### CELEBRATION OF VICTORY BY GERMANY NOW THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN PREMATURE

All that German Headquarters Say of the Victory Now is that Russians Are Still Being Pursued-Russian Statement Declares Engagements on Vistula Nothing More Than Affairs Between the Outposts.

### GERMAN ATTEMPT TO CROSS THE VISTULA IN FLANKING MOVEMENT IS FRUSTRATED

Operations in East Prussia and Against Cracow Are Contin- conference with the Maytorena leaders. Immediately made by Frank's attorued by Russians, Despite Desperate Conditions in Poland-Allies' Offensive Movement in Belgium is Necessarily Slow Because of Bad Roads.

London, December 19. - It is believed Berlin's celebration of great German victory in Poland possibly was premature. All that German headquarters says of the battle there in today's report is that the pursuit of the enemy continues.

The Russian official report tonight says engagements on the left Carranza Force of Large Numbers brought to the court's attention in bank of the Vistula have been nothing more than outpost affairs.

In these the Russians would seem to have been engaged in holding co oil fields district with 10,000 troops, day. he Germans, while the Russian main force was forming along the Banra river, where a new battle is beginning to develop, and the German at rack is said to have been repulsed.

As was expected, the Germans attempted to cross the Vistula in an ports that Villa forces at San Luis Po- A. Alexander, on Frank's behalf, arendeavor to outflank the Russians, but this was frustrated by the Russian artillery, and by the seizure of the pontoon bridges.

Despite the desperate work facing them in North Poland the Russ- To Handle Foreign Affairs for the ians continue operations in East Prussia and against Cracow, while in Western Galicia they are talking positions along the Dounaetz river in an attempt to stop the advance of the Austro-German forces.

Part of the Przmsl garrison has made a sortie in force in an at- was received today. It said a force of of the Federal courts. tempt to open the railway to the Southwest, and is giving battle to troops. Two thousand prisoners, sevthe Russian besieging army.

Champagne the artillery of the enemy

showed December 18 increased activ-

ity as compared with the 17th.

third battery.

ceeded in making slight progress.

KINGS OF NATIONS MEET

and Denmark in Long Conferences.

Christian, of Denmark; King Gustave.

of Sweden, and King Haakon, of Nor-

way, who arrived here yesterday to

formulate an agreement combining

their interests during the war, held

A joint final conference will be held

later in which the kings, the foreign

Meeting is Concluded.

ter dispatch from Malmo, Sweden, de-

in honor of the kings of Norway, Den-

ferring there. A huge crowd cheered

King Gustave and King Haakon bade

cordial farewell to King Christian

Sweden and Norway proceeded to the

queen who arrived from Berlin. Their

FRENCH ARE ADVANCING.

Several German Trenches Captured

British Forced to Fall Back.

cial communication was issued tonight

stracte an attack by the enemy has

by the French war office:

Paris, Dec. 19 .- The following offi-

'In Belgium, in the region of Steens-

"The enemy has displayed activity

"From the Oise to the Vosges, there

has been no incident worth noting."

AUSTRIA SAYS SUCCESSES.

Report from Vienna Declares Opera-

Dec. 19 .- The following official com-

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tions Against Russians Favorable.

Vienna, via Amsterdam and London,

majesties then left for Stockholm.

London, Dec. 20-3:05 a. m .- A Reu-

cers will take part.

Malmo, Sweden, (via London).-King

### Operations in the West.

allies' offensive movement have been artillery engagements and in table force in Flanders and from the selgian border south to the river Oise, where the line turns eastward.

The Germans keep up violent couner attacks, and by these and the use f mines, in some cases, have preventthe Allies from following up their Similar tactics are being adopted by

oth sides along the rest of the front, fith gains and losses in fractions of firing, but no attack.

The Allies have brought up an enorlous weight of artillery which they re using to clear the way for the A message from Antwerp to the Am-

ermans, preparing for a possible rerement, are constructing a line of deise across Belgium from the Scheldt. ong the Dendre river to Maubeuge on e French frontier. This, if true, further conferences today, after which light be considered only a measure of they conferred with their respective

The German cruisers which raided east coast of England sewed a hed field. In addition to three steam- ministers and the departmental offiis previously reported as having been estroyed, a mine sweeper, clearing the blown up today and it is sported two other vessels met a like This occurred while the funerals scribes an enthusiastic demonstration the victims of the bombardment of Carborough and the Hartlepools were mark and Sweden who have been con-

the the kings on their departure. frican defense force is gathering in e remainder of the scattered rebels, main army is forming on the Geraboard the cruiser Heimdal, which then man South African frontier where the sailed to Copenhagen. The kings of dvance guards are in touch.

