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ATTENTION STILL FIXED ON POLAND

There Russians and Germans Are Still at Deth Grip

RUSSIAN SUPPLY TRAIN BLOWN UP

London Military Experts Declare Berlin Now Doubts News of Great German Victory—French Claim to be Steadily Gaining

London, Dec. 19.—Coordination of military movements in the east and west, observed since the war's outbreak, is now shown in striking way in the allies' offensive movement in northern France and Flanders, keeping the Germans engaged and preventing them from sending reinforcements eastward. The allies claim gains in Flanders and France during the past few days, which are said to counter balance the German advance in Poland. Progress of the allies, in the vicinity of Labassee, where the Germans had clung tenaciously to their positions for many weeks, is regarded here as particularly noteworthy, as the Germans' spear point here had presented an irritating problem. The allies' advance thus far has been slow, but British military critics expect it to gain impetus. British and French writers say the doubts they expressed at correctness of the German announcement that a historic victory had been won over Russia in Poland, were borne out by the apparent lessening of enthusiasm in Berlin. The Berlin Vorwarts rebukes its colleagues for what it calls their "exaggerated deductions" from vague information available. It is evident Grand Duke Nicholas has drawn in a portion of the Russian front, from the Lowicz Llow line to the entrenchments nearer Warsaw. There has been no admission from Petrograd, however, of any serious reverses along the Vistula, such as must necessarily have preceded a general German victory. It is regarded here, as quite possible the Teutonic allies scored success in some localities, although there is no information available as to the time of defeat. The reverse, which Petrograd asserts the Germans have suffered in the region of Mlaw, near the East Prussian frontiers, is believed here to have interfered with the German operations along the Vistula. It is asserted, unofficially at Petrograd, that the Germans have evacuated Loda, finding that city of no greater strategic value to them than it was to the Russians. Last night's official communication from the Russian war office stated definitely that all Austro-German attacks, along the left bank of the Vistula, in progress for several days, have been repulsed. Whatever are the facts of the situation in the Vistula region the present situation there apparently is exerting an influence on crucial operations to the south around Cracow. The Russian forces threatening the old Polish capital and the Silesian frontier, remain fixed in their positions and the Austrian rally, which brought back the Teutonic forces across the Carpathians, seems to have met a check. A Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph reports a German airplane has been stranded on the Danish Isle of Fano, in the North Sea. The aviators, an officer and soldier, were interned in Denmark. French Statement. Paris, Dec. 19.—The French war office this afternoon gave out an official announcement as follows: "During the day of December 18th we organized, in the Belgium territory, and won from the enemy the evening before to the south of Dixmude and advanced our front to the south of the town at Korteker. Our advance to the

south of Ypres has been continued over very difficult and swampy territory. From Lys to Oise we have progressed in the region of Notre Dame De Consolation, to the south of Labassee, by more than one kilometre. During the past two days we also made progress in the direction of the Carency, St. Laurent and Blagny. In spite of every spirited counter attacks positions were taken by us December 17th and have been retained. In the region of Albert during the night of December 17th and 18th, and during the day of the 18th we advanced, under very violent fire of the enemy, and reached barbed wire entanglements of the second line of German trenches. To the North of Maricourt we were obliged to abandon the trench occupied the night before and set on fire by the enemy by means of hand-grenades. Several German trenches have been occupied in the region of Mamets and in the vicinity of Lihonst. Three violent counter attacks on the part of the Germans have been repulsed. In the region of Aisne there have been artillery engagements and in Champagne the artillery of the enemy showed, December 18th, increased activity, as compared to the 17th. In Argonne, in the forest of LaGrurie, we blew up a German undermining trench. Near St. Hubert, the enemy, by very spirited attacks, succeeded in making slight progress. It has been confirmed that on the heights of the Meuse our fire was directed by aviators, who demolished two heavy batteries of the enemy and damaged a third. From Meuse to Vosges there is nothing to the report. In Vosges there has been spirited German rifle firing, but no attack.

