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GERMANS ARE HOLDING OWN

ATTACKS ARE REPULSED AT ALL POINTS WITH HEAVY LOSSES.

ARE ENTRENCHED

Both Armies Make Futile Attempts to Drive Back Each Other Without Success.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Neither the Austro-German offensive operations against the Russians nor the Allies' attacks on the German lines in the west have made an appreciable progress, although fighting continues along the greater part of the two fronts with unabated intensity. In both cases the attacking armies appear to have run full tilt against almost impenetrable lines.

The Germans, in their official report, announce that they have ceased their attacks on the Bzura river, which, with the Russian masses behind it, stands across their direct path to Warsaw. They are now trying to find a way to the Polish capital along the Pilica River, a considerable distance south of Warsaw.

Fog has interfered with battles in Flanders, but along the French front the Germans have been delivering fierce counter attacks. In these, as in the Allies' attacks, the losses on both sides have been considerable, but heavier on the side which has been attacking.

The slowness of the Allies' progress is explained in London as due to the general staff's refusal to sacrifice a great number of soldiers. They are satisfied with small successes through artillery practice, which in time, it is pointed out, should prepare the way for a general forward movement.

According to information from Constantinople the Turks, under advice of the Germans, are fortifying their shores in the Gulf of Samsun and on the Sea of Marmora, indicating that they expect visits from the allied fleets.

GIFTS WERE ACCEPTABLE.

Thinks Extended to Wilson for Presents to Orphans.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—A dispatch to the Austro-Hungarian embassy from Vienna today announced the emperor had expressed thanks to President Wilson through Ambassador Penfield for the American Christmas gifts distributed yesterday among soldiers' orphans.

CAUGHT IN STORM.

Men in Launch Suffer Hardships From the Cold.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 26.—After a 24-hour fight in a blinding snowstorm B. R. Cofer, N. T. Cofer and Thomas Brubard, local business men, were rescued today after their launch had been driven ashore near Fishing Point, on the James River near here. Physicians from Smithfield went to their aid in automobiles.

The three men left here yesterday morning at 8 o'clock in a 46-foot launch for Smithfield, where the Cofers had been called by the death of their mother. They failed to reach their destination and dozens of launches went out this morning to search for them. The launch was not equipped with heating apparatus or supplied with food, as the party had expected to make the trip in two hours. The men are said to have suffered greatly from exposure.

RESERVE BANKS STATEMENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The weekly statement of the 12 federal reserve banks at the close of business December 24, shows a slight increase in reserve deposits and a slight decrease in loans and discounts.

The total resources were about 1.7 million dollars larger than the previous week, the increase being due mainly to larger amounts of federal reserve notes in the hands of the New York bank. Net deposits show a gain equally large, and rediscounts show a decrease of about a half million dollars as compared with the previous week's totals. Hardly any change is shown in the figures of net circulation of federal reserve notes, though reports of additional federal reserve notes were issued to the banks during the week.

NONE WERE KILLED.

Car Turned Over Tries on Imbankment; Six Persons Injured.

HASTFORD, Mich., Dec. 26.—Although the rear coach, carrying more than 30 persons on a Kalamazoo Lake Shore and Chicago passenger train, was hurled from the track here tonight and turned over twice in a descent down a steep embankment, only a passenger was injured and none killed.

A freight train knocked the car from the track.

SUFFERING GREAT ACROSS BORDER

Conditions That Are Equal If Not Worse Than in Europe.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Conditions of famine and suffering in Mexico, said by some to rival the distress in the European theatres of war, were described in reports issued today by the American Red Cross.

Consul General Hanna sent the following message from Monterey: "There is an alarming shortage of staple food supplies. Several outlying towns are appealing to me for help. If the winter keeps cold there will be great suffering. I need two thousand cheap blankets. After four years of war this whole country is short of food."

