

## The Teuton Forces Have Undoubtedly Left Roulers

**Bombardment of the Allied Forces Proved to be too much for the Germans—Country Around Ypres in Hands of British**

London, Dec. 29 (Central News Cable)—The official French statement issued tonight tells of the occupation of St. George by the Allies and confirms unofficial reports of advance in that vicinity. On the north bank of the Lis the Germans recaptured area gained by the Allies ten days ago, although Ypres and the country around Langemarck is still in the hands of the British.

### EVACUATE ROULERS

Amsterdam, Dec. 29.—There is no question that the Germans are evacuating Roulers, says a dispatch from Sluis to The Telegraaf. The Germans have ordered the inhabitants of Sleyhage to leave the village between Ypres and Bruges and between Roulers and Dixmude. The villages must be evacuated because of the bombardment of the Allies. The requisition of food and supplies from the civil population of Belgium continues without ending.

### TURKS SUFFER

London, Dec. 29.—Turkish troops posted in the Lebanon Mountains, north of Palestine, are suffering severely from unusually hard winter weather, according to British advices from Cairo. Considerable numbers of the troops, which are poorly provided with clothing, are said to have died from exposure, and cases of frostbite have decimated the army.

Lebanon is being strongly occupied by the Turks, the number of troops in the province being estimated at 150,000. In Syria proper there are 80,000 troops. The Turkish officials are said to be endeavoring to secure alliances with various native tribes, but so far their efforts have been without much success.

### FRENCH REPORT

Paris, Dec. 29.—The French official statement this afternoon refers to comparatively minor French successes, and mentions a violent bombardment by the Germans of positions at Rehella, Staubin, Leuzancy and Fouchy, on the line between Lys and Somme. The French have taken the village of St. Georges in Belgium. The front between Somme and Argonne is calm. French gains were recorded in Argonne in the forests of Laguerie and in



Villa, who has rightly been called "the greatest trouble promoter in Mexico," is again at the head of a body of troops and is doing everything possible to keep alive the spirit of revolution.

### CONGRESS AGAIN IN FULL BLAST

Re-Convened Yesterday—Both Houses Are Busy

Washington, Dec. 29.—With the re-convening of congress today both houses faced the big task of clearing up crowded calendars.

Awaiting action are the big appropriation bills and the administration program. The supply measures have the right to way and while the house has passed two of them and some general measures, all are yet to be acted upon in the senate, in addition to the administration program.

The ship purchase bill is awaiting in both houses.

In the Senate the immigration bill was the day's order of business. The postoffice appropriation bill was the unfinished business in the house.

#### WAS AN ACCIDENT.

So Say Canadians Who Killed Americans.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 29.—The Canadian militiamen who yesterday killed one American duck hunter and seriously wounded another on Lake Erie today declared they were simply trying to frighten them, and did not aim to hit the men. The injured man will probably recover. The Canadian authorities have ordered an investigation to be held at Fort Erie tomorrow.

The two mast schooner Bertie arrived in port yesterday morning from Wit with a cargo of oysters.

Lebouchot, the latter northeast of Troyon. It says that the Germans occupying the French trenches in the vicinity of Redbout, a burned forest west of Apremont, were driven out after three successive counter attacks. Steinbach in Upper Alsace, is being invested by the French, following a violent engagement.

### WORK TO BEGIN ON CAR LINE

Track to the Fair Grounds Is to Be Extended

It is understood that work will begin next week on the construction of the car line extension from a point near the former West Lumber and Box Company plant down to the union passenger station, a distance of three fourths of a mile. With the completion of this work the line from the station to Glenburnie Park and the Eastern Carolina Fair grounds will be complete and it will be possible to operate cars over it without using the track of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, as has heretofore been the case. Glenburnie Park, while having been used for months by the public, has not been officially opened. During the first part of the year a pavilion costing five thousand dollars or more was erected there and it is the intention of the owners of the property to make other improvements during the coming months. Just what type of cars will be used on the line has not been stated and in fact no definite information in regard to the proposed work has been given out to the public. However, it is known to be a fact that electric cars will be operated over the line and there is a probability that the park will be thrown open during the first few weeks of the summer. New Bern has now one park, Ghent, located just west of the city, and the excellent partonage that this has received, assures the owners of Glenburnie of their plans getting its share of the business.

