

GERMANS CONTINUE TO HAMMER AWAY AT THE RUSSIAN ARMIES

London, Dec. 11.—While the defeat of the German squadron in the Atlantic has evoked great satisfaction throughout Great Britain, there have been no celebrations such as marked the victories of the South Sea war. The British people are too much wrapped up in operations of the allied armies on the continent.

The lack of news from Poland has increased uneasiness regarding the outcome of the prolonged battle between the Russians and Germans. Reports from France are considered most favorable to the allies. The daily communication from the front shows that the French have been making slow progress at many points for a fortnight, and a review by a French eye-witness for the week ending November 27 to December 4 claims that the ascendancy of French infantry and artillery over the Germans has been established.

The French headquarters report that night adds little to the general knowledge, as it says the situation is unchanged, which indicates, however, that the positions taken have been maintained. Berlin states that the French attacks in the Artois have been repulsed.

It is apparent, however, that with the withdrawal of German troops to strengthen the armies in the east, the allies have pushed their lines forward in many places.

The Germans continue their efforts to smash the Russian armies. While a large part of their force is endeavoring to hold the Russian centre, their army is advancing from East Prussia to the east of Mlava and

is attacking the Russian right in an effort to cut communications and enter Warsaw through the back door.

Heavy fighting is going on southwest of Lodz and southeast of Cracow, where the Austrians and Germans are endeavoring to get around to Russian left and force these troops to retire from the fortress.

The Germans are repeating on a large scale their favorite tactics of outflanking the opposing forces. In this they always have gained initial successes because of their ability with better means to move their troops quickly. The Russians, however, heretofore, have met them with overwhelming numbers.

The defeat of the Austrians by the Serbians is virtually admitted in the Austrian official report, which says that because they have met strong hostile forces Austrian troops have been ordered to occupy more favorable positions.

This sudden turn of events in favor of the Serbians is a mystery, but it is possible they have received reinforcements from Russia, or more guns and ammunition from some friendly country, or it may be that some of the Austrian troops were withdrawn from Serbia after the occupation of Belgrade. Whatever the cause, the Serbians have inflicted a severe defeat on the invaders.

Latest official reports from Berlin say the German Emperor's health is much improved. It is believed that bronchial attack, to which he is subject at this time of the year, was well under control before the fact of his illness was made public and that he probably will make a quick recovery.

WASHINGTON BOY MAKING GOOD AFAR

Eugene MacDonald Bonner, whose music is remembered with pleasure by many of our people, is acquiring reputation abroad as a composer of songs of a high order. He has had published in London three songs which are commented upon by the publication, Musical America: "Three Songs by Eugene MacDonald Bonner, a young American musician, are issued by the London publishing house, Weeks & Co. They are 'A Desert Night Song,' 'Pierrot Stands in the Garden,' and 'Sicilian Boat Song.'

"Mr. Bonner shows in all three a creative gift that has much promise. It is not yet mature, nor could one well expect it to be since the composer is still a young man. His musical ideas are definite; he does not strive to be unusual and his harmonic sense is keen.

"Best of the three is 'Pierrot Stands in the Garden,' a setting of a lovely poem by Sara Teasdale, which Mr. Bonner reflects perfectly in his music. It is dedicated to Mabel Garrison, the American soprano, who has recently been engaged by the Metropolitan Opera House and who scored so decided a success there at a Sunday concert some weeks ago. Miss Garrison (Mrs. George Stemann in private life) is the wife of George Stemann, formerly a member of the faculty in charge of the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore; it was under Mr. Stemann that Mr. Bonner made his studies.

"There is a certain melodic appeal in 'A Desert Night Song,' its prelude of open fifths being its most striking feature; the 'Sicilian Boat Song' Mr. Bonner has inscribed to the individual English composer, G. I. Scott, with whom he has also studied. There are a few 'Scottisms' in it—doubtless obedience to the master—added to which it contains a fluent melody and a smooth accompaniment.