The consul at Matamoros said: "The conditions in Europe which shock the civilized world have existed here against our borders for four years, unconsidered. Mexico is peopled with widows and orphans and famine is in the land. One sees it daily in emaciated forms and shrunken cheeks. Many have died on American soil during the past year, ostensibly from disease, but actually from starvation, and there are hundreds of children who never had sufficient food in their lives. The sound of laughter and playing children is still heard in Mexico.

"They have endured much, but now has been reached the end of even their stoicism and from the east and the west and the south comes a cry for bread."

"There is need for food and clothing and medicines. The need is pressing. Arrangements have been made whereby supplies can be distributed from the American consulates at this place to any locality in Mexico."

The Red Cross a short time ago, on an appeal from Rear Admiral Howard, sent \$1,000 worth of food to Acapulco on the west coast.

BOLD SCHEME FAILED.

Robbers Caught After Procuring Money in Darling Manor.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Christian Jouget, a carpenter, was left bound and gagged in his home tonight after two men had compelled him to make out a check for \$400 payable to his wife. Mrs. Jouget then was compelled to accompany one of the men to a bank, where she procured the cash. She turned the money over to the bandit who had kept her secretly covered with a revolver.

The police arrested the men and recovered the money. Peter Modonori, 22, was one. The other man refused to give his name.

ATTACK UNSUCCESSFUL.

Britishers Fail in Effort to Blow Up Postoffice.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—The German admiralty made the following announcement today: "On December 25 eight British ships made a dash into a German bay. Hydroplanes, conveyed by them made an advance against the mouths of German rivers and dropped bombs on ships lying at anchor and a gas tank near Cuxhaven, without hitting them or doing damage.

"The hydroplanes were fired at and withdrew in a westerly direction. German airships and aeroplanes reconnoitered against the British forces and succeeded in hitting with bombs two British destroyers and one other vessel of the convoy. On the latter fire broke out.

"Fog prevented a continuation of the fighting."

FLYNN WINS MATCH.

Davis Knocked Out in the Seventh Round.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Fireman Jim Flynn knocked out George ("One-round") Davis, of Buffalo, in the seventh round of a ten-round match here tonight. Flynn weighed 188; Davis 185. Davis took the count of nine four times in the first round.

ARE AFTER NANCY.

German Aeroplanes Drop Explosives; Eight Persons Killed.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—(3:55 p. m.)—A dispatch received here from Nancy says that a Zeppelin airship flew over the city early this morning and dropped a total of fourteen bombs.

Two persons were killed and two others wounded.

Several houses in Nancy were slightly damaged, but none of the public buildings were injured.

BOMBS DO DAMAGE.

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PETROGRAD, Dec. 26.—(Via London, 6:20 p. m.)—Eight persons were killed and over 100 were wounded in the town of Sochaczew, Russian Poland today by bombs thrown down from five German aeroplanes.

One bomb dropped in the middle of a crowd which was watching the aviators and in exploding it killed or wounded virtually the entire gathering.

The market place in Sochaczew and a number of wooden houses were set afire and destroyed.

MAN IS KILLED IN MEAT MARKET

TRAGEDY IN GREENWOOD ON CHRISTMAS SAID TO BE ACCIDENTAL.

LIQUOR THE CAUSE

Ed Beal in Intoxicated Condition Shoots Will Hughes, a Lifelong Friend.

The following account is from the Greenwood Journal under date of Dec. 26:

Will Hughes, aged about 40, a former resident of this city who returned about two months ago, was shot and instantly killed Friday afternoon about 12:30 o'clock in Mr. Joe L. Maxwell's meat market by Ed Beal, an employe of the market. The shooting occurred in the presence of two witnesses, both of whom, in their testimony at the coroner's inquest, seemed to think that Hughes lost his life by the accidental discharge of the weapon.

"I wouldn't have done it for a million dollars," is one of the statements made by Beal. And, "Chinee," you know it was done accidentally," is another he exclaimed when N. G. Goldman ran to the telephone to call for a doctor. After being placed in jail Beal continued to say that the shooting was purely accidental and he wouldn't have taken the life of Hughes for the world. The prisoner has shown every evidence of being nerve-wrecked from the tragedy. When his friends called to see him after he was locked up he cried like a child.

