

RUSSIAN RESISTANCE BEFORE WARSAW NOW APPEARS TO BE BLOCKED

London, Dec. 29.—The American note protesting against the British treatment of American commerce and insisting upon an improvement, seemed to overshadow in the mind of the British public today the news from the European battlefields. While the note caused no surprise in official circles, it was wholly unexpected by the British public, as there had been virtually no intimation that any friction had arisen between the two governments.

Placards posted by the evening papers were given over exclusively to the American note and the papers gave it the largest headlines they have given any news during the past month. Consequently the British people regard this as one of the most important occurrences of the whole war.

Nothing of the kind since President Cleveland's Venezuelan message has produced such a sensation.

The first impression of the public is that the note may create friction and perhaps some unfriendly feeling although the newspapers point out that it specifically states that the representations were made in a friendly spirit. The situation is comparable to that which arose at the time of the South African war when neutral shippers began to send cargoes intended for the Transvaal republic to the neutral port of Delagoa Bay.

The Washington note had not reached the foreign office late today, but it could not have been dealt with had it arrived, as Sir Edward Grey, Secretary for Foreign Affairs who has been away for the Christmas holidays, will not return until tomorrow.

Even the war news was allotted a secondary place to the note in the news columns of the papers, although that coming from the Russian front was highly gratifying to the allies. There has been a slackening of the fighting in northern Poland between the lower Vistula and Pilica rivers, where the Russians

have captured some German trenches and guns—an indication, it is believed here, that the German frontal attack on the army guarding Warsaw has been definitely checked. In Southern Poland the Russians also recorded some successes while in Galicia they apparently have inflicted a defeat on the Austrians almost as serious as that which Emperor Francis Joseph's troops suffered in Serbia.

Since their latest offensive commenced the Russians have taken 50,000 Austrian prisoners and captured many guns, according to the Russian official report, and it is estimated, Austria has between three and four army corps on its re-entry into Galicia, it must have lost more than a third of the number in killed, wounded and prisoners. Muddy roads have prevented the Russians from making the pursuit as effective as it might have been.

Of the fighting in the west the French and German reports are in direct conflict. The French claim to have occupied the village of St. Georges, which is on the main road between Nieuport and Burges and two miles from the former town. On the other hand the German report says:

Heavy fighting is taking place in the Argonne and on the heights of the Meuse. The French report apparently refers to later events than those recorded in Berlin, for Paris tells of the capture of a trench, which the German communication mentions as having been captured by the Germans. The French are investing Steinbach in Upper Alsace.

News from Germany is coming slowly as cable communication between England and Holland is disrupted by the storm and telegraph wires between Holland and Germany have been wrecked in many places. With the close of the holidays the recruiting boom has recommenced in England. Large numbers enlisted today.

XTMAS PARTY AT ARMORY THURS. NIGHT

On tomorrow evening at the Armory the First Baptist Church Sunday School will give their annual Christmas party. The entertainment will be in the form of a show and promises to be one of the most unique attractions of the Christmas holidays. This Sunday School is one of the brightest and most flourishing in the city. Mr. S. P. Willis is the efficient superintendent and under his leadership has made great progress.

SOX SPANIELS SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITION

New York, Dec. 30.—The Toy Spaniel Club Show closes tonight one of the most successful exhibitions of its career. The society has played a large part in the success of the show, and the cream of the breed in America were on display. English dogs imported within a year were given places in competition with American dogs. The specialties are artistically beautiful and very valuable. The clubs first new medal were given out.

BAKER SAYS

No doubt but your Christmas present was a nice photograph from a very dear friend of yours. How about yours in return.

BAKER'S STUDIO.

13-30-31c.

FERRA. EDUCATORS ADJOURN.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 30.—The Pennsylvania Educational Association in session here voted to favor \$5 added to the minimum teachers salary; that assistant county superintendents be paid salaries; that vocational education be upheld.

ATTRACTION LAST NIGHT 'CAPTIVATES'

The attraction at the New Theatre last night pleased every one that was present, and that was a very large crowd. The comedy put on by the "Broadway Polite" Company was full of good comedy and singing. The second installment of "The Trey O' Hearts" which was shown here last night held the audience in rapture all during the two reels that were shown. This picture will no doubt increase the crowds at this play house every night that it is shown, which is every Tuesday night. There will be an entire change of program tonight.

