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THE WEATHER.

Fair tonight and Tuesday. Colder Tuesday. Fresh west winds.

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THE GERMANS ARE HOT AFTER WARSAW

Russians Become Strongly Entrenched and Furious Battle is Raging.

KAISER GOES BACK TO FRONT

Allies Claim to be Gaining in West, Which Berlin Statement Disputes - Rumor That Cruiser Has Been Sunk.

London, Dec. 21.—The great battle in West Warsaw remains to be fought out, judging from indications in recent dispatches from Berlin and Petrograd.

General Hindenburg's army has advanced steadily toward the Polish capital, but the Russians, in falling back, appear to have taken new positions in strong entrenchments and although the invaders are within two or three days' march of Warsaw there is good reason to believe much hard fighting must take place before it can be determined whether this latest German attempt will be successful.

Along the Southern frontier of East Prussia the Russians claim to have the upper hand, but further south, in Southern Poland and Galicia, the leaders of the Austro-German forces declare they are sweeping the Russians before them.

Rumored Cruiser Sunk. Persistent rumors are current that a German cruiser has been sunk off the Scottish coast.

French Statement. Paris, Dec. 21.—The official communication this afternoon follows:

"The day of December 20th brought nothing of importance in Belgium, if exceptions are made of some progress in the region of Lombaertzyde and St. Georges and at present southeast of the Inn of Korteker, which is south-east of Bixschotte, occupation of some houses in Wartelen, South of Zillebeke, and bombardment by the enemy of Ypres Hospital.

"On heavy artillery also secured a distinct advantage on Alsne and in the section of Rheims. In Champagne, in the region of Prosmes, Perthes and Beauejour, as well as at Asonne, we made along the entire front appreciable advances.

Holding Germans at Bay. Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The Russian forces are still holding at bay the German column which is seeking to cross the Zuzra river, at Sochaczew, and advance on Warsaw, thirty miles away.

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HONOR ROLL.

The Dispatch's "empty stocking fund" stands within six dollars of reaching four hundred. That is a big record. The fund was given a big boost the past forty-eight hours by a number of people.

Table listing donors and amounts for the 'empty stocking fund'. Includes names like Mrs. J. J. Pittman, A Friend, Helen Devane, etc.

has been endeavoring to cross the river, and throw back the Russians, holding the right bank.

Sochaczew continues to be the German objective in the attempt to reach Warsaw. The Russian forces, on the right bank of Bzura are heavily entrenched. Their artillery is so placed that it commands the river to its junction with the Vistula, eighteen miles north.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The German official statement today says that the French attacks at Neuport yesterday were repulsed.

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LIFE IN THE TRENCHES IS TOLD OF BY A SOLDIER

Bullets Constantly Whiz About Ears of the Men.

GOLD AND DAMP

Soldiers Suffer More From Such Than Anything Else—Vivid Description Given of This Manner of Fighting.

London, Dec. 21.—Miseries of life in the trenches are vividly pictured in a story written by an English soldier who is on the Belgian frontier.

It isn't the danger that affects one in the trenches, but the hardships of cold and damp. Bullets from snipers—the Germans have lots of these out night and day—whiz about your ears continually, and occasionally shrapnel makes one tuck one's head down, but one gets used to the firing that—although it may sound incredible—it soon becomes far less noticeable than city traffic, for instance.

At night sometimes an outburst of artillery or a wild rattle of the musketry at an imaginary night attack weakens one stiff, sore, frozen and full of strong language from fatal assaults, which mainly concern themselves with steak puddings and huge fires at home.

The cold is really horrible. One never ceases shivering. At night the soles of one's boots freezes and one is awakened by icy feet and forced to get up and stamp till the blood consents to circulate once more.

Washing and shaving are practically impossible. Officers and men leave the trenches like miners coming up from a pit, but somehow that does not worry us.

The water in the machine guns freezes and they have to be aused back to action in front of fires. Rifles get frostbitten and sometimes are ruptured by the sudden shock consequent of being fired. This is rather welcome, however, for the wood from a decrepit rifle burns beautifully.

