

Snow And Extreme Cold Weather All The Way From Alabama To Maine

Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 14.—Whirling forward at tremendous speed, winter's decided attack today had left snow on cold weather in its wake throughout the east from Alabama to Maine. Storm warnings fluttered along the Atlantic seaboard from Hatteras to Cape Cod, while heavy snows delayed business in parts of New England, Tennessee, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and the mountain districts of the Middle Atlantic states. Fifteen inches of snow fell at Oswego, N. Y. Decided drops in temperature were almost general throughout the East and middle West. As far South as the west Gulf coast the mercury fell to below the freezing point and to below zero in the upper Mississippi valley and in the north Plains states. Continuance of wintry weather was predicted today by the forecasters who gave warning of freezing temperatures for the Gulf and South Atlantic states except south Florida, and ordered up the cold wave flag in New England, New York, Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia and West Virginia.

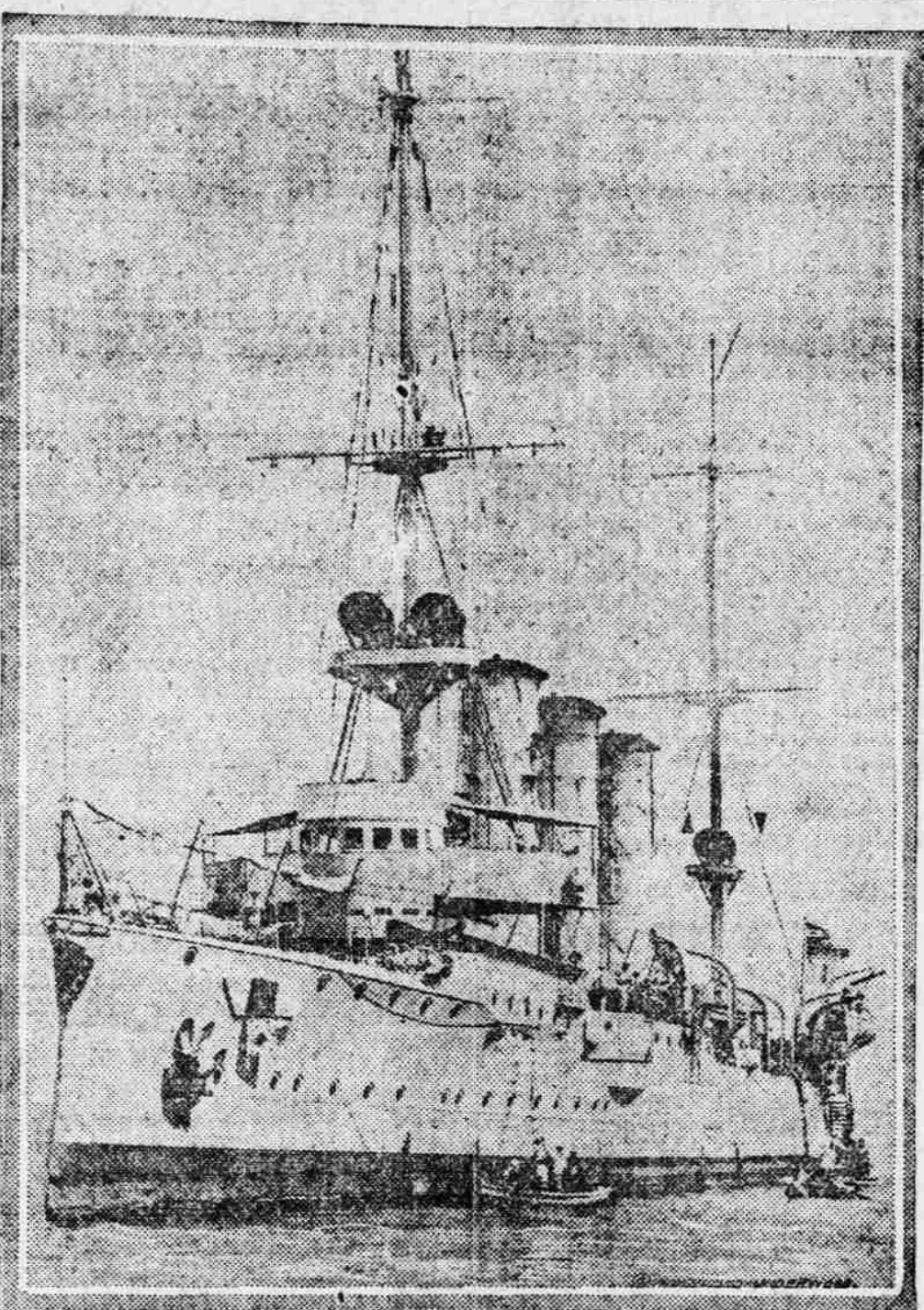
Cold in Kansas. Kansas City, Dec. 14.—Temperatures ranging from 15 degrees below zero in northwest Kansas and northern Iowa to freezing at Corpus Christi, Texas, prevailed throughout Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Iowa and Texas today. At St. Joseph, Mo., the mercury registered six degrees below zero. At Dallas 18 degrees above. They were December records. At Kansas City the mercury reached 3 degrees below. At Oklahoma City there was much suffering when eight degrees above zero was recorded. Amarillo, Texas, reported 12 degrees above; Fort Smith, Ark., 14; Abilene, Texas, 16; Galveston, 28; Corpus Christi, 32, and Shreveport, La., 19.

