

Fierce Battle Developing On The Northern Slope Of Carpathian Mountains

These Will Be Fought Between The Czar's Forces And Austro-German--Death List From German Bombardment Is Increased--Seven Ships Sunk.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 19. (Central News Cable)—Fierce battles are developing on the northern slope of the Carpathian mountains between the Russians and Austro-Germans. A new grouping of Russian forces is being effected which presages an offensive of importance. The Russians in the south, traversing the Carpathian mountains, found small detachments of Austrian troops frozen to death, evidently where they had camped.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The total number of vessels sunk off the Yorkshire-Durham coasts by German mines after the bombardment last Wednesday, was today brought up to seven. The last two victims were British mine destroyers sent there to rid the waters of mines by the admiralty.

SHOOTING UP OF CIVILIAN STIRS UP THE BELGIANS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 19.—A man named Pravis and whose home was at Westcappel, Belgium, was shot by the Germans today near Putte, the Belgian-Dutch border. Pravis fell dead across the Dutch frontier. A search showed his papers to be in perfect order. The Germans suspected him of carrying letters from Belgium into Holland. The citizens of Netherlands are indignant over the unpardonable killing of a civilian non-combatant.

A War Map Showing Scene of Europe's Troubles



The above map shows to advantage and in compact form, the vast stage of the European war. The great conflict has grown to such enormous importance that everyone is vitally interested in the daily proceedings "on the front." Clip this map out and save for future reference.

CORRESPONDENTS WANTED.

Is there a news letter from your section in each issue of the SEMI-WEEKLY JOURNAL? If there is not, there should be, and we want someone in every town, village and hamlet in eastern North Carolina to act as reporter in their particular neighborhood for the JOURNAL.

Let the world know what you and your friends are doing. There's hundreds of persons interested in your town and county, and they are anxious to read news from your section.

Won't you help us at the same time help your community by sending us the news each week? If you can't write a long news letter, why write a short one, tell about the comings and goings of Mr. Smith and the social given by Mrs. Brown, or the new house that Tim Tompkins is building. All of that would be read with interest and your town would get the benefit.

Don't wait for someone else to do this, but sit down right now and mail us a short letter. Then when you come to Town, come around to the JOURNAL OFFICE, and make this your headquarters, and get acquainted with the men who make the paper. Let's work in unison to make the SEMI-WEEKLY JOURNAL the very best newspaper in the State.

\$95,000 LEFT TO ORPHANAGE OF THE BAPTISTS

Late Noah Bigs Gives Them Amount In His Will

HANDSOME GIFT

In Death, As In Life, He Thought of Doing Good

Scotland Neck, Dec. 19.—The last will of the late Noah Bigs, just probated, is in many respects one of the most complete documents of its kind ever recorded in Halifax county. His sympathy for the worthy poor permeated the entire document, and the bulk of his great success is bequeathed to benevolent objects.

The largest beneficiary of the will is the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, which he helped to establish, and in which his whole life was wrapped up. The orphanage receives the splendid sum of \$95,000. The interest on \$75,000 of this amount is to be paid to his family as long as they live, and then go to the orphanage to be used in helping to educate the worthy boys and girls who go out from that institution and desire a college education. It is stipulated that a minimum rate of interest is to be charged on such loans and that the personal note of the borrower is to be taken without further security.

After providing amply for his immediate family, he contributed to Meredith College \$20,000, the interest on which is to go to certain friends for life and then to be used by said college in assisting worthy girls in securing an education.

Wake Forest College is to receive \$5,000 to be used in the education of worthy young men who are otherwise unable to supply the means. It is also stipulated here that the borrower is to be charged a small rate of interest and his personal security.

Helps State Conventions.
The Baptist State Convention is given \$15,000, the interest on \$10,000 of the same is to be used in building churches at destitute points within the Roanoke Baptist Association, and to pay preachers for services at these destitute points. Interest on \$2,500 to be used for ministerial education.

The Scotland Neck Baptist church, of which Mr. Bigs was a member for forty years, and which he served as treasurer for thirty-nine years, is given \$2,500 to be used in buying Sunday school supplies and the equipment of a library. He also gave to the church \$5,000 to be used in defraying the running expenses after a five year period, the interest only to be used. For five years the interest on this sum is to be used in defraying the expenses of several of his intimate friends on their annual vacation. In this number are included three of his former pastors and his pastor at the time of his death.

