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## MONARCHS OF NATIONS ARE AT BATTLE FRONTS DIRECTING FIGHTING

### King George of England is in France, While Czar of Russia and Kaiser of Germany Are With Their Soldiers

### SAME WITH FRANCE AND BELGIUM

### This Means That Virtually The Heads of All Nations at War Are Now in Close Touch With Their Respective Armies

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The battle in Northern Poland, concerning the progress of which there has been so much mystery is now being fought out under the eyes of the German emperor on one side, and the Russian emperor on the other. These two monarchs left for the front today, so that virtually the heads of all nations at war are now with their armies. The king of England is in France; the king of Belgium, as usual, is spending all his time with his soldiers, while President Poincare of France, started today for another visit to the northern battlefields.

Official news from Poland continues to be scanty and, with both headquarters claiming successes, it is impossible to say how the battle is going. Of its intensity, however, there can be no doubt. The Germans, when they started for Warsaw, dashed full tilt into a mass of Russian troops and forced their way so far in that the Russians closed in on them. This is interpreted in Petrograd to mean that some German divisions have been cut off, and their surrender or annihilation is inevitable. It appears, however, that they are fighting for their lives, with the knowledge that a great defeat will end the German offensive and compel them to fall back on their own frontiers. The German troops have succeeded in breaking through the Russian lines in one place, and at another in holding their entrenchments against all Russian attacks. Their flanks are still harassed by Cossacks, but seemingly the Russians are not now in a position to gain the sweeping victory they anticipated.

The losses with the desperate fighting going on for a fortnight must be heavy on both sides. Against the Austro-German forces in the south the Russians continue to gain more decisive results. They are now in possession of all the Austrian positions protecting the Carpathian passes, and are said to have arrived abreast of Cracow, while their captures for three weeks number 50,000 men. In the west, although a German official report says there is nothing to communicate, a French official statement notes a somewhat lively campaign in Belgium, and German activity north of Arras. This may mean the Germans are about to commence another attempt to get through to French ports. Certainly, there have been changes in the disposition of the German troops, but what they foreshadow is known only to the German general staff.

Military men here take opposing views, some believing the Germans will rest content with holding their present positions until the close of the battle in Poland, where they need all the men they can get, while others predict immediate resumption of the battle in Northern France and Flanders. The Germans, too, according to Dutch reports, are strongly fortifying Zebrugge, and other Belgian ports against the renewal of attacks by the allied fleet. Fighting around Ypres is caused by the pushing of British lines forward.

### German Sortie Fails.

PARIS, Dec. 1.—Night official: "In Belgium the German infantry essayed without success a sortie against those trenches to the south of Bixchoote, between Bethune and Leno. After a rather brisk affair, we captured Chateau, a park of Vermelles (south of the Lys river) in Argonne, and we advanced appreciably in the wood of La Grurie. On the rest of the front there is nothing to report."

### In Southern Theater.

VIENNA, Dec. 1.—An official statement says: "In the southern war theater a further step in the operations has reached a victorious conclusion. The enemy, who for sev-

### SAY MARINE UNIFORMS ARE BULLET DRAWING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Another plea for khaki and forestry green uniforms replacing the bullet drawing white of American seamen was made by Surgeon General Bristed of the navy in the annual report to Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

## Find Man Who Does Not Mind Killing Ten Men

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 1.—G. H. Dempsey, appointed electrician of the Arkansas state penitentiary, succeeding Luther Castling, who resigned today, is not a sentimentalist, neither is he afflicted with "nerves." The fact that ten men, four whites and six negroes are in the death chamber and he may have to pull the lever sending them all to death does not seem to worry him.

It was this prospect which caused Castling to resign although he admitted the place has been a comfortable berth, he has no other position in prospect and times are hard.

"Of course, no one likes to kill a fellow man," Dempsey said, "and it is a disagreeable task, but it is all in the day's work and I'll do it like any other disagreeable task assigned to me. I'd be glad to hear that all the ten men had been saved from the chair. But if they are not and I have to pull the lever that sends them to death, it won't worry me. I feel sure that the night after the first execution I will go home and sleep as well as ever."

Several days has been offering very strong resistance east of the River Kelubara and Jid (Serbia) again attempted to take the offensive, but was repulsed, suffering heavy losses in retreat. On the battlefield at Komatice alone our troops found 890 unburied bodies.

