

Rain tonight and Sunday. Some what warmer tonight. Fresh east winds.

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TURKS TAKE MIHALEA AND DROWN MANY OF PRISONERS

Four Hundred Men Are Held While Remainder Are Driven Into Sereth.

BRITISH MAKE INROADS INTO GERMAN LINES.

Bulgarian Forces Capture Monastery at Junction of Buzeu and Sereth—German Troops Push Forward.

By sharp thrusts north of the Ancre on the Somme front, the British are making inroads on the German lines there. Another attack is reported today, being made on the Surre. The result is a footing being gained by the British. The Germans, however, are maintaining their main positions.

In Romania the Teutons continue to gain ground west of Moldavia towards the Danube. Northwest of Braila the Russian troops have lost another town.

Mihalea was stormed by Turkish troops who drove part of the garrison into the Sereth river where they drowned. About 400 were captured.

Bulgarian forces captured a monastery at the junction of the Buzeu and the Sereth to the northeast, and on the Moldavia line German troops pushed forward into Slank, affecting an important capture of material. Heavy losses were experienced by the Russians in the Otus Valley, where strong forces were met.

All is Well. Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, Jan. 13.—Comparative calm continues today on the Russo-Galician front.

East of Cerna hostile companies advance towards Travina where they were repulsed, says today's official report from the war edpartment.

PROTECTING COUNTRY FROM PINK BOLLWEEVIL.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—Since the discovery early in November that the Egyptian pink bollworm is present in the cotton fields of the Laguna district of Mexico, about 200 miles south of the Texas border, the Federal Horticultural Board of the U. S. Department of Agriculture has taken all possible steps in Texas to make sure that the destructive pest has not entered and does not enter this country.

The four hundred or more carloads of cotton seed which entered the United States from Mexico last year have been traced to oil mills in Texas and the attention of the operators of these plants has been called to the desirability of crushing the Mexican seed as soon as possible and of thoroughly cleaning their premises to make certain that none of the insects survive. Most of the imported seed already has been crushed, but a few consignments which arrived early in the season have been covered with large amounts of domestic seed and will not be reached until later.

The Federal Horticultural Board plans to have its inspectors keep a close watch over these establishments to minimize the possibility of the escape of pink bollworms on their mouths. It is also planned to have inspectors carefully examine all cotton fields in the neighborhood of these establishments during the coming growing season in order that any of the insects which may escape and establish themselves on cotton plants may be early detected and destroyed.

The inspectors of the Department of Agriculture so far have not discovered infested seed in Texas. A number of carloads of seed in which the insects were present have been found, however, on the Mexican side of the border awaiting entry. A quarantine against all cotton seed from Mexico was placed in effect early in November and neither the infested seed discovered at the border nor any other cotton seed originating in Mexico has since been permitted to enter the country.

MANY ON THE MOVE IN AND OUT OF FREEMAN

Freeman, Jan. 12.—The Rev. W. J. Watson preached a very interesting sermon at the Methodist Episcopal church here last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Cornish, of Wilmington, spent Saturday night and Sunday in this town visiting relatives.

Mrs. J. A. Roberson, who spent some days in Hamlet, visiting friends and relatives, returned to her home here Wednesday.

Thomas Grice and Henry Alford attended preaching services at the M. E. church over at New Berlin, Sunday night.

J. B. Brinkley went to Wilmington Wednesday on business.

HOUSE WILL MAKE WITNESSES TELL OF LEAK INFORMATION

Tom Lawson Will Probably be First Witness to Again Be Among Early

WALL STREET JOURNAL HEAD ALSO SUMMONED

Members of Lockwood & Co., New York Brokers Will Among The Early Witnesses.

TO MAKE THEM TALK.

Washington, Jan. 13.—A resolution to empower the House Rules Committee to force the witnesses summoned in the "leak" investigation, was adopted today by the Rules Committee.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The resolution applies to both of Representative Wood's resolutions so that no person whose name is connected with the alleged "leak" can escape testifying.

Thomas Lawson will probably be the first witness to testify. James Reilly, managing editor of the Wall Street Journal, will be asked for more details of how his reporter learned of the coming peace note to be sent by President Wilson.

Members of Lockwood & Co., New York brokers, will be among the early witnesses called. Other brokers will also be summoned.

The investigation Monday of the alleged "leak" of official government secrets to stock brokers was today back in the hand of the House Rules Committee who promised to recall Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, who made the charge, to get him to tell "what he knows." Lawson will probably testify at the hearing Monday.

