

BATTLES IN POLAND BEING FOUGHT WITH FEW INTERMISSIONS

London, Dec. 14.—Both the German and French official reports contain evidence that the allies' offensive movement is beginning to gather impetus and is meeting with stubborn resistance. The French have been particularly active in the Westre region. At several points the Germans have made counter-attacks, which the French claim have been repulsed. The German report shows that General Joffre's men have reached a point midway between St. Mihiel and Pont-a-Mousson, which would indicate that they had crossed the German line of communications. In these operations the French lost heavily.

The battles in Poland continue almost without intermission and, while both Russians and Germans announce success, apparently no decisive result has been reached. The Germans still are delivering heavy blows at the Russian center, where they assert they took 11,000 prisoners and 40 machine guns. South of Cracow the Russians claim the capture of 4,000 prisoners, four guns and seven machine guns.

Another Russian force is holding the passes of the Carpathians, preventing the Austrians from sending relief to their Galician army. There

is no news of the German troops advancing south of Mlawa with the object of attempting to turn the Russian right.

The rehabilitated Serbian army continues victorious in the Balkan area of the war. The shattered Austrian army crossed the Drina into Bosnia, where it was attacked by the Montenegrins near Vinkograd and had to leave another toll of prisoners, killed, wounded and war materials. Meantime the Austrian army from Belgrade has attacked the Serbian front and been repulsed. It is unofficially reported that the Austrians are preparing to leave Belgrade.

That the former German cruiser Goeben, now owned by Turkey, was not so seriously damaged as was reported in her brush with Russian cruisers is shown by the fact that she took part in the recent attack on Batum, the Russian Black sea port. According to a Russian statement little damage resulted from the bombardment.

Bulgaria, according to a Paris report, has expressed to the powers of the triple entente her desire to remain neutral. This is taken to mean that Rumania, if she so wished, could join the allies without fear of being attacked by Bulgaria.

MARRIAGE AT TAYLOR FARM LAST NIGHT

Mr. Louis Henry Latham and Miss Malissa Briley were happily married at the farm of Dr. Joshua Taylor at Chocowinity, N. C., last evening at 8 o'clock. The ceremony was progressively performed by Justice of the Peace John C. Latham, of Wharftons, N. C., in the presence of a few friends. Immediately after the ceremony had been performed a reception was tendered the bride and groom. Quite a number were present to extend best wishes and congratulations. The bride is a native of Pitt county and has many friends. The groom is one of the industrious employees on the farm of Dr. Taylor. The Daily News extends congratulations.

XMAS SPIRIT IN THE CITY TANGIBLE

Washington is fast putting on holiday attire, judging by the attractive window displays and other displays being shown in the respective places of business. Nearly all the stores of the city are simply groaning with attractions for both the little tots and the grown-ups. Notwithstanding the war in Europe the merchants have discarded the depression and bought as usual and the surmise is that they will be amply repaid for their trouble. No town in Eastern Carolina today has a better nor more varied display of suitable Xmas gifts. Seeing is believing.

Belgian Relief Fund Is to Close on Tuesday Night

All who expect to give to the Christmas Fund for Belgians are earnestly requested to send their contributions to Mr. J. G. Bragaw, Jr., before tomorrow night. He wishes to send Washington's contribution to the general treasurer, Mr. Henry Clow, New York city, on Wednesday morning, and it is hoped that the check will be not less than \$300.

The list stands today as follows: Previously reported... \$274.99 J. S. Woodward... 1.00 W. T. Hudnell... 1.00

PENSION CHECKS.

Clerk of Superior Court George A. Paul wishes to announce that he received today the checks for the Confederate soldiers and their widows in Beaufort county. All entitled to receive same should call at once at his office.

VISITORS TO THE CITY.

Among the welcome visitors to the city today are Messrs. R. R. Warren, W. H. Standell, of Pineville; John C. Latham, of Wharftons, N. C.