"Since the beginning of our last offensive we made over 19,000 prisoners, captured 47 machine guns and 16 guns and quantities of other war materials."

### Action is Developing

PETHORGRAD, Dec. 1.—A general headquarters night official says: "On the left bank of the Vistula in the region of Lodz, the action continued to develop on Monday, the attacks of the enemy being directed principally against the front between Bielaj and Sobota. To the north of Lowicz our offensive was crowned with success. In the region of Lodz the artillery action was very energetic."

### Heavy Russian Defeat.

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—It is officially reported from Vienna that the Russian defeat in the battle of Homonay in Hungary, thirty miles north-west of Ungvár, was greater than at first supposed.

"The enemy's position," says an official statement, "was surrounded. Both our wings directed flank attacks, and compelled them to beat a hasty retreat with a loss of 1,000

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## DR. CHAPIN SAYS DIRT IS NOT REAL CAUSE OF DISEASE

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 1.—Untruthful and unscientific statements in bulletins issued by state departments of health were severely criticized by Dr. Charles F. Chapin, superintendent of health of Providence, R. I., in an address before the American Public Health association today.

"For the sake of those who come after stop filling your columns with tommy-rot, hot air and dope," he said. "Do not be always seeking novelty. Most that is now is bad. There are plenty of old truths which all of our 100,000,000 people have not yet learned. Among the fallacies being spread to

## DEMAND FOR NEW TAX STAMPS IS BEYOND SUPPLY

### Frantic Calls Are Received in Washington from Collectors Telling of Crowds Besieging Them and Demanding to Be Supplied

### RELIEF IS GIVEN BY COMMISSIONER

### Directs That All Business Where Stamps Are Unobtainable Be Dated November 30 and Record Kept for Cancellation

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—Frantic calls from collectors telling of crowds besieging them and demanding stamps resulted in a telegram from Commissioner Osborn to all collectors saying:

"Date all special tax returns November 30, until you are able to handle applications promptly, unless you have information that no effort was made to file applications prior to that date. If unable to supply the demands for documentary stamps for bills of lading permit shipments to go forward, keep a record and cancel stamps later. Notify the railroad."

The bureau of printing and engraving has been working night and day to turn out stamps, shipping them out by the ton, but the collectors in some places selling large supplies to the first applicants, soon ran short.

### Face Police Reserves

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Police reserves were needed this afternoon to restrain the crowds which besieged the United States internal revenue offices here in attempts to buy a new war tax stamp. A solid line of would-be purchasers extended for blocks, growing increasingly restive as the hours passed.

When the offices reopened at three o'clock after an hour's recess to give the collectors an opportunity to count the money received and send it to the bank, so fierce a rush was made for the stamp windows that policemen already on duty could not cope with it. By the efforts of the reserves the crowd was brought to order again, and the sale continued until all who remained in line had obtained stamps.

At the offices in the customs houses a similar crowd struggled, although not so boisterously, to obtain stamps. As a result of an appeal to the treasury department at Washington, two relief branch offices were opened nearby and were immediately swamped by the rush.

As a further measure of relief Collector Anderson announced the penalties would not be strictly enforced if the law was not absolutely obeyed the first day.

The greatest rush was in connection with bills of lading and railroad and steamship offices were on the verge of complete blockade through inability to obtain the stamps.

### No Rush Here

The new revenue law went into effect very quietly in Phoenix. Collector Carpenter had the situation sized up in advance, so he began issuing stamps on

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## These Rulers Of Nations Now At The Front



(Left) Czar Nicholas of Russia; King George of England.

## RIVAL ARMIES FACING ATTACK ON TIA JUANA

### Forces of Avilez and Cantu at Bay in Lower California Following Quarrel Between Prefect and Military Commander

### HOSTAGES HELD ON BOTH SIDES

### Four Villa Soldiers Captured by Governor's Troops Among Those to Be Shot at Sunrise—More Casualties at Naco

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

TIA JUANA, Mexico, Dec. 1.—With six hostages held in both camps under sentence of death at sunrise, the armies of Governor Avilez of Lower California and General Cantu, military chief of the northern district of the state, lie just outside this town tonight, each waiting for the other to make the first move. According to latest reports, Major Miguel Santa Cruz, commanding the Avilez forces, which hope to capture the town from the Cantu garrison, plans to begin an attack at dawn tomorrow.

