

THE WEATHER
Snow in east, rain turning to snow
in west portion tonight. Thurs-
day local snows and colder.

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AIR COMBATS VERY FREQUENT

GERMAN TROOPS TEUTONIC ALLIES NOW DEPRESSED MAKE PROGRESS

German Prisoners Just Taken by the British Have Not Heard of Peace Proposal.

ARTILLERY IS VERY ACTIVE

Twenty Air Battles Are Fought on One Forenoon on a Certain Sector in France.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Dec. 19, via London, Dec. 20.—Out of a group of German prisoners taken on one section of the British front on Sunday only a non-commissioned officer had heard anything of the German emperor's peace proposal. This circumstance coupled with the fact that there had been absolutely no demonstration from any part of the German trenches caused much speculation among the British officers as to whether, despite the emperor's address to his troops, the new peace overtures had been permitted to reach the men actually engaged on the fighting line.

Documents captured in the last few days repeatedly mentioned the audacity and initiative of the Allied airmen, and Field Marshal von Hindenburg is quoted as having issued orders that the supremacy of the air must be sharply contested. According to these documents the German chief of staff has ordered that where the German lines are crossed by hostile aviators, German machines must penetrate an equal distance over the Allied lines. There has been only a few hours of good flying weather in the last week but numerous combats have taken place, twenty being fought in one forenoon on a certain sector.

German artillery has recently been quite active and has responded more frequently to the continuous British fire. According to prisoners the preponderance of British shells has depressed the German troops in the trenches who thought their own artillery was not supporting them with the same vigor as the support the English gave to their men.

EXTRA COACHES

Are Being Put on All Through Trains to Take Care of Heavy Travel.

Travel is unusually heavy on all roads this week, and the Baltimore and Ohio officials are taking their usual precaution to meet the conditions. Extra coaches are being put on all the through trains.

During the last of the week, and especially on Saturday the traffic will be the heaviest, and additional coaches will be attached to all trains to meet the demand.

The heavy travel is making the work of the division difficult, added to which are the heavy track conditions. The snow and cold following so quickly on the warm weather renders the track conditions more difficult to meet in the operation of trains. The two factors together, the weather and heavy traffic, are delaying the trains, but good time under the circumstances is being made.

The express business is also very heavy, and the through trains, 25 and 30, are loaded to their capacity almost every day, and will be this week. The officials are taking every precaution for the safe and quick operation of all trains.

MARKET IS NERVOUS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—The wheat market opened nervous Wednesday on Lloyd-George's speech. Wheat for May delivery, which closed at \$1.64 3/4, to 1.65 1/4, touched 1.62 1/2 in the first few minutes of trading. July dropped to \$1.36, a decline of two and three-fourths cents.

S. M. Steele is here from Moundsville.

WOMAN MOTORIST SETS NEW RECORD



Miss Eleanor Blevins, movie star, aviator and automobile enthusiast, drove from Philadelphia to Washington recently in the record-breaking time of 3 hours and 15 minutes. As the distance between the two cities is 180 miles, Miss Blevins must have traveled much of the time at the rate of a mile a minute.

AUSTRIAN EMPEROR'S MOTHER A GOOD SAMARITAN TO AUSTRIAN WOUNDED



Archduchess Maria Josepha (center) ministering to wounded soldier. Archduchess Maria Josepha is a tireless worker in behalf of Austria's sick and wounded soldiers. Most of her spare time is spent in nursing the sick in hospitals, directing relief work, and officiating at various charities for raising funds for the needy.

EMBARGO

Is Placed by the Baltimore and Ohio against Westbound Carload Freight.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—The Baltimore and Ohio railroad placed an embargo Tuesday night against all westbound carload freight from connections west of Cumberland, Md., except perishables, live stock and foodstuffs for human consumption. The embargo was made necessary, it was stated, on account of accumulation of shipments and to prevent serious congestion at terminal points.

ASKS FOR RECALL

French Military Strategist in Roumania Desires to Return to France.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—General Berthelot, the French military strategist, has asked to be recalled from the Roumanian front where he has been occupied for some time past, according to reports received by the Hamburger Fremdenblatt, which also says that the majority of the British officers attached to the Roumanian general staff have left for England.