The shooting took place a short time after several men had been warned by police officers not to shoot firecrackers and had left Beal, Goldman and a young man Robertson in the store. Soon after this Hughes went to the market and the crowd gathered around the stove when someone shot another firecracker. Beal then said, according to one of the witnesses, that he believed he would do a little shooting himself, and in the next instant Hughes cried, "Uncle Ed, you have shot me," and fell dead.

The bullet went just above the left nipple and penetrated the heart and both lungs.

LYNCHING Averted

Speedy Trial Guaranteed Two Mexicans to Quiet Mob.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 26.—Only when Judge Chambliss pledged his word that a speedy trial would be given Federico Gonzales and F. Sanchez, Mexicans, did a mob desist today in an attempt to lynch them while held on the charge of the murder of Deputy Sheriff Harry Hinton, of Live Oak county.

Accordingly a special grand jury and petit jury have been summoned for Monday at Oakville, to consider the cases of the men. Hinton was slain with an iron bar while serving meals to the prisoners in the Oakville jail. Sanchez and Gonzales escaped but later were captured. A third Mexican accused of passing the bar into the jail was lynched.

SERIOUS AFFAIR AT JONESVILLE

Negroes Engaged in Pistol Duel; Shoot Two Young Ladies of That City.

JONESVILLE, S. C., Dec. 26.—Marie Fowler and Myrtle Coleman, members of prominent local families, were struck by stray bullets when Will Haney (colored) and Cranford Thompson (colored) engaged in a pistol duel at the railway station here today. Miss Coleman is said to be dangerously wounded, one bullet having passed entirely through her body. Miss Fowler's hurts are reported to be painful but not dangerous. The negroes, who are in jail, probably will be taken to Union for safe keeping as indignation here is general and county officials fear an attempt at lynching. Haney is said to have been dangerously wounded. The other negro was injured slightly.

WILL OPEN EXPOSITION.

Mr. and Mrs. McAdoo Will Officially Open Festivities.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Secretary McAdoo left Washington tonight for San Diego, Calif., to open the Panama California Exposition there on the night of December 31. Mrs. McAdoo accompanied him. They will be gone until January 10.

MEXICAN AFFAIRS ARE BADLY MIXED

Conflicting Reports of Fighting and Reputed Charges Are Made.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Secretary Bryan said today that the United States government was continuing its efforts with the Gutierrez government to obtain a general amnesty for political offenders both in and out of Mexico. He declared the question of recognition of the Gutierrez government had not been considered, and made it plain that the amnesty had not been asked for as a prerequisite to recognition.

Officials here are taking much interest in the safety of Former Governor Iturbide, who has left Mexico City for the United States through the influence of the American government. General Palafox, a Zapala adherent and member of the Gutierrez cabinet, is quoted as saying that Iturbide would be arrested if caught before he reaches the border. Should that occur, it is probable urgent representations in his behalf would be renewed.

The United States government is grateful to Iturbide because although an official under preceding governments, he remained in Mexico City to protect foreigners and maintain order after the Carranza troops evacuated rather than make good his own safety by flight.

American Consul Silliman at Mexico City reported today that General Palafox had issued a statement charging that he (Silliman), Special Agent Leon Canova and others had accepted a bribe of 500,000 pesos to effect the release of Iturbide.

Mr. Silliman, in his report, dismissed the story of the bribe as absurd. Consul Canada's dispatches to the state department from Vera Cruz today made no reference to fighting there yesterday between Carranza and Villa troops, and other sources of information on Mexican affairs here were without advice.

A delayed official dispatch from Tampico reached the state department today giving additional information of the fighting on December 23 between the Carranza and Villa forces at Ebano station, near there. The message said the Carranza forces under General Velasco were gradually falling back in the direction of Tampico. Official reports giving out at Carranza headquarters last night said Villa's troops had been defeated at Ebano station.

