

## HEAVY FIGHTING IN BOTH ZONES ON CHRISTMAS DAY RESULTS IN LITTLE CHANGE IN THE LINES OF OPPONENTS

**Austrians Repulse Attacks in Latoucza and Between Wislok and Biala—Czar's Men in Front of Warsaw Hold Germans in Check**

## BREAK IN RUSSIAN LINE SAVES VON HINDENBERG RETREAT

**Russian Army Before Cracow Reinforced and Siege May Be Recommended Soon—Austrian Government Will Take Landing of Marines by Italy in Albania in Good Faith—Allies in West Return Shell Fire for Useless Attacks by German Army.**

(By the United Press)  
Vienna, Dec. 26.—The Austrians today repulsed Russian attacks near Magyag, in the Latoucza region, with heavy losses. Between Wislok and Biala the enemy attacked throughout the whole Christmas eve, and yesterday with great intensity repeated the onslaughts. The Austrians' front in Galicia remains unchanged. The enemy's repeated attacks in Poland were repulsed.

Russians resist German Attacks Petrograd, Dec. 26.—The Russians have repulsed constant attacks on the 75-mile line before Warsaw. The Germans are directing their main assaults between Sochaczew and Skierniewice. The Russians are endeavoring to pierce the Germans' line along the Pilcia. The only success of General Francois was to break the Russian line before Warsaw long enough to save Von Hindenberg from being forced to retreat from the Polish capital a second time. The army operating against Cracow has been reinforced and it is expected that the siege of the fortress will be resumed in a few days.

Austria Will Not Interfere With Italy London, Dec. 26.—The landing of Italian marines at Avlona, Albania, is not expected to be followed by representations from Austria to Rome. Italy has declared her intention to be governed solely by a desire to prevent anarchy from spreading along the Adriatic shore. It is believed Austria-Hungary will accept this explanation.

Christmas on the Western Lines Paris, Dec. 26.—German attacks upon the French in Belgium in an attempt to regain lost trenches were fruitless yesterday. The German lines bombarded and mined throughout Christmas.

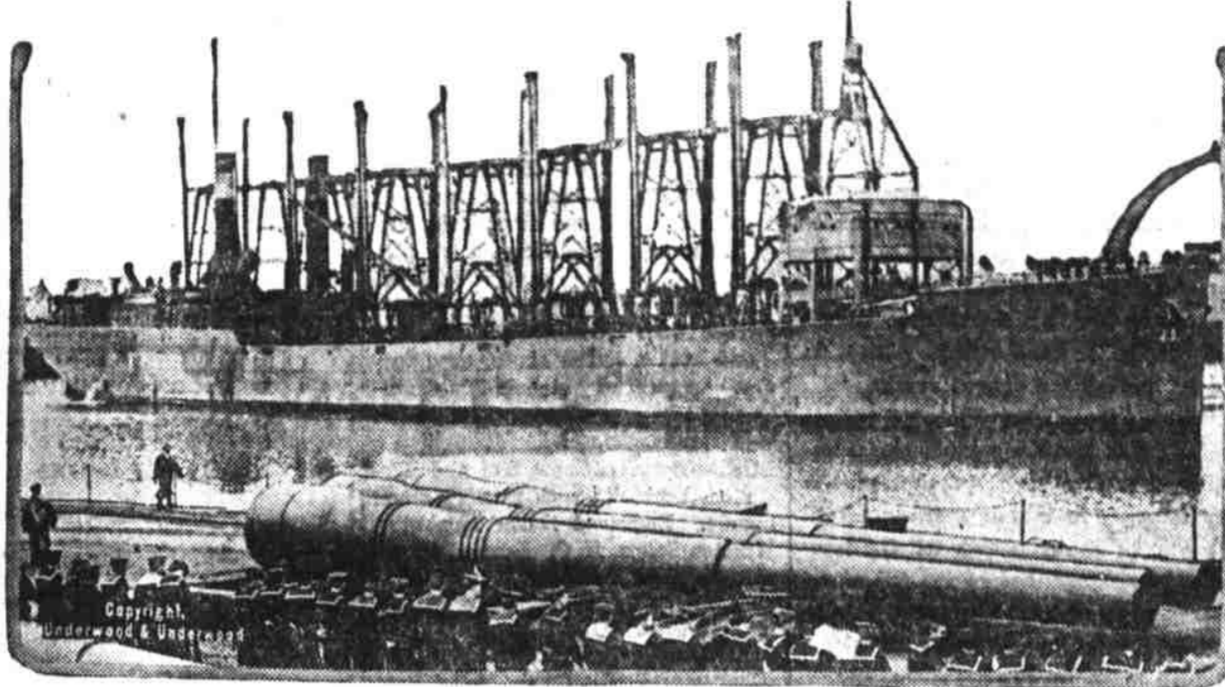
The Situation in the West Paris, Dec. 26.—German attacks on Chivy, northeast of Supir and in the region of Perthes, have been repulsed. There was little cessation of the fighting yesterday, except in Belgium, where operations were hindered by fog between Lys and Oise. A heavy German attack was directed against several points and most desperate fighting resulted. At Lihons the French captured a German trench but were driven out by the Germans, who returned and retook the position. German attacks were repulsed at Nouettes, Boiselle, east of Albert, and Lihons. A night attack in the region of Perthes was repulsed by the French artillery, which silenced the enemy's guns. The Allies have made further progress in upper Alsace.

