

# The Allies Get Foothold In The German Line

### All Along the Fighting Front There Is Reports of Their Progress -- Severe Weather Prevails

Paris, Dec. 28. (Central News Cable)—Continued progress all along the coast is reported in an official bulletin issued tonight. The Allies have gained a foothold on the German line in the defense of West Lombardzyde. It is admitted that the enemy has progressed south of Ypres but this is balanced by the French troops' capture of a line of trenches near Lens.

## ATTACKS FUTILE

Berlin, Dec. 28.—The Allied attacks today near Neuport were unsuccessful. The troops were supported by the fire of Allied warships, which killed several inhabitants of West Ende.

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—Enver Pasha, the Turkish war minister, has arrived in Armenia to take command of the Turkish troops at sea. Assisted by the Black Sea fleet, which bombarded the shore where the Turkish troops are concentrated, Russian troops drove the Turks from the Transtsch-ovoch District.

## COLD WEATHER

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—If the cold continues, freezing the Vistula, Bzura and Pilica rivers, the German attacks about Sochaczew, Illow and Bolimow will, Russian military authorities think, immediately re-commence and the Austrians will again attempt to cross the upper Vistula where the river narrows.

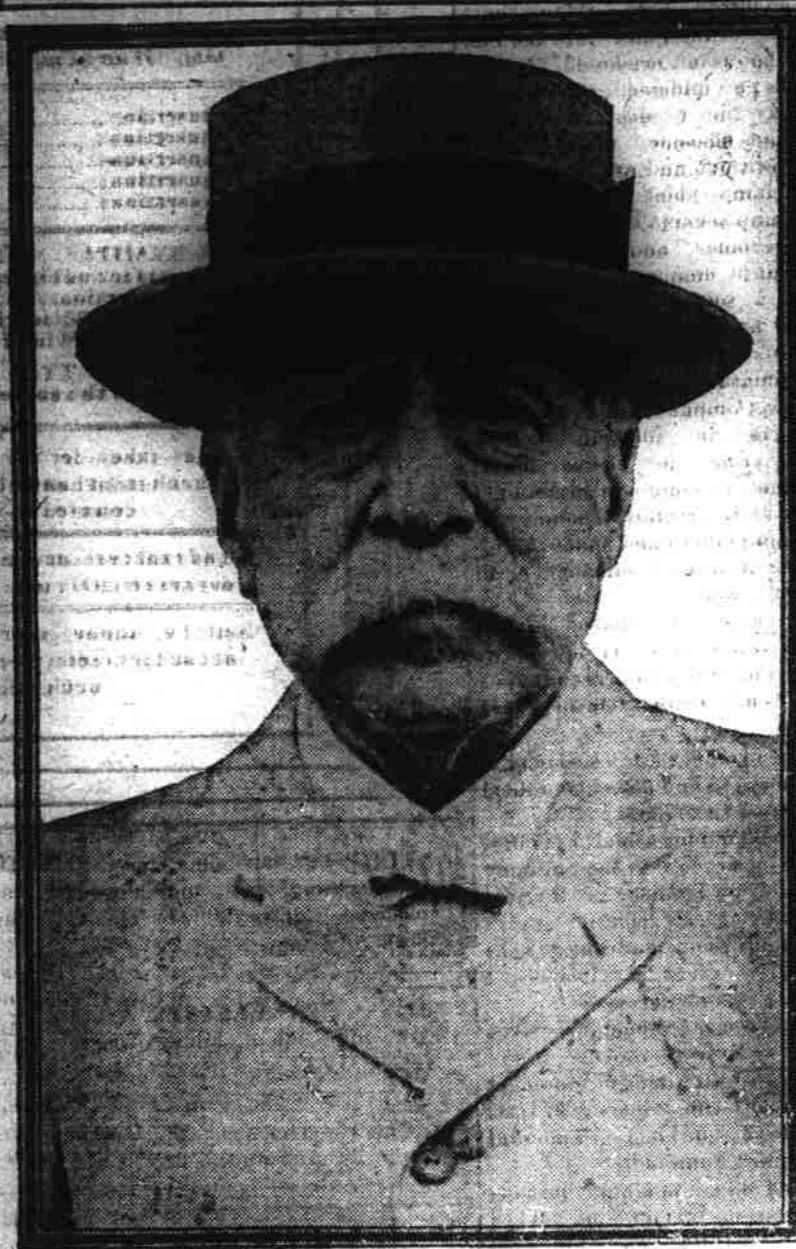
The New Year, it is expected here will thus usher in the long awaited definite clash between the Russian and German armies.