German Statement. Berlin, (wireless to London) Dec. 19.—Official statement given out in Berlin this afternoon follows: "Yesterday there took place a series of hostile attacks in the western arena of war. Fighting continues at Neuport, Hirschholt and Labassee. We repulsed attacks of the enemy to the west of Lens, East Albert, and West Marcon. On the east Prussian frontier, a Russian Cavalry attack, to the west of Plikalien, was repulsed. In Poland pursuit of the enemy continues."

Supply Train Blown Up. Amsterdam, Dec. 19.—According to the Budapest newspapers, the Pesti Naplo, an armored train en route from Lemberg to the Carpathians, with ammunition and food, has been blown up. The route mentioned by the dispatch, "Lemberg to Carpathians," makes it appear that the supply train blown up was sent by the Russians who have held Lemberg for sometime. Report, if true, indicates the line of Russian communication, with forces operating in the Carpathians, has been successfully attacked.

One Hundred Lives Lost. Athens, Dec. 19.—A semi-official announcement made here that one hundred lives were lost, including some German officers, when Turkish battleship Messudieh, which was torpedoed by the British submarine, sank in Dardaneller.

COMMON KIDDOLES SHOW IS ON Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 19.—That every dog has its day is true in Philadelphia, if nowhere else. For the first time in the history of dog shows in this country, the common "yaller" kiddole was admitted to the dog show on Washington Square today. By 2 o'clock the square was alive with yelping dogs of all colors, shapes and sizes, led by their proud owners, who likewise furnished a study in mixed breeds. The occasion on which the yelpings and yappings of "man's best friend" filled the air was the first annual "Just a Dog" Show, under the auspices of the Common Dog Show Association of Philadelphia. The unpedigreed mongrels who exist on the tender mercies and old shoes of this city were gathered to compete for prizes. Among the dog's lovers who were early on the scene was Judge J. M. Patterson, who contributed a collar for the longest-headed dog, and Gordon Ciley, who offered another collar for an dog who could boast a more mixed ancestry than his own "Jack," a combination of Irish terrier-bulldog-coachdog. Leashes, registration certificates, etc. have been furnished by the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel for the hairiest dog; by Director of Public Safety Porter for a dog without a registration certificate; by a luncheon room owner for the best trick dog; by Chief Postal Inspector Cortelyou for the champion stick-and-ball retriever; by the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for the best all round dog. J. A. Shern has offered a booby prize for the dog which proves himself the biggest fool.

REVOLT AGAINST VILLA. San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 19.—A dispatch received by the local Mexican consul today said: "The Villa garrison in San Luis Potosi, revolted against Villa this morning and surrendered the city to Gen. Samuel de los Santos, who is loyal to General Carranza."

MAN FROM MORGENTHAU HOUSE TESTIFIES Tells Commission of the Operations of the C. H. and D. Railroad

Washington, Dec. 19.—When the Interstate Commerce Commission resumed hearing on the financial operations in the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton and Pere Marquette railroads today, Frederick W. Stevens, representing J. P. Morgan and Co., presented testimony in support of his contention that the operations of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railroad had burdened the road with twenty-four million, seven hundred thousand dollars in financial obligations and sent it into the hands of receivers before the Morgan house bought control of the road from the Erie. At the time of the purchase, in 1905 Stevens said the Erie directors and the late J. P. Morgan were in ignorance of the actual financial condition of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton and that a surplus of seven hundred and ninety three thousand of the preceding year had been changed to a deficit of two hundred and forty one thousand, through acquisition of control of the Pere Marquette. As soon as the actual situation was disclosed he said the late Morgan voluntarily took the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton stock back from the Erie at the purchase price.

