

# HARD FIGHTING ON NOW

## ARMIES ARE WAITING FOR COMING OF SPRING

When There Will Be Fresh Armies in the Field and Quick Field Events.

**WARSAW IS QUITE SAFE**  
From German Occupation is What Russian Army Officials Evidently Think.

(By Associated Press)  
LONDON, Jan. 12.—The great armies battling in the eastern and western arenas of the war by artillery exchanges, sniping operations and trench attacks continue to be aligned today much as they were on the first of January. Everywhere the disposition seems to be to await the coming of spring when with fresh armies in the field there will be more quick, decisive fighting. Great Britain is now sending thousands of men to France every week and according to today's reports from Berlin Germany, aware of this, is making great military preparations for a counter movement, all the reserves being called to the colors, it is declared here, and the further statement is made that the German generals are gathering up the reins to assume active direction of all the campaigns, that is to say the Austro-Hungarian fight against Serbia and Russia and the Turkish campaign against Russia and Great Britain. This brings to the plan military observers in London believe will be followed, however, to any change which the entrance into the war of Romania or Italy might necessitate.

Germany still claims that she is making slow progress toward Warsaw. There have been published in London, however, reports that these operations are merely to shield a German retreat to Silesian frontier. British military observers do not credit this idea, believing that General von Hindenburg has further offensive strength but at the same time they draw attention to the fact that the Russians must feel confident of Warsaw's safety, else they would not continue to hurl so many troops against it.

## GOVERNOR NOT TO URGE A TAX

On Coal, Oil and Gas in His Recommendations to the Legislature.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 12.—While the recommendations to be made by Governor Hatfield to the legislature which is about to convene are not disclosed, The Telegram is informed on high authority that the governor will not advocate a production tax on coal, oil and gas. A considerable lobby by these interests has already appeared here pressing a fight if the issue were raised, and to keep a watchful eye on any revenue measure that may be introduced from what-over source.

It appears, however, that the special interests have been imposed upon, as it is suggested in some quarters that a statewide propaganda has been spread, having for its purpose a plan to convince the mineral interests that such an innovation was imminent, and that they must prepare for their defense, thus giving some amiable gentlemen employment. As a matter of fact the administration, in view of the condition of these industries none of which is enjoying prosperity and in view of the fact that it does not desire to precipitate a fight which would terminate nowhere and which would imperil the whole program, is not committed to the proposed mineral tax.

It is understood in his message, to be delivered Wednesday, the governor will not advocate any revenue legislation, leaving that to a later special message, when the situation will have been developed. This is not saying that the production tax mentioned will not be proposed early in the session. It is understood that Commissioner Blue has prepared a production tax measure which he will have introduced, in which he will not be especially supported by the administration. While no statement has been made by the administration, it is suggested that Governor Hatfield's recommendations may include the imposition of a license tax on landed estates and a corporation tax. However this suggestion is not authorized.

## WILLIAM SMITH DEAD.

MANNINGTON, Jan. 12.—William Smith, a well known and prominent oil and gas man of Marion county, died at his home here today after a short illness. Mr. Smith was known throughout the state and the news of his death comes as a great shock to all his friends.

## GERMAN CRUISER DAMAGED BY MINE

**DEATH DENIED.**  
(By Associated Press)  
PETROGRAD, Jan. 12.—The reported death of Grand Duke Alexander, Michaelovitch, brother-in-law of Emperor Nicholas, while fighting in Persia, was officially denied here today.

Bremen is Reported by a Petrograd Despatch as Being Badly Damaged.

(By Associated Press)  
LONDON, Jan. 12.—The German cruiser, Bremen, has arrived at Wilhelmshaven badly damaged by a mine laid here from Petrograd.

The Bremen is a small German cruiser built ten years ago. She is 241 feet long, 43 1/2 foot beam and has a displacement of 3,250 tons. Her complement consists of 236 men. She is armed with ten 4.1 inch guns, ten one-pounders and two submerged torpedo tubes. At the time of the occupation of Vera Cruz by American marines the Bremen was stationed at Mexican waters. The Bremen represented Germany at the Jamestown exposition in 1907 and also visited New York in 1909 at the time of the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

## KING ALBERT

Spends Several Hours with Pick and Shovel Digging War Trenches.

