

WRITERS SPECULATE ON MOST SINGULAR ENGAGEMENT OF WAR

London, Dec. 28.—The battle lines in the east and west have undergone few changes in the past day. French and German reports agree that the Germans have captured a section of trenches near Hellebeka, south of Ypres. The French assert that the Germans gave up trenches on the first line to the extent of about 500 or 600 yards in the West region, farther east, while unsuccessful demonstrations have been made from both sides at various points along the extended lines.

The reports of the numbers of wounded both armies are sending back from the lines in Belgium appear to show that the fighting on Christmas in that country was the fiercest of the past month. Correspondents in the rear say the Belgians as a result of five days' fighting captured nearly 3,000 Germans with only small losses to themselves.

According to Russian reports German attempts to capture Warsaw have failed which the Berlin official statement says there is general confidence that the German and Austro-Hungarian forces are making progress along the great front.

French newspapers are enthusiastic over the raid by British cruisers and seaplanes on Cuxhaven. They consider improbable the German statement that although ships at Cuxhaven and the gas works were hit by bombs, no damage was done.

The naval writers speculate on the most remarkable engagement of 19th century warfare. They conclude that the German ships failed to give

British cruisers because they were lurking beneath the surface. It is taken by the fact that the Zeppelins that the Zeppelins are a noteworthy craft. It means that the Zeppelins are being used in a grand raid on England.

It is argued that if Cuxhaven is attacked why not attack the Zeppelins? The British express the opinion that the loss of Cuxhaven while Commander von Capelle was the only person to escape.

People are losing what they are losing what the Zeppelins they held. The airman of the scouting trip of the Taubee may return there is a strong possibility that the Taubee may return the first with them they paid over Paris.

The British issued a warning of danger to people in London which may be against hostile aircraft the people to take precautions if they heard explosives or guns.

The Taubee may return with rain and over parts of England waters tonight, and the Taubee may be suffering from the smaller craft.

CONGRESS TO RE-CONVENE NEXT TUES.

Washington, Dec. 29.—With leaders in both Houses determined to push through all necessary legislation and avert an extra session after March fourth Congress will reconvene Tuesday after one of the shortest holiday recesses on record.

The appropriation bills and general measures are expected to be cleared up quickly by the House. The Senate however, still has before it, practically the entire legislative program at the re-opening of the session in addition to the immigration bill and the appropriation measures.

There is a growing disposition on the part of some Democrats to sidetrack or defeat the immigration bill. Senator Lewis, after a recent conference with the President threw down the gauntlet of battle over the literacy test issue which the President opposes. Some Senators believe enough votes can be found to strike out the provision, which it is admitted would operate to defeat the bill. Senator Smith of South Carolina, chairman of the immigration committee proposes, however, to continue the fight for the bill, literacy

SCHOOLS OF THE CITY TO OPEN JAN. 4

As increased attendance of pupils is looked for when the Washington Public Schools open for the spring session on next Monday. The session so far has been well attended and much work accomplished. The prospects for greater work from now until commencement is propitious.

All the teachers who have been spending the holidays at their respective homes are expected to return the latter part of the week.

FOR TEN DAYS BEGINNING DEC. 29th we will sell all Holiday goods at cost for cash. Call in and get our prices and save money. Latham Book Store. 12-25-tfc.

MRS. HARDY WEDDED TO MR. THOMAS

Beautiful in its simplicity was the marriage of Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart Hardy of this city to Mr. John Allen Thomas of Sanford, Fla., this afternoon at four o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church.

The occasion was one of the attractions of the Yuletide season and no bride ever plighted her troth with brighter prospects for a wedded life of happiness and joy. The church was tastefully decorated in holly and evergreens being in keeping with the season.

A kindly company of friends and well wishers of the contracting parties witnessed the consummation of the nuptials and at the train they were showered with rice and old shoes as they sped away on their honeymoon.

Prior to the entrance of the bride party Mrs. K. A. G. Barnes, who presided at the organ, rendered a most charming musical program.

At the appointed hour the organ pealed forth the familiar strains of "Lobengrin" and the bride party entered the church as follows: First came the ushers, Messrs. R. Lee Stewart, brother of the bride, and Mr. W. C. Chauncey, of Pactolus, N. C., walking up the respective aisles to the chancel where they crossed.

The next to enter were Miss Mary Elizabeth Thomas with Mr. Jamie Fowle and Miss Josephine Bowen, of Edenton, N. C., with Mr. Jno. Smith. Arriving at the chancel they crossed as the ushers did preceding them. The bridesmaids wore handsome gowns of green with black plume hats, carrying bouquets of pink carnations.

The bride, leaning on the arm of her sister, Miss Fannette Stewart, next advanced her way up the right aisle to the chancel where she was met by the groom and his best man and groomsmen, Mr. Frank Cary.