"Mr. Bonner has set out along the right paths in composition, and it is to be hoped that he will continue along these lines of sanity. He has imagination and a certain poetic insight that should make his later songs obtainable."

Since this was published Mr. Bonner has set to music "Earl Merton's Song," by Robert Browning, and "Three Men of Gotham," words by Thomas Love Peacock. The latter is characterized as a very fine song for a baritone voice.

HIAWATHA AS PRESENTED PLEASING

Hiawatha, as a pageant-play adopted from Longfellow's poem, was very successfully given at the Training School, Greenville, N. C., on December 7. The whole cast of 66 characters was often on the stage at one time. Symbolic dances, games and Indian occupations were features of the play.

Miss Marguerite Wallace of New Bern starred as Hiawatha and Miss Estelita Forbes, of Greenville, did some remarkable acting as Hiawatha. A very beautiful scene was the wooing of Minnehaha by Hiawatha. The snow scene, or the death scene of Minnehaha, was beautiful and realistic. The departure of Hiawatha, westward, was very impressive.

Two Washington girls were in the play. Miss Sadie Bland made a very attractive Indian maiden. Miss Bettie Spencer was one of the tom-tom beaters, who was very much in evidence during the play.

There were many beautiful, spectacular and picturesque scenes. The costumes were furnished by a costumer in Baltimore and were very picturesque.

There was music during the entire play and some very beautiful solos were sung by the vocal students.

The play was adopted and staged by Miss Muffy.

LEFT TODAY.

Miss Mary Edmunds, who has been one of the efficient milliners at the store of E. W. Ayers & Son this season, left for her home this morning.

E. L. STEWART SPEAKER TO 5A GRADE

Grade 5A of the Washington Public Schools, Miss Florence Winfield teacher, had charge of the opening exercises in the auditorium this morning. The program consisted of songs, recitations, quotations and dialogues by this grade. All the numbers were heard with pleasure by the entire school. Following the program by the pupils in this grade, Mr. Edward L. Stewart simply charmed and captivated all present with a short address on "Ideal Citizenship." His cardinal thought was that the children of today will be the citizens of tomorrow. It was a masterpiece of thought and once again places this gifted young speaker in the forefront.

Each Friday morning since the school opening in September these exercises have been held, starting with the High School. They are proving to be not only interesting but instructive. No program was more enjoyed than that of today.

VISITORS TODAY.

Among the welcome visitors to Washington today are Messrs. D. B. Sawyer, D. T. Herring, Charles Overton and D. U. Martin, of Royal, N. C.

ON THE RAILWAYS.

The schooner Casey Jones is on the railways at the Mutual Machine Company undergoing extensive repairs.

INVOCATION OF CHAPLAIN IS PRAISED

One of the attractive features of the annual Lodge of Sorrow held by the Elks at the New Theatre Sunday was the prayer delivered by the chaplain for the occasion, Mr. J. C. Meekins, Jr. It has been highly complimented and justly. His prayer follows:

"Our Father in heaven; we thank Thee, that in Thine all-wise wisdom and bountiful mercy, Thou hast permitted us to again assemble in this our annual 'Lodge of Sorrow,' to perpetuate the memory of those deceased brothers, who have gone out into the 'Great Unknown.'—We thank Thee that during the past year Thou hast permitted us to witness the serious mark of Thy displeasure upon us.

"We thank Thee for the young members Thou hast permitted to come in this lodge; may they grow up and be instruments in Thy hand for good, may they be an honor to themselves, an honor to society, an honor to the Order, and above all, a pleasure to Thee.

"We beseech Thee, O Lord, to be with us during the coming years of our lives. Enlighten our minds with a sense of justice. Fill our souls with a spirit of benevolent charity. May our hearts overflow with brotherly love for all mankind. When we shall go down into 'The valley and the shadow of Death,' may the star of Fidelity brighten our pathway, and may our lives have been so spent that when the 'Grand Reunion' shall assemble in that clime beyond the stars, not one of us shall be absent. Amen."