Snow Delays Traffic. Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Rail traffic in western New York was delayed today by a foot of snow that fell in last night's storm. The Coldest Point. Chicago, Dec. 14.—The coldest point in the United States officially reported today was Huron, S. D., where the mercury stood at 18 degrees below zero. In Moorhead, Minn., 16 degrees below zero was registered. Meridosa and Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, recorded 22 degrees below zero. The government forecaster said the cold wave was sweeping east and that within 24 hours the crest would pass Chicago where one and one-tenth degrees below was recorded today.

Col. Goethals Wants Two Torpedo Boat Destroyers Set To Panama At Once. Secretary Garrison issued this statement: The substance of the dispatch is that Colonel Goethals' judgment of the canal waters, and the prevention of the misuse of these waters as a base of supplies, require the presence of swift-moving ships of the variety mentioned. Since the questions involved require the consideration of the state department and the navy department as well as my own, I have taken the matter up with the other departments.

Economy Treatment Is Applied To The Big Appropriation Bills. committee says this is an extraordinary expenditure, and maintains therefore, that this year's measure is materially less than the last appropriation. The bill contains the usual provision proposing to cut down the mileage allowance of congressmen from 20 cents a mile to 5 cents a mile. The fight to cut down the mileage allowance has been on for years, and although the committee each year reports the reduction in the bill, it is defeated either in the house or senate. The committee cut \$102,260 from estimates of the secretary of commerce for the work of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, although an increase of \$25,000 over last year's appropriation was allowed for promoting commerce with Latin America.

The Government Would Make Charlotte's Post-office A Model Structure. (BY GEORGE H. MANNING.) Washington, Dec. 14.—Extraordinarily fine and study is being given by the supervising architect's office in the preparation of the plans for the new Federal building with a view to making Charlotte the finest piece of architecture owned by the government in the state and at the same time make it a model in the way of construction. A letter to Congressman Webb from the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Newton explains how the new building should be located in the city, and other particularities which he closes his letter by declaring that the Charlotte building will be "one of the most successful and attractive buildings erected by the government in many years."



The German Cruiser Dresden which put into Valparaiso harbor today unharmed.

OPEN MARKET FOR ALL STOCKS TO BE CREATED. New York, Dec. 14.—An open market for all stocks on the floor of the New York stock exchange will be created tomorrow. That action was decided on this afternoon. It was voted to eliminate, beginning tomorrow, the so-called clearing house list and to place the stocks therein on the same basis of trading as the 182 issues already approved. The solitary restriction placed upon all stocks is to be that their prices shall not go below the minimum already established. The chief issues thus placed in the open market are U. S. Steel, Southern Pacific, Great Northern, Canadian Pacific, New York, Central and Anaconda Mining issues—all known as international securities. Formal decision to create an open market, subject only to minimum prices was made by the committee of five after the exchange had been opened for trading in stocks only seven business hours since it was closed on July 30 last. During the sessions of Saturday and today the last vestige of apprehension that foreign investors would deluge the local market with selling orders was swept away. It was this fear that had prevented the committee from listing the international issues in the approved list for open trading made public last Friday afternoon. Today's action of the committee means, it is believed, that tomorrow's exchange will go back to practically the same footing it occupied before European war clouds were visible. The minimum price restriction is only nominal; both Saturday and today nearly all issues dealt in rose high above the minimum.

