

YPRES IS LEVELLED BY ARMORED TRAIN

Old and Magnificent City Doomed to Destruction When Kaiser Finds He Cannot Enter It.

PARIS WAR OFFICE REPORT

French Official Statement Asserts General Situation Has Not Changed Materially in Last Few Days.

PARIS, Dec. 1.—The following official statement issued here tonight: "A few details about what has occurred on the front from November 21 to November 27, inclusive:

"The general situation has not materially changed in that period. The enemy has worked himself out in partial attacks, without result. Our counter attacks have inflicted on him heavy losses and have brought some gain to ourselves.

"From the sea to the Lys the attacks of the enemy have been intermittent. On the 23d and 24th and the 26th the German artillery in general remained silent. Ypres Doomed.

"The old and magnificent city of Ypres was condemned to death on the day when the German emperor was obliged to give up all hope of entering it. The batteries not being sufficient for that work of destruction, the enemy took to Houthem an armored train on the 23d and 24th under the guidance of a captive balloon. "This train kept up an incessant fire of explosives and incendiary shells. The cathedral belfry and the market buildings successively collapsed. On the evening of the 25th the main square of the city was nothing more than a heap of ruins.

"The firing was kept up continually in order to prevent the city from being captured, but our sappers worked under the shells and succeeded in rescuing many of the inhabitants, the city records and a few pictures in the museum.

Gain Held on Ypres.
"On the 24th and 25th we succeeded, to the south of Dixmude, in gaining a foot hold on the left bank of the Yser. In spite of the enemy's fire our troops held the ground without difficulty.

"Further to the south a French army corps advanced 200 metres all along its front and has held its ground. The shells of the German artillery sometimes do not burst properly. Our infantry, in comparison with the infantry of the enemy, are very spirited. They captured on the 25th before Festoubert, three machine guns, a light howitzer, 100 men and three officers.

Situation Very Good.
"To sum up, our material and moral situation from the sea to the Lys is very good. From the Lys to the Oise the enemy has not shown greater activity than on the northern section. There was no attack by the infantry. The attacks by the artillery were very intermittent and were lacking in spirit. Our artillery during that week maintained its advantage.

"On the 22d our heavy guns near La Bassée silenced completely the fire of the German batteries. On the 24th in the same region the result was the same. On the 25th we destroyed after our aeroplanes had given us the range, two machine guns.

"Our infantry has gained brilliant results. It is to be noted that every advance it makes is at once definitely secured by the establishment of entrenchments. At Levein on the 23d our infantry brought to a head an audacious operation which had been prepared by sapping.

Invasion German Trench.
"Our troops invaded a German trench, killed 200 of its occupants and installed themselves in the trench, after having burned in front of it, two artillery observation stands.

"With reference to the district from the Oise to the Voges: In this section, the enemy, in his statements, claims to have given proofs of the greatest activity and to have gained most of his success, in reality he has been a little more active than in other sections, except that he never engaged more than one battalion at a time.

"As regards the results, he obtained none. On the contrary, our artillery made substantial gains.

"Some of the infantry actions are interesting to note. On the 22d by a magnificent defense, we maintained all our positions in the Argonne, as well as at Aux Eparges, against four exceedingly fierce attacks. Also on the 23th on all other points, it was we who made progress.

Make an Advance.
"On the 25th to the south of Four-De-Paris, we made an advance; on the 24th, one of 600 metres near Berry-Au-Bac; another the same day to the east of Rheims and in the forest of Bolant, and on the 25th still another near Souain.

"In upper Alsace and in the Vosges, our Alpine infantry has assumed a remarkable ascendancy over the enemy. When they are confronted by the 'black devil' the Germans do not leave their trenches. We have taken from them all those that were impeding us.

"In this region, as also in the vicinity of St. Mihiel, our heavy artillery has made nearly impossible the virtualizing of the enemy."

STORM NEW YORK REVENUE OFFICE FOR WAR STAMPS

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—A throng of more than 10,000 persons stormed the United States internal revenue offices in this city today endeavoring to buy the new war tax stamps that have to be affixed to many documents and proprietary articles. Thousands who had to wait in the became so demonstrative that extra police were called to keep them quiet.

