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SLIGHT PROGRESS BEING MADE BY AGGRESSORS

nyaders Rush on Warsaw in Face of Shot and Shell Poured on Ranks by Allied Armies.

RUSSIAN BIG GUNS PLACED FOR SIEGE

British Troops Get Many Presents From England, Some Boxes Being From the King and Queen.

line across France and Bel- follow: "Tuesday in Belgium we made as the Russians along the riv-

The Russians claim success latest encounters, but their activities. during the pas tten days the in Champagne there have been artil-German progress has been up leary engagements.

"In the region of Perthes-les-Hurpreciable and it is reported "In the region of retailed can-

no further progress north, and ter attack was repulsed. aest Prussian frontier.

here pointed out, art beginning up two lines of these works and octo assume the character of the rush toward Calais and Dun- There was fighting in the vicinity she died.

ficed and other forces brought the trenches captured by us yester-ries, up to fill the gaps with the "There have been no incidents of prodigality the invaders show- importance from the heights of the JARRETT BOUND OVER ed in Flanders.

sians are exaggerating in removing into Poland at points to the J. O. White tration of their military to Sanck.

strength is nearly complete. Petrograd has never conceded that the occupation of Lodz had any strategic importance, but the German view is ex-Associated Press representa- enemy were driven back from tive on the east front that he considered it the "turning" "Notwithstanding desperate counter"

vors are to be distributed and thousands of postcards and favors have seen sent to the front by the king and quen of England.

The Austrian attempt to crush the Servians is soon to be renewed, the final plans for which are being now formed,

"In the neighborhood of Camp Challons there has been greater activity.

"Attacks to the north of Filleries and southeast to Rheims, at Sousin and Verthes were partly repelled by us with heavy loss to the French.

"The situation in East Prussis and in West Prussis is uncharged."

The battle for the possession of trenches on the Baura river west of Warsaw continues.

"The situation on the right bank in the Pilica remains unchanged."

"On the left bank of the Pilica river obstinate fighting continues in the region of the cillages of Jeszecz and Rojkowawolia, about six miles to the west of Nowemiasto

"In the right bank of the Pilica we have made progress in the vicinity of Oboczno and Tomascow

"In Galicia our successful operations continue. South of the Vistula we captured on the 20th and 21st of December 66 officers; about 5600 men; three cannon and 10 mitrailleuse. "In Carpathians, where we have been pursuing the retreating Austrians

we captured on December 22 30 offi-

cers and about 1500 private soldiers, "Near Przemsyl the Austrian garri-son attempted a new sortic during which several of their advance companies were annihilated and other ad. vance companies were pursued. In connection with the siege of this for-tress we have taken about one mile of the railroad line leading into the city.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The official announcement of the French war office just issued, says that the allies have made slight progress at the north end of the line in France and Bel-London, Dec. 24 .- On Christ- glum. The fog has caused some slackening in the fighting around Arras. mas eve there seems very little The allies claim to have advanced change in the warfare in the near Perthes-les-Hurius, where they captured German machine guns and western theater where General progressed from c-iving back a coun-Joffre appears to be cautious- ter attack near Beausjour in the for- est of Lagrurie. Near Bourellies, ly feeling for an opening in the strongly entrenched German mans. The text of the communications

In the east the German slight progress from the sea to the effort to advance on Warsaw highway from Nieuport to Westende, continues; here the German as well as in the region of Steenstrawe and Bixschoote, where we occupied a center seems checked; as well forest, some houses and a redoubt. "East of Bethune, reinforced by

ers barring the way to the Car- village of Vizenchy-les-La Bassec which had been lost by us to the

"In Arras a heavy fog has made it necessary for both armles to lessen "East of Amiens, on the Aisne and

We made an average gain here of 800 In Galicia the Austro-Ger- yards. In the last trenches we capman troops seem to have made machine gun crews. A violent coun-

"We have progressed to the norththe Russians report they are east of Beausjour, where the enemy pursuing them back across the attempted a counter attack which proved unsuccessful.

"Perceptible advance has been The German tactics in the made in the forest of Lagrurie advance on Warsaw, observers and about 200 yards deep. We blew

Fairly Serious.

"Russia: In east Prussia the Ger Military experts are unable mans have been driven back from Niedenburg to Soldau and Lautento agree on the number of Aus-

porting their resources the south of Plotrkow, to the west of Slave should easily top these the river Donajec and have occupied the river Donajec and have occupied witness examined and his testimony laughed at the thought of any serious Salvation Army Program. figures, onw that the concen- a line from Grybow to Smidrod and was practically the same as that giv- wrong: "It is perfectly all right to

"Efforts to make a sortie by the last Tuesday afternoon. Przemysł garrison resulted in complete failure." German Statement.