London Fears Airship Attack London, Dec. 26.—Every precaution is being taken to prevent a successful aeroplane attack by the Germans. Orders have been issued for absolutely every light unnecessary to be extinguished tonight. A constant aeroplane guard is being maintained along the coast and the coast guard is vigilant against the approach of hostile aviators.

## GOMPERS SCORES THE ROCKEFELLER GIFT

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Dec. 26.—President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, made a sharp attack today on the Rockefeller foundation. "That foundation did not escape the fire of general condemnation in the Colorado strike situation," Gompers declared.

## SANTA CLAUS SHIP AT PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND



The American Santa Claus ship Jason, loaded with millions of gifts for the war orphans of Europe, as she appeared when she dropped anchor at Plymouth, England. In the immediate foreground are some of the immense guns which Great Britain is mounting on her battleships.

## RUMOR OF NAVAL BATTLE OFF GHILE

(By the United Press)  
Buenos Ayres, Dec. 26.—There is no confirmation of wireless reports from the Chilean torpedo boat destroyer Tome that a battle is being fought 20 miles from Valparaiso by the British cruiser Newcastle and German vessels. Chilean reports declare that the presence of a powerful Japanese fleet in the Pacific off the west coast is confirmed.

## BULLETINS

(By the United Press)  
**CZAR GOES TO THE FRONT**  
Petrograd, Dec. 26.—Czar Nicholas is again en route to the front. The Czar left last night to visit the troops in the field.

**COTTON FOR AUSTRIAN WOUNDED**  
Rotterdam, Dec. 26.—Thirteen tons of cotton arrived here today from America, en route to Vienna to be used in the hospitals.

soldiers, the executors of the Lamb's will have to bear arms.

"The Antichrist has dared to proclaim himself a Christian and the defenders of the Lamb and for that reason the Lamb will be implacable."

"The battle which will be fought where the Antichrist forces his arms will be more than horrible. The three animals, the defenders of the Lamb will exterminate the army of the Antichrist. But when the battle is fought, it will require a funeral pyre as big as a city, for the bodies of the slain will have changed the face of the country side."

"The Antichrist will loose his crown, and will die solitary and insane. His empire will be divided into 22 states, but not one possess a fortress or an army or navy."

"The white eagle, commanded by the archangel, Michael, will drive the crescent from Europe, which thereafter shall harbor only Christian nations, and thenceforth the white eagle shall dwell in Constantinople." Then shall begin an era of peace and prosperity for the Universe, and there shall be no more war.

"Each nation shall be governed according to its own desire and live in accordance with its highest ideals."

"There shall be no more Lutherans or other sects. The Lamb will reign and the fruits of true humanity will be enjoyed."

"Fortunate indeed is he, who escaping this time of trial will be able to enjoy the results of the new era, which could not be brought about until the utter annihilation of the Antichrist."

"We call your attention to the following two paragraphs especially:

"The greatest battle will be fought where the Antichrist forges his arms. Now Easen is in Westphalia, which state has been designated in several other prophecies as the scene of the supreme struggle."

"The empire Antichrist is divided into 22 states. This coincides with the numbers of principalities which take up the confederated states of the German Empire. Above all the conditions of the ultimate victory depends not in the defeat of the Antichrist, but in his utter extermination."

## MANY PERFORMANCES IN BROADWAY THEATRES NOW ARE FOR CHARITY

Benefits Given by Nearly all the Successful Productions in New York—One Reason Why Comic Opera is Popular Just Now

By Beau Rialto  
(Written for the United Press)

New York, Dec. 26.—Nearly all the successful plays and musical shows are giving benefit performances, the proceeds in some cases being devoted to European war relief funds and in others local institutions. The benefit for the Secours National of France, planned by the American committee and held at the Shubert Theatre was one of the most interesting entertainments seen in the city for some time. Twenty five per cent of the proceeds were devoted to the Actors' Fund for Stage Children, the balance went to aid the needy children of France and Belgium.

One of the most important features was the first appearance here, in many years, of Miss Julia Arthur, who came from Boston especially for this occasion, appearing in the title role in Thomas Bailey Aldrich's "Mercedes."

