

German Forces Had to Retreat Across Vistula

The Czar's Troops Were Too Much for the Teutons and They Re-Crossed to Their Own Frontier. Austrians Lose In Sortie Made from Przemsyl. Death List of Bombardment Increases.

ROME, Dec. 21. (Central News Cable)—A dispatch received tonight from Petrograd says that the Germans have been completely beaten north of the Vistula and compelled to recross to their own frontier. Many guns were captured by the Russians and a large number of Austrians and Germans were taken prisoners. There are now 250,000 prisoners in Russia. Sir Henry Howard, the first permanent accredited diplomatic representative ever sent by Great Britain to the Vatican, arrived yesterday.

AUSTRIAN SORTIE OUT OF PRZEMSYL WAS A FAILURE

PETROGRAD, Dec. 21.—The latest sortie made by the Austrian garrison from Przemsyl has resulted disastrously for the defenders of that city. The Austrians were hurled back upon the line of defense and were utterly powerless to break the Russian wing.

\$250,000 ESTIMATED DAMAGE DONE BY THE BOMBARDMENT

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The damage done by the bombardment of German war vessels at Hartlepool and West Hartlepool has been estimated at \$250,000. Another death among the large number of wounded has brought the total list now up to Ninety-nine. Lord Scarborough, chairman of the county territorial force, has issued an appeal for one thousand recruits for each slain during the bombardment.

CHINAMEN LIKE UNITED STATES

Visitor From the Flowery Kingdom Highly Pleased

Washington, Dec. 21.—Tuen Chi Jin, Chinese minister of war, has a keen sense of appreciation of the value of the United States war department reports. In a letter to Secretary Garrison he expresses thanks for those publications and incidentally his envy of the American nation "for the inexhaustible supply of her talented sons."

The letter was handed to Secretary Garrison by Major Albert J. Bowley, recently relieved as military attaché at Peking and ordered to Fort Sill. It reads:

"It is with feelings of regret for the great distance that we have not had the pleasure of meeting each other face to face, and for my incapacities to express by writing my respect for your honorable self and admiration for the valuable publications on military affairs which you very kindly sent me from time to time. Indeed, I cannot sufficiently thank you and express my appreciation for them as a treasure of information."

"I am personally acquainted with Major Albert J. Bowley, who has been here for a number of years, well known for his profound knowledge and sterling character, and I find happy confidence in his successor. I envy the American nation for the inexhaustible supply of her talented sons."

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad held yesterday at noon in the office of President T. D. Warren in the Elks building, a semi-annual dividend of one and one half per cent was declared. With the exception of the declaring of the dividend, no business of importance was transacted.

\$100,000 YACHT IS NOW IN PORT

"Grey Fox" Is the Name of This Trim Little Craft

The two hundred thousand dollar yacht, Grey Fox, recently purchased by A. L. Baker of Raleigh, was docked in New Bern yesterday morning about ten o'clock. During the day Mr. Baker took a number of his friends for a ride down Neuse river. While tied up to the dock a great number of people went aboard the yacht and inspected it and many who are familiar with this class of boats pronounced it one of the finest that they ever boarded. It is equipped with every modern convenience including telephone in every room and electric lights. It carries a crew of four and has berths for the accommodation of eighteen passengers not including the crew. This yacht is equipped with two sixty horse power engines of the most modern type and is considered very seaworthy.

The trade was made from New York the home port of the boat before it changed hands, without a mishap, reaching Oriental Friday.

Here's just another evidence that Journal advertising pays: A few days ago J. W. Stewart, one of the owners of a large orange grove in Florida, inserted a small notice in the Journal stating that on a certain date he would have a carload of oranges in the city and would sell them at a low price. The oranges arrived O. K. and were to have been sold yesterday afternoon. At that hour a large number of prospective purchasers were lined up in front of the building in which the fruit was located, but alas, also alas, they secured them not. Mr. Stewart had previously in the day received so many telephone orders from citizens who had read the ad in the Journal, that the last box had been sold by phone.

TRADE CONVENTION IS IN SESSION

Met Yesterday In St. Louis With A Large Attendance

St. Louis, Dec. 21.—With eight hundred delegates representing all sections of the United States and all interested in the extension of American trade to foreign countries, particularly South America and the West Indies in attendance, the St. Louis Foreign Trade Convention designed to boom South America trade was called to order here today.

Recognition of European war as a barrier to commercial intercourse was made when the delegates confined their attention almost wholly to the countries beyond the Gulf of Mexico. Middle-western commercial houses and organizations which recently held a meeting in Memphis to discuss means of utilizing the Mississippi as an artery of commerce to the Southern nations were represented.