Berlin, Dec. 24 .- The official statement given out yesterday by the Ger-man army headquarters is as follows: pressed by General von Hin- of Lombaertsyde and to the south of Bixschoote were easily repulsed by our denburg, who remarked ot the troops. At Richebourg L' Acoud the

considered it the "turning attacks we have retained all the posi-All the combatants are planning to spend Christmas as best
they may. Many boxes and fathrowers.

All the campaign.''

attacks we have retained all the positions taken by us from the English
from Aire to La Bassee. Since December 20, 750 British and colored troops
have been captured and we have also
taken five machine guns and four mine
to some South American port.

according to advices from Bud-CONSIDERS FRANK CASE.

Petrograd, Dec. 24.—An official press bureau concerning the fighting on the Russian front says: eral Judge Newman in refusing to release Leo M. Frank, sentenced to death for the murder of Mary Phagan, on habeas corpus Mary Phagan, on habeas corpus COMPLAINT AT SERVICE not indicate when he would an-

nounce his decision.

BATTLESHIP TORPEDOED.

London, Dec. 24.—An official statement received from Paris to- 🗷 day says that an Austrian submarine has torpedoed a French battleship in the Gulf of Otranto. The battleship was only slightly damaged and there were no inipries reported. The Gulf ranto is in the Adriatic set the southern end of Italy. juries reported. The Gulf of Ot- & ranto is in the Adriatic sea

GERMAN AIRSHIP FALLS.

Paris, Dec. 24.—A German ae-Sunday was pursued and brought odwn by French machines at Pol Pontoisse, about 19 miles north-

Are the Victims.

that they are now bringing up their 42-centimeter guns for the line, part of which their 42-centimeter guns for the line, part of which the section of the line, part of which the needs of every applicant.

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> Mrs. Mary Corso. Niece of Mrs. Corso.

surgeons to the scene of the confin- offensive to the department. gration. He knew nothing of the fatal

FOR KILLING GRANT

JAP WARSHIP CONVOYS BRITISH SHIPS OFF PERU

Paris, Dec. 24.—The chamber of tain grand lodge officers.

business man in the city, who reday. The entire "plebe" class
countries has voted unanimously an
propriation of 8,500,000,000 france
matter in the hands of their attorout.

Seems to Be Charges Are Not Against Postmaster Himself.

OF TWO ASSISTANTS

plaint-Colored Masons Case Again-Other State News.

Raleigh, Dec. 24.-Postmaster Willis G. Briggs, whose incontinent discial to this paper yeterday, declared Asheville where Santa will either apthat he has had no intimation of the charges and could give no interview

"I have not heard what is the nature of the allegations against me and cannot discuss any phase of it," he said when your correspondent told In the office over which he has held control nearly eight years, it was learned that an inspector has been here a great deal recently and that despite the presence of the investigator, the postmaster refused to be o'clock by about 300 boys and girls this color must be credited to Vicemter

It appears here that the charges that went up from individuals and in- has been given a ticket. The gifts will history stitutions were not aimed at the post-be distributed among boys and girls master himself, but at the service between the ages of three and fifteen until specific news was forthcoming confidential, declared they had no idea that criti- cost on an average of \$1.50 each and of Vauclus, which furnished the Tenement Family Trapped on would be used against the postmaster in addition to these presents every himself. These two requirement do not know whether the department is us-

ing their complaints or not. has been receiving the weights of the New York, Dec. 24.—Five members News and Observer by telephone. It in the list to receive gifts, Misses Murof a family living on the top floor is said that the paper charges that it phy. Bird, and Phifer have visited the Bulgarian efficers found if exper-committee carnot permit this anniverof a five story tenement house on has been taxed with overweights, the homes during the last few days dient to that of the red trimming of sary to pass without inviting the

from the Raleigh office. should not be dismissed. These men Trinity church on Church street. In the meantime commercial war confident heps that the example which the only survivor of the family, were T. B. Creef, W. M. Brown, S. Such arrangement by the street rail-Arthur Corso, is a telegraph operator W. Eason and G. H. Brown. They way company will please many peo- ment of Vanetne and the coloring in their relations with each other at the Polyclinic hospital. He was handle the night mails, it has been ple who wish to attend the services, matter for the Franch Infantry ounds - would be followed by the other great on duty at the time of the fire and said that Mr. Briggs defended his as. At 11:30 o'clock tonight a car for loos was made in Germany. No come nations of the earth in their several ordered out the ambulance and the sistants and that his defense proved Charlotte street, one for Merrimon mercial obstacle semained, but "licial international relations. It had been

As to Politics. Some republicens regard this as the outgrowth of the old Butler-Briggs

papers this morning."

Lima, Peru. Dec. 24.—A Japanese ington-ward. It is more than ever which were distributed to every fambattleship Hizen, accompanied by a expected that Bart datting will get by presenting a ticket.