Seats Go on Sale Tuesday For Show

Tomorrow morning the seats for the musical comedy to be produced here on Thursday, the 17th, will go on sale at 10 o'clock sharp. There is no doubt but that the "Girl Who Dared" will score the biggest hit of any musical comedy presented here this season. The play will be produced under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy, and the proceeds derived from the admission charged will go towards a worthy cause, and should receive the hearty support of the entire community. Seats on sale at Worthy & Etheridge's drug store. Prices 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

Charles Page, a millionaire of Tulsa, Okla., provides a home for every widow in the State who applies to him for assistance.

MRS. BRAGAW HOSTESS TO BOOK CLUB

The Adisco Club met on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. S. C. Bragaw. There was a large attendance, the program of this, Washington's first literary club, are always so fine, that no member will miss a meeting, unless really obliged to do so. The club was fortunate enough to have two visitors for this afternoon, Mrs. D. M. Carter and Miss Bessie Conolly. These sweet singers added much to the pleasure of the occasion. Mrs. B. G. Moss, president, called the meeting to order. After response to roll-call with items of interest, the literary program began with a fine paper on "What the Musical World Owes to American Talent," by Mrs. F. C. Kugler. This was read by Mrs. S. R. Fowle. With her love for music, her thorough knowledge of her subject, Mrs. Kugler made the paper not only full of interest, but of enlightening facts of which loyal Americans may well be proud. "The Art of Today and Tomorrow" was the second paper, by Mrs. W. D. Grimes, and was much enjoyed by the fortunate hearers.

Next in order came most delightful refreshments, after which the club adjourned, with thanks to the popular hostess for another meeting quite up to the record of the "Adisco."

GOOD SALE TODAY.

Notwithstanding that today is Monday and too near the holidays, there was a most satisfactory sale of tobacco on both the Washington and Beaufort county warehouses. The prices received were satisfactory and all those selling the weed left for their homes gratified at the result.

Kinston Battle Was 53 Years Ago Today

Two Beaufort County Citizens Wounded in Fight. Took Place Dec. 14, 1862

Today is the fifty-third anniversary of the Battle of Kinston, N. C., the fight having occurred on December 14, 1862.

Two of Beaufort county's citizens were wounded in this battle and there is a peculiar coincidence connected with same. Mr. H. G. D. Hill, who is now 79 years of age and who for a number of years has been the custodian of the Washington bridge, was wounded in his left arm which took place on the south side of Neuse river, while Mr. William Patrick, of Chocowinity, who is also 79 years of age, was wounded in the right arm and he received his wound on the north side of Neuse river. Both of these brave confederate soldiers still carry the marks of their wounds. They are among the county's highly esteemed citizens and everyone wishes them many more years of usefulness to their community, their families and their friends.

Divine Life Here and Now.

It is a characteristic of this age that the church is recognizing as never before that its function is not merely to prepare some selected souls for a future life, but also to develop a divine life here and now.—Lyman Abbott.

Truly a Grasping Man.

"The graspiest man I ever known," said Uncle Jerry Peebles, "was an old chap named Scoopins. Somebody told him once that when he breathed he took in oxygen and gave out carbon. He spent a whole day trying to find out which of these two gases cost the most if you had to buy 'em. He wanted to know whether he was makin' or losin' money when he breathed."

GREAT NEW THEATER ON THURSDAY

The plot of "The Girl Who Dared" centers around a wilful English "girl" who has been left an immense fortune. Her guardian and aunt has betrothed her to an impoverished English duke. The girl resents the aunt's choice and comes to America, with only her maid, distinguished as an actress. The duke and aunt follow. The duke registers at the same hotel at which the girl is staying. At this hotel, one of America's "title-seeking" mothers and her daughter are stopping, the daughter being brought here away from the young man with whom she is in love. The "girl" and maid begin to mix up things in general, and much fun and many surprises occur before the fall of the curtain.