(By Associated Press)  
LONDON, Jan. 12.—King Albert spent several hours Sunday with a pick and shovel digging trenches like a common soldier, writes a Belgian at the front to his family here. "It happened in this way. While inspecting with some staff officers the line, I saw a group of us digging looking very tired. He inquired how long we had been working. Being told he sent us away for a rest while he proposed to his staff that he and they take our places."

## PUT IN JAIL

Is David Morrison on Charge of Violating Yost Law Six Weeks Ago.

Accused of violating the Yost prohibition law by "bootlegging" whiskey, David Morrison, a resident of Union Heights, is a prisoner in the county jail awaiting a hearing in Magistrate T. G. Nicewarner's court. A warrant was issued against him six weeks ago and officers had been hunting him since that time but were unable to locate him until Monday night when he was taken into custody by Clarence Stout, a deputy sheriff, and R. C. Bartlett, a Mount Clare constable.

Magistrate Nicewarner has scheduled the hearing of the case for 2 o'clock Friday afternoon.

## NEGATIVE SLAP

At United States is What One Newspaper Thinks of England's Reply to Note.

(By Associated Press)  
AMSTERDAM, via London, Jan. 12.—The Cologne Gazette referring in a recent issue to Great Britain's reply to the American note on shipping expresses the opinion that this communication from London in spite of its expressions of friendliness is in fact a slap negative. The Gazette upholds the contention that the increase of American exports to neutral countries has been due entirely to the increased home requirements of these countries.

## FURIOUS HAND TO HAND STRUGGLE ENGAGED IN

Is Fighting in Flanders Part of War Zone between the French and Germans.

(By Associated Press)  
NANCY, via Paris, Jan. 12.—The French troops were ordered to take the offensive between the Meuse and the Moselle on January 8 and the fighting that followed resulted in a distinct French gain. While on the wings the infantry attacked LePretre wood and the forest of Apremont the artillery masked behind Elifrey awaited the right moment to open fire. The batteries had been concealed during the night but nevertheless as soon as the morning mist floated away German shells began to fall among the gunners. Twice the positions were changed but still the shells fell quickly.

It was then noticed that the shells of a disintegrated windmill moved in an unaccountable way since there was not a breath of wind and five men were sent to investigate. As soon as they reached the building a man jumped from the window and fled but he was brought down by a French bullet. At noon the French guns opened fire and at the same time an aviator announced that the German center had been weakened because the Germans were obliged to send help to the left wing. After hours of shelling the German guns were put out of action and the French infantrymen dashed forward. The Germans then massed quick-firers but their assailants were well under their stride and unheeded the fire.

## PLEAS OF GUILTY.

(By Associated Press)  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 12.—Seventy-nine of the 114 Terre Haute men indicted by the federal grand jury for election frauds pleaded guilty today before Judge Anderson in the federal court. Demurrers to the indictment were filed for Mayor Dunn Roberts, Judge Eli Redman and Sheriff Dennis Shea.

## FARMERS

Will Be Told in Letters How a Production Tax Would Affect Pocketbooks.

The Oil and Gas Producers' Association, which has its headquarters at Parkersburg, in carrying on its fight against the proposed tax on oil and gas, is preparing to send out letters to the farmers of the state, whose land contains producing wells, or is held under lease. A mailing list of between thirty-five and forty thousand names has been compiled, as provided by different companies. These are the names of farmers who are receiving rental or royalty. The association is seeking to show the farmers how they will be affected by the proposed tax on oil and gas.

## DUPLICATE

Certificate of Discharge of a Soldier is Being Sought by Congressman Neely.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Henry Hall, an old soldier of West Virginia, writes Congressman Neely that he has lost his certificate of discharge, and the latter has instituted steps to have a duplicate issued from the adjutant general's office. Special pension bills by Major Neely have passed the House, as follows: I. W. Johnston, Moberly, 234; D. W. Kerns, Loudenville, 240; Daisy M. Watson, Fairmont, 212 a month, and 32 a month for each of her five minor children. Filed application for a pension increase, with the pension bureau, for George Estep of Watson, Perry L. Brumage of Haywood, W. W. Echols, of Wheeling, and William Pringle, of Reeverville. Notice has been received from the bureau that pension increases had been allowed to George Keck, of Reeder, \$27 a month and Henry Hickenbottom, of Clarksburg, \$27. Major Neely has filed with the postoffice department an application for the establishment of a post office at Green Hill, Wetzel county.

