

One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Germans Were Killed and Wounded

Official Report Says This Is the Number Lost During Fight in Poland --- The Cruiser Cormoran Is Interned at Guam With Her Crew, Went in After Food and Water.

ROME, Dec. 15. (Central News Cable)—The German losses in the big battle in Poland, are estimated at one hundred and fifty thousand killed and wounded. This information is contained in an official dispatch from Petrograd to "Messagero." This number does not include the Austrian losses nor prisoners from both the German and Austrian armies.

FIGHTING IS RESUMED IN THE NORTHERN PART OF FRANCE

LONDON, Dec. 15.—After a period of comparative quiet, fighting has re-commenced in the northern part of France, says an official news bureau statement this afternoon. The Allies yesterday made a combined attack on Hollebeke, southwest of the Ypres and on Wytscate. Several lines of German trenches were captured and a number of prisoners were taken.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 15.—The German cruiser, Cormoran, with a crew of three hundred and thirty-five men and twenty officers, is interned at Guam until the war ends. The vessel was short of water and provisions and put into port to take these on board.

FOUR DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRIAN ARMY TRAPPED

PETROGRAD, Dec. 15.—Four divisions of the Austrian army which occupied Belgrade, have been cut off from help and surrounded and will be forced to capitulate if they have not already done so, according to an interview given out here today by M. Spalaikovitch, the Servian minister to Petrograd.

HEART TROUBLE CAUSED DEATH

James W. Hamilton Passed Away Yesterday Morning

James W. Hamilton died at his home at the intersection of South Front, Burn and Spring streets, yesterday morning at ten o'clock, with an attack of heart trouble.

Mr. Hamilton, who was fifty years of age, came to New Bern about fifteen years ago from Atlantic, and for a number of years had conducted a general store on South Front street, and during this time has made a number of friends who survive him in addition to one brother, Merriman Hamilton and one sister, Mrs. John W. Hudson, both of whom reside in this city.

Immediately after his death the body was taken to the home of his sister, number thirteen Burn street, from which place the funeral service will be conducted this afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. W. B. Everett. The interment will be made in Cedar Grove cemetery.

A rather singular occurrence in the death of Mr. Hamilton was that he died in an adjoining room to the one in which his brother Thomas Hamilton died, three months previous to the day and to the hour, lacking one hour, and both dying suddenly from the same disease.

EX-PRESIDENT MAY BE CALLED UPON.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—In executive session tomorrow the Naval Committee will consider whether it shall invite Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt as a witness in the proceedings of this country for national defense.

GERMANS DENY OFFICIAL REPORT

Say Russians and French Utterances Are Lies

Berlin (By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Dec. 15.—An official report given out at headquarters late last night said:

"The French have made weak attacks against our positions between the Meuse and Vosges, but those were easily repulsed. There was no important event on the west front in East Prussia or in South Poland. Our operations in North Poland are developing.

The following remarks are made regarding Russians and French official reports: "Southeast of Craeow we continued our offensive. We took several German guns and machine guns and made about 2,000 prisoners," says those reports.

"Not one man, not one gun, nor one machine gun there has fallen into Russian hands.

"The official Paris bulletin of December 12 states:

"Northeast of Vailly one German battery was completely annihilated and at Deux Monds to the west of Vigneulles-Les Hattenshatel two German batteries were destroyed, one of heavy calibre and one designed to fight aeroplanes. In the same region the French have destroyed a block-house and several trenches."

"All this is pure invention."

NEW BERN COTTON MARKET

(By G. W. Taylor and Sons.)
Middling 63-8c
Strict Middling 64-8c
Good Middling 7-8c
Receipts yesterday 40 bales.

BIDS OPENED FOR BUILDING OF SUBMARINES

New and Distinct Type of War Vessels Is Advocated

SURPASSES OTHERS

Will Outclass Boats of the German U-9 Type

Washington, Dec. 15.—Bids are being opened at the Navy Department today for the construction of a new and distinct type of submarine, the biggest and fastest under-water craft in the world. The new submarines will outclass the German U-9 class, just as the first dreadnaught excelled the old type of battleship. Several of these monster fighters of the deep will be constructed out of funds already appropriated by Congress.

