CERMAN 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 ther guns bombard western fromt, the Germans thing treets from the eastern front for use elsewhere, despite the procours of the Russo-German arinstice prolinging such action. The artiflery across by has been violent as the right bank of the Meause, portheast of Verdun, the scene of the German affack nearly two years

German infantry has not been stive and it is probable that Field Marshal and Hindenburg is waiting By the Associated Press. for more reinforcements before making his hemilded attack. Russias advices tolling of the withdrawal Ramanian front.

have carried out a raid in so the duties. German lines and brought back fantry activity.

On the northern Italian front the Autr German tactics appear to be tion to the state. tra-German positions on Monte Per- ery." tica, east of the river. Berlin

em minister has protested to the to stop the manufacture of muni-

Was apparently are making little be adopted. Mogress The Germans have de-

tan troops in France. An Amerian sentinel has been found with his ENJOYABLE CHRISTMAS throat out, and an official bulletin ays "he must have been killed after

for Germa n troops, munitions and supplies is reported.

believed. He had good and everybody was delighted. or drinking, though oday that he was not

up at Granite Falls, dom used, is said not to equipped with a stove or other means of heating, and there a bird of excelsor inside. ery small.

Hinny probably had attempted to he had lighted a cigahtter the facts never will be known. The Associated Press. was by himself and

man pulled out. pulled off when touched.

Copenhagen, Dec. 26 .- Plans for general conscription of women af- By the Associated Press ter the war are being made in Germany, and there is a general lent counter attacks against the Ausof troops from the east add that feeling that girls, as well as boys, tro-Germans on Col de Rosso and some of them are being taken to the will be compelled to undergo a neighboring heights on both regular period of training cor- broke down yesterday with heavy responding to the German youth's losses, says the official dispatch is Rumania is not taking part in the service in the army. The service sued today. regotiations and the Ulcraine, Mol- proposed for girls is not military, davis and Bossarabia are opposed to but civil. It is proposed that all women should, preferably at the age of 17 be taken from their homes and South of Javincourt in the Rheims compulsory trained, either in a prosector of Champagne the French fessional trade, or in household

This characteristic German division between rich and poor is main-On the British portion tained in the project. Girls of the of the from there have been raids upper class are to be trained in addition to the artillery, but as- special institutions; poor girls will the from rails there has been no in- go to factories or be placed in private households, where their employers will give them a trifle pocket money and make a contribu-

to strike alternatively on either side | The idea meets with wide commenof the Brenta. Checked at Monte dation in the German newspapers, By the Associated Press Asclone last week, the enemy has but one English critic notes that Petrograd, Dec. 26.—The bolshe-"there is some difference between viki government has decided to send raided the postoffice and general west of the river. After two days into a regiment run by and for the special representatives to all counof bliter fighting the Italians have state, and a female conscription tries, belligerent as well as neustate, and a female conscription tries, belligerent as well as neusoutheast of here, killed Michael
which makes a girl work without tral, to further the propoganda of
Welch, a veteran stage driver and the Col del Rosso, west of the wage for the profit of private indi- internationalism. Two million ruon the Col del Rosso, west of the iduals. The latter cannot with activer, and have attacked the Auscuracy be called anything but slav-

A short time ago a Berlin sociolog- An American Red Cross train left cams the capture of 9,000 prison- ical society offered a series of priz- Petrograd for Rumania with the apes in the gaining of the Col del es for the best essay on compulsory proval of the bolsheviki. It car-Boss, which later was lost to the were submitted. The best two ried all its original supplies except have just been published. The mag- automobiles. Less Trotzky, the bolsheviki for- azine, Soziale Praxis, in relewing the essays submitted says:

"There is general agreement that Germans against the transference of by a thorough compulsory training, troops from the eastern front, but the services of women to the counhas ordered Russian factories try will become much greater than chration at Camp Greene was heretofore. Opinions differ as to stupendous event. Forty thousand whether after leaving school girls soldiers and thousands from the He lit not indicate wheth- should be trained principally for a city were present. Silver loving of his government would take any profession or for household duties. cups were presented to the British, the step against violation of the The lesson of this war, which has French and American officers by the brought into clear relief the abilities city of Charlotte, Mayor McNinch of money in both spheres, is perhaps making the presentations. There Peace negotiations at Brest-Lit- that in future a middle course should were also a Christmas tree and ath-

