, decided to confine his speech entirely to the financial side of the war, and in the absence of Premier Lloyd George and former Premier Asquith, owing to illness, it was expected the debate would be merely along this line.

FINANCIAL SIDE OF WAR IS UP TODAY

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DEPORTATIONS CAUSE REVOLTS

Forcible Removal of Lithuanian Peasants Start Trouble. London, Dec. 14.—The Wireless Press gives the following under date of Berlin: "Forcible deportations of Lithuanian peasants to work in Germany have provoked several revolts in Lithuania. There was a formidable rising in the Samogitia province of Suwalki. Peasants armed with hatchets attacked the German military commission sent there to enroll workmen.

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See Only Slight Hope of Success—Patente Still Has Much to Do. Berlin, Dec. 14, via London.—It cannot be said that the peace offer of Germany has been received with pronounced optimism by the press. There is a decided tone of caution against expecting immediate peace. While it is not expected on the other hand that the overtures will be rejected outright without an inquiry being made as to terms. But in view of all the recent utterances and reorganizations of the government on the side of the entente it is regarded as highly doubtful whether the allies will be ready to make peace on any terms without trying another year's fighting. It is recognized here generally, however, that Germany's offer is a shrewd and timely diplomatic step even if no practical result follows immediately, for it is contended that it must convince the neutral states that the responsibility will lie now with the entente and that it must strengthen the peace party in all the belligerent countries.

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Various Tradesmen Not to Be Drawn Into Government Service for Some Months. Berlin, Dec. 13, via London, Dec. 14.—Berlin workers in various trades will not be drawn into the government service or called upon under the new home army law until February, according to an announcement by General Greener, head of the war bureau. That much time will be required to organize the new national service and solve questions of transportation and raw material.

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Virtually Complete in Southern Portion, Reports Indicate. London, Dec. 14.—The evacuation of Wallachia by Rumanians is virtually complete, as the German war office announces, that Great Wallachia, the southern portion of the province, has been cleared of hostile forces.

ARMIES CONTINUE WAR DEVELOPMENTS

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PRES. WILSON MAY ACCOMPANY GERMAN PEACE NOTE WITH A PLEA FOR VERY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION

LATE BULLETINS. London, Dec. 14.—The condition of Lloyd George took a turn for the worse today. St. Paul, Dec. 14.—William Britton, a laborer, was found frozen to death in a shed here today. The thermometer registered 18 below zero early today, but the forecast was for a temperature above zero by tomorrow.

ALLIES TO CALL FOR STATEMENT OF PEACE TERMS

Not to Immediately Reject Proposal, it is Indicated. PEACE IMPOSSIBLE SAYS RUSSIAN PRESS. "Terrible Responsibility Before Own People," Precludes It. Washington, Dec. 14.—The embassy of the entente allies here today reflected the view that Germany's peace proposals will not be rejected without examination, but that the allies in reply probably will call for a statement of proposed terms, so that they may not be placed in a position of rejecting peace unqualifiedly.

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GERMANY REMAINS FIRM

United States Not Accurately Informed of Purposes of Belgian Deportations, Reply Says. Paris, Dec. 14.—The peace proposals of the central powers have been delivered to the Italian government. No definite indications are given as to the conditions upon which peace negotiations might be attempted.

REPORT PROHIBITION AMENDMENT FAVORABLY

House Judiciary Committee So Votes, 12 to 1—Suffrage Amendment Out Without Recommendation. Washington, Dec. 14.—The proposed national prohibition amendment today was ordered reported favorably to the house by the judiciary committee by a vote of 12 to 1. The proposed universal suffrage amendment was ordered reported without recommendation.

"The Real Adventure" Which will start soon as a Serial Story in The Grand Forks Herald. Watch for the First Chapter.

"Pretty certain to be One of the Most Talked of Women of Her Times," Says New York World, of Rose the Heroine of "The Real Adventure"