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GREAT GERMAN VICTORY BELIEVED PREMATURE

According to Official Statement From Petrograd Germans Have Been Repulsed in Attempt to Cross the Right Bank of Vistula River in Poland and Fighting in Bzura River District Developing—With the Germans Strongly Entrenched the Allies' Offensive Movement in Belgium and France is Making Slow Progress.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 19.—It is believed Berlin's celebration of a great German victory in Poland possibly was premature. All that German headquarters says of the battle there in today's report is that the pursuit of the enemy continues.

The Russian official report tonight says engagements on the left bank of the Vistula have been nothing more than outpost affairs. In these the Russians would seem to have been engaged in holding the Germans, while the Russian main force was forming along the Bzura river, where a battle is beginning to develop, and the German attack is said to have been repulsed. As was expected the Germans attempted to cross the Vistula in an endeavor to outflank the Russians, but this was frustrated by the Russian artillery and by the seizure of the pontoon bridges.

Despite the desperate work facing them in North Poland, the Russians continue operations in East Prussia and against Cracow, while in western Galicia they are taking positions along the Dnauetz river in an attempt to stop the advance of the Austro-German forces.

Part of the Przemyśl garrison had made a sortie in force in an attempt to open the railway to the southwest, and is giving battle to the Russian besieging army.

With the Germans strongly entrenched and the ground in had condition, the Allies' offensive movement in Belgium and France is making slow progress. At several points, however, the French official records the

capture of German trenches. The offensive is being pushed with considerable force in Flanders and from the Belgian border south to the River Oise, where the line turns eastward. The Germans keep up violent counter attacks, and by these and the use of mines, in some cases have prevented the Allies from following up their advantage.

Similar tactics are being adopted by both sides along the rest of the front with gains and losses in fractions of miles. The Allies have brought up an enormous weight of artillery which they are using to clear the way for the infantry.

A message from Antwerp to the Amsterdam Telegraaf asserts that the Germans, preparing for a possible retreat, are constructing a line of defense across Belgium from the Scheldt along the Dendre River to Maubeuge on the French frontier. This, if true, might be regarded only a measure of precaution.

The German cruisers raided the east coast of England, and a large mine field. In addition to the three steamers previously reported as having been destroyed, a mine sweeper, clearing the seas, was blown up today, and it is reported two other vessels met a like fate. This occurred while the funerals of the victims of the bombardment at Scarborough and the Hartlepool were being held.

While the motor section of the South African defense force is gathering in the remainder of the scattered rebels, the main army is forming on the German South African frontier where the advance guards are in touch.

CARRIES \$15,000 SPECIAL FUND

Appropriation Bill Carrier Fund For U. S. Military Observer in Europe.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The army appropriation bill, aggregating \$101,000,000, agreed upon today by the house military committee, carried a special fund of \$15,000 for United States military observers in Europe. The bill closely follows the war department's estimate. "We gave them practically all they asked for," said Chairman Hay, referring to appropriations for ammunition and other materials for defense.

Increase of 25 regiments in the regular army was proposed by a bill introduced by Representative Anthony. It would authorize the organization of five additional regiments of artillery, five of cavalry and 15 of infantry and would repeal the law limiting the army to 100,000 men.

Appropriations of \$400,000 for aviation and \$50,000 for armored automobiles in view of the use of the latter in the European war are included in the bill.

Villa Forces Go Over to Carranza

(By Associated Press.)
LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 19.—General Pablo Gonzalez has reached the Panuco oil field district with 10,000 troops, prepared for an offensive campaign against Villa forces at Tampico, according to a dispatch received here today.

The same message asserted Carranza troops had captured Parras, a small town near Torreon, and confirmed reports that Villa forces at San Luis Potosi had gone over to Carranza.

Amendment to Except Proposed Literacy Test

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—An amendment to the immigration bill to except from the proposed literacy test for the next five years Belgians seeking a home in the United States, was introduced today by Senator Williams. No action was taken.

Senator Stone had spoken for making an exception in favor of those persecuted for race as well as for religious persecution showed possession of a high moral fibre, while the same could not be said of one persecuted for race. Senator Williams declared Senator Stone's proposal would admit a flood of ignorance.

