

## FAIRBANKS HAS A BIG FIRE

GAS LIGHTING PLANT EXPLODES BUILDING CONSUMED WITH ALL ITS CONTENTS

## ONE MAN LOSES LIFE

At the Time of the Fire the Temperature Stood at Thirty Below Zero

FAIRBANKS, Dec. 21—Last evening the gas lighting plant of the California saloon on Water street, exploded and started the fire to the building. In no time the building was a total wreck, although the fire department did all it could to save it. The department, however, did some good work in preventing the fire from spreading to adjacent buildings. At the time, the thermometer registered thirty below zero.

After the smoke had cleared away, the remains of a Russian, named Geo. Saloff, was found who apparently was suffocated while attempting to escape.

## RUSSIAN FRONT IS ALSO MADE SEIGE LINE

Conditions There Now Much the Same as in France

PARIS, Dec. 20—Speaking of Field Marshal von Hindenburg's forces facing him in the Riga-Dvinsk sector, Gen. Russki, commanding the northern Russian army opposing the Germans in this region, is quoted in a Petrograd dispatch to the Petit Parisien as follows:

"The enemy's divisions which were sent to France have been replaced by a multitude of heavy and light guns and by kilometers of barbed wire. Their heavy artillery is superior to ours, although we have enough. Our shell crisis is over. We are getting all the ammunition we want from Petrograd."

"As to positions, advantages along this front—which is 300 versts (about 200 miles) or approximately half of that in France—are about equal. When the waters freeze it is certain the offensive will become easier and the defensive harder for both sides, but the Germans will not be able to bring up fresh troops if they take the offensive. The offensive is costly; whoever attacks must suffer heavy losses."

"Finally it is all a question of who in a few months will have the largest number of effective, German or Russian. You know what forces we have in reserve, so good days are coming when the Russian army will advance."

Don't forget Red Men's Ball New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 1915.

## GREECE HAS INTERPOSED

INTERPOSE WITH THEIR PRESENCE BETWEEN ALLIES AND THE BULGARIANS

ATHENS, Dec. 21—A strong army has been sent by the department of war to interpose between the allies and Bulgarian troops located near the border. The section that the Greek soldiers are occupying is known as the Drin district, where several fights have already taken place.

This move on the part of Greece, was entirely unexpected, and shows a decided friendly feeling for the allied entente.

## GIVE ADVICE TO HIS COUNTRY

SAYS PRESENT TROUBLE IS SHEER NONSENSE. JUST KEEP COOL IS ALL

BERLIN, Dec. 21—Count Tizian, who, next to Emperor Francis Joseph, is the strongest man in Austria, advises his country not to break with the United States, and provided that Washington keep cool, there is no danger of trouble between the two countries. The present irritation, he qualifies as sheer nonsense and not worth getting excited over.

LONDON, Dec. 21—The attempt to deprive Edgar Speyer and Sir Ernest Cassel of membership in the privy council on account of their German birth, has been defeated. The lord chief justice, Baron Reading, who has had the matter under advisement since arguments were concluded a month ago, delivered his judgement today. He declared Sir Edgar and Sir Ernest, as naturalized British subjects, had all the rights and privileges of British born subjects and therefore were entitled to be members of the privy council.

## ENGLAND GIVES WARNING

MILAN, Dec. 21—The Secolo asserts that the British government has warned Italy that German emissaries have left United States ports with the purpose of committing acts of violence in Italy, particularly against merchant shipping. In this connection, the Secolo calls attention to recent fires on a steamship at Naples and on the docks at Genoa.

According to French statistics but one fourth of the aviation accidents are due to defects in aeroplanes.

## ATTENTION SKATERS

The skating rink will be opened to skaters on Tuesday, Thursday Come all. Adv.

## STORM CAUSES MUCH DAMAGE

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS DAMAGE TO PORT ARMSTRONG WHALING STATION

## PLANT IS WRECKED

Steamer Despatch Had Hard Time Escaping From Fierce Wind That Prevailed

The steamer Despatch of the Border Line Transportation Company, came in port today on her way to Seattle, and while in port purser Johnson imparted the news that while at Port Armstrong, the wind blew with such a force as to demolish the Whaling Station Plant at that place. It blew down trees like if they were straws. Sheets of corrugated iron were torn off the building and carried into the sea. Some that struck posts or trees were simply rolled or twisted around the obstacles. Purser Johnson said that it was the worst wind storm he had ever experienced.

The damage caused to the whaling plant, together with the destruction of tons and tons of fertilizer, the Purser estimates at about seventy-thousand dollars.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—Since the news of the signing of the peace agreement between the Carranza and Villa factions, American capital is talking of resuming operations in Mexico. Many properties that have been idle for years, will be re-opened and worked.

