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## GERMAN TROOPS RUSHED FROM EAST TO WEST FRONT

### In Meantime German Guns Are Active Along Entire Front—Italians Retake Lost Positions. American Sentinel is Brutally Murdered by Germans

By the Associated Press.

While their guns bombard the western front, the Germans are taking troops from the eastern front for use elsewhere, despite the promise of the Russo-German armistice prohibiting such action. The artillery activity has been violent on the right bank of the Meuse, northeast of Verdun, the scene of the German attack nearly two years ago.

German infantry has not been active and it is probable that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is waiting for more reinforcements before making his heralded attack. Russian advances leading to the withdrawal of troops from the east add that some of these are being taken to the Rumanian front.

Rumania is not taking part in the negotiations and the Ukraine, Moldavia and Bessarabia are opposed to the bolsheviks.

South of Juvincourt in the Rheims sector of Champagne the French have carried out a raid into the German lines and brought back prisoners. On the British portion of the front there have been raids in addition to the artillery, but as the front has been no inactivity.

On the northern Italian front the Austro-German tactics appear to be to strike alternatively on either side of the Brenna. Checked at Monte Astone last week, the enemy has struck towards the Frenzela valley, west of the river. After two days of bitter fighting the Italians have regained possession of lost positions on the Col del Rosso, west of the river, and have attacked the Austro-German positions on Monte Pertica east of the river. Berlin claims the capture of 9,000 prisoners in the gaining of the Col del Rosso, which later was lost to the Italians.

Len Trotsky, the bolshevik foreign minister, has protested to the Germans against the transference of troops from the eastern front, but also has ordered Russian factories to stop the manufacture of munitions. He did not indicate whether his government would take any other step against violation of the armistice.

Peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk apparently are making little progress. The Germans have delayed their answer to the bolshevik terms and it is reported the conference will be transferred to Stockholm shortly. In the meantime the Socialists have convoked the assembly to meet January 2, despite bolshevik protests.

German savagery has been called to the attention of American troops in France. An American sentinel has been found with his throat cut, and an official bulletin says the man had been killed after capture.

Information of enemy terrorizing a driving woman and children from their homes in the occupied section of France and Belgium to make room for German troops, munitions and supplies is reported.

## BURNS TO DEATH IN GRANITE JAIL

A young white man who formerly lived at Stony Point, Alexander county, met a horrible death at Granite Falls when the jail was burned. He had been in the jail for drinking, though he was not a convict.

The lock up at Granite Falls, which is seldom used, is said not to have been equipped with a stove or other means of heating, and there was only a bed of excelsior inside. The jail is very small.

It probably had attempted to make a fire or had lighted a cigarette, the facts never will be known. He was by himself and he screamed when he saw the lock up locked, but it was forced and he was pulled out. The door was closed and he was seen as he was pulled off when touched.

## GERMANS DELAY ANSWER TO RUSSIA

By the Associated Press.

London, Dec. 26.—The Russo-German peace negotiations which were to have resumed on Monday after a postponement to give the Germans time to formulate their reply to Russian terms were again delayed for one day, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch received today says.

The dispatch also says the Germans have asked for a further postponement until January 24.

## ITALIANS REPULSED BERLIN SAYS TODAY

By the Associated Press.

Berlin via London, Dec. 26.—Violent counter attacks against the Austro-Germans on Col de Rosso and neighboring heights on both sides broke down yesterday with heavy losses, says the official dispatch issued today.

## BOLSHEVIKI WILL SEND FORTH AGENTS

By the Associated Press.

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—The bolshevik government has decided to send special representatives to all countries, belligerent as well as neutral, to further the propaganda of internationalism. Two million rubles have been appropriated for this purpose.

An American Red Cross train left Petrograd for Rumania with the approval of the bolsheviks. It carried all its original supplies except automobiles.

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT CAMP GREENE HUGE AFFAIR

Charlotte, Dec. 26.—Christmas celebration at Camp Greene was a stupendous event. Forty thousand soldiers and thousands from the city were present. Silver loving cups were presented to the British, French and American officers by the city of Charlotte. Mayor McNinch making the presentations. There were also a Christmas tree and athletic events.

Moser-Ballew

In a quiet but very impressive ceremony at the home of the bride's parents in East Hickory, Miss Eunice Ballew and Mr. George Moser were on Tuesday evening, December 24, united in marriage by the Reverend R. M. Courtney. There were no attendants, but the home had been made beautiful for the occasion with Christmas greens.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. John H. Ballew, and is a young woman with many fine traits of character. Mr. Moser is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Moser, also of East Hickory and holds a position with the Southern Railway. Both these splendid young people have scores of friends to wish them every success through life. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Moser left for a ten days trip to points in Florida.

