

ALLIES PROGRESS IS SLOW BUT DISTURBS THE GERMAN SYSTEM

London, Dec. 23.—Heavy fighting is taking place on both eastern and western fronts but without producing any material change in the positions of the opposing armies.

In France and Belgium the allied offensive is being pressed and, while some ground has been gained at widely separated points, other attacks have been repulsed by the Germans from their strongly entrenched positions. In the northern area the artillery and warships yesterday took up the battle, firing the air by a rest, but lower down the line and from the Oise to the Meuse, some fighting took place in many districts.

While the progress of the allies is extremely slow, military experts here and in France believe the gains which the general staff has reported are disturbing the German system of fortifications at vital points, and will, if successfully continued, compel a retirement by the Germans from their present lines.

In the east most of the German north of the Vistula have retired across the East Prussian frontier before the onrush of the Russian forces, but south of that river, between the Bzura and Rawka rivers at many places. This should bring the main armies close together and a few days will tell whether the

German advance is to be definitely checked or whether the Germans again are to threaten Warsaw.

Fighting also continues in Galicia but here, as along the East Prussian frontier, the Russians seem to have held back the Austro-German forces. The Germans, who are extremely strong along the whole eastern frontier, already are reported to be moving troops back to the west to meet the allied offensive but it is not considered likely this movement will reach large proportions until some decisive result has been attained in the contest against the Russians.

The Turks, like their allies, are being attacked on two sides. The Russians claim to have inflicted a severe defeat on them in the district of Van, while the allied forces have been bombarding Kilid Bahr in the Dardanelles, and a French destroyer has shelled their troops on the mainland opposite the island of Tenedos.

The first real view of the extent of the South African rebellion is given by the minister of justice, who says that 4,000 rebels are in prison and that 1,200 have been sent to their homes on parole. There are still a few roaming about the country but they are without leaders and are surrendering upon the appearance of union soldiers.

GREATER PROSPERITY BY THE FOREIGN TRADE

New York, December 23.—Greater prosperity through greater foreign trade is the objective of the Second National Foreign Trade Convention to be held at St. Louis, January 21-22, 1915.

Three thousand commercial and industrial representatives, bankers, shippers and individuals engaged in foreign trade, have been invited to attend delegates. In a letter to them James A. Farrell, President of the United States Steel Corporation and Chairman of the National Foreign Trade Council, says: "The European war has demonstrated that our foreign trade, while small in comparison with domestic business, is a vital element in our domestic prosperity, and therefore, of immediate concern to every citizen."

Individual action, however strong, cannot do justice to the present opportunities for its expansion. Co-ordinated effort of the entire nation—manufacturers, merchants, bankers, carriers and all others working together in harmony with a well defined national policy, will alone enable us to develop the possibilities now before us.

The Convention will eliminate generalities and concentrate on commercial problems created by the European war and those which will confront American foreign traders when peace is restored.

To present the effect of the war on United States trade, John Bassett Moore, formerly Counselor of the State Department, who is the foremost American authority on international law, will speak on "Problems Arising in War and Commerce."

Hon. W. C. Redfield, Secretary of Commerce, will open the Convention.

Instead of numerous speeches on the general aspects of foreign trade the sessions will be divided between substantive papers by leaders in the business world and constructive discussion by delegates representing all sections of the country. Ways and means whereby the smaller manufacturer and merchant may engage in foreign trade will have an important place on the program.

ONLY ONE MORE DAY REMAINS FOR SHOPPING.

J. K. Hoyt is thoroughly prepared to meet and take care of the inevitable "just before Christmas rush." He offers the suggestion that you utilize the morning hours of this last day, thereby avoiding the breathless rush and the risk of not getting just what you want. Give a set of Furs or a beautiful Muff or Scarf. Wonderfully low prices are prevailing. His store display includes everything for women, misses, men and boys. There are hundreds of handsome, practical and reasonably priced presents to select from.

CONDITION BETTER.

The condition of Mr. J. Sam Hodges, who is suffering from pneumonia at his home near this city, is reported to be more favorable today.

