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CHRISTMAS EVE FINDS ARMIES ENGAGED IN FIERCE BATTLES

In the West the Allies' Hammer Is Pounding at German Entrenchments—In the East the Russians Have Been Brought to Bay Behind Rivers Which Offer Natural Defense and Have Counter Attacked the Austro-German Forces—Christmas Celebrations Are Being Held in London, Paris and Berlin and in the Trenches, Where the Weary Soldiers Keep a Close Grip on Their Guns While Enjoying the Good Things Sent by People and Governments.

(By Associated Press.)
Christmas finds the warring nations along the battle lines in France and Belgium, Poland and Galicia striving with unabated courage to gain an advantage which might mean the turning point in the long series of engagements being fought in those fields.

In the west the French report the usual slight progress at various points on the front, while the Germans make similar claims.
In the east the Russian commander-in-chief in the latest official statement reports the rout of strong forces which had crossed to the right bank of the Bzura river, Poland. All the Russian announcements bear on the violence of the fighting and record the taking of many prisoners.

Now that his efforts to effect a Christmas truce have failed and in the belief that his hopes of bringing about a change of all prisoners of war have failed, Pope Benedict is bending his energies toward preventing unnecessary suffering by arranging for the exchange of wounded prisoners whose injuries will prevent their going to the front again.

Celebrations in honor of Christmas are being held in London, Paris and Berlin and in the trenches, where the weary men keep a close grip on their guns while enjoying the good things that have been provided by people and governments.

For the first time England admits that her territory has been threatened by aeroplanes, although reports from Berlin have made reference to a successful flight by a German aviator over Dover several days ago. The British announcement that a German aeroplane dropped bombs on Dover Thursday morning. No damage, it is said, was done.

Japan has not been requested to send an army to Europe, according to the Japanese minister of foreign affairs' statement to the Diet. Arms to the value of \$5,000,000 have been forwarded from Japan to Europe.

Another Canadian division has left England for the front. This is Princess Patricia's regiment, named in honor of the daughter of the Duke of Connaught, governor-general of Canada. Princess Patricia is honorary colonel of the regiment.

Vienna asserts that a French submarine has been fired on by Austrian coast batteries while she was attempting an attack and that her crew was imprisoned. It is reported also that an Austrian submarine in the Otranto channel torpedoed two French battleships of the Courbet type but that the fate of the vessel is unknown. The French admit that one of their cruisers was torpedoed but declare the damage was slight and that no one on board was injured.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Instead of the Christmas truce which Pope Benedict endeavored to arrange, Christmas Eve finds the armies of the belligerent powers engaged in fierce battles, on both the eastern and western fronts, and all Europe celebrating the anniversary in a subdued manner.

In the west the Allies' hammer is pounding at the German entrenchments, trying to find a weak point, while in the east, the Russians, who have been driven back from the Austrian and German frontiers, seemingly have been brought to bay behind rivers which offer them natural defense, and, turning, have counter-attacked the Austro-German forces.

The Germans in their great rush toward Warsaw, drove the Russians over the Bzura and Rawka rivers, and they themselves succeeded in crossing but, according to a Russian official announcement tonight, the Germans there reached the main Russian lines and were routed. From this report it is gathered that the Germans directed their main attacks against the Russian front, which lies along the banks of the Bzura, and thence southward to the Pilica, but without success.

Along the rest of the front south to the Carpathian Mountains the Russians claim similar victories; but in East Prussia the Germans apparently have turned the scales on their advantage and after having retreated into their own territory, resumed the offensive and again are back in Mlawa. Even now it is possible that the Germans have resumed their outflanking tactics, and while keeping the Russian center busy by making frontal attacks are hoping to get into Warsaw by the back door. All that is certain at present is that the two great armies are engaged in one of the greatest battles of the world's history on a front which extends from East Prussia to the Carpathians and in which the advantage swings first one side and then to the other.

Military experts say that the Russians, by virtue of retaining the right bank of the Vistula as far west as Plock, can prevent the Germans from using the river for transit of supplies, and that along the whole of the rest of the front they have rivers and streams to fall behind when hard pressed. This, however, will all be changed, the experts say, when the rivers freeze and the armies can easily be moved over them.

Mining and sapping, artillery duels, attacks and counter attacks, and in fact every means of warfare is being employed in Belgium and France by the Allies in their effort to force the Germans to give up their present lines of defense. Some advance has been made, but only against stubborn resistance.

England this morning had her first experience of an aerial attack, when a German aeroplane, coming from the Belgian coast, flew over Dover and dropped bombs in the garden of St. James' Rectory, in front of Dover Castle. No damage was done. Two British aeroplanes immediately rose in pursuit, but the German escaped in the mist.