#### KILLS LITTLE GIRL.

Rejected Suitor Fires Fatal Bullet.

Millville, N. J., Dec. 29.—John Horn, the rejected suitor of six-year-old Beatrice Bailey's aunt, today shot by mistake and killed the little girl.

Evan Hughes, Horn's rival for the hand of Miss Pettie, was seated at a table, and was probably the intended victim. Horn fled after the shooting. Beatrice Bailey professed her willingness to assist the police in every way.

### THE STOCK LAW ADVOCATES ARE PLANNING FIGHT

May Go Before the Legislature When It Meets

#### HAVE STATISTICS

Primed to the Top With Most Convincing Figures

When the next State legislature convenes in Raleigh it is understood that the advocates of a Stock Law in Craven county will be on hand with a pretty stiff argument in favor of placing this county under that heading. For several months these gentlemen have been quietly at work feeling the pulse of the public and according to reports circulated around this city, they are about ready to come to the front with their request and ask the law makers to do something.

A local gentlemen who has for many years been a staunch advocate of the proposed law, has compiled figures which show that within the course of two years that if the cattle are prevented from running at large and being infested by the cattle ticks, that the increase in the number of cattle and the price paid for them, will amount to more than a half million dollars. The advocates of the law claim that at present the cattle are allowed to run at large, to graze on every man's property whether it be in clover fields or on wooded land and that they become so infested with cattle tick that their meat is ruined and that they cannot be shipped out of the State and that on this account the cattle raisers are losing thousands of dollars annually.

They also claim that fine breeds of cattle cannot be brought here and grown with satisfaction; that several cattlemen from the west have come to this section, bringing with them blooded stock and that these have soon become unfit for either breeding purposes or food. Those who are in favor of the law will urge that it be passed and that every man who has stock will be required to fence in his property and keep his stock on his own premises and prevent them from running at large. There is some opposition to the movement and a warm conflict is looked for when the matter comes up for discussion.

### RAILROAD RATE MUCH TOO HIGH

So Holds Interstate Commerce Commission In This Case

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—The present rates over the Atchinson, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroads on cotton linters from points in Southern Texas to Butte, Mont., are unreasonable.

Such was the decision rendered today by the Interstate Commission and there is a probability that a reduction will be made.

### WANTS PREACHERS TO BE OFFICERS

New Jersey Man Would Have Them Act As Such

Patterson, N. J., Dec. 29.—Police Commissioner Frank Frost in an interview with newspaper men tonight, stated that he favored the abolition of the police force of the city and the resignation of the Police Commissioner and that he urged that the ministers of the city be delegated with the protection of the citizens.

This statement is a result of a movement made by prominent ministers to have the theatres closed on Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Harvey and daughter Miss Wilma, of Far Rockaway, N. Y., arrived in the city last evening to spend the remainder of the winter.

### UNCLE SAMUEL SENDS FRIENDLY NOTE TO ENGLAND

Its Tone Is Calm, But Firmness Is Plainly Expressed

#### FAR-REACHING

The commerce of This Country Must Not Be Molested

Washington, Dec. 29.—Official Washington awaited today with much interest the outcome of a forthcoming conference between Ambassador page and Sir Edward Grey, British foreign secretary for the presentation of a long note from the United States insisting that its legitimate commerce should not be unduly molested by the British fleet.

The communication reached London today and was regarded as the strongest representation on commerce made by the United States since the outbreak of war.

In view of the important principles laid down in the note, it was expected to have a far reaching effect on the attitude of other neutral countries toward the general subject of contraband. Some diplomats thought it might hasten the calling of the conference of neutrals proposed by Venezuela to revise rules of international law for the protection of neutral commerce.

#### A Protest

The note did not result, it was understood, from any particular violation by Great Britain of what Washington considers its commerce rights, but was intended as a protest against the British attitude to which France has practically adhered in the treatment of neutral cargoes. It points out that the United States was patient in the early days of hostilities, realizing the war had burdened the British foreign office. It declares, however, that with the passing of five months, the situation has grown worse.