## CONVENT ACT IS HELD INVALID BY JUDGE

By the Associated Press.

Savannah, Dec. 26.—Judge W. J. Meldrim in the superior court today handed down an opinion in a case of Mother Clare, the mother superior of St. Vincent's convent, who has been ruled for contempt for refusing to permit a grand jury committee to enter the Veazy act. The court dismissed the contempt charge, holding that the act provided for the inspection of places where the inmates were kept in confinement. The court held the evidence did not show the Sisters of Mercy in this convent were kept in confinement, but remained there voluntarily, and for this reason the institution did not come under the Veazy act.

There is another case of a similar character against the St. Francis home. This is a Catholic orphan asylum for negroes.

## CHRISTMAS DAY WAS IDEAL IN HICKORY

Christmas day in Hickory was ideal in every respect and children, with wagons and dolls on their little minds, had one grand time—some of them from 5:30 a. m. until 7:30 p. m.

Church bells at 5:30 summoned the members to the early morning services at two churches and at 11 o'clock there were exercises at other institutions. At the First Baptist church Mr. Bradshaw delivered a special sermon to the Knights Templar, who attended in uniform. The religious services at the various churches were well attended and in the afternoon, which was a beautiful spring day, hundreds were on the streets.

Police officers report that the conduct of everybody was good. In fact, it was remarkable how quiet the day was. There was no drinking, so far as the officers observed, and the usual noise of firecrackers was almost absent. Occasionally a big waker went off, but one did not hear the continuous sounds that are so general on Christmas day.

## SOLDIERS GUARD RANCH FROM BANDITS

By the Associated Press.

Marfa, Texas, Dec. 26.—American troops today were guarding all outlets to Vanhorne canyon where 100 Mexican bandits on Christmas morning crossed the Mexican border raided the postoffice and general stores on Brite ranch, 27 miles southeast of here, killed Michael Welch, a veteran stage driver and his two Mexican passengers, wounded Sam Field, foreman of the ranch, and carried away booty said to be worth \$7,000.

After the bandits had passed over the rim rock which rises abruptly 1,000 feet above the Rio Grande, the soldiers who were in close pursuit, fired many shots into the Mexicans and killed or wounded many of them.

Hawn-Hedrich

The marriage of Miss Suma Hedrich and Mr. Craig Hawn was solemnized Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hedrich, three miles east of Hickory. Both are prominent young people and the bride is unusually pretty and attractive. For the present they will make their home with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jones Hawn.

## MRS ALICE PRUDEN IS DEAD IN HICKORY

Mrs. Alice Pruden of Orange, Conn., who for the past 25 or 30 years has been identified with religious and educational movements in Caldwell and Watauga counties, died last night at 7 o'clock in Hickory, where for years she had spent her winters. She was 85 years old.

The body will be sent to Orange, Conn., for interment.

Mrs. Pruden was a familiar figure around Blowing Rock and through her personal efforts much good has been done. She was intensely interested in the mountains and at one time operated a school near Hudson. The building was burned and the school discontinued because of some articles in a northern newspaper.

Mrs. Pruden always was a welcome visitor to Hickory and her death will bring general regret here.

## NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 26.—The feature in the cotton market during today's early trading was the strength of the near positions. It seems as though January notices had been issued and there was a flurry of covering which sent January 31 points above Monday's closing level into new high ground for the season. Other months were influenced by January.

	Open	Close
January	29.80	30.55
March	29.44	29.93
May	29.05	29.54
July	28.72	29.15
October	27.45	27.60

### HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	30c
Wheat	09 7/8

## WEATHER FORECAST

For North Carolina: Generally fair and continued cold tonight and Thursday; strong northeast winds on the coast.

## GREEKS URGED TO JOIN U. S. ARMY

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Greece wants her citizens in the United States to enlist in the American army. Not only will she suspend punishment which would follow their enlistment with a foreign power, but will reward them.

This is the substance of a note from the Greek government delivered today at the state department.

## WILLIAMS TALKED AS RAILROAD HEAD

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 26.—John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency, was being discussed today in official circles as the most probable selection for federal railroad administrator by President Wilson.

## COAL OUTPUT IS NORMAL, SAYS GARFIELD

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 26.—War demands for bituminous coal have been greater than the mines could meet, although the production this year has been normal, Fuel Administrator Garfield testified today at the senate investigation. In an effort to alleviate conditions, he said the fuel administration had allowed the operators good profits.

When the operators complained that prices fixed by the president are too low, we are inclined to give them the benefit of the doubt," Dr. Garfield said.

Senator Kenyon asked the administrator if he had information on dividends of some of the large operators and he added that he had no accurate figures on them and could not furnish them. He knew, however, that big profits were being made.