REP. WYATT AIKEN BUYS AT HOME

Appears at Washington Church in "Jeans" Suit Tailored in Abbeville.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Representative Wyatt Aiken of Abbeville, who makes it a point to buy everything that he needs from South Carolina merchants, as far as possible, has gone a step further in the patronizing of home products. He appeared at Mount Vernon Place church Sunday morning, wearing an all-wool "jeans" suit of clothes, tailored by an Abbeville concern, from cloth woven by members of the well-known Nicholson family, residing on White creek, in Oconee, one of the now practically extinct "hand looms" that were common a good many years before Mr. Aiken was born.

This jeans suit had the appearance of a "swell" gray suit, and Mr. Aiken declares that, until within the past few days when the thermometer in Washington has been flirting with the 10-degree mark, he has found it necessary to get out of doors to keep cool while wearing the "all wool and a yard wide" goods spun from Oconee wool and woven by Oconee ladies.

Former U. S. Treasurer Dead.
KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Lee McClung, former treasurer of the United States, died late today in a hospital in London, after a three months' illness of typhoid fever. Relatives here received information of his death from his brother, C. M. McClung.

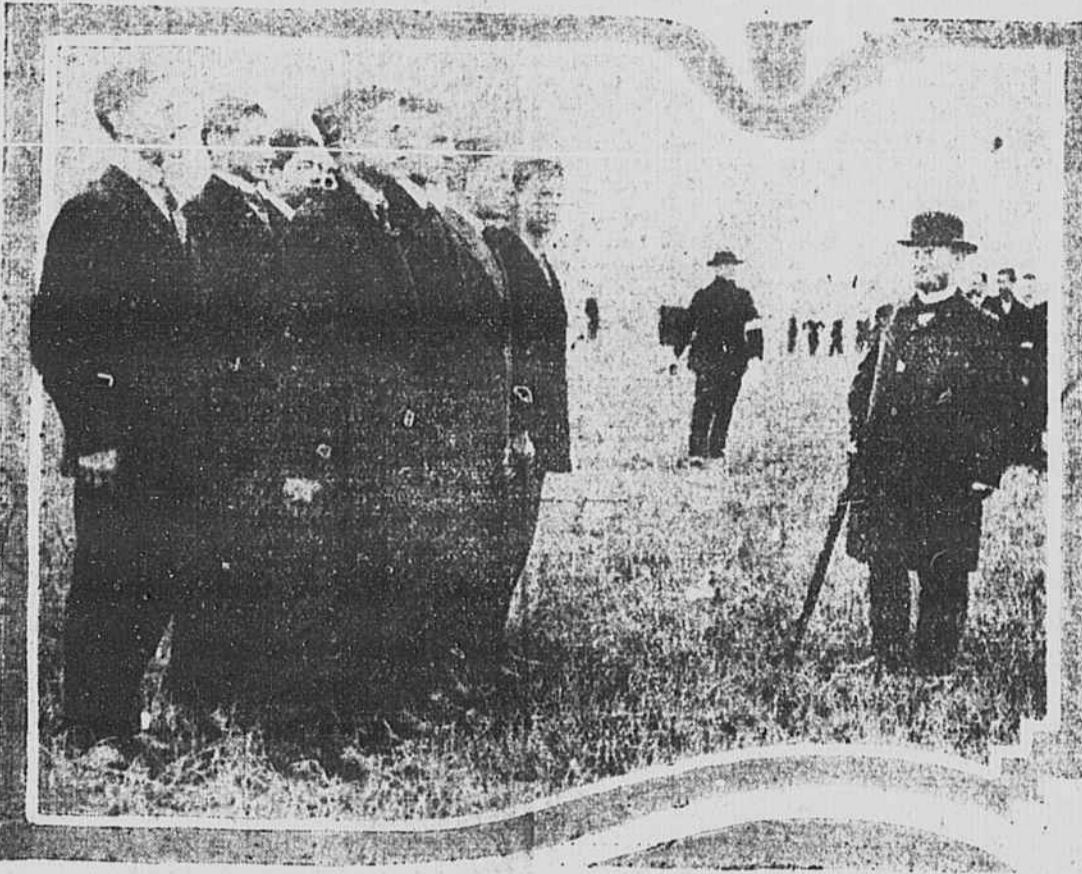
Crowd Cheers Kings.
LONDON, Dec. 20.—(3:07 a. m.)—A Reuters dispatch from Malmo, Sweden, describes an enthusiastic demonstration in honor of the kings of Norway and Sweden, who have been conferring there. A huge crowd cheered the kings on their departure.