At The Front

From Berlin comes an official report, on authority of the German admiralty, of a raid by British warships on the German coast. Cuxhaven, a fortified port, and adjoining territory appear to have been the object of the British attack in which eight ships and a number of hydroaeroplanes took part.

No details are given, beyond the statement that German airships and aeroplanes threw bombs on two British destroyers and one other vessel of the convoy, the latter being set on fire.

Both French and German reports of the battles in Belgium and northern France indicate sharp fighting. In the battles against British and Indian troops near St. Hubert, the Germans report they captured 19 officers and 818 men, 14 machine guns and other war equipment, and that the British left more than 3,000 dead on the field. The English asked for a cessation of hostilities to bury the dead, which was granted.

Germany has replied to the French aeroplane attack on a village and the dropping of bombs on Freiburg, with an air attack on the outskirts of Nancy. Regarding this operation a Paris dispatch says a Zeppelin flew over Nancy and dropped fourteen bombs, killing two persons, wounding several and slightly damaging houses. This is the first report of activity by a Zeppelin against a French city.

In North Poland, according to the official German statement, east of the Vistula, the situation remains unchanged, but it is announced in the same bulletin that the Germans have ceased their attacks on the Bzura river, which means that temporarily, at least, the advance on Warsaw from this direction has been checked. On the right bank of the Pilica river, however, German attacks have been successful.

Petrograd reports continued fighting on December 25 between the lower courses of the Vistula and the Pilica, and violent engagements in the region bordering on the Pilica. Likewise there has been severe fighting with the Austrians along the lower courses of the Nida, where the Russians claim to have taken more than 4,000 prisoners.

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TURKISH TROOPS CONQUERED RUSSIANS

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UNCLE SAM IS IN A QUANDARY

DELICATE QUESTION OVER BELGIAN MINISTER ARISES.

NO PRECEDENT.

Annexation of Belgium, by Germany Would Seriously Complicate Affairs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The United States government had received no notification late today from Germany that American consuls originally accredited to Belgium would be required to obtain new exequaturs or certificates of authority. Until such a notice is communicated high officials said this government would determine no course of action. Officials regard the points involved as of a delicate character.

In reply to a question recently as to the status of Brand Whitlock, President Wilson replied that Whitlock would remain American minister to Belgium, even though he left the country indefinitely. He now is in Brussels dealing unofficially with the German military authorities but is accredited to the Belgian government, whose seat is at Havre, France.

The status of consular officers who are given specified districts presents a more complex problem. There has been no general understanding on this phase of the subject but the precise meaning of the term "occupation" was established in a definition adopted by The Hague conference of 1899. By that definition territory is regarded as occupied "when it finds itself placed in fact under the authority of the hostile army; the occupation only extends to those territories where the authority is established and in a position to be exercised."

Should Germany formally annex Belgium and establish a civil authority the situation would be further complicated as annexations during time of war have not generally been recognized. Decisions of final peace conferences terminating a conflict usually have been awaited by neutral governments.

Officials here are governed by a desire to take no step that would offend the Belgian people. If the German military authorities, however, require that additional exequaturs be obtained for American consuls, the Washington government, it was suggested, probably would not interpose objections.

Such certificates would be regarded as in a class with military passes, safe conduct and other papers issued by belligerent governments for the convenience of neutral subjects. As consuls are essentially commercial representatives the question of political recognition, it is thought in many quarters here, may not be raised.

In Mexico, where the United States recognizes no government, American consuls act under old exequaturs, which were signed by Madero officials and are not now recognized in some parts of that country. The consuls, however, have dealt with the de facto authorities in each section, no matter what faction such authorities represented.

GETTING READY IN OLD MEXICO

Revolutionists Are Preparing for a Scrap Just Across the Border.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 26.—The Carranza garrison of Agua Prieta, across the border, was busy today constructing new entrenchments and wire entanglements in anticipation of an attack by Governor Maytorena, some of whose troops retired before Naco today.

Colonel Gomez, commanding Agua Prieta, said the Maytorena advance guard was only six miles away. With reinforcements expected immediately, Gomez will have 800 men.

