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YULETIDE LULL SETTLING OVER WAR ARENAS

EXCEPT IN ISOLATED CASES THERE IS LITTLE ACTIVITY

GERMANS CLAIM DISPUTED POINT

Germans Say Will Reach Saloniki Middle of January—Active in Egypt.

London, Dec. 23.—Hermann-Well-orkopf in the Vosges, the summit of which the Germans claim to have retaken, together with 1,500 prisoners, is the only point of real activity on the western front. While the Paris official statement admits that the French have withdrawn from the summit, it claims the conservation of about a mile and a quarter of conquered ground.

With the exception of clashes in Galicia and Russians and Turks reported engaged twenty-five miles from Teheran, Persia, the Christmas lull seems to have settled over the various arenas.

Along the Austro-Italian line isolated infantry attacks and artillery duels continue. Paris considers the fact that the Austrians are fortifying in Montenegro a sign that their offensive has closed.

An Athens dispatch says that Germany informed Greece that she hopes to reach Saloniki by January 15, but will evacuate Greek territory as soon as this is accomplished. The allies scoff at an attack on Saloniki, but the Greek public are uneasy.

A Berlin wireless says that Great Britain has 200,000 troops in Egypt, of which 200,000 are guarding Suez. Geneva dispatches declare that the German attack on Egypt is planned for January.

Washington protested a British order prohibiting shipments of hospital supplies to Germans.

EARLY RESUME OF OPERATIONS

London, Dec. 23.—It is unofficially reported that a partial law proclamation in Greece is imminent and although no concrete evidence is available there is evidence of growing uneasiness at Athens over the possibility that Bulgarian troops will cross the border.

Pushing Belgian Officers.
The only relieving feature of the situation is the announcement that the Bulgarian officer commanding the forces fighting with the Greeks in Epirus has been punished and the incident is considered closed.

The resumption of submarine activity in the near east is signalized in a startling manner by the sinking of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru. Apparently no lives were lost but according to marine insurance men the property loss was the heaviest incurred in any maritime disaster of the war. The nature of the valuable cargo is undisclosed.

Yarna Affair.
The mystery of the bombardment of Yarna is apparently cleared by a statement from both sides showing it to be nothing but a minor naval engagement in which shore batteries participated. This at first was declared to be a formidable Russian attack. A large Russian fleet, however, is said to be in the vicinity of Yarna and the action may be preliminary to a serious Russian attack in the West.

German Withdrawal is once more the subject of contention. The possession of the summit of this mountain has been disputed so closely by military forces as well as those officially recording movements. The Associated Press correspondent was called up last April to decide the relative positions of the opposing sides.

The French claim now to have retaken the German from the highest trenches. The Germans admit a retirement from the summit which they claim to have occupied since April. The French claim they have not only advanced their positions substantially but are standing the Germans retreating some of the lost trenches but have retaken partial. In an offensive which the Germans were preparing in the Vosges.

No News of Bulgaria.
There has been no news today of the fate of the Bulgarian City of the eastern and the western fronts. The news from the front is reported by the Associated Press. The report says that the German offensive has been repulsed.

DANIELS MAY PUBLISH NAVY BOARD REPORT

CALLS FOR LARGER AMOUNT THAN ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN

INTENDED TO COVER 10 YEARS

General Navy Board's Plan Want Half Billion Dollars First Year.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The report of the general navy board, urging that the United States fleet be made equal to the strongest afloat by 1925, will probably be made public by Secretary Daniels before the congressional naval committees begin on the administration plan, which calls for considerably smaller increases.

Secretary Daniels is expected by reports that some congressmen want the report published and Henry A. Wise Wood gave his rejection for the administration as his reason for resigning from the navy's civilian advisory board. In advocating the general board's plan Mr. Wood declared administration's program was "desperately weak."

The board's plans are not only plans to build the greatest navy by 1925, but call for a building appropriation of \$500,000,000 for the first year, while the administration wants a like amount to cover a period of five years and goes no further.