Collector Anderson estimated that 30,000 persons will have received the stamps before night.

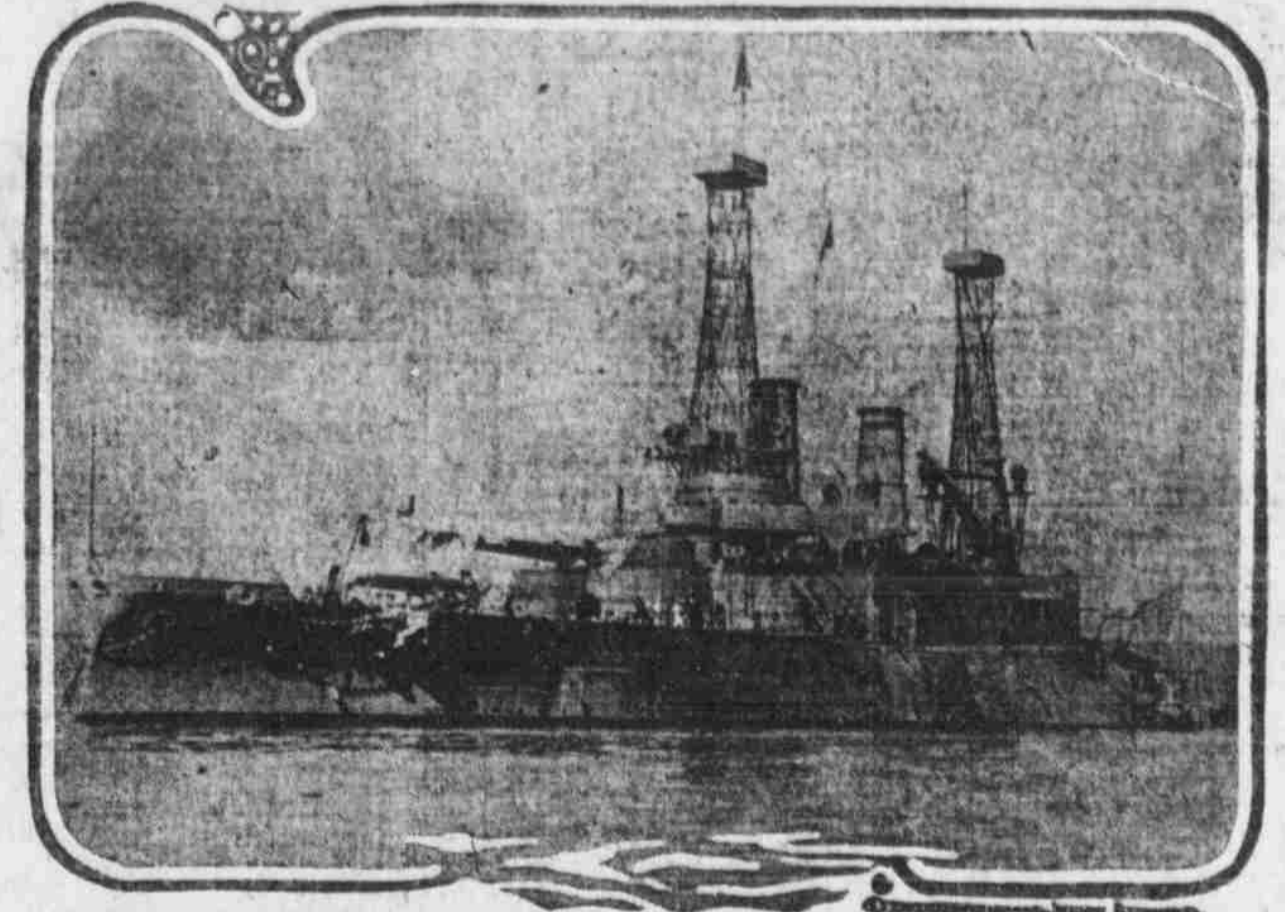
Because of the inability of his clerical force to handle the throng, Collector Anderson issued a statement announcing a stay in the war tax penalties "until such time as the office is able to handle patrons promptly."