The new craft will displace about 1,200 tons, which means it will be twice the size of any previous submarine. The aim is to build a submarine of high speed and great defensive power that will be able to accompany the American battleship fleets anywhere, and never lag behind. The new craft will be 300 feet long, have a speed of 22 knots at the surface and 15 knots submerged. It will have a cruising radius of 3,500 to 4,000 knots under water.

The new submarine will have its own wireless outfit. It will have rapid-fire guns for self-defense, and will be equipped with enough torpedoes to sink a modern fleet of dreadnaughts. The motive power will be Diesel international combustion engines, and will burn heavy fuel oil instead of gasoline. The use of the new fuel will give the new submarine greater driving power, which will be still greater increased by the length of the craft. The new submarine will not carry many more men than the latest type in commission.

The confidential plans and specifications for this powerful new craft were submitted to the builders, who were allowed to furnish bids on the designs submitted by the department or to modify the design and submit bids accordingly. The cost is estimated at \$1,250,000 for each new submarine. At the previous session of Congress, \$4,460,000 was appropriated for submarines, with the stipulation which directed the Navy Department to construct a fleet submarine of not less than twenty knots' speed.

It is said here that both France and England contemplate the construction of similar fleet submarines, but are keeping their plans secret. American naval officers say the navy's submarine knowledge has been so far developed that the new submarine will be the highest type of perfection yet to be reached in under water effective fighting apparatus and far superior to any one of its type now being contemplated abroad.

In the British admiralty there is a growing belief that the fleet submarine will take the place of the destroyer when the new type is fully developed. This idea is a help in American naval circles. The theory of the designers of the new craft is that the new submarine will be able to do in the day time what the ocean-going destroyers accompanying a fleet are expected to accomplish in night attacks on the enemy's fleet.

ACTRESS SUED FOR HEART BALM.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Fanny Ward, an actress, was sued today by Mrs. Sarah Jennie Wooster Dean for \$100,000 damages. The plaintiff alleges that the defendant alienated the affections of her husband.

FIRING ACROSS BORDER STOPPED

Washington, Dec. 15.—Both the Gutterres and Carranza commanders at Naco will avoid firing which would endanger the lives of persons of the American side were observed to some extent today. No casualties have been reported up to this afternoon.

RUSSIANS AND TURKS BATTLE FOR SUPREMACY

Forces of the Czar Engage In Conflict With Sul- tan's Troops

FIGHT IS UNDECIDED

Conflicting Reports Say First One Side and Then Other Wins

Amsterdam, Dec. 15.—(Central News Cable)—An official statement issued today by the War Office in Constantinople, states that fighting between the Russians and Turks on the frontier of Vilayet of Van, is proceeding. The Turkish armies are successful declares the statement. The sound of heavy gun firing was audible today in the direction of Southeast Belgium and in the neighborhood of the Ypres.

Austria Wants Peace.

Berne, Dec. 15.—Austria it is reported, has made a tentative peace proposal to Russia. Exchanges between the two governments in which Russia made known the terms she demanded were without result, it is said.

Allies After Enemy.

Paris, Dec. 15.—The attack by the French and English against the Germans between Hollebeke and Wytscate, the allies drove the enemy from the woods west of the latter town and captured a position. The French troops held the gained ground despite fierce counter attacks. Intermittent cannonading is reported from Somme and Argonne. The Allies pushed forward in Belgium until they are now occupying positions before Roulou and Throrout, if they are not actually in those places.

Russians Hold Lines.

Petrograd, Dec. 15.—The Russians south and southeast of Craeow hold the lines of the Germans they drove back. Owing to the defeat in the North, the Germans have not pressed the attack in the region of Lowiez. The Russian forces are being re-distributed, and it is believed that Grand Duke Nicholas is about to strike a blow which will force German withdrawal.

German Denies Report

Berlin, Dec. 15.—According to semi-official statements, the Russians in Poland have withdrawn northward. Vienna newspapers report that if the fortress of Craeow does not soon fall there will be a general mutiny in the Russian ranks. It is stated that whole Russian battalions have shown disaffection and been sent away in chains.