The convention is being held under the auspices of the National Foreign Trade Council of which James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel Corporation, is president. The plan and scope committee of the convention includes Sam D. Campen of St. Louis; E. A. S. Clarke, president of the Lackawanna Steel Company of New York; P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Merchantile Marine, New York; Fairfax Harrison, president Southern Railway, Washington, D. C.; and John D. Ryan, president Amalgamated Copper Company, of New York. The convention will be in session two days.

TO STOP FIRING ACROSS BORDER

Mexican Troops Are to Be Moved Further Back

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Provisional President Gutierrez today notified the State Department that General Maytorena would move back from a position at Naco to a point beyond the range of the border.

If this is done it is believed that all danger of stray bullets falling on the American side will be done away with.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. E. M. GREEN

The End Came Suddenly On Last Sunday Night

A death which came suddenly and unexpectedly and which has caused a pall of gloom to settle over the friends of the deceased, occurred Sunday night 9:20 o'clock when Mrs. Ernest M. Green, wife of United States assistant district attorney, Ernest M. Green, passed peacefully away at her home, No. 21 Broad street.

The deceased had been in ill health for several months, being afflicted with that dreaded malady, diabetes, but her devoted husband and scores of friends did not think that the end was anywhere near.

Naturally, her sudden passing away caused untold sorrow to her grief stricken husband and the host of friends she has gained since coming to New Bern a few months ago.

Mrs. Green was before her marriage Miss Grace Judd, daughter of Rev. Harvey O. Judd, of Macon, Ga. After her marriage to Mr. Green a few months ago she came to New Bern to make her home and with her lovable disposition soon gathered around her a circle of friends who will sadly miss her merry smile and the

PREACHER KNOWN HERE IS KILLED IN KINGSTON, N. Y.

Rev. L. P. Howard Meets A Most Untimely End

HOME IN DURHAM

Had Been In New York State Undergoing Medical Treatment

News was received in New Bern yesterday afternoon of a railroad accident near Kingston, N. Y., in which Rev. Leslie P. Howard, who for several months supplied the pulpit of Centenary Methodist church during the pastorate of Rev. R. F. Bumpass, had met his death.

Rev. Howard at the time of his death was the pastor of the Duke Memorial church at Durham and had gone to Kingston a few months ago to undergo treatment for a nervous break down at a sanitarium in that city.

The first news of the affair reached Durham in a message to the officials, informing them that the remains were being sent there for interment. Rev. Howard was for two years pastor of the Methodist church at Morehead City. From that place he went to Rocky Mount where he remained for four years and then went to Durham where he had been about one year.

His work in New Bern was done during the absence of Rev. R. F. Bumpass who had secured leave of absence and was traveling in Europe. During the time he spent in New Bern he made scores of friends who were shocked to hear of his untimely end.

The deceased is survived by his wife and two children who have been making their home in Durham.

Dr. G. L. Pritchard, of Vanceboro, was a business visitor to New Bern yesterday.

NINE PERSONS SERIOUSLY ILL

Plug From Gas Supply Pipe Cause This Condition

New York, Dec. 21.—Nine persons are critically ill in St. Catherine's hospital at Williamsburg as a result of a plug being pulled from a gas supply pipe in the cellar of a dwelling at No. 154 Bedford avenue.

Thirteen of the fourteen persons living there were overcome by the gas and were carried out unconscious.

W. M. Eubank of Maysville, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

THAW TO RETURN TO MATTEWAN

U. S. Supreme Court Hands Down This Decision

New York, Dec. 21.—Harry K. Thaw will be returned back to New York under extradition proceedings to be tried on a charge of conspiracy to break out of Mattewan asylum or be re-committed to the Asylum or perhaps both.

This decision was handed down today by the United States Supreme Court.

hundreds of little traits which made her so well liked.

The funeral service will be conducted from Christ Episcopal church this afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. B. F. Huske, the rector, and the interment will be made in beautiful Cedar Grove cemetery.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE UNION.

The regular weekly meeting of the B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist church will meet in the church annex this evening at 8 o'clock. All young people most cordially invited to enjoy an interesting and profitable hour.

GERMANS HAVE JUST EVACUATED SEVERAL TOWNS

Middlekerke, West End and Others Are Among List

KAISER RETURNS

Goes Back to the Firing Line With His Troops

Amsterdam, Via London, Dec. 21.—(Central News Cable)—A special from Luis, Belgium, says that the Germans have evacuated Middlekerke, West End and West Rodpeke which have been visited by the French patrols.

Kaiser At Front.
Berlin, Dec. 21.—Kaiser Wilhelm has recuperated sufficiently to return to the front and left today, accompanied by the ministers of war and marine.

German Troops Pray.
Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—The bishops and archbishops of Germany have ordered January 10th to be observed as a day of prayer and repentance by the Kaiser's army, according to a Cologne dispatch.

