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FIERCE FIGHTING FAVORS GERMANS

(American Press)

London, Dec. 28.—North of the Vistula river, in Russian Poland, the Germans have retaken Mlawa, but south of the river they still stand on their old ground. In southern Poland, where the German right joins the Austrian left, there has been fierce fighting with slight gains for the Austro-German allies.

London, Dec. 28.—Christmas has come and gone without a truce on the part of any of the warring nations of Europe. While there has been no marked cessation of military activity, no decisive action has occurred along either of the great battle fronts. A spectacular element was supplied by an aerial duel between a German aircraft and two English biplanes over the Thames. This was witnessed by several thousand persons. The Germans escaped.

From Petrograd comes the news that the Russians have resumed the offensive at several points in Poland and that they have captured 11,000 prisoners. Berlin, however, reports inactivity along the Polish front. An Austrian army still is making a courageous effort to strike down the valley of the Nida in the direction of Tarnow, but British observers are of the opinion this movement will be too late if it is a fact that the Austro-German center really has received its reported check.

Germans Holding Bulldog Grip.

General von Hindenburg, the German commander in the east, still keeps his bulldog grip on the Vistula and seems to be making his present movement toward Warsaw from Thron, which is northwest of the Polish capital in the province of West Prussia. The latest Austrian statement tells of stubborn fighting on the Dunajec river, Galicia, where the battle line is unchanged, and chronicles progress in the Carpathians.

The French official statement, referring to the situation in the eastern theater of war, says the Germans who succeeded in forcing their way across the Bzuro river to the south of Sochaczew were driven back after having suffered considerable losses and that all German attacks on Bolimow resulted in failure.

The French statement says in the region of Inowlodz, on the Pilica river, and to the south of this locality stubborn fighting continues. Along the entire course of the Nida river and to the south of the Upper Vistula river, the French statement says, the fighting is going on under conditions favorable to the Russians.

Fog Covers Flanders.

On the western battle line Paris reports that fog in the north has interfered with the operations in Flanders; that counter attacks on the part of the Germans have been repulsed at Noulettes, to the west of Lens, at Boisselle, northeast of Albert, and at Lihons, to the west of Chaulnes, where a trench captured from the Germans was lost and then recaptured after a spirited engagement.

Between the Oise and the Aisne rivers a strong German attack was repulsed at Chivy, northeast of Soupir. In the region of Perthes the French artillery silenced German batteries which were bombarding trenches recently occupied by French troops. Two German counter attacks there were repulsed.

The French statement reports quiet between the Meuse and Moselle rivers and in the Argonne region, and asserts there was perceptible progress in front of Cernay, Lorraine. The French troops, according to the statement, have reached the outskirts of the forest on the hills to the west of the town and also have occupied the outskirts of Aspach, the valley and the heights which dominate Aspach on the west.

RUSSIANS ARE DRIVEN BACK

Austria Reports Unusually Severe Fighting.

Vienna, Dec. 28.—Extremely heavy attacks by the Russians are reported in the official statement.

The Austrian front is declared to be unchanged in Galicia, however, and repeated attacks in Poland were repulsed.

"Fighting continued along a greater part of our front," the statement asserts. "Our forces beat back Russian attacks near Magyag, in the Lotourca region, with heavy losses. The Russians were driven back toward Lisko.

"Between Wislo and Biala they attacked throughout the whole of Christmas eve and Christmas day with great intensity. On the Dunajec our front is unchanged."

CZAR NICHOLAS RETURNS TO THE FRONT.

Moscow, Dec. 28.—The members of the Russian imperial family, who have been here for several days, have departed, the emperor setting out for the battle front and the Empress Alexandra leaving for Tsarskoe Selo with their son and two daughters.

Returns From Trip.

George Stein, city clerk, returned to Bemidji this morning from Duluth where he had spent Christmas as the guest of friends.

AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER.

Will Di[illegible]tion's Defenses Before Con[illegible] on Jan. 2.

Photo by American Press Association.

Agitation in congress of the question of preparedness of the United States for war has gone over until after the holidays. The house military affairs committee originally had planned to have Representative Gardner of Massachusetts testify on the subject before it, but the hearing has been postponed until Jan. 2.

BOTH WANT VERA CRUZ

Villa and Carranza Forces Meet in Battle and Indications Are That Former Will Win.

GUTIERREZ WANTS RECOGNITION

Washington, Dec. 28.—The real battle for control of the port of Vera Cruz is believed to be in progress.

