

LIGHTLESS NIGHT
Will be observed throughout the United States Sunday night. No signs—No street lights, except essential ones.

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WEATHER
Probably snow today and not quite so cold tonight.

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FIRST STRONG BLOW OF MUCH HERALDED GERMAN OFFENSIVE HELD IN CHECK BY BRITISH

Teutons Strike Sharply on Short Front of Two Miles Near Cambrai, and Heavy Fighting Results—Germans Gain Foothold But Are Ejected.

TRY FOR POSITIONS LOST IN BYNG'S DRIVE

Petrograd Spent Sunday Watching Peace Celebrations—Bolshevik Followers Have a Big Parade and Central Powers Peace Delegates View It.

Germany has struck her first strong blow on the western front since the heralding of a great offensive, and the British have held it in check.

The attack, which resulted in heavy fighting, was made on a short front on the southern end of the salient before Cambrai. The fighting continues.

The attackers gained a foothold in the British trenches but later were ejected by counter attacks. The German thrust was on a front of more than two miles between Marcoring and La Vacquerie, and against positions which the British have held since the retirement after General Byng's successful blow.

In the center the Germans were held from gain, but on either end of the assaulting front they entered the front line. The British counter-attacks drove the Germans from parts of these positions and resulted also in the capture of some prisoners. Berlin claims that front line positions and a "few hundred" prisoners were captured.

The Germans also have been active at other points along the front but their local attack in the Ypres sector and their raid northeast of Verdun brought no successes. Their efforts followed a heavy German fire in these sectors, Cambrai, Ypres and Verdun and may be forerunners of determined attacks.

In the Italian theater there has been on the part of the Germans a heavy on of artillery activity along the northern front. German airplanes again have raided Padua, much damage being done to monuments and buildings by incendiary bombs. Three persons were killed and three wounded.

Another attack along Nablus road north of Jerusalem has been made by the British forces in Palestine. Against stubborn Turkish resistance the British progressed three miles and captured Birsh, ancient Beeroth and three other towns. Progress also was made between the Nablus road and the Mediterranean coast.

In Petrograd Sunday the day was given over to peace celebrations marked by parades of Bolshevik followers. Members of the German and Austrian peace delegation were spectators of the parade. The head of German and Austrian delegations to the Brest-Litovsk conference, Dr. Von Kuehlmann and Count Czernin are returning to their respective capitals. Delayed dispatches from Brest-Litovsk indicate that while the representatives of Russia and the Central powers agree on most of the peace terms there is difficulty in the preliminary settlement of the question concerning German retirement from occupied Russian territory in order to give the inhabitants opportunity to decide their future for themselves.

One of the forts at Kronstadt, the naval base near Petrograd, has been blown up by an explosion, according to a dispatch received in London. Bessarabia and Turkestan are reported to have declared their independence, while fighting between the Bolsheviks and their opponents is reported to be going on in Harbin and Irkutsk, Siberia.

General Kaledines has been re-elected hetman of the Don Cossacks by an overwhelming majority.

British Regain Positions.
London, Dec. 31.—The British in successful counter attacks on the Cambrai front have regained the more important territory on Welsh ridge taken by the Germans in yesterday's attack, the war office reports.

Measures in Preparation.
Vienna, Dec. 31.—Counter measures against the French are in course of preparation in the Monte Tomba area the war office announces.

French On Offensive.
Berlin, Dec. 31.—French forces on the northern Italian front yesterday took the offensive. In the afternoon French infantry penetrated portions of the

ZERO WEATHER IN THE CITY SUNDAY

Mercury Went to Six Degrees Below Zero, So Unofficial Observers Have Stated.

"Old Merc did a Brodie late Saturday; he shore did," opined the weather recorder of the establishment this morning. "Merc, in his uncalled for dive, went lower than a pitcher's batting averages, which is lowness personified, stressed and augmented by depression."

What the recorder was attempting to say was that the mercury went below zero Saturday night and evidently returned there to see if he had missed anything last night. Thermometer watchers assert in due seriousness that she went to six below early Sunday morning the lowest notch reached in this city in years and years.