Miss Virginia Brooks, daughter of Joseph Brooks, theatrical manager, made her first American appearance. A thrilling ending to the performance was "Le Marseillaise," declaimed by Mlle. Gabrielle Dorziat draped in tricolor and accompanied by the orchestra.

Every seat in the house was filled and the audience was one of the most brilliant that has been found at any of the recent benefits for similar objects.

Comic opera of the pure old fashioned type which for a number of seasons has been kept religiously off Broadway, shows signs of coming back. At any rate every member of "The Lilac Domino" is regarded as a matinee idol by the newsboys of New York. There is a reason. The proceeds for the first four days of this week were turned over to the Newsboy's Home Club.

## MISHAP TO TRAIN ON LONG BRIDGE

It's a long, long time to Kinston, complained patrons of the Norfolk Southern's famous morning train today. Instead of arriving at 5:40 or thereabouts as scheduled, the train pulled into the local station at about 10:30, after more mishaps than usually befall the rickety old outfit during the run of only 65 miles from Chocowinity. A defection in the rails blocked the main line connection for which the morning train waits at Chocowinity. A defection in the rails on the long trestle over Neuse river tore part of a wheel off a car. The whole train did not stumble into the icy waters of the mile-wide stream because some degree of the passengers' luck remained with them. "It was the luckiest 'unlucky' thing in my experience," said Conductor Lynch, who is the redeeming feature of the outfit and one of the most painstaking men on the line. The locomotive had to be sent to the roundhouse in New Bern to restore blown-out packing. Several other minor troubles added to the misfortunes of the crew during the run.

## COLD WAVE GRIPS NORTH AND EAST

(By the United Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 26.—A severe cold wave is gripping the entire east and north. The temperature is below zero in West Virginia and Missouri and the north generally. Unusual cold prevails east of the Mississippi.

## HUNDRED MILLION PARCELS BY MAIL

(By the United Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 26.—The Christmas parcel post business is estimated at a hundred million packages. This is 30 per cent bigger than the 1913 Christmas business.

## WE HAVE WITH US C. CHAN OF CANTON

Pittsburgh, Dec. 26.—C. Y. Chan of Canton, China today holds the distinction of being the first Chinese, so far as is known, to preside as toastmaster at a gathering of American college men. Chan is a student at the school of Mines, University of Pittsburgh and when 75 of the students decided to recently he was named for toastmaster. Chan has a sparkling wit and quick tongue and is popular as an after-dinner speaker.

## UNION CHRISTMAS SERVICES FRIDAY

Several Denominations in Gathering in Christian Church—Rev. G. B. Hanrahan Preached and other Ministers Assisted in the Services

In spite of the steady rain, quite a number gathered in the Christian church yesterday morning to attend the Union Christmas service. Pastor B. P. Smith presided and Rev. G. B. Hanrahan preached the sermon. E. N. Harrison of the Caswell street Methodist church, Dr. Spilman and Rev. H. A. Humble led in prayer. There was quite an elaborate program of beautiful music rendered by the choir. The congregation joined in singing familiar Christmas hymns.

The sermon by Mr. Hanrahan was clear, forceful and appealing. He dwelt upon the greatness of Jesus and closed with a beautiful poem showing the sweetness of light to the benighted soul.

The offering was given to the United Charities.

## HIGH BROW WAR TALK MAY BE BARRED, TOO

Columbus, O., Dec. 26.—Representatives from all over the world were expected here today to attend the opening sessions of the national convention of the Cosmopolitan club. The club was organized by foreign students attending American universities and colleges.

## Children's Coughs—Children's Colds, Both Are Serious

When one of your little ones shows symptoms of an approaching cold, give it Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey at once. It acts quickly, and prevents the cold growing worse. Very healing—soothes the Lungs, loosens the mucous, strengthens the system. It's guaranteed. Only 25c at your Drug-gist. Buy a bottle today.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve for Sores.

## WEATHER MAKES IT DIFFICULT FIGHT BIG LUMBER FIRE

**Water Freezes as Fast as It Strikes Buildings—Other Mass. Towns Send Aid to Chelsea Department Combatting Blaze.**

(By the United Press.)  
Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—In bitter zero cold, a fire in the yards of the Pope-Cottle Lumber Company at Chelsea today was fanned by a high wind which spread it to such proportions that it was necessary to send for help from surrounding towns. Firemen fighting the flames were benumbed by the intense cold. Water was frozen as soon as it hit a burning building, forming cakes of ice and making the fire-fighters' footing treacherous. The flames are under control. The damage is estimated at \$125,000.

## POPE MAY FORCE THE FRENCH TO DISCUSS PEACE WITH CHURCH

By Henry Wood  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Rome, Nov. 13: (By mail to New York)—The reunion of diplomatic relations between the Vatican and France today became practically assured when it became known that negotiations to that end initiated by Pope Benedict have already progressed to a most favorable point.