DECEMBER 30 IN HISTORY

- 1854—The English Admiral Fanshawe was making vigorous efforts to stop the slave trade in Cuba.
- 1868—The Dakota House of Representatives voted in favor of female suffrage.
- 1868—General Sheridan captured the Indian chiefs Sautana and Lone Wolf.
- 1876—Another attempt on the life of King Alfonso of Spain by Gonzales, aged nineteen, firing two pistol shots at the royal carriage; no one was injured.
- 1876—The arrival of M. de Lesseps on the Isthmus of Panama, with engineers to make surveys for an inter-oceanic canal, celebrated by many banquets.
- 1884—The betrothal of Princess Beatrice to Prince Henry of Battenberg, announced to England by Queen Victoria.

SURVIVOR OF THE FAMOUS MERRIMAC

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 29.—After a separation of forty-two years, two brothers, C. D. Harwood, of Akron, O., and Capt. H. H. Harwood of Goldsboro, recently faced each other following a search of thirty-five years by the former. The meeting took place at the Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home in Goldsboro, and, in the language of the Ohio brother, was the happiest moment of his life when he saw the face of the brother whom he believed was dead for many, many years. C. D. Harwood is now in Raleigh on a visit to his niece, Mrs. C. B. Elmore, whom he had never seen until a few days ago.

The story of the meeting of these two brothers reveals a faithful search for over a quarter of a century and interesting events in the life of one of the brothers. Capt. Harwood, now at the home in Goldsboro, is said to be the only living survivor of the famous Merrimac and is credited with being the last man to leave that ship after he had set it afire to prevent its capture by the Union soldiers. After the close of the war Capt. Harwood went to West Virginia to live and in the year 1872, the last when seen alive by the younger brother, he left that state for parts unknown to the brother.

Seven years after C. D. Harwood began his search for the missing brother, and until a few weeks ago searched in vain. He tried to get information from the records concerning the Merrimac and failed, because Capt. Harwood's name was misunderstood when he enlisted and put down as "Howard." Through other sources Mr. Harwood finally found the address of his long-lost brother's daughter, Mrs. C. B. Elmore. He wrote her and was rewarded by receiving the information that his brother was in a home at Goldsboro. He then began communication with Supt. Warner of Goldsboro. His trip was a climax and happy ending of the long search.

Mr. Harwood said that his brother is seventy-six years old and is now in feeble health. When they first met Capt. Harwood didn't recognize him and did not claim him as his brother until the day before he left.

"He then called me by my first name, and that one word from his lips more than repaid me for my long search. Life would not have been much joy to me if I had left the home and not been recognized," he said.

WILL TRAVEL.

Mr. John Isanogic, who has been the head salesman for the firm of Bowers-Lewis Company, has resigned his position for the purpose of travelling during the coming year. He expects to represent a well-known millinery house. Mr. Isanogic has made many friends in Washington and has the very best wishes of his friends.

VISITOR TODAY.

Among the welcome visitors to the city today is Dr. Jack Nicholson of Bath, N. C.

RETURNS HOME.

Mr. Joseph P. King of Franklin Va., who has been the guest of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Gay, left this morning for his home.

COLLEGE CHESS TOURNEY CLOSES.

New York, Dec. 30.—The international chess tournament will close play tonight. There were not the usual number of foreign entries this year because of the war and impaired transportation facilities.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Home Building and Loan Association will be held at the banking house of the Savings and Trust Co., on Thursday, January 21st, 1915, at 4.30 p. m. JNO. B. SPARROW, Secy. 12-21-14c.

FORECAST OF WEATHER IS PROMISING

The sunshine was a welcome visitor to the city this morning. For the past several days it has been cloudy, rain, sleet and rain. Yesterday the sun made an attempt to appear but seemingly wished it had not and sought refuge behind the clouds. However, today it appeared in all its glory and the citizens in consequence were happy and glad. The weather man has been giving us all kinds of weather of late and today his praises are being sung in every home. From now on the weather man will have a warm place in the hearts of Washingtonians.

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, 12-28-14c.

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.

HEALTH OFFICER TO TRINIDAD

Nash county changes health officer January first. Dr. B. E. Washburn, who has made such an enviable record there as health officer since the first of last May, leaves his week to accept a position with the International Health Commission.