FROM VIENNA.

VIENNA, via London, Dec. 26.—(11:55 p. m.)—The war department issued the following communication this afternoon:

"After four days of heroic fighting our troops on December 25 took Ujeok Pass. In Galicia the Russians continued the offensive which began some days ago and recaptured with superior forces Krosno and Jaslo. The situation remains unchanged on the lower course of the Donajec River and along the Nida River. We are making progress south of Tomaszow.

"In the Balkans quiet prevailed for the last ten days, there having been only minor encounters on the Save and Drina rivers.

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AN OLD EDITOR HAS REFORMED

Admiral Dewey Is Now Retiring Early Every Night.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Admiral Dewey was 77 years old today. Secretary Daniels, his aides and members of the navy general board called on him at his home and found him in good spirits and health.

"I feel very proud of the fact," said Secretary Daniels to the admiral, "that you were appointed to the Navy Academy by a secretary of the navy from North Carolina, Mr. Dohbhn."

"I suppose," returned the admiral, "that's why I have been a Democrat ever since." He added he was enjoying life but that Henry Cassaway Davis had told him he slept too much.

"What time do you go to bed, Mr. Secretary?" asked the admiral.

"Before I came to Washington, when I edited a morning newspaper I used to get to sleep about 3 a. m.," said Mr. Daniels. "I have reformed."

"I have been retiring every night at 10 o'clock," said Admiral Dewey, "and I am up at 5 o'clock every morning reading the newspapers before any body else in Washington. Mr. Davis, however, who is 92 years old, and says I'm a mere boy thinks I'm missing half of life by going to bed so early."

The admiral took his customary drive during the morning then received a number of officials and friends.

THE COLDEST YET.

New York City Has Coldest Weather of Winter.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A minimum temperature of four degrees and a maximum of 16 gave New York its coldest day of the winter. Tonight the thermometer was rapidly on the downgrade again, registering 7 degrees at 11 o'clock.

There was intense suffering in the poorer quarters and three deaths occurred from exposure. The Municipal Lodging House, with a capacity of 9,000 persons, was filled early and before midnight more than 400 additional applicants had been lodged in the annex on the East River pier.

JAPAN GAINS TERRITORY.

Half of Island Given by Russia in Exchange for Munitions of War.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The Japanese embassy today received official advice from Tokyo that Russia has ceded to Japan its half of the island of Sakhalen for some heavy guns. The island was officially Russian until September, 1905. The southern half was ceded to Japan by the terms of the treaty of Portsmouth.

BANDIT IS KILLED

Shot to Death by Policeman During a Hold-up.

(By Associated Press.) CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 26.—An unknown bandit was killed, Chief of Police W. S. Fenton was shot through the leg and two citizens were wounded in a sensational battle here tonight resulting from an attempt to hold up \$200 men in a billiard room.

Fenton was passing the place and saw the men of infamy with their hands on the bandit, was making them toss up the money upon a pool table. The policeman stood in the front door and emptied his revolver at the robber, who returned the fire. Fenton was shot through the leg, two other men received flesh wounds and a bullet pierced another's hat.

The chief rushed out of the place, secured another revolver and met the blood-covered robber as he came out of the rear door. Lying on the ground, Fenton fired the fellow with bullets. The dead man was about 26 years old and used a white silk handkerchief for a mask.

CONVICTS ESCAPE

Made Getaway from Tuberculosis Camp at Atlanta.

(By Associated Press.) ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 26.—Federal prison guards and the local police today were looking for two convicts who escaped from the United States penitentiary here last night. The convicts are Hiram Lepper, sent up from Baltimore last May under a 15 years sentence for counterfeiting, and Tom Daley, sentenced to five years from this city for postoffice robbery.

The men had been confined in the tuberculosis camp of the prison and escaped by scaling the walls by means of an improvised ladder.

A DISASTROUS FIRE

Savannah Has Conflagration Causing Loss of Many Thousands.