He will be asked under threats of trial for contempt to disclose the name of the Congressman who he says told him a cabinet member, Senator and a New York banker participated in the alleged stock gamble.

The committee will broaden its scope of inquiry Monday.

WOMEN HELPING FRANCE IN STRUGGLE

Paris, Dec. 13.—French women, particularly the poor, were represented by Ernest Lavisse in his report to the French Academy on the distribution of virtue prizes as having during the war honored France by the virtues they have shown.

"Women—nearly all poor—school mistresses, working women, domestics, have worked miracles of filial piety, devotion and charity," said he. "Servants, faithful to their employers, fallen into distress, serve them without wages and even in cases aid them by sacrificing slowly accumulated economies to pay their debts. One of them is rearing seven children of her dead employer."

Another 80-year-old servant is raising five orphans. A widow, mother of three children, has taken charge of six orphans. One mother of thirteen children has extended her maternal protection to fifteen orphans.

"These people do good without effort, naturally, just as they breathe; everything is simple to them because their hearts are simple. There are 37 of them in our report on the annual contribution of prizes for individual virtue."

M. Lavisse paid a tribute to the practical sympathy shown for France by citizens of the United States, mentioning particularly Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tuck for various benefactions, including a hospital at Reuil and donations to other hospitals and different relief funds.

U. S. CRUISER GOES ASHORE OFF EUREKA.

Eureka, Cal., Jan. 13.—The United States cruiser Milwaukee went ashore here today. The Milwaukee was attempting to salvage the submarine H-3, which went on shore here three weeks ago.

NO LOSS OF LIFE IN DUPONT PLANT POWDER EXPLOSION

Towns Around Haskill, N. J., Quake as Ton After Ton of Powder Explodes.

ONLY A DOZEN OF WORKERS INJURED.

Residents of Town Fled Just Before Explosions, Returning Today to find Homes Destroyed.

New York, Jan. 13.—It appeared today there was no loss of life in the powder explosion at the plant of the DuPont company at Haskill, N. J., which was destroyed last night. Only a dozen of the employees were injured. No estimate of the damage is given.

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Haskill, the scene of other explosions which have cost lives, did not witness the spectacular incident which Kingstown, N. J., did when the munitions plant there was destroyed there yesterday.

There were no shells awaiting at DuPont's for shipment for war purposes in Europe. Only powder was being manufactured at Haskill. There were explosions every few minutes as ton after ton exploded. Several of the explosions were heard as far north as Poughkeepsie, N. J.

Residents of Haskill, who fled the town, returned today to find their homes wrecked.

In other towns near Haskill deputy sheriffs guarded banks, business houses and public buildings during the night, as many of the windows were shattered.

PALMISTS, ACTIVE NOW, WILL BE WIPED OUT.

London, Dec. 13.—Palmists, crystal-gazers and clairvoyants who have been reaping a rich harvest in these days of national stress are to be stamped out as a result of the campaign inaugurated by the authorities in London and many other cities of England.

The extensive business done by these fortune-tellers is being revealed almost daily in the police courts. An amazing number of people have been willing to pay from \$2.50 to \$5 for a glimpse into the future. Wives and sweethearts of soldiers at the front have been the most willing victims. They have sought out these prophets for a possible clue to their loved ones. The business has thrived in London and the big industrial centers like Manchester and Birmingham where the poorer classes have been making so much money working on munitions.

The most widely known crystal gazer in London's fashionable quarter was fined \$300 the other day. There was practically no defense; all that was urged on the defendant's behalf was that she gratified a craze and that society women formed a large proportion of her patrons.

REMAINS OF CHOIR AT VERDUN A WAR RELICS.

Paris, Dec. 13.—Among the War relics at the Petit Palais are remains of the choir of the cathedral of Verdun which the Sub-prefect Grillon of Verdun is endeavoring to reconstruct.

Some of the panels have been split, others caved in, by explosions and shell fragments, and pieces of projectiles are seen imbedded in the canopies. The high Louis XV. chairs, saved by Grillon during the bombardments are nearly all intact. Along with the cathedral relics is the statue of the Virgin that was found undamaged among the ruins of the Chapel of Sainte Fine before Verdun when the French drove the Germans out of the village. Sainte Fine marked the extreme point of the German advance toward the citadel.

OUIMET, TEWKSBURY AND SULLIVAN BARRED

New York, Jan. 13.—Several golfers of National reputation will be driven from amateur ranks by the new definition of amateurism, approved today at the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association.

The association also sustained the rulings against Ouimet, Tewksbury and Sullivan, Jr., depriving them of their amateur standing. The rule says that whereas any player who engages in any business connected with the game of golf he can not be classed as an amateur.

