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## **Casualties Mount** Millions and Neie can Claim Decid antage

OF WAR TO END OF 1916	S. A. Sant
500,000,000 Italy	\$1,900,000,000
900,000,000 Turkey	550,000,000
500,000,000 Bulgaria	75,000,000
40,122,000,000 - Roumania	50,000,000
7,000,000,000 Other countries	150,000,000
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1,400,000	Rumania	400,000
3,600,000	Bulgaria	100,000
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3.450,000	frany	300,000
1,000,000	Servia	
7.200,000	Turkey	440,000

helligerents. The greatest tory of the year has not been won on any of the battlefields but has occurred on the floor of the Russian Duman.

peoplewere able toward the c'ose of the present year, to act in concert and to overthrow Premier Sturmer, a well known bureaucrat and reactionary. The Duma forced a change in the Czar's government by a defiance of the bureau ratic regime that will become me of the greatest landmarks of he Russian nation's march to ward democracy. Compared with he indicisive conflicts on the easern and western fronts, the vicory of the Duma stands out as the cost poettive and resultant ac-

The entrance of Roumania into he war has provided the most drauntic speciacle of the twelve nonths conflict. There is every cason to believe that the Wesorn Allies did not want the Bucaest government to break its neutrality. The chance of a sucessful German campaign such as followed the belligerent action Rumanians, was we'll realized in London and Paris, But, impersalist desires turned the heads of the Rumanian militarists at a most inopportune time for their own ambitions. They plunged into the war after Russia expended most of her reserve ammunition in conquering Bukovina, and was consequently unable to he of large assistance to the Rumanian army,

Furthermore, the Rumanians outran military discretion by plunging too quickly into Transylvanis and by leaving their rear, in Dobrudja, insufficiently protected. An opportunity for the use of high strategy was thus presented to the German General Staff, and in the trial of military genius hat followed, the German commanders wholly outclassed their Rumanian and Russian opponents. Thus an adventure that might have resulted to cutting Teuton communications in the Balkans has ended, for the present, in large material advantage to the Germans who are now in possession of the aluable Rumanian grain and oil

als summer their combined wes-

tern offensive, in an effort to demonstrate whether the trenches constructed by the Germans under have been disappoint the most skillfully developed scienall of the principal Euro tific methods, could be overcome by an unprecedented'y intense con centration of artillery fire. The result, up to the end of the year, has tended to show that although fortresses built above ground can-For the first time in the history not withstand beseigers guns, deof the Slay Empire, the Russian fensive tactics under ground seem to be superior to any but very prolonged bombardments which to be succeseful must be confined to small areas ward movements at Verdun, undertaken while the battle of Somme was in progress may, however, change future military opinion of the comparative impregnabilityof trench warfare. the French made their quick and successful assaults along the Verdun front is not known. The assumption that the Germans were compelled to demude part of their Verdun line of men and guns, is not borne out by the fact that comparatively unimportant sections of the Verdun front have not given way, while the best defend ed parts were the ones that were broken. The French higher command may have discovered a new flanking system applicable as yet only to the local conditions prevailing at Verdun, but possibly development capab'e of wider Italy's capture of Goritz this year is her most important suc-

cess in the Trentino districts. Italy more than holds her own in a balancing of accounts, but the year's developments have indicated that the Italian government is not prepared to pay the cost of victory with continuously large casuality lists. The chance of capturing Tricaue on these terms has, not been shown to be Italy's liking. Germany's Verdun campaign brought very serious losses to her during the year, without compensating advantages. The destruction of Teutonic man power is that ill-advised adventure cost General von Falkenhayn his post as Chief of the German General Staff. The promotion of Marshal you Hindenburg to the supreme command was followed by brilliant victories in

## MEETS MONDAY AFTERNOON

Rumania.

The Parsonage Society of City Road Methodist Church will meet Monday afternoon at three o'clock The British and French started with Mrs. A. S. Mann on West Church street.

## **Movie Fans** Outraged

(By United Press) St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 30-Minnesota Monday will suffer the sting of the bitterest blow of the high cost of living. The price of all movie admittances advanced five cents. Enraged movie fans threaten to boycott the movies, and force down the price as was done in Denver .