In addition to the strong about \$2.00 each the raider but could not tell where it went as the weather was cloudy and force.

TURN D'IE General Opinion at Raleigh Jolly Old Saint to e Host at Any Number of Places in Asheville Today and

> WHERE HE WILL VISIT WHILE IN THE CITY

Tomorrow.

Tree Festivities in Pack Square Very Pleasing Affair.

Jolly old Santa Claus will linger in Asheville today and tomorrow, that is he will appear at several places between trips to the North Pole and service other localities.

Here are some of the places in pear or where he will visit and then knell of the red pantaloon. hurry on. He has invited friends to call on him at the follow-ing hours. Meantime, if he has been summoned to the side of some little crippled boy or girl elsewhere and seem cannot see his friends who have been of th good cheer for them.

Fagles to Play Santa.

The lodge rooms of the Asheville taille and other military painters. aerie of Lagles will be visited tomorrow morning shortly after 9:30 principally from the cotton mill sec- de Vaux, minister of war in 1829, and tion of the city. Every boy and girl and two men at least, who asked that years. About 100 pairs of shoes, 200 the minister of agriculture, who obpairs of stockings and 125 baskets jected that the change would gain a at will be distributed. The baskets will thriving industry in the department 14. cism of certain phases of the service will contain food, candy and oranges, der" with which the cloth was dvcd

One of the stories is this: That in Misses Helen Murphy, Lillian Bird, the Jamuese-Russian was broke out rushing the mails on the early morn- and Jessie Phifer, who assisted the and the question being ar the adaptive. ing trains, the postoffice department general committee of the lodge, to the minister of war appointed another of the terrible condict that ruggs us include every deserving boy and girl commission.

Another alleged count is the de- ville street railway company will op- green was preferred and specimen and the appalling destruction of lift. fense of Postmaster Briggs of four crate three special cars tonight for forms of this color, desirned by Deproperty and creat measurement of the
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peaceful to the peaceful and friendly co-operation. was brought to the hospital where anybody who was not sympathetic and will remain there until after the constituous red trousers. with the postmaster against whom services when they will make only Millerand abolished all commissions would also mark their dealings with

and he served long as a newspaper tive service, and it is expected that a larg crowd will visit the church to At Congregational Church.

A Christmas party for members feud and others declare that they had and friends of the First Congregato agree on the number of Austro-German soldiers in the east.

Their estimates run from 1, 000,000, to 1,500,000, but they point out that unless the Russians are are found in the form the form of the solding and their department of the solding and their department of the solding and the special assistance of the special assistan Another republican, whose name is customs by members of the interme-J. O. Whitted, of the Blue Ridge not familiar to polities, declared it diate department. The entertainment

Adjutant John Bouterse of the loen by him before the coroner's jury dismiss a man on account of poli- cal post of the Salvation army with plane dropped a bomb into the city of last Tuesday afternoon.

Lics, I believe in that," he said, "but the assistance of other members of Dover this morning and immediately The body of William B. Grant was it does seem to me pretty cheap to shipped yesterday to his old home. Wait a year after supposed charges food to the poor of the city this Gikey, Rutherford county, where the funeral and interment will take place of his administration. I think he ought to have been removed several days. Only one basket was for political reasons a year ago, but given to a family. Adjutant Bouterse not for the things mentioned in the stated that he had received applications by the bomb. The hostile craft The three candidates for the post- to give, while last year it was the left immediately, flying over the sea. tion held by Mr. Briggs are ready reverse. The army had prepared 250 for the stroke of lightning up Wash-baskets, costing about \$2.00 each

In addition to the distribution of food made today, the Salvation army Police Justice W. C. Harris has will distribute presents from a large summened Dr. J. B. Dudley, Dr. J. Christmas tree in the auditorium of E. Dellinger, Dr. A. M.- Rivera and C. C. Amey, of Greensboro, to appear before him today to execute and girls. This feature of celebration their appear bonds in the recent core. their appeal bonds in the recent con- by the post has been brought about viction of criminal libel against cer- by a contribution from a prominent from four to eight days from yesterbusiness man in the city, who re- day.

appropriation of 8,500,000,000 frames matter in the hands of their attorneys. Long argument yesterday showed the next six months, including the cost of the war.

Rumor of Rulers Death.

Rome, Dec. 24.—A rumor is in circular of expenses and even though he had to defendants he meant to do it. Attor-culation here that Emperor Prances culation here that Emperor Prances (Continued on Page 11.)

City Tree a Success.