### IN THE WESTERN THEATRE

teach War Office Outlines Operations on the Eighteenth. Paris. Dec. 19 .- The French war of-

ca this afternoon gave an official anouncement as follows: ing the day of December 18 we Ednized in Belgium the territory won in the enemy the evening before to South of Dixmude, and we adur front to the South of the

advance to the South of Ypres continued over a very dif-

been repulsed and we have made progand swamp territory. the Lys to the Oise. ressed in the region of Notre

so made progress in the direction in advanced a few hundred meters toarency, St. Laurent and Blangy. wards Richebourg L'Avoue. In spite of very spirited counterin the direction of Thiep Val and Lilacks, the positions taken by us Dehons. At the latter place a detachment - have been retained. of the enemy was taken by surprise in the region of Albert during the

first from December 17-18 and during day of the 18th we advanced un- down. very violent fire of the enemy reached the barbed wire entantents of the second line of German To the North of Maricourt, were obliged to abandon a trench pire the night before and set on means of hand grenades. Several German trenches have been lipied in the region of Mamets, and the vicinity of Lihons three vio-

# WILL BE NO CLASH

Per sful Solution.

OF TREBLE ON BORDER WILL

Settlement of Trouble to Secre-Garrison-General

Washington, Dec. 19.—Peaceful solution of difficulties with Mexican fac-Ariz., was predicted by American Consular Agent Carothers in a message to habegy corpus by Federal Judge W. T

patrol, has recommended to Secretary preme Court and Judge Newman an-Garrison a plan for settlement of the nounced he would give a decision on situation. The plan was not made pub- this motion Monday. lic. General Scott, chief of staff, who was sent to the border to take charge gard to the appeal, which at first it of the situation, was expected to reach was announced that Judge Newman Naco tonight. He will confer with had granted. The judge stated to-General Bliss and it is thought proba- night, however, that he announced at ble Secretary Garrison will make no the close of the hearing that he was recommendations to the President un- "inclined to grant the appeal." Subtil he learns the result of that confer-ence and has received General Scott's law enacted in 1908 requiring a Feder-

#### TO ATTACK TAMPICO.

Draws Near to Seaport Town. Pablo Gonzales has reached the Panu- on the matter in abeyance until Montosi had gone over to Carranza.

#### NEW MINISTER APPOINTED.

Villa-Gutierrez Faction. was pursuing the Carranza eral pieces of artillery and other According to official reports General Villa on December 17th entered Gualent counter attacks on the part of the dalajara, which had been evacuated by

Looked for at Naco Late Last Night or Early This Morning.

the Carranza garrison.

The of- Gruie, we blew up a German under- L. Scott, chief of staff of the United mining trench. Near St. Hubert the States army, was expected here late to- complained of is by authority of proenemy, by a very spirited attack, sucday on his mission to bring peace to cess issued out of a state court, no apthe border. His proposed conference peal to the Supreme Court shall be al "It has been confirmed that on the with the rival Mexican leaders-Gov- lowed unless the United States court Steamer Held Up by Battleship heights of the Meuse, our fire directed ernor Jose Maytorena and Gen. Benjaby aviators demolished two heavy bat- min Hill-probably will take place earteries of the enemy and damaged a ly next week.

"From the Meuse to the Vosges there battery of the fifth field artillery ar- which event, on allowing the same the is nothing to report. In the Vosges rived here today. The two remaining said court or justice shall certify that that she was held up by an unknown there has been spirited German rifle regiments of the sixth brigade and there is probable cause for such allow- warship off the Virginia capes last two batteries of artillery are due to-

### **RULES FOR SAILING** OF RELIEF STEAMERS

#### Must Have Certificates From British as Well as Germans.

British as Well as German Certificates of Safe Conduct Are Now Required of Vessels Carrying Cargoes for Belgium.

New York, Dec. 19 .- British as well as German certificates of safe conduct now are required for ships carrying station, where King Haakon left for supplies to Belgium, the American Norway by special train. King Gus- commission for relief in Belgium antay returned to the palace to await the nounced tonight.

Activities of German submarines in the North Sea caused the commission a month ago to adopt a special flag ly displayed on relief ships. Then it necessary to obtain in the United States a certificate from the collector of each port of sailing that cargoes were destined to Belgium and contained only relief, supplies. It was necessary also to obtain from German

ress in the neighborhood of the Kor- became part of the ship's papers. That British regulations, too, must Bassee, by more than one kilome- the trenches they captured yesterday. Bates, vice chairman of the commis- and other materials for defense. During the past two days we In the meantime the Indian corps has sion, today in this cable message from H. C. Hoover, chairman of the London commission:

consuls an additional certificate which

they will be held up on voyage possimarching column and literally mowed bly for days.

