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Neither Side in the War Seems to Be Making Any Material Progress.

TRENCHES NEAR TOGETHER HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTING

Christmas Brought no Rest to Opposing Forces—Russians And Germans Still Fighting Desperately in the Snow of Poland While French Continue to Make Spasmodic Victous attacks have been made by the enemy between Plinczow, forty miles northeast of Cracow and Now-emiasto Korczyn, at the junction of the Nida and Vistula rivers. In this place the Austrians tried to force a passage by sheer weight. Time after time they advanced in solid formation in the face of a heavy artillery fire. The net result after two days fighting, December 22d and 23d, was the capture by the Russians of nearly 5.000 prisoners and the retention by the Russians of the left bank of the Nida. Christmas Brought no Rest to tinue to Make Spasmodic France—Time for Burial of Soldiers.

To the north, the Russians are inflicting severe punishment on the Germans. A series of energetic attacks at Bollmow, south of Sochatacks at Bollmow, south of Sochatacks

(By the Associated Press.) London, Dec. 25.—11:30 p. m.— Christmas brought no rest to the European armies - It found the Rullsians still fighting desperately in the snows of Poland against the fierce attacks of the German and Austrian allies; Przemysi still in the grip of the invading army, the French mak-ing spasmodic thrushes against the strong German lines of trenches in northern and northeastern France.

and the British and Belgians engaged in almost hand-to-hand warfare against the German trenches in west Belgium. Quiet In Flanders. "In Flanders yesterday things were generally quiet," says the German bulletin. The French report speaks

of intermittent artillery firing there. The French claim several successes along the center and eastern lines, while the Germans declare they have taken the second British trenches in Belgium. Both sides assert they have repulsed attacks at various points, which indicates that the feeling pro-

cess is under way all along the lines.

Hand-to-Hand Fighting.

So case are the trenches of the allies and Germans at many points. that almost the only weapon used arhand grenades, since it is impossible for the men to expose themselve even to use their rifles.

Truce to Bury Dead.

There have been informal truces between the French and Germans for marials between the trucks. According to a British eye-witness for many weeks along miles of the battle the dead have lain as they fell. The gruesome account speaks bodies held erect by the barbed scouts crawling over them at

Revolution In Albania. A violent revolution has broken out in Albania against Essad Pasha, whom Turkey established as ruler there when the Ottoman government broke into the European war. Essad Pasha's palace at Tirana has been pillaged and burned. Massacres are reported. The Italian savarament reported. The Italian government has landed sailors from warships at Aviona to restore order and protect Europeans and peaceful inhabitants. Italian intervention may embroii Italy with her recent foe. The italian possibility of the italian possibility of the italian intervention in the italian intervention may be italian intervention may embroii italy with her recent foe. The italian intervention is a second control of the italian intervention may embroii italy with her recent foe. The italian intervention may embroii italian italian intervention may embroii italian italian intervention may embroii italian Europeans and peaceful inhabitants. Italian intervention may embroil Italy with her recent foe, Turkey, and holds possibilities of far-reaching.

German Aircraft Active. German aviators made another at-tempt to drop bombs on British ports today. Like the attempt against Dover, that of today, which was di-tected against Sheerness, was unsuc-cessful. An aeroplane crossed the channel, according to the original re-port and sailing flew high over Sheerport and sailing flew high over Sheer British aircraft went in pur suit, and, one dispatch says, engaged the enomy for a quarter of an hour before thousands of spectators. The invaders finally disappeared in the mist, having been hit several times

MEXICAN PRESIDENT COMPLETES HIS CABINET

Appoints Men From Both The Villa and Zerota Followings. (By the Ameriated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 25.—Provisional President Gutierrez of Mexico, has completed selection of his Cabinet, with the exception of the portfolios of Justice and Interior, by appointing men from both the Villa and Zapata following. His representatives here today received a message giving the composition of the new Cabinet as follows:

Foreign Relations, Jose Ortiz Rod-riguez; War, General Jose Isabel Robles; Finance, F. F. Villarael; Public Works, Valentin Gama, Education, Jose Vasconcelos; Communica-tions, Jose Rodriguez Cabo; Agricul-ture, General Manuel Palafox.

