

# The European War Day by Day.

## Guns Roared on Christmas.

While "Peace on earth, good will to men" was echoing throughout the Western world as the dawn of the great peace day was approaching, the guns of the combatants on the two great battle fronts in Europe were roaring hostility at each other.

From all sources comes news that the battles, though in most instances admittedly indecisive as yet, have been severe and bloody. In place of the Christmas truce which Pope Benedict has been seeking to bring about, the world has seen a continuance of the tragedy which is breaking the hearts of countless thousands in all the lands of the old world.

The French and German reports of the action on the Western front agree in that they both say that conditions are relatively unchanged as a result of the most recent actions.

The Russians in the East claim to have administered a decisive defeat to the Germans in the crushing of strong forces which had crossed to the right bank of the Bzura river, Poland. The Russians announce violent fighting at other places 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 an exchange of all prisoners of war will prove futile, 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.

Celebration of the Christmas tide is being held in Paris, in Berlin and in the trenches.

For the first time England admits that her shore has been threatened by aeroplanes, although Berlin reports that German aviators made a successful flight over Dover several days ago.

Japan has not been requested to send an army to Europe, according to a Japanese foreign office statement.

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 was captured by Austrian forces and she was making that her crew reported that the vessel was in the Channel torpedoed two French battleships of the Courbet type, but that the fate of the vessels is unknown. The French admit that one cruiser was torpedoed, but declare the damage was slight and that no one on board was injured.

**Bombs Dropped in Nancy.**  
Paris, Dec. 26.—A dispatch received here from Nancy says that a Zeppelin airship flew over that city early this morning and dropped a total of 14 bombs. Two persons were killed and two others wounded. Several houses in Nancy were slightly damaged, but none of the public buildings was injured.

**Also in Russian Poland.**  
Petrograd, Dec. 26.—Eight persons were killed and over 100 were wounded in the town of Sochaczew, Russian Poland, to-day by bombs thrown down from five German aeroplanes.

One bomb dropped in the middle of a crowd which was watching the aviators, and in exploding it killed or wounded virtually the entire gathering.

The market place in Sochaczew and a number of wooden houses was set afire and destroyed. Sochaczew is on the Bzura, 30 miles west of Warsaw.

**General Report.**  
London, Dec. 26.—Although stating that further progress has been made, to-day's communication from the French war office lays chief emphasis on the repeated attacks of the Germans, who apparently have undertaken a series of vigorous onslaughts in response to the allies' offensive movement. Some of the German attacks extended over considerable sections of ground, involving large bodies of troops, but the assertion is made that all were checked. Perceptible progress in Alsace is claimed by the French.

Reviewing Eastern conditions, the French war office asserts that the Germans have been thrust back along the line before Warsaw, and that in the fighting in the region of Cracow the Russians have won the advantage.

The German statement contains the striking announcement that the Germans' attacks on the Bzura river have ceased. It claims successes on the right bank of the Pilica, and describes the situation elsewhere as unchanged. Coming to the Western arena of the fighting Berlin relates that German troops have been suc-

cessful. They have repulsed English and French attacks near Neuport, and minor engagements in the Vosges and upper Alsace have not altered the situation. Other encounters in France are mentioned, but nothing is said as to the outcome.

**German Levy Withdrawn?**  
Paris, Dec. 26.—"German proclamations announcing a levy of 700,000,000 francs (\$100,000,000) indemnity at Brussels have been pasted over," says the Journal, and the report is current that the measure was withdrawn by the German governor as the result of representations by the American Secretary of State, W. J. Bryan, through Minister Brand Whitlock, pointing out that the tax was in violation of The Hague convention.

"It is announced that the Germans have imposed a tax of 25 francs on all unmarried persons over 27 years of age in Brussels."

(Mr. Bryan has given out a statement at Washington wherein he denies having had anything to do with the Germans withdrawing their tax levy from Belgium. He says the credit should be given Mr. Whitlock.)

**Rumania May Join War.**  
Paris, Dec. 26.—The only obstacle to Rumania's joining the forces of the triple entente, according to the Figaro, was the lack of guarantees from Bulgaria regarding her neutrality. The Figaro learns from a good source, it says to-day, that such guarantees have now been obtained as a result of the joint action of the triple entente powers at Sofia, with the further understanding that in the event of Bulgaria deciding to intervene, it would be against enemies of the entente.