This rule was added to as follows: A player will be classed as a professional if he is engaged in laying out, constructing or supervising a golf course, commonly known as a golf architect.

MRS. LYDIA STEPHENS DIED ON YESTERDAY.

Charlotte, Jan. 13.—Mrs. Lydia Stephens, mother of George Stephens, of this city, died at an early hour yesterday morning at her home in Hendersonville, after an illness of several weeks.

Eleven States now have anti-liquor advertising laws.

A total of 318,321,452 cigars was manufactured in Tampa last year.

ARMY SCANDAL SHOCKS ENGLAND.



MRS. WILLIAM CORNWALLIS-WEST.

Mrs. William Cornwallis-West, mother of the Duchess of Westminster and of the Princess of Pless, who has been severely scored by a court of inquiry sitting in London, which court at the same time developed an army scandal involving high figures, creating a sensation in England. According to the report of the court of inquiry, Mrs. Cornwallis-West exercised considerable influence in military circles of high command. She bestowed her favor upon a young Irish lieutenant, who at first was promoted, but upon his failure to respond to Mrs. Cornwallis-West's interest, was severely punished by his commanding officers. The name of Field Marshal Viscount French has been mentioned, as well as that of General Sir John Cowan.

THOREAU CENTUARY 22,000 MEN ARE WILL BE OBSERVED FED IN ONE CAMP

Preliminary Plans are Now Underway for Celebration of Writer's Birth.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 13.—Preliminary plans are already under way for a suitable observance to be held later in the year in honor of the centennial anniversary of the birth of Henry David Thoreau, the writer and philosopher, who was not the least among the group of intellectual beacons which illumined New England in the first half of the nineteenth century.

Thoreau was born at Concord, Mass., July 12, 1817. His parents were plain people in humble circumstances. For some years he supported himself mostly by pencil-making, surveying, engineering and carpentering. He led a literary life at the same time, writing, lecturing and reading.

In 1845 he built a hut on the shore of Walden pond, and for about two years and a half he lived there, in complete solitude, with occasional absences. The house was built on land owned by his friend, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and had no lock to the door and no curtain to the window. Here the philosopher dwelt in the woods to meet primitive conditions, to confront nature alone and deal with her at first hand. He afterwards abandoned the enterprise and recommended no one but the exceptional man to try it.

Thoreau never married and never left Concord except for a lecturing tour or a pedestrian excursion. It is said of him: "Cities he disliked; civilization he did not believe in; nature was his passion, and the wilder it was the more he loved it."

And yet Thoreau was a fine scholar in English and in Greek, and the few poems that he wrote are remarkable for their profound feeling and subtle beauty. Emerson, at his funeral, said of him: "His soul was made for the noblest society; he had in a short life exhausted the capabilities of this world; where there is knowledge, wherever there is virtue, wherever there is beauty, he will find a home."

THE PEACE NOTES DO NOT WORRY THEM.

With the British Armies in France, Dec. 13.—Peace conversations and peace notes, however much of a flurry they may cause in the capitals of the world, have no effect upon the British armies. The work of war progresses, and one of the first impressions the visitor gets on a tour behind the British lines in France is the absolute permanence and thoroughness of the British war machine. There is no flimsy construction anywhere. It is as if the English were preparing to fight through countless years to come if necessary.

ITALY ANNOUNCES SHIP HIT BY MINE

Ragina Margherita, With 949 Souls on Board Sinks—270 of Crew Saved.

Rome, Jan. 12 (Via Paris, Jan. 13).—The admiralty office officially announces the loss of the battleship Ragina Margherita. The announcement says:

"As serious military reasons which have heretofore presented the publication no longer exist, it is announced that the warship Ragina Margherita struck two mines on the night of Dec. 11, sustaining severe damages, sinking in a few minutes.

"The majority of the crew of 949 went down with the ship. Unfavorable conditions made the rescue difficult but 270 were saved. The captain of the vessel and 14 officers are among the lost.

FRANCE STILL OWES GERMAN WAR DEBT.

Paris, Dec. 13.—Discussion of the proposition for the integral reparation of all war damages in France has developed the fact that some French cities and villages have not yet finished paying obligations incurred in order to satisfy requisitions by the German armies in 1870.

Two villages of the old department of the Haute Marne, four villages of the Aisne, one of the Haute Saone, two of the Somme, and eight in Meurthe and Moselle still owe a portion of the money borrowed to pay the contribution levied upon them, while the city of Amiens, fined a million francs during the short occupation of 1914, has not yet finished paying the five millions the Germans levied on the town in 1870. She still owes three millions.

