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Fighting in the Far East Continues Regardless of the Cold Weather—Turks Deny Defeat. London, Jan. 12.—French attacks north of Soissons, on the Aisne, and near Perth, east of Rheims, are developing into a serious offensive.

The French have found it impossible to take by frontal attacks positions from which the Germans are bombarding Rheims, but advances on either side would envelope them and force a retirement, thus giving the cathedral city relief from the German shells. In the Argonne and on the Heights of the Meuse the Germans claim to have made further progress.

Similar conditions prevail in the East, and while they have not completely stopped the fighting, they have called a halt over the greater part of the field of operations. In restricted areas, along the river Rawka, near Bolimow, however, there has been fierce fighting, but according to Petrograd correspondents, the Germans have not made material advances.

PLEASE DELIVER GOODBYE MESSAGE

South Carolina General Assembly Hears Governor

TAKES SHOT AT WILSON Declares That Democratic Party Under Wilson's Administration Is Robbing States' Rights

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 12.—Governor Blease delivered his farewell message to the South Carolina legislature today when it convened at noon.

The Governor's message contained an appeal for a reduction of taxes and recommended smaller appropriations for institutions of higher learning in this state, including abolishment of all free scholarships.

MANY NEW MEMBERS

Opening of S. C. General Assembly. Columbia, S. C., Jan. 12.—The seventy-first annual session of the South Carolina General Assembly began today at noon.

"OLD GLORY" RESPECTED.

Constantinople Careful Not to Molest Anything American in City. New York, Jan. 12.—Although conditions in Constantinople have been chaotic for some time, the American flag has been respected in every particular.

ORPHANS ARE GRATEFUL

Thousands of Letters from European Children to American Children. New York, Jan. 12.—Bringing hundreds of letters of gratitude from orphans in Belgium, Germany and France addressed to children in the United States for Christmas remembrances.

AMERICAN CARGOES OF MEAT DETAINED

Two Have Been Held Since the Middle of November CONSIGNED "TO ORDER"

Owners Protest That Cargoes Were Upon the High Seas When England Declared "To Order" Cargoes Contraband.

London, Jan. 12.—The Norwegian steamers Alfred Nobel and Bjornstjerne Bjornson, chiefly loaded with Chicago packing house products, have been held in British ports since the middle of November.

The Swedish steamer Fridland, which left New York October 23rd for Copenhagen and arrived in Kirkwall November 10th and was taken thence to Shields November 30, also still is being held.

Why Trial Delayed.

The foreign office says the delay in bringing the cases to trial was at the request of the owners for time to complete the evidence.

New Bills Introduced.

New bills introduced today in the Legislature include: a bill for creating a Mitchell's Peak park commission, to purchase for the State the summit of Mount Mitchell as a public park for the people of the State.

SENATOR OVERMAN DECLARED ELECTED

Bills Introduced for Homes of Refuge for Women. MITCHELL PEAK PARK

Would Be Created by Bill Introduced—Acts Consolidating Railroads and Forming A. C. L. System to be Amended by Allen Bill

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 12.—The Senate and House of the General Assembly in joint session at noon today officially canvassed the election returns of the United States senator and one State officer, corporation commissioner, voted for in the November election.

In the House session two bills for homes of refuge for women were offered, one by Representative Pegram, of Durham carrying \$15,000 appropriation for buildings and \$5,000 for maintenance.

The House Proceedings.

The House was convened at 11 o'clock by the Speaker Wooten. Additional standing committees were announced with chairman as follows:

Mayor of the City and His Aides Will Make Fight—Those of the Banks Arrested Plead Guilty—No Immunity.

Indianapolis, Jan. 12.—Eighty of the 114 men arrested recently on Federal indictments charging conspiracy to corrupt the election of November 3rd, last, in Terre Haute, Ind., pleaded guilty in district court here today.

Webb Opened Debate.

Debate on the amendment began at 1 o'clock to the cheers of supporters of both sides, packed opposite galleries in the state house.

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Representative McDonald, of Michigan; Representative of New York, and Stevens, of New Hampshire, spoke for the resolution, and Representative Hardy, of Texas, made a vigorous speech against it.

WAR DEPARTMENT BILLS DISCUSSED

Senate Committee and Garrison Take Them Up. COAST ARTILLERY BILL

Secretary and His Aides Explain Different Features of Measures to the Committee—Too Many Officers Provided For.

Washington, Jan. 12.—War Department bills to strengthen the army and create a reserve were taken up today by the Senate military committee with Secretary Garrison and aides present to explain various projects.

Secretary Garrison said the bills had been prepared in the War College and that the reasons for the appointment selected would be furnished the committee.

The Coast Artillery Bill.

Secretary Garrison said enactment of the coast artillery bill would bring that arm of the service up to 50 per cent of the strength it would have in war.

Terre Haute Leaders to Fight Indictment

Twenty-Six File Demurrers—Eighty Plead Guilty. Mayor of the City and His Aides Will Make Fight—Those of the Banks Arrested Plead Guilty—No Immunity.

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SUFFRAGE RESOLUTION IS BADLY DEFEATED IN HOUSE OPPOSITION MUCH ELATED

For a Second Time in Twelve Months Woman Suffrage Is Rejected by Congress—Purple and Yellow Cause Overwhelmed by Followers of the Red Rose—Humor of Congressman Brings Hisses of Galleries.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The House tonight by a vote of 204 to 174 refused to submit to the states an amendment to the Federal Constitution to enfranchise women.

It was the second defeat suffered by the suffrage cause in Congress within a year. On March 15th last, an equal suffrage constitutional amendment received a vote of 85 to 34 in the Senate, obtaining a bare majority, but not the necessary two-thirds.

The suffragists were well satisfied. "The result was what we expected," said Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, president of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage.

Protect State's Rights.

The sacred reserved rights of the individual states were cited by Representative Henry as a bar to adoption of the amendment.

Bowdle Draws Hisses.

Representative Bowdle, of Ohio, discussed the suffrage question in facetious vein and concluded with a scathing denunciation of the patriots which, he said, totally disqualified him as a voter and office-holder.

More Marriage Needed.

"The need of this country is more marriage. America needs a new baptism of the old time masculinity. We need the old type of feminine woman," said the effect of woman suffrage, Mr. Bowdle said, would be that women would vote with their husbands.