Dr. W. H. Kible succeeds Dr. Washburn as whole time health officer for Nash. Dr. Kible was formerly from Burke county, a graduate from the University in '06 and from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania last year. He has been with the State Board of Health for some time doing hookworm and community health work at Mt. Pleasant community, Nash county.

Dr. Washburn will take up hookworm work on Trinidad Island for the International Health Commission similar to that which has already been done in North Carolina. He will first visit British Guinea and some of the West Indies Islands where similar work has been going on for the last year. His will be a difficult place to fill. His former experience in hookworm work made it possible to take up county health work with telling results. The record he made in this work is no doubt largely responsible for the offer of this new position at practically double his former salary.

While Nash loses a good man she is to be congratulated upon the selection of Dr. Kible. He proposes to carry out the same general health policy as inaugurated by Dr. Washburn, and with reasonable co-operation from the citizens and officials of Nash county he will no doubt place that county at the very front in health work in North Carolina.

A small railroad operating an oil-burning locomotive on the Tahoe national forest, California, had a break down during the past summer and burned wood instead of oil for one day. On this day 15 fires started along the right of way. During the preceding year, only one fire occurred near the railroad and it was not thought that the engine was responsible for that one.

CITY COURT WAS MORE THAN LIVELY

There were only two cases before Mayor Frank C. Kugler for disposal this morning. Those tried were:

Haywood Bonser, drunk and disorderly. Found guilty and fined \$5.00 and cost.

H. L. Ljoyd, drunk and disorderly. Fined \$5.00 and cost.

TO ENTERTAIN CLUB.

The O. Henry Book Club of this city, will meet with Mrs. James S. Hodges at her home, corner of Market and Fourth streets tomorrow afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. All the members are urged to be present.

LABOR NEWS AND NOTES.

Fig growing is being tried in Texas.

Factories in New York state employ 124,000 persons.

In the order named Ohio, New Jersey and West Virginia lead the states in pottery production.

Illness among workers annually involves a loss of \$750,000,000 in the United States.

The plumbers are called upon by Domestic Engineering to rally against newspaper jests about them.

It is estimated that 35,000 industrial accidents occurred in California last year.

Porto Rico's legislature has passed a compensation act, a woman's eight hour law and a child labor law.

Spinach, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, lettuce, carrots and turnips of fine quality are extensively grown in Yukon Territory, Canada. Potatoes are the principal crop, retailing at 5 cents a pound.

Duluth, Minn., municipal employees have petitioned the city commissioners for a Saturday half holiday during the entire year.

Dr. Dawson Johnston, city librarian of St. Paul, has begun an investigation among city officers and employees looking to the establishment of a municipal reference library.

In Germany they classify the out-of-work people as the unemployed, unemployable and the vagrants. Each class is treated with German thoroughness. The unemployed are given work, and, at the worst, work is made for them.

FOREST NOTES

Only one modern sawmill is operated in the territory of Hawaii.

The Laurentide Company of Quebec, producers of pulp and pulpwood is reforesting its non-agricultural out-over lands. It is also importing reindeer from Newfoundland, to see if they can take the place of dogs in winter woods work.

As showing the possibilities of tree growth in regions where irrigation has to be depended upon, it is pointed out that Boise, Idaho, has as many as 54 different kinds of ornamental and shade trees.

MRS. HARDING LEAVES LETTERS ADDRESSED TO HUSBAND AND SISTER

Mrs. Jodie Harding, wife of Mr. Jodie Harding of Chocowinity, who committed suicide by shooting herself in the heart with a pistol on Tuesday afternoon, December 22nd, her body being found about sunset that afternoon by a colored man, and carried to the home of her father, had written a letter to her husband and sister (Miss Mamie G. Taylor) respectively, and are reproduced below.

The letter addressed to her husband was found at her home, the following request to whoever finds her body:

"To the person who finds me. Please carry to me Papa's, Simms Taylor. I never want to go to Joe Hardy's any more."

Letter Addressed to Husband.

"Jodie, I will be found dead or in a drying condition and I don't want to be carried to your daddy's house. I want to be carried to my Papa's, and shrouded, and be kept there until I am buried, which will be Christmas Eve evening. I don't want you to buy my coffin. I want my daddy to buy it. I want my trunk and all I have to be carried home. I think I have done enough for you to pay for all you have bought me. I don't want you or any of your family to go about my dead body at all. Be sure and carry my things all to Papa's. This is all I have to say. I now take my flight to a better world."