POSTPONE ACTION ON FRANK APPEAL

Justice Lamar Will Withhold Decision on Application Until After the Holidays.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Justice Lamar, of the supreme court, today postponed until after the Christmas action on an appeal in the case of Leo M. Frank, under death sentence for the murder of Mary Phagan, the factory girl of Atlanta, Ga.

During the day Louis Marshall, of New York, made application to the justice for an appeal from the decision of Judge Newman, of the Georgia federal court, denying Frank's petition for release on a habeas corpus writ. The attorney argued for an hour that the trial court, which found Frank guilty, had lost jurisdiction over him by permitting a mob atmosphere to prevail in the court room and by allowing a verdict to be returned during the prisoner's absence from court. Justice Lamar notified Mr. Marshall that he would withhold decision on the application until Saturday at least, and possibly until Monday.

Most of the points in the case are fresh in the justice's mind, as just before Thanksgiving he denied an application for a writ of error to review the action of the Georgia supreme court in refusing to set aside the verdict. The justice held in that proceeding that the State of Georgia had exclusive power over procedure of State courts. The attempt today was to establish that the case now could be considered on its merits.

TWO KILLED; ONE ARRESTED

Soldier Returning Home for Christmas Hit by Snow Ball. Two Shot to Death.

(By Associated Press.)
MIDDLETOWN, O., Dec. 24.—A shooting affray here today resulted in the death of two men and the arrest of another who had come home for the holidays.

Albert Bailey, United States artillery private, stationed at Fort Hancock, N. J., arrived in the city on a furlough and while going from the station to his home stopped to witness a snow ball fight. He was seen to have been hit with something and then he pulled his revolver and shot Thomas Clowditch, 22, through the head, and Joseph Zupnik, 26, through the heart, killing both.

Bailey, arrested, told the police he was hit by a beer bottle which he engaged him he did not know what he was doing. He expressed deep sorrow over the affair. There was considerable feeling among the foreign population here tonight.

Murder Trial Postponed.
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The trial of Porter Charlton for the murder of his wife at Como, Italy, again has been postponed, according to cable advices today to Charlton's attorney. Charlton has been in prison here and in Italy for more than three years and a half.

:: A Merry Christmas to All the World ::



SOLDIERS ARE REMEMBERED

CHRISTMAS IN BERLIN DIFFERS LITTLE FROM FORMER YEARS

MORE GIFTS FOR THE POOR

Every Hospital Has a Christmas Tree—Special Celebration For French Refugees.

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Dec. 24.—(via London, Dec. 25; 1:25 a. m.)—Berlin is celebrating Christmas Eve under leaden skies. Several inches of snow that fell during the night turned to slush. Christmas here differs little from former years. The home enjoyments are on a more economic scale and more public spiritedness is shown. Gifts for the poor have assumed proportions never before known.

Soldiers are being remembered by the whole population and hundreds of carloads of presents have been sent to the east and went fronts. School children figure largely in the gifts for the soldiers.

The military aspect of this Christmas has been increased by the lavish attention to the wounded in the hospitals. Here every hospital yesterday evening or this evening had a Christmas tree filled with gifts.

These celebrations were attended by the school children, who sang Christmas carols. The empress at Potsdam last evening presented each wounded soldier with a woolen jacket, a notebook, fruits, nuts and cakes.

A special celebration was held in Berlin for French refugees. The teachers' organization gave a huge Christmas tree for about 7,000 East Prussian refugees, while the Salvation Army presented 500 poor families with baskets of food.

American women yesterday distributed presents to the poor at the kitchen of the American Association of Commerce and Trade. More than 500 women and children were remembered in the distribution. Mrs. James W. Gerard, wife of the American ambassador, and the other women of the embassy staff and Mrs. Julius G. Lay, wife of the American consul-general in Berlin, took a prominent part in the affair.

A QUIET XMAS EVE IN PARIS

A Sober, Silent Throng Paced Aimlessly Up and Down Sidewalks Until Midnight.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Dec. 25.—12:30 a. m.—Christmas Eve in Paris was the quietest on record. Even in 1870 the principal restaurants managed to find sufficient food to serve the time-honored midnight supper, but M. Malvy, minister of the interior, refused to relax the early closing rule last night and increased and enforced on the brilliantly lighted boulevards was the cry sign of the festive season. The crowds paced aimlessly up and down the sidewalks until time to go to midnight mass.

It was a sober, silent throng; subdued colors predominated, relieved by an occasional gold braided cap worn by a Belgian officer. Many women wore crepe for husband, brother or son. The churches were crowded to their capacity long before midnight. The ceremony everywhere was conducted without the usual elaborate musical program.