THAW WILL FIGHT EXTRADITION; IS MUCH IMPROVED

Spent a Comfortable Night According to His Physicians.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 13.—It was the opinion of local authorities today that relatives of Harry Thaw, who is in a hospital here recovering from cuts made in an attempt at self-destruction, are planning to fight extradition of Thaw for removal from this city to New York, where he is charged with assaulting and kidnapping Frederick Gump, of Kansas City.

Thaw passed a comfortable night and his condition is rapidly improving. He was still weak from loss of blood, but unless some unforeseen danger arises he will be out of the hospital within two weeks.

WELLS IS CHARGED WITH MURDER OF GIRL.

Huntington, Ind., Jan. 13.—Weldon H. Wells, 25 years of age, of Kansas City, formerly of Huntington, was arrested here early today in connection with the killing of Mona Simon in a Columbus, Ohio, hotel.

Wells is also held on a charge of embezzlement, while in Kansas City. He declares he knows nothing about the crime.

SECOND PERIOD WILL END AT NINE O'CLOCK TONIGHT

Competition For Second Diamond Also Ends Tonight—Never Again During Contest Will Subscriptions Call For as Many Votes—Out-of-Town Candidates Can Mail Subscriptions Any Time Today.

names to appear in the final honor roll to get in every possible subscription by the closing hour of the period tonight. Every promise of a subscription should be made a reality. The time is short, and the second period schedule is the key that opens the door of victory. A few hours of earnest work may be sufficient to produce that nice little margin of reserve votes that will mean the winning of one of the prizes or the diamond ring. To let slip on subscription-getting work today would be fatal. Every moment counts.

The out-of-town contestants will be given an opportunity to work up until the last minute of the period. All subscriptions enclosed in envelopes bearing the postmark of Saturday, January 13th, will be honored for the second period votes and for the diamond ring offer. This allows the candidates living outside the city the same advantage as their competitors in the city.

The closing of the second period tonight marks the rounding out of the quarter, and Monday will find the contestants on the home stretch. On the quarter all handicaps can be overcome, if time is rightly made use of. The few hours left of the present period may be sufficient to overcome any competition in the field. Speed is necessary on the last day of the second period and the second special prize offer if the race is to be won. To halt or falter through false confidence would be the worst of folly. The work done today may be decisive.

The question has been frequently asked—sometimes by the candidates: "What candidate at this time seems to have the best opportunity of winning?" To this only one reply can be made. It is certainly impossible at this time to even venture a guess as to "who's who." You never can tell by the noise of the whistle how fast the train is going, nor is the "honk, honk," of an automobile in any way indicative of its speed. The smallest autos sometimes have the loudest horns.

Keeping eternally at it seems to be the solution to the winning of the prizes. Do not underestimate the voting power of a sister contestant, or feel satisfied that your present position is secure and that you will make no further effort until it is seriously assailed. Self-satisfaction is the despoiler of progress, and dissipates every former effort. The moral, "Get in every possible subscription before 9 o'clock tonight."

Every effort should be put forth by the contestants who want their

Several days ago it was predicted that Miss Iola Ivey, of Lumberton, would soon get in the honor roll, and today this prediction comes true. It will be noted that Miss Ivey is in first place, with 94,840 votes. This is the first time Lumberton has had a representative among the leaders.

Look at the other leaders. Do you notice anything unusual? With the exception of Miss Minnie Hardy, of Freeman, they are all married women. And yet it is frequently said, and usually true, that the young ladies have more time to work in a contest than those who are married. This seems to be an exception and unless the young ladies make good use of their time they will find on the last day that some of the big prizes have been carried off by their married sisters.

Nine o'clock tonight will witness the close of the second period in The Dispatch contest, and also of the second and last Special Prize offer made in connection with the contest.

Never again will \$15 clubs count for as many votes as they do now in the second period which is just about to close and never again will as valuable a special prize of any kind be offered in connection with the contest. It is now the last call for the Diamond Ring and for the exceptionally valuable second period votes. It is now the time when the question of the final winners is in process of positive solution.

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***** LEADERS. *****

Iola Ivey 94,840 * Mrs. Bessie M. Robbins . . . 94,665 * Minnie Hardy 94,520 * Mrs. L. F. Saunders 93,369 * Mrs. B. L. Daniel 93,176 * Mrs. James E. Holton 93,010 * Mrs. J. W. Griffin 92,890 * Mrs. Fred W. Dock 92,580 * *****

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