**Report French Submarine Sunk.**  
Paris, Dec. 26.—The Italian press states, according to advices to the Matin, that a French submarine belonging to the fleet of Vice Admiral Lapeyriere has been sunk while attempting to torpedo Austrian battleships in the Austrian naval base of Pola. The crew, it is stated, were rescued and taken prisoner.

**French Retaliate.**  
Paris, Dec. 27.—French aviators have bombarded the aviation hangers, a railroad station and barracks at Metz, in retaliation for the bomb attack on Nancy by a German Zeppelin, according to the official communication issued here this afternoon. The communication also states that the Germans have re-occupied the city of Miawa, in Russian Poland.

In Belgium and most of Northern France intermittent cannonading and slight gains are reported together with the repulse of German attacks at various points.

**Russians Make Big Claim.**  
Petrograd, Dec. 27.—The following official communication was issued from general headquarters to-day: "During December 26 the fighting along the lines of the Bzura and Rawka rivers was confined in general to artillery fire. We have repulsed with success various attacks by the Germans."

"Along the lower course of the Nida river we ousted, towards evening of December 25, from the village of Wislica the Austrians, who had obstinately defended it and who attempted to fortify themselves on the left bank of the Nida. We then drove the Austrians beyond that river."

"South of the Vistula, in the region of Tarnow (Galicia) on December 25 we drove back the Austrians from the Tuchow-Olply line. The enemy abandoned ten rapid firers and we took 43 officers and more than 2,500 soldiers prisoners. The next day we continued the pursuit of the Austrians, who retreated in disorder. We captured eight more machine guns and about 1,000 prisoners. We occupied the heights near Siedlitzka, on the left bank of the Biala river."

**German Figures on Losses.**  
Amsterdam, Dec. 28.—The total German losses in the war to date are 2,000,000 dead, wounded and missing, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Telegraaf. The latest German casualty lists numbered from 101 to 108, giving the names of 38,883 Prussian officers and men in killed, wounded and missing. The total Prussian losses are placed at 753,202. The total Prussian and Bavarian losses are placed at 250,000 killed, 805,000 wounded and 400,000 missing.

**Arizona Storm Kills Five.**  
Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 24.—With the greatest force of the worst storm Arizona has ever known spent, this section to-day estimated the property damage at \$2,000,000. Five persons are known to be dead and it is feared the list will grow.

Hundreds of ranchers are marooned on the tops of houses, barns and hills by floods, and detachments of militia were being sent out to their rescue to-day.

## JOHN McDONALD TALKS SOME.

### Gives His Version of Fair Play Affair. No Arrests Yet.

(Anderson Mail, 28th.)

Tom Spight, colored, a victim of the Fair Play riot, which occurred Sunday afternoon a week ago, died in the Hartwell (Ga.) jail last night. The dead now number three, according to authentic information, and another negro, Will Gibson, has disappeared. It is believed that he has gone to Wallhalla. The known dead are Tom Spight, Green Gibson and George Gibson.

John McDonald, who participated in the shooting affray, and who was shot in the right eye, has come to Anderson for treatment. He is now under the care of Dr. W. H. Nardin.

Mr. McDonald talked interestingly of the shooting to a representative of the Daily Mail. He stated that he and William (Coo) McClure, Woodrow Campbell, Cal Kay, Will Kay and Gus Jones proceeded to administer whippings to Tom Spight, who attempted to set fire to Mr. Campbell's barn, and to George Gibson, who had resisted arrest and who was wanted for carrying concealed weapons and on other charges.

"We carried Spight and Gibson four or five miles, down to within 200 or 300 yards of Knox's Bridge, and on the South Carolina side of the river we whipped the two negroes," declared Mr. McDonald. "Just as we had finished the job, and were getting ready to go back home, Paul Maret drove up in his buggy. He was not present when we whipped the negroes. He was on his way to see his girl, or somebody, and stopped when he saw us. Soon after Maret joined us Green Gibson, father of George Gibson, and four or five other negroes opened fire on us with shotguns. The negroes had followed us from McClure's place, about five miles away. They surprised us and got within 25 or 30 steps from us before they began shooting. The negroes had shotguns. Green Gibson had two guns. We had pistols and we returned the fire."