Festivities in connection with the American armistice hospital were held. There was a concert in the chapel, which was decorated with the flags of the Allies and American flags, palms, flowers, holly and mistletoe.

FIFTEEN INJURED IN A COLLISION

Street Car Strikes Wagon and Plunges Over 15-Foot Embankment Into Creek.

(By Associated Press.)
UNIONTOWN, Pa., Dec. 24.—Fifteen persons were injured, a number seriously, late today when a street car collided with a wagon and then plunged over a 15-foot embankment into Restone Creek near Leith. Fifty-four persons were in the car and they were rescued with difficulty from the swollen creek. Many women were saved from drowning by male passengers holding their heads above the water. Two men rescued 22 persons.

FOUR PARDONED; FOUR PAROLED

Governor Blease Continues Custom of Granting Clemency on Eve of Christmas Holidays.

(By Associated Press.)
COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 24.—Governor Blease today granted four pardons and four paroles to State prisoners in continuing his custom of granting clemency on the eve of the Christmas holidays. Fewer prisoners were released today than on any previous occasion since the governor was first inaugurated nearly four years ago. All prisoners released today were serving short terms.

Today's action brings the total number of cases in which Governor Blease has exercised clemency up to 1,445. He will retire from office in January when his second term as the State's chief executive expires.

More than one hundred convicts were granted clemency last Thanksgiving.

Rainy Christmas Day in the South

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—An unexpected disturbance will bring a rainy Christmas day in the South, weather bureau authorities said tonight. Rains were predicted in the South Atlantic and Gulf States and snow in Tennessee and Arkansas.

A storm that began last night spread a snow carpet today from northern Virginia to New England, through the Ohio valley, the lake region and south to Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Unsettled conditions are forecast for the North and east tomorrow.

Prohibition Law Effective Jan. 1.
LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 24.—The Arizona prohibition law will go into effect January 1. The special United States tribunal refused today to issue injunctions which were sought to prevent enforcement of the act. Appeal to the United States supreme court will be taken.

PUBLIC CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS HELD THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES

PROBABLY NEVER BEFORE WAS SUCH WHOLESALE PREPARATIONS MADE FOR FEEDING THE NEEDY, MAKING HAPPY THE CHILDREN OF THE POOR AND SPREADING GENERALLY THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT OF CHEER

(By Associated Press.)
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—The advent of Christmas in the South was marked by executive clemency to prisoners, aid to the poor, and various public celebrations in city and country.

Among the governors who issued pardons, commutations and paroles to convicts were Blease, of South Carolina, and Hooper of Tennessee. Many city and county judges also showed leniency in court actions.

Governor Hooper also made the occasion one for abolishing striped uniforms in the two State penal institutions. The new garb is a brownish gray. Heretofore it has been allowed only to prisoners whose good conduct made them eligible for the first class.

Gifts of food and clothing to the poor were especially extensive in the chief southern cities. Funds for the purpose were collected by both newspapers and charitable organizations. Public Christmas dinners for the needy have been provided for by charitable agencies.

Churches generally have planned some celebration of the season's significance.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The nation's government was virtually at a standstill tonight. On Christmas Eve everybody, from the president down to the minor departmental employes, had declared a holiday. The first real snowstorm of the winter put in its appearance to add to the setting of the Christmas celebration.

A community celebration was held on the plaza in front of the capitol, thousands of children braving the snowstorm to gather about a brilliantly decorated tree, loaded down with presents.

EXAMINE COTTON WITH X-RAY

Use This Method to Determine Whether Bales Contain Contraband.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Representatives of the British government examined with the X-ray today 10,000 bales of cotton consigned to Bremen, to determine whether any of them contained contraband. The cotton was being loaded aboard the steamship City of Savannah which sails tomorrow.

The X-ray machines, according to the English officials, had been especially designed, and enabled them to inspect the interior of the bulky cotton bales which could easily conceal arms, ammunition or other contraband. They had decided to use this method, they said, after it was found that owing to the varying weight of the bales, the scales could give no certain guarantee that each bale was honest.

First Shipment of Cotton to Bremen

(By Associated Press.)
GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 24.—The first direct shipment of cotton—about 6,300 bales—from Galveston to Bremen since war's outbreak was carried by the American steamship Pathfinder, which cleared today.

The Pathfinder's hatches were sealed by the French consul to prevent interference by warships of the Allies.

Three Injured in Wreck

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Three persons were injured today when a passenger car and sleeping coach of the Carolina Special running between Cincinnati and Charleston on the Southern Railway were derailed at Elverton, seven miles north of Oliver Springs, Tenn. Traffic was delayed seven hours. A broken axle is given as the cause of the derailment.

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