Regardless of the depths of degradation touched by the mercury Saturday and Sunday nights, it has been said. The cold was the sort which penetrated the heavy overcoats, mufflers, and everything else worn by man to protect himself. It went through heavy garments and the apparel of the person who whistles "What Did I Do With My Summers Pay?" alike; clothing offered no resistance.

Zero weather prevailed throughout this section Sunday morning, real early, it is reported, and High Point simply had to come in for its share. In other cities the mercury reached two and three degrees, officially noticed by government observers, so the computations of local observers cannot be far amiss.

MANY OFFICERS FROM CAMP SEVIER ORDERED TO FORT SAM HOUSTON

Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., Dec. 31.—The following colonels and lieutenant colonels of the 30th division have been ordered to the Field Officers' school at Fort Sam Houston, Texas:

- Colonel Cary F. Spence, 117th infantry.
 - Colonel Peter M. McCully, Jr., 118th infantry.
 - Colonel John B. Van Metts, 118th in. fantry.
 - Colonel Sidney W. Minor, 120th in. fantry.
 - Colonel Harry S. Berry, 115th Field artillery.
 - Lieut. Col. Charles E. Brown, 117th infantry.
 - Lieut. Col. Cyrus M. Faircloth, 119th infantry.
 - Lieut. Col. Claude L. Mettler, 120th infantry.
 - Lieut. Col. Sidney C. Chambers, 114th Field artillery.
 - Lieut. Col. James A. Gleason, 114th Field Artillery.
 - Lieut. Col. William L. Terry, 115th Field artillery.
- Full field equipment will be taken. The length of time these officers will be absent from their commands is not stated.

ILLINOIS SOLDIER IS GIVEN TEN YEARS BY A COURT MARTIAL

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 31.—Private Phillip Van Engers, alias "Lient," William Vincent Howard Brantam, 21 years of age, of La Grange, Ill., has been tried by court martial at Camp Wadsworth and sentenced to serve 10 years in a military prison.

Van Engers faced charges of desertion and forgery and entered pleas of guilty. The defendant says his father was born in Netherlands and is now engaged in service in France in the United States.

He says he was obsessed with the desire to secure information about army camps.

WASHINGTON HAS NO MORE DETAILS FROM STRICKEN GUATEMALA

Washington, Dec. 31.—Still without detailed information of the earthquakes which destroyed Guatemala City, costing many lives and leaving \$100,000 homeless, American officials today prepared to send aid to the stricken sister republic. Further reports were waited from American Minister Leavelle and Consul Fee.

PREMIERS TO DISCUSS THE GERMAN TERMS

Believed in England That the British Government Will Give Serious and Reasoned Reply to Austro-Hungarian Terms.

Lloyd-George Has Arranged to Visit France to Confer with Premier Clemenceau on the Questions, Says Guardian.

London, Dec. 31.—The Manchester Guardian says it is the intention of the British government when the Austro-German terms of peace are presented to return a serious and reasoned reply. Premier Lloyd-George has arranged to visit France, according to the newspaper, to confer with Premier Clemenceau on the subject.

The Austro-German peace terms referred to are those presented by the representatives of the Central powers at the negotiation with the Russians at Brest-Litovsk. The negotiations were interrupted for ten days to give the entente allies an opportunity to state whether they would join in them. The principal point in the Austro-Hungarian outline of peace terms was the acceptance of the Russian formula of no annexations or indemnities.

CROZIER PUTS ALL BLAME ON COUNTRY

He Testified Before the Senate Committee and Gives His Side of Artillery Shortage.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Major-General Crozier, army ordnance chief, today gave to the senate committee investigating conduct of the war, his side of the reasons for artillery shortage and of the celebrated controversy over the Lewis machine gun.

Responsibility for artillery shortage, the general said, lay with the whole country, and he showed how his every effort to get larger appropriations to get artillery in time of peace was overruled by the secretary of war and by Congress.

General Crozier submitted the record of tests of the Lewis gun, showing that other guns performed better; disclaimed any personal prejudice, as claimed by Colonel Lewis, the inventor, and showed that since the gun has been perfected to use American ammunition, the war department has bought quantities of them.

NEW HIGH RECORD IS MADE IN EXPORTS THIS YEAR, SAYS ESTIMATES

Washington, Dec. 31.—America's exports were estimated today at the department of commerce to have passed the \$6,000,000,000 mark in 1917, a new high record. Imports were less than \$3,000,000,000 and the trade balance in favor of the United States probably will be more than \$3,500,000,000.