(By Associated Press.) SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 26.—Fire, which burned for five hours in the business section here early today, destroyed the building and stock of Marcus & Co., a department store, and damaged the adjoining dry goods establishment of S. Mirsky. The loss was estimated at \$100,000.

Accidentally Killed.

BRISTOL, Va., Tenn., Dec. 26.—Bradley Davidson, 18, the son of a prominent family of southwest Virginia, was accidentally shot and killed tonight at Glade Spring, 40 miles from here, by C. Altman. Altman, it was said, was handling Davidson's pistol when it exploded, killing him instantly.

FILIPINOS ARE RAISING A RUCUS

MINOR UPRISINGS REPORTED OVER PHILIPPINE ISLANDS ARE QUELLED

QUICK ACTION.

Authorities Are in Full Charge and Have the Situation Well in Hand.

MANILA, Dec. 26.—Eight Filipinos have been arrested on the charge of sedition as a result of an abortive rising in Manila and its environs on Thursday night. Further arrests are probable.

From army sources it is learned that a general warning was sent to all officers Thursday afternoon stating that fully ten thousand Filipinos in Manila alone were ready for a concerted attack on Fort Santiago, the Cuartel Espana, the Cuartel Infanteria and the medical depot. The military units were immediately prepared and a street patrol was started at dusk.

Constabulary agents who are members of the secret societies disclosed the plans for an uprising, thus enabling a force of constabulary and police to disperse gatherings at Bagumbayan, Paco and Navotas, near Malabon. At Calocan a squad of American sailors seized chairs when a force of Filipinos approached a dance hall in which they were gathered and, using the chairs as weapons, routed the Filipinos, of whom quite a number were injured.

The rising was evidently poorly organized and lacked leaders. It was composed for the most part of persons implicitly trusting the word of Artemio Ricarte, a revolutionary who conducts a continual propaganda from Hong Kong, to which place he was banished by the American authorities some time ago. Ricarte is stated, advised that the anti-American attempt be made on Christmas eve, when the American officers would be expected to celebrate the holiday.

Reports from the provinces tell of minor risings and occasional violence, but details from the sections are lacking.

The situation today, from all appearances, and according to official statements, is well under control of the military authorities.

Governor-General Francis Burton Harrison happens to be away on official business and Winifred T. Denton, secretary of the interior, is in charge of affairs, pending Mr. Harrison's return.

Reports from Navotas, six miles north of the capital, say that simultaneously with the outbreak at Manila Christmas eve thirty men entered the municipal building, seized three policemen on duty there and tried to open the safe.

Later the Filipinos seized attendants conducting midnight mass and captured the Filipino governor, Melchior Andres. When police reinforcements arrived the revolutionaries fired a volley and then retreated. Later they exchanged shots with another force and in this engagement the constabulary succeeded in arresting ten men.

In all 21 Filipinos were taken prisoners at Navotas.

The nationalist newspapers accuse the other political parties of fomenting the revolution and they also hint that some Americans were concerned in it in an effort to quash the Jones bill, which contains provisions for a greater measure of self-government for the islands.

The authorities today are in full control of the situation and consider the incident closed.

TOO MUCH CHRISTMAS.

Either the Taxi or Driver Must Have Been Overdone.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A taxicab containing three men tonight tore through the iron rail fence which separates the Long Island railroad tracks from the roadway of a lantic avenue in Brooklyn and fell 20 feet into the path of a passenger train. The machine was struck by the train and Charles Robeck, 21 years, was killed, while George Place, 31, and Michael McManus, 23, were seriously injured.

FOUR HUNDRED KILLED.

Five Hundred Wounded in Wreck of Troop and Hospital Trains Meet.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A Renter dispatch from Warsaw says that 400 men were killed and 500 wounded in a collision between troops and hospital trains at Kalisz, Poland. The troops were coming from Prusitz and the hospital train was proceeding to Germany with wounded officers. The trains were running at full speed when they collided. More than 100 cars were wrecked.

An investigation disclosed that a railway switch had been changed at the last moment. The station master, switchman and others are under arrest.