"The training in households is to aged their answer to the bolshexiki be regularly supervised with a view to seeing whether the girl really terms and it is reported the confer- learns something there and is not thes will be transferred to Stock- merely made a drudge, and she must om shortly. In the meantime the be allowed time to attend the Wo-My to meet January 2, despite bol- money to the 'conscripts' and pay ber 24, united in marriage by the levy for the services rendered. This German savagery has been called revenue is to provide the means for ficially to the attention of American troops in France. An American troops in France. An American troops in France.

enjoyable for Mr. W. P. Huffman, the Southern Railway. Both these Information of enemy terrorizing enjoyable for Mr. W. T. Handley the Southern Randay. Solution of enemy terrorizing manager of Hotel Huffry, who has splendid young people have scores driving women and children from been ill for many months. For one of friends to wish them every suctheir homes in the occupied section thing, he had all of his children cess through life. Immediately af-France and Belgium to make with him and Mrs. Huffman for ter the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Modinner except Mr. R. L. Huffman of ser left for a ten days trip to points Brookfield, Mo., and Rev. A. M. in Florida. Huffman of Charleston, S. C., and for another the choir of Holy Trinity Lutheran church visited him at 8 o'clock yesterday morning and sang veral beautiful hymns. Miss

learl Miller rendered a solo. Mr. UU uffman is one of the best friends e church has and members of the boir showed their appreciation by making him happy.
A special Christmas dinner was

children who were here. They are Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Randolph of Elon College, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Huffman and three children of Asheville, Mr. and Mrs. Grover H Huffman, Miss Mary Huffman and Mr. Ewart G. Huffman of Hickory.

Sacramento Cal., Dec. 26.— A o the lock up, ced in the executive mansion of for this reason the institution did not copital building, has been receiv- come under the Veazy act. man pulled it was forced and the ed and turned over to the police. A There is another case of a similar

midnight.

By the Associated Press.

man peace negotiations which were to with wagons and dolls on their lithave been resumed on Monday after a postponement to give the Ger- 7:30 p. m. mans time . formulate their reply to Russian terms were again delayed for one day, an Exchange Tel-

ITALIANS REPULSED

ponement until January 24.

sides

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT CAMP GREENE HUGE AFFAIR

Charlotte, Dec. 26.—Christmas celletic events.

Moser-Ballew In a quiet but very impressive coremony at the home of the bride's parents in East Hickory, Miss Eunice Ballew and Mr. George. Moser no attendants, but the home had been

The bride is the daughter of Mr. John H. Ballew, and is a young woman with many fine traits of charac-FOR MR. W. P. HUFFMAN ter. Mr. Moser is the son of Mr.

By the Associated Press.

permit a grand jury committee to January. under the Veazy act. The court disunder the eazy act. The court dismissed the contempt charge, hold- March --- - - 29.44 ing that the act provided for an in- May ---- _____ 29.05 spection of places where the in- July --- ---- 29.72 mates 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 North Carolina: Generally fair winter equipment in some camps, but is believed to have been lost with her character against the St. Francis of Camp Brenton island, according in messages received here today.

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DELAY CHRISTMAS DAY GREEKS URGED TO THOUSAND BRICK LAYERS

Christmas da in Hickory was By the Associated Press. London, Dec. 26 .- The Russo-Ger- ideal in every respect and children, tle minds, had one grand timesome of them from 5:30 a. m. until States to enlist in the American ar-Church bells at 5:30 summoned ishment which would follow their the members to the early morning enlistment with a foreign power, but

services at two churches and at 11 o'clock there were exercises at othegraph dispatch received today says. er institutions. At the First Bap-The dispatch also says the Ger- tist church Mr. Bradshaw delivered from the Greek government delivmans have asked for a further post- 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

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 Berlin via London, Dec. 26 .-- Vio- hear the continuous sounds that are so general on Christmas day.