"While the shooting was going on Spight and the Gibson negro, whom we had whipped, scampered down and across Knox's Bridge into Georgia. Neither one of these two negroes had been shot; they had been whipped. Gibson died on the Georgia side some time later and Spight was captured and taken to the Hart county jail, where he died last night. "Green Gibson and Will Gibson were wounded by our shots. Green Gibson ran four or five miles back to Mr. McClure's place and died that night from the wounds. Will Gibson was shot through the thigh, and I believe he and the other negroes who participated and who were not wounded went on to Wallhalla. They have disappeared from that section at any rate."

The white men wounded are John McDonald, who may lose his right eye, a No. 6 or 7 shot having been lodged in the eye; William McClure, who received between 25 and 30 No. 6 or 7 shot in his face and hands; Woodrow Campbell, who was shot in the face and who was struck with three or four shot in the thigh and by a like number in the hand, and Paul Maret, who was hit by about 50 shot, the shot scattering from his neck down to his knees. Will and Cal Kay and Gus Jones were not wounded.

Mr. McDonald had a telephone conversation with Sheriff Sid Johnson, of Hart county, Sunday night. The sheriff stated that warrants for the arrest of John McDonald, William McClure, Woodrow Campbell, Cal Kay, Gus Jones and Paul Maret, charging murder, had been handed him for service. The service of the warrants will be delayed temporarily until further investigation. Mr. McDonald avers that the whipping of Spight and George Gibson was administered on the South Carolina side of the river, although the deaths of the two negroes occurred on the Georgia side. The warrants are for the murder of George Gibson. They were issued several days ago, when the coroner's jury inquired into Gibson's death. It is presumed that similar warrants will be issued because of the death of Spight.

Tom Spight's reputation in the eastern part of the county is well known, and those who are familiar with his record were not surprised on hearing of his attempt to set fire to Mr. Campbell's barn. It is said that the Gibson negroes, the one who was whipped, and the others who were killed, bore reputations similar to that borne by Spight. As a matter of fact, the negroes in the Fair Play section did not bear the best reputations; they frequently clash with the white people, and there is trouble brewing among them all the time.

Mr. McDonald says that he does not know of the seriousness of the wounds received by any who were with him. He says that William McClure's wounds, next to his own, are

probably the most serious. It is said that Mr. McClure is suffering considerably.

"The reason why the negroes got the best of the fight is because we did not have any great amount of ammunition," declared Mr. McDonald. "I think I had only three cartridges in my pistol, and I believe the other boys were short in cartridges. The negroes took us by surprise. Then they had the advantage because they were shooting shotguns against our pistols."

Magistrate William McClure and Will Kay came to the city about noon to-day. Mr. McClure says that 24 shots struck him, and that all but two of them have been removed. He is feeling well, and doesn't anticipate any trouble from the two shots that have not been cut out. Mr. Kay received only a slight wound, one shot striking him on the left hand.

## BOUNTY LAND AND COMMUNITY.

### Holidays Bring Numerous Visitors from Distance—Local Notes.

Bounty Land, Dec. 28.—Special The holidays are passing off quietly and rather monotonously owing to the extreme unpleasantness of the weather.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Pickett and four children, of Greenville, and Mrs. A. M. Milan and little daughter Cornelia, of Sandy Springs, were guests the latter part of the week of their mother, Mrs. J. B. Pickett.

Mrs. Mulkey and small son Cecil, of West Union, visited at the home of J. S. Entekin Friday.

A. S. Rollins left yesterday for his home in Charleston after a week-end visit at the home of his father-in-law, D. A. Perritt. Mrs. Rollins and two sons will remain through the holidays.

Mrs. W. M. Moore, of Shiloh, and Mr. Guntharp, of Blacksburg, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Guntharp. The latter is G. B. Guntharp's father.

Misses Sallie and Julia Davis will entertain a dozen of their friends at a 7 o'clock dinner Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Gillison and family, of Pine Mountain, Ga.; Misses Julia Fennell and Vera Heaton, of Anderson; M. S. R. H. Smithson, of Westminster, and Burns Gillison, of Clemson College, have been holiday guests of Mrs. J. M. Gillison and son Paul.

