

LITTLE CHANGE IN TWO WAR ARENAS

ULTIMATE OUTCOME OF ADVANCE OF GERMANS AGAINST WARSAW PROBLEMATIC

PETROGRAD REPORTS INDICATE RUSS VICTORY ON VISTULA

In Western Theater Siege Warfare Prevails With Alternate Successes and Failures, According to Official Statements From Both Berlin and Paris—Emperor Goes to Front.

London, Dec. 22.—It is only at the northern and southern extremities of the line of battle in the eastern arena of the war that any marked change is to be noted today; in the western theater siege warfare of the most stubborn and most laborious kind persists. This sums up the situation so far as has been disclosed by official statements.

The ultimate outcome of the German advance on Warsaw is still problematical, as a decisive contest has yet to be fought. Although the Russian center has retreated, it is holding a line on the Bzura from its conjunction with the Vistula.

North of the Vistula, if the reports from Petrograd may be believed, the Germans have been whipped and rushed back over the frontier, until their line now stretched between Soldau, which is midway between Lautenburg and Meidenburg in East Prussia.

Reports Austrian Repulse. To the south it is contended in Russian reports that the movement of the Austrians thru the Carpathians has been defeated simultaneously with the defeat of the garrison at Przemysl, which was hurried back after an attempted sortie from this point.

The press comment on General Joffre's order to advance as called to London from Berlin. The papers say that while they are unable to vouch for the authenticity of this document, it certainly accords with the pressure the allies are exerting all along the line. It is not believed in London, however, that the real work of driving the Germans out of Belgium will begin for some weeks to come.

Reports reaching here from Berlin to the eastern front. This would indicate that he regards the situation there more important and critical than in the east.

GERMANS REPULSE ATTACKS.

Berlin Reports Tauton Lines Give Way in One Place Only. Berlin, via London, Dec. 22.—The following official report was given out today:

"At Neuport and around Ypres the situation yesterday was generally quiet. "In order to recapture the position lost by them Dec. 20 at St. Hubert and Givenchy, the English forces, reinforced by French territorials, made desperate attacks during the day and last night, all of which were repulsed. In the region around Richebourg the enemy succeeded in obtaining a firm foothold in his old position.

"French attacks yesterday in the neighborhood of Albert, to the northeast of Compiègne, at Louvain and at Verthes were repulsed with heavy losses to the French."

Fierce Battle in Poland.

"In the western part of the Argonne district, we captured a few trenches. In the eastern Argonne the north and northwest of Verdun, French attacks were repulsed.

"The situation in East and West Prussia is unchanged. "In Poland our troops engaged in a fierce battle for possession of the branches of the Bzura and Rawa rivers. In many instances they crossed over the tributaries already in their possession.

"On the right bank of the river Pielica, the fighting by the German allies continues. "Unfortunately it was discovered yesterday after the publication of the army order of General Joffre that this communication contained the following appendix:

ALLIES LOSE AND WIN.

Paris Reports Advances and Retreats at Various Points. Paris, Dec. 22.—The French war office this afternoon gave out the following official statement:

"Between the sea and the Lys, during the day of Dec. 21, there was nothing other than minor engagements. "Between the Lys and the Aisne we repulsed a German attack and we took several houses at Blancy.

"An attack of the enemy on Mametz and the near-by trenches made it impossible for our troops to make material progress in this direction. In the region of Lihons three attacks of the enemy were repulsed.

"We made slight gains to the east and to the west of Tracy-le-Val, and our artillery delivered an effective fire on the plateau of Nouvron.

"In the sectors of the Aisne and of Rheims there were artillery engagements. "Fight With Bayonets. "In Champagne and in the Argonne in the vicinity of Louvain there have been violent bayonet engagements. We have not made perceptible progress in this region. We have occupied in the suburbs of Perthes-le-Hurles three German positions, representing a front

HOUSE NEAR VOTE ON PROHIBITION

FINAL DEBATE BEGINS ON SUBMISSION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

ROLLCALL TO BE REACHED NOT LATER THAN MIDNIGHT

Special Rule Adopted Permitting and Limiting Debate—Kentucky Congressman Attacks Measure as Most Intemperate—Hobson Speaks in Defense of His Resolution.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The long-delayed hour for an aye and no vote on a constitutional amendment on national prohibition came today in the house. With almost ten hours debate in sight and prospects of a vote before midnight, the house assembled today and took up the rule for consideration of the Hobson resolution. More than sixty congressmen had signified their intention of speaking.