NINE WERE KILLED; TWENTY-ONE INJURED

Collision Between Passenger and Freight Trains on Railroad in Tennessee.

Nashville, Dec. 23.—In a collision between a passenger train, loaded with laborers, and freight on the Nashville, St. Louis and Chattanooga railroad between Nashville and Chattanooga late today, Engineer Irby Read and eight negroes were killed and Fireman Harmen Lear fatally injured. Twenty others were injured. The accident occurred near Sherwood, Tenn.

REAL BATTLE BETWEEN BAILIFF AND GOONS

Atlanta, Dec. 22.—A real battle with guns, pistols, knives and razors, took place in a negro barbershop on Auburn avenue yesterday when seven negroes attacked A. B. Forsyth and John Gossett, two court bailiffs who tried to serve a bench warrant on Homer Smith, a negro accused of illegally selling whiskey.

As the result of the fray Forsyth was fatally stabbed, Gossett was shot through the neck and Homer Smith is expected to die from bullet wounds. Others were more or less seriously injured. The only arrest made in addition to the taking of Smith was that of Singleton Newsum who was caught on Cleveland and who is believed to have taken part in the cutting.

Atlanta's Curious Case.
Atlanta, December 23.—When Harry Lee, a Chinaman of East Harris street was arrested yesterday it was discovered that a remarkable elixir which he has been selling as a cure-all and restorative to other Chinamen and which was supposed to have been obtained from the colonial empire with great difficulty, was in truth plain red wine mixed with a little ketchup.

Aviators on Leave.
New York, Dec. 23.—Wilton T. Shaw, Norman Price and Elliot C. Cowdin, American aviators serving with the French expedition on Italy, have sailed for the east making a stop at the Atlantic city and New York.

Swampy at Barges.
There has been no news today of the fate of the barge City of the eastern and the western fronts. The news from the front is reported by the Associated Press. The report says that the German offensive has been repulsed.

ENGLAND WILL FIGHT GERMAN FOREIGN TRADE

PRESIDENT BOARD OF TRADE ANNOUNCES FUTURE POLICY

SPEECH MADE TO THE COMMONS

After the War no German Allowed to Stand in England's Way.

London, Dec. 23.—Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade, told the house of commons today that commercially Germany was now a beaten nation and it was for England to see that Germany does not recover.

In discussing the reorganization of British trade after the war, he said that the board of trade was taking great care that no German should stand in the way of England's advantages. "We are not going to be tender to the Germans," he continued. The advantage gained by England through the blow dealt German commerce in South America and the Orient will not be relinquished and German control in European oil fields and ownership in British coal mines should cease, he declared.

KILLED ON RAILROAD NEAR WESTMINSTER

Westminster, Dec. 23.—Yesterday morning at 7:15 a gentleman by the name of Wiggins made a ghastly find, when he ran across the dismembered body of a man by the name of Walt Morgan of Greenville, at the crossing near Clearmont church, two miles west of Westminster. The man's body was severed, being cut in two just below the ribs and a portion was on one side of the track and a portion on the other. It is thought he was beating his way on a freight train when he met his horrible death. The body was brought here and an inquest held by S. H. Harrel, Esq., with L. H. V. Hobson as foreman. The verdict rendered was that he was killed by a moving train. One dollar in currency, three quarters, a pencil and an express receipt for two dollars was found on his person.

After several hours the body was identified by a woman at the mill village as Walt Morgan, son of Ben Morgan, who lives at one of the cotton mills in Greenville.

JAPANESE SHIP SUNK IN MEDITERRANEAN

London, Dec. 23.—The new Japanese liner Yasaka Maru was sunk in the western Mediterranean Tuesday by a submarine while en route from London to Japan. It was sunk without warning according to a report from Port Said sent by the owners' agents.

It carried 100 passengers and 150 in the crew. All on board, including one American, W. J. Leigh, were saved.