The efforts of the Vatican in this direction are being taken at Rome as only one more example of the quick, decisive actions which has marked every step of the pontificate of the new Pope. As a matter of fact, this resumption of official relations between the Vatican and Paris, important as it is itself, is only one step in the bigger plan of Pope Benedict, to bring about a settlement of the famous "Roman question" and to establish peace between the Vatican and the Quirinal.

Pope Benedict's plan to this end provides for the Vatican having an official representative at the peace conference which will adjust the affairs of Europe at the close of the present war. Negotiations to attain this result have already been opened directly with England, and it has now become desirable that the Vatican also negotiate directly with France. For the moment, owing to the rupture of diplomatic relations which has existed since the separation of the church and State of France, this she cannot do.

Much as it is to the Vatican's advantage in the present moment to be on friendly terms with France, it has been no secret for several years past that France also was in a most receptive mood. Where the protection of large Catholic populations in the orient has been entrusted by the Vatican since the separation of the church and state of France, to other powers, France has found herself steadily losing prestige in those countries. This prestige has been going largely to Germany and Austria, who have at all time maintained friendly relations with the Holy Sec.

## RUMOR OF NAVAL ACTIVITY IN TURKEY

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Dec. 26.—The cruisers North Carolina and Tennessee, in Turkish waters, have been ordered to confirm reports of the threatened bombardment of Turkish ports, and aid in protecting aliens.

## Franz Josef's Health Threatening

London, Dec. 26.—According to a dispatch from Berne, Austrian court physicians fear Emperor Franz Josef is on the verge of complete physical breakdown. Private information says the Emperor is suffering extreme depression brought about by the capture of Belgrade by the Servians.

## Mr. H. C. Byrd, of Washington, N. C. Spent Friday Night here, enroute to Goldsboro, on business.

## HOW CHRISTMAS DAY WAS SPENT IN SOME OF THE BIG CITIES

**Washington Almost Deserted—Western Congressmen in Capital, But all Others Went Home—In Philadelphia and Richmond.**

Washington, Dec. 25.—Christmas day found the capital a nearly deserted city. With Congress closed, and its members back home and with the government departments shut down, the city took on an unwonted air of quiet. Many of the government officials were dining quietly at home, or were taking a week end visit out of the city.

For the far western members of congress, who could not well make the trip to their home cities, there were a number of social gatherings today in private homes and hotels.

For the unfortunate members of the community, charity organizations distributed baskets of Christmas food, including real turkey, cranberry sauce and so on.

In the cafes, the usual Christmas hospitality—genuine southern egg nog and applejack—were brought in huge bowls. But the cafes like the city, had the spirit of the season—peace.

**Miss Wilson Makes 10,000 Happy**  
Philadelphia, Dec. 25.—Ten thousand and children of the tenement district still had faith in Santa Claus today, due to the work of one woman; Miss May Wilson, of Jenkintown, Pa. Repeating her efforts of former years, Miss Wilson by personal solicitation throughout the year raised nearly \$4,000 with which to buy toys and candy for the poor children. Several thousand other poor boys and girls were bountifully provided for by self-constituted members of the "Good Fellow's Club."

**Richmond Has Big Christmas Tree.**  
Richmond, Va., Dec. 25.—Well-filled stockings for children, whose Christmas otherwise would have been gray and cheerless, were provided today by the Community Christmas Tree. A stately cedar, the largest the committee could find in the Virginia hills, was the Christmas tree around which hundreds of children gathered for Christmas services and to receive from a jolly old Santa Claus gifts dear to the heart of childhood.

## FUGITIVES FROM WAR IN KINSTON

Jno. Kratschwill and Alfred Puffl, young Saxons who fled from Manchester, Eng., at the outbreak of the European war, were here Thursday evening. Kratschwill was en route to Augusta, Ga., where he has been offered employment, and Puffl was given a position in the Kinston Cotton Mills. The young men were buyers for German cotton waste concerns in Manchester when their country declared war against England, and had to leave the islands hurriedly and secretly. Kratschwill and Puffl came to Canada, the shipping between England and the United States then being temporarily suspended, and succeeded in reaching the States safely through the Dominion. Both young men are highly intelligent and speak perfect English. They are well educated and very patriotic Germans. Neither of them has the slightest doubt that the Fatherland will be victorious in the world struggle.

## VILLA GAINS IN MEXICAN BATTLE

(By the United Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 26.—Villa gains as the battle in Mexico rages. The Carranzistas have been forced back to their main line of defense. Today may decide the fate of the port of Vera Cruz.

Gutierrez is completing his cabinet. A report is being circulated by the Constitutionalist agency that President Gutierrez is wavering in his support of Villa and is considering enlisting under Carranza.