Under a special rule, which was adopted yesterday afternoon, the debate on the resolution began just after noon on a tight hour. A rolling chorus of "ayes" greeted the question and the house then plunged into one of the most interesting debates in recent years.

Clears Way For Debate. The passage of the rule, conceded by those who opposed the Hobson resolution, many of whom voted for the rule to get the resolution out to a vote. A two-third vote is necessary before the resolution will be submitted to the states.

Charts by the speaker's desk bore prohibition slogans, and over the galleries were banners with signatures of signers urging the adoption of the amendment.

Representative Henry led off, explaining that the rule made liberal provision for debate and amendment. Mr. Henry said he would vote for the rule but against the amendment.

Representative Campbell, of Kansas, spoke for the rule and resolution. Says Measure is Intemperate. Argument against the rule and against the resolution was made by Representative Cantrill, of Kentucky.

"I think this is the most intemperate measure that has come before this house for years," he said. Representative Kelly, of Pennsylvania, supported the rule and the resolution. He said the amendment is a national problem, he said.

Representative Hobson, author of the resolution, said more than 6,000,000 people had petitioned congress for the submission of the amendment. "This is not an ordinary measure," he said, "let us amend it. We seek a remedy for a scientific disease. We see a disease which is debauching our youth thru the national organized liquor traffic, and we seek a remedy."

Support for the rule and opposition to the resolution were expressed by Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin. He said the states had full power over the liquor question.

Fears Loss of Revenue. Representative Poir, of North Carolina, speaking against the rule, said: "I believe we are fighting the fires of a controversy which will burn for a generation. There is not a man in the hall who will be alive when the last state ratifies this amendment."

Mr. Poir said he favored the amendment, however. Representative Kent, of California, argued that the states were competent to deal with the question without federal interference.

Representative Coady, of Maryland, opposed the proposal because of the loss of revenue. Representative Howard, of Georgia, announced his intention to support the resolution.

"The loss of revenue will be made up by money saved in the administration of justice by sobering up the people of this country from one end to the other," he said.

VOLLMER ASSAILS AMENDMENT. Attempts to Link Sacred and Distasteful Men With Liquor Making. Special Times-Republican. Washington, Dec. 22.—Assailing the Hobson amendment in the house today Representative Vollmer, of Iowa, scored revivists of the "Billy" Sunday type, and in giving a list of makers of alcoholic liquors included "George Washington, the brewer; Thomas Jefferson, the distiller; Abraham Lincoln, the saloon keeper, and Jesus Christ, who turned water into wine."

HEAR PROTESTS OF BANKERS. Objections to Designations of Reserve Cities and Districts to Be Made. Washington, Dec. 22.—The federal reserve board today finally arranged for hearing bankers in protest of designations of federal reserve cities and reserve districts as made by the federal reserve organization committee.

Nebraska and Wyoming bankers will be heard Feb. 4, asking for transfer from the Kansas City to the Chicago district.

CRANKS WILSON'S THINK TANK. Interviewer Secures Views on Multiplicity of Subjects. Washington, Dec. 22.—President Wilson is disinclined to look upon differences with the senate over appointments as a patronage fight. He indicated there would be no new moves in the near future in the cases of men he has nominated, and which the senate has rejected. Administration officials say the president will stand back of his appointments.

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ROCK ISLAND ROAD SOLD AT AUCTION

OLD STOCK OF COMPANY BID IN BY JAMES M. WALLACE, AT \$7,135,300.

SOLD TO CHAIRMAN OF PROTECTIVE COMMITTEE

Holders of 4 Per Cent Collateral Bonds, Against Which Stock Was Collateral, Are Purchasers—Foreclosure Action Brought For Interest Due on Bonds Valued at \$71,353,000.

New York, Dec. 22.—Ownership of a railroad represented by millions of dollars of stock was auctioned off at the New York county court house today. The old stock of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company was put up and was bid in for \$7,135,300, without competition, by James M. Wallace, chairman of the protective committee for the 4 per cent collateral trust bonds of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company, against which the stock was collateral. The foreclosure action was brought by the Central Trust Company of New York against the railroad company for interest due on bonds valued at \$71,353,000. The price realized for the stock was \$19 a share. The par value is \$100. The sale was regarded in Wall street as another step in the pending reorganization of the Rock Island system.

