

BIG OFFENSIVE BY RUSSIANS HAS BEGUN

Dense Masses of Troops Are Being Thrown into Attack Against Austrians in Bukovina, Near the Bessarabian Border, According to Austrian Advice

BUT PETROGRAD REMAINS SILENT

Another Attack Is Being Made Between the Rivers Pruth and Dneister—The French Repulse a German Attempt to Capture a Gap in Champagne Region

London, Dec. 30.—Although Petrograd remains silent on the subject, the public is inclined to believe the Russians are undertaking a great offensive in Bukovina, near the Bessarabian border.

The fighting centers at a point near Yoporutz, a small town just within the border of northern Bukovina, but a simultaneous attack is being made on an extended front reaching from the river Pruth to a position north of the Dneister river, a distance of about 50 miles.

Unofficial reports from the extreme northern portion of the eastern front state that the Germans have made a serious but futile attack in the region of Lake Bangar, while the Russians west of Lake Kangar are threatening Mitau.

Field Marshal Von Mackensen, who recently was reported to be directing the fitting out of a powerful expedition against the Suez canal, visited Sofia yesterday, according to advices from that city, returning to headquarters after conferring with the German and Austrian ministers and King Ferdinand of Bulgaria.

The repulse of a German attempt to capture a French gap in the vicinity of Dompierre is announced by the Paris war office. French artillery fire prevents the Germans from repairing their trenches in Champagne, which the French guns had recently broken up.

GERMANY GIVES CARRANZA RECOGNITION

Berlin Government Follows United States in Recognizing His as the De Facto Government of Mexico.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—Germany has extended recognition to the Carranza government in Mexico.

MILLIONS MORE WAGES

For Employers of Various Trades in New York City.

New York, Dec. 30.—The wages of 200,000 employees in various trades in this city will be increased beginning January 1, it was estimated today.

MARRIED 70 YEARS

Judge and Mrs. Albert M. Albe of Belvidere Falls Observe Anniversary.

Belvidere Falls, Dec. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Albe today observed the 70th anniversary of their marriage.

TWO TIED FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

W. C. Hoag and L. J. Egelston Leading Checker Contestants.

Burlington, Dec. 30.—The sixth annual tournament of the Vermont Checker club ended last night with W. C. Hoag of Burlington the present state champion.

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NEW GERMAN PROPOSALS

Regarding the Lusitania Case Are Expected in Washington.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—New proposals from Germany for a settlement of the Lusitania controversy which the Berlin foreign office hopes will be acceptable to the United States, are expected to be presented to the state department next week.

The present status of the negotiations is very closely guarded. The United States has contended all along for a disavowal of the sinking of the Lusitania and reparation for the American lives lost.

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1,816 ACCIDENTS

Reported to the Vermont Industrial Accident Board.

Vermont's industrial accident board, which came into being on the passage of the workmen's compensation act at the last session of the legislature, has received five and one-half months reports of 1,816 accidents.

Eight fatal accidents have been reported since the law became effective July 1, 1915, and in two of these cases the victims were Austrians and it has been found impossible to communicate with relatives.

While the act does not apply to contractors who employ less than 11 men, unless they choose to come under the provisions, many have taken advantage of the optional clause and are operating under the law.

DARTMOUTH MEN IN REUNION

Held Banquet at Hotel Barre Last Evening, Thirty Men Being Present.

Dartmouth college alumni and undergraduates, with a few guests invited from those who have a special interest in the college in one way or another, held a reunion in the dining room at Hotel Barre last evening in the form of an informal Dartmouth dinner.

The board has yet to receive any complaints against the law, as it reads or as it has been interpreted by the board and it appears to be in the main satisfactory to employer and to employee.

BURLINGTON POLICE ARRESTED TEN INSIDE OF THREE HOURS LAST NIGHT

Burlington, Dec. 30.—Between the hours of 8 and 11 last evening, the Burlington police department made 10 arrests.