## **Kiddies Are Financiers**

(By United Press)

Evaston, Ill., Dec. 30-Successful financiers are hereby advised to keep one eye on several hundred school kids here who are showing considerable ability in making their bank books show two cents where only one cent stood before.

Club women here placed their children on an allowance of from five cents to two dollars a week. mulated bank bar that total
\$9,000, besides having bought school supplies and some clothing out of their allowances.

TOURNAMENT OF ROSES IN WELCOME TO JANUARY FIRST

(By United Press)

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 39-The Tournament of Roses Pasadena's beautiful and unique midwinter fete, will be the big attraction New Years day and thousands from every state in the union are here, clad in summery garments, and enjoying a floral festival possible only in Sunny Southerne California at this season.

The floral parade at 10:30 Monday will find thousands at points of vantage along the line of march for the procession of beauteous splendor. Roses, violets, carnations, geraniums-all products of Southern California's outdoor winter-will be massed-and banked in every enceevable form in scores of Coats; myrlads of blossoms will be 'shwered upon the spectators by pretty girls in filmy costumes; and school children, marching clubs, bands and other organizations will add their share to the midwinter festival of flow-

In the evening a grand ball, atten ded by the social leaders of the Pacific Coast and the East, will bring the glorious day to a joyous

# But Spain

(By United Press)

London, Dec. 30-According to central news dispatches from Ma drid, Spein has notified the United States that she cannot support Wilson's note,

REPEAT CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The choir of City Road Metho dist church will repeat their Christ mas Cantata Sunday evening at

Rev W. J. Byrum of Mamie was in the city tday.

ESTABLISHING RECORD FOR DU RATION AND STILL THRONG-ED WITH VISITORS ON CLOS-ING DAY

(By United Press)

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 30-When the lights dim out on the Panama California International Exposition here to-morrow at midnight Californja will have established two

duration records for World's Fairs The San Diego exposition has been running exactly two years. The Exposition at San Francisco in 1915 lasted nine and a half menths or longer than any previous exposition in this country. San Francisco closed its fair with a balance of \$1,000,000 after all bills had been paid. At the close of the first year, after having expended \$10,000.000 the city of San Diezo was \$40,000 to 'he good on the fair investment. The city is thronged with visitors from all parts of the country today to attend the closing of the exposition.

## Coming Back After Lions

(By United Press)

Cleveland, Dec. 30-Two of Colone! Roosevelt's big game hunting empanions in Africa-Clifford Fuller and Kenyon Painter, are go ing back after Hons as soon as PASADENA GIVES RADIANT the British war measures are relaxed, Fuller told the Northern Ohlo Fish and Game Association at its convention here today. Fuller said that the Germans and British have been so busy ohooting each other that the lions have been left alone and are multiplying Fuller has been discussing the situation with Paul Rainey, showman and lion hunter de luxe. Painter is a millionaire sportsman of this city.

## CHRIST CHURCH

Services 11 a. m. and 7:30 Lesson Acts 11 Recall what have learned of St. Peter in Chapter 10. What did the Church in Judea think of this? What did Peter do? What can words (14)? What was effect of his Where was Antioch? speech? What did they Who came there? Why did Barnabas come What did he exhort them What sort of a man was to do? Barnabas? How did he get along in Antioch? Who did he go after to help him? Had he met him before? (9: 26-27)? When the failure came how many determined Where was the name Christian how much did they give (29)? to help the people in Judea, and Golden text vs 14. first used?

## FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor, Rev. J. L. Cuninggim, will preach at eleven o'clock. The special Christmas music given by the choir last Sunday will be repeated by request.

There will be no service at 7:30 but instead a Watch Night Service will be held from eleven to twelve Sunday night. At the present time the Joint Commission representing the Northern Methodist Church and the Southern Methodist church are in session for the purpose of 'formulating a plan of unification of these two great denominations. Every Methodist church in America has been requested to hold a Watch Night Service and unite in prayer for Divine guidance in this great undertaking.