She was exquisitely attired in a dark blue chiffon broadcloth with hat and gloves to match. Her bouquet was bridal roses. Her maid of honor wore a frock of old rose with black picture hat. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

As the sweet strains of "O Promise Me" floated from the organ they were united as one till death them do part by the pastor of the church, Rev. H. B. Searight. The ring ceremony was used.

Soon Mehldorff's wedding march pealed forth and the merry chime of the bell and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas left the church and drove to the Atlantic Coast Line depot where they boarded the 4.30 train for a tour of Southern cities. They expect to be at home in Sanford, Fla., on or about January 5th.

The bride is a daughter of ex-Mayor and Mrs. Edward T. Stewart and a woman of charming and attractive personality. Her friends are legion and this paper predicts for her a wide circle of friends in her new home in Florida.

The groom is a son of Mrs. C. C. Thomas. For the past seven years he has been residing in Sanford, where he holds the responsible position as foreman of the Atlantic Coast Line shops. He is a young man of sterling worth and has a bright and promising future.

Last evening at the home of the bride's parents from 9.30 to 11 a reception was tendered the bridal party and was a most enjoyable occasion.

Many useful and handsome gifts were received by the couple attesting the high esteem in which they are held here and elsewhere.

This paper extends best wishes.

ANNUAL XMAS DANCE GIVEN BY HALCYON CLUB LAST NIGHT ELKS HALL

No. 41 function of the many given by the Halcyon Club more enjoyed than the Christmas dance given by the Halcyon Club last evening.

The club also gave a dance in honor of the children from 8.30 to 10.30. The hall was attractively decorated for the auspicious occasion and all the participants left for their respective homes carrying with them memories of the evening soon not to be forgotten. The German was delightfully led by Mr. E. F. Burbank, Jr., with Miss Elizabeth Hill as his partner, and the music was furnished by the Forbes Orchestra. Those dancing were:

Miss Elizabeth Hill with E. F. Burbank, Jr.; Miss Mary Clyde Haskell with W. A. Blount, Jr.; Mrs. Lewis with James Hackney; Miss Audrey Graham with Charles Moore; Miss Mary Cowell and guest with N. Henry Moore; Miss Luna Fulford with J. D. Calais; Miss Elizabeth Taylor with Mr. Blount; Miss Isabel Carter with Sam Grist; Miss May Bell Small with E. S. Simmons; Miss Catherine Small with William Knight; Miss Annie Fowle with L. L. Savage; Miss Sallie Carrow, with Edward Ayers; Miss Elizabeth Carrow with Charles Fleming; Miss Elizabeth Simmons with William Blount, Jr.; Miss Rebecca Simmons with Jim Weston; Miss Robena Carter with Charles Cowell; Miss

Dorothy Henry with F. H. Moore; Miss Mary Hill with James Wolcott; Miss Augusta Charles with E. B. Cowell; Miss Mildred Rumley with Joe Mayo; Miss Elise Branch with William Patrick; Miss Laura Branch with Bruce Hodges; Miss Hollister, New Bern, with Charles Shull; Miss Eleanor Berry with Albert Weston; Miss Annie Grist with Everett Briggs; Miss Mary Carter with John Carter; Miss Corrin's Bright with Garland Hodges; Miss Sybilla Griffin with Jesse Bowers; Miss Josephine Bowen, Edenton, with John C. Taylor; Miss Timberlake, Edenton, with H. C. Bonner; Miss Marcella Myers with Mr. Austin; Miss Isabelle Parker, Pinetown, with D. T. Taylor, Jr.; Miss Parker, Richmond, with Mr. Buchanan.

Stags—James Baughan, Seth Baughan, Charles Conoley, Eugene Lewis, W. B. Rodman, Jr., W. R. Kear, Thos. Laughinghouse, David Carter, Jamie Bonser, John H. Small Jr., Ralph Hodges, Reginald Fulford, Mr. Blades, Allen Ives, J. H. Bonner.

Chaperones—Mr. and Mrs. George Hackney, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Pell, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Clary, Mr. and Mrs. James Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Carrow, Mrs. D. T. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Harding, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bragaw, Jr., Mrs. M. S. Simmons, Mrs. W. A. Blount, Mrs. W. E. Jones.

XMAS PARTY AT ARMORY THIS EVE

The First Presbyterian Church Sunday School will have its annual Christmas party at the armory this evening beginning at 7.30 o'clock. All the pupils of this prosperous and growing school are looking forward with much pleasure to the occasion.

AND HOW ARE IN THE CITY

Mr. William Swindell, formerly of Lake Landing, Hyde county, now a resident of Kinston, was happily married to Miss Alma White of Belhaven, N. C., this morning at the home of the bride. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. B. Searight, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, this city. Immediately after the nuptials the bride and groom left on the Atlantic Coast Line for a bridal tour carrying with them the best wishes of their friends. The bride is a daughter of the late Mr. Haxwood Jones and is a most estimable young lady. The groom is a popular young man of Greenville.