BEAUTIFUL MARRIAGE AT EDWARD

A beautiful wedding took place in the Christian Church at Edward, N. C., this morning at eight o'clock, the contracting parties being Miss Glens Edwards, one of that town's popular and attractive young ladies, to Mr. I. J. Edwards, a prosperous farmer. The ceremony was impressively performed by the Rev. Raleigh L. Topping in the presence of a large number of friends and well wishers. The church was attractively decorated in mistletoe and holly for the event and no wedding of the season was looked forward to more auspiciously.

The bridal party entered the church as follows: First came the polite and attentive ushers, Messrs. L. D. Midyette, of Aurora, and B. B. Latham of Edward. They were followed by the attendants, Miss Hope Latham with Mr. Walter Windley of Washington; Miss Blanch Edwards, with Mr. Herbert Edwards; Miss Leona Jones with Mr. J. A. Bonner of Aurora.

The next to enter was the bride's maid of honor, Miss Veva Edwards. She was followed by the ring bearer, sweet little Miss Eloise Warren.

The bride next entered leaning on the arm of her dame of honor, Mrs. B. L. Bennett. Arriving at the altar she was met by the groom and his best man, Mr. S. J. Merriman of Washington. Mrs. S. J. Merriman presided at the organ and as the bridal party entered the church played Lohengrin's wedding march and as they left the church she played Mendelssohn's.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. E. J. Edwards and counts her friends by the score.

The groom is a son of Mr. Isaac Edwards and has a bright and promising future in the agricultural world.

Immediately after the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Edwards boarded the Washington and Vandremer train for Fayetteville, N. C., where they expect to spend several days. Congratulations.

DECEMBER 23 IN HISTORY.

1757—British privateer Terrible, Captain William Death of 26 guns and 200 men, captured a large French ship, after an obstinate battle in which he lost his brother and sixteen men killed. A few days after he fell in with the privateer Vengeance, thirty-six guns and 340 men, who recaptured the prize, and having manned her, both ships bore down on the Terrible, whose main was shot away by the first broadside. After a desperate engagement, which the French captain and his second were killed when no more than twenty-six persons were found alive, sixteen of whom had lost a leg or an arm, and the other ten were badly wounded. The ship itself was so shattered that it could scarcely be kept above water. There was a strange combination of names in the affair. The Terrible was equipped at Execution Dock, was commanded by Death, who had Devil for lieutenant and Ghost for his surgeon.

1816—Bible societies prohibited in Hungary.

1823—A new code of commerce was projected in Russia, found necessary by the territory acquired.

1862—The Confederates attacked Va., but were repulsed.

1884—The MacKay-Bennett Commercial Cable Company, New York.

METROPOLITAN LIFE BECOMES MUTUAL CO.

New York, Dec. 23.—The stockholders of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company met here today to consider the plan to make of it a mutual company, proposed by the directors. The plan will be submitted to the state superintendent of insurance after it is ratified after which it will be put into effect.

DEATH CALLS TO HEAVEN LITTLE BLAKE

God's finger touched yesterday afternoon the soul of Blake Baker Nicholson, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Nicholson and entered the chariot and was waded to the battlements of Heaven to help in singing the praises of the new born King on Christmas morn. While the home in which little Blake had dwelt will be shrouded in gloom, heaven will be enriched. God's ways are not our ways and we "tolter and think what does it mean. None can tell, none can say, but in that glad day we'll understand.

Little Blake was a manly little fellow, bright, attractive and lovable. He was just beginning to view the beauties of God's handiwork with an ambitious eye, when the lowly Nazarene said, I desire you to beautify my heavenly home on high. He has gone, but the fragrance of his sweet life still remains, not only in the home where he was the joy and comfort, but wherever he mingled.

This sweet boy was taken ill Saturday morning last with appendicitis, being his second attack. On Monday he was taken to the Powel Memorial Hospital where everything known to medical science was done, but all to no avail, so an operation was the last resort. Yesterday morning he went to the operating table full of hope, but the Supreme Arbiter willed otherwise, and in the afternoon at 2.30 o'clock he fell peacefully on sleep and went to the City of Peace.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock he was placed tenderly away in God's chamber to sleep until that great day for which all others were made. The entire city mourns with the grief-stricken parents and many tears wetted the new made grave.