Mr. Skinner, of Augusta, Ga., is visiting at the home of D. A. Perritt. The burning of the store of Foster Bros. left Richland none the less attractive to some of our Bounty Land and Seneca young men, who, notwithstanding the bitterness of the weather, seem peculiarly drawn to this little burg.

Miss Bertrand Perritt leaves tomorrow for Augusta after spending a few days with her parents here.

Miss Clyde Smith's friends are pleased to have her in the community again for a few days. She has been teaching in Orangeburg for several months and will resume her work in the new year.

A happy and prosperous New Year to The Courier and its readers!

## News from Zion.

Zion, Dec. 28.—Special: The holidays are almost gone, and we hope this terrible weather will make an early exit.

Clifton White, of Piedmont, spent a portion of the holidays with relatives and friends in this community. School is progressing nicely with Mrs. Geraldine Rankin as teacher.

W. O. White and little daughter Eunice, of Wallhalla, were recent guests of Mrs. S. A. White.

Owing to the rainy weather Christmas was very dull in this section. J. C. Morton and bride, of Anderson, were recent guests of the former's uncle, Wm. A. White. They were accompanied by Mrs. Morton's brother, Oscar Marette.

## Father Kills Son Accidentally.

Waycross, Ga., Dec. 26.—Playing with a pistol at his home, 16 miles west of here, J. G. Waters, a well-known Ware county citizen, to-day shot and instantly killed his 12-year-old son, Walter. The father was showing members of the family how to use a pistol in case they should have need of it when the accident occurred. He is prostrated over the killing of his boy.

## Family Burned to Death.

Winterhaven, Fla., Dec. 28.—Harry Alvey, his wife and three children were burned to death when fire destroyed their home, near here, early to-day. Their charred bodies were found in the ruins.

## Negro Killed in Hartwell.

Hartwell, Ga., Dec. 29.—Ernest Gray, a negro, was found dead near Hartwell yesterday. The coroner's inquest returned a verdict that he died from a wound with an axe in the hands of unknown parties.

## How About Holiday Furniture!



Your dining-room,—is it as you would wish it to be—in a fit condition to receive and entertain guests for the Holiday meals? If you lack a good dining-table—or chairs—or a buffet—or an armoire of that kind, or Furniture, Carpets, Rugs, etc., for any room in the house, here is the place to get best qualities, and newest designs at lowest prices.

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## OCOONEE'S STATISTICIAN RIGHT.

### There Was Error in the Figures Furnished by the Government.

Doubtless not a few people noticed that there was a decided discrepancy between the cotton figures furnished direct from the Federal bureau of statistics and those given out by the local statistician, B. R. Moss. Mr. Moss wired at once to the department, and in reply he received the following letter:

"Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Mr. B. R. Moss, Wallhalla, S. C.—Dear Sir: The tabulation of the separate returns from the ginners for the December 13 report shows your telegraph summary to be correct. There were 17,356 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Oconee county, from the crop of 1914 prior to December 13, 1914, as compared with 18,292 bales ginned prior to December 13, 1913.

You will please furnish these totals to all of the newspapers in your district. Very respectfully,

Wm. J. Harris, Director.

## Youth Shoots Up Town.

Elijay, Ga., Dec. 26.—Last night Frank Hanley, 19-year-old son of J. L. Hanley, of the Elijay Hardware Company, attacked Roy Cobb with a knife while in a barber shop. They fought until parted and then young Hanley fought Ed Greer, the barber. He afterwards ran to the hardware store, and, securing a pistol and cartridges, went over town shooting at people in the streets. He fired several shots into Cole's drug store, one of which hit J. G. Cole, the proprietor, inflicting a slight wound.

He then went to the rear of Teem Bros.' store and shot through the glass door and hit Herschel Teem, one of the proprietors.

Teem was shot in the chest and abdomen and lived only a short time. Hanley was also shot by some one in the chest and is not expected to recover. He is reported to have been under the influence of liquor.

## May Not Survive Injuries.

Greenville, Dec. 28.—Sheriff Hendrix Rector, who was injured when his automobile turned over Sunday afternoon, is reported in a serious condition to-night and there is said to be little chance for his recovery.