George Sawyer of the class of 1906 acted as toastmaster and called on various members of the party for impromptu talks at the close of the dinner. Reminiscences of the "old grade" and brief accounts of a few of the newer phases of college life in Hanover were the chief topics dwelt upon by the speakers.

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AUSTRIA LOST TWO VESSELS

Naval Battle Took Place off Cattaro in Adriatic Sea, When Allied Squadrons Attacked to Prevent Bombardment of Durazzo on Western Coast of Albania

LOSSES OF ALLIES, IF ANY, NOT MENTIONED

The Austrian Destroyer Lika Struck a Mine and Was Blown Up, and Destroyer Triglav Was Destroyed by Fire of the Enemy—The Remainder of Austrian Ships Fled Back to Base

Paris, Dec. 30.—Two Austrian torpedo boat destroyers have been sunk as the result of an encounter with sea forces of the allies at a point outside of Cattaro in the Adriatic sea.

This information is contained in an official announcement of the French marine department today which says:

"An Austrian naval division having come out from Cattaro for the purpose of bombarding Durazzo, certain squadrons of the allies went forth to give battle. The Austrian torpedo boat destroyer Lika encountered a mine and was blown up. The destroyer Triglav of the same type was destroyed by the fire of the allies' ships. The remaining warships of the enemy were pursued and they fled in the direction of their base."

FRENCH CAPTURED A TURKISH ISLAND FOR NAVAL BASE

Castellorizo in the Aegean Sea Is Declared to be Indispensable for the Operations of the Allies' Fleet—Is Inhabited Mostly by Greeks.

Paris, Dec. 30.—French troops have occupied the Turkish island of Castellorizo in the Aegean sea, between the island of Rhodes and the Gulf of Adalia, according to Paris newspapers.

FORD SHIP CARRIED RUBBER

It Was Consigned to Germany and Was Seized by British.

London, Dec. 30.—A British official statement issued last night says: "It is ascertained that 35 bags of rubber, all consigned to a well known enemy forwarding agent in Sweden, were removed from the parcel post mail on board the steamship Oscar II.

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LAST OF A FAMILY

William A. Sherrill's Forbear Had Been Prominent in Vetneges.

Vergennes, Dec. 30.—William A. Sherrill, a prominent citizen of this city, died yesterday morning from the effects of a stroke suffered three weeks ago, aged 84 years.

TO MEET IN BURLINGTON

Vermont State Teachers' Association Committee Decides on Location.

Burlington, Dec. 30.—The Vermont State Teachers' association will hold its next annual meeting in Burlington Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 12, 13 and 14.

"NO FUNDS" MARKED MANY CHECKS

Now Barney Goldberg is a Much Wanted Man in Addison County, But He Has Not Come Forward to Make Check Good.

Burlington, Dec. 30.—Barney Goldberg, a former resident of Burlington, is being searched for by Deputy Sheriff Fred Rowley of New Haven, who bears a warrant made out against him by State's Attorney Allen Sturtevant of Addison county which charges that Goldberg obtained goods under false pretense.

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CREEPING IN ON OWN POWER

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FOWLS SHRIEKED THEIR VALEDICTORY

Over a Successful Exhibition of the Vermont Poultry Association, Which Has Been Running Three Days.

Roosters, cocks and cockerels, ducks and doves, drakes and hens, even the unobtrusive little canaries, gayest of all in their black and yellow plumage, emitted each their valedictory noise at the Church street gymnasium today as the 10th annual exhibit of the Vermont Poultry association was drawing to a close.

PLEASANT DANCING PARTY

And a Farce Was Also a Feature of Italian Gayety Club Affair.

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OLD TIMES IN SCOTLAND

Were Recalled by Celebrators at Glengue Banquet Last Night

BANQUET, TOASTS AND DANCING

Barre's Buchananites Held Their Annual Reunion

Real heather from the bonnie braes of Scotland graced the tables at the banquet and dance of the Glengue club, which was held in Clan O'Connell hall last evening with an attendance of 45 club members together with invited guests to round out an even 100.

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