

ALLIES STILL HAMMER AWAY ON GERMAN POSITIONS ADVANCING HIGHLY IN FRANCE

London, Dec. 30.—Since the Russian defeat of the Austrians in Galicia, which, while not irrefragable, is likely to affect the whole Austro-German campaign in the east, there has been no important developments on either front.

Petrograd, Dec. 30.—The following official statement issued from general headquarters today: "The army of the Russian Republic has achieved a full and complete victory in the offensive operations in the west."

MAKE GOOD PROGRESS PAST YEAR

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—The report of the Director of the Office of Experiment Stations shows progress during the past year in all of the various lines of work of which the office has charge, namely: (1) the administration of the Hatch and Adams acts, providing for the maintenance of the State agricultural experiment stations, and the direct management of the experiment stations in Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico, and Guam; (2) promotion of agricultural education, including agricultural extension teaching; and (3) investigations in irrigation, home economics, and home economics. During the latter part of the year the work of the office was materially increased and as a consequence of the passage of the Agricultural Extension (Smith-Lever) Act of May 8, 1914, involving additional appropriations connected with the work of the Department, which is a more definite co-ordination of work in the several States with similar work of the State agricultural colleges and experiment stations.

DIED THIS MORNING OF PNEUMONIA

About two o'clock this morning the soul of Mrs. Henry Doughty passed quietly away, at her residence on East Fifth street. On Christmas night the deceased contracted a very severe case of pneumonia, which proved too much for one of her feeble years, but she resisted the Grim Reaper for five days.

A SPLENDID ATTRACTION IS ENROUTE

Washington's Peerless Male Company, which is conceded to be the best popular priced musical comedy on the road today, is scheduled to make its first appearance here next week at the New Theatre. This troupe carries the best principals, best comedians, best specialists and by the most elaborate wardrobe of costumes on the road. The company of the New Theatre does not intend to fully guarantee this season, as it has never failed to do so wherever it has appeared.

SHOCKING INCREASE IN HOMICIDES SHOWN IN BICKETT'S REPORT

Raleigh, Dec. 30.—Attorney General Bickett's review and recommendations made to Governor Crook today, show a shocking increase in crime. The report shows a 50 per cent increase in homicide cases, and a record number of cases where interest is not confined to North Carolina.

The trials for homicide shown in this report are 523, in my report 4 years ago 357 and four years ago 329. In the Supreme court the department has represented the state during the two years covered by this report 124 criminal cases. This report two years ago shows 118 cases and the report four years ago 95 cases. It thus appears that there has been within six years an increase in the criminal cases coming to the Supreme court of about 50 per cent. In Re Petition of Cleveland and Smith. This was a petition filed by the parties named in the district court of the United States for the western district of North Carolina, seeking to be discharged from the custody of the authorities of Mecklenburg county where the petitioners were held under convictions for having obtained money upon false pretences. The department represented the state in the hearing before the United States district judge and the petition was denied and the parties remanded to the custody of the sheriff of Mecklenburg county.

WILKINSON NOTES. Will Hodges of Norfolk, arrived Friday to visit his sister, Mrs. M. L. Duke. Master Cecil Gradeless of Belhaven, spent Saturday with Master Leon Duke. Clarence Daw and sister, Miss No-well, went to Washington Saturday. Miss Eva Gaylord is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents. Weno Ratcliff is at home to spend the holidays with his parents. Walker Candy was here Sunday visiting friends. Will Clayton and family left Saturday of last week for Prescott to visit relatives and friends during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Gibbs, are visiting relatives at Rose Bay, Hyde county. Miss Melba Alex of Hobucken, is the guest of her brother, B. F. Alex. Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Dunbar are visiting relatives at Royal. The elopement and marriage of Miss Annie Squires and Mr. John Brown of Belhaven, on Wednesday night of last week was quite a surprise to their many friends. Charlie Padgett of Portsmouth, Va., and his three sons, are visiting relatives and friends here. Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor Crumpler and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, Nilton, spent a part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Crumpler. Miss Rose Jones is visiting friends in Hyde county. Miss Odessa Crumpler, who teaches school near Pinetown, is spending her vacation at home with her parents.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW ABOUT. J. L. Taylor of Belhaven, the city yesterday. F. W. Hoyt of Williamston, the day here yesterday with relatives. Elder C. L. Read left on the Coast-Line today for Bailey and Fremont. Leon R. Meadows, a member of the faculty of the Bar Carolina Teachers' Training School, of Greenville, was a Washington visitor yesterday. Mrs. C. S. Whical of Vandemere, passed through the city yesterday en route to Zebulon. Wilson G. Lamb, F., of Williamston, was a business visitor yesterday. T. L. Harrison of Charlotte, arrived in the city last evening. D. L. Cuthrell of Goldsboro, is in the city. J. A. Hooper of Elizabeth City was on our street today. J. W. Shelburn of Greenville, who is connected with the Department of Postoffice Inspection, is registered at the Louise. I. S. Fiaminol of Picoles, was in the city today. Mr. and Mrs. Anson Allgood and little daughter of Wilmington, are the guests of her brother Mr. S. F. Allgood. Mrs. P. H. Johnson of Pantego, passed through the city yesterday en route to Weldon, where she will visit relatives. Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Windley of Sidney, spent Christmas with her mother Mrs. Captain Edward Trigg at Brierston, passed through the city yesterday on route home. Inaction of Debility. The total feeling after a good night's sleep should be one of vigorous refreshment, which continues throughout the day with the usual fatigue, an exhaustion, at the end of the day's work. A condition of feeling tired is an indication of various different conditions, the most common being a condition of debility, which is a result of over-exhaustion, or even exhaustion in the morning, even after an apparently good night's sleep, followed a feeling of weakness, or even exhaustion toward the end of the day. This condition is pathological, and indicates that the system is run down and debilitated, and needs attention.