Gama and Palafox are Zapata followers. The latter formerly was Zapata's secretary. The other members are followers of Villa. Vasconcelos formerly was special representative of Carranza here and visited Eng-land on a special mission.

government, today's message said, is doing away with the military tribunals and is administering justice through civil tribunals.

WILLIAMS STILL CHAMPION.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 25.—Kid Williams of Baltimore, world's bantamweight of Baitimore, world's bantamweight champion, administered a severe beatting to Johnny Daly, of New York, in a ten-gound match here today. Sheer grit and his condition alone enabled Daley to escape a knockout, Williams weighed 116 3-4 pounds, Daly was four recorded lighter.

pounds lighter.
In Brooklyn Battling Levinsky, of this city, outpointed Dan (Porky) Flynn, of Boston, in a ten-round bout Levinsky weighed 175 gounds and Flynn 185 pounds.

No Peace Yet In Sight,

(By the Ameriated Press.) Washington, Dec. 25.—The Russian ambassador, Mr. Baldhmeteff, tonight emphatically denied published reports that overtures for peace between Rus-sia and Germany were under way. He mid the reports were abourd and with out foundation in fact.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE | EDUCATION BOARD

flicting Severe Punishment on Germans Also,

(By the Associated Press.) Petrograd, Dec. 28.—via London, 5:25 p. m.—Russian successes are re-ported officially from the battle fronts before Warsaw and from around e Warsaw and from around w, but without materially changing the general situation.

Victous attacks have been made by

bank of the Nida. Attempts to Penetrate the The combatants here are old enemies. Three months ago the same Austrian troops opposed the first Russian advance on Cracow.

czow, (30 miles from Warsaw), are reported to have been repulsed on the night of the 23d, by vigorous Rus-slan counter-attacks, while 40 miles further south, at Anevolonz, a suc-cessful German crossing of the Pilica-river was turned into a German re-verse by the Siberian troops, who forced the invaders back again.

Russo-Turkish operations have been haited by climatic conditions in Asia Minor. Here the Russian troops have Minor. Here the Russian troops have spread out, quartering in the villages in an immense triangle, whose sides converge for 70 miles with the base on the Russo-Turkish frontier and the apex pointing towards Erzerum.

Clad in every variety of garment to keep warm, the Russians are hud-ding in every shelter, but and farm-house of the Armenians and packing cowsheds, stables, and storehouses. The sound of buttle is rarely heard by the main body of troops, who are wintering on the way to Erzerum. Virtually the only activity is on the part of the restless Cossacks, who are forever on the move, engaging in brushes with the opposing cavalry.

CLEARS FOR BREMEN.

Pirst Cotton Cargo Leaves Galveste For Germany, (By the Associated Press.)

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 25.-The first cotton cargo to Germany from Gaives. ton since the war began departed to-day for Bremen on the American steamship. Pathinder. The cargo is \$,550 bates, valued at \$455,000. The hatches were scaled in the presence of the French consul and a representative of Lloyd's. Both certified the vessel contained only 'American cotton and was entitled to unobstruct.

ed passage:
Freight rates on the shipment were the highest ever paid out of Gaiveston, being three dollars a 100 pounds. At this time last year the current rate was 32 to 35 cents a hundred...

Mexicans Continue Battle Near Naco in Spite of Uncle Sam's Warning.

(By the Associated Press.) Naco, Ariz, Dec. 25.-Rifles cracked intermittently almost all Christmas day in the Mexican trenches around Naco, Sonora. Bullets fell on around Naco, Sonora. Bullets fell on American sell, but no one was reported hit. Hope was expressed here today that the plan of Brigadier-General Hugh L. Scott, for keeping the Mexican fighting at a safe distance, may find approval at Washington, and may be adhered to by the heligerents. General Scott expects to hold further conferences with General hold further conferences with Gen-eral Hill and Governor Maytorena, rival Mexican leaders after he rec.ives a reply from Washington. Children here today were deprived

of their Christmas trees and greenery, as the Mexican trenches stretch be-tween this town and the San Jose mountains, in Sonora, the source of supply of such decorations.

The United States soldiers celebrated a cheerful holiday with feasting

LONDON FOOD ADVANCES

Prices Higher By 17 Per Cent Than in August.