Wanted a Church.
Less than sixty days ago Mr. Bigs remarked to his pastor that the time had come for a new church building in Scotland Neck and that he desired to contribute \$5,000 for that purpose. He said he intended to incorporate this in his will, but his illness came so unexpectedly and being stricken so very seriously from the very beginning, he failed to make this provision in his will. It was evident that in his last hours he desired to make some statement or express some wish, but was unable to do so, and it is thought by those nearest to him that this contribution to a new church building was what he wanted to say.

The Sealed Letter.
On January 20, 1904, Mr. Bigs gave to Mr. Frank P. Shields a sealed letter with the following written upon the envelope: "Noah Bigs—To be returned to him when called for, in case of death to be opened by Frank P. Shields." In this letter he named his pall-bearers and directed that a simple funeral service be conducted over his body. All those named in the letter are still living save one, the late W. A. Dunn, and all were present of the living save two, one of whom it was impossible for him to reach here, while the other could not be reached in time for him to come.

In this issue of the Journal the leading merchants of the city are telling the people of wonderful bargains which they have to offer for the holidays. Only a few days, few to be exact, remain before Christmas day and during this time numerous articles are to be purchased. Almost every imaginable article is advertised in the Journal this morning and at prices most attractive. Look over these advertisements and such one carefully and profit thereon.

GERMAN FORCES ARE DRAWING NEAR WARSAW

Tremendous Plunges Put Them Only Sixteen Miles Away

MAY NOT ENTER

There Is Doubt As to Whether They Will Gain Polish Capital

London, Dec. 19.—(Central News Cable)—Tremendous plunges have carried the German drive to Kazimierz, sixteen miles Northwest of Warsaw. Whether General Von Hindenburg can push the Czar's troops back to the Polish capital depends upon their ability to overcome the Russian masses being rolled up in his path.

Germany A Peacemaker.

Athens, Dec. 19.—Germany is making an effort to prevent a rupture between Greece and Turkey. The relations of the two countries have been strained to the utmost as the result of the arrest of the naval attaché at the Greek embassy in Constantinople. The officer has been sentenced to death as an alleged spy by the Turks. The German ambassador in Constantinople has been ordered to prevent the execution of the Greek officer.

Allies Make Gains.

Paris, Dec. 19.—An official communique says the Allies have gained a mile south of Labasse and advanced to Dixmude and Ypres in Flanders. The Allies have captured the second line of trenches between Lys and Oise. Gains also have been made between Corey and Stutren. Several German trenches were taken today in the regions of Matiz and Lihons. The Germans took several French trenches north of Maricourt by hand grenades.

Train Destroyed.

Amsterdam, Dec. 19.—Advices reaching here today declare a Russian armored train carrying ammunition and food from Lemberg to the Carpathians has been blown up and destroyed.

1,200,000 Men Lost.

Geneva, Dec. 19.—Swiss and German journals today published statistics showing the German losses to date to be a million and two hundred thousand men.

MORE COTTON SEED CRUSHED

Number of Tons In 1914 Exceed That of 1913

Washington, D. C. Dec. 19.—Of the 1914 crop of cotton seed crushed prior to December 1, there were 2,493,050 tons compared with 2,192,276 tons for 1913.

Linters produced to December 1 amounted to 342,607 bales, compared with 288,468 for 1913. Seed crushed and linters obtained to December 1 by States follow:

States:	Crushed	Linters
Alabama	212,987	28,508
Arkansas	134,781	18,140
Florida	19,177	1,690
Georgia	434,526	56,807
Louisiana	90,932	11,948
Mississippi	226,574	31,145
Missouri	13,947	1,800
North Carolina	120,458	14,519
Oklahoma	161,310	20,944
South Carolina	161,310	20,944
Tennessee	110,035	15,105
Texas	736,734	111,299
All other states	26,343	3,111

Charles T. Monahan, Jr., of Kingston arrived in the city yesterday to visit his father C. T. Monahan.

COMMITTEEMEN STUDYING BILL

House Naval Committee Looking Into the Appropriations

Washington, Dec. 19.—With the completion of public hearings, house naval committeemen today began an informal study of this year's appropriation bill, analyzing testimony and comparing it with estimates and recommendations of the navy department. The committee hopes to report the bill to the house before the holiday recess.