Advices to the state department say that fighting between Carranzaista and Villa forces is in progress ten miles west of Vera Cruz. The attacking columns were reported driving the Carranzaistas back on their main lines of defense. Severe fighting also is reported in the state of Tlaxcala and at Ebena, near Tampico.

This series of conflicts, it is believed here, will eventually end in success for the convention forces, who outnumber the Carranza sympathizers.

Meanwhile Provisional President Gutierrez is completing his cabinet, the only vacant places left being the ministers of justice and the interior. In his appointments Gutierrez has been impartial between the followers of Zapata and Villa, so that what might have proven a potent source of friction seemingly has been avoided.

Hopes to Secure Recognition.

It is believed here to be the intention of the leaders, when the convention reconvenes on Jan. 10, to attempt to frame a comprehensive land law, which congress will be asked to enact.

With such a law in force the disbanding of the army would be simplified and all factions are anxious that a strong civil government be established without delay so that an appeal may be made to the United States and the A-B-C powers for recognition.

Money is badly needed for the affairs of government, but every source of internal supply has been exhausted and a foreign loan is out of the question unless foreign recognition is forthcoming.

It is because they realize this that the convention forces are anxious either to compromise with or completely crush Carranza before Jan. 10.

Herrel to Reside Here

Mr. and Mrs. Herrel, of International Falls, arrived in Bemidji yesterday and will make their future home in this city. Mr. Herrel is one of the engineers in charge of the the Koochiching and Beltrami counties ditch projects and his work is such that he can better attend to his duties by making his headquarters here.

Sheeran Visits Bemidji

James A. Sheernan, of Duluth, traveling agent of the Soo Line, is in Bemidji today on business.

L. F. Murphy returned to his home in Grand Forks this afternoon after spending several days in Bemidji as the guest of friends.

PIANO RACE GROWS HOT

Contestants in Huffman & O'Leary Contest Show Intense Enthusiasm and Leaders May Lose Places.

NUMBER 8 MAKES BIG GAIN

As a result of added enthusiasm in the free piano contest which is being conducted by Huffman & O'Leary furniture company, contestants who have easily led in the race since it began are likely to lose their places.

Although No. 92 gained sufficiently to maintain first position, the remarkable advance of No. 8, who in one week jumped to 307,000, may result in more surprising changes during the next few days. The lead of No. 92 is now only 350 votes, her total being 307,350.

All contestants are urged to register their votes as soon as possible, thus adding more interest to the contest and rendering the counting less difficult.

The standing is as follows:

1, 301,000; 2, 2,000; 3, 7,000; 4, 2,000; 5, 2,000; 6, 2,000; 7, 2,000; 8, 307,000; 9, 172,000; 10, 192,000; 11, out; 12, 2,000; 13, 207,000; 14, 2,000; 15, 2,000; 16, 2,000; 17, 2,000; 18, 17,000; 19, 227,000; 20, 2,000; 21, 2,000; 22, 158,000; 23, 239,000; 24, 12,000; 25, 239,000; 26, 2,000; 27, 2,000; 28, 192,000; 29, 2,000; 30, 2,000; 31, 2,000; 32, 2,000; 33, 252,000; 34, 219,000; 35, 2,000; 36, 277,325; 37, 2,000; 38, 2,000; 39, 2,000; 40, 300,425; 41, 2,000; 42, 2,000; 43, 2,000; 44, 2,000; 45, 7,000; 46, 2,000; 47, 2,000; 48, 227,645; 49, 32,000; 50, 2,000; 51, 2,000; 52, 2,000; 53, 2,000; 54, 2,000; 55, 27,000; 56, 2,000; 57, 2,000; 58, 2,000; 59, 2,000; 60, 2,000; 61, 2,000; 62, 2,000; 63, 19,000; 64, 2,000; 65, 2,000; 66, 23,000; 67, 164,345; 68, 2,000; 69, 2,000; 70, 2,000; 71, 2,000; 72, 27,000; 73, 2,000; 74, 194,435; 75, 2,000; 76, 2,000; 77, 2,000; 78, 221,885; 79, 2,000; 80, 2,000; 81, 2,000; 82, 2,000; 83, 2,000; 84, 2,000; 85, 2,000; 86, 314,185; 87, 2,000; 88, 2,000; 89, 2,000; 90, 298,000; 91, 102,000; 92, 207,350; 93, 2,000; 94, 2,000; 95, 2,000; 96, 2,000; 97, 187,000; 98, 2,000; 99, 2,000; 100, 2,000; 101, 2,000; 102, 2,000; 103, 2,000; 104, 2,000; 105, 2,000; 106, 2,000; 107, 2,000; 108, 2,000; 109, 2,000; 110, 2,000; 111, 2,000; 112, 172,685; 113, 2,000; 114, 2,000; 115, 169,965; 116, 22,000; 117, 243,000; 118, 2,000; 119, 2,000; 120, 2,000; 121, 2,000; 122, 2,000; 123, 102,415; 124, 2,000; 125, 240, 675; 126, 2,000; 127, 2,000; 128, 2,000; 129, 2,000; 130, 285,660; 131, 220,000; 132, 2,000; 133, 2,000; 134, 2,000; 135, 2,000; 136, 32,000; 137, 2,000; 138, 2,000; 139, 2,000; 140, 2,000; 141, 2,000; 142, 2,000; 143, 2,000; 144, 2,000; 145, 2,000; 146, 2,000; 147, 2,000; 148, 2,000; 149, 2,000; 150, 21,000; 151, 2,000; 152, 2,000; 153, 2,000; 154, 2,000; 155, 2,000; 156, 127,845; 157, 2,000; 158, 2,000; 159, 186,745.