LOCAL POLICE MAKE BIG HAUL

Find Numerous Articles Which Had Been Stolen

Chief of Police C. Lupton, Captain A. L. Bryan and Policeman Fred P. Rowe, last night swooped down on the home of Mack Hudson on Gaston street in the Northern part of the city and found therein a number of articles which had been stolen from the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company's freight warehouse and freight cars on the local yards during the past few months.

Hudson, the tenant of the dwelling was "absent" when the officers arrived and called the roll and they were forced to make the search without his presence, but nevertheless they were bountifully rewarded for when the last nook and cranny had been explored and every hidden article had been brought forth, there were seventeen half pints of whiskey, three pint bottles filled with the "ardent" nine dozen eggs, a suitcase, one suit of blue serge clothes, a woman's lace dress and three pairs of men's trousers.

The last robbery to occur on the A. C. L.'s property occurred on the night of December 3, and at the time three crates of eggs were stolen. The crime was traced to the Hudson home and on Monday John and Dave Hudson, sons of Mack, were placed under arrest and confined in the county jail where they are now being held pending a hearing before Mayor A. H. Bangert this afternoon.

THE COLDEST WEATHER OF THE SEASON

Temperature Locally Dropped to 21 Degrees Yesterday

OTHER CITIES HIT

North and South Jack Frost Reigned Supreme During Day

The cold wave which has been "sashaying" around the country for the past few days, struck New Bern early yesterday morning and during the day and night, local citizens sit by fires as much as possible and when forced to go out of doors, donned their heaviest wraps. Unofficial thermometers went down as low as twenty degrees and the official instruments registered around this mark. Reports from other cities show that those places suffered even a worse than New Bern.

At Kinston.

Kinston, Dec. 15.—According to Observer H. C. V. Peebles, the thermometers of the government here dropped to twenty-one this morning. This, although it would be scoffed at if any one else than "Judge" Peebles had told it, was two degrees higher than the season's minimum. Several weeks ago the mercury tumbled to 19.

Birmingham: 10 Degrees.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 15.—Lowest temperatures since January, 1913, were felt in Birmingham this morning when the thermometer registered ten degrees above zero. The mercury is virtually stationary.

Cold at Chattanooga.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 15.—Chattanooga is experiencing the coldest day of the present winter. The thermometer registered 6 degrees above zero at 7 o'clock this morning in the city; 1 below on Lookout Mountain and zero on Walden's ridge.

Pittsburg Hard Hit.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 15.—Cold records for December 15 were broken here today when the mercury at the weather bureau registered 2.3 degrees below zero at 8 o'clock and unofficial records in the suburbs were reported 10 degrees below. Scores of homeless persons applied at police station for food and shelter.

Cold at Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 15.—The first real cold weather of the winter brought zero temperatures today in the mountain districts of Pennsylvania. In Philadelphia the weather bureau reported a minimum of 13 degrees above zero, and about the same was reported in New Jersey and Delaware.

Low Temp. at Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 15.—Eleven degrees above zero was recorded by the local weather bureau today. This is the lowest temperature experienced in this section during the present winter.

Another Cold Spell.

New York, Dec. 15.—Another cold wave is headed toward New York on the heels of the one which today set all of New York shivering. This is the coldest winter day so far. At noon the thermometer barely reached fifteen degrees. The Bowery and other mission lodging houses are full.

before Mayor A. H. Bangert this afternoon.

The police believed that Mack Hudson was implicated in the affair and were only awaiting a favorable opportunity to secure evidence before giving his sons a preliminary hearing. They succeeded in getting the evidence but "the bird had flown" in the case of Hudson. The officers worked extremely hard on this case and much credit is due them for their efforts.

The whiskey found was probably not stolen. Hudson is known to have had the reputation of being a "tiger" and letters were found from Virginia liquor houses bearing out that this was so. One letter in particular offered him a commission of ten per cent on all orders sent in by him and on the back of this was a memorandum showing where one order for \$18.50 had been forwarded to them.