"TRUSTIES"

Are to Be Paroled Three Days So as to Spend Christmas at Home.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 20.—So they may spend Christmas at home, "trustees" in North Carolina prisons and prison camps will be paroled for three days beginning next Sunday. Such instructions have been issued to state and county prison authorities by Governor Craig. The convicts will be required only to give their word of honor that they will return to the prison by noon, December 27.

Governor Craig last Christmas paroled more than 800 prisoners under similar conditions and all reported to the authorities at the time designated.

CARMEN GET WAGE BOOST. TOLEDO, O., Dec. 20.—Three hundred employees in the car shops of the Wabash railroad at this place have had their wages increased ten per cent.

Dr. Wallace B. Fleming, president of West Virginia Wesleyan College, was a business visitor here Wednesday.

In Spite of the Rainy Weather and Completely Soaked Roads.

ROUMANIANS ARE IN PERIL

Teutons Are Driving the Enemy in Roumania into a Very Small Square.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—The military critic of the Overseas News Agency in an article on the situation on the various fronts says: "In spite of the rainy weather and the completely soaked roads in eastern Wallachia, the Teutonic allies are making rapid progress. The fragments of the Roumanian army are being irresistibly driven into a square which is hardly eighty kilometers wide and bounded by the Danube on the east, by the mountains on the west and the Sereth river on the north. Through this flat district flows the Buzuev river. The chances of success for resistance in it are exceedingly small as the river has been crossed on a broad front by the pursuing troops. The only large town in this district still in Roumanian hands is Rimnik Sert. The towns of Braila, Galatz and Fokshani form a strategic and geographic point of view belong to the Sereth position.

In Dobrudja the Russians have been driven by the Bulgarians until they are south of Babadagh. The front of the Central powers now has been shortened about 600 miles, which is as much as is considered possible.

In the western theater the situation is unchanged except for local engagements. The British advance near Verdun was nothing but a political demonstration and will be unable to exercise any influence upon the general situation. The balance of the year 1916 therefore will not be improved for the French by small local successes. After months of sanguinary fighting and heavy French and English losses, the front in France and Belgium is virtually the same as it was in December, 1915."

ELKS CHARITY

Benefit Show at Palace Theater Thursday Night Will Have a Big Novelty.

The big novelty feature of the "Elks" Christmas charity benefit show at the Palace Thursday night will be "The Ragtime Santa Klaus," the holiday song written by Messrs. Dillebar and Smith, two local musicians. This song was the feature of the Masonic Club's Merry Minstrels where in show talk it "stopped the show." The song will be produced Thursday night with beautiful electrical effects, an Xmas tree and Santa Klaus, will distribute presents to everybody in the audience.

SHORTAGE

Of Railroad Cars is again under Discussion at a Meeting in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Further means to check practices which have contributed to the shortage of freight cars and general proposals looking to the betterment of the situation were discussed Wednesday at a meeting here of railroad officials and representatives of some of the chief shipping interests.

The chief topic was a method under which the abuse of the reassignment privilege could be prevented. Under existing regulations it is possible for speculators to ship cars to their order, re-assign them upon delivery to other destinations, and continue the practice indefinitely, keeping the cars in transit awaiting favorable markets and virtually using the railroads as warehouses instead of carriers.

CLOTHING STRIKE

Causes Manufacturers a Loss of \$150,000,000 in Broken or Forfeited Contracts.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A loss of \$150,000,000 in broken or forfeited contracts represents the cost already to the manufacturers from the clothing strike going on here, it was declared Wednesday by Jacob Schlossberg, general secretary of the strikers' union. The calling of the strike at this time, he said, caused the loss of contracts for war supplies and spring apparel.

BOOST WAGE SCALE. ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 20.—The wages of the 1,400 operatives of the Aitken, Langley and Semple Cotton Goods Companies in Georgia have been increased ten per cent.

C. V. Little, of Slatersville, is a business visitor here.

MUST INTERN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The 200 Americans detained in Syria and Palestine by the Turkish military authorities have been granted permission to leave by way of Beirut on condition that they intern at Beirut for a month to make valuable any military information they may have.