MRS. BLOUNT WAS HOSTESS TO BOOK CLUB

Mrs. W. A. Blount was hostess to the O. Henry Book Club Thursday afternoon at her home in Second street, receiving the guests in her usual gracious manner. There were a goodly number present and a most interesting and instructive meeting followed. The president, Miss Rodman, presiding, called the meeting to order promptly at 3 o'clock. After roll-call and reading of the minutes, the literary program was in order. The subjects, "Faust," by Mrs. C. M. Campbell, and Shylock compared with modern Shylocks by Mrs. Norwood Simmons. Mrs. Campbell's sketch of this "Prince of Good Fellows" was imitatively put—so cleverly depicting how wit oftentimes triumphs over knavery. Her descriptions of this mendacious creature were delightfully droll; painting as it were, a perfect comic portrait. Mrs. Simmons' comparison was skillfully drawn and her delineation of the crafty Shylock was indeed a literary triumph, showing wonderful research and graphic understanding of one Shakespeare's most noted creations; dexterously portraying the author's inspired conception of this inexorable Jew; bringing out clearly the great lesson to be taught "By deeds of the law then shall no flesh be justified."

The club reading for the afternoon was the first act of the Merchant of Venice. After a delicious salad course, served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. W. A. Branch, the meeting adjourned to meet December 31st with Mrs. Mary Blount.

WINE OYSTER ROAST FOR HONOR GUEST

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Forbes have an oyster roast at their home, East Third street, Wednesday evening last from eight to eleven in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Mercer Gallagher, of Wilmington, N. C. The function was thoroughly enjoyed and the oysters proved to be par excellence in their role. Quite a number were present. Mr. Gallagher is a nephew of the host, who holds a management position with the Atlantic Coast Line, Wilmington, N. C.

STORES ARE FULL DAILY WITH BUYERS

No store in the city is more attractive so far as a holiday display of toys, Christmas novelties, etc., than that of the well known firm of Russ Bros. Their show windows are being much admired by the pedestrians, and especially the little tots. The windows are artistic and unique in their get-up and is the work of a member of the firm, Mr. Jas. R. Russ. The entire store simply groans with gifts for both young and old. It will pay the Christmas shopper to pay a visit to this well-known emporium. Russ Bros. are always abreast with the times and this Yuletide season they are proving not to be an exception.

NATIONAL GRANGE MEETING TODAY

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 10.—Most tentative plans have been arranged for the entertainment and facilitating the work of National Grange which met here today for eleven days conference. About 3,500 delegates are present. During the first week, the men all parts of the country are in the sixth, and seventh degrees will be conferred on a large class.

HELD WEEKLY DEBATE.

The John H. Small Debating Society of the Washington Public Schools had their annual weekly debate this afternoon in the school auditorium.

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New Theater TONIGHT
Eighth installment of
"Lucille Love"
THE GIRL OF MYSTERY
COMING!
Another Great Serial
"TREY O' HEARTS"
COMING!
Entire Christmas Week
"THE SOUTHERN BRAUTIES"

WILLIAM W. DICKEY
PARDONED FROM PRISON
Portsmouth, N. H., Dec. 11.—William W. Dickey, of Sherman, Texas, convicted by court-martial of graft charges in the handling of stores, and sentenced to five years, was released today after having served two years of the term. Dickey claimed that he was innocent of wrong doing and was the victim of a ring. Influential men in Virginia, Texas and New Hampshire interceded in his behalf and secured his pardon. He has taught night school for the smelter during his incarceration and has been an expert in clerical work.

FOR POST MASTER.

Remember, Monday, December 14 our Democratic Primary for the nomination of a Postmaster will be held and those who receive their mail from this office, either by R. F. D. route or otherwise will be permitted to vote if they come to the City Hall on that date.