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CLEARY WILL BE FREED SAY FRIENDS



New York, Dec. 21.—That William V. Cleary, the Havestraw politician, who is now on trial for the murder of his 18-year-old son-in-law, Eugene Newman, will be acquitted on his plea of the unwritten law, is the firm conviction of his friends.

AWFUL CONDITION EXISTS THERE

Hundreds of Thousands Wounded Soldiers Litter Northern France

London, Dec. 21.—The throwing of 500,000 wounded French soldiers and thousands of Belgian and French refugees into northern France has led to a terrible condition there.

"Hotels and other buildings have been taken by the government for hospitals in all the towns and villages of northern France and adequate furniture has been provided for most of these," said Mrs. Floyd.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Consul Silliman, of Mexico City, today transmitted a message sent by Maytorena, the Villa commander at Naco, to Provisional President Gutierrez, stating his intention of moving his forces away from the American border.

VILLA HEAD WON'T ALLOW HIS MEN TO FIRE ACROSS

Declined to Return Fire Saturday to Avoid This

THIS IS THE REPORT

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ESCAPED WAR BUT TO BE KILLED

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 21.—After emerging unscratched from a number of battles, while serving under the Russian colors, Joseph Kaminski deserted, and came to America as a stow-away. He met death three days after arriving here.

FUND IS STILL GOING UP, UP

Many More Contributions Received—Final Touches Now Being Placed to Big Work—A Christmas For All

Within striking distance of the four hundred mark stands The Dispatch's "empty stocking" fund today—the fund that is going to mean so much to the poor children of Wilmington.

Messrs. J. H. Rehder & Co. did the big and generous thing this morning, when that up-to-date establishment sent a large case of toys.

Many cash contributions have also been received since Saturday afternoon 2 o'clock. The Wilmington branch of the Marine Engineers did the clever thing in the shape of a donation, while the employes of the gas and electrical departments of the Tidewater Power Company did the handsome thing in the way of a contribution.

Tomorrow night the work of making up the packages will commence, the fund closing tomorrow, and if you know of any names of any poor children please send them to The Dispatch office at once, giving ages and addresses.

The Dispatch needs the use of several more automobiles for Christmas Eve morning. This is necessary to facilitate the work.

If you have an auto won't you notify The Dispatch office. Several friends have already offered theirs, but several more are needed.

MUST GO BACK TO NEW YORK

FOUND DEAD IN OWN HOTEL

Troy Man Stabbed to Death In Room This Morning.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 21.—William J. Troy, aged fifty, proprietor of several hotels, was found stabbed to death today in a room of the hotel.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The United States District Attorney E. M. Green, died here late last night, following an attack of diabetes.

WELL KNOWN NEW BERN YOUNG LADY DEAD

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Ernest M. Green, wife of Assistant United States District Attorney E. M. Green, died here late last night, following an attack of diabetes.

JAP. EMPEROR MAKES DONATION

Tokio, Dec. 21.—The Emperor and Empress, according to announcement today, have donated about fifteen hundred dollars to the Salvation Army. That is the first time, it is stated, Imperial recognition has been given the organization.

Supreme Court of United States Decides Harry Thaw's Fate.

REVERSES LOWER FEDERAL COURT

This Means Murderer of White Will Be Carried Back to the Empire State at Last.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The United States Supreme Court today reversed the decision of the lower court on the extradition of Harry Thaw, murderer of Stanford White and who escaped into New Hampshire, breaking from the asylum in Mattewan. This means that Thaw can be carried back to New York. The court did not pass upon the allegation of Thaw being sane or insane, holding such had no business in the habeas corpus proceedings.

This case was one long drawn out and has been hard fought. It was argued just a while ago before the Supreme Court. Thaw is now in New Hampshire. Thaw first escaped to Canada, but was ordered from there by the immigration authorities. He went into New Hampshire, where he was arrested and the Governor of New York made requisition upon the Governor of that State for him. The Chief Executive of New Hampshire granted the request, but the Federal District Court held up carrying out the mandate. The decision today reverses the lower Federal Court and leaves the way clear for Harry Thaw to be carried back to New York.

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