DRY FORCES OF HOOSIER STATE IN CIVIL STRIFE

Prohibition Backers See Need for Some One Who Can Reconcile Factions.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 20.—Indiana people who are interested in a state-wide prohibition law realize there is a great need now for some man who can reconcile the dry elements and thus present a solid front when the legislature convenes next month.

The differences seem to consist of some sort of antagonism between J. Frank Hanly, former Republican governor and more recently a candidate for president on the Prohibition ticket, and E. S. Shumaker, head of the Indiana Anti-Saloon League. Recently a meeting was held for the purpose of bringing about co-operation among a number of organizations, including the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Anti-Saloon League, the flying squadron, with which Mr. Hanly has been actively connected, and others. At this meeting it was apparent that there was a difference of opinion between Mr. Shumaker and Mr. Hanly.

The Anti-Saloon League has been fighting the liquor question for many years and is responsible for many of the anti-liquor laws now on the statute books. Mr. Shumaker, it is said, at this time when ultimate success seems within reach, does not seem to see the Anti-Saloon League swallowed up entirely by any other organization or federation of organizations.

As a counter proposal he has suggested that the Anti-Saloon League and the state Women's Christian Temperance Union join hands in the fight. Meanwhile a federation formed of a number of organizations, but including the Anti-Saloon League is getting ready for the fight. Just how the matter will come out nobody seems to know.

There does seem to be a general feeling though that R. C. Minton, counsel for the Anti-Saloon League, should draw the prohibition bill because he has wide experience in this line, having been connected with the league as attorney for a great many years.

The Indiana brewers are said to be pleased with the present situation of the opposition and are understood to be getting ready to make a hard fight against statutory prohibition. Stephen B. Fleming, of Fort Wayne and New York, came to Indianapolis last week and it is understood he was here for the purpose of planning the fight. He conferred with a number of Democrats. Mr. Fleming is known as one of the shrewdest politicians in the state. A few years ago he was a member of the state senate.

The brewers will make the argument that the liquor question should be left for settlement until a constitutional convention is held. Laying aside the liquor question for a constitutional convention would at least delay the evil day for the liquor people.

The anti-saloon people are strong for a constitutional convention, but they are just as strong for statutory prohibition which would make the state dry at once.

One of the plans of the anti-saloon people is said to be to have William Jennings Bryan come into the state when the question is up. Mr. Bryan when he was in Indianapolis a few weeks ago to address the Women's Christian Temperance Union, took the city by storm and was welcomed with great acclaim.

That the coming legislature will call a constitutional convention now seems pretty certain. James P. Goodrich, the Republican governor-elect, is said to favor the convention, and Governor Ralston, a Democrat, already has announced in favor of it. There are a number of reforms, including taxation reform, favored by Mr. Goodrich, and most of these will require a change in the constitution.

Work for Suffrage. The women also will work ardently for a constitutional convention which they hope will give them complete suffrage. They will also work for limited suffrage by statute at the present session.

Mr. Goodrich will return to Indianapolis from Oklahoma, where he has gone on business before the beginning of the legislative session. It is understood he will have only one appointment to make before the end of the assembly and that will be the appointment of a private secretary.

F. D. Armstrong, of Wellsburg, is a guest at the Hotel Gore.

RUSSIANS FACE A NEW PROBLEM

HE WILL ANSWER AMERICAN NOTES



Alfred Zimmerman has just succeeded Dr. von Jagow as German minister of foreign affairs. His duties are similar to those of the American secretary of state, and he will answer Mr. Lansing's notes.

FUNERAL SERVICES

Over Body of Donald Edwin Wine Will Be Held Thursday Morning.

Funeral services over the body of Donald Edwin Wine, aged one year, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fleming Wine, who died at 11:15 o'clock Tuesday night following a short illness of pneumonia will be held at 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning. The burial will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Mt. Clare.

Master Donald was taken suddenly ill Tuesday morning and his condition grew worse as the day advanced and in the evening he became unconscious and never regained consciousness. Mr. Wine, the child's father, is a member of the clerical force of the Grasselli Chemical Company at its Grasselli plant.