## GRAVE CHARGE IS MADE BY INDICTED GERMAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 21—Charges that a Bridgeport, Conn., factory accepted a contract with the British government to supply the English army with dumdum bullets were made today in an affidavit filed with Assistant United States Attorney Knox by Dr. Herbert Kienle.

Dr. Kienle is one of the six men indicted with Robert Fay on the charge of conspiring to blow up ships carrying munitions of war to the allies. His affidavit is in spite of a motion for a separate trial and the appointment of a commission to take evidence in his behalf in Germany.

## AT THE GRAND TONIGHT

The Lights O' London, a five part melodrama produced under the personal direction of the author Geo. R. Sims. This feature is full of beautiful scenes of an old English estate and the great city of London which move at a rapid pace, and introduces a number of exciting incidents arising out of the disinheriting of the son of old Squire Arlitage.

Wednesday and Thursday night Mary Pickford in, Eagles Mate, a five reel feature of the Famous Players. Adv.

## INSPECTOR MAKES REPORT

SAYS ALASKA MINING. INCREASING THAT PROPER LAWS BE ENACTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—Mining Inspector, Sumner Smith, completed his report to the department of the Interior in regard to mining activity in Alaska and says that mining has increased considerably during the fiscal year ended June 30. The inspector recommends that better inspection laws be enacted to take the place of the present inefficient law. This, he said was a crying need and should be attended to.

Mr. Smith also recommended the establishment of an experimental mine station, where prospectors may have their ore treated and its value ascertained.

## FORD MEETS WITH REBUKE

IS POLITELY INFORMED THAT HE SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO HOLD MEETING

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 21—Mr. Ford was officially informed today that he will not be permitted to hold peace meetings in Stockholm, but otherwise he and his associates as private citizens will be made welcome. Mr. Ford, however, said that the peace commission would go there and select peace delegates who will be willing to take the matter.

## GENERAL VILLA IS COMING

EL PASO, Dec. 21—It is reported that Carranza's forces are in full charge of Jurez and Chihuahua and that Villa is rapidly making his way towards California where he will join his wife and be under the protection of the United States.

## EMPEROR IS REPORTED PARALYZED

PARIS, Dec. 21—A report that Emperor Francis Joseph's legs were paralyzed last year and that the emperor also has lost the use of his right arm is forwarded by the Rome correspondent of the Matin.

He says that it is understood in Rome that this information was taken to the Vatican by Cardinal von Hartmann, archbishop of Cologne, who recently went to Rome for the consistory.

According to this report the emperor is able to sign no state papers and a special stamp will be made for use in his presence by his private secretary.

## FACTS COUNT

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## GERMANS ON THE OFFENSIVE

CHARGED ALLIES TRENCHES NEAR YPRES WITH FEARFUL RESULTS

## WERE SLAUGHTERED

At Several Other Places They Are Badly Beaten Says The Correspondent

LONDON, Dec. 21—The long expected offensive movement on the part of the Teutons against the allies was started last evening when they charged the trenches near Ypres where they were nearly annihilated. The charge was made under cover of gas bombs and proceeded until they were met with a deadly fire from the light artillery.

The offensive movement is said to have been started simultaneously all along the front line and met with the same result, and that is they were repulsed with fearful loss.

## CHAIRMAN EDES UNDERGOES AN OPERATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—Chairman Edes, of the Alaska Railroad Engineering Commission, has just arrived and will undergo an operation for ear trouble.

## FORD SICK ABED

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 21—Henry Ford, the leader of the Peace Expedition, has taken to his bed with a severe cold.

Public sentiment which heretofore appeared against the expedition are rapidly changing due no doubt to the stand the newspapers have taken in its support.

## CUBA ASKS FOR HELP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—The government of Cuba plans to increase its army, according to advice received here today. The government is said to have asked the United States to sell it arms and ammunition for the contemplated increase, and a training ship to be used by Cuban naval cadets. The requests have been referred to the war and navy departments.

## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Henry Clark, the youngest son of Mrs. G. C. Clark, who is attending the Columbia University at Portland, Ore., came home this morning on the Jefferson, to spend the Christmas holidays with the home folks.

## TILICUM CLUB MEETING

The newly organized Tilicum Club will meet at Moose Hall Wednesday evening at 8:30 sharp. Special business; please attend.

H. L. FEDDERSEN, Secy.

## SUCCESS RESTS WITH LABOR

IF MUNITION OF WAR CAN BE MANUFACTURED WILL SEE SPEEDY END OF WAR

LONDON, Dec. 21—The war commission issued a statement in which it says that the duration of war rests entirely with the working class. If unskilled labor can be procured to manufacture ammunition in sufficient quantity to supply the demand, having all the fighting men needed the world will see a quick end to the war. The commission appeals to the labor leaders to help in the work.

