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### OFFICER KIRBY TELLS GOOD NEWS' FUND HAS DONE FOR CHILDREN

nfficer Who Has Disbursement of Free-Book Fund Raised by This Newspaper from the People of This City in Hand, Declares That This is the Happiest Christmas of His Life and eral von Hindenburg, German com-That Many People in Charlotte Have Been Materially Assisted Through it-Ray of Hope and Good Cheer Brought into Many Homes Through Instrumentality of This Fund, According to Mr. Kirby.

This is the happiest Christmas of woman who owed \$7.50 house rent. sald Truant Officer M. F. The collector came and demanded its

ren back into the schools amount had to be paid. man was against them.



Truant Officer M. F. Kirby, who dis mised News' Poor Children's School

mas is one of the happiest

that small amount of money. and this year I have had that the department. impressed upon me with in-

of other people too. This fer and paid the bill she owed lid she whine about conditions reply to a direct question from any Christmas cheer at her place dephoned to his fuel dealer

the I find in many places.

to and her a ton of coal, ge

Charlotte schools this payment. She had the money but the when he paid his respects to feet of her little girl were on the ground and she could not be sent to The News raised school. She suggested that \$5.50 be in the vicinity of Lodz and gained an have been able to paid on the rent account so that a than the people of pair of shoes could be secured. But ever realize. It has sent the collector insisted and the entire ught a ray of hope and "There The News fund came into might have been expected to advance into the hearts of many service and the little girl has a pair from the west. However, the attack

discouraged and of shoes and will continue in school was made largely from the north and the murder of Mary Phagan, on ha- in the stores and streets tonight. It is ginning to feel that the and that home is happier as a result. northwest. They drove their columns I can not give the names come into the homes of the people who pitchfork, with another large force the people who have been assisted are in trouble. I see more of it than between the times. almost any other single individual. This fund has been a Godsend to the people of this city and if the owner retreat were possible in the face of gi- shall, of New York, of counsel for see all the happiness it has brought direction of their Warsaw base. into local homes and the good it has this newspaper their grateful thanks for the Russians. and wish it a very merry Christmas In one of the operations around of its existance."

year pawn brokers in the city of salient into the German lines. Charlotte must make uniform reports the this fund. That would be man- to the chief of police, so that this debely unfair to the people them-partment of the city government may but I repeat that the present more effectively handle this matter. Yesterday afternoon Chief Horace Moore of the police department ap-With this money I have purchased peared before the executive board was and shoes, and in many in- and submitted a report such as he delites I have been able to secure sires the pawn brokers to use in thes for those who have been un-making their returns to his departle to go to school because of their ment. He explained that there is now It I wish it were possible for the a law which provides for the reports mle who contributed \$1 to that to be made by the pawn brokers but to see the glad faces and the that there is no provision for the man-W smiles of the mothers and of ner in which they are to be made. children who have been assisted This results, said the chief, in the re- By Associated Press.

The News started out ed by the chief carries all the usual ican peace centennial committee, today see \$150 and this amount less information asked for here and in ad- sent two cablegrams on behalf of lew dollars has been placed dition the number of the article pawn- the committee. One was of good will hands by this newspaper and ed, the name of the person offering it to the citizens of Ghent, the other to letter day's work was never done and some other data which is often- Earl Grey, chairman of the British

The board unanimously adopted the report and issued an order that beginning the first of the year all deal-She did not ask for assistance, ers shall make their returns on this particular blank.

hant she said she could not 森森海绵染染染染染染染染染染染染染染

THE WEATHER.

sted one of his clerks to pre- Forecast For North Carolina. good, his order of groceries to & Cloudy tonight and Friday to that nome. That is the spirit a probably with rain.

Un the other hand I know of a 常常海绵紫紫紫紫紫紫紫紫紫紫紫紫紫紫紫

### WASHINGTON READY FOR CHRISTMAS --- PRESIDENT TO ACT AS SANTA CLAUS

executive departments pound turkey. been postponed and the

court had adjourned.

White House, the president me in years, a large fir tree House.

has been set up there. The president 4.—Governmental was to act as "Santa Claus."

The White House mail continued practically was suspended in ever increasing volume today. and the national capital com- Postmen bearing greetings for the plans for its Christmas president and presents for members Congress was taking a of the family made frequent trips.
One hundred and twenty-five White hite House only nec- House employes were happy because was being trans the President had given each a 15

At the capitol plans had been completed for the community Christmas beimbers of the house and celebration tonight. A large fir tree from nearby states were stood in the east entrance, above the ay home while others from doors of which there appeared in distant sections of the large letters, set with electric lights: Peace on earth, good will to men.