ELKS

Will Begin Distribution Friday Morning from Moore Block on South Fourth Street.

Former Mayor Frank R. Moore has kindly tendered the Elks' charity committee the use of a room in the Moore block on South Fourth street for the distribution of the Elks' Christmas charity articles among the deserving needy. The committee announces that it will begin the distribution Friday morning and it is essential that all names be sent in before that time to either the Elks' Club of Claude H. Atzrodt, chairman, at the Steff piano store just east of the Hotel Gore.

NOTICE TO MOTORISTS.

The following garages will be closed Monday, December 25, from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., and automobile owners are asked to make their arrangements accordingly: Ransone Motor Car Company, West Virginia Lexington Sales Company, Clarksburg Auto Company, Clippet Brothers, Newcomers Auto Supply Company, Randolph-Tidson Garage Company, Clarksburg Tire Company, Auto Storage and Supply Company, Glen Elk Garage Company (except taxi services), Central Auto Company, Keenan Garage Company, Highland Park Garage, (except taxi service).

INTERESTING NEWSPAPER.

C. E. Smith of 978 Middle street, near the Hazel-Atlas glass factory, has an interesting newspaper in his possession. It is a copy of the New York Herald of the issue of April 15, 1865, containing an account of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Smith bought the paper when a boy.

NO VACATION PAY.

Error was made in the announcement that the public school teachers would be allowed full pay for the Christmas vacation. This has not been the custom of the board of education and there is to be no change in this respect this year.

PELL COMMITTED.

The county lunacy commission has committed William C. Pell, former mayor of Bridgeport, to the state hospital at Weston.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Harry Matheny and Icie Yancy, to George P. Trupper and Lyle M. Smith.

As Refugees by the Thousands Are Passing across Frontier from Roumania.

POURING INTO THE CITIES

Most Difficult is the Problem to Care for Refugees as They Are Destitute.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 20.—The passage across the Russian frontier of thousands of Roumanians, who have abandoned their houses and property in the face of the invading Germans and Bulgarians, has cast the shadow of a new refugee problem on the Russian empire. These refugees have been pouring into Odessa, Kiev and other southern Russian cities in a destitute and helpless condition and present a problem which threatens to be more difficult than any which has confronted a belligerent power since the invasion of Belgium.

Russia has only partially succeeded in colonizing and assimilating the millions of homeless Poles, Jews and members of other races who fled to the interior during the first year and a half of the war.

This is, naturally, the worst time of the year in which to care for refugees and the economic readjustment, which the present political crisis has emphasized, adds to the difficulty of clothing and supporting a new nation. The magnitude of Russia's economic burden is appreciable when it is considered that the country has received already since the beginning of the war a refugee population far exceeding the combined citizenship of the Scandinavian countries, while the resources of the country have been taxed to the utmost to provide for the wandering peoples whose homes have fallen within enemy lines and whose means of livelihood are either temporarily or permanently forfeited.

STORE IS BURNED.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 20.—Fire early Wednesday destroyed the J. P. Allen department store with an estimated loss of \$200,000. Danger of falling walls threatened adjoining business houses and compelled the police to exclude all persons from them.

LUNACY CASE.

The county lunacy commission at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon began examination of the mental condition of Kins Bains, a foreigner. Complaint had been made against him by Frank Spatoro.

ON TRIAL.

Homer Beverlin was on trial in the criminal court Wednesday charged with wounding Orville Young August 16, last, while shooting promiscuously three miles from Wallace.

I. M. Dent and O. M. Kelley were here from Weston Wednesday. Kemble White is here from Fairmont.

ANOTHER "WAR RUIN" TAKEN BY BRITISH



No warrior cares to be captured and yet, judging from the condition of the wounded German shown in the photograph, it is difficult to believe that he is entirely displeased with his fate.

He was taken in a charge on a German trench, which followed three days of heavy cannonading. He had been in the trench for the entire time and had been wounded the first day. Without food or water and with no chance of smatching a rest he fought on for forty-eight hours until his trench and he were captured.

He is shown with a British Red Cross orderly, who is escorting him to a field hospital for treatment.