EPIDEMIC OF GRIPPE IN PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—Philadelphia's death rate climbed this week and more than 15,000 persons are ill as the result of an epidemic of influenza sweeping the state of Pennsylvania. The epidemic is spreading rapidly and a majority of the cases were due to grippe. Public health officials are warning that the epidemic has been repulsed.

"Swearing They'd Ne'er Consent, Consented"



BANK JOHNSON JOHN K. TENER, GARRY HERMANN, INSEET-JAMES A. GILMORE

Here are the great rogues of organized baseball, photographed ten minutes after they had made peace with the Federal league, and also shortly after they had sworn they would never make peace. President Johnson of the American league, President Tener of the National league, and Garry Hermann, chairman of the national commission, told newspaper men there would be no peace with the Federals. President Gilmore of the Federals just smiled. Then there was peace.

SECURITIES RETURN FROM ACROSS THE SEA

Two Billion Dollars Worth Absorbed in United States Since War Began.

New York, Dec. 23.—Approximately \$1,600,000,000 in par value of American securities, foreign owned when the war began, has been absorbed in the United States in the last sixteen months, the financial experts estimate. This together with the \$500,000,000 Anglo-French loan, virtually absorbed here, brings the total of securities taken from foreign sources to at least \$2,000,000,000.

The Delaware and Hudson railroad announced today that statistics furnished by 141 railroads showed that about \$500,000,000 railroad securities alone were transferred to Americans between February first and the end of July this year.

LESLIE WILL MATTER IS STILL UNSETTLED

Hears at Law of Noted Publisher Appeal to the Courts.

New York, Dec. 23.—Surrogate Fowler today denied the application of the estate of Mrs. Franz Leslie's husband to set aside the decree admitting to probate in order to institute a contest. Mrs. Leslie has an estate of about \$2,000,000 in the estate movement.

British Loses Dardanelles.
London, Dec. 23.—British loss of officers and men in the Dardanelles to December 11 were 113,921. The list includes naval casualties. The number killed was 25,273. In addition the total casualties number admitted to hospitals from illness was 68,433. The wounded total 75,191. Others are missing.

RESOLUTION BARS POLITICS ON BOARD

Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary McAdoo's resolution making public office holders and members of political party committees ineligible for election as officers and directors of the Federal Reserve banks was adopted unanimously by the reserve board here today. This action of the board is understood to have taken place during the election of class C directors, but it is said it was not aimed particularly at any candidate.

MILLIONS OF POLES SUFFER GREAT NEED

DEPENDENT ON CARROT SOUP SERVED BY GERMANS

DESTITUTION IN THE CAPITAL

Witness Saw Aged Persons Stand for Hours Waiting for Soup.

New York, Dec. 23.—More than 4,000,000 of the population of Poland are destitute and entirely dependent upon the pint of carrot soup daily served by the Germans, according to William Hamilton of the American Mercy and Relief committee, who arrived from Europe today.

In Warsaw alone, he said, 75,000 were destitute, and he saw aged persons stand for hours in zero weather waiting for soup. He declared that the British should relax the blockade to assist relief.

INDICTMENTS WERE RETURNED BY JURY

Koenig and His Associates Charged With Conspiring to Dynamite Canal.

New York, Dec. 23.—Indictments were returned today charging Paul Koenig, the chief detective of the Hamburg-American line and Edward Emil Lyndacker, an antique dealer with connections to associates of the Welland canal, Edmund Justice, a Hamburg-American line watchman, who was indicted with Koenig charged with conspiring to secure military information for the German government.

The indictments against Koenig and Lyndacker charged them with conspiring to set on foot in the United States a military enterprise against the Dominion of Canada. It set forth that part of the alleged conspiracy was to destroy with dynamite or other means, the canal, leading from Port Colborne on Lake Erie to Port Dalhousie on Lake Ontario. The indictments allege that Koenig and Lyndacker planned to secure employment for their agents in various factories and mills adjacent to the canal.