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The municipal Christmas tree festi-nepsit to the municipal Christmas tree festi-nepsit in pack square last night were participated in and witnessed by several thousand people. The program erry Foulden, colored, was jailed here participated in and witnessed by several thousand people. The program erry Foulden, colored, was jailed here participated in and witnessed by several thousand people. The program erry Foulden, colored, was jailed here participated in and witnessed by several thousand people. The program erry Foulden, colored, was jailed here participated in and witnessed by several their bands of their right to the participated in and witnessed by several thousand people. The program erry Foulden, colored, was jailed here participated in and witnessed by several the participated in and witnessed by several the participated in and witnessed by several the participated in and witnessed by several their properties of this manufacture for the municipal Christmas tree festi-nepsilon in the properties of the municipal Christmas tree festi-nepsilon in participated in and witnessed by several the properties of the municipal Christmas tree festi-nepsilon in participated in and witnessed by several the participated in and witnessed by several the participated in and witnessed by several the properties of the municipal Christmas tree festi-nepsilon in participated in and witnessed by several the properties of t

diers' Bright Nether Garment Sounded by Success of Blue-Gray.

CHANGE LOOKED ON AS SORT OF SACRILEGE

News and Observer Has Com- Second Municipal Christmas Several Proposals to Change Burgomaster Meant to Enter-Color of Uniform Have Failed, One Commercial Reason.

supplied to men who become eligible celebration of the one hundredth anni-

invited he will leave a message of army clung fondly to the old red, ita- land, mortalized on so many fields of bartle and familiarized to the world by De-

> red for the infantry. it was his sole contribution to military During the se posed change to blue was defeated at

boy will be presented with a horn, question came up again and the min- and the United States, which manyou and every girl with a doll. Special efforts have been made by to examine it. Nothing developed and to be the last war between English-

After the Bolken war.

Rev. Wyatt Brown, rector of Trin- farmed. In 1965 a nort of close blan-

Hostile Visitor But Lose Him in the Fog.

London, Dec. 24 .- A hostile aeroplane dropped a bomb into the city of

communication follows:
"An aeroplane dropped a bomb in British aircraft attempted to pursue able exercises in churches of all de-

Holiday for Cadets.

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 24 .- More than 200 cadets of the three upper classes of the Military academy have The entire "plebe

Death Knell of French Sol- English Speaking People Will Not Let Peace Centenary Pass Unobserved in Spite of War.

> PLANS FOR CELEBRATION IN GHENT INTERRUPTED

tain 50 Americans, 50 Englishmen, 50 Canadians-American Statement.

Ghent by representatives of the United States and Great Britain. The burgo-The heroic associations of a banquet to 50 American, 50 English and 50 Canadian delegates in the hall

Later, Sulgrave Manor, the ancestral of the lessons of the Transvaal, the home of George Washington in Engthe American people by the British Peace centennary committee, The probably will be rehabilitated and pre-

Believing despite the war the anniversary should not pass unobserved in known citizens of this country who are interested in the movement last night

citizens to the constant presented by ity church, announces that the Ashe- had more parties is. In 1976 grantable ed among these elves on the one hand toward the people of the United States. kirk, which the allies stemmed.
Thousands have been sacrificed and other forces brought

There was fighting in the vicinity she died.

Scores of other people living on the they had never heard the slightest one run and then return to the car and dressed the class of 1914 in the tenement suffered from inhaling the shade he preferred.

With the postmaster against whom services when they will have one another. Unfortunately this was another to be another to be another they had never heard the slightest one run and then return to the car and dressed the class of 1914 in the shade he preferred.

Thousands have been sacrificed and other forces brought to trenches captured by us yester.

records. Justice Over Force,

once more our emphatic faith in the supremacy of justice over force, of law ful relations of a hundred years among all English-speaking peoples, and particularly in the undefended and unfor-Britons Attempt Pursuit of titled line nearly four thousand miles in length, which divides the tessitory of the United States from that of the Deminion of Canada. The mutual trust, forbearance and helpfulness which make that undefended boundary a link and not a barrier between two peoples, we offer as an example to our warring brothers across the sea.

"It had been our purpose, when our committee was organized in 1910, to plan for a great celebration of the centenary anniversary by various methods which have now because of the terrible war which is still convuls. ing Europe and disturbing the whole world, become impracticable until the

"But we appeal to the people in all It the states and to all civic bodies to mark this notable anniversary by a nominations on the 14th of February, the date agreed upon for that purpos with our associate, the Canadian com-mittee; by formal addresses at the capitals of the respective states on the 17the and 18th of February, the dates of the ratification and proclamation of the Treaty; and also by appropriat xercises in all the schools on the 22nd

day of February, or on such later date or dates in the spring of 1915 az may be locally deemed preferable: "By which all the children of America should be instructed on the ficance of this great event, and of th happy prospect which is assured to m in spite of this horrible war, of an other contury of continued peace is tween all the English-speaking pe

The Signers The signers were: Joseph H. (Continued on Page 11.)