

WEATHER.

Fair and colder Friday; Saturday fair, colder southeast portion; moderate northwest and north winds.

THE MORNING STAR

MANY ITEMS left in stock after the Holidays will go well, if judiciously advertised just now. Clearance sales are popular.

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CARRANZA FAILS TO COMPLY WITH AMERICAN DEMAND

Makes Another Appeal to Modify Protocol, Providing for Withdrawal of Troops.

HOPE NOT YET BANISHED

Joint Commission to Meet Early Next Week, When American Reply Will Be Made.

Washington, Dec. 28.—One more appeal for modification of the protocol providing for the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico is made by General Carranza in a message delivered to Secretary Lane today by Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican members of the joint commission.

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WEATHER PREVENTS BRITISH 'ADVANCE'

General Maurice Tells Associated Press of Obstacles Encountered on Somme Front.

WATER FILLS SHELL HOLES

Says the Wet Ground and Fogs Make It Impossible to Continue the Offensive Now—First Rumanian Army Re-Formed.

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ANY ABLE-BODIED MAN HELD LIABLE

If He is Between Ages of 18 and 45 He May Be Drafted in the Militia in War Time.

UNDER THE DEFENSE ACT

Further Act of Congress Would Not Be Required—When Guard Regiment Called Out a Reserve Battalion Would Be Organized.

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RUSSIA IS STILL MORE HOSTILE TO MOVE FOR PEACE

Neg. Attitude Strengthened, if Possible, by German Reply to Wilson's Note.

REGARDED AS 'EVASIVE'

It is Believed Russia's Final Word Will Be Said When Answer to President is Made.

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PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY LANSING ADOPT POLICY OF SILENCE REGARDING PEACE

All Steps Hereafter Will be Considered by American Government as Confidential—Secret Exchanges With Belligerents May Take Place—Teutonic Allies Would be Willing to Outline Terms, if Necessary to Gain Conference.

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FRESH GAINS IN WALLACHIA MADE BY THE TEUTONS

Berlin Reports Capture of 3,000 More Prisoners and Twenty-Two Machine Guns.

ACTIVITY AROUND VERDUN

Greeks Who Were Interned in Germany Reported Ordered to Fight Against Allies.

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COLLEGES ARE URGED TO AID PREPAREDNESS

By Emphasizing the Necessity of Physical Training.

Officers Elected by National Collegiate Athletic Association, in Session at New York—Addresses Are Heard.

New York, Dec. 28.—A resolution endorsing physical preparedness in the cause of National defense was adopted today by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. It was a substitute for one proposed by the conference committee on National preparedness and was as follows:

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BROTHERHOOD CHIEFS BREAK WITH MANAGERS

Conference on Eight-Hour Law Discontinued Abruptly.

Agreement Could Not Be Reached as to Wage Schedule Under Adamson Act—Will Await Supreme Court Decision.

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IMMEDIATE RETURN OF CARS MAY BE ORDERED

Question Taken Under Advisement by Commerce Commission.

Commissioner McChord Says Roads are Violating Written and Verbal Agreements—Objection Raised by Railroads.

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MACHINE IS DEvised TO PHOTOGRAPH SOUND

Vibrations of the Human Diaphragm Flashed Upon Screen.

Association for Advancement of Science Witnesses Machine in Operation. Various Topics are Discussed.

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ORDER OF MERIT BESTOWED UPON SUBMARINE CAPTAIN

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