REPUBLICANS MEET TOMORROW

Attempt Will Be Made to Revive Party Organization in State.

It is expected that about 200 representative Republicans of the state will be in attendance at a "get-together" conference, which is to be held in St. Paul tomorrow. W. E. Verity, of Wadena, who was president of the State League of Republican clubs when it went out of business, called the meeting, the purpose of which will be to revive the organization and form republican clubs in every city. "That there is a general feeling that it is the duty of Minnesota republicans to get together," says the letter of invitation, "and put up a fighting organization which will be fairly representative of the rank and file of the party is doubtless as well known to you as to anyone. A great national campaign will soon be upon us, and there is much to do if the party is to be successful. Minnesota should do its full share in the work of restoring republican administration throughout the nation, and there is much need of some action which will bring this state back into the republican column."

BAND CONCERT TOMORROW.

Director Remfrey Announces Another Musical Entertainment.

Alden Remfrey, director of the Bemidji band, announced today that there will be a concert in the City hall tomorrow evening. Several special attractions will be arranged for the entertainment, which will be the last played in the high pitch. Immediately following the concert the music pitch will be changed to low. It is believed that this action, all preparations having been completed, will improve the music of the organization and make the playing less difficult. A large attendance at the concert would be appreciated by the band boys.

INDIANS ADVANCE IN INDUSTRIAL WORK

Cato Sells, Commissioner, Outlines Work Accomplished and Plans for Future —Hospital At Red Lake.

FARM WORK IS ENCOURAGED

Education of Children Shows Marked Gains and Vocational Training Given Especial Stress.

Cato Sells, commissioner of Indian Affairs, and the man who directs the work of Indian Agents in their campaign of closing northern Minnesota saloons because of the 1855 treaty provisions, has issued to the public a report on his first year's work as head of the Department, outlining what he hopes to achieve during his administration. There appears through the report the controlling ambition to promote the industrial activities of the Indian population. In his reform work he has not forgotten education, health and moral uplift.

He says that he found the Indian Service disorganized and discouraged, and that he has endeavored to place it on a sound economic and efficient business basis, working in harmony, and with enthusiasm, with the view of promoting the best interests of the Indians. With a thought of obtaining a clear comprehension of the viewpoint of the Indians, he has endeavored, he says, by personal interviews and examination of correspondence with Indians, to ascertain clearly their ideas with regard to the efforts being made in their behalf, and to this end he has made it a practice, in the case of every delegation and every individual Indian visiting Washington, to understand their wants and needs from their point of view and has given them his personal attention wherever possible.

Gains in Education.

Concerning Indian education, he says that the year has been especially marked by the large increase in the number of Indian pupils enrolled in the public schools throughout the country, which has been encouraged because it affords training of the greatest value and furnishes an opportunity to begin the co-operation of the government with the state in the education of the Indian. Especial stress is laid on the necessity for the vocational training of Indian pupils.

With the purpose of increasing the efficiency of teachers in the Indian service there were held during the year six institutes or summer schools in different sections of the country—Oklahoma, South Dakota, California, Wisconsin, Oregon and New Mexico. At these institutes courses of instructions were outlined, emphasizing industrial subjects.

New Hospitals Built.