Mr. Ben Taylor plays the part of the Duke, Miss Carlotta Nicholson is the mother, and Miss Sallie Carrow is the daughter. Mr. J. W. Smith plays the part of a newspaper reporter, this character being one of the most important in the play, as he gets his biggest newspaper story, and the "girl."

The Misses Burkhalter, who are training the production, play the girl and the maid. Miss Fan-Lamb Haughton is the aunt and Mr. Ike Hughes the lover. Mr. Hugh Phelps is the valet to the Duke and Mr. Fred Moore the hotel manager.

Some of the attractive dancing choruses will be led by Miss Lizzie Hill. The summer chorus is led by Miss Fan-Lamb Haughton and Mr. J. W. Smith.

Tickets will be placed on sale tomorrow morning at Worthy & Etheridge's. Price \$1.00, 75c and 50c.

No One Can Name Choice of Primary

Things are more than lively in and around the City Hall today, the occasion being the selection of a postmaster for the next four years through and by a preferential primary.

There are six candidates in the field, F. S. Worthy, W. M. Swanner, A. J. Cox, W. K. Jacobson, Chas. L. Morton and N. Henry Moore, all of whom are sanguine of success. As the ballots being cast are golded and placed in the box no one can foretell the result. More of the citizens residing outside of the city are voting than was at first anticipated.

ROBBERY AT WHARTONS ON SAT. NIGHT

The store of Mr. S. U. Leggett at Latham's Cross Roads was entered some time Saturday night and about \$40.00 worth of goods taken. Entrance was made through the front window. A considerable amount of tobacco, cigars, clothing, etc., was carried away including about \$1.75 in pennies. The robbery was not found out until early Sunday morning. As yet there is no clue as to

LAD TO REST IN OAKDALE YESTERDAY

All that was mortal of the late Millard F. Watson, who died suddenly in the Jefferson Furniture store Friday afternoon last was placed in Oakdale cemetery yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The funeral services took place at the residence on Pierce street, being conducted by Rev. R. V. Hope, pastor of the Christian church. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there were a large number of sorrowing friends and acquaintances present to pay their last tribute of respect. The floral offerings were many.

K. John Makes an Appeal to The Citizens

To the Citizens of Beaufort County: Three years ago I leased the building on the corner of Main street and Union alley. The lease expired on December 1st this year.

Two months before the expiration of the lease I went to see Mr. Frank Bowers and asked him if I could occupy the store until after Xmas, so as to enable me to make back some of the rent money which I had paid during the six months it was vacant; he told me to go ahead and buy my stock and that I could stay in the building until after Xmas. In consequence of what he said I purchased a stock of toys and holiday goods and advertised that I would have them on sale at this store. After I had bought the stock and put them on sale the Bowers brothers notified me that I could not occupy the building longer than the term of the lease provided, unless I would sign a new lease for six months, or would pay them \$100.00 extra for the month of December. This could not afford to do, but I offered to pay them \$75.00 for use of it up to December 25th. This they refused to accept, and they stated that they expected to move a lot of their stock into the building and have a sale. On the night of November 30th, assisted by some friends I moved all my stock from the building and have suffered a great loss on account of being forced to move.

During the past week Messrs. A. L. & B. F. Bowers have rented the building to the agent of the Southern Express Company for \$1.00 per day in which to handle the whiskey traffic during the holidays. I appeal to the good citizens of Beaufort county and ask if I have been treated fairly. I have had to place my stock with different merchants in the town to sell for me and a portion of it has been put on exhibition on the second floor of the building in which our store is located, corner Main and Market streets. The courtesy of Dr. Jno. R. Rodman enabled me to do this. As this stock must be sold by Xmas, all who want to purchase holiday goods will save money to visit my place. I tried to return the goods, but the dealers from whom I bought would not take them back. So they must be sold regardless of cost.

—Adv. K. JOHN. GUEST OF BROTHER.

Mr. J. T. Taylor, Jr., of Princess Anne, Md., is the guest of his brother, Mr. B. W. Taylor, at his home on West Main street.