The first demands for the surrender of Tia Juana were received at 11 o'clock this morning when Lieutenant Guerra, formerly prefect at Mexicali, was sent by Santa Cruz to call upon the defenders to give up their arms before 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Guerra, who approached the Tia Juana barracks bearing a white flag, was immediately seized by Mendieta, commander of the garrison, who declared that the prisoner would be put to death within eight hours.

On hearing of Guerra's capture, Santa Cruz announced that five alleged Villa officers, whom he seized at Ensenada, would also be executed. The present outbreak in Lower California is the result of a quarrel between Balthazar Avilez, governor of Lower California, and General Cantu, commander of the northern military district, with headquarters at Mexicali. Two weeks ago Avilez, who held office by virtue of an appointment from Villa, selected Lieutenant Guerra to be prefect at Mexicali. Guerra and Cantu quarrelled and the commander of the northern district compelled the prefect to leave. Avilez then went to Mexicali and ordered Cantu to allow Guerra's return, but the officer refused.

Last Sunday afternoon Santa Cruz and Avilez left Ensenada with a body of 300 troops to attack Tia Juana, the plan being to drive Cantu and his faction out of the northern part of the state. With them they took four Villa officers from the Ensenada garrison, who are charged with revolting against the governor. Early this morning word was brought to Tia Juana by automobile of the advance of the Avilez troops and the garrison immediately made preparations for defense. A few hours later the attacking force appeared on the hills above the town and the demand for surrender was sent to the commander of the garrison.

### More Border Casualties

NACO, Dec. 1.—Stray bullets from the siege of Naco, Sonora, wounded two more on the American side making a total of 42 dead and wounded during the two months siege. Mrs. Rowe, negro, wife of a United States trooper, was shot in the leg at her home, and Jesus Enriquez was wounded in the head.

Reports from Maytorena camp of the Villa forces who are besieging Hill's Carranza troops say that Col. C. A. P. Hatfield, commanding the American border patrol, continues to notify Maytorena that further shooting across the border will "not be tolerated."

### Reyesena Is Attacked

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 1.—An attack by an expedition from the United States side on the Mexican town of Reyesena, garrisoned by about 150 Carranza troops, is declared by Col. Gonzalez to be a case to

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## ROMAN HOLIDAY VOTED DOWN BY CONTROL BOARD

### Not More Than Six Executions to Take Place December 19, and Those Will Be Private—Black Hand Threatens Hunt

There will be no "Roman holiday" at Florence on Dec. 19, or at any other time.

Not more than six men will be executed this month, and any executions that take place will be held in private. No scaffold will be erected in the prison yard and no special equipment designed to facilitate the execution of a number of men at one time will be installed.

These facts became known yesterday afternoon after the board of control had considered and acted on two communications from Warlea Sims of the state prison relative to the approaching executions. The first was a proposal to erect a scaffold in the prison yard and hang all the condemned men at one time. The second related to a communication from a man in Wyoming, who was anxious to install a special trap that would be sprung by a time arrangement set off by the men themselves, and which would hang them all in the same instant. The board, which is composed of Governor Hunt, Auditor Callaghan and Charles R. Osburn, citizen member, voted to make no special preparations, but to use the existing trap at the prison for any executions that may be held.

Five of the eleven men whose reprieves expire Dec. 19 will not be executed on that date because their cases are pending in supreme court, or will be filed before that date. Four of these, Talley, Kermeen, Tomlin and Leonard are automatically granted stays of execution until their cases are decided by the higher tribunal. The case of Francisco Garcia, while not yet officially reported to Governor Hunt as filed in supreme court, is said to be among those pending. Notices of the sixty-day stay of execution for Leonard and Tomlin was forwarded yesterday by Governor Hunt to Warden Sims. The extension which was granted to enable counsel to file briefs in the case, dates from October 31.

### Governor's Life Threatened.

The following "black hand" letter was received yesterday by Governor Hunt. It is understood that the initials signed to the letter stand for "National Black Hand Organization." There is no clue to the writer of the letter.

Minneapolis, Minn.

