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SWISS EMBROIDERED PILLOW CASES—Figured and eyelet designs, scalloped edge, size 45x36, each pair neatly packed in box, regular \$1.25 value, at 79c a pair.



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Attractive Christmas Neckwear

There never was a season which brought forth so many clever new designs. There never was a time when we were so fortunate in securing such a lovely variety of beautiful neck fixings. We might describe an individual style here and there, but you will get your best impression by a personal visit. Prices are here to suit every one's requirements.

MAIN FLOOR.

Shop Early

GIRLS PUT SLAYERS OF FATHER TO ROUT

Use Heavy Silver-Backed Hair Brushes So Fiercely that Burglars Get Worst of It.

THEIR BROTHER IS WOUNDED

Two Men Confess Murdering Wealthy Los Angeles Man While Attempting to Rob His Home.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 22—Less than twelve hours after they had shot and killed William M. Alexander, a wealthy retired attorney, formerly of Dallas, Tex., whose home they entered to rob early today, and wounded W. M. Alexander, Jr., two men living the life of Rihelber, Charles Oxman and Glenn Witt were in jail charged with the murder. Both made complete confessions, according to the police.

The capture of the men came as a climax of an exhaustive combing of the county in which more than 100 detectives took part. Both men had been badly beaten in the early morning fight at the Alexander home when they were surprised by Alexander, Jr. One of them had a bullet wound in his leg.

Admits He is Slaying. The whereabouts of the men were ascertained by the police today by a woman who saw them enter a house in search of medical attention. "When the old man was awakened by a noise I made he fired at me. I returned the fire," was Oxman's statement as given out.

Young Alexander was shot in the chest, but is not dangerously wounded. Oxman and Witt were taken to the Alexander residence late today and identified.

Dies in Wife's Arms. Mrs. Alexander, the widow of the slain man, said that she was entering the room where Mr. Alexander met the burglars and had taken off her rings to give to them, when the fatal shot was fired. Her husband died in her arms.

Upon their return from the Alexander residence the prisoners were taken to the receiving hospital, where for two hours they occupied the attention of the surgeons. Oxman had been shot in the left leg by young Alexander and both had been beaten severely by the Misses Alexander, aged 15 and 18, who wielded hair brushes silver backed and heavy, with such effect that the robbers' scalps were covered with gashes and cuts that required suturing.

"Those girls fought like tigers," remarked Witt. He said he came from Duquoin, Ill. Oxman said his father was a minister in San Francisco just before the fire of 1906. Later he was pastor of a church at San Diego, after which he went to Birmingham, where he is said to have died a year ago.

Allies Making Slight Progress. "To the east of Amiens, on the Aisne and Champagne there have been artillery engagements."

"In the region of Perthes-les-Hurlus we carried after a spirited cannonade and two assaults, the last section of the line which we occupied in part December 21. We made an average gain of 80 yards. In the last trench which came into our possession we captured a section of machine guns, including the gun crew."

"We also made progress to the northeast of Beauejour, where further counter attacks on the part of the enemy were without success."

"There has been a perceptible advance on the part of our troops in the forest of La Gurie against a front of trenches 400 yards wide and running not less than 20 yards deep. We blew up with mines two of these German lines of works and occupied the excavations."

Partially Reverse at Borealis. "The fighting is going on in the vicinity of Borealis, with a course fairly serious. It would appear not to have been possible to retain entirely the positions acquired yesterday morning."

"There has been no incident from the heights of the Meuse to upper Alsace."

"Russia: In east Prussia the Germans have been driven back on the line from Neidenburg to Soldau."

"In Poland, the Germans were successful in getting a footing on the lower Bzura, to the north of Sochaczew. Further to the south they reached the Rawa river at Bolimow, and they have passed Skierniewice, moving to the east."

"Austro-German forces are moving into Poland along a front which runs from a point in the southeast of Piotrkow to the west of the river Nida, in Galicia. They have reached the river of Dnyab, and they occupy a line from Grybow to Smigrad to Sanok."

"The effort at a sortie made by the Przemysl garrison resulted in complete failure."

PALACE OF DEIFIED LAMA OF MONGOLS IS BURNED

LONDON, Dec. 22—A dispatch received here from Urga, Mongolia, relates that the interior of the palace of the Kutukku or the deified lama, of the Mongols, with all its precious treasures, has been entirely destroyed by fire. The loss entailed is said to be enormous.

The wealth of Kutukku, derived from the contributions of enthusiastic devotees, is described as very great. In and about Urga he owns 20,000 slaves, an abundance of worldly goods and the most pretentious palace in Mongolia.