The fact that the passengers on two steamers sailing today for Europe had engaged passages before the new law went into effect, prevented the government from collecting \$7,500 from them under the new tax. The two vessels carried 2,500 passengers who had paid more than \$5 each for their tickets and consequently would have been subject to a war tax of \$5 each.

Flieger Crushed and Brained.
Buckler's Arnica Salve gives sure relief—quickly heals sores, bruises, burns, etc. All druggists.—Advertisement.

See Want Ad Proves Results.

UNITED STATES DREADNAUGHT MICHIGAN AGROUND—It was stranded on the tail of the Horseshoe, near the lightship of Cape Henry on the Virginia coast. The Michigan is of 16,000 tons displacement, has a complement of 869 officers and men, and its armament includes eight 12-inch guns and submerged torpedo tubes.



Four Women to Every Seven Men Engaged in Professional Work

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—More than 500,000 people over 19 years of age were engaged in professional pursuits in the United States in 1910 than in 1900, according to figures today by the census bureau. In 1910 the number of persons engaged in professional pursuits was 1,428,175, compared with 1,248,528 in 1900.

Of those engaged in professional occupation in 1910, 1,151,700 were males and 276,475 females. This compares with 872,941 males and 430,587 females in 1900.

During the decade the proportion of males decreased in the professions from 53.3 to 52.1 per cent, while that of females increased from 46.7 to 47.9 per cent. In 1910 there were four women to every seven men engaged in professional service, a larger proportion of the women being teachers.

Some of the most noteworthy increases follow: Architects: Males, 110.5; females, 200.7. Literary and scientific persons: Males, 102.9; females, 126. Actors: Males, 95.6; females, 88.1.

The smallest increase is in the number of lawyers, males being 6.5 and females 23.0.

Church Merger is Declared Legal

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 1.—The consolidation of the Presbyterian church (north) and the Cumberland Presbyterian church is valid, according to a decision of the Missouri supreme court today.

The property of the Cumberland church at Marshall, Mo., under the decision of the court, becomes the property of the Presbyterian church, regardless of the fact that it was paid for by members of the old Cumberland church.

The decision was on a case appealed from the circuit court at Marshall in which the Cumberland church sought recovery of its old property, claiming that the consolidation of the two branches of the Presbyterian church was illegal.

The supreme court ruled that civil courts have no right to interfere with the decision of the highest tribunal of the church in purely ecclesiastical affairs.

Charles Parks of Mondamin Kills Wife

LOGAN, Ia., Dec. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles Parks, formerly of Kansas City, but for some time workman on the Jordan farm near Mondamin, shot and killed his wife at 3 o'clock this morning, following trouble over a letter. Parks notified Sheriff Rock and a neighbor, and shortly after the shooting came with his neighbor to Logan and surrendered himself, turning over his revolver and cartridge. He says he bought them in Omaha yesterday for his own protection. Parks is cool and collected and declines to talk other than that he admits the shooting and says that the letter turned over to the officers explains the cause. The contents of the letter have not been made public. There are two small children.

Von Moltke Better and Back at Front

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 1.—(Via London.)—Lieutenant General Count von Moltke, says a Berlin dispatch to the Telegram, has recovered his health and is returning to the front.

Count von Moltke had been ill for several weeks, during which time various reports concerning him were circulated. It was said he had been succeeded as chief of the German general staff by Major General Falkenhayn. This report, however, was not confirmed, it being said in Berlin that General Falkenhayn was merely acting as chief of staff during the illness of General von Moltke.

J. Borden Harriman of New York is Dead

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—J. Borden Harriman of New York died here today after a lingering illness.

Seven Hurt in Auto Collision.
YANKTON, S. D., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—In a head-on collision here between the cars of Conrad Madison and Ernest Isell seven people were more or less shaken up and Elsie Madison, aged 11 years, is in a doctor's care with a very badly cut face, the nose especially being very seriously cut. Two miles north of Yankton a cow crossed in front of the cars as they neared each other. The Isell car in dodging the cow ran into the Madison car and both autos were wrecks in a moment.