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 stores on Brite ranch , 27 miles his two Mexican passengers, woundand carried away booty said to be

worth \$7.000. 1,000 feet above the Rio Grande, the soldiers who were in close pursuit, field said. 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 solhome of the bride's parents, 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.

made beautiful for the occasion with Mrs. Alice Pruden of Orange, ious and educational movements in be 10 times more patriotic than colnext year, as it is the duty of the Caldwell and Watauga counties, died lecting fees for work that many United States to continue to feed the and Mrs. J. P. Moser, also of East last night at 7 o'clock in Hickory, registrants cannot do themselves. allies. Christmas day proved unusually Hickory and holds a position with where for years she had spent her She was 85 years old. The body will be sent to Orange,

Conn., for interment. around Blowing Rock and through in the Hickory Red Cross. her personal efforts much good has een done. She was intensely incerested in the mountains and at one time operated a school near Hud-The building was burned and the school discontinued because of some articles in a northern newspa-

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

By the Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 26.-The feature in the cotton market during to- By the Associated Press day's early trading was the strength Washington, Dec. 26-Aroused by of the near positions. It seems as reports of shortage of winter cloth- pect and of the problem of the awoke this morning to find that this AT HOLY TRINITY

Christmas exercises were held at Christmas exercises were held at Christmas exercises were held at though January notices had been is ing in national army camps, the sen- United States in meeting the situment of the might have been the case, but that the held at the superior court today at a military affairs committee today ation. Christmas exercises were neig at medical in the superior court today sued and there was a flurry of covate military affairs committee today ation. and stony rount, or a resolution and as usual a large audi- Mother Clare, the mother superior of above Monday's closing level into above Monday's closing level into a resolution requesting the content of above Monday's closing level into a resolution requesting the content of the content of

The close was steady. January -- --- -- 29.80 October ___ __27.45

HICKORY MARKETS Wheat -- --- \$2.40

WEATHER FORECAST

Washington, Dec. 26.-Greece wants her citizens in the United my. Not only will she suspend punwill reward them.

This is the substance of a note ered today at the state department.

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.

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 26 .- War demeet, although the production this Spreckles' charges. year has been normal, Fuel Adminsenate investigation. In an effort story. to alleviate conditions, he said the operators good profits.

When the operators complained After the bandits had passed over that prices fixed by the president are mainder from Germany. Before the marine made prisoner after their the rim rock which rises abruptly too low, we are inclined to give them war they took only 300,000 tons and vessel had been destroyed, knew

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 ministration has handled the situemnized Sunday afternoon at the not furnish them. He knew, however Mr. that big profits were being made.

> FREE ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED BY REGISTRANTS price to 20 or 25 cents here.

An attention is called to the tele-created in August the United States gram from Mr J. D. Langston of has exported to the allies 119,356 Raleigh, published elsewhere, urg-tons of refined sugar and in the same ment. Either a notary should do in America of 55 pounds. Conn., who for the past 25 or 30 the work free in cases like this or The shortage, the food administration will be getting along all right. years has been identified with relig- he should refuse to do it. That would trator declares, wil continue during

Okla, sent Blind George \$11 for a allies, go to Java for supplies, ed the music and Chero-Cola was Mrs. Jruden was a familiar figure Christmas present and membership which would require an extra am- served throughout the evening.

eve night in the was present to enjoy the eventer Falls when the ing. The singing was unusually the bad ing. The singing was a large to the season of Hickory contempt for refusing to the season of Hickory contempt for refusing to the season. Other months were influenced by of war immediately to ascertain continued freakish ways and the work in the season of Hickory contempt for refusing to the season. Other months were influenced by of war immediately to ascertain continued freakish ways and the work in the season of Hickory contempt for refusing to the season. St. Vincent's convent, who has been new night ground for the season.

Taked for contempt for refusing to Other months were influenced by of war immediately to ascertain con- of Hickory, causing a tie up in traffic The mercury registered 34 degrees deficient for a few hours. troops and suspend departmental routine necessary by direct pur-30.55 chases from sources near the AMERICAN SIEAMER 29.54 camps.

29.15 The resolution offered by Senator 27.60 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. Quarter- can steamship Tuscorora, formerly a be fair, despite a light splatter of master General Sharpe, who testi- lake essel and requisitioned by the snow, and at 9 o'clock the sun had fined last week, admitted shortage of shipping board for the Atlantic ocean burst through the clouds for a brief

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 26-The new

Washington, Dec. 26 .- Food Ad-

ement of sugar from the western

agreement sugar would have been

the American people by this time.

down while supplying large

tities to the allies.

000 tons.

tage; and nothing else."

Since the food administration was

ount of shipping sufficient to trans-

port 150,000 or 200,000 American

OF CHARLOTE WINS THE PRIZE

Charlotte, Dec. 26 .- The prize of

a \$50 liberty bond, offered by J.

B. Ivey, state merchant's represen-

tative under the food administration,

for the best article on food conser-

vation has been awarded to Miss Ethel Abernethy of this city. Sev-

eral score papers were submitted and the judging was done by offi-

cials of the food administration at

The excellence of the papers sub-

mitted in the contest showed a grati-

food problem in its world-wide as-

By the Associated Press.