RECRUITING OFFICER TRANSFERRED FROM SEVIER

Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., Dec. 31.—(Special.) Lieutenant Julius Wetzel, camp recruiting officer, has been transferred to another division. Lieut. Wetzel leaves many friends in the Thirtieth Division. He is an able and efficient officer and made a brilliant record in his work here. Lieutenant J. D. Harrison succeeds him as recruiting officer.

THESE PLANS WORK OUT RAILROADERS WON'T STRIKE

Washington, Dec. 31.—Plans for raising the pay for the rank and file of railway workers and reducing some of the very high salaries paid to executive officials were discussed today at a conference between Director Meadlo and the federal board of conciliation and mediation.

TENNESSEE MAN GIVES \$50,000 TO EDUCATION

Pulaski, Tenn., Dec. 31.—Property valued at \$50,000 is left at the death of a sister to be managed by the Southern Methodist church to assist boys to acquire an education at Pulaski Boys' school under the terms of a will of Robert L. Janson provided here, it was learned today.

Welcoming U. S. Jacky to London



London offers a big hearty hand to American soldiers and sailors on the way "Over There" since Uncle Sam broke into the war. There's nothing so good for "Sammy" or his brother "Jack" who sails the seas. The picture shows a Canadian soldier greeting a far in front of Eagle Hut, the Y. M. C. A. headquarters for American soldiers in London.

MANY PERSONS CAN TAKE THE AFFIDAVITS OF REGISTRANTS

Members of Local Exemption Board, Legal Advisory Board, Government Appeal Agent or State and County Officers May Take Affidavit of Registrants Answering Questionnaires.

Again today were the offices of the members of the legal advisory board for High Point township in a state of siege as a result of the charge of the unthinking brigade—the draft registrants of the township who had received their questionnaires and would not attempt to answer them alone and unaided. Waiting lists were kept by the attorneys who are slated for duty today so great was the demand for their services. To relieve the situation it is again mentioned that any person can answer practically all the questions, leaving nothing for the advisory board members to do but administer the oath, or the affidavit. If the registrants will stop and make an effort to answer the questions, the attorneys can handle the affidavits in rapid fire order. This would greatly relieve matters, for the affidavits can be made before any member of the exemption board, members of the advisory board, magistrates, notary public and the chief clerk in the office of the exemption board. Registrants could complete the task of answering the questionnaire much more expeditiously by a little more thinking and after answering all the questions possible take the questionnaire to a member of the advisory board for signing.

Any oath required by the rules and regulations of the selective service act may be administered by any federal or state officer authorized by law to administer oaths generally, by any member of any local or district board having jurisdiction of the registrant; by any government appeal agent in regard to any case pending before any local or district board with which he is connected; by any person designated to

act in the capacity of legal aid or advisor to registrants, and by any postmaster within the same local jurisdiction as the registrant.

Questionnaires were mailed today to the following men of the township, those whose order numbers range from 1000 to 1145, inclusive:

James Hobbs, Burse Stuart, J. W. Tomlinson, G. A. Meredith, W. McE. Marr, C. C. Johnson, William R. Stone, E. H. Fletcher, L. F. Patton, Percy E. Weaver, Nma E. Barker, J. L. Jones, George Yates, J. W. Woolen, Ed. Moore, C. S. Wilson, Charlie Hill, Walter Copley, H. J. Maiz, W. H. Stuart, G. W. Summey, E. C. Pegg, John D. Sheehan, R. M. Lowe, Louis C. Ferguson, G. C. Cecil, S. G. Fowler, Thomas C. Goodman, C. E. Radden, A. H. Yarlor, R. B. Hughes, Theady Myers, C. L. Ty-singer, J. A. Wither, L. M. Batstone, E. B. Odham, C. B. Mitchell, M. O. Johnson, E. A. Craven, M. L. Hatthey, M. L. Dunn, T. C. Stout, Ernest Pierce, Gal Stille, R. L. Hill, R. P. Reddick, W. J. Crouch, H. J. Willard, A. F. Hedrick, Albert L. Fozze, Eugene Osborne, J. P. Guyer, Bruce Weatherman, B. H. Poole, John B. Wardell, Owen Harris, P. H. Carroll, C. Wright, L. E. Burton, William P. Miller, L. J. Hunter, Van B. Holt, Harry Fine, Otis Woods, O. J. Bryant, John P. John Sartin, W. J. Bennett, R. P. Neece, John E. Alford, E. B. Meador.