ARTHUR BRISBANE ILL IN ATLANTA. Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 14.—The condition of Arthur Brisbane, editor of the New York Evening Journal, who has been ill at a local hotel several days, was reported by his physicians to be slightly improved early today, although there was little material change from yesterday. Mr. Brisbane became ill last Thursday as he left New York for this city. According to his physicians he is suffering from intestinal trouble, following an attack of acute indigestion.

SURGEONS GATHER IN ASHEVILLE. Asheville, Dec. 14.—Physicians and surgeons from many Southern states have arrived at this city for the annual convention of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association which will begin a session of three days here today. The convention will be devoted chiefly to the exchange of views concerning recently-adopted methods employed in medicine and surgery.

Cold at St. Louis. St. Louis, Dec. 14.—Lowest temperature of the winter was recorded here today when the thermometer registered four degrees above zero.

CARRANZA WARNS U. S. AGAINST USING FORCE. Washington, Dec. 14.—General Carranza through Consul Canada at Vera Cruz today formally advised the state department that any use of force by United States troops at Naco, Ariz., in their efforts to keep Mexican bullets from American soil "will be considered an act of hostility, however well disposed the government may be." Carranza says General Hill has controlled his fire and that he is sending fresh instructions to the Sonora commander to avoid firing that would endanger persons across the border. He declares that Americans have been killed and wounded but suggests such accidents have been due to carelessness on the part of Americans or "imprudent curiosity."

SEABOARD TRAIN WRECKED NEAR BORDEN SPRINGS, ALA. Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 14.—Four passengers and three dining car employees were injured, some perhaps seriously when three coaches of Seaboard Air Line passenger train No. 6 from Birmingham to Atlanta overturned near Borden Springs, Ala., early today, according to reports received at the Seaboard Air Line offices here. Early reports stated no one was killed. The observation car, the diner and a day coach were derailed. It was stated physicians had gone to the scene from Piedmont and Cedartown.

COST OF RATIONS HAS INCREASED. Washington, Dec. 14.—Cost of rations has increased to such an extent on account of the European war that it will cost \$130,000 more to feed the American army during the coming year than this year. Even the prices of horse food has so increased that \$100,000 more must be paid next year for army forage. War freight rates has made it impossible for the navy to meet out of its appropriations the cost of sending coal to its various stations. Congress will be asked to authorize the use of the money ordinarily spent in paying freight rates on coal for the maintenance of naval coaling stations instead of commercial vessels.

THE WEATHER. Forecast for North Carolina: Fair tonight and Tuesday, much colder tonight. Fresh west and northwest winds.

Turkey Suffers Reverses Both On Land And On Sea--Battleship Torpedoed

EMPEROR MAY UNDERGO OPERATION. By Associated Press. London, Dec. 14, 6:25 p. m.—Telegraphing from Bern, Switzerland, a correspondent of the Central News says: "A telegram received here from Munich states it has been decided to operate on Emperor William's throat but the operation is being deferred owing to the feverish condition of the emperor."

REPORT ISSUED ON CONSUMPTION OF COTTON

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 14.—Cotton consumed during November was 420,663 bales, exclusive of linters, compared with 456,356 in November last year, the census bureau announced today. Consumption for the four months ending November 30 was 1,671,378 bales, against 1,843,064 last year. Cotton on hand November 30 in manufacturing establishments was 1,060,765 bales compared with 1,426,638 a year ago and independent warehouses 5,008,374 compared with 3,262,714 a year ago. Exports were 760,929 bales against 1,501,259 last year, and for the four months 1,405,049 against 4,206,650 a year ago. Imports were 13,274 bales against 7,281 last year, and for the four months 67,828 against 23,084 a year ago. Cotton spindles active numbered 30,441,315 against 30,949,357 a year ago. Linters consumed was 25,739 bales against 26,242 a year ago; and for the four months 107,509 bales against 111,961 last year; on hand in manufacturing establishments 78,373 bales against 58,823 a year ago, and in independent warehouses 56,809 against 34,541 a year ago. Linters exported 7,267 bales and for the four months 14,064 bales.