(By the Associated Press.)
London. Dec. 25.—Food prices in London advanced 17 per cent between August 1, and December 1, according to official announcement by the board of trade. In Berlin, according to the Prussian official correspondence, the advance for the same period was 16.4 per cent.

Sugar and eggs now average about 65 per cent above the level of August 1. Potatoes alone among the articles included in the board of trade's list are cheaper than in July.

THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS.

Number of Germans and Austrians Held By Czar,

(By the Associated Press.) London, Dec. 25—10:30 p. m.—A Reuter's Petrograd dispatch says the number of German prisoners regis-tered is 1,140 officers and 131,700 men; the number of Austrians regis-tered is 3,166 officers and 221,400

Slav prisoners have asked for Russian naturalization, so they may be sent against the Turks.

Snow Storm at Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 25.—One of the severest snow storms Virginia coast cities have seen in recent years halted shipping in Hampton Roads today. The storm began carly this morning and many vessels today lay at their docks waiting more favorable at their docks waiting more favorable at the White House for at least a month.

5,000 AUSTRIANS TELLS OF ITS WORK

Organization Founded by Rockefeller.

ASSISTED BY GOVERNMENT

Value of Demonstration Has

to promote education in the South are summarised in the sixth installment tonight of the report of the General Education Board founded by John D. Rockefeller. It soon became clear, according to the report that adequate development could not take place until the peoples' resources were according to the resources were according to the report that adequate development could not take place until the peoples' resources were according to the report of the Nida river (Southern Russian Poland), however, 2,000 Russians have been captured. the peoples' resources were enlarged.

"These conditions were not primarily due to lack of interest in popular education," the report continues. They were mainly the result of rural poverty. While the average annual earnings of individuals engaged in agriculture in lowa were upward of \$1,000, the average earnings of those similarly engaged in some Southern States was as low as \$150. The great bulk of the people of the Southern States were simply not earning enough to provide proper homes and to sup-

port good schools."

Suffered For Lack of Money.

The Southern farmer suffered primarily from lack of money, the report says. He also lacked scientific knowledge of farming and the board therefore proceeded on the theory that if he could be helped in this direction he would gladly support better schools. The board says that this program could not be carried out by the federal government because while it was tak ng measures to combat the boll weevi could not appropriate money strictly educational purposes. The board decided to work in conjunction with the government.

Increase In Demonstration Movemen "The co-operation of the General Education Board," the report continued, "brought about an immediate and rapid expansion of the demonstra-tion movement in every direction deal-ing with a rapidly increasing number of activities, and touched more people. "In 1996, 545 persons were reached

a year later 2,834; in 1998, something more than 14,800; in 1910, 63,622; in 1912, 106,621. Twenty-five thousand adults were at the last named date receiving instructions in Texas; more than 15,000 in Oklahoma, more than 15,000 in Arkansas; 10,500 in Alabama; 6,190 in Mississippi. Initial Appropriation.

board in 1965 was \$7,000. At that time the government was devoting \$40,000 to demonstrations against the boll weevil. The board appropriated \$30,000 the next year; \$76,500 two years later. \$130,000 in 1911 and \$252,000 in 1913.

Those sums were unevenly dis-tributed; in 1908-09 \$4,000 was spent in Florida and \$15,000 in Virginia; the next year \$12,000 in Virginia and \$30,000 in Georgia, in 1911-12, \$23,-000 in South Carolina and \$25,000 in North Carolina."

Summarizing Total Cost.
Summarizing the total cost of the Southern work up to date the reports says the government appropriated \$1,-922,300 and the General Education Board \$925,750 while \$1.069,405 was

obtained from other sources.

The board says its policy has been viadicated by the fact that the Southern people themselves, in less than a decade were paying almost 50 per cent of the total annual expenditure approaching \$1,200,000 ture approaching \$1,200,000.

"Fortunately" the report concludes.
"the value of demonstration has been so clear that the federal government will now take over and extend purely educational farm demonstrations; suc-cess has dissipated the constitutional scruples that for the past ten years has restricted governmental ties la this direction to plague infest-

First Christmas Dinner of the Wilson Family in the White House.