In contradiction to a report that Germany has seventy-nine army corps, of which about twenty are operating against Russia, it is stated, here that Germany's total army consists of fifty-nine corps, of which twenty-nine are operating on this side and which, the Austrian forces, aggregates between forty and fifty corps.

The Russians expect that the Germans will bring guns from Thorn and Kalisz as soon as the ground is hard, but they doubt whether that will materially improve the German chances of taking Warsaw.

Harry Cooley, formerly in charge of the operating room of the Athens theatre but is now residing at Wilmington, N. C., arrived in the city last evening on a short visit.

Senator and Mrs. F. M. Simmons have returned to Washington, D. C. after spending the Christmas holidays in New Bern.



Admiral George Dewey was seventy-seven years of age last Saturday and received many congratulations. Among the many visitors who called during the day was Josephus Daniels of Raleigh N. C., secretary of the U. S. navy. The Admiral and the Secretary of Uncle Sam's sea fighters spent an enjoyable hour. Admiral Dewey is in the best of health.

## FREIGHT RATES TO BE REDUCED

### Philadelphia to Be Benefited By Decision Handed Down Yesterday

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 28.—According to an order handed down today, the Philadelphia anthracite freight rate decision will become effective on January 12.

The Public Service Commission has instructed the railroads to file new tariffs for hard coal hauled into Philadelphia at once. There will be material reductions in rates.

## N. Y. AMERICANS WILL BE SOLD

### Deal Was In Fair Way To Be Consummated Yesterday

New York, Dec. 28.—Jacob Ruppert, Jr., and F. L. Huston, prospective purchasers, and President Farrel had arranged for a conference today in which the buyers were talking the deal for the sale of the New York Americans would go through.

Col. Ruppert and Captain Huston want many new players and a new manager aside from the players now under jurisdiction of President Farrel. It is understood they have had assurances from President Johnson of the American League of the cooperation of the other club owners to aid in building up a good team.

Friends of the men who want to buy the club say the only detail left to discuss at today's meeting is the price. Farrel has placed the figure, it is said, at half a million dollars. There seems to be a strong likelihood that the price will be compromised, and even if Ruppert and Huston do not want to pay what Farrel asks it is stated the American League is willing to pay the difference.

## THE AUDACIOUS WAS TORPEDOED

### Travelers Returning From London Say Ship Is At Belfast

New York, Dec. 28.—According to stories told by travelers who reached this city today from London, the battleship Audacious, which was sunk in the Irish sea as the result of an explosion which was said to have been internal, has probably been raised and towed to Belfast.

They say that the nature of the vessels' injuries show that she was torpedoed.

## MURDER CASE UP NEXT WEEK

### Jesse Creel Will Probably Be Tried At That Time

Jesse Creel, the aged white man who on Christmas Eve stabbed to death Gannon Fulford on New South Front Street, will be placed on trial for his life some time during next week. A one week term of Craven county Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases (jail cases only) will convene next Monday morning with Judge Connor or Wilson presiding, and as Creel has not been bonded out, he will probably be placed on trial early in the week. The old man does not deny the killing, but sticks like adamant to the story that he first told, and which was to the effect that he did it in self defense. It is said that this is not the first murder which Creel has committed; that once before coming to New Bern he slew a man. Whether this is correct is a matter of doubt. Laura Creel, who is doubtless the cause of the whole affair, is yet living at No. 3 New South Front street, and will probably remain here until after her father's trial.