Representative Roberts has submitted to the committee a statement, based on a communication from Secretary Daniels, comparing the annual recommendations of the general board of the navy with what Congress actually granted during the years 1913-1914. The statement shows the general board recommended 38 battleships, 1 armored cruiser, 3 protected cruisers and 2 battle cruisers. Congress authorized 17 battleships, 2 armored cruisers and no protected cruisers or battle cruisers. Other important recommendations made by the board were 111 destroyers, of which Congress authorized 52; 34 scout cruisers, of which Congress allowed 3, and 30 submarines, which Congress increased to 55.

N. C. FIRM WINS IN U. S. COURT

High Point Company Is Awarded Damages In Suit

Washington, D. C. Dec. 19.—The Standard Mirror Company of High Point, N. C., and Fred Ecker, were awarded five thousand eight hundred and twenty three dollars reparation from the Pennsylvania and Lake Shore Railroad Companies today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

This amount of damage was awarded as overcharges in rates on window glass shipped from Toledo, O., and Reynoldsville, Pa., to High Point, N. C.

Claypool James, of Wilson, N. C., was a visitor to New Bern yesterday.

NEW BERN COTTON MARKET.

(By G. W. Taylor & Sons)

Shipping	5 5/8
Strick Middling	9 7/8
Good Middling	7 1/2

Receipts yesterday 53 bales.

FORMER CONSUL FALLS TO DEATH

Captain Charles L. Adams Meets His Fate In Lynchburg, Va.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 19.—Captain Charles L. Adams, former American consul at Cadix, Spain, was instantly killed here today.

Captain Adams in some way fell through the shaft of an elevator in one of the downtown business houses. He was unconscious when picked up and died a few hours later.

FATAL WRECK ON GEORGIA ROAD

Special Plunges Down Hundred Foot Embankment. Two Die

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 19.—Two firemen were killed this afternoon when a Western and Atlantic special train from Memphis to Atlanta plunged down a hundred foot embankment at Emerson, Ga.

Five passenger cars were overturned and a score or more of the passengers were seriously injured. It is expected that the injuries of some may prove fatal.

HABEAS CORPUS DENIED FRANK

Once Again Condemned Slayer Loses Out In Court

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 19.—In the United States District Court this afternoon, Federal Judge Newman denied an application of the counsel for Leo M. Frank for writ of habeas corpus, whereby the prisoner would be freed for the time being.

An appeal will be taken and Frank's execution will be indefinitely stayed.

LOST TWELVE MILLION

This Amount Dropped By J. P. Morgan and Company.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The banking house of J. P. Morgan and Company lost twelve million dollars by relieving the Erie Railroad of stock of the Chicago Hamilton and Dayton Railroad, Frederick W. Stearns, an associate of the Morgan firm, testified today before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

BRIDGE CLUB IS ENTERTAINED

Mrs. R. Du Val Jones Was the Hostess Yesterday Afternoon

The Weekly Bridge Club were beautifully entertained at the attractive home of Mrs. Robert DuVal Jones on Saturday afternoon. Carrying out a scheme of Christmas suggestions, the decorations of red, greens, poinsettias with glossy evergreens and ferns made the rooms most attractive.

At the card tables the places were designated by bright little red baskets filled with bonbons and capped with the smiling face of old Santa Claus. After an enjoyable game of bridge the guests were served a delicious salad course. Those attending this delightful party were: Mrs. Robert Nixon, Miss Janet Hollister, Mrs. Charles R. Thomas, Mrs. Francis Stringer Duffy, Mrs. W. P. Burrus, Mrs. Owen Guion, Miss Mollie Heath, Mrs. John Tull Hollister, Mrs. Harry Marks, Mrs. J. K. Hollowell and Mrs. Larry J. Moore.

RATE INCREASE IS SATISFACTORY

New York Financiers Feel A Little More Optimistic

New York, Dec. 19.—Expressions of satisfaction over the increase yesterday given the railroads in the freight rates granted eastern carriers by the Interstate Commerce Commission, were heard today throughout the financial district.

Overnight consideration of the decision, placed the findings of the commission in much brighter light for those who felt disappointed yesterday, when they learned that the full five per cent increase asked for had not been granted.

TO ERECT TREE.

Tomorrow the City Beautiful Club, who are to put up and superintend the ceremonies attending the Municipal Christmas tree, will have the tree erected and will begin the work of decorating it.

The work of erecting the tree is in charge of Mrs. D. S. Coudon, chairman of the City Beautiful Club, Mrs. Clyde Eby and Miss Jane Stewart. On Tuesday evening the tree will be lighted and next evening thereafter until after Christmas day, the tree will be lighted. Christmas eve appropriate exercises will be held around the tree.