(By the Associated Press,) Washington, D. C., Dec. 25 .- Presient Wilson spent Christmas day quietly at home with his family. He did not leave the White House, much did not leave the White House, much lariffe and Gulf States, turning to of his attention being given to his snow in parts of Virginia, North small grand-niece, Anne Cothran, for Tennessee, Arkansas and Okla-

whom a Christmas tree had been arranged. Many officials called to leave presents and holiday greetings. The White House Christmas dinner was served at 7 o'clock today. Many dishes were presents from admirers from all parts of the country. All of the President's near relatives were present, for it was the first Christ-

mas dinner the Wilson family had eaten in the White House. Last year they were at Pass Christian, Miss.

The President will rest during the remainder of the week. He will celebrate his fifty-eighth birthday next Monday.

Czar's Army Claims to Be In- Sixth Installment of Report of Admits Partial Russian Successes But Doubts Existtence of Fresh Troops.

SSISTED BY GOVERNMENT

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Been so Clear That Uncle
Sam Will Now Take Over
and Extend Purely Educational Farm Demonstrations,
Amount of Money Spent,

(By the Associated Free.)

Berlin, Dec. 25.—By wireless to Saywhile).—Items given out today by the
special prize bureau include:

"Despite stubborn faithing along the
whole eastern front Maj. Moraht, military correspondent of the Tageblatt,
says he believes the Russian resistance is no new offensive, but is made
up of rear-post combath designed to
cover the retirement of the main armiddle Vistula.

"Partial successes by the Russiana"
the correspondent says, "are possible
here and there since they don't heeltate to sacrifice great numbers of
men." He doubts whether the Russians have fresh troops back of their
line.

"An Austrian report indicates that

"No important change is reported

rom the West.
Constantinople claims that an Eng-lish cruiser endeavored to enter the Gulf of Okabah (the eastern horn of the Red Sea) but was forced to with

draw,

"Copenhagen reports that Russia has ceded Sakhalin Island to Japan in exchange for heavy runs (Sakhalin lies off the cast coast of Ania and is separated from the main land by the Gulf of Tartary. The Island was officially Russian until September, 1995. By the terms of the treaty of Porismouth, N. H., the southern half was ceded to Japan. Its area is estimated at 2,400 square miles).

"The newspaper Stamps at Turing Italy, reports a great defeat for the French in Morocco. The French lost 20 officers and 1,200 men killed.

"The Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Fost reports that Russia has been forced to give up the attempt to take Cracqw and must retire to the

take Cracow and must retire to the inner line of defense on the Cracow.

MAY ATTACK HARWICH. Mayor of English Town Issues Warr

Harwich, via London, Dec. 25.—
10:05 p. m.—A possible German attack on Harwich is indicated by the following notice issued today by the mayer: "Although an attack by the enemy on Harwich fortress is not expected at the present law, and there is no special reason for anxiety among non-combatants, it is considered desirable to notify the civilian population that in the unexpected event of belligement operations, the members of the local emergency committee and special constables will direct everyof the local emergency committee and special constables will direct every-one as to the course to be pursued. All members of the civil population are hereby required to act strictly in accordance with such directions." All visitors arriving at Harwich will be required to register.

Congressman Pou Will Investigate Charges Against Raleigh Postmaster Careflully

Smithfield, Dec. 25.—Congressman Pou returned from Washington yes-terday and when interviewed relative to the Raleigh postmaster said several prominent gentlemen had written him urging him to see to it that master Briggs gets a square deal. Pou had already decided to do this before receiving any of these letters. Before leaving Washington he told First Assistant Postmaster Guneral Roper that it was Impossible for him to investigate the charges before leav-ing for home and requested that offiscal to take no action in the matter until his return, in order that there might be no misunderstanding.

Mr. Pou followed this verbal request

with a telegram asking that no action be taken until he could investigate the harges carefully.

Charges carefully. On yesterday the Congressman wrote Mr. Briggs telling him the Democratic administration would see to it that he has a square deal. SNOW AND RAIN MARK

Drop in Temperature Throughout South and Freezing Weather in Sign.t.

PATH OF SOUTHERN STORM

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25,-Snov and rein marked the path of a storm that today was sweeping northeast-ward-through the South. The storm's center, last night over Louisiana, to-day was over South Carolina. Heavy rains were reported in the South At-

homa. Drops in temperature were report-ed generally in the South with much colder weather promised for Satur day and Funday.