DRESDEN REACHES VALPARAISO

By Associated Press. Valparaiso, Chile, Dec. 14.—Dispatches received here from Punta Arenas declare that the German cruiser Dresden has come into that port unharmed. This location of the Dresden at Punta Arenas, clears up all doubt as to the whereabouts of the last of the German warships that encountered the British squadron December 8 off the Falkland Islands. Her presence at Punta Arenas means she was either endeavoring to reach the Pacific again, or contemplates interning for the remainder of the war. British warships doubtless are at the Atlantic entrance of the strait of Magellan, and Japanese cruisers are said to be either watching or not far from the Pacific approach.

STEAMER ASHORE OFF HATTERAS

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 14.—An unknown steamer is ashore two miles south of Hatteras inlet. She stranded during last night's storm. Life savers have gone out to her. The vessel was later ascertained to be the British ship Isle of Iona. All of her crew of 27 was rescued in the life savers power boats. The steamer is in bad condition, having eight feet of water in the engine room. She is said to belong to the Furness-Withy line.

INSURANCE RATES ARE LOWERED

Special to The News. Raleigh, Dec. 14.—The state department of insurance was officially notified by the Southeastern Tariff Association of a material modification of fire insurance rates as a special concession to this state for improvement of fire risks and to meet criticisms of the legislative committee that investigated the conduct of fire insurance company. The change increases the three year rate over the recent reduction and reduced the rates of one year terms.

Penetrating the Dardanelles a British Submarine Sinks Turkish Ship Messudieh—Russians Repulse Turks in the Caucasus and Are Pursuing Them Beyond the Euphrates River—Servians Report They Are Sweeping the Austrians Out of Their Country—Field Marshal Von Der Goltz Says War May Drag on for Long Time but That Eventually Germany Will Win—Little Change in West Flanders Situation.

Vigorous thrusts at the German line in France were made again yesterday by the allies, but reports of successes in today's official statement from Paris are not borne out by the Berlin communication. The French war office states German positions along the 40 yards long was demolished, and that further progress was made in the Argonne and in Alsace. The German announcement says nothing of importance has occurred in the west, with the exception of a few French attacks along the Meuse and in the Vosges, which were repulsed easily. There have been no important changes in the east, according to the German statement. Dispatches from Petrograd, however, assert the Russians have definitely thrown back the German column which was attempting to strike at Warsaw from the north and that the Russians position all along their front has been improved. The French war office announces that in Serbia further successes have been won against the Austrians, and that in the Montenegrin campaign, the Austrians have suffered a reverse. The cruiser Dresden, sole German survivor of the South Atlantic sea fight, is reported to have reached Punta Arenas, on the Strait of Magellan, without injury. Turkish reverses at the hands of Russia on land and of England on sea were chronicled in today's official war despatches. Russian army headquarters in the Caucasus reports the Turks whose strong resistance to the invaders from the north compelled them to retreat have now been repulsed everywhere and are being pursued beyond the Euphrates river, suffering heavy losses. The British admiralty announced the old Turkish battleship Messudieh, which carried 600 men, had been destroyed by a British submarine. To accomplish the feat the submarine penetrated the supposedly impregnable Dardanelles. Recent successes of the Servians, partly confirmed from Berlin, are said to have been extended. It is asserted the Austrians have been unable to check their retreat before the advancing Servians who are sweeping them out of their country. A statement attributed to Field Marshal von der Goltz indicates that in his opinion the war may drag on for a long time. He is quoted as saying that Germany is prepared to carry on the war for years but is certain to triumph eventually.