To Governor Hunt,  
My dear sir: If you hang them 11 men on December 19 you be responsible for their lives, because 1100 majority against is nothing to you, and you the man which can chance

### MANY AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

LONDON, Dec. 1.—"Distinguished service" order has been awarded fifty-nine officers of all arms from special reserves to guards. Thirty-nine were given to lieutenants. The awards were made for such reasons as "cheerfulness and optimism," "helping a brigade to pull together," "consistent good work," and "utmost gallantry."

### Consider Pleas Of Railroaders For Better Conditions

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Requests of firemen and hostlers for increased wages, and better hours occupied the time of the railroad arbitration board today. The "requests" as they are officially labeled, number 18, as do those of the locomotive engineers. The hours and working conditions are virtually identical for the engine crews and the advances asked are proportionate to the quality of the service rendered.

M. W. Cadle completed an analysis of ten of the requests of the engineers yesterday, but illness prevented his resuming today and Walter Moore, compiler of statistics for the firemen and other engine-men, occupied the stand. Requests for two firemen on certain heavy engines doing arduous duty, eliminating surprise tests and a provision for marking known to crews the weight on the drivers of all engines (to provide a basis for calculating the pay of engine-men), he said obtained on no railroad at present. Moore said the other requests of the firemen were recognized on certain roads.

punishment of those men; Be I man of twenty years' unmanly but if you don't deny your life be on danger after that day, and remember one for one—or one for all.

Yours truly,  
Committee of N. R. H. O.

Secretary J. P.

### "No Extenuating Circumstances."

Governor Hunt yesterday finished reviewing the cases of the six men whose reprieves expire December 19 and who will be executed on that date unless their sentences are commuted or a stay of execution granted. "I have gone over all the cases carefully," said the governor, "but I have found no extenuating circumstances in any of them. As to scattering the date of their executions, that would be merely a subterfuge. If they are to hang, it is better to have them all hang at once and have it over with."

### EAT BUT DON'T PAY

JAIL SENTENCES FOLLOW SEATTLE, Dec. 1.—Twenty-nine prisoners charged with eating meals at restaurants and refusing to pay their bills were sentenced in police court to fifteen days each in the city stockade at hard labor.

## ADMIRAL MAHAN PASSES AWAY AT RIPE OLD AGE

### Leading U. S. Naval Officer, Writer and Close Observer of European War, Succumbs to an Attack of Heart Failure

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Rear-Admiral Alfred T. Mahan, retired, acclaimed in naval circles as "the greatest modern writer of naval strategy," died in the naval hospital aged 74 years. Death was due to heart trouble. The admiral had been in feeble health for several weeks, but was not generally known to be in a critical condition.

Admiral Mahan had greatly overtaxed his strength in the study of the present great European conflict, and it is thought the many long hours he devoted to following the naval operations of the belligerents probably caused the breakdown which hastened his end. In the early stages of the present European war Mahan, whose works are naval text books known almost the world over, discussed for the newspapers the significance of various naval maneuvers. He gave up these activities when the president issued the proclamation exhorting navy and army officers to desist from anything resembling partisan discussion of the conflict in order that the position of the United States might be one of strict neutrality. He, however, did not relax his close observation of all that went on in Europe.

Admiral Mahan came to Washington from his home in Quogue, Long Island, early in the autumn, and planned to spend the winter in Washington. Surviving him are, his widow, two daughters, Misses Helen and Ellen, and one son, L. E. Mahan. Commodore Dennis Mahan of

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## Future Of Progressive Party May Be Decided Today

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—The future of the progressive party may be decided at the meeting of the national executive committee of that party here tomorrow. Discussion of, but not decision on, amalgamation with the democratic or republican party is believed by many to be the probable program. Others believe the committee may continue the party another year before taking definite action for the 1916 presidential campaign.

George W. Perkins, chairman of the executive committee, said that no

statement of future action will be made by any one authorized. A boom for Hiram W. Johnson, governor of California, for president in 1916 is fostered by the Indiana progressive delegate. The transfer of the national headquarters from New York to Chicago may be considered.

### HENEY'S EXPENSES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Francis J. Heney, progressive candidate for United States senator in California, filed his final expense account today showing contributions of \$12,505 and expenditures of \$6250.

## MAKE CHRISTMAS THE JOY IT OUGHT TO BE

for every one by doing your shopping early. It helps you, it helps every one, when buying is not left for the last minute. Every consideration of self interest and regard for others urges you to shop early. Make up your mind what you want to get; then go and get it early.