Weather bureau forecasters pre dicted clear skies by tomogrow in most of the Southern States. Storm warnings are displayed on the Atlantic coast from Cape Hatteras to Boston and cold wave whave been issued for all the astern States except southern Flor-

Snow was reported in New England. New Benson Minister.

At Least That is the Official Rejected Measure For Increase Report Coming From Paris.

ATTACKS ARE REPULSED

Numerous Artillery Which According to Statement Given Out, Kaiser's Men Are Faring Badly-No Essential Changes Noted on East Prussian Front.

Paris Dec. 25-10:45 p. m .- The following official communication was sued by the war office tonight: "Slight progress has been made n front of Nieuport. Towards No-

ire Dame De Lorette, North of Lens, an attack by the enemy has been repulsed. "This morning we captured an other trench near Puisalenne and we have been able to hold it notwith

standing several counter attacks. "Last night the enemy made a vig-orous attack on La Tete De Faux, in he Vosges, but without success."

Afternoon Statement.
The following official statem ran issued this afternoon:

"In Belgium there have been in-ermittent artillery battles.
"From the Lys to the Oise on the evening of December 23, we gained the fork of the roads from Loos to Rutoire and from Loos to Vermelles "To the northeast of Albert we took possession of a portion of the vilinge of La Boisselle situated to vilinge of La Boisselle situated to the southwest of the church and of an advance trench to the south of that village.

"To the north from Rove to Libu near Lihons we also have made some progress. These various attacks undertaken with great spirit have every where conserved the ground aiready To the south of the Oise our ar-

tillery has demolished the defense

German Attacks Repulsed, "On the Aisne and in Champagne "On the Aisne and in Champagne there have been artillery battles and several German attacks have been repulsed. To the north of Supigneui (near Berry Au Bac), notably a slight advance of our troops has been followed by a strong counter attack which has completely falled. "In the region of Perthes and Mesnil Le Hurius our progress of previous days has been followed up and strengthened.
"To the north of Mesnil and to the east of Perthes we have driven the

east of Perthes we have driven the enemy from the fragments of trench-es which he re-occupied and we are now masters of all his first line of

defense.
"In the Argonne, in the forest of La Grurie, at Bagatelle, Fontaine Madame and St. Hubert we have repulsed five attacks and strengthened our front. Between the Argonne and the Meuse in spite of the snow and the fog we have made progress on the Bourguilles-Vavouois front

Making Leaps in Advance. "In the region of Guisy and the forest of Forges our heavy artillery by subduing the batteries and ma-chine guns of the enemy, has enabled our infantry to make a leap in ad-

"On the right bank of the Meuse the Germans have bombarded the south corner of the forest of Consenvoye where we are established. In the forst of Ailly and at Apremont our artillery has forced the enemy to evacuate several trenches. "In the lower Vosges we have ad-vanted to within 1500 meters of Ci-

varied to within 1500 meters of Circy on the Vesouze river
Germans Hurled Back.
"In Russia on the left bank of the Vistaila the Germans have been hurld back from one of the positions which they occupied on the right bank of the lower Hzura and they have been reinforced at another point. To the east of Sklerniewice their night attack was repulsed with loss to them. "In East Prussia and near Przem yel an on front in the Carpathians no essential changes have been noted.

Capture 172 Frenchmen Near Vailly and Inflict Severe

Loses,

the Associated Pres.)

Amsterdam, Dec. 25—via London, 1-30 p.m.—An official communication saued by the German army headquarters under date of December 25, says: "In Flanders yesterday things were generally quiet. To the cast of St. Hubert a further portion of the Brit-

is the contract of our tree spiriish entrenchments were taken.
"Near to Chivy, near the northeast
of Vailly, our troops surprised a hos
tile company which had taken up a
position in front of ours and captured 172 Frenchmen. In attempting to re-capture this position the enemy suf-fered severe losses. "French attacks near Souain and

Porthes, as well as minor attacks to the northwest of Verdun and west of Apremont, were repulsed. "In the eastern theatre of the war he situation was unchanged."

Youthful Philadelphia Suicide. (ily the Asserted Press.)

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 25.—The body of the youth who committed suicide here yesterday, was identified as that of Richard Parody, Jr., nine-teen years old, of Philadelphia. He had sent his photograph to a news-gaper and serites that he was a multi-millionaire and a Bull lighter. The boy had been acting queerly re-cently according to his father,

IMPERIAL DIET OF

of Army and Emperor Sends Members Home.