CHURCHES CELEBRATE PEACE CENTENARY New York, Dec. 19.—Tomorrow is "Peace Sunday" in the churches of England and America. Although the scourge of war has made such calls of their resources that the British churches cannot carry out the celebration as originally planned, the subject will be mentioned in the pulpits all over the United Kingdom. For the 100 years of peace between Great Britain and the United States will go unnoticed by the English churches despite the excitement of the times. Our American churches will, of course, be happy to do their part on the same day. On both sides of the Atlantic there will be thanksgiving for the peace that has extended since the treaty of Ghent, and even Ghent itself, although a sufferer in this war, will not let the event pass altogether unnoticed. When the United States and the United Kingdom laid their plans for the celebration of one hundred years of peace among English-speaking peoples, little did they imagine that the world's greatest war was near and that one of them would be in the thick of it. The Austrian move which precipitated the struggle was made only fourteen days after the Westminster meeting at which the British committee formulated its recommendations for the participation of the churches in the celebration.

ART EXHIBITION IN NEW YORK New York, Dec. 19.—The winter exhibition of the National Academy of Design was opened today in the galleries of the American Fine Arts Society, with a big collection of art work from all parts of the country. The exhibition will last until January 17th. The Carnegie prize of \$500, will be awarded for the most meritorious oil painting in the exhibition by an American artist, portraits excepted. The Thomas R. Proctor prize of \$200 will be given for the best portrait in the exhibition. The Isidore medal will be given for the best figure composition painted by an American artist. The Helen Foster Barnett prize of \$200 will be awarded for the best piece of sculpture in the exhibition, the work of a sculptor under 35 years of age. A jury of prominent artists will make the awards.

Fruit Men Happy Over Big Crop. Brocon, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The postponed meeting of the Chautauqua and Lake Erie Fruit Growers' Association was held this morning, when splendid crop reports were read, and predictions of a prosperous season to come were made. The reports indicated that the grape crop of 1914 in this section totaled in the vicinity of 6,500 carloads and at the uniform prices secured during the season, probably totaled over \$2,250,000. President D. K. Falvey delivered an address telling of the work of the association and of the results of co-operation in this section of New York State.

UPHOLDS COTTON RATES TO MOBILE Washington, Dec. 19.—Freight rates on shipments of export cotton to Mobile, Alabama, from all points in the Southeastern territory today were held by the Interstate Commerce Commission to be reasonable. Certain discriminations prejudicial to Savannah, Georgia, were ordered removed and a system of "penalty rates," requiring shippers to use the same rail line out of compass points, as to it was ordered abandoned. The rail lines interested in docks in Mobile were warned not to show a preference in handling shipments for those facilities. A terminal charge of three cents per hundred, on export cotton, at Mobile, was held reasonable. All railroads, serving Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida and Carolinas, are parties to the case.

CRUSHED TO DEATH IN OFFICE ELEVATOR Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 19.—Charles L. Adams, aged sixty-five, former consul at Cadiz, Spain, was crushed to death here today in an office building elevator.

EX-LIEUT. GOV. ECHOLS DEAD. Richmond, Va., Dec. 19.—State Senator Edward Echols, Lieutenant Governor in Governor Tyler's Administration, died at his home in Staunton this morning.

BIG BEQUESTS FOR THE BAPTISTS

North Carolina Leaves \$130,000 to Different Institutions

WILL PROBATED IN SCOTLAND NECK

Noah Biggs Remembers the Big Work Being Done by The Church-Orphanage Gets Largest Amount

Scotland Neck, N. C., Dec. 19.—One hundred and thirty thousand dollars is bequeathed to various North Carolina Baptist institutions by the will of Noah Biggs, who died here Monday. The will was probated yesterday and disposes of an estate valued at \$250,000. The bequests to church institutions will be used in aiding church work, and fostering education. The bequests follow: Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, ninety thousand; Meredith College, at Raleigh, twenty thousand; Wake Forest College, at Wake Forest, N. C., five thousand, and the Baptist State convention, fifteen thousand.

MODERN TEXTILES EQUAL ANCIENT Newark, N. J., Dec. 19.—A remarkable showing has been made by American textiles in the big textile show which closes here today. Ancient tapestries, brocades and velvets, gathered from many sources for comparison with our modern products, have shown no marked superiority except in age, over the products of the modern American fabrics.