Department Orders.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—(Special Telegram)—Iowa postmasters appointed: Hancock, Pottawattomie county, William J. Dool, vice J. F. Owens; Quincy, Cherokee county, George A. Fox, vice J. Cornington; resigned; Cedar county, Charles D. Gimm, vice E. F. Peterson; Vinona, Tama county, Charles Strachota, vice W. Polish; resigned; Buckingham Tama county, Levi Kingland, vice F. Hilsco; resigned; Dinsdale, Tama county, William B. Rickett, vice H. C. Eberon, Tama county, Emil Kalousek, vice J. L. Shugar; Clutier, Tama county, James W. Deane, resigned; Marshall county, William A. Sawell.

Nebraska pension granted: Lucinda Roach, St. Edward, 412.

Russian Minister of War Declares Germany's Victories "Inventions"

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SHER, W. A. SOKOLOVNIKOFF, Russian Minister of War and Adjutant PETROGRAD, Dec. 22—(Special Cablegram to the New York World and Omaha Bee.)—All information given out by the Germans about their so-called brilliant victory in Poland is sheer invention.

The right bank of the Vistula has been entirely cleared up. The enemy, after a serious defeat in the region of the Mlava, was thrown back upon his own territory.

In south Poland and in eastern Galicia the German offensive has been stopped absolutely.

All efforts of the garrison of Przemysl to force the blockade have been victoriously defeated.

Under these circumstances there can be no question of allowing Warsaw to fall into the hands of the enemy.

The untruths which the German general staff are trying to spread may find their excuse in the necessity of giving heart to the German people and of influencing public opinion in neutral countries in favor of Germany. Neither the proceeding nor its employment are new. The civilized world has been able to gauge their worth.

TEUTONS HOLDING POSITIONS IN WEST

Berlin War Office Reports Defeat of French Attempts to Advance in Belgium.

GREAT ACTIVITY NEAR CHALONS

Effort of Allies in Northern France to Gain Ground at Several Points Defeated—Situation in East is Unchanged.

BERLIN, Dec. 22—That the attacks launched yesterday by the allies in Belgium were easily repulsed by the Germans; that the French troops are showing greater activity in the vicinity of Camp de Chalons, and that the French forward movement in the vicinity of Sillerie, Rheims, Souain and Perthes have been partly repulsed, were the features of the announcement issued today by the German army headquarters.

The official statement says: "Attacks in the region of Lombaertzyde and to the south of Bixchoote have been easily repulsed by us. At Richebourg l'Avoue the English again were driven from British positions yesterday."

"Notwithstanding desperate counter attacks, we have retained all the positions which we captured from the English on the Richebourg canal, from Aire to La-Bassee. Since December 29, 700 British and colored soldiers have been captured by us, and five machine guns and four mine throwers taken."

"In the neighborhood of Camp Chalons the enemy is showing greater activity. Attacks to the north of Sillerie, southeast of Rheims, at Souain and at Perthes have been partly repulsed by us with heavy losses to the French."

"The situation in East and West Prussia is unchanged."

Battles for the possession of the Bzura river (west of Warsaw) continue. "The situation on the right bank of the river Pilica remains unchanged."

Read the "For Sale" ads if you want bargains of the minute.

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Prices, Matinee, gallery, 10c; best seats (except Saturday and Sunday), 25c. Night, 14c, 30c, 50c, 75c.

TWO VIOLATIONS OF NEUTRALITY

Colonel Goethals, on His Arrival at New York, Discusses His Call for Warships.

MERELY A MATTER OF FORM

Request Forwarded at Request of Naval Officers in Zone—Wireless Plant on British Coal Carrier is Dismantled.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—The request by Colonel George W. Goethals, governor of the canal zone, for the dispatch of American warships to the canal to preserve the neutrality of the United States, was suggested by naval officers in charge of wireless plants and naval affairs in the zone, was forwarded as a matter of form by Colonel Goethals, acting in his capacity as governor of the canal zone, and the incident is ended so far as Colonel Goethals is concerned, so announced the colonel himself upon his arrival here today from Cristobal on the steamer Panama.

Colonel Goethals said that naval officers had reported to him that there had been two violations of American neutrality. He declined to give the names of the naval officers, or to mention the names of the vessels involved in the alleged violations of neutrality.

"One of the incidents was that of a ship which sailed without clearance papers; the other was a ship that was reported to have been using its wireless within the canal zone," Colonel Goethals said. "The naval officers in charge brought the matter to my attention and asked me, as governor, to request the government to send warships to the canal zone. I transmitted their request as a matter of form and there my responsibility ended."

"In recommending that the ships be sent, I was governed by the recommendations made to me by the naval officers."

Will Ask for Ten Millions.

Colonel Goethals expects to go to Washington after the Christmas holidays to urge Congress to appropriate \$10,000,000 for the construction of the dry docks, barracks, machine shops and wharves in the canal zone. He intimated that he would have nothing further to say on the matter of sending war vessels to the canal zone unless he were asked to give his views. He said he expected to go to West Point first to see his son, who is an instructor at the military academy there.