TURKISH BATTLESHIP TORPEDOED BY BRITISH SHIP

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 14.—(11:25 A. M.)—A communication issued by the official bureau today announced the Turkish battleship Messudieh had been torpedoed by a British submarine. The Messudieh was a very old boat, having been built at Blackwall England, in 1874, and reconstructed at Genoa in 1903. She was 332 feet long, 59 feet beam and of about 10,000 tons burden. She had a speed of 17 1/2 knots and her main battery consisted of two 9.2 inch guns in turrets and 12 6-inch guns in battery. In the war with Greece in 1912 the Messudieh was reported badly damaged in a naval battle in the Dardanelles. She carried a crew of 600 men. The official bureau's statement is as follows: "Yesterday submarine B-11, in charge of Lieutenant-Commander Norman B. Holbrook, of the royal navy, entered the Dardanelles and in spite of the difficult current dived under five rows of mines and torpedoed the Turkish Messudieh, which was guarding the mine fields. Although pursued by gun fire and torpedo boats the B-11 returned safely after being submerged on one occasion for nine hours. "When last seen the Messudieh was sinking by the stern." Lieutenant-Commander Holbrook of the submarine B-11 is one of five brothers, all serving with the colors, the sons of Colonel Arthur Holbrook, a newspaper owner of Portsmouth.

SON OF GERMAN CHANCELLOR TAKEN BY RUSSIANS

By Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 14.—Reports reaching here today from Bern state that a son of the German chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, has been injured seriously at Piotrkow, Russian Poland, and that he has been captured by the Russians.

PLAN A PEACE INSURANCE LUNCHEON. By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 14.—More than 800 leading business men of New York have reserved places for "a peace insurance luncheon" to take place tomorrow night under auspices of the Merchants' Association. The speakers, including Major General Wood and Mayor Mitchell, will discuss means of preventing the United States from engaging in war.

London, Dec. 14, 12:15 p. m.—The first serious blow inflicted on the Turkish navy in the European war—the torpedoing of the battleship Messudieh by a British submarine in the Dardanelles—was the only striking occurrence chronicled today on land or sea. Little or no change has been reported on the western battle front and Russia and Germany continue to fight a seemingly endless battle for control of western Poland. English and French newspapers say the time is drawing near for the much-discussed general advance of the allies through France and Belgium and some unofficial reports say that move is about to be undertaken if it has not actually begun. Progress necessarily would be inch by inch an even the most optimistic of the British observers, assuming that a general forward movement of the allies is to be essayed, concede it would be spring before any appreciable eastern progress could be made. The feat of Lieutenant-Commander Holbrook in diving under five rows of mines in the Dardanelles and torpedoing the Turkish battleship is described here as perhaps the boldest marine exploit of the war. The submarine presumably was not scratched. She escaped gun fire and the pursuit of torpedo boats in a manner truly remarkable, and it was necessary for her crew to endure the ordeal of remaining under water for nine hours on a stretch. The British life is not estimated in the brief announcement by the British admiralty, but if the Messudieh was manned as other Turkish ships have been, there were a number of German officers on board.

Petrograd Reports Victory. Petrograd, Dec. 14, via London, Dec. 14, 2:20 p. m.—Reports reaching here today from the front state the operations of Russian forces north of Warsaw, partial success of which was announced last week, have now resulted in a decisive victory. After having pierced the German front beyond Ciechanow and Przasnysz, the Russian success on this front, according to these advices, has been clinched by a wide swing movement of the advancing Russian left on the main highway from Plock to Mlawa, concluding in a heavy cavalry engagement at Jurminina, seven miles southeast of Mlawa. Russian successes of this nature would have three important results. The immediate pressure north of Warsaw would be relieved and the German threat against the railroad lines leading east from the city would be answered. Russian troops on the right of the Vistula river would be free to seek a crossing and endanger the position of the left wing of the German army in the region of Lodz. It is said here that Russians will now be able to straighten their entire front, running to the Mazurian lakes.

Berlin Statement. Berlin, Dec. 14.—(By Wireless to London, 3:10 p. m.)—An official communication issued today by the German army headquarters says: "Light attacks by the French in parts of our positions between the river Meuse and the Vosges mountains were easily repulsed. Otherwise nothing of importance remains to be reported from the western theatre of war."

From East Prussia and Southern Poland there is nothing to report. "In northern Poland our operations are taking their normal course."