Administration officials realize that many millions of dollars in claims are accumulating against the British government, but the note sets forth that re-imbursements alone do not cure the evils, as American shippers are practically intimidated and fear to embark upon legitimate export trade.

The note declares the relations between neutral countries are those of

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### THE DES MOINES BARS TO CLOSE

Go Out of Business Indefinitely On Fifteenth of February

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 29.—The saloons of Des Moines will close on the fifteenth of next February pending the settlement of the consent petition of a fight in the district court according to action by the city council today.

This action is a result of recent Billy Sunday revivals in which prohibition was one of the main subjects discussed.

### WILSON'S ACTION IS APPROVED

Senators Sanction His Action In Regard to Note to England

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Senators and representatives in Congress approve the note of protest which President Wilson has sent to the British government against the delays caused by the holding up and searching of American vessels.

President Wilson is quoted as saying today that Great Britain will eventually have to pay big damages for the trouble they have caused American shippers.

Miss Bettie Tolson returned home to Croatan last evening after a short visit to the city.

Mrs. C. L. Abernethy left last evening for Beaufort to spend a few days visiting friends and relatives.

### BLIZZARD OVER BATTLE FIELDS STOPS FIGHTING

Snow and Sleet Cover the Fighting Grounds In North France

#### MEN SUFFERING

All Conflict, With Exception of Artillery Fire, Stops

London, Dec. 29.—(Central News Cable)—A blizzard which is raging over the English Channel and the North Sea has spread over Flanders in Northern France and all communication with Amsterdam and Paris is severed. The last word received from the north of France was that the soldiers are suffering from the bitter cold. There is snow in the trenches and all operations are closed, with the exception of the artillery fire.

#### Germans Gain Ground

Berlin, Dec. 29.—In the vicinity of Nieuport and east of Ypres the Germans have gained ground. Northeast of St. Mouthold a determined French attack was repulsed and 200 prisoners taken. In the forest of Brulee, west of Apremont, the Germans captured a trench and three machine guns. A French attack on Senneheim was repulsed. German attacks against Bzura and Rajka are progressing slowly. South of Inow and Lodz a strong Russian attack has been repulsed.

#### The Russians Advance.

Petrograd, Dec. 29.—Complete failure has followed the German attempt to check the Russian advance, and the German-Austrian offensive has been turned into a very stubborn defense against the Russians, pressing wedges into the dual line along the Biala river. A Russian army of a hundred thousand men is trying to drive a wedge between the two main Austrian armies.

#### Bad Weather There.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—The Germans advance along the lower Vistula. Fighting is in progress southeast of Spierowice and between the Pilltina and Upper Vistula. The weather is a great menace to the general advance. In Alsace, the French continue their efforts to advance upon Mulhausen without success. French attacks upon Arras and in the vicinity of Verdun have been driven back with enormous losses.

#### The Allies Gain.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The Allies have made gains of more than two miles in Belgium. Violent bombardment by the Germans of Allied positions along the main road from Roys to Amiens impeded progress. The Allies recaptured lost trenches after violent charges and counter charges. There have been substantial gains in the Alsace district, despite snow and mud. The fighting is on with renewed ferocity at many points. The French gained an important victory in the vicinity of Nieuport. Von Kluek's artillery is now shelling the Allied trenches.

The gas freight boat Curtin arrived in port yesterday from Wit with a cargo of oysters.

The two mast schooner Olympia, of Beaufort, was in port yesterday discharging a cargo of potatoes.

### FLAG RAISERS HAVE "FESSED UP"

Three Sophomores Acknowledge Affair At Trinity

Durham, Dec. 29.—More definite reports from Trinity College are to the effect that three members of the sophomore class of that institution have confessed to having raised their class flag to the college flag-pole and to having lowered the emblem of the United States. It is also understood that the boys were not expelled, as had been rumored, but that they were reprimanded and allowed to continue in school.

Attorneys for Mr. A. D. Smith today filed answer to the complaint filed in a suit against him for \$5,000 Smith is alleged in the complaint to have alienated the affections of the wife of the plaintiff, Mr. J. M. Hayden. In the answer to the complaint,

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