"I want to ask for an additional dredge when I go to Washington," he said. "I fear that we will have to keep a dredge working on the canal steadily for a year or more. The hills at Cuba seem to be settling, and this is the

been able, however, to get ships through the canal in much better time than we thought we could; for instance, we calculated on half an hour to each of the three locks, but we find that a ship can be passed through all three locks in forty-five minutes."

Colonel Goethals said that there are at the present time still 25,000 men on the government's payroll in the canal zone.

Radio Plant Dismantled. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—Lieutenant Crenshaw, naval radio officer at the Panama canal zone, cabled the Navy department today that the wireless of the British steamer Proteolaua, in Balboa harbor, was dismantled by canal zone police December 19, after it was found it had been sending code messages.

The cruiser Tacoma is at Cristobal to enforce neutrality, and the Navy department still has under consideration the possibility of dispatching another vessel to the canal zone.

A recent British statement to the Navy department said Governor Goethals had said in a written communication that he had been misinformed when he charged that a British collier was using its radio outfit contrary to neutrality. Officials here now assume that the governor had referred to another ship which also figured in the official dispatches as having violated canal rules by leaving Balboa without clearance papers, and that that vessel had been confounded with the Proteolaua. The unnamed collier had no wireless apparatus.

The Proteolaua is a British merchant steamer of 6,115 tons which, under charter of the British government, sailed from Victoria, B. C., in November for Balboa, Panama canal zone. It was assumed it carried coal and supplies for British naval vessels.

COREY FOR ATTORNEY SWAIN FOR MARSAL

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harbor work, the question of bank protection in the neighborhood of Florence. Huprapping has been done in front of the town of Florence for a number of years past, but the Missouri insists on working its way behind the revetments and to protect the river's encroachments Florence has appropriated \$100 with the proviso that a like sum be given by the federal government to check the ravages of the river.

Colonel Taylor informed the congressman that he would endeavor to find a way to meet the Florence appropriation so that work may be begun at that point while the river is in its normal bounds.

Paving on Thirtieth. And while he was on shore duty, Loebek had an interview with General Alezire, chief of the quartermaster's corps, looking to the paving of Thirtieth street, which conservative estimates say will cost \$6,000. General Alezire, who has always been friendly to the project, said he believed a way could be found to

pave the street, which is undoubtedly needed according to reports on file.

David City Couple in East. Mr. and Mrs. Etting of David City are in Washington for a fortnight. Mrs. Etting came to the capital several weeks ago to be present at the death and burial of her mother, Mr. Etting, who is assistant cashier of the City National bank of David City, joined his wife yesterday and will spend the holidays in the east.

Loebek Coming Home. With the exception of Representative Loebek, the entire Nebraska delegation will remain in Washington during the congressional recess. Mr. Loebek left for Omaha tonight to spend Christmas with his family.

General Scott Has Satisfactory Meet With General Hill

NACO, Ark., Dec. 22—Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, successfully completed today the first step in his effort for peace on the Mexican border. He conferred with General Benjamin Hill, the Carranza defender of Naco, Sonora, and said that "it was a very satisfactory interview."

A conference with Maytorens is now being arranged by General Scott. Prior to the conference General Hill reported that 125 of Maytorens's Yaquis Indians threw down their arms and crossed to the American side early today at a point two miles west of here.

CHICAGO PARCEL POST DOUBLE LAST YEAR'S

CHICAGO, Dec. 22—Christmas business at the Chicago postoffice is nearly double the amount of last year, according to announcement today by Postmaster Daniel Campbell. Parcel post packages totaling \$5 tons were shipped out last Sunday and Monday as against 2 1/2 tons on the corresponding days last year. The figures established a new tonnage record for outgoing packages.

FEDERAL TROOPS WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM COLORADO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—Arrangements for beginning the withdrawal of federal troops from the Colorado strike districts within the next ten days were made today at a conference between President Wilson, Governor Ammons of Colorado, Governor-elect Carlson and Senator Shafer.

Quarantine Proclaimed. DENVER, Colo., Dec. 22—The State Board of Stock Inspectors and Commissioners today proclaimed a quarantine against shipments of cattle and sheep from Montana on account of foot and mouth disease. The order forbids the entrance of stock from Montana into the state, even in transit.

Orchard & Wilhelm Co. TOYS

After Christmas our Toy Department is closed until next Christmas. To avoid repacking we have marked special prices on hundreds of sample articles.

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Game with tin soldiers, 69c.

HOBBY HORSES, \$3.98 and higher—all special prices.

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Liggett's Nut and Fruit Chocolates—1/2 lb., 40c—1 lb., 80c—2 lbs., \$1.60.

Liggett's Dainty Dutch Delights—1/2 lb., 30c—1 lb., 60c—2 lbs., \$1.20.

Woodward's Virginia Chocolates—1/2 lb., 30c—1 lb., 60c—2 lbs., \$1.20.

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