Minimum wage laws for women have been enacted in Oregon, California, Colorado, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin.

JEFFERSON FURNITURE CO. AND GEORGE FORTISCUE. BEEF STALL IS ROBBED

The Jefferson Furniture Company and the beef and meat stall of Geo. Fortiscue in the City Market, were robbed Saturday night by parties unknown.

The entrance to the Jefferson Furniture Company was made during the absence of Miss Pearl Whitley, the bookkeeper, to supper. When she returned the robbery was found out, as she discovered that the safe in the office had been tampered with. An investigation followed. The safe door being open the thief or thieves simply raised the window and prised open two of the drawers, carried away several valuable papers belonging to

the firm. Fortunately for the company there was no cash in the draw. The papers subsequently were found later in the night hid under some lumber to the rear of the store.

Early Sunday morning Mr. George Fortiscue, who runs a beef and meat stall in the City Market, went down to his place of business and found his door open and the lock lying on the block. The money draw had been opened but the robbers only secured a few pennies. Mr. Fortiscue states that some one had a key to his place. No meat nor beef was missed. The police of the city are now at work on the cases.

CITY COURT WAS QUIET FOR MONDAY

Mayor Frank C. Kugler had only one case to command his attention at the City Hall this morning at 10 o'clock. This is an excellent record for the beginning of the week.

Willis G. Waters and David Fulford were before the court charged with disorderly conduct. They were found guilty, however, each were only attached with the cost.

Show Window Is Admired By Citizens

One of the most attractive window displays seen yet in the city is that of the Harris Hardware Company, the work of Mr. Mitchell, who has already established an enviable reputation in this line of work.

His latest creation is a revolving Christmas tree handsomely and attractively decorated, while in the opposite show window is Old Santa just issuing from the chimney. Both of these displays are being much admired and justly so, for Mr. Mitchell is surely an expert in this line of work. Both windows must be seen to be appreciated.

Anti-Saloon Leaguer Here Yesterday

Rev. R. L. Davis, secretary of the Anti-Saloon League, was a visitor to the city yesterday and had a busy day of it.

His first address was made to the Christian church Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Following this he preached the sermon at the First M. E. church. In the afternoon he spoke to the Sunday school of the First Presbyterian church and at night delivered a very instructive sermon at the First Baptist church. At all the meetings held by Rev. Mr. Davis yesterday resolutions endorsing the Shepherd-Hobson bill now before Congress, were passed. Mr. Davis left this morning for his home in Raleigh. He is a son of Mr. Davis, who years ago, was pastor of the First Methodist church of this city.

William Hempstead, an eight-foot British giant, whose appetite alarmed the German commissariat, has been exchanged for two German dwarfs less than two feet tall, who has been held in England.

GOOD COMEDY AT THEATER FOR TONIGHT

The New Theatre opens tonight with a three days' engagement of "Hawthorne & Ferry," one of the cleverest comedy and singing acts now on the road. As usual there will be three reels of the high class photoplays that is usual for this play house to run. So be sure to attend tonight if you wish to enjoy some good singing, comedy and photoplays.

FINE SHOW STAMP SALE IN THE CITY

Thirty-three dollars and fifty cents is the gratifying result of the canvass of East Main street, reported by Mrs. M. A. Smith. On account of illness the other members of the committee have not been able to work but one day. Considering the present depression of business this a fine record. The men of Washington can always be counted upon for generous co-operation in a good and worthy cause.

Any reliable citizen who wishes to lend a hand by selling a few stamps can get them from Mr. R. L. Stewart at his jewelry store.

Remember that they can be bought. There is nearly two weeks yet before Christmas, just the time when the packages are sent out. Let us rally to the cause: "Every stamp sold for 1914."

Be Swift to Love. Do not let us wait to be just or pitiful or demonstrative towards those we love until they or we are struck down by illness or threatened with death. Life is short, and we have never too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling the dark journey with us. Oh! be swift of love, make haste to be kind.—Amiel.

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