I earnestly request all my friends to attend and give me their first choice vote. Those who can not give the first choice, please cast your second choice vote for me.

Thanking you in advance.
A. J. COX.

PICTURE OF LUCILLE LOVE ON TONIGHT

The New Theatre will have in addition to their regular program tonight the eighth installment of "Lucille Love," the girl of mystery. This popular play house will start within the next ten days another great serial photoplay, making two serials a week that they will be giving their patrons. The name of the new serial will be "The Troy O' Hearts," which is said to be one of the best serials ever released by any film exchange. For Christmas week the New Theatre has made special efforts to secure something good for the amusement of their patrons, and they take pleasure in announcing that they will have for Xmas week the "Southern Beauties," the best popular serial musical comedy that is now touring the road. There is no doubt but that the many patrons of this house will say that this is the best troupe that has ever been here when they see the opening performance on Monday, December 21st.

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Sincerely,
Charles L. Morton

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Borden's E. Milk, per can	15c
Arbuckle's Coffee, per lb.	18c
Corica Pure Coffee, per lb.	18c
Fulsan's Club Coffee, per lb.	35c
7 Bars Light House Soap	25c
7 Pkgs. Light House Powders	25c
7 Pkgs. Soap Ships	25c
Arpou's Star Hams, per lb.	10c

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Dollar Christmas Fund
Now Totals \$265.91

The Dollar Christmas Fund for the Belgians now totals the handsome sum of \$265.91. There are four more days in which to make contributions, and it is hoped that the check sent on from this city may be at least \$300.

A letter has been received from Mr. J. P. Andre Mottu, Belgian Vice Consul at Norfolk, Va., to the effect that the Norfolk committee will commence loading a relief ship at that port the latter part of next week to sail the week following and that if any of our citizens should desire to send provisions or clothing, the same will be gladly received. The Norfolk-Southern Railroad will handle contributions free of transportation charges if addressed to the Vice Consul and marked War Relief Donation. Further information may be had on this subject upon application to Mr. J. G. Bragaw, Jr.

The list of cash contributions to date is as follows:
Previously acknowledged \$262.91
Mrs. H. H. Hunter, Pinetown. N. C. 1.00
A friend 1.00
Edward L. Stewart 1.00

GAVE SOCIAL IN HONOR OF THE SOCIETY

Mrs. Mattie Cordon gave a social to the Bright Jewel Society of the First Methodist church yesterday afternoon from four to six o'clock. A neat sum was the consequence. Delightful and delicious refreshments were served. It was a delightful occasion from beginning to end. Mrs. Cordon is one of the most indefatigable workers among the young people in Washington.

ENJOYED LECTURE.
Mr. George A. Phillips, Mrs. George A. Phillips, Mrs. James L. Mayo and Miss Florence Winfield returned from New Bern last evening where they went to hear the lecture of Virgil O. Strickler, which was held at the Christian Science church, in that town last evening. Quite a large number were present and all enjoyed the address immensely.

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STORE GROANS WITH GIFTS FOR XMAS

Washington is now beginning to take on holiday attire, notwithstanding the fact that there is a war raging in Europe. All the stores are more than attractive with Christmas novelties and gifts, both suitable for the juvenile and grown-ups.

Visitors are here galore daily examining the many bargains that are being offered. From now to Christmas are the prospects are that the stores will have a capacity attraction.

NEGRO HANGING IN COLUMBUS, GA., TODAY
Columbus, Ga., Dec. 11.—Reg Toney, the negro convicted of murdering his brother, paid the penalty by being hung today.

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I am the only candidate that stated through letter or press that would give up my present business and give my entire time to the Postoffice. I ask my friends on the rural routes and in the town, to give me their support. All voting will be at City Hall MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, FROM 6.30 to 7.00 P. M. N. HENRY MOORE.