Branch Owners Not Obligated. Washington, Dec. 22.—Attorney General Gregory, in a decision today, reaffirms the action of his predecessors in holding that the present owner of the Central Branch, Union Pacific Railroad Company, is not bound to pay the company's old \$1,600,000 bond claim against the branch property. The bonds were issued to aid the construction of 100 miles of railway from Atchison to Waverly, Kan.

TRAMP SHOTS WOMAN. Mrs. J. F. Donnelly, of Nahant, Has Encounter With Hobo. Davenport, Dec. 22.—Only the pluck of Mrs. J. F. Donnelly of Nahant, saved her from the rage of a tramp when the man forced himself into her home during the absence of her husband and demanded that she allow him to stay in her home. When she refused the intrusion, the tramp attacked her and after she had struck him in the face with a hammer he secured possession of a revolver and shot Mrs. Donnelly thru the index finger of her left hand. As a result the woman will probably lose the finger. A posse which started in immediate search of the tramp failed to locate him and he is still at large.

According to the story given by Mrs. Donnelly she was alone in her home when the man knocked at her kitchen door and requested permission to warm himself. Mrs. Donnelly was not favorably impressed with his appearance and told him that she had just cleaned the stove and there was little heat in it. She advised him to go to her mother's home a few doors away where she knew there were some men but he forced his way past her and sat down near the stove.

After he had taken a seat he said to her: "You are a nice looking lady," and tried to catch hold of her. She picked up a hammer near her and struck him in the face with it, causing him to take his hands away but with a curse he tried to grab her again. Mrs. Donnelly screamed and ran to another room where she secured her husband's revolver. When she came from the other room her assailant was wiping the blood from his face, but when he saw the gun he made a rush and secured possession of it. In the struggle that followed Mrs. Donnelly was shot thru the finger and the man dashed out the door.

CHANGES IN ONTARIO CABINET. Two New Members Sworn In and Other Changes Are Made. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 22.—Important changes in the Ontario cabinet were announced today after the lieutenant governor had sworn in E. T. McGarry, of Renfrew, as provincial treasurer, and G. Howard Ferguson, as minister of lands, forest and mines. W. J. Hanna, who was generally said to be successor to J. J. Foy, as attorney general, declined to change his portfolio, and remained provincial secretary, while I. B. Lucas, becomes attorney general. Mr. Foy resigned his portfolio on account of ill health but remains a member of the cabinet without portfolio.

CANADIAN PACIFIC BUYS SHIPS. Purchases Four Vessels at Belfast at Cost of \$7,500,000. London, Dec. 22.—A message to the Evening Star from Belfast says that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has purchased four ships which are being constructed at Belfast and Glasgow. Their cost is said to be in excess of \$7,500,000.

Alfred Henry Lewis III. New York, Dec. 22.—Alfred Henry Lewis, the writer, is seriously ill at his home here. He is said to have developed intestinal trouble. He has been in poor health for the past month.

Annual Dividend Increased. New York, Dec. 22.—Directors of the Central Leather Company declared today a 3 per cent dividend on the common stock. A 2 per cent dividend was declared last year.

HILL REMAINS AT NACO

Carranza Commander Will Not Follow Maytorena When Latter Abandons Siege—Withdrawal of Villa Troops Will End Ten Weeks Fighting Which Has Resulted in Damage on American Side.

Naco, Ariz., Dec. 22.—If Maytorena abandons the siege of Naco, Sonora, as he is reported to have agreed, Gen. Benjamin Hill, the commander of the Carranza garrison in the beleaguered town, will not follow him, according to information from his camp today. The ten weeks fighting over the international boundary, which has wrought much damage on the American side, will end, and the crisis so far as it affects the reinforced American army will be passed.

The Hill agreed to stay in Naco and not follow Maytorena when he withdraws, has not received official confirmation, but the plan was to be a feature of a conference today between Hill and Brig.-Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, who came here for the purpose of reporting to the commander to move their conflict away from the United States border.

The heavy downpour of rain has halted further exchanges of shots between the Mexican factions. The trenches of Maytorena's troops were flooded and Hill reported today that the bodies of several slain Indians had been washed down to his lines.

DONOVAN TO MANAGE YANKS. Former Tiger Pitching Star Slated to Lead Club in St. Louis.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—"Wild Bill" Donovan, whose pitching helped make Detroit champions of the American League several years ago, and who has been manager at Providence, R. I., in the International League, will manage the New York Yankees if the deal for the sale of that club is consummated.

This was the most definite word that leaked out from the conference today between B. B. Johnson, Colonel Ruppert and James T. Huston.