(By the Associated Press.) Tokio, Dec. 25.—The Emperor to-day dissolved the Imperial Diet beday dissolved the Imperial Diet because it rejected the measure of an increase in the army. This upheld the ministry's program for military strength and brought cheers from the government side in the House.

The premier, Count Okuma, scored the opposition for "impeding the national welfare." Failing to find a flaw is the policy of Foreign Minister Kate regarding China, he said, they centered their attack on the army. He denied the proposals meant the expansion of the army and militarism.

expansion of the army and militarism The army measure was rejected by a majority of 65, but the House ap-proved the naval increase by a majority of 7. A rescript suspends the House of

Peers, pending the election, will be held in March. Tokio, Dec. 25 .- The Imperial Diet was dissolved today. The House of Representatives rejected the army ex-pansion measures proposed by the government. This led to the dissolu-

government. This led to the dissolu-tion of the House.

Considerable opposition developed in the House of Representatives to the budget for 1915, which showed an estimated expenditure of \$55,000,000 yen (\$273,000,000) and a decrease of the revenues of \$40,500,000. Recent dispatches from Tokio have stated that there was good reason to believe that unless the House adopted the budget it would be dissolved by the Emperor.
The Merchants Association and

Baron Shibusawa, president of the American Japanese Association and Buei Nakaono, president of the Tokio Chamber of Commerce took Tokio Chamber of Commerce took cars were filled with soldiers and steps a few days ago to urge the sallors on leave. Many thousands of Diet and Cabinet to reach a compromise in the hope of preventing dissolution of the House or the collapse of the ministry. They urged that a or three days for a holiday. the ministry. They urged that a crisis in time of war would create an unfavorable impression aboard. The opposition leaders declared that proosals for increases in the army would

be rejected.

The closing session of the House was extremely dramatic. Debate ocwas extremely dramatic. Debate occupied the entire day and extended on into the night. There was no sign of a compromise when, shortly before 10 oclock, it was announced that Emperor Yoshihito had exercised his royal prerogative, dissolving the Diet.

The Diet was convened on December 5th. Baron Kato, the foreign minister in an address appealed to members to lay aside political strice in view of the international situation, it was the Empiror's wish, he said that there should be no political wrangling.

There were indications, however, cupied the entire day and extended on into the night. There was no sign of a compromise when, shortly before 10 o'clock, it was announced that Em-peror Yoshihito had exercised his works of the enemy in the region of

wrangling.
There were indications, however, that the opposition result not be placated if the government insisted upon its program, and it was evident the struggle would center around the muestion of increasing the army. The question of increasing the army. The proposal-to increase the army Korea caused the collapse of the las

Salonji ministry.

Christmas Holiday One of the Most Memorable in City's History.

By the Associated Press New York, Dec, 25.-Charity and good cheer walked abroad in New York today and in many ways made the holiday one of the most memorable in the city's annais. For the one cav at least the pinch of poverty was relaxed and virtually the entire city

made merry
Thousands were fed by charitable organizations, the Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America alone, seconding to estimates, providing 75,000 Mission bouses and other in stitutions gave Christmas meals to near wher thousands Private char-ity was unusually in evidence. Municipal Christmas tree celebrations be-gun yesterday were continued today; poor children were gathered in numerous centers and made happy with gifts and feasting. Home upon home was blessed with needed supplies for the halldny table and presents for the little ones of the fapsily. Hospitals, or banages, homes for the aged and infirm, correctional and other insti-tutions provided holiday dinners and entertainments for their inmates. The churches held services for all and entertainments for the juveniles

of their parishes.

Sing the prisoners witnessed a play by a New York company and feasted at dinner time. Thomas Mott Osborne, the warden, was presented with resolutions thanking for adopting suggestions of the den Rule Brotherhood, a prison organization, changes in rules.

OCEAN FREIGHT RATES HIGH. Trade is Reing Seriously Handicap-

washington, D. C. Dec. 25.—Secretary McAdoo today issued a statement calling, on shippers who have been hit by high ocean freight rates and scarcity of vessels to send facts. and ecarcity of vessels to send facts to the treasury or commerce depart-ments. Letters already, received, the Secretary said "show that the scarcity of vessels is so great and charges so high that American for ign trade is being seriously hampered." The treasury and commerce depart-ments are investigating ocean freight rates under a Senate resolution.