Rural Policeman Plumley, who was also injured, is reported resting well, but is still in a serious condition.

## \$1,000,000 for Jim Hackett.

New York, Dec. 26.—James K. Hackett, the actor, left for the country with a check for \$1,000,000 to spend Christmas. The check was given in a final settlement of the estate of Minnie Hackett Trowbridge, the actor's niece, who died last March.

## Bishop's Sister Burned to Death.

Beshoro, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Kirkpatrick, widow of Judge S. J. Kirkpatrick, and sister of Bishop E. E. Hoss, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died here early to-day from burns sustained last night. Her clothing was ignited when she stood before an open fire.

## Hagenback Brothers Killed in Battle.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 26.—Word that Lorenz and Henry Hagenback, managerie owners of Germany, had been killed in battle was received by Geo. Dieckmann, president of the St. Louis Zoological Society to-day. The news originally came in a letter to Peter Bohnew, a native Hollander, from a friend in Germany.

## Kern's Son Restored.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Senator John W. Kern, of Indiana, the Democratic leader, was rejoicing to-day over a valued Christmas gift to his family in the recovery from infantile paralysis of his son and namesake, who has been afflicted for six years. A remarkable operation was performed on the boy several weeks ago.

## MAKE YOUR TAX RETURNS.

### Auditor's Office Oconee County, S. C., December 21, 1914.

The Auditor's office will be open to receive returns of Personal Property for taxation from the 1st day of January, 1915, to the 20th day of February, 1915, inclusive.

The Township Assessors are required by law to list all those who fail to make their own returns within the time required by law. Hence the difficulty of delinquents escaping the 50 per cent penalty, as well as the frequency of errors resulting from this practice. By all means make your own returns and thereby save expense and confusion. All personal property must be itemized.

Real Estate not returnable this year, except property that has been bought or sold, in which case same should be noted as such.

Be sure and give your correct school district.

All persons between the ages of 21 and 60 years, except ex-Confederate soldiers and those incapable of earning a support from being maimed or other causes, shall be deemed taxable polls.

Please don't neglect returning your dogs.

For the convenience of tax-payers the Auditor or his deputies, will receive returns at the following times and places:

- Mount Tabor, Monday, Jan. 4.
  - South Union, Tuesday, Jan. 5.
  - Fair Play, Wednesday, Jan. 6.
  - W. N. Woolbright's, Thursday, Jan. 7.
  - Tokeena, Friday, Jan. 8.
  - Oakway, Saturday, Jan. 9.
  - Earle's Mill, Monday, Jan. 11.
  - Friendship, Tuesday, Jan. 12.
  - Adams's Crossing, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 8 to 9:30 o'clock a. m.
  - Clemson College, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 10:30 to 12 o'clock m.
  - Richland, Thursday, Jan. 14.
  - Jordania, Friday, Jan. 15.
  - Newry, Saturday, Jan. 16.
  - Clark's Store, Monday, Jan. 18.
  - Salem, Tuesday, Jan. 19.
  - Little River, Wednesday, Jan. 20.
  - Tamassee, Thursday, Jan. 21.
  - Mountain Rest, Monday, Jan. 25.
  - Henry's Store, Tuesday, Jan. 26.
  - Cannon's Store, Wednesday, Jan. 27.
  - Tugaloo Academy, Thursday, Jan. 28.
  - Madison, Friday, Jan. 29.
  - Westminster, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 1 and 2.
  - Seneca, Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 3 and 4.
- Returns will be taken at all places from 10 o'clock a. m. until 3 o'clock p. m., except those mentioned above.

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION.

Pursuant to an order of the County Board of Education of Oconee County, South Carolina, notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held at the house of Jim Heaton, in Oconee Creek School District, No. 50, on Saturday, January 9th, 1915, for the purpose of voting upon the question of levying a special tax of six mills on the real and personal property in said district for school purposes.

At said election each elector favoring the proposed levy shall cast a ballot containing the word "Yes" printed or written thereon, and each elector opposed to said levy shall cast a ballot containing the word "No" printed or written thereon.

At the said election only such electors as return real or personal property for taxation, and who exhibit their tax receipts and registration certificates as required in general elections, shall be allowed to vote.

Polls will be opened at 7 o'clock a. m. and will close at 4 o'clock p. m.

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