"Hereafter please apply yourself to the British consul at each port of sail- aviation, and \$50,000 for armored au- decade, it was thought advisable to ing for certificates that ships and complete cargoes consigned to this com- ter in the European war are includmission and inform all parties that ed in the bill. neither we nor the British admiralty will take responsibility for any other form of shipment. The British consul will in turn apply to the British ambassador at Washington for the necessary authorisation."

# LATEST PETITION

Grant Appeal.

Makes Suggestion as to Desperate Eight Being Made for Man Condemned to Die in January for Murder of Fourteen-Yearold Mary Phagan.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 19.-Leo M. Frank, condemned to be hanged January 22nd of Mary Phagan, was refused a writ of the State Department today after a Newman here today. A motion was It was learned today that General neys, requesting an appeal from to-

There was some confusion with real judge in granting an appeal in habeas corpus proceedings to issue a certificate stating his opinion that there was probable cause for an appeal was chambers and he informed the attor-Laredo, Texas, Dec. 19.—General neys that he would hold his decision

ing to a dispatch received here today, were violated in that he was "involun-The same message asserted Carranza tarily absent" from the court room troops had captured Parras, a small when the verdict was announced. Attown near Torreon, and confirmed re- torneys Henry C. Peeples and Harry gued that the Georgia state courts lost jurisdiction of the case when he was denied the right to face the jury at the culmination of his trial. They declared that Frank is being deprived of his void by reason of the trial court's acappointed tonight acting minister of tion. They argued that the question foreign affairs. General Zapata's offi- was not one involving the state court's cial report of the capture of Puebla procedure, but one for the jurisdiction

### LAW IS QUOTED.

As to Manner in Which Appeal May be Granted by Judge. Washington, Dec. 19 .- A Federal law

enacted in 1908 requires that a Federal judge in granting an appeal in habeas corpus proceedings issue a certificate stating that in his opinion "probable cause for an appeal" exists. The law reads:

'From the final decision by a court of the United States in proceedings in by which the final decision was ren-Court shall be of opinion that there ex-The 18th infantry regiment and one ists probable cause for an appeal, in

Before 1908 such a certificate was not required. Should a judge not forward such a certificate, it was stated today that an appeal probably would be dismissed by the Supreme Court. An appeal in the Frank case, properly lodged would not ordinarily come up for consideration by the Supreme Court for nearly two years, but most

applications by state officials to advance habea's corpus appeals are

## COMMITTEE AGREES ON ARMY APPROPRIATION

#### Special Fund for Observers in Measure Favorably Reported War Raging in Europe.

tion and Coast Defense Will be Favorably Reported to the

House by Committee.

Washington, Dec. 19 .- The army appropriation bill, aggregating \$101,000,-000, agreed upon today by the House military committee, carried a special fund of \$15,000 for United States mili-

The bill closely follows the War De-

"The British troops have lost in the in future govern relief ships, was the asked for," said Chairman Hay, referde Consolation, to the South of vicinity of Neuve Chapelle several of information which came to London W. ring to appropriations for ammunition Increase of 25 regiments in the regular army was proposed by a bill introduced by Representative Anthony. It "Admiralty informs us that unless would authorize the organization of steamers and cargoes are consigned to five additional regiments of artillery.

> would repeal the law limiting the army to 100,000 men. The appropriations of \$400,000 for tomobiles in view of the use of the lat-

> Halifax, N. S., Dec. 19 .- The steamer Calcutta sailed today with food and supplies for the Belgians. She is the third relief ship sent by Canada. The

### America Agent Predicts a But Federal Judge Inclined to Senate Action May Nullify International Agreement.

DECIDE MONDAY SAFETY AT SEA MATTER

Manner in Which Senate Ratified Convention Will Literally Nullify the International Measure for Protection.

Washington, Dec. 19 .- Reconsideration by the Senate of the resolution reforms demanded by the Postoffice railroads, but by my own colleagues tions across the border from Naco, next for the murder here in April, 1913, adopted last week ratifying the safety Department in connection with the an- who, I think, are high minded, honest at sea convention will be sought early nual postal appropriation bill. next week, it was learned tonight, because State and Commerce Department officials believe the reservation to the United States of the right to impose Bliss, commanding the American border day's decision to the United States Su- higher standards on all shipping in masters, experimental substitution of American waters than those imposed contract service for the rural delivery by the treaty virtually nullifies the international agreement.