With regard to health conditions, the commissioner calls attention to the fact that at the close of the fiscal year 1913 there were fifty hospitals with a combined capacity of 1,400 patients and six new hospitals under construction to care for a population of 300,000 with a high percentage of tuberculosis and trachoma. Out of 181,000 Indians on reservations, there were examined last year 61,201, and it was learned that tuberculosis was present in 8,000 cases and trachoma in 12,000; It is estimated that there are 25,000 suffering with tuberculosis and 35,000 afflicted wih trachoma. From the $300,000 appropriated by the last congress there was made available $100,000 for hospital purposes besides direct appropriations for a sanatorium in the Choctaw Nation, Oklahoma, and one at Red Lake, and on the Fond du Lac Reservation, Minnesota, also on the Rosebud, Pine Ridge and Cheyenne Reservations in South Dakota. Plans have been prepared for the building of seven small hospitals at a cost of from $12,000 to $15,000 each, on the reservations where the need of medical attention has been most keenly felt. The work for the eradication of trachoma has been vigorously pushed during the year. The field has been divided into five districts and an expert assigned to each.

Liquor Indians Downfall.

At its last session, and through the effort of Commissioner Sells, congress appropriated $725,000 for encouraging industry and self-support among the Indians, being the largest appropriation ever obtained for this purpose. A comprehensive plan has been formulated by the commissioner for the use of this money in such a way as to obtain for the Indians the maximum benefits.

On reservations where the lands are more suitable for agricultural use the commissioner has made special effort to increase the interest in farming and for this purpose employed during the past year 450 farmers to instruct the Indians.

One of the biggest resources of the Indian lies in his forests. The commissioner promises to wisely administer this vast resource, the keynote of which will be the industrial development of the Indian through the judicious sale and manufacture of timber.

There are approximately eighty saw mills on Indian lands, the ownership of which is divided equally between the government and private individuals.

During the succeeding fiscal year the commissioner proposes to give special attention to the completion of an accurate inventory of the In-

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WORK MUST BE ACTIVE

If Bemidji is to Secure Services of Visiting Nurse Many Red Cross Seals Must Be Sold Immediately.

HAVE UNTIL THURSDAY NIGHT

You still have opportunity to purchase Red Cross stamps, and in this manner be of assistance in bringing a Visiting Nurse to Bemidji for a month's stay.

Few realize the importance of such a visit to Bemidji. The investigations of a Visiting Nurse will usher forth much information concerning conditions in Bemidji which will prove of great benefit in improving social surroundings.

Mrs. Harvey Wilcox, who is in charge of the stamp sales, announced this morning that if the necessary $100 is to be secured everyone must assist, the amount now being far short. The stamps will be on sale at all places, as before Christmas, and can be purchased until New Year's eve.

Every community that has been active in selling the seals will see immediate results. The fund raised by the seals will mean an extensive educational campaign to teach people how to live, and how to prevent and cure tuberculosis. The first definite step to be taken is the organization of county health associations, made up of men and women that have been active in the Christmas seal campaign, and of others willing to work for the advancement of public health. Each Christmas seal campaign manager has submitted a dozen names to the Minnesota Public Health association as possible supporters of such an organization.

The plan is to have these men and women meet soon, elect officers and arrange a public meeting, at which an executive of the state association will speak. The object of these county organizations will not be to raise money, but primarily to do sociological work, and to have an association in each county that can be called upon when needed.

DUCHESS OF MANCHESTER

Report Says She Will Claim Entire Estate of Father.

Photo by American Press Association.

The Duches of Manchester, daughter of the late Eugene Zimmerman of Cincinnati, has sailed from London for the United States. It is stated that it is the determination of the duchess to claim the entire estate of her father for herself and children, indicating that other claimants are expected. Estimates of the estate vary as much as $7,000,000, on account of a number of investments of doubtful value.

HELP MAKE TREE SUCCESS

Brinkman Theater Management Will Donate Percentage of Two Nights' Proceeds for Christmas Benefit.

MEANS JOY FOR POOR CHILDREN

With plans made to accommodate at least 200 poor children at the Salvation Army Christmas tree and program which is to be held in the City hall, Wednesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brinkman, of the Brinkman theater, and Harry St. Clair, manager of the stock company now appearing at this popular show house, have asked permission to assist in financing the proposition.

The Army, which is assisted in framing a program by the Associated Charities, has had difficulty in securing sufficient funds with which to make the affair as successful as in past years, and the Brinkman management has generously offered to donate a portion of the receipts of the tonight's and tomorrow evening's performances.

The larger the attendance at the Brinkman on these two nights means more assistance for the plan of the Salvation Army workers.