\$150,000 Bequeathed Harvard University

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Public bequests of nearly a half million dollars were made in the will of the late Anna Palmer Draper, widow of Prof. Henry Draper, of Harvard University, made public today. The will disposes of an estate estimated at more than \$1,500,000. Harvard University is left \$150,000.

The New York public library is left \$50,000 in trust for the benefit of library employees, and John S. Billings, formerly a director of the library, is left \$200,000 in trust for the purchase of books for the library.

Boys Called to Join the German Army.



The German Government has just called out the class of 1915 to join in the war. They were required to report to the army headquarters Dec. 15. How many of these is not known.

Information of that kind is no longer given out in Germany. But boys in the south of Germany—the dispatch making the announcement comes from Berne by way of Italy—were notified. This photograph shows the youth of some of those who must prepare to fight. While the class is supposed to be made up of those twenty years of age, the picture indicates that some of them are considerably younger.

Police Arrest Seven Young Men in Early Morning Raid

One Said to Have Escaped After Standing Officer Off With Gun—Others Put Up Bond.

At 2 o'clock Sunday morning, a corps of patrolmen surprised and arrested seven well-known young white men of the city on charges of gambling. Six of the crowd were carried to the police station, where each gave bond in the sum of \$25 for his appearance in recorder's court Monday at noon. The seventh party placed under arrest made his escape. It is said, by a ruse which he worked on Patrolman Marcus M. Payne.

According to the patrolman, this party objected to being marched up the street to the police station and requested that he be allowed to give cash bond on the spot. Having known the young man since childhood, the officer said, he assented to his request and repaired to the Blue Ridge Railroad bridge on Peoples street, where the two passed for the party under arrest handing over the cash. The patrolman states, he drew a pistol and thrust it into the officer's face, daring him to move a muscle. The party then backed off, keeping the officer covered with the pistol in the meanwhile, until he had reached a distance where he could turn and flee.

Places Ban on Liquor Drinking

(By Associated Press.)
ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 19.—By affirming conviction of Lawrence Damm, an Ann Arbor saloonkeeper found guilty of selling liquor to University of Michigan students, the State supreme court today placed the ban on under graduate liquor drinking.

"The statute forbids sale of liquor to any student in attendance at any public or private institution of learning," said Justice Ostrander.

Union Soldiers Home.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Senator Works, of California, introduced a bill today proposing that the home for Union soldiers at Johnson City, Tenn., be converted into an institution for Confederate veterans, that a branch be established in Washington, D. C., and that \$300,000 be appropriated annually to assist existing Confederate homes.

Federal Reserve Board an Independent Body

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The federal reserve board is an independent government body and not under jurisdiction of the treasury or any other department, according to an opinion announced tonight by Attorney General Gregory.

The ruling settles a question much discussed in official circles. The board will have such a status as the interstate commerce commission and will be regarded as a coordinate part of the government.

Owns Own Training Camps.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The New York National League club today became the first baseball club to own its own training camp when it received a deed from the city of Marlin, Texas, giving full title to Emerson Park there, where the Giants have done their spring work since 1909.

Warning to Job Hunters.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 19.—"If you are looking for a job, don't come to California."

This warning was issued here today by the California commission on immigration and housing, which after an investigation has found there are in California 10,000 thousands more men than jobs.

Plans have been completed for registration of unemployed and it is announced that California men will be given preference.

PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF DIFFICULTIES

With Mexican Factions Predicted by American Consular Agent Carothers.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Peaceful solution of difficulties with Mexican factions across the border from Naco, Ariz., was predicted by American Consular Agent Carothers in a message to the State department today after a conference with the Maytorena leaders.