All place a bouquet of forget-me-nots on his hallowed mound for remembrance sake. "Death is only a dream" and when those to him near and dear are greeted on that great Easter morn, they can exclaim, we do now understand.

The funeral was conducted from the residence this afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. H. B. Searight and the interment was in Oakdale cemetery. No sweeter bud was ever planted in earth's bosom and no sweeter flower ever gave forth more fragrant incense than Blake Baker Nicholson in that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

WILL PREACH M. E. CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

On next Sunday at the First M. E. Church the first quarterly meeting will be held at which time Rev. Mr. Read will be heard for the first time as presiding elder. No doubt but what he will be greeted by a large and appreciative congregation. Before being elevated to the highest office he was the popular pastor of the First M. E. Church at Rock Mount. A cordial welcome will await him next Sunday morning and evening. All have a cordial invitation to hear him.

QUIET CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

New York, Dec. 23.—The Christmas shopping reports from various parts of the country as reported through the different industries show more conservatism than ever heretofore. Much more has been done in a practical way by organized charity than in previous years and the great need of many has been made the object of the charities. From every direction come reports of benefit for the poor at home as well as the sufferers in Europe because of the war. The shipments to Europe by the many organized charities in our different large cities have been enormous, filling several boats. At home many times this amount has been similarly contributed and distributed through charity and other organizations.

WELCOME VISITOR.

Mr. Collin H. Harding, title attorney of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, with headquarters at Marion, N. C., is in the city to spend the holidays with his family. He expects to be in the city until the first of the year. He is being greeted by his numerous friends.

TO SPEND XMAS.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Moss have gone to Aberdeen, N. C., to spend Christmas with the parents of Mrs. Moss.

FROM UNIVERSITY.

Mr. E. T. Campbell, son of Mr. W. W. Campbell of Jessama, N. C., has returned from the University of North Carolina to spend the holidays with his parents.

THE LAST 4 DAYS

There are only four days in which to do your Holiday Shopping. Call in and see our line of

HUYLERS CANDIES

Cigars, Pipes and Tobacco. Fancy Box Stationery, Manicure Sets, Parisian Ivory Sets, Perfumery and Toilet Waters of all kinds. Our prices are in keeping with the times.

Davenport's Pharmacy.

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The Home Building and Loan Association will open a new series Saturday January 2nd

It is the safest and easiest way to pay for a home in small weekly installment—or to accumulate a fund, for a rainy day, or for Christmas.

See us About It!

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Office in Saving & Trust Co., Building

YOUNG MARRIED WOMAN COMMITTED SUICIDE AT CHOCOWINITY TUESDAY

With a pistol lying beneath her body Mrs. Jodie Harding was found dead yesterday afternoon near the home of Mr. Fred VonEberstein at Chocowinity, N. C., about sunset by a colored man. The alarm was immediately given and her father, Mr. Simpson Taylor sent for. He arrived within a short while and carried the body to his home.

Upon examination it was found that she had shot herself in the chest and that death almost immediately followed. On her breast was pinned a note which stated that it was the desire of the deceased to be kept up until Christmas eve, as she wanted her brother, who resides in

Tennessee, to be present at the funeral. When she was shrouded another note was found pinned to her clothing. The contents of the second note has not as yet been divulged.

Mrs. Harding was the wife of Mr. Jodie Harding and before her marriage was Miss Fannie Taylor. Dr. Joshua Taylor, the county coroner, viewed the body. Why she should commit suicide has not been ascertained. Her married life was a happy and joyous one and nothing out of the ordinary has been noticed by her friends and relatives recently.

PUT STAMP ON GIFTS TO BE MAILED

Your last Christmas gifts will be mailed tonight. These gifts carry much love and good will. Let them carry on the outside the Red Cross stamps of your good will to the world around you—the spirit of Christ.

The King's birthday is almost here. Remember the slogan: "Every Red Cross Sold for 1914."

Attraction at Theatre Inviting

The program at the New Theatre last night was all that any one could ask for. It was a great deal better than the night before, and that is saying a great deal for the Monday night's bill was better than anything that has ever been here before.