## TURKISH SHIP SUNK YESTERDAY BY THE RUSSIANS

### Two Officers and Thirty Marines Were Saved From the Vessel

## ANOTHER DISASTER

### Two of the Czar's Mine Layers Went to Their Doom

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—A Turkish ship was sunk today in a fight against a Russian fleet. Two Russian mine-layers were sunk. Two officers and thirty marines were saved from the Turkish ship. Part of the Turkish fleet bombarded Batum. The Turks continue their victorious advance along the Caucasian front. It is officially denied that Russian reports that a Turkish warship was torpedoed at Sebastopol on December 4 are true.

### Christians Massacred.

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—Following a massacre ordered by the Turkish commanders when Russian troops approached, only thirty men of the population of Bushkara escaped. The homes of Christians were entered and the occupants thrown from windows into the street.

### 30,000 Austrians Captured.

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—Reports have been received that thirty thousand Austrians were captured in the recent fighting. The Russians have the advantage in the Nida and Donajee valleys. The Russian lines are holding, despite violent assaults by the Germans along the Pilica river southwest of Warsaw. The German main attack upon Warsaw has been checked. The situation in northern Poland is becoming threatening.

The Germans are bringing heavy guns to the Bzura front on morot sledges.

### England's Answer.

London, England, December 28.—The raid of British warships and aeroplanes upon the German naval base, dropping bombs upon Cuxhaven, is regarded as England's answer to the threats of Admiral Von Tirpitz. According to the government officials the admiralty denies claims that German Zeppelins dropped bombs on two British cruisers and their convoy, sinking the convoy.

### The French Advance.

Paris, Dec. 28.—It is officially announced that successful advance of the French lines in Flanders is forcing a new German line south of Ypres. Several allied trenches have been taken by the Germans near Hellebeck, in the region of Lans the French took five hundred yards of German trenches as after a desperate conflict. In the region of the Aisne and Champagne the artillery duels are of the most intense character. In the region of Rheims and Perthes there is progress of the entire line. From the heights of the Meuse the Germans are bombarding St. Die.

## TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS STOLEN

### Thieves Break Into Lumber Company's Store At Dover

During the wee sma' hours of Sunday morning some person entered the office of the Goldsboro Lumber Company at Dover, gained an entrance to the safe and in departing, carried with them two hundred dollars of the company's money. The theft was discovered a few hours later and Sheriff R. B. Lane of this city was informed of the affair and in company with several of the deputies he carried the county's bloodhounds to Dover and put them on the trail. The dogs picked up a scent but the ground was covered with ice and they were unable to follow this up and the search for the thief was, for the time being, abandoned. Entrance to the building was gained through a window. The first door of the safe had been left open on the previous night and all the thief had to do was to break open the small inner door and this was comparatively an easy matter. It is the opinion of the officers of the company that the job was done by someone familiar with the premises and an arrest is expected soon.

## CLAIM CARRANZA GROWS STRONGER AS DAYS PASS

### His Agency In Washington Issued Statement Yesterday

## VILLA EVACUATES

### Said That He Has Taken His Forces Out of Mexico City

Washington, Dec. 28.—The Carranza agency here today published the following telegram received from the Carranza representatives at Galveston: "Semi-official reports here, not confirmed, say that due to lack of communications the Villa forces are evacuating Mexico City. It is believed they are doing this on account of the crying need of forces in the north and to save communication to prevent Torreón, Chihuahua and Juarez being captured. Villa would prefer to engage in battle outside of the capital with Carranza's army of one hundred thousand lying between here and Mexico City.

"Eulalo Gutierrez through a commission, has authorized Antonio I. Villareal, as president extint of the Aguas Calientes convention, to accept his resignation as Provisional President and notify Carranza his service will be at his orders as first chief. The whereabouts of Gutierrez are not definitely known but it is believed he is making his way toward San Luis Potosi.

"It was officially reported to the war department that half of the Torreón garrison, which is enveloped by loyal forces, has revolted and is fighting the other half in the name of Carranza."

General Villa's forces have suspended the attack on Ebano, near Tampico, and have concentrated for attack on the seaport of Tuxpan, where fighting is in progress today, according to State Department advice.

Carranza reports that Gutierrez has resigned are contradicted by dispatches to the State Department from the Brazilian minister, who conferred with Gutierrez yesterday. Dispatches show that friction is apparent between Zapata and Gutierrez-Villa factions. The former favors the execution of former Federalists but the latter stands for amnesty.