With the manager's question practically settled, the American League leaders, who met here yesterday, felt that other conditions precedent to the sale of the New York club could be met. These included an adjustment of the price of the club and the chance of the new owners to buy players who ordinarily would not be for sale. The managers of the clubs refused to part with "stars" and rumors that men of the first class were to be turned over were squelched.

MOTOR SHIP MALAKKA ASHORE. Vessel of East Asiatic Steamship Company Grounded on Cedros Islands. San Diego, Cal., Dec. 22.—The motor ship Malakka, Captain Zandevors, of the East Asiatic Steamship Company, is ashore on the southwest end of Cedros Islands, 300 miles south of San Diego, according to a wireless report received early today by the Point Loma station, from the American-Hawaiian freighter Arizona, which is standing by. The position of the Malakka, a 4,700 ton ship, is sheltered.

The Malakka left San Francisco, south bound, Dec. 15, for Christiania, Norway. The report did not say whether it would be possible to float the vessel.

CARRANZA LEAVES VERA CRUZ. Factions Opposed to Chief's Regard Departure as Flight. Washington, Dec. 22.—Dispatches today report the departure of General Carranza from Vera Cruz to the isthmus of Tehuantepec. Factions opposed to Carranza were inclined to regard it as a flight after the defeat of his army at Puebla, but Carranza officials pointed out that some time ago he had announced his intention of visiting the isthmus.

KILLS SELF AFTER QUARREL. Logan Man Shoots Himself Because of Domestic Trouble. Logan, Dec. 22.—Following trouble between himself and his wife, George Smothers, aged 35, shot and killed himself at the Seabury restaurant here this morning. A widow and two children, aged 5 and 7, survive.

Preparedness Hearing Delayed. Washington, Dec. 22.—Agitation in congress of the question of the preparedness of the United States for war will go over at least until after the holidays. The house committee had originally expected to have Representative Gardner testify today, but the hearing has been postponed until Jan. 2.

T.R. BULLETIN NEWS OF THE DAY

The Weather. Sun rises Dec. 22 at 7:24, sets at 4:34. Iowa—Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; warmer in east and southern portion.

PAGE ONE. Telegraphic News: Thaw Will Make Another Fight. Will Attempt to Prove Sanity. House Near Vote on Prohibition. Little Change in War Situation. Rock Island Road Sold at Auction. Lake Shore and New York Central Merged.

PAGES TWO, THREE AND FOUR. Iowa News: Teeth May Be Weapon of Aged Woman Freezes at State Schools Want Lar Iowa Girl in Trenches. Iowa Not Ripe For In-Jive Farming. Point Winners Out of High School Athletics. PAGE FIVE.

Story: The Call of the Cumberland. PAGE SIX. Editorial: If We Chose to Do It. Corn Yield Dried Corn. Keep a String on Them. Topics of the Times. Iowa Opinion and Notes. Looker-On in Iowa. PAGE SEVEN.

General News: Many Jews in German Army. Miscellaneous Matters. PAGES EIGHT, NINE, TEN, ELEVEN. City News: Sunday Schools to Observe Christmas. Programs and Trees This Week. County Fair Again Record Breaker. Thursday Last Day of Festival. Northwestern Brakeman Hurt Badly. Meeker Laundry Has Another Fire. General and Brief City News. PAGE TWELVE.

Markets and General: Selling Public Down Wheat Prices. Corn Relatively Firm. Hog Arrivals Comparatively Small. Cattle Offerings Not Abundant. Arizona's Laws May Embarrass.

TWO RAILROADS MERGED. Lake Shore and New York Central Combined by Stockholders of Two Large Properties—Several Subsidiaries Affected.

Cleveland, Dec. 22.—Merger of the Lake Shore Railroad Company with the New York Central railway is expected to be effected here today at a meeting of the Lake Shore stockholders. Stockholders of the New York Central voted for consolidation on July 20 last. Under the plans for the merger every share of Lake Shore stock will be traded for five shares in the new corporation.

The Lake Shore was incorporated on Aug. 14, 1869, in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania and New York. It was a consolidation of the Buffalo & Erie, Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana, Cleveland, Palmsville & Ashland, and the Cleveland & Toledo railroads. It comprises 1,872 miles of road, extending from Buffalo to Chicago, with many branches.