President Wilson went golfing early ally seen to it that every- today despite a heavy snow storm. in order for Christmas Children living along ther oad he Annie Cothran, of Phil- takes to the golf club were made haphe president's grandniece, py by the arrival of an automobile te House guest and for the filled with presents from the White

## CHRISTMAS EVE FINDS OPPOSING WAS TURNING POINT

By Associated Press.

Lodz, Russian Poland, Monday, Dec. 21.—(By Automobile Courier to Posen, Prussia, Dec. 23; London Dec. 24, 11 A. M.—The capture of Lodz, according to a declaration made today by Genmander, to a correspondent of the Associated Press, was the turning point of the campaign in Poland. Russian lines in northern Poland rested on that city for the possesison of which there occurred the most bitter struggle of the entire war on this front. After the Russians, following a most obstinate resistance on their part, were forced to evacuate the town, a general Russian retirement in the direction of Warsaw became necessary.

The Associated Press correspondent today visited some of the battlefields idea of the nature of the operations which led to the city's capture.

According to the general alignment of the Austro-German forces, they

It looked for a time as if the Russians would be forced to retreat-if and editor of this newspaper could gantic enveloping movements in the Leo M. Frank, under death sentence

accomplished they, with me would say sians into the arms of large Austrothis is the happiest Christmas of their German forces massed to cut off their lives. Never was a similar amount of retreat but the timely arrival of Rusmoney productive of as much good as sian reserves from Warsaw resulted this, in my opinion. And for the peo- in the breaking of the easternmost ple it has helped I want to express to tine of the fork, relieving the situation

their way out and brought with them ing that in his opinion there was 12,000 of their would-be captors. The "probable cause for appeal." was Strykow, 10 miles northeast of state court.

About the same distance west of Lodz is the little church yard of Beschici where the Russians, in one of the final phases of the struggle for Lodz, showed that in spite of their defeats and discouragements they knew how to fight and die. This churchyard lies Effective the first of the coming on a small eminence which formed a

ports coming in on any sort of a scrap New York, Dec. 24.-On the anniis more blessed to give than to of paper, and the absence of such in- versary of the signing of the treaty we have been taught all our formation, oftentimes, as is desired by of Ghent and of 100 years of peace among English-speaking peoples, An-The uniform report blank suggest- drew Carnegie, chairman of the Amerland and the United States would unite after the war in proclaiming thrilling rescues. that international disputes shall here. after be adjusted by peaceful arbi-

> be foremost and hasten to arouse their desire that the present war shall

Richmond, Va., Dec. 24.-Miss Elizaa stenographer out of employment, Mississippi. jumped from the tenth floor of an noon and was crushed to death.

## ARMIES GRAPPLING FOR SUPREMACY ON THE SPEEADING BATTLE FRONTS

By Associated Press.

announce his decision.

FRANK CASE TO

Washington, Dec. 24.-Louis Marat Atlanta for the murder of Mary The intention was to drive the Rus- Phagan, arrived in Washington today would be pursued if Justice Lamar it this afternoon so that all the pe denied the appeal.

and the most prosperous New Year Lodz occurred the celebrated "cutting In addition to the formal appeal, off" of two German army corps which, Mr. Marchall had prepared for the after being entirely surrounded and cut justice's signature a certificate stat-

> scene of the exploit, which a member | Such a certificate is necessary in of the general staff characterized as an appeal from the denial of habeas one of the most brilliant of the war, corpus when the conviction is in a

# BURNED TO DEATH

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 24.-Five members of a family living on the top floor of a five-story tenement on West Fortyninth street were trapped in a fire early today that started in the basement and spread rapidly.

family, Arthur Corso a telegraph morning. operator at the Polyclinic hospital, was on duty when the fire started an effort was made by Mr. Parker, and ordered out ambulances and sur- commercial agent for the Southern rail geons to the scene. He did not learn way, to get free transportation for of the fate of his relatives until his the coal because it was for charity. mother was brought into the hospital This he was unable to do, but a half where she died.

ing suffered from inhaling smoke and and the coal is costing \$1.12 less than times needed in tracing stolen or lost committee, expressed hope that Eng-minor injuries in escaping. Fatrolmen and firemen performed many

# tration at The Hague. "In this sacred work" the latter message read, "our two countries should

By Associated Press.

for most of the northern states, but ber of people were found to be in throughout the south the government pressing need and the local dealers experts predicted a rainy holiday to agreed to lend Dr. Bland as much as be possibly relieved at some points might be necessary. by a little snow. In the east Gulf and South Atlantic states the barometer JAP SHIPS ON COAST OF PERU told of threatened rains, while in the central South chilling rains or snow

were forecast.

and Western Pennsylvania.