> ander, of the House merchant marine committee. Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, talked with President Wilson and said later he believed the ratification resolution "practically nullifies the con-

supporters of the pending seaman's bill contended that the treaty would interfere with that measure Those supporting the House substitute for the LaFollette bill, however, were un- his willingness to do so. The two rep- MOBILE CONTENTION would not conflict with the convention. | ingly toward each other when half a sentative Alexander, one of the Ameri- them. can delegates to the London convention which drafted the treaty already accepted by most of the other powers represented.

Ready to Send to London The convention and Senate resolution have been received at the White House and forwarded to the State Department for transmission to London. Under the terms of the convention, cratic postfice committee." the ratification must be received in overcome by the adoption of a protocol tative. by the powers extending the time. In urging the ratification in his last message to Congress, the President called

particular atention to this time limit. is understood President Wilson believes the modifyng clause unnecessary and that he may take steps to in- tucky, and McKellar, of Tennessee, of unreasonableness of the rates atform the Senate informally of his real stepped between them and order soon tacked.

It is possible for senators voting for the resolution to move reconsiderations. Senator Stone said thight he did not know what course would be fol-

### UNKNOWN BATTLESHIP OFF

Virginia Capes Friday Night.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 19 .- The Italian steamer Il Piemonte which arrived here today from New Orleans, reports that she was held up by an unknown midnight. . Captain Giarette, says he failed to earn the name of the warship but!

thinks she was British. He says a boat from the warship containing several officers came alongside the Il Piemonte and after learning her nationality, the nature of her cargo and her destination permitted

her to proceed. He says, however, that his vessel was followed almost to the Virginia

## RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL BEFORE HOUSE

### But Closely Trimmed.

Practically Every Item for Ammuni- Committee in Its Report Declares That Increase in Commerce Realized But Cause for Economy is Reason for Cut.

> Washington, Dec. 19 .- Reporting the rivers and harbors bill carrying \$34,-138.580 to the House today, Chairman Sparkman, of the committee, said:

"In leaving out new projects and reducing amounts allotted in the bill so much below the estimates, the committee has not been unmindful of the was granted. "We gave them practically all they rapidly growing commerce for the accommodation of which both the work post of clerk of the town of Haverunder old and new projects is designed. straw, where he is a Democratic lead- declared that in her investigations of

"In view, however, of the necessity for economy in government expenditures, a thing desirable at all times but owing to the extraordinary conditions us at Rotterdam, we must expect that five of cavalry and 15 of infantry and brought about by the present European war more imperative now perhaps than at any time during the past omit new projects from the bill and to reduce the appropriation and authorizations to the lowest possible minimum commensurate with efficiency and a reasonable degree of progress toward completion of each imbulk of her pargo came from Montreal provement now under way."

### NEAR-FIGHT FEATURES SESSION OF CONGRESS

Representatives Heflin and Moon Star in Wordy Contest in Which Statement of Latter is Denounced as "False and Untrue" by Gentleman From Alabama-Invited to Repeat Statement Outside Congress' Halls.

today in exchange of invitations to personal combat between Representatives Heffin, of Alabama, and Moon, of the hit dog yelps, let him yelp." Tennessee, the House adopted a special rule to consider legislation for

A defection of Democrats from the leaders yesterday defeated a similar had voted against the rule had done so service, increased salaries for rural carriers, changes in the compensation paid roalroads for carrying mails and The subject was discussed today by other re-organization plans of the de- House, if the charge is not true, to repartment.

The rule was passed late today with the provisions for cutting postmasters' the House owes it to itself to investi-Chairman Alex- salaries, abolishing assistant postmasters and the rural service substitution scheme eliminated.

ter defeat of the original rule, in which in a brief speech disclaimed any intenhe intimated that "some railroad influence" had operated to shift Democrat- rity of any member of the House. He ic votes, caused a bitter debate today. Representative Heffin denounced Mr. heat of debate" and "may have been a Moon's statement as "false and un- little too rough. He offered to withtrue." Mr. Moon challenged him to draw any "offensive language" make the same comment off the floor might have used. of the House and Mr. Heffin expressed dozen members stepped in between

Denounced as Untrue. "I denounce the statement of the absolutely untrue," devoted against the rule had "betraved the Democratic President, the Democratic Postmaster General, the Democratic rules committee, and the Demo- attack upon the reasonableness of ex-

cept on this flor," shouted Mr. Moon, ieved tonight this difficulty might be striding toward the Alabama represen-"I am willing to say anything out-

Chairman Moon.