The entire capital of the Lake Erie Alliance & Wheeling Railroad Company, the Lake Erie Alliance & Wheeling Coal Company, the Toledo & Central, and the Chicago & Southern are said to be owned by the Lake Shore. The Lake Shore is also said to control a majority of the Big Four capital stock.

Consolidation was effected here today at the meeting of Lake Shore stockholders when they ratified the consolidation of the New York Central stockholders, taken last July. The consolidation involves \$300,000,000.

ARMY AVIATOR KILLED. Lieutenant Geratner Drowns in Pacific in Maneuvers; Four Craft Drop. Oceanide, Cal., Dec. 22.—Lieut. F. J. Gerstner, observer in one of the six "tatted" planes removed to sea aeroplanes that started on a flight from San Diego to Los Angeles, was drowned yesterday in the sea ten miles north of this place.

Capt. L. R. Muller, pilot of the wrecked machine, was rescued by Capt. L. W. Patterson, another army aviator, whose aeroplane had been wrecked near where Lieutenant Gerstner met his death.

Captain Patterson saw the wreckage of Muller's machine in the water and summoned aid. Muller was rescued badly bruised by the fall and exhausted with his efforts to keep afloat. Gerstner's body was recovered.

Four of the machines that entered the flight were brought to the earth near here. The other machine reached Los Angeles in safety.

Stormy weather and bad air conditions were held responsible for the accidents.

POSSE SURROUNDS MURDERER. Matt Jarrell, Accused of Killing Deputy Sheriff, at Bay in Mountains. Charleston, Dec. 22.—Matt Jarrell, who was alleged to have shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Silas F. Nance, and wounded Frank Ratcliff and Josephine Wines last night at Eskdale, on Cabin Creek, was being tried today to arrest him, this morning, was surmounted in the mountains near Cane Fork, by Sheriff Bonner Hill and posse which had trailed him all night. Jarrell, who was serving a six months' sentence for "pistol toting," was recently released on parole.

STATE OFFICIALS ACQUITTED. Men Accused of Grafting Given Clean Bill of Character. Indianapolis, Dec. 22.—Lieutenant Governor W. P. O'Neill and twelve other officers and employees of the 1913 legislature who were indicted, charged with signing and presenting unconstitutional claims against the state, were acquitted by Judge J. T. Markley in the criminal court here.

BILBOA THEATER BURNED. Serious Fire in Spanish Play House, With Probable Loss of Life. Paris, Dec. 22.—A dispatch from Bilbao, Spain, says a serious fire has broken out in the Arriaga theater. There appears to have been some casualties but the number of the victims is not yet known.

Safety-at-Sea Convention Stands. Washington, Dec. 22.—An attempt by administration senators to rescind the ratification of the London safety-at-sea convention because of reservations which it was contended nullified the treaty, was defeated today on a parliamentary technicality.

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OPPORTUNITY TO ARISE WHEN RETURNED TO NEW YORK

Prosecutor Jerome Fails to Reveal Plans But Admits Thaw Will Be Able to Prevent Immediate Incarceration in Tombs—Choice Between Prison and Matteawan.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 21.—Harry K. Thaw will make another fight to establish his sanity, in the opinion of several acquaintances. The opportunity, it is expected, will be afforded when Thaw is returned to New York state to answer indictments charging conspiracy to escape from the hospital at Matteawan. The plans of his counsel are closely guarded, but it was intimated today the efforts of the New York authorities to prove Thaw incompetent to commit an illegal act, might be forced to a point where the defense would prove that Thaw was absolutely sane.

Thaw was in touch with his attorney, Phillander C. Knox, who was at his country home at Valley Forge, Pa., today. Thaw's secretary intimated that Mr. Knox might come to Manchester.

Jerome Expects Long Fight. New York, Dec. 22.—William Travers Jerome was unprepared today to say when the legal machinery to extradite Harry K. Thaw from New Hampshire to this state would be put into operation. He said Thaw's attorney probably would institute new habeas corpus proceedings and inferred it would be a long time before Thaw would again be confined in the Tombs.

It was pointed out to Mr. Jerome today that once removed to the Tombs, Thaw might be admitted to bail.

"If he is admitted to bail," said Mr. Jerome, "the superintendent of Matteawan will immediately present a detainer under which Thaw will be taken to Matteawan as an insane man to await his trial."

"If he is convicted I presume he will serve out such sentence as may be imposed, whereupon the detainer with commitment at Matteawan having been filed at his place of imprisonment, will occasion his return to Matteawan."

Thaw's attorneys would say nothing about his case.

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