NOTICE OF MEETING. The Address Book Club will meet with Miss Josephine Whitney Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

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.

A SAILING VESSEL AT THE ARMORY

One of the most unique attractions during the Christmas season will be presented at the Armory, tonight at 7:30 o'clock, by the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church, where they will hold their annual Christmas entertainment.

"THE GIRL WHO DARED NEW THEATRE"

The second presentation of the play, "The Girl Who Dared," has been looked forward to with much interest by the theatre-going public of the city. This attraction was first presented here about two weeks ago, and is said to have been one of the most pleasing and enjoyable dramas ever given by Washington's home talent.

The following letter was recently received by the management: Mrs. H. W. Carter, City. Dear Mrs. Carter:—I am glad to learn that the performance of "The Girl Who Dared" is to be repeated. Like a number of others, I was prevented from attending the first presentation of it, and I have heard so many favorable comments upon it that I shall be glad to have another opportunity to see it.

Yours very truly, JNO. G. BRAGAW, JR. The play is being presented under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy, for the purpose of paying for the headstones placed to the graves of the Confederate soldiers in Beaufort county. The cause is a most worthy one, and one that should be well patronized. The prices have been reduced to 35c and 50c.

HOLIDAY VISITOR. Miss Clara Pittman of Virginia, principal of the school near Aurora, was a guest at the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Gay on yesterday. She left in the afternoon to resume her duties.

OFF TO BALTIMORE. Prof. T. B. Kemp, the popular music teacher of Washington, passed through the city yesterday en route to Baltimore from his home in Wakefield, where he spent the holidays with relatives. After a short stay in that city Prof. Kemp will return to Washington.

Maintenance of Health. We no longer live in the old simple outdoor conditions in which our fathers existed. What sufficed for them won't suffice for us. Habits of living which sustained them in health sustain us in illness. We live indoors. We are always at a high tension. Conditions are infinitely more complicated. We are sedentary. Food, drink and other habits which served well in the out of doors for the purposes of a farmer will not serve at all for the present-day factory employee, who lives and works indoors. Nothing is more badly needed in the country than that our boys and girls new growing up past the knee may be valued in the science and arts that will sustain and maintain health. If they have not that academic knowledge and art skill will avail them little. —Richmond Palladium.

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. See us About It. W. E. Swindell, Pres. Jno. B. Sparrow, Sect'y. Office in Saving & Trust Co., Building

To Make a Bouquet. Not every one knows how to make up a bouquet. The perfect ones are those which are confined to one kind of flower, care being taken to avoid too great compactness. Nature loves elbow room in a bouquet, and when several varieties of flowers are used they should be of the sorts that will harmonize. To arrange short stemmed flowers, cut a piece of wire netting to fit in the top of the dish in which the flowers are to be placed and stick the stems through the meshes. This makes a nice mound, and the net may be lifted and the dish refilled with water without disturbing the flowers.

Use of Sandpaper in Kitchen. Housekeepers as a rule do not seem to realize the value of sandpaper in the kitchen. When washing dishes, for instance, any food which adheres stubbornly to a plate will disappear like magic under a small piece of sandpaper. Stains can be removed in the same way from white graniteware, fruit stains from the kitchen table, ink stains from the fingers, lime from the tea kettle, etc. With sandpaper both the meat board and the chopping tray can be smoothed, and, best of all, with it grease spots can be easily rubbed off the kitchen floor. Once you have a small supply of this efficient remedy for many evils on hand you will never be without it again.—Mrs. A. L.

Seeing Snakes. Two snake-infested countries, India and Brazil, maintain "snake farms" at which a scientific study of serpents is being pursued. The venom from the poisonous ones is extracted and made into a serum for curing persons who have been bitten. The Brazilian institution, situated near Sao Paulo, is maintained at an expense of \$40,000 a year. Besides preparing serums, the "snake farm" tries to spread knowledge about snakes and induce farmers not to kill them indiscriminately.

New Theater. Friday 11th installment of "Lucille Love". Coming All Next Week "WATSON'S PEERLESS MAIDS" The Crown of Musical Comedies. Absolutely Guaranteed. Prices 10 and 20 Cents.