WOULD ABOLISH LAWS OF DIVORCE IN GA.

Atlanta, Dec. 23.—That the state of Georgia should wipe all its divorce laws off the statute books for at least ten years and allow the population to get a new start in life, is declared by Judge J. T. Pennington of the superior court here.

"Our divorce record here in Atlanta is nothing short of shocking," declared the judge, "and I see no prospect for betterment except through a complete abolition of the divorce laws for a term of years. Perhaps by that time husbands would find out that it is not such a difficult matter to live together after all, and might become convinced of the wisdom of settling among themselves disputes of home life instead of pushing pell mell into the divorce and alimony courts."

Judge Pennington says that divorces are becoming more numerous every day all over Georgia and particularly in Atlanta. He says that by the time the present year closes it will have more than 800 divorce cases have gone through the local court.

Will Delay Reply.
Washington, Dec. 23.—Ambassador Sharp of Paris notified the state department that France would not reply to the American note protesting against the removal of Germans and Austrians from American vessels on the high seas by the French cruiser Descazes until the commander reports. The government is endeavoring to secure a report.

Big Fire in Lake City.
Lake City, Dec. 23.—Fifty thousand dollars is estimated as the damage from a fire here this morning, which destroyed Holston hotel and a nearby grocery. The hotel occupants were uninjured.

PEACE PARTY ON THE ROAD TO STOCKHOLM

GOVERNOR HANNA GOES TO THE SWEDISH CAPITAL

MISSION MET NO RESPONSE

Norwegian Newspapers Doubtful if People Will Join Peace Movement.

Christiansburg, Dec. 23.—Henry Ford, who has been ill and unable to attend the peace meetings here, left this morning for Stockholm, where other of the party will follow him, with the exception of Governor Hanna of North Dakota, who went to Copenhagen.

The invitation to the Norwegians to join in the mission met no response. Local newspapers are doubtful if any Norwegians will take part in the proceedings, but praise Mr. Ford for his good will and high idealism.

HENRY FORD DENIES DISSENSION REPORTS

Chicago, Dec. 23.—In a cablegram to Jane Adams of Hull House, here, Henry Ford denies the reports of dissension among the members of the peace party. He said the stories originated with imaginative journalists, eager for copy and that the party's faith in the success of the mission was unshaken.

PURK BARREL LEADERS READY FOR SESSION

Washington, Dec. 23.—Despite the economy plans of party leaders, Chairman Sparkman of the house rivers and harbors committee plans to report a general waterway bill. There is some talk today of the intention of the house public buildings committee reporting an ambitious building bill.

The rivers and harbors committee meets in January to determine its course and consider favorable reports of the war department on new projects, aggregating \$120,000,000.

Among projects favorably reported by the war department are: South Carolina: Santee river, \$10,000; Congaree river, \$100,000; Cooper river, \$14,000; Charleston harbor, \$140,000; waterway Columbia and Camden to Charleston, \$420,000; McClellanville-Whitah Bay waterway, no estimate; Orangeburg-Charleston waterway, \$35,000; Charleston-Savannah waterway, \$100,000. Georgia: Savannah harbor, \$154,000; Georgia's Cut, \$1,000; Black river, \$5,000.

TYPHUS FEVER CASES REPORTED IN LAREDO

Washington, Dec. 23.—Three cases of typhus fever were reported in Laredo, Texas, and children in Nuevo Laredo, across the border, the result of an epidemic taking in Mexico, which caused Surgeon General Dine of the public health service to urge great precautions against introduction of the disease. Thirteen Americans and Bogles, the reported stricken in Mexico City.

Christmas Mails Very Busy.
Washington, Dec. 23.—Postoffice departments received reports from every section of the United States to the effect that the Christmas mail was heavier than ever before and is being moved without delay.

OLD MAN AWAY

Bureau, Dec. 23.—An old man, 80 years of age, was reported to have been killed by a train in the city of New York. The man was identified as John J. Smith, a well-known figure in the city.