Miss Jeannette Hill is spending several days visiting friends in Norfolk, Va.

## MISS LILA MAE WILLIS A BRIDE

### Married Last Evening to Ensign Donald Patterson

A fitting climax to a romance which began several years ago, came last evening at 10:30 when Miss Lila Mae Willis, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Willis of No. 89 Broad street, became the bride of Ensign Donald Patterson, U. S. N., and a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson of this city.

The contracting parties had succeeded in keeping the approaching nuptials a secret and their most intimate friends knew of it only a few days ago. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few relatives and friends, the Rev. B. F. Huske, rector of Christ Episcopal church, officiating.

The bride was given away by her father and as she came into the front parlor on his arm she never appeared more charming. The beautiful Episcopal ring ceremony was used and this tended to make the event even more impressive. After the words which made the couple twain had been pronounced, they were showered with congratulations.

A dainty luncheon was served until 11:30 o'clock, and Ensign and Mrs. Patterson then drove to the union passenger station where they boarded the northbound train enroute to New York and other northern cities. After a honeymoon of two weeks they will go to Philadelphia, Pa., at which city Ensign Patterson, who is located on the U. S. S. South Carolina, will make his headquarters. Ensign and Mrs. Patterson will be at home in Philadelphia after January 15th.

## THE LAWMAKERS HURRYING BACK TO THE CAPITAL

### Hosts of Them Arrived In the City Yesterday

## READY FOR WORK

### Democrats Hope to Avoid Extra Session After March 4

Washington, Dec. 28.—Congressmen were returning to Washington today from their holiday recess to resume work Tuesday and Democratic leaders were determined to expedite the passage of all necessary legislation to avoid an extra session after March 4.

Practically all of the real work of the session is yet to be accomplished. In the house progress has begun to be made in clearing up appropriation bills and a few general measures, the entire administration legislative program remains to be disposed of. There the immigration bill is the unfinished business with the outlook for a continuation of the fight against the measure because of the literacy test provision.

President Wilson is opposed to the literacy test and Senator Lewis of Illinois has announced his intention to offer an amendment to eliminate the provision. Democratic and Republican senators who favor the measure believe that if such an amendment were adopted it would cause the bill's defeat.

The supply measures have the right of way and it is probable the immigration bill will be displaced early in the week by the District appropriation bill. The government ship purchase bill also is pending in the Senate.

In the House it is not believed much real progress will be made this week because of the outlook for lack of a quorum until after New Year's. The postoffice appropriation bill is pending with general debate on it completed, and it now awaits reading for amendment. With that measure disposed of, the Indian, legislative, executive and judicial and the rivers and harbors bills will be taken up.

The agricultural appropriation bill carrying \$22,627,712, already has been completed. Tomorrow the subcommittee of the House Naval Committee will resume consideration of the naval appropriation bill.

## FARMERS JOIN IN DISCUSSION

### Gather In Chicago With Agricultural Experts

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Farmers, manufacturers of agricultural implements and agricultural experts from several universities attended the opening session here today of the eighth annual meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

Improved types of farm machinery, construction of farm houses and buildings will be discussed at the three day meeting. Among the speakers will be Dean E. Davenport, University of Illinois; Dean R. S. Shaw, University of Michigan; Dean A. Marston, Ohio State College; Dean U. C. Price, Ohio State University; Max Patitz, Allis-Chalmers Company, Milwaukee, Wis.; E. B. McCormick, United States Department of Agriculture; L. J. Smith, Winnipeg, Canada; E. C. Gee, College Station, Texas; C. A. Oeock, Peoria, Ill., and C. I. Guinness, Amherst, Mass.

## SURPRISE MARRIAGE

### New Bern Man Takes A Bride At Gastonia

A marriage which came as a surprise to the numerous friends of the contracting parties, occurred Saturday night at Gastonia, N. C., when Miss Nell Munde, a charming and accomplished young lady of that place, became the bride of Horace Hill of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Hill came to New Bern Sunday afternoon and are making their home with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Adolph Kafer on National avenue.