## FREE ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED BY REGISTRANTS

An attention is called to the telegram from Mr. J. D. Langston of Raleigh, published elsewhere, urging bookkeepers and persons competent to help drafted men with their questionnaires. Some few men in Hickory are assisting Mr. Self, who is working hard and doing it free, but more aid is needed. It is reported here that some of the registrants are being charged for a little assistance and there is considerable indignation at such a treatment. Either a notary should do the work free in cases like this or he should refuse to do it. That would be 10 times more patriotic than collecting fees for work that many registrants cannot do themselves.

Mr. R. M. Bumgarner of Tulsa, Okla., sent Blind George \$11 for a Christmas present and membership in the Hickory Red Cross.

## WAR SECRETARY ORDERED TO BUY 'EM

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Aroused by reports of shortage of winter clothing in national army camps, the senate military affairs committee today in resuming its investigation adopted a resolution requesting the secretary of war immediately to ascertain conditions by wire, supply deficient troops and suspend departmental routine necessary by direct purchases from sources near the camps.

The resolution offered by Senator McKellar of Tennessee declared that "upon unquestioned" proof there is a shortage of at least 20,000 overcoats and 47,000 woolen blouses in nine national army cantonments, including Camp Jackson. Quartermaster General Sharpe, who testified last week, admitted shortage of winter equipment in some camps, but said all supplies were en route to camps.

## THOUSAND BRICK LAYERS ARE ORDERED TO COLORS

### Provost Marshal General Calls Out This Class of Registrants for Service With Pershing in France—Aviators Next in Line—Other Classes to Follow.

## HOOVER SCORES HIS SUGAR CRITICS

Washington, Dec. 26.—The new draft machinery was invoked for the first time when Provost Marshal General Crowder made public today instructions to all governors calling for the mobilization of 1,000 brick layers needed by General Pershing at once.

Local boards are called upon to examine all questionnaires and report as soon as possible on the number of brick layers of draft age available for service.

Only white brick layers will be taken either by draft or voluntary induction into military service through local boards. They will be followed by the aviation section signal corps at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Tex.

The order is the first application of the special occupational classification provision of the new draft regulations.

General Crowder's letter indicates that other special men will be called out later.

## GERMAN U-BOAT CREW WAITED FOR THE LINER

An American Port, Dec. 26.—Gov. R. L. Beckman of Rhode Island, who left here the latter part of October to visit the American forces in France and to convey to them a personal message of greeting from President Wilson, arrived here on a British liner.

On the same vessel was William B. Thompson, head of the American Red Cross mission to Russia, who is returning to the United States to make a report of the conditions in that country with reference to the work of his organization. Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan and company and Sir Frederick Edward Smith, attorney general for Great Britain, were also among the passengers.

That the crew of a German submarine made prisoner after their vessel had been destroyed, knew when a large steamer, carrying American army officers had left the United States and that the submarine lay in wait to sink her, was the statement of several enlisted men of the American navy who were passengers on the steamship. According to the German prisoners who were taken to England, they knew "all about the departure of the steamship," but the submarine had failed to sink her because of the vigilance of her convoy.

## MR. FRED HELTON WAS STILL UNCONSCIOUS TODAY

The condition of Mr. Fred Helton, who was injured Saturday, remains unchanged. He has no regained consciousness, but it was said at Richard Baker Hospital, where he was removed after a shifting engine struck his automobile, that this does not mean that he will not recover. Persons have been known to remain unconscious for a week or more and then to recover. It is hoped by the young man's many friends that he soon will be getting along all right.

## CHRISTMAS DANCE

A Christmas dance was given last night by the young men of the town in the Chero-Cola building, about fifteen couples being present. An orchestra from Morganton furnished the music and Chero-Cola was served throughout the evening.

## QUEER WEATHER CONTINUES HERE

Those Hickory people who retired last night thinking that a warm rain would remove the rest of the snow awoke this morning to find that this might have been the case, but that another snow had come to take its place. The weather continued its freakish ways and the works delivered another prize package.

The mercury registered 34 degrees yesterday morning and rose to 59 during the day which was partly cloudy. Not until night was there any appreciable change in the temperature, and about 7:30 rain began falling. This was followed by a rapid drop of the mercury and glaze occurred some time after 9 o'clock. During the night snow fell, and it was here this morning.

The thermometer registered 25 degrees during the night and at 8:30 was stationary. There were indications, however, that the day would be fair, despite a light splatter of snow, and at 9 o'clock the sun had burst through the clouds for a brief period, at any rate, it wasn't much, just a light skim, probably half an inch.

## AMERICAN STEAMER BELIEVED BE LOST

By the Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 26.—The American steamship Tuscorora, formerly a lake essel and requisitioned by the shipping board for the Atlantic ocean is believed to have been lost with her entire crew of 33 somewhere north of Camp Brenton island, according in messages received here today.