It was learned today that General Bliss, commanding the American border patrol, has recommended to Secretary Garrison a plan for settlement of the situation. The plan was not made public. General Scott, chief of staff, who was sent to the border to take charge of the situation, was expected to reach Naco tonight. He will confer with General Bliss and it is thought probable Secretary Garrison will make no recommendations to the president until he learned the results of that conference and has received General Scott's report.

Frank Denied Writ of Habeas Corpus

(By Associated Press.)
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 19.—Leo M. Frank, condemned to be hanged January 22 next for the murder here in April, 1913, of Mary Phagan, today was refused a writ of habeas corpus by Federal Judge W. T. Newman here today. A motion was immediately made by Frank's attorneys, requesting an appeal from today's decision to the United States supreme court and Judge Newman announced he would give a decision on this motion Monday.

Arrange Meetings to Commemorate Hanging

(By Associated Press.)
CHIASSO, Switzerland, Dec. 19.—(via Paris, 3:55 p. m.)—More than 500 meetings throughout Italy have been arranged for tomorrow to commemorate the anniversary of the hanging of the soldier Overland, who paid the death penalty on December 20, 1882, for attempting to assassinate Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria. The Italian government is taking extraordinary measures to suppress anti-Austrian demonstrations.

Clearly Acquired.

NEW CITY, N. Y., Dec. 19.—William V. Cleary, town clerk of Haverstraw and Democratic leader in Rockland county, was acquitted by a jury in supreme court here tonight of the charge of murder in the first degree on which he was tried for killing Eugene M. Newman, his son-in-law.

Government Loan Arranged.
ROME, Dec. 19.—A government loan of \$200,000,000 at 5-1/2 per cent has been arranged for. The loan will be issued January 1, 1915, and will extend over a period of 25 years.

EXCHANGE CHALLENGES TO PERSONAL COMBAT

Bitter Debate Ends in Near-Fight on Floor of The House—Statement of Representative Moon That Railroad Influence Had Operated to Shift Democratic Votes Denounced by Congressman Heflin as False and Untrue—Representative Ragsdale, of South Carolina, Also Repudiates Charge.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—After two days of hot words which culminated today in exchange of invitations to personal combat between Representatives Heflin, of Alabama, and Moon, of Tennessee, the house adopted a special rule to consider legislation for reforms demanded by the postoffice department in connection with the annual postal appropriation bill.

A defection of Democrats from the leaders yesterday defeated a similar rule, which provided for consideration of amendments decreasing postmasters' salaries, elimination of assistant postmasters, experimental substitution of contract service for the rural delivery service, increased salaries for rural carriers, changes in the compensation paid railroads for carrying the mails and other reorganization plans of the department.

The rule was passed late today with the provisions for cutting postmasters' salaries, abolishing assistant postmasters and the rural service substitution scheme eliminated.

A speech by Representative Moon after defeat of the original rule, in which he intimated that some "railroad influence" had operated to shift Democratic votes, caused a bitter debate today. Representative Heflin denounced Mr. Moon's statement as "false and untrue." Mr. Moon challenged him to make the same comment on the floor of the house and Mr. Heflin expressed his willingness to do so. The two representatives were advancing threateningly toward

each other when half a dozen members stepped in between them.

"I denounce the statement of the gentleman as absolutely untrue," declared Representative Heflin, referring to Mr. Moon's statement that Democrats who voted against the rule had "betrayed the Democratic president, the Democratic postmaster general, the Democratic rules committee, and the Democratic postoffice committee."

"You don't dare say that to me except on this floor," shouted Mr. Moon, striding toward the Alabama representative.

"I am willing to say anything outside that I would say to you here," retorted Heflin, and he started to meet Chairman Moon.

Representative Clark, of Florida; Tribble, of Georgia; Stanley, of Kentucky, and McKeellar, of Tennessee, stepped between them and order soon was restored.

Representative Moon said he had no apologies to make for his speech criticizing Democrats who opposed the rule. He said he did not charge corruption against anyone.