FRENCH BOYS INTO THE WAR Paris, Dec. 19.—Three hundred thousand youths of 18 years of age must present themselves next week for examination for army service. These boys who normally would begin service under the French military system in October, 1916, are by government decree ordered to report, and their training will undoubtedly be begun in the spring, unless the war should end before that time. It is the plan of the war ministry to have these boys ready to take the field next July if necessity demands. Germany has ordered the Landsturm, consisting of nearly 700,000 men and boys to be ready for active service next week. The first line of the Landsturm consists of men between the ages of 17 and 39 who have received no military training. Many of these have already volunteered and are at the front. The second line consists of all men, trained or untrained, between 39 and 45 years old. From this section of the Landsturm, many are also at the front. It is believed that the call will bring nearly a half million men to the Kaiser's standards.

THE HONOR ROLL. The Dispatch reported a whopping big day yesterday, but it has still a bigger one to report today. Since yesterday 2 o'clock over one hundred dollars, besides more clothing, toys and other articles. The fund now totals over three hundred and fifty dollars, and up to 2 o'clock this afternoon stood as follows: Previously acknowledged \$247.71

Still The Dispatch's "Empty Stocking Fund," that is going to mean so much to the children of Wilmington this Christmas is mounting. It is now far above three hundred dollars. More toys and clothing poured into the office today, many children devoting part of their holiday to making glad some trips to this office, to deposit, with smiling faces, their contributions. All this will be needed and more. The paper has names of hundreds of children and all reports are not in. It will take every cent to meet the demands, but when they are met there is going to be such universal Christmas as this city has never known before. It will be a Christmas for all—made possible by the people of Wilmington, lead by the little children themselves, because the children of Wilmington took the lead in this big movement and have been on duty ever since. It will be the young people, too, who will give the final touch to the big movement. Some days ago a well known young lady made the suggestion that young people, who had just passed from the Santa Claus realm themselves, be made the messengers in carrying Christmas to the poor children. This is going to be done. The members of the Boys' Department of the Young Men's Christian Association will be the messengers of good cheer. They will be laden with toys, goodies and articles of clothes. There will be a toy for little Mary, a ball or something else for Johnnie if he is not too old. If he is too old there will be good books. Then there will be a pair of stockings for each, and there will be dresses, gloves, sweaters, blankets and even shoes.

There is big work ahead, but The Dispatch, thanks to the aid of the ministers, and to the help of the Young Woman's Christian Association and the assistance of the Young Men's Christian Association, but, due first of all, to the noble spirit of the people of Wilmington, will accomplish it. All the presents, those now on hand (The Dispatch wishes you could see the big pile) and those the ladies of the committee will purchase Monday, having thought for the age of each child, will be assembled at the Parish House of St. James' Church, kindly tendered for the purpose, and there Tuesday and Wednesday nights the work of love, by the ladies and members of the Boys' Department, will be carried out. Packages will be made up and properly addressed, so that Christmas Eve morning they may go out. Right here, too, there will be something of a problem. While most of the packages can be carried by hand, yet many of them are going to be decidedly bulky, and so if friends will donate the use of automobiles for a few hours Christmas Eve morning they will be greatly appreciated. Already several friends have offered such. Can a few more be obtained? The Dispatch has received many earnest appeals, and has been borne many sorrowful messages, but about each, in realization of the Christmas cheer that is near this year, there has been an air of happy expectancy. This morning came one from a little chap. He writes: "Dear Friend:—I am a boy that is poor and need clothes and no one to help me. I will be thankful for any presents you will give."

That is typical of many letters received, though many of them are by far more pathetic. This morning a friend, in bearing the names of several families of poor people, told of a pathetic incident. A father has been out of work for months. Industrious and capable he has tried to obtain employment at his particular trade but without success. It is the first time, perhaps, in his history he faces a cheerless Christmas for his family. This friend asked him if gifts to his children would be acceptable. The father replied that it had never been done before, but, he continued: "I can't bear the thought of my little ones going without Christmas."

And this friend said as the man made answer the tears rolled down his cheek. His pride was natural. It was human nature, but his answer was proper. This movement is to reach all children who need Christmas, and The Dispatch wants to know their names; no names will be divulged in any way to the committee.

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FUND BOUND FOR THE \$400 MARK

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