Tonight the Southern Beauties will present the "Bogus Bishop," a screaming funny musical farce comedy. Professor Ebenezer Gooddy, who is very much opposed to prize fights is coaxed into attending a little boxing bout. The place is raided and he and a travelling man by the name of Jones makes a getaway. Jones, in order not to be caught disguises himself as Ebenezer's brother, "a Bishop" and then the real bishop makes an appearance, from then on there is one continuous scream, as Ebenezer is put in some funny predicaments as well as the "Bogus Bishop" Tomorrow's bill will be "Naughty Aunt," with an entire change of program each and every day, musical numbers, costumes, dances and show.

There will be a special matinee tomorrow afternoon at 2 p. m., in order to give the out of town visitors and shoppers a chance to attend the performance and get home that night. There will also be a matinee Friday (Xmas) and Saturday at 3 p. m.

RESOLUTION DEFEATED.

After more than ten hours of debate the Hobson resolution to submit a constitutional amendment for national prohibition to the state legislatures was defeated in the House of Representatives last night. The vote was for, 197; against, 189. The law requires an affirmative vote of two thirds according to the constitution.

IN THE CITY.

Mr. Josephus Ecklin of Blounts Creek, is a welcome visitor in our city today.

REWARD OFFERED.

Twenty-five Dollars will be paid for evidence sufficient to arrest and convict the person or persons who stole a lot of Bard Plymouth Rock Chickens from my Bebee farm on the night of the 21st of this month. J. HAVENS.

SHOW WILL BE REPEATED DECEMBER 31

"The Girl Who Dared" as stated some days ago, is to be repeated at the New Theatre. Ever since the first attraction, those who were not present, hearing of its merits, prevailed upon the management to repeat the performance. This request has been granted and the Daily News takes pleasure in announcing that on the evening of December 31, the citizens of the city will have an opportunity to see this excellent play again, in which home talent plays a conspicuous part.

The prices for the second performance will be 35c and 50c.

FROM BINGHAM.

William Blount, Samuel Blount and Mendel Susman who are attending Bingham School at Asheville, N. C., arrived today to spend the holidays.

FOR HOLIDAYS.

Mr. Hubert Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Ellis, is home from the State University, Chapel Hill, N. C., to spend the holidays.

HOME FOR XMAS

D. T. Taylor, John C. Taylor, Henry Morgan, Hubert Ellis, Horace Cowell, Jesse Bowers, who are students at the University of North Carolina, are home to spend Christmas with their families and friends.

PRAYER MEETING.

There will be prayer meeting services in all the different churches of the city this evening at the usual hour. The services at the First M. E. Church will be conducted by Mr. W. M. Kear.

UNDERGOES OPERATION.

Mrs. Agnes Girkin, wife of Mr. Hoyt Girkin, who resides on East Fifth street, was operated upon yesterday at the Washington Hospital. Her condition is said to be favorable today.

YALE VS. NAVAL ACADEMY.

Annapolis, Dec. 23.—The Yale basketball team will play the Naval Academy here tonight.

PLENTY OF GOLD COIN

And bright new crisp \$1 and \$2 bills for Christmas. The Savings and Trust Company takes great pleasure in providing a supply for its friends. 12-21-tfs.

New Theater

Entire Week of Xmas "SOUTHERN BEAUTIES" IN "UP IN A FERRY WHEEL" A Screaming Comedy and First Installment of "TREX O' HEAVENS" A Great Serial Photoplay. Prices 10 and 20 Cents.

SPECIALS Until Christmas

New N. S. Point Butter, per lb.	35c
Arbuckle's Coffee, per lb.	18c
Golden Furo Coffee, per lb.	18c
Fulton's Club Coffee, worth 50c per lb.	35c
New Corned Ham, per lb.	18c
Arbuckle's Best Ham, per lb.	19c
Borden's B. Milk, per can	15c

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIALS:

100 Eggs, Worth \$1.50, each	85c
Men's Rubber Overshoes, worth 75c per pair	55c
Boys' Rubber Overshoes, worth 5c per pair	30c
Women's Rubber Overshoes, worth 60c per pair	45c
Misses' Rubber Overshoes, worth 55c per pair	40c

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