Fighting at Vera Cruz.

(By the Associated Press.) Vera Cruz, Dec. 28.—Fighting has occurred between the adherents of General Carranna and those of General Villa in the outskirts of Vera Cruz. The Villa forces, in unknown

English Soldiers Were Objects of Attention and Admiration Everywhere.

PRINCESS MARY'S FUND AMOUNTS TO LARGE SUM

All Ranks of Troops Both at Home and at Front Were Loaded Down With Presents. Hundreds of Belgian Wounded and Refugees Were Recipients of Much Attention and Even the German Prisoners Were Remembered by Wealthy German Friends Residing in England.

London, Dec. 25.-6:15 p. -8 hristmas 1914, will long be remembered in Great Britain as a military stated | Christmas Everywhere men khaki and in blue were the object of attention and admiration. There was a great decrease in the customary railway crowds of civilians visiting their homes, but almost the usual number of trains were running. The cars were filled with soldiers and sailors on leave. Many thousands of

City Swarmed With Uniforms.

London particularly seemed towarm with uniforms. Conspicuous among them were several thousand Canadians from Salisbury Plains. Christmas in London is Sabbath-like, because the theatres are closed and

down with presents. Princes Mary's fund for Christmas gifts amounted to nearly \$500,000, while there were numerous funds for tobacco, and oth-er luxuries raised by newspapers and

ocieties. Even the German military prison-Even the German military prison-ers and civilians in the concentra-tion camps had Christmas trees and gifts from home and from wealthy Germans in England. The German Young Men's Christian Association and the English Quakers devoted special care to the prisoners.

Belgians Looked After. Hundreds of Belgian the hospitals and Belgian were the recipients of many atten-

Temerrow, known in England as "Boxing Day," sees the beginning of pantomimes at several large theatres. Some shows are giving free matinees for soldiers and sailors. A special committee formed to watch conditions of distress in Lon-don, has reported that there is less pauperism and unemployment in the city than on any Christmas in thirty years. This is due to the large en-

listment. Economy the Watchword.

The general atmosphere was, of course, one of sadness, rather than one of hilarity. Economy was the watchword of the day. Christmas trees come from Germany and mistletoe from France, hence both were scarce. Christmas turkeys had slightly increased in price.

King George and Queen Mary sent messages to the army and to the fleet, and Christmas cards, bearing their portraits to every sailor and soldier.

Dean lage On Peace. Economy the Watchword.

Dean lage On Peace.

Attendance at the churches was notably large. Dean Ingerest St. Paul's spoke of the Anglo-American peace, centenary. Referring to the Canadian-American boundary, he "For a hundred years, America and Canada have been at peace. A true peace—not watching and snarling at each other like two ill-bred slogs. This is something to thank God for

This is something to thank God for on Christmas day. There are millions in Europe who look to America as a land of hope, and I think they are justified in doing so. One cannot spend a week in America without feeling that hope and freedom give hugyance to life there such as we marely see at home."

rarely see at home."

The dean thought, however, that America had failed to achieve a type of Christianity that Christ would ap-

"Competitive industralism," he raid. "has not fulfilled this promise.
The plea that business is business may cover as much cruelty as may be the maxim that 'All is fair in war."

VILLA'S FORCES DEFEATED

Carransa Receives News By Way of Tampico. (By the Ametaled Press) Vera Cruz, Dec. 25 .- General Carranza received hows today from Tam-pico that followers of General Villa had been defeated at Fluano station. An official report said that in the at-

tack one of the Cedillo brothers, acknowledged to be a fighter of importance, and who formerly was with Carranga, was killed and that the Villa forces lost heavily. It was added that three cannon and a few machine guns were taken by Carrana's men. The defeat of Zapata followers near

Apizneo, State of Tiaxcala, and the recovery of Tiaxcala, capital of the State of the game name, were am-nounced tonight. The lines of fight-Cruz. The Villa forces, in unknown nounced tonight. The lines of ngmenumbers are advancing, while the ing at Apiraco are mid to have exfail back.

A strict consorship has been enforced.

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