The Charlotte News

Is deeply grateful for the splendid patron-

age it has received during the past year,

wishes for everybody, friend and foe alike

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

# NOT BE THROWN

"I want to call attention to a cus Washington, Dec. 24 .- Justice La- tom which prevails here at Christmas mar of the supreme court took un- time and which must be abated," reder advisement today an application marked Chief of Police Horace Moore for an appeal from the action of Fed- to a representative of The Charlotte eral Judge Newman in refusing to Uews this morning. "And that is the release Leo M. Frank, convicted of throwing of talcum powder on ladies beas corpus proceedings. The jus- a source of aggravation to many ladies "And thus it is all over the city. I into the Russians in the form of a huge tice did not intimate when he would and results oftentimes, in injury to expensive dresses.

> "For this reason I have issued positive instructions to the patrolmen to bring into headquarters any person seen indulging in this practice tonight. I do not want to interfere with to present to Justice Lamar of the the pleasure of any resident of Charsupreme court an application for an lotte and will not so long as they do appeal from the refusal of Judge not interfere with the rights of other Newman of the Georgia Federal court residents. At the same time this cus to release Frank on a habeas corpus tom must be abated and I would thank writ. He declined to state what course thank The News if publicity be given ple may be advised of the determin tion of this department to protect

those who object to it. In this connection attention is called to the announcement of Mayor Bland to the effect that fireworks are strictly prohibited tonight, tomorrow, tomorrow night and in fact throughout Christmas. The city officials do not object to the use of horns, bells and the like but they insist that there shall be no fireworks.

Chief Moore has instructed the patrolmen to see to it that this order of the mayor is obeyed.

"Because the railroads made us a better freight rate on the coal pur-The dead are Mrs. Mary Corso, 48 chased by the city for distribution to years old, her three sons, and her the poor we were able to buy much more coal than would have been the The only surviving member of the case," said City Clerk A. H. Wearn this

"When we started to get the coal rate was secured both on the Southern Scores of other tenants in the build- and the Virginia Southwestern railway it would have otherwise. We were able to get a better price on the coal from the mines and this means that about one-third more coal will be secured for the \$500 than would have been

> "In view of the fact that the transportation companies gave this rate it appears to me that the people should

In this connection Mayor Bland calls attention to the fact that Yarborough & Bellinger loaned the city a number torpedoes at a French armored cruiser of tons of coal to send to poor people in the strait of Otranto, one of them before the coal purchased by the city exploding forward. The damage done Washington, Dec. 24.—An old time arrived here. Pending the arrival of to the vessel was unimportant. None "White" Christmas was forecast today the fuel ordered by Mr. Wearn a num- of the cruiser's crew was injured."

Lima, Peru, Dec. 24.-The Japanese battleship Hizen, accompanied by a Snow, it was said, might be seen Japanese destroyer and several Engbeth Smith, aged 22, of Durham, N. C. in some sections as far south as lish merchantmen, has anchored seven miles off Puerto de Pisura, on the Cold wave warnings fluttered today northern coast of Peru. The warships office building here yesterday after in Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio probably are convoying the merchant over Dover this morning and then discompletion. men to some South American port.

### THE GERMANS PRESS ON WARSAW WITH MERCILESS ON THE STREETS DISREGARD OF SLAUGHTER

In West Flanders General Joffre Seems Waiting for Chance to Crush Through German Lines-Meeting With Remarkable Resistance-Near Three Million Men Believed to be Engaged in Great Conflict in Russian Poland-Thousands of Christmas Presents Are Delivered to Men in the Trenches-Operations in Galicia.

Today's official statements reveal the intense nature of the fighting east and west, but indicate, that, with the possible exception of East Prussia, there has been no signifianct change in the alignment of the opposing forces.

The German statement tells of a fight for possession of a trench in France which was won by the French, recaptured by the Germans and finally abandoned. So fierce was the struggle that the trench was almost leveled by artillery fire. No important movements are reported in the German communication.