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MARRIAGE AT PACTOLUS ON SATURDAY

Mr. Benjamin Roebuck, of Greenville, N. C., and Miss Marcia Jones of Pactolus, N. C., were happily married at the home of the bride Saturday afternoon last at 4 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. B. Searight, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, this city. Immediately after the nuptials the bride and groom left on the Atlantic Coast Line for a bridal tour carrying with them the best wishes of their friends. The bride is a daughter of the late Mr. Haxwood Jones and is a most estimable young lady. The groom is a popular young man of Greenville.

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FINE SHOW AT THEATRE THIS WEEK

The New Theatre opened a good house last night with the "Broadway Follies" Company, which is here for a week. The play was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. There will be an entire change of program tonight. The second installment of the "Trey O' Hoarts" will be shown at this play house tonight. Every one should be on hand, as this will be the greatest picture ever one here has had the chance to see. It will no doubt outclass the "Lullie Love" series which is now appearing at the same house every Friday night.

The New Theatre announces the coming of the best Musical Tabloid that they have yet produced, "Watson's Peerless Maids," who will be here all the week. This troupe is under the same producers as the Southern Beauties are, and they are said to be even better than this well known company. So every one will see something worth while all of next week.

LABOR WORKING FOR NEW LAWS

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 29.—The state federation of labor met here today to plan a campaign for reform legislative measures. Among the new laws proposed are: extension of Child and Woman's Labor Laws. Abolition of the Lease System by Creation of a Good Roads Department to be supplied by State Convict Labor; Minimum Wage for Woman and a few other measures of lesser importance.

WORK PROGRESSING

The work of laying the sewer pipe in Reaspass street to Second street is progressing rapidly.

A GREAT OFFERING

The Cut-price Sale of Tailored Suits that the women have been waiting for is now on at J. K. Hoyt's in his suit department he has left about twelve suits, ranging in sizes from 16 up to 42. These suits are this season's newest models and while they last you can have your choice for \$9.98. Suits that sold for double this price and more. See his window display.

CITY TO HAVE ANOTHER LAW FIRM JAN 1

Washington is to have a new law firm effective on January first. The firm will be composed of Mr. Edward L. Stewart and Mr. Frank Bryan and the style of the firm will be Stewart and Bryan. Their office will be located on East Main street where the law offices of Mr. Stewart are now located.

Both of these young men have a promising future in their profession as both already enjoy a lucrative practice. The firm will be a valuable addition to the already strong bar in Washington. The Daily News wishes the firm of Stewart and Bryan every success.

DECEMBER 29 IN HISTORY

- 1674—Battle of Mulhausen, the French under Turenne, gained a victory over the Germans.
 - 1794—The town of Grave, considered a masterpiece of fortification, surrendered to the French, under Pichegru, after a blockade of two months.
 - 1804—English ships captured a Spanish vessel with \$200,000 and a valuable cargo of indigo.
 - 1854—Russia decided to open its coasting trade to England.
 - 1884—Earthquake shocks experienced in Austria, Spain and other portions of Europe.
 - 1904—Lord Roberts shocked England by declaring British army unfit to engage in war with any modern power; points out deficiencies and tells what army needs.
- WAS RETURNED.

EVERYTHING IS NOW IN READINESS FOR THE REPRODUCTION OF "THE TRIUMPH OF THE WILL"

Everything is now in readiness for the reproduction of "The Triumph of the Will" at the New Theatre next Thursday evening by Washington's home talent and under the auspices of Pamlico Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy. The directors of the performance are the Misses Burkheimer of Charlotte, N. C. The play is presented for a most worthy cause and it behooves every citizen to be present. The prices have been reduced to 35c and 50c. Some of Washington's best histrionic ability will be before the footlight.

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BETTER ROADS

Editor Daily News:—I notice in your issue of December 23rd of a meeting to be held at the Courthouse in Washington on January 2, 1915 for the purpose of discussing and suggesting a plan for the betterment and improvement of our public roads and too, to construct better roads.

I think that there will have to be something done for the public road in Chocowinity of this kind for they are getting to be in some places almost impassable. I think that it would need some change and that in the best future for since the public roads have been kept up by public taxation they have not been kept at all. I speak of the road in my section. Our roads are not in a good passable condition by far, as when they were kept up by the hands.

If the voice of the people had been correctly ascertained they would never have been put on the county and the people's money put in everybody's pocket.

Now, Mr. Editor, I do not know that I will be at your meeting, but as I do believe in good and better roads and especially the Chocowinity section, as I would not vouch for any other, I think that it would be good for all those who favor better roads to meet and get together and make a change. Do it at once.

L. F. EDWARDS.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Examinations are being held by civil service today to fill the positions of mapping in the department of Mine in Calif., at \$1,500 and field agent in the bureau of plant industry, department of Agriculture at \$2,500 per year.

VISITOR TODAY

Mr. Fred P. Latham of Belhaven, N. C., is among the welcome visitors to the city today.

OWN YOUR HOME!

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.

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