Women in charge of the Bemidji Army barracks will have charge of the ticket sales on both evenings.

Poor children from Nymore, East Bemidji, Mill Park and the city proper are to attend the exercises, and it is expected that more than 200, the number at last year's program, will enjoy it. An excellent program is being arranged.

M'NABB LEAVES BEMIDJI

Purchases Drinking Establishment at Virginia—Old Resident Here.

Andy McNabb for thirteen years a resident of Bemidji, coming here as an expert filer in one of the lumber mills, left yesterday for Virginia where he has purchased the saloon property of Matt Derosia, the consideration being $4,000. He will take charge of his new business Wednesday, the council having granted a transfer of the license last week. During the past several years, and until closed by the government a month ago, because of the treaty, McNabb has operated one of the best conducted barrooms in Bemidji, and was always well liked by all who had business dealings with him. Mrs. McNabb wil remain in Bemidji until spring, at which time she will go to Virginia to join her husband.

BUT TWO CHANGES IN COUNTY OFFICES

Beltrami's Business During Next Four Years Will Be Conducted by Practically Same Officials.

HAYES IS NEW COMMISSIONER

Judge Clark and Clerk of Court Rhoda Hold Records for Continuous Service With Supt. Stewart Next.

Beltrami county officials are viewing without worry the problems of the increased cost of living because of the new law requiring but one election in every four years. Visions of increased bank accounts because of decreased election costs has led to mutual congratulations among the county officials in anticipation of their new terms which begin next Monday, January fourth.

But two changes in the roster of the court house family is made this year, the result of the election of Fred Hayes, who will represent the Third district as a member of the board of county commissioners, succeeding Commissioner Myhre, and the naming of Garfield Ackerberg, as coroner.

Auditor to Remain.

In the auditor's chair will again be seated James L. George, regarded as one of the state's most efficient officials. Mr. George was re-elected in November by a flattering majority, and has held the office since the first day of January, 1911, having been victorious at the polls in 1910. In his deputy positions will be F. B. Lamson and Henry W. Alsop, and as assistants will be Ida DeRushia, Julia Nielsen, W. C. Klein and A. H. Kaler, a most excellent force.

Counting Them Yet.

Andrew Johnson, who was re-elected sheriff this year, receiving a larger vote than any other candidate for county office, announces that he will retain his two deputies, George Denley and James Cahill, giving assurance that the work of this important office will be carried out in the same businesslike manner as in the past several years. Johnson, who the returns prove to be the most popular man holding office in the county, has been connected with the sheriff's office for many years, first serving as a deputy in 1907, continuing as such until 1910. He was first elected in 1912.

Had No Opposition.

Roy Bliler, county surveyor, was re-elected last month without opposition. Mr. Bliler, who is a most competent official, has held the office since July, 1910, it being at that time that he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of M. D. Stoner, resigned. Bliler was elected in 1910, and re-elected in 1912 and 1914. His deputy is C. C. Spencer.

A Deputy in 1903.

Eleven years ago, Charles Moon, during the past two years register of deeds, accepted a position as deputy auditor of this county, which position he kept almost continually until 1912. It was at this time that he won the office of register of deeds over James O. Harris, a contest deciding the winner. He was re-elected this year by a large vote. As his deputies, Mr. Moon will retain J. J. Conger, who for years has filled the position so well, and Miss Elizabeth Murphy, a most capable assistant.

As Long As He Wants It.

Fred Rhoda, clerk of court, is greeted with a larger majority each time he asks for re-election, and it begins to look as though he may continue in office as long as he desires. But for this there is a reason. Fred Rhoda is not only popular with all who have business relations with him, but he is recognized as being a most competent and reliable official, being known as one of the state's best clerks of court. With Judge M. A. Clark, Rhoda shares the distinction of holding Beltrami county office longer than any other man, first being elected in 1902, at a time when he was deputy auditor. Previous to that he had been in the banking business. He was renamed in 1906, 1910 and 1914. As his deputy will continue Miss Lucy LaFontisee, one of the county's most accommodating and able clerks.

Geil Holds Over.

In the treasurer's office, Earle Geil will again preside. Mr. Geil has held office for two years, it being then that he defeated George H. French. Previous to his election he was in the hotel business here, and had been chief of the Bemidji Volunteer fire department for twelve years, at the time of his election being city treasurer. He is a very popular official. Mr. Geil announces that Harry Ahlstrand will continue as his deputy and Fletcher Grimoldby as his assistant.

Elected in 1902.

M. A. Clark, judge of probate, is

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