"But the circumstances of that vote," he said, "left the impression that there was some influence at work that prevented the adoption of this rule, requested by the administration. Was it the influence of postmasters, of rural carriers or of the railroads?"

Representative Heflin declared no railroad "had influenced him," and declared Representative Moon's criticism as "false and untrue."

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Substantial Bequeaths to Baptist Institutions

(By Associated Press.)
SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., Dec. 19.—One hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars was bequeathed to various Baptist institutions in North Carolina by the will of Noah Biggs, a prominent business man of this place, who died here on Monday. The will, which was probated yesterday, disposed of an estate valued at \$250,000.

The sums bequeathed to the church organizations are to be used for aiding in church work and fostering education, according to the will. The bequests follow:

Thomasville Baptist orphanage, \$25,000; Meredith College, Raleigh, \$20,000; Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C., \$5,000 and Baptist State convention, \$15,000.

Russian Loss Enormous.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—12:45 a. m.—A Berlin wireless says advices from Vienna to main headquarters declare that in the battle of Limanowa the Austrian troops routed the Russians, of whom western Galicia is now clear. The Austro-Hungarian army made 28,000 prisoners, it is claimed.

"The Russian loss was enormous," the dispatches add, "and the pursuit is everywhere being followed up."

Petition for Injunction.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 19.—John D. Rockefeller through counsel today filed in federal court a petition for an injunction to restrain County Treasurer O'Brien from collecting taxes on Rockefeller's holdings by the Cuyahoga County tax commission. Mr. Rockefeller declares he is a resident of New York State, that he maintains a residence there and performs all the functions of a citizen of that State.

32,000 Russians Captured.

THE HAGUE, via London, Dec. 20.—(12:20 a. m.)—The total number of Russians captured by Austro-Hungarians in Galicia in the last few days is reported in Vienna dispatches at 32,000. After the fighting at Limanowa 26,000 Russians were captured.

It is asserted that the number of Russians killed is larger, 1,200 dead being found at Limanowa alone.

Cotton Mills to Run 24 Hours a Day

(By Associated Press.)
LOWELL, Mass., Dec. 19.—The machinery of the Tremont and Suffolk Cotton mills will be run 24 hours a day beginning Monday, according to announcement today. Four hundred extra employees will be hired. Anticipated demand for fabrics early in the coming year is given as the reason for the increase in production.

W. & A. PASSENGER TRAIN DERAILED

Two Trainmen Killed and Four Others With a Number of Passengers Injured.

(By Associated Press.)
CARTERSVILLE, Ga., Dec. 19.—Two trainmen were killed and four others and a number of passengers were injured, when a Western & Atlantic passenger train was derailed today near here. The dead are Firemen V. H. Entrican and F. W. Bell, both of Atlanta, Ga.

The locomotive and five coaches left the track and rolled down a 75-foot embankment. Many of the injured were brought here on a special train and 15 of the more seriously hurt were sent to hospital, seriously hurt. Officials of the road say the cause of the wreck has not been established.

Recover a Portion of Stolen Money

(By Associated Press.)
CINCINNATI, Dec. 19.—Eight thousand, one hundred and sixty dollars of the \$12,660 obtained by Frank G. Hohl, the automobile bandit killed after his raid on two banks last Thursday, was recovered by detectives here late today. The remaining \$4,500 is believed to have been mailed by Hohl to P. C. Wright, Louisville, Ky. All efforts to locate this package however, have proved fruitless.

Congressmen Ill in Washington

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A trio of congressmen are ill at Providence hospital here. Representative Emmett Wilson, of Florida, is in a serious condition from uraemic poisoning and his condition because so critical that his two brothers at Pensacola hurried here. He improved slightly today.

Representative Brumbaugh, of Ohio, is ill of what is believed to be appendicitis.

Representative Godwin, of North Carolina, is suffering from gall stones.

Surrounding Carranza Troops.
DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 19.—Villa troops which defeated a Carranza force at Frontenas and Chma several days ago were reported today to be surrounding Agua Prieta, held by Carranza troops. Two bridges on the Nacozari Railroad, 20 miles south of here, were burned by the advancing troops two days ago.