Representatives Clark, of Florida; Tribble, of Georgia; Stanley, of Kenwas restored.

rule. He said he did not charge corruption against any one. "But the circumstances of that vote,"

he said. "left the impression that there bile. was some influence at work that prethe influence of postmasters or rural to eliminate it. carriers or of the railroads?" Representative Heflin declared that

'No railroad had influenced" him, and declared Representative Moon's criticism "unjustified and unwarranted." Representative Ragsdale, of South Carolina, said that "when the gentleman charges that there is railroad in-

## **MURDERING SON-IN-LAW**

New City, New York, Trial Comes to an End.

tics and An Officer.

New City, N. Y., Dec. 19.-William V Cleary, town clerk of Haverstraw and LADY DOCTOR INVESTIGATES Democratic leader in Rockland county, was acquitted by a jury in Supreme Court here tonight of the charge of murder in the first degree on which he was tried for killing Eugene M. Newman, his son-in-law.

the signal for a demonstration by Cleary's friends in the court room When the jury filed in it was apparent what the verdict would be. foreman when asked what the jury had decided, almost shouted the words cold storage long enough to overcome

Announcement of the verdict was

'not guilty.' Applause followed the announcement. Cleary seemed dazed at first and when he regained his composure try marketed fresh, and after being asked permission to thank the jury. It frozen four weeks and drew the con-

ion and expects soon to resume his er. Newman was shot on July 23rd cold storage plants, she had found last while he was in Cleary's office in | nothing to indicate that cold storage Haverstraw waiting to tell the town facilities were used to manipulate food clerk that he had married his daughter. prices.

days of hot words which culminated of the House to defeat this legislation, I don't believe it, and I repudiate it.' "Well, the gentleman has his opinion," replied Representative Moon. "If

> Webb Makes Statement. Representative Webb, of North Carolina said "he was not influenced by and conscientious men.

> Representative Moon concluded with the statement that the Democrats who because of "profound ignorance." Republican Leader Mann who had led the fight against the original rule later renewed the controversy.

> "The charge has been made on this floor," he said, "that the influence of railroad interests has been felt in this House. I believe it is the duty of the pudiate the charge and condemn the gate the charge and punish those men whose votes have railroad influence.

> A little later Representative Moon, said that his speech was made "In the

SUSTAINED IN PART Concerning Rates on Export Cotton to Southern Ports-"Penalty Rates."

Washington, Dec. 19 .- Contentions of the Mobile Chamber Chamber of omCport coton freight rates from Southern "You don't dare say that to me ex- points to Moible. All railroads serving Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida and the side that I would say to you here," re- that no relief be given Mobile that torted Heffin, and he started to meet was not at the same time accorded to

New Orleans. The commission held that the testimony taken did not warrant a finding ordered to abandon "penalty rates," Representative Moon said he had no which require that cotton shipped to apologies to make for his speech cri- compress point must be reshipped to ticising Democrats who opposed the destination by the same carrier in or-The commission found that the penalty rate system discriminated against Mo-

Discrimination prejudicial to Mobile vented the adoption of this rule, re- as compared with Savannah, Ga., was quested by the administration. Was it disclosed and the roads were directed

MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR COPPER SHIPMENTS.

State Department Has Taken Matter

Up With Great Britain.

Washington, Dec. 19 .- Representaives of the Western Copper Producing an today were informed that an understanding was being framed between the United States and Great Britain with every indication of success where-American copper would be allowed be transported to Italy without de-

Most American copper is shipped order" or consigned directly to belligerent countries. Consequently the declared copper contraband, asserted understanding, which has been reached between the British government and Italy, which will permit the resumption of the American copper trade with Italy is not disclosed, but it is understood at the State Department that the British are satisfied with the guarantees which the Italian government will extend that the copper will not reach Germany or Austria if allowed to enter Italian ports.

### COLD STORAGE OF FOODS.

Declares Eggs and Poultry Can be Kept Long Time That Way.

Washington, Dec. 19 .- Dr. Mary E Pennington, of the Chemistry Bureau, the bill to regulate cold storage, said exhaustive investigation and experiments disclosed that poultry and eggs, if properly handled, could be kept in seasonable scarcity of supply, without any deterioration of their food value. She showed comparisons of poul-

clusion that with the same handling, Cleary will go away for recupera- both would be equally valuable for

Dr. Pennington, under questioning,

#### COTTON MILLS WORKING TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY AND EMPLOYING HUNDREDS OF MEN FOR EXTRA WORK

Lowell, Mass., December 19, - The machinery of the Tremont and Suffolk cotton mills will be run 24 hours a day, beginning Monday, according to announcement today. Four hundred extra employees will be hired. Anticipated demand for fabrics early in the coming year is given as the reason for the increase in production.