VIES WITH BOSTON MERRY-MAKERS IN WATCHING OLD YEAR OUT AND THE NEW YEAR IN

(By United Press) Boston, Dec. 30-Billy Sunday will vic with the Hub's merry. makers in welcoming the New Year to-morrow night vivants will be out to raise the devil, and Billy will be out to down him. At a night watch service, the first of its kind ever conducted by a revivalist, thousands will hear his famous booze sermon, while other thousands are reveling in crowded hotels and confettled cabarets.

Boston hotel men decided upon tonight as the official date for New Year's Eve and its accompanying celebrations. Shortly after midnight 1917 will be recognized with many tippins of the flowing bowl and much syncopated entertain-

Somebody suggested to Billy the idea of holding a revival at the hour of the mtrriment's height.

"It's a hunch," he said, Let me think it over. I never tried it betor never occured to me." Once Billy got hold of the idea, the thing was accomplished.

BETTER BASIS FOR PEACE THAN SHE HAS DONE

(By United Press)

Washington, Dec. 30-The idea of a break with Germany over her submarine warfare will, according to the views of the administration, constitute a strong club in making that country present a better working basis for peace than she has yet given. The thought that such a break must come if peace maneuvers fail is spurring President Wilson, and the endorsement of his peace views by neutrals makes him doubly anxious to keep up the peace work. The action of Spain in vigorously protesting to Germany against her submarine activities is regarded here as inspired by the knowledge of this government's purpose shou'd all hopes for peace evaporate.

Dispatches from Beunos Aires today state that if the United States requests it. South American nations will probably join this country in its peace notes to belligerants. Just at present there are some objections to such unanimous action but it is believed that these would be swept aside if the United States would formally request cooperation.

## OBSERVE WEEK OF PRAYER

The Woman's Missionary Society of Blackwell Memorial Church will observe next week as a week of prayer for Foreign Missions. There will be services in the church every afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and an interesting program each day to which all the ladies of the church are invited.

Subject for Monday afternoon, Publish Abroad the Kingdom,' led by Mrs. S. C. Newbold.

## ENTERTAINMENT SUCCESS

The Christmas Entertainment, at the First Methodist church given paratively short holiday. last night was most successful and was largely attended.

H T Davenport of Columbia was in the city today.

AND PROPOSED RAILROAD LEG ISLATION OF PRESIDENT BE PUT THROUGH GRESS

(By United Press)

Washington, Dec. 30 Senator Newland, Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, lieves that the President's propo railroad legislation will be put through Congress in time to avert open rupture, though trouble seems growing again between the four big brotherhoods. The railroad executives will probably see Wilson before Tuesday.

## Cost Not Incrersed

(By United Press)

Washington, Dec. 30-The cost of manufacturing news print paper has not increased this year over last and this argument cannot be advanced for the rise in prices, ac cording to the report of the Federal Trade Commission here today

## **Aviators** Are InFnll Flight

New York, Dec. 30-Twelve aviators ten of . whom are attached to the American army, are winging FORCING GERMANY TO PRE. their way on a hundred and fifty WORKING mile flight to Philadelphia today The first left Hempstead at 9:58, the others followed trailing in long line.

Philadelphia Dec 30---Privates Salom, Coyle, fifth of twelve aviators sctarted from Long Island landing marine barracks 11:32 &. m. First complete trip, hour thirty seven minutes, T. C. Milman close behind.

## Will Lawson Take a Dare

Washington, Dec. 30-'I dare you to come here" is virtually what Chairman Henry of the House Rules Committee wired Thomas Lawson. This is the latest development in the Wood Lawson peace note leak chares. In a letter Henry stated that he did not deem it necessary to call the committee to consider the 'wild rumors.'

Washington, Dec. 30-The new Mexican policy being considered by the President includes the withdrawal of Pershing, the re-opening of negotiations to settle border pa trol, the protection of Americans and possible financial assistance. Fletcher is to be sent to Mexico City and Carranza's representative here recognized.

SCHOOLS OPEN TUESDAY

The bells of school will unmercifully go "ting a ling" on Tuesday morning, January 2nd, calling the kiddles back to work after a com-

THE WEATHER Fair tonight and Sunday. North-