FANNIE.

"I don't want any of you all to go to my burial or funeral, not even you. My clothes are in that box near my trunk. Carry them to Papa's with my dead body at once."

Letter Addressed to Sister.

The following letter was found when she was shrouded:

"Dear Mamie, I am out at the shops now, but am not going to be here very long for I am soon going to sleep to never wake any more. I don't want you nor none of the rest

to grieve after me, just think it was the best thing that ever happened for me and all the rest.

I want to be carried to Papa's and I want Aunt Lila Ann and Beesie Jones and Mrs. Tobe Taylor to shroud me. I have already told you where I want to be buried but you may have forgotten so I will tell you again. I want to be buried on the left side of the Baptist church, half way from that little maple tree towards the church and I want Mr. McKinzie to preach my funeral at the church on Christmas Eve day, which will be Thursday at 2.30 and her body:

"I want my trunk and everything I have got to be carried to Papa's. I kept. I think I have done enough for Jodie to pay for what he has bought for me and therefore I want all my clothes to go home.

Life would be sweet if I could live a life but I am just existing here on earth.

Will write Mitchell and tell him not to grieve after me but to pray for me and all the rest of you children. I hate to leave you all but I must go.

Take all my mail out of the office yourself.

Tell all the children and Mama and Papa I said good-bye.

I don't want Jodie or any the rest of the Hardings to buy my coffin. I want Papa to buy it. I don't want any of the Joe Harding family at my funeral or burial, not even Jodie. I don't want him there and I don't want my death to cost him or his folks a brown penny. Well this is all I believe, so always be good."

FANNIE.

Mrs. Harding was the daughter of Mr. I. E. Taylor of Chocowinity, and was a most estimable young woman. Her many friends have learned with great sorrow of her sad ending.

The funeral services were conducted by Mr. McKinzie on Christmas Eve, and her body interred in its last resting place, as she had requested.

WERE UNITED IN MARRIAGE LAST NIGHT

Mr. H. M. Thomas and Miss Daisy A. Lockyer were married at the home of Mr. W. A. Mayo on East Third street last night at 8 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. V. Hope, pastor of the Christian church, in the presence of a few friends of the contracting parties.

The groom is employed at the wholesale house of C. G. Morris & Company, and the bride is a daughter of the late W. A. Lockyer and counts her friends as legion.

Immediately after the marriage the happy bride and groom went to their future home at the corner of Gladden and Third streets.

In district 4 of the forest service, with headquarters at Ogden, Utah, lightning caused 36 per cent of this year's fires and campers 27 per cent.

Assient Servants.

Francis Grierson, the English musician and author, writes of the French composer Auber in the Century for October that "if I were asked to name the most typical Frenchman I ever met I should not hesitate to name Auber." The composer at the time spoken of was eighty-five, and among his idiosyncrasies was his preference for servants of equally advanced years. He had five domestics, "the youngest, whom he called the baby, being the coachman, who was seventy-five."

New Theater

All This Week.
"The Broadway Fellies"
Musical Comedy Co.
All Next Week
"Watson's Peerless Maids"
The Best Yet
Times 10 and 20 Cents

TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR ATTRACTION

Tickets are now selling for "The Girl Who Dared." Prices 50c and 35c. A large crowd is expected to see the second presentation of this beautiful musical comedy which made such a tremendous hit here two weeks ago.

The play will be presented exactly as before with a few new features added. A rehearsal will be held tonight at the New Theatre at 10.15.

A reduction in the prices have been made so that every one may attend tomorrow night.

RAILROAD NOTES.

Metal ties are used extensively in Switzerland.

Women porters carry the luggage of tourists in the island of Capri. The railroads of the United States employ 1,691,000 persons, a large number of whom will benefit by the recent increase in rates allowed by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg Railway, through its purchasing department, buys fresh eggs, meats, groceries, stationery, building materials, cars, locomotives, rails, ties, and an endless variety of detailed material for maintenance, involving a monthly expenditure of from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000.

The Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America has 212 agreements with as many corporations. The last report of the general executive board shows that out of eleven strikes only one was lost.

A practical signal which will warn passengers standing on platforms over which electric baggage trucks are being operated is one of the things desired by railroads other than the Pennsylvania's. It is understood that the Canadian Pacific is in the market for a similar invention.

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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.

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