Form New Line.
London, Dec. 21.—The Russian army of more than a million men, defending Warsaw has completed the formation of a new line. Only a battle of enormous proportions will permit the German forces of a million men to break through the Russian front. The Russian line defending Warsaw extends from the Vistula to the Pilica rivers. A detachment of Death's Head Hussars is reported to have been trapped near Lowicz and all but fifty of the force of two thousand men killed and wounded. The fifty who escaped uninjured are prisoners.

Trenches Taken.
Paris, Dec. 21.—Two new lines of German trenches have been taken south and east of Labasse. The Allied warships off the coast are assisting to bombard the German lines in Flanders and Northern France.

LARGE DOCKET IN POLICE COURT

Number of Cases Were Disposed of Yesterday

The largest docket that has faced Mayor Bangert in several weeks was disposed of at Police Court yesterday afternoon. All of the cases were for minor offenses except one, this being against Willie Midgett, a colored boy about fifteen years of age, charging him with stealing two turkeys from W. L. Griffin. The boy, who is well known in police circles, entered a plea of guilty and was bound over to the January term of Superior Court under a justified bond in the sum of fifty dollars, in default of which he was sent to the county jail.

A rather amusing incident in this case was that it was brought out that the boy had only recently stole the turkeys from some one else and sold them to Mr. Griffin, going back later and stealing them from him. Several months ago the boy was convicted in the United States District Court held here on a charge of breaking into the local office of the Southern Express Company, and for this he was sentenced to serve twelve months in the county jail, but it was learned that he had consumption and was released.

Bertha Waters, colored, and Ed. Pearson, colored, were fined five dollars and taxed with the cost for being disorderly in the city. Aaron Bell, colored, pleaded guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct and was taxed with the cost and fined two dollars and fifty cents. Eliza Spikes, Addie Hill, and Doek Stamps, all colored, were taxed with the cost for being disorderly. The cost was paid and the charges withdrawn in the case against Miller Day, white. The charges were preferred by his wife and were for disorderly conduct. Harry Yates, colored, was arraigned on a charge of disorderly conduct but the evidence not being sufficient for conviction he was discharged.

NEW BERN LADY HAS AN ACCIDENT IN CAPITAL CITY

"Your Wife Seriously Hurt" Was Message to George Green

NO DETAILS GIVEN

Mrs. Green Left for Washington Several Days Ago

George Green, secretary of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce, last night received a telegram from Washington, D. C., signed by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, stating that his wife had been seriously injured and requested that George Green, Jr., be sent to her at once.

No details of the accident or its nature were given in the message and all attempts to secure some information on the subject, proved of no avail.

Mrs. Green, who is an ardent "White Ribboner" left New Bern a few days ago enroute to the capital city where she was to represent the Kinston branch of the W. C. T. U. at the hearing today of the Hobson bill regarding national prohibition.

She arrived in Washington without any mishap and the news of the accident which befell her created considerable excitement. Her son left on the midnight train for Washington.

MUCH TOBACCO SOLD AT WILSON

Market There Has Closed for the Holidays

Wilson, Dec. 21.—With this week the tobacco market is closed for the holidays and the fourth month of the season ends and Wilson jumps 7,000,000 pounds over the total receipts for 1913 and in four months has paid out \$3,712,964.48 for 27,411,927 pounds of bright leaf tobacco, breaking all records in receipts, and with the exception of 1911, 1912 and 1913, passes all records for average price.

December was a good month with 6,689,544 pounds sold in fourteen days at an average price of \$14.91. The season of 1913 was a good one, with total receipts of 20,819,150 pounds at an average price of \$19.03; and the total amount of money paid for leaf that season was \$3,954,108.54—the largest amount ever paid out on this market, but the present season will go beyond that figure even with a reduced price for the conservative tobacco men estimate that 4,000,000 pounds will yet be sold on this market.

Records for the past twelve years furnished by Mr. R. P. Watson, president of the Board of Trade, tell an interesting story. The year of 1902 leads all years until this season with total receipts of 22,296,077 pounds, but the average price last year was only \$10.90. In the following year the market sold 22,201,771 pounds for \$1,509,298.59, an average price of only \$6.79. The largest receipts on this market after 1903 until 1913 was the year 1908 when 18,752,257 pounds were sold at an average of \$19.88—the highest in the twelve years, the total receipts were only 16,381,096 and the sales amounted to \$2,950,485.17, or almost a million dollars less than has already been paid for the leaf this season.

In other words, the first four months of this season, the Wilson tobacco market has handled and sold 27,411,927 pounds of tobacco for \$3,712,964.48, or three times as much leaf as was handled the entire season of 1911 and at just about the same price. The total sales of 1911 amounting to \$1,316,332.81 and during the past four months farmers have received \$3,712,964.48. The question disturbing the merchant is, Where did the money go? It is not on deposit and it has not been spent.

NEW BERN COTTON MARKET.

(By G. W. Taylor and Sons)
Middling 6 3-4c
Strict Middling 7c
Good Middling 7 1-4c
Receipts yesterday 20 bales.