## PEACE PACT IS SIGNED

VILLA PROMISES TO BE GOOD UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE U. S.

EL PASO, Dec. 21—A peace agreement was finally signed today between the officials representing the de facto government and the representatives of General Villa. The agreement contains a clause whereby Villa and all his followers are to be protected and considered only as political offenders.

General Villa's brother, himself a general in command of a brigade, arrived this morning and is reported to have said that General Villa himself would arrive possibly today and will take advantage of the promise made by the department at Washington, that the United States would afford him the protection of the law as a political refugee.

## PERSECUTION OF CLERGY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—Systematic persecution of the clergy in Mexico since the recognition of Carranza and in violation of his pledge of religious tolerance, was charged in a protest made to Secretary Lansing today by Monsignor Francis Kelly of Chicago.

On leaving the state department, Monsignor Kelly said the secretary had promised to secure improvement in the situation.

## PRUSSIAN CASUALTIES

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 21—Prussian casualty lists Nos. 380 to 389, according to the Rotterdamse Courant, contain the names of 65,340 killed, wounded and missing, making the total 2,224,248. This total is exclusive of the names of 237 Bavarians, 310 Wurtembergians, 233 Saxons and the naval and Turkish lists, says one newspaper.

It is estimated that the annual fall or rain and snow in the United States weight 6,000,000,000 tons.

Get Your Ticket for the A. B. Ball, Christmas Night at the Red Men's Hall. Admission 50 cents.

## THE BULGARIAN COAST INVADIED

THOUSANDS OF RUSSIANS ABOARD SHIPS AND READY TO LAND AT VERNIA

## TOWN IS BOMBARDED

Others are Said to Follow Until Five Hundred Thousand Men Are Landed

LONDON, Dec. 21—Convoys by several cruisers and torpedo boat destroyers, sixteen Russian transports arrived last evening at a position opposite the town of Vernia, on the Bulgarian coast, and immediately the bombing of the fortification commenced vigorously. It is thought that it will be possible in a short time to land the troops.

A report from Petrograd says that following the landing of these troops, others will follow until at least five hundred thousand will be on the ground.

## HALIBUT QUOTATIONS

SEATTLE, Dec. 21—The halibut schooner Tom & Al with fifty thousand pounds of halibut arrived here yesterday and disposed of its fish at six cents plus \$1.00 on the lot. It appears that the schooner had gone into Prince Rupert where the owners had been offered four cents a pound. The crew urged to come here with the result above stated.

The schooner San Juan has just arrived with one hundred and seventy thousand pounds.

## S. S. DESPATCH SAILS SOUTH

The Despatch arrived from the north this morning and sailed for Seattle about noon. She carried from here as passengers A. J. Inman, Wm. M. Young and one second class. She had a capacity cargo which included 3,000 barrels of oil from the Port Armstrong plant, 100 tons of high grade copper ore from the Cymru Mine and 124 tons from the Mount Andrew Mine.

## MOVEMENT OF BOATS

Northbound  
Al-Ki, this afternoon.  
Admiral Evans, tomorrow morning.

Southbound  
Northwestern, Friday 24th.  
Alameda, 9 tonight.

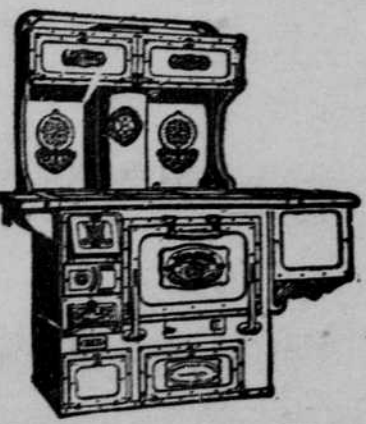
Jefferson, Friday 24th.  
City of Seattle, Friday, 24th.

## S. S. JEFFERSON ARRIVED

The steamer Jefferson of the Alaska Steamship line arrived from Seattle about two this morning. Her Ketchikan passengers were Henry W. Clark and Dr. J. J. Pittenger. After unloading 30 tons of local freight she proceeded northward, taking as passengers from here, W. B. Bitter, Mrs. Ellen Jackson, Bessie Jackson for Wrangell, and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Newman, A. E. Harris, Mrs. E. Bluffier, T. Bluffier and C. R. Kennard for Juneau.

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## TONIGHT at the DREAM

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"13" "13"

## "13 DOWN"

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EXTRA HERE IT IS EXTRA

CHARLIE CHAPLIN in "IN THE PARK"  
We are running this picture by request, don't fail to drop in and see it. The next Chaplin picture will be a two reeler, "A Woman"

"ARISTOCRACY" is the next PARAMOUNT FEATURE, here WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY