

ACCOUNT OF RUSSIAN VICTORY IN MEASURE CONFIRMED BY ENEMY

London, Dec. 16.—The offensive movement of the French and British has become general and is being pushed with strong forces, particularly in Flanders, the Argonne, the Woeyra and Alsace. While the French claim success at all points except Stainbach, in Alsace, the German official report says the allied attacks have been unsuccessful at several places.

On the whole, however, it would appear that allies, who now have a superiority in numbers as well as in artillery, have made some progress and have withstood vigorous German counter-attacks.

The fact that the allies are in possession of Hellebuck, in Flanders, and that heavy fighting was going on again today, shows that they have made an appreciable advance during the past two days, as last week they were being attacked by the invaders two miles west of St. Eloy, on the Ypres-Armentieres road.

In the Argonne region the French say: "We have made progress and maintained our advance of the preceding days."

The forces which has been checked at Stainbach is the left wing of the army, which for some time has been fighting its way toward Muehlen and which has cleared a considerable part of Alsace of Germans. It is evident that while the Germans are prepared to offer stubborn resistance to attempted advances in the regions mentioned in the official communications, they expect the main attack of the allies to be made in another direction or themselves are preparing for an offensive, for they have gathered considerable forces at Courtrai, from where they could be transferred

quickly either to Flanders or southward across the French frontier.

The only news from the east is the admission of the German general staff that the German column which advanced through Mlava toward Warsaw "has reoccupied its old positions, owing to the superiority of the enemy." This in a measure confirms accounts of a Russian victory.

The Austrians again have crossed the Carpathians and, according to their account, are driving the Russian left back toward the River San. This Austrian army, assisted by German reinforcement, has undertaken to force the Russians to withdraw from in front of Cracow, and also to relieve Przemysl. The Austrians apparently have met with at least partial success in the first project.

Their army in Serbia, however, has not recovered from the surprise which the Serbians gave it. Just when they were thought to be beaten the Serbians turned on the invaders and drove them westward and northward out of Serbian territory. The only part of Serbia remaining in Austrian hands is a small territory including the towns of Sbatas and Lonitza.

The Montenegrin army also is doing its share and, according to a Cettinje report, has cut off part of the Austrian right wing, which retreated into Bosnia. It is announced in behalf of Serbia that the previous retreats were due to lack of ammunition, and that the stores had been replenished by captures from the Austrians.

Vienna asserts that the retirement of the right wing made it advisable to abandon Belgrade, which was evacuated without fighting.

GIRL WHO DARED SEVERAL BLDG'S CONDEMNED BY FIRE CHIEF AND COM.

All the stores of the city are to close tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock for the purpose of giving all who desire an opportunity to witness the performance of "The Girl Who Dared" at the New Theatre, which is to be presented for the benefit of Pamlico Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy.

The Daughters wish to finish paying for the headstones placed at the graves of the soldiers and have adopted this means of accomplishing their purpose. A most worthy cause and one that every citizen in Washington should generously patronize.

The attraction is going to be great. Tickets are selling fast at Worthy & Etheridge's drug store and the outlook is for a capacity house tomorrow night when the curtain rises. All who have witnessed the rehearsals are simply delighted and predict that the show will be a conspicuous success.

Some of the city's best known local talent is in the cast.

Washington has always been noted for its histrionic ability, so a rich treat awaits all. The following is the cast of characters:

Lord John Buckingham, who is seeking a fortune—Mr. Ben Taylor.

Dick Brown, of the New York Herald—Mr. J. W. Smith.

Jack Gulon, an ardent lover—Mr. Isaac Hughes.

Pierre, Duke's valet—Mr. Hugh Phelps.

Hotel Manager—Mr. Fred Moore.

Bell Boy—George Studdert.

Virginia Nevil, the girl disguised as Mile Genie—Miss Beattie Burkholder.

Mrs. Theodore Rothfield, a title seeking mother—Miss Carlotta Nicholson.

Dorothy Rothfield, an heiress—Miss Sallie Carrow.

Lady Laura Wellington, aunt to Virginia—Miss Fan Lamb Haughton.

Marie, maid to Virginia—Miss Florence Burkholder.

Nell, a street singer—Helen Dalley.

Soloist—Miss Beattie Connelly.

Pianist—Mr. David Bell.

WASHINGTON IS TO BE THE MAIN OFFICE IN DISTRICT

Washington is to have another enterprise which will be gratifying news to the entire city.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of New York, which has been doing an insurance business in Washington for a number of years, has created a new district in Eastern North Carolina and this city is to be made the main office of the district. The points to be worked from here will be the towns of Greenville, New Bern, Kinston, Beaufort, Elizabeth City, Edenton and Plymouth. The superintendent will be Mr. L. D. Burton, of Newport News, Va. The two agents here will be Messrs. A. C. Cade and F. F. Mays.

Washington for years was under the supervision of the Goldsboro office and last year the head office was moved from Goldsboro to Raleigh.

The new district created is taken from the Norfolk and Raleigh divisions. A suite of rooms have been rented in the Laughinghouse building at the corner of Market and Second streets and they are now being handsomely fitted up. This late move on the part of the Metropolitan goes into effect on December 28. This is quite a step forward for Washington and means much towards placing this city further to the front.

ONLY RECORDING ANGEL CAN DESCRIBE HORRORS ADEQUATELY IN BELGIUM

New York, Dec. 16.—Two hundred members of the Green Room Club, who tendered Irvin Cobb, war correspondent with the German army in Belgium, a "welcome home" dinner last night, started to laugh when he was introduced as one who could tell about the humorous side of the fighting in Europe. They continued to laugh for the first five minutes of his talk, but after that, as one horror after another was described, sasses, and even sobs, took the place of the laughter. Cobb finished his talk with the statement:

"If I could really describe the war to you I would not be writing for the Saturday Evening Post. I would crowd the recording angel out of a job."

He was elected an honorary member of the Green Room Club for life by a standing vote, and then a contribution was taken up to aid the starving Belgians.

In telling his hearers about Belgium, Cobb said he was replying to many questions asked him before the dinner commenced.

"It's something you can't describe," he said. "Think of a people 7,000,000 strong, where everything was gay with laughter at the outbreak of the war. Then picture this people reduced in four months of fighting from 7,000,000 to 3,000,000, and of these 3,000,000 picture 1,000,000 as dependent upon the charity of the United States of America tonight for their supper. Then you have a faint idea of the war and Belgium."

"I came to a fort that had been blown to pieces by the shells. A German told me that as his men rushed into the fort they found it burning, and thought no living being could be in it. Then came out of a tunnel a black man, stripped of his clothing. Behind him came 200 others, all hairless and black and naked. Some were blind, all were deaf, most of them were insane."

"He told me some were in a hospital, I said I would like to see

FURS ARE SHOWN AT J. K. HOYT'S.

Furs as a Christmas present are proving popular in Washington this season, judging from the sales which are being made at the store of J. K. Hoyt's. The newest styles and the better qualities are shown at most attractive prices. Every woman likes beautiful furs. They add to her beauty and also to her comfort and make a most acceptable present. With Christmas near at hand, cold weather has put in appearance—so to speak—and consequently furs are being thought of more and are more to be desired.

Among other articles which are being shown at Hoyt's are a splendid assortment of handkerchiefs for men, ladies and children, ladies' kimonos and boudoir slippers, beautiful silk scarfs and hundreds of other beautiful and practical gifts suggestions.

CARNIVAL WILL BE FOR BENEFIT BELGIANS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—A large Dickens Carnival will be held this evening at the Willard Hotel under the patronage of many women in society.

Mrs. Sallie Williams, Mary Howard and Miss Dorothy Shuey are on the dance committee and Miss Nellie Montaine Binckley is in charge of the costuming.

LITTLE LADY PROVES TO BE AN ARTIST

Miss Mary Robbins, the bright and interesting 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robbins, who reside on North Market street, is surely an artist, as the readers of the Daily News will readily agree by seeing in the display window of the Southern Furniture Company a portrait which she made by hand from wall paper. The paper was rolled into beads and then strung together. It is surely a piece of art. It took this little Miss quite a little time to accomplish her task, but she did it and all who have seen the portrait pronounce it a beauty. This little lady is surely to be congratulated.

VAUDEVILLE NEW THEATER ENDS TONIGHT

Tonight the "Hawthorne & Ferry" vaudeville act at the New Theatre will close their three days' engagement with an entire change of program.

Tomorrow night the Daughters of the Confederacy will present a musical comedy entitled "The Girl Who Dared."

On Friday, the ninth installment of "Luella Love," the girl of mystery will be shown in addition to regular program of three reels of pictures. For all of next week the New Theatre have secured the "Southern Beauties" Musical Comedy Company, for the amusement of their many patrons. This company features "The Widow Green" and is considered the best troupe of its kind in the South today. On next Tuesday this playhouse will start another serial story, entitled "The Treason Hearts," giving two reels every Tuesday for fifteen weeks. This will make two serial stories that this house will be giving their patrons every week. The New Theatre is certainly trying in every way to give their patrons their money's worth in the way of amusements.

DEGREE D. D. CONFERRED ON REV. T. C. DARST

Rev. Thomas C. Darst, of Saint James' Episcopal church, Richmond, Va., who was in October last elected Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina by the Episcopal Council, which met in this city, recently had the Degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred upon him by the Theological Seminary, located at Alexandria. Mr. Darst is an alumnus of this well-known institution.

While the date for the consecration of Bishop-elect Darst has not as yet been given out, in all probability it will take place in Saint James' Episcopal church, Wilmington, N. C., sometime during the month of January. Several bishops will attend and a large number of clergy from this and other dioceses.

CURRENT TO BE CUT OFF ON SUNDAY

Superintendent H. B. Charles, of the City Electric plant, announces that in all probability the electric current will be cut off next Sunday from eight a. m. to five p. m. if the weather will permit. This will be done in order to make some necessary repairs to the plant.

NOAH BIGGS DEAD.

News was received here today announcing the death of Mr. Noah Biggs, a prominent citizen of Scotland Neck. He had been ill only a few days, and his death was unexpected. He was one of the most prominent laymen of the Baptist church in the South. Mr. Biggs was pleasantly remembered in Washington and the news of his death will be learned with regret.

WELCOME VISITOR.

Colonel Wiley C. Rodman has returned from Raleigh, N. C., where he went Monday to attend a meeting of the State advisory board of the North Carolina National Guard, of which he is a member.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad will fight the New Jersey Fall Crew law.

GETS CHECK FROM AFAR FOR RELIEF

The treasurer of the Dollar Christmas Fund of Belgians received a check this morning from Mr. C. B. McKee, of Columbia, N. C., on behalf of the St. Agnes Guild of Columbia, representing a collection taken in St. Andrew's Episcopal church of that town on a recent Sunday for this purpose. It is very much appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. McKee were always active in every good work when they lived in Washington and it will be no surprise to their many friends here to see this evidence of their continued interest in matters of this kind.

Lets Make Them Glad Christmas

Inasmuch as the Daily News wishes to send magazines and periodicals to the Sanitarium at Sanitarium, N. C., before Christmas, this paper requests that all citizens having magazines and periodicals to send them to this office at once.

So far the citizens have responded nobly, for which the Daily News expresses thanks. It is desired to have a large box for the inmates of this institution.

Do not procrastinate in this matter longer. Let's make a fine contribution in the way of reading matter to those who are unable to purchase reading matter of their own.

FOR NEW YORK.

Miss Margaret M. Blount left on the morning train for New York to do her Christmas shopping.

IMPROVING RAPIDLY.

Mrs. Granville C. Jones, of South Creek, N. C., who has been a patient in the Washington Hospital, is improving rapidly, much to the gratification of her friends.

PRAYER MEETING.

There will be prayer meeting services in all the different churches of the city this evening at the usual hour, to which the general public has a cordial invitation to attend.

WINTER WEATHER.

Washington is experiencing the coldest weather of the winter. The thermometer registered as low this morning as 13 degrees. Water pipes are frozen which is making the plumbers keep busy. Nearly every citizen accosted on the streets salutes with the remark: "Did you ever see such weather?"

Overcoats and heavy wraps are in evidence today on all sides.

BOWLING ALLEY.

A bowling alley is being placed in the first floor of the Daniel and Warren building on Market street.

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