MISS ETHEL ABERNETHY

soldiers to France.

Raleigh.

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.

lraft 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 questionnaries and report as soon as possible on the number of brick layers of draft age available for service.

Only white brick layers will be ministrator Hoover's statement on the taken either by draft or voluntary sugar situation, which he tried un- induction into military service successfully to get before the senate through local boards. They will be committee investigating the sugar followed by the aviation section sigshortage, was made public last night at the white house. It attributes nal corps at Kelly Field, San Anto-

the shortage here to the heavy mov- nio, Tex. The order is the first application of hemisphere to Europe, and asserts of the special occupational classifithat without the fixing of prices by cation provision of the new draft regulations.

selling for 25 or 30 cents a pound and more than \$200,900,000 probably General Crowder's letter indicates would have been profiteered from that other special men will be called out later. The statement contains the food

administrator's reply to charges made before the committee by Claus GERMAN U-BOAT CREW WAITED FOR THE LINER Spreckles, president of the Federal

Refining Company, that the sugar situation was mismanaged, and sets! An American Port, Dec. 26 .- Gov. forth in detail the administration's R. L. Beckman of Rhode Island, who efforts to keep the sugar prices left here the latter part of October quanto visit the American forces in France and to convey to them a per-The committee, of which Sena- sonal message of greeting from tor Reed is chairman, not only had President Wilson, arrived here on a refused to make the statement a British liner.

part of the Congressional Record, but On the same vessel was William B. mands for bituminous coal have has declined thus far to permit Thompson, head of the American Red been greater than the mines could Hoover to take the stand to answer Cross mission to Russia, who is returning to the United tates to make When the hearing is resumed Fri- a report of the conditions in that istrator Garfield testified today at the Hoover will be permitted to tell his of his organization. Thomas W. day, however, it is understood Mr. country with reference to the work Lamont of J. P. Morgan and com-At the outset the statement pre- pany and Sir Frederick Edward ed Sam Field, foreman of the ranch, fuel administration had allowed the sents the world situation as it exist- Smith, attorney general for Great ed prior to the European war. The Britain, were also among the pas-

allies then produced much of their sengers. the benefit of the doubt," Dr. Gar- nually from the western hemisphere. when a large steamer, carrying Am-This year they have taken 1,400,- erican army officers had left the United States and that the submarine lay in wait to sink her, was the "That," says the food administrastatement of several enlisted men or, "is the cause of the sugar shorof the American navy who were passengers on the steamship. Ac-The statement says the food adcording to the German prisoners ation with a view of sustaining the knew "all about the departure of who were taken to England, they morale of France and England, the steamship," but the submarine where the sugar ration has been ex- had failed to sink her because of the tremely low for months, and at the vigilance of her convoy. same time preventing a jump in

MR. FRED HELTON WAS STILL UNCONSCIOUS TODAY

The condition of Mr. Fred Helton, ing bookkeepers and persons com- period Cuba has shipped to France who was injured Saturday, remains petent to help drafted men with 346,133 tons of raw product. This, unchanged. He has not regained their questionaires. Some few men it is declared, is just the amount of consciousness, but it was said at in Hickory are assisting Mr. Self, the shortage in the United States. Richard Baker Hospital, where he who is working hard and doing it Even with these shipments, it is was removed after a shifting engine free, but more aid is needed. It is pointed out, the supply in England struck his automobile, that this does reported here that some of the reg- and France has been inadequate. not mean that he will not recover. istrants are being charged for a lit- Consumption in England is 24 pounds Persons have been known to remain tle assistance and there is consider- a year for each person, in France unconscious for a week or more and able indignation at such a treat- 14 pounds, against a consumption then to recover. It is hoped by the young man's many friends that he

Christmas Dance A Christmas dance was given last night by the young men of the town Next year, the statement says, in the Chero-Cola building, about American supplies will be short fifteen couples being present. An Mr. R. M. Bumgarner of Tulsa, 250,000 to 300,000 tons unless the orchestra from Morganton furnish-

CONTINUES

Those Hickory people who retired fying degree of knowledge of the last night thinking that a warm rain would remove the rest of the snow Four or five freight cars were de- freakish ways and the works de-

> 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 8:39 vas stationary. There were indi-New York, Dec. 26 .- The Ameri- cations, however, that the day would