Tag Day at Shenandoah.
SHENANDOAH, Ia., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—In the first tag day that was ever held in Shenandoah Saturday, the forty-six women workers raised \$25.45 for the city hospital fund. It was a novel experience to many of the people of the town never having been "tagged" before, but they took kindly to the idea.

Hundred and Eleven Hunters of Big Game Killed, 162 Injured

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—One hundred and eleven died and 162 injured in the hunting toll in seventeen states and Ontario, Canada, for the season which ended yesterday as compared with 135 dead and 125 injured a year ago. Last year's statistics were gathered from twenty-one states. Wisconsin and Michigan furnish the greatest number of casualties, the former with a total of thirty-three dead and thirty-six wounded, and the latter with twenty-seven dead and forty-two wounded.

Accidental discharges of guns claimed thirty-five victims, twenty-four men were shot for game, drugged guns accounted for twelve, and the remainder killed and fell, were cleaning guns or were drowned, eight meeting death by the last named way.

German Serves for Weeks With British Army on Continent

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Siegfried Schneider, a German, started the officials and spectators at the Bow Street police court today by calmly admitting that he had served for some time in the British army in France and that everybody in the Red Cross corps to which he was attached was aware of his nationality.

The prisoner was dressed in the regulation khaki uniform. The charge against him is that he failed to register as an alien and traveled more than five miles without a permit. He was arrested at the general military hospital in Boulogne, where he was serving as a member of the staff, under the name of Frederick Taylor.

Neutral Zone Up to the Belligerents

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Establishment of neutral zones for shipping in the western hemisphere, as proposed by several South American countries, must be entirely voluntary on the part of the European belligerents, in the view of President Wilson. He told callers today he had discussed the question briefly with Secretary Bryan and Acting Secretary Lansing of the State department, but no conclusion had been reached.

The American countries naturally would have no control of the waters outside of the three-mile limit bordering on their territory, the president said, and could place no restrictions on the operations of the fleets of other nations except within the three-mile limit.

New York Gunmen Kill Each Other

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Two gunmen, leaders of rival gangs, fought a revolver duel to death on the street in the congested foreign quarter of Brooklyn last night. The men met by chance and one accused the other of being a "squealer."

Then guns were drawn. So deadly was the aim of the duellists that none of the seven shots fired went wild. One man received four bullets in his body and the other three. Last Wednesday in this same precinct, Frank Defonte, an Italian merchant, was killed by gangsters.

FORMER IOWA FARMER DIES IN BLIZZARD IN CANADA

SIDNEY, Ia., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—Newton Curtis, a former resident of Thurman, Ia., lost his life in a Canada blizzard. Mr. Curtis left Thurman several weeks ago for Canada, where he owns a farm. While out work he got lost in a blizzard and was not found until the next day, and he died from the effects of the cold. His family recently left Thurman to join him in the Canada home, and arrived there just in time to see the husband and father before his death.

HENEY FILES CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT AT WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Francis Heney, progressive candidate for United States senator in California, filed his final expense account today, showing contributions of \$12,500 and expenditures of \$6,250.

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BRANDEIS STORES

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- Embroidered Net Top Flouncings—Black and white Splendid line, 18 to 24 inches wide. Values to \$1.50 for 59c
- Figured Silk Chiffons For Waists—Beautiful colors, 42 inches wide. Values to \$1.00 for 59c
- Black Silk Allover Sets—42 inches wide. Values to \$1.00 for 59c
- Original Designs in Oriental Flouncings—White and cream, 12 to 27 inches wide. Values to \$1.00 for 59c
- Black Silk Polka Dot and Figured Nets—42 inches wide. Values to \$1.00 for 59c
- Good quality silk Chantilly and Shantung Lace Flouncings—White, black and cream, 12 to 42 inches wide. Values to \$1.00 for 59c
- Splendid Strong Lining Nets—White and flesh, 72 inches wide. Values to \$1.00 for 59c
- Real Irish Lace Edges and Insertions—4 to 5 in. wide. Values to \$1.00 for 59c
- All Kinds Cluny Lace Edges and Insertions—2 to 4 inches wide. Values to \$1.00 for 59c
- All Kinds Flat Edges and Insertions—2 to 5 inches wide. Values to \$1.00 for 59c

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