## PENSION INCREASE

Is Sought for the Widow of Captain Dovenor, Former Congressman.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12.—A bill introduced in the House of Representatives today by Congressman-at-Large Sutherland provides for an increase in the pension of Mrs. Margaret J. Dovenor from \$12 a month to \$38. Mrs. Dovenor is the widow of Captain Blackburn B. Dovenor, of Wheeling, who represented the First district in Congress for ten years. Another bill by Mr. Sutherland provides for an increase in the pension of Andrew Cladwell, of Alton, to \$50 a month. This old soldier is a helpless invalid and requires at all times the care of a nurse. Mrs. Cladwell is unable to get these bills passed before the end of the present month, and will work earnestly to that end.

## BONDS EXEMPT

From Democratic War Tax When Executed by Officials and Contractors.

PARKERSBURG, Jan. 12.—It is announced at the office of the internal revenue collector here that the department had ruled that bonds executed by state officials or those of a subordinate political division are not required to be stamped under the new emergency war measure.

## CREMATED

Are Man, Wife and Five Children in a Fire Which Burns Their Home.

HUNTINGTON, Jan. 12.—Oliver Duff, a colored farmer, his wife and five children, are dead as a result of a fire that burned their home at Macedonia, Lawrence county, O. Duff arose early in the morning and started a fire, returning to bed. He was awakened shortly afterwards by the crackling of flames. The negro rushed from the house, forgetting his family. Duff's infant James is seeking to re-enter the house to save the lives of his family. When taken to the home of a brother, he was at first apparently not seriously burned, but died a few hours later. The bodies of the others were cremated. The children ranged in ages from a young infant to a twelve-year-old boy.

## MORE JURORS

Are Drawn to Serve at Present Term of the Circuit Court of This County.

Additional jurors have been drawn in the circuit court to report tomorrow morning for duty as follows: Austin H. Davison, J. Hood Hornor, M. J. Lynch, S. R. Bartlett, Ernest Swiger, Calvin Wilson, Stanley Swiger and John W. Jenny.

## ADMINISTRATOR QUALIFIES.

F. M. Holden has qualified as administrator of the estate of Herman Holden with bond at \$1,000 and William McWhorter surety. W. R. and E. S. McWhorter and S. O. Davis are the appraisers of the estate.

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(By Associated Press)  
BERLIN, by wireless, Jan. 12.—Severe fighting is in progress today for the possession of the positions now in the hands of the Germans on the heights to the south of Cernay in upper Alsace, according to the German official communication issued today at army headquarters.

French attacks, which were begun last night, are reported to have been repulsed with heavy losses, but the French returned to the attack at dawn today.

In the fighting in the eastern part of the Argonne forest during the last five days the Germans claim to have taken prisoner seven officers and 1,500 men. The repulse of French attacks in the region of Perthes and at Alilly and the capture of a French position along the ancient Roman highway which runs through the Argonne are the only other activities in the western arena mentioned in the report.

In northern Poland the Germans claim that a forward movement of the Russians was checked.

## TURKS TAKEN

Taken Prisoners to the Number of Two Companies in the Region of Kara-Urgan.

(By Associated Press)  
PETROGRAD, Jan. 12.—The following statement from the general staff of the Russian army in the Caucasus was issued tonight: "The action in the region of Kara-Urgan is progressing. On January 10 our troops captured two pieces of mountain artillery and also made prisoners two companies of Turks with their officers. There is nothing to report from the other fronts."

## PNEUMONIA

Causes Death of Michael Joyce, Well Known Resident of Broad Oaks.

Michael Joyce, aged 71 years, a retired railroad, died at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning after a ten days illness of pneumonia at his home, 215 Harrison street, Broad Oaks.

Mr. Joyce was born in Ireland in 1844, and when 16 years old came to this country with his parents and resided at Piedmont for forty-two years. He moved to this city in 1908 and had resided here ever since. While living in Piedmont Mr. Joyce was in the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

The