The French statement, while asserting small gains have been made here and there, mentions German attacks at so many points that it is apparent the allies have not been permitted solely to take the offensive Such ground as they have won recently is not to be held without hard fighting. Fighting in Poland has become most severe and at points west of

Warsaw the issue is being fought out with bayonets. The Berlin war office states the Russian advance in East Prussia has been checked and that the Russians at Mlawa, in Poland, near the Prussian border, has

A French cruiser in the strait of Otranto, near the southern end of Italy, was torpedoed by an Austrian submarine. It is stated that the damage was slight and that no men were injured.

Although accounts vary about the present military status in Poland, it is evident the scene of heaviest fighting has shifted southward from Sochaczew, on the Bzura river, 30 miles from Warsaw toward which the Germans for several days directed their principal efforts. Austro German forces operating from the Cracow base, attempting to push northward into Poland, are meeting with determined Russian resistance.

A semi-official statement from Petrograd asserts Russian successes in Galicia continue, and that in the Carpathians the Austrians have been thrown back. Another sortie by the garrison at Przemysl, which has long been under Russian attack, is said to have resulted disastrously for the

Heavy fighting continues in France and Belgium, but thus far renewed activities have accomplished little.

Now that the French government has returned to Paris, a venturesome German aeronaut has attempted to prove the capital is not yet out of the war zone by flying over it. He was brought down by a French aeroplane, however, 19 miles from Paris.

London, Dec. 24, 12:20 p. m .-Christmas eve finds little change in underground warfare in the west where General Joffre still appears to be cautiously feeling for an opening in the strongly entranched German

line, across France and Belgium. In the East.

In the east a supreme German effort continues to be made below saw, where the German center and the Russians seeking to check it, sway rivers barring the way to the Polish London, Dec. 24, 3:17 p. m.—An capital. official statement given out in Paris

The Russians claim successes in the today says that an Austrian submalatest encounters but during the last rine torpedoed a French battleship ten days the Germans have advanced appreciably, and it is said they now are bringing up their 42 centimetre guns preparatory to siege operations. The Gulf of Otranto is in the In Galicia.

Adriatic, at the southern end ot In Galicia the Austro-German forces seem to have made no further progress and in the north the Russians are reported to have pushed the invaders day by the French minister of mafurther back into east Prussia.

German tactics in the march toward "An Austrian submarine fired two Warsaw, military observers in London point out, are beginning to have some of the characteristics of the rush towards Calais and Dunkirk which the allies stemmed, thousands being sacrificed and others being hurses forward to fill the gaps with the same proces gality that was shown by the Ger mans in Flanders.

A hostile aeroplane dropped a bomb her concentration of forces is nearing appeared, according to a statement made this afternoon by the official

few seconds only. It left immediate- "the turning point of the campaign." ly, passing out over the sea. A British air craft went up but did not see the enemy again. The weather was cloudy and foggy."

in the Gulf of Otranto.

slightly. No one was injured.

The battleship was damaged only

Not Badly Damaged.

An official communication issued to-

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUPERINTENDENT JOYNER.

Special to The News. Raleigh, Dec. 24 .-- In his recommendations transmitted to Governor Craig British gifts. today for the legislature, Dr. J. Y. Joyner, superintendent of public instructure are soon to be renewed in the form tion, asks that every county be re- of a "final blow" according to Budapest quired to employ a county superintend- dispatches. ent of schools for his whole time and that there be more rigid laws as to Paris, Dec. 24, 2:59 p. m .- The child labor and working women in fac. French war office this afternoon gave tories together with adequate inspection of these plants.

Size of Armies. Military experts here are unable to agree on the number of Austro-German troops in the east, estimates varying from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000, but t is pointed out that Russia, unless exaggerating her resources should be London, Dec. 24.-(1:59 P. M.)- able easily to top this figure now that

Importance of Lodz.

Petrograd has never conceded that the occupation of Lodz by the Germans The text of the statement follows: had any strategic importance, but the "An aeroplane of the enemy dropp- German view has now found expresed a bomb while passing over Dover sion from Field Marshal von Hindenthis morning. The missile fell in a gar- burg who remarked to the representaden and exploded, but no damage was tive of The Associated Press on the done. The aeroplane was seen for a eastern front that he considered it

> Christmas Gifts. All the armies are planning to spend Christmas as best they may. Boxes and greetings from home are being distributed in the trenches, at the hospitals and in the camps, hundreds of thousands of post cards to the soldiers and sailors from King George and Queen Mary being one feature of the

Austrian attempts to crush Servia

Paris Statement.

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