Negroes: Henry E. Lulley, George Douglas, Halley Pethel, Homer Rudmon, George Greene, Coleman Hill, B. H. Griffin, C. W. Dorsett, T. W. By-lum, H. C. Lindsay, McKinney Corbett, Housy Barnett, Willis Wilby, Floyd Freeman, T. S. Patterson, Nelson Jordan, Henry Sadberry.

THE SPECIAL PRAYER SERVICES FOR WEEK PREVENTED BY COLD

On account of the weather, the services of prayer planned by the Ministers' association for the week of prayer this week have been called off. When these services were arranged for there was some doubt as to whether it would be advisable to have them on account of the bad situation and since the week has begun with such a low temperature, it has been decided that it would be better not to hold them.

SHARP ADVANCE SHOWN AT OPENING OF COTTON MARKET THIS MORNING

New York, Dec. 31.—Cotton market opened firm today at an advance of 4 to 34 points. There appeared to be a great many overnight buying orders attracted probably by the firmness of Saturday and there was also trade buying on the advance. January was relatively easy at the start but soon turned up to 15 points net higher while later months reacted slightly under realizing.

THIS IS THE BEST STORY OF THE DAY

Moderation in Temperature for the Country From Ohio Valley Eastward Predicted by the Weather Experts.

Little Improvement in New York—Death Roll Lengthening As Coal Supply Dwindles and Mercury Hovers Around Zero

Washington, Dec. 31.—Some moderation beginning tonight of the cold wave was forecast today by the weather bureau for the country from the Ohio valley eastward. The cold wave is now passing to sea.

The intense cold has not been equalled in the territory south of New York, along the coast and inland, since December 30, 1880.

There has already been a moderation of temperatures west of the Appalachian mountains and in the east gulf states, although over a great part of that region it is still colder than the reasonable average.

Canton, N. Y., reported the lowest temperature at 8 o'clock this morning of any point in the country. It was 20 degrees below zero there. During the previous 24 hours the coldest was 40 degrees below zero at Northfield, Vermont, according to weather bureau reports.

WINTER'S GRIP ON NEW YORK IS A GRIM ACTUALITY

New York, Dec. 31.—A lengthening death roll, a rapidly dwindling coal supply and weather bureau officials predicting that the record breaking cold spell would keep the mercury hovering about the zero mark throughout the next 24 hours, made winter's grip on New York and vicinity today a grim actuality. Four persons have perished from the cold up to noon.

The cotton exchange voted to close at noon today. At 11 o'clock the mercury stood at one degree below zero.

LAST RITES HELD FOR FORMER SHERIFF

Funeral Services of Late E. B. Jones Attended by Many Relatives and Friends.

Greensboro, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Funeral services for former Sheriff E. B. Jones, who died in Greensboro Saturday, were held from Centenary church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, interment following in Greene Hill cemetery. Services in the church were conducted by the Rev. A. W. Plyler, assisted by Rev. J. Clyde Turner, of the First Baptist church; the Rev. W. B. White, of the Acheboro street church, and the Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, of the Spring Garden Street Methodist church.

The services were featured by music by the church choir and a male quartette. Many friends and relatives of the deceased, who was one of the best known men in Guilford county, attended.

Serving as pallbearers were: B. E. Smith, J. W. Merritt, W. G. Simpson, J. E. Faulkner, S. M. Burpass and C. C. Hudson, all stewards of Centenary church.

MANY MINERS LOSE LIVES IN EXPLOSION IN PENNSYLVANIA

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 31.—Many miners are reported killed by a gas explosion in the Underwood mine of the Pennsylvania Coal company, near Thorop, about six miles from this city. Company officials are silent and information is vague. At noon 17 bodies, some dead and some alive, were reported taken from the mine.

Holiday Enlistments.
Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The following men enlisted in the Thirtieth division during the holidays: