

GIFTS FROM SANTA CLAUS SHIP JASON ARRIVE AT BERLIN

Reception Given by Municipality in Honor of Vessel from Over Seas Given.

Presents of American Children to the War Orphans Received by Lord Mayor.

BOYS AND GIRLS SING CAROLS

Official Says Noble Deed Will Long Live in Memory of the German People.

NEWSPAPER MAN GIVEN HONOR

John Callan O'Laughlin Decorated by Emperor of Austria.

CITY'S WELCOME IS EXTENDED

Reception by Municipality is Attended by Representatives of Foreign Office and German Red Cross.

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—(Via London.)—The American Christmas gifts for the children of fallen German soldiers arrived here. They were accompanied from Naples by representatives of the German foreign office.

A reception was given this afternoon by the municipality of Berlin for the formal presentation of the gifts. It was attended by the lord mayor, leading city functionaries, Baron Mumm von Schwarzenstein, representing the foreign office; Prince Hatzfeld, president of the German Red Cross, which undertakes the distribution of the gifts; James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, wife and other members of the embassy, and the empress' two chief ladies in waiting. The crown prince's three eldest sons, dressed in military suits, were also present and attracted much attention.

Sing Christmas Carols.

Five hundred girls and boys, with American and German flags, were stationed on the broad stairway of the town hall and awaited the arrival of the official party, and a picked chorus of children sang Christmas carols around Christmas tree.

The lord mayor in the course of his speech of welcome said: "This noble deed will be kept in our memory for a long time as a pledge to us that our worldly quarrels are overpowered by the gospel, 'Peace on earth, good will toward men.'"

The Norddeutsche Zeitung, commenting editorially on the arrival of the gifts, says:

"We extend the capital's hearty welcome to this demonstration, free from any political design and an expression of pure love of humanity, whose value the German people know how to appreciate, even in the stress of war time."

"The Christmas festival has not lost its charm to the souls of Germans by reason of the war forced upon us."

Law Barring Sale of Liquor to Michigan Students is Valid

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 19.—By affirming the conviction of Lawrence Damman, Ann Arbor saloon keeper found guilty of selling liquor to University of Michigan students, the state supreme court today placed the ban on undergraduate liquor drinking in the university town.

"The statute forbids the sale of liquor to any student in attendance at any public or private institution of learning in the state," said Justice Ostrander, who wrote the opinion. The court explained that adult students would be denied drinking privileges the same as citizens living in a local option county may be denied rights enjoyed by their neighbors in an adjoining county.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND REPORTED AT LINCOLN

Following is the fund for Belgian relief as reported at Lincoln:

Previously reported	\$5,000.00
Olivia Foud, Lincoln	2.25
Cash, Lincoln	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Kreyler, Doon	1.00
E. Buck & Verle Tatum, Lincoln	5.00
L. J. Zook, Lincoln	1.00
J. Jones, Lincoln	50.00
Net proceeds of entertainment given at home, Mrs. J. W. McDonald, Lincoln	519.00
Cash	4.45
Women's Alliance, All Souls' church, Lincoln	15.00
Mrs. H. A. Babcock, Lincoln	25.00
A. W. Reddish, Lincoln	12.00
Mrs. R. Montague Tobin, Lincoln	1.00

The Weather

Forecast till 1 p. m. Sunday for Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity: Unsettled Sunday; slow rising temperature.

Hours	Temp.	Wind
6 a. m.	25	W. 1-2
8 a. m.	25	W. 1-2
10 a. m.	25	W. 1-2
12 m.	25	W. 1-2
2 p. m.	25	W. 1-2
4 p. m.	25	W. 1-2
6 p. m.	25	W. 1-2
8 p. m.	25	W. 1-2
10 p. m.	25	W. 1-2

Exports of Arms and Ammunition Small

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—In response to Senator Hitchcock's resolution for information on shipments of war munitions from the United States, Secretary Redfield submitted today a report giving data so far as available. There are 15,000 firms in the country, he said, that could export munitions and it has been impossible to make a complete investigation.

WINTER DAYS ON THE FIRING LINE IN FRANCE—French officer visiting with his men in the trenches before Arras. Not how the soldiers are bundled up against the cold weather.



RATE DECISION IS RIGHT, SAYS REA

President of Pennsylvania System Says Commission's Finding is One Step Forward.

IT DOES NOT GO FAR ENOUGH

Roads Should Be Permitted to Raise Rates for Other Service and Government Should Pay More for Hauling the Mail.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—President Samuel Rea of the Pennsylvania Railroad company in a statement today said that he regarded the railroad rate decision handed down by the Interstate Commerce commission yesterday as the beginning of broad, constructive policy in railroad regulation. The statement says:

"I regard this decision as the beginning of a broad, constructive policy in railroad regulation so imperatively required. It certainly indicates that the commission has been seriously impressed by actual railroad and financial conditions, and we recognize that the commission has carefully considered the entire situation and rendered what it believes to be a fair and equitable decision."

Does Not Go Far Enough.

"The decision, however, granted an increase on only about 50 per cent of the freight business of our system, and it is not so far reaching as the railroads believe to be necessary; therefore, the railroads, as the commission emphasizes, must continue their efforts to conserve and augment their revenues from the sources the commission previously recommended."

"We desire prosperity, but it is impossible for the country to prosper while railroad revenues and credit are inadequate and therefore the increased rates should be generally helpful. Relying on the protection of public regulation, we will utilize the additional revenue in continuing our lines and equipment in good condition to render the best possible public service and in sustaining our credit on a sound basis."

More Money for Mail.

"The federal government should in the same spirit award the railroads the admittedly just compensation, so long withheld, for the carriage of mail and parcels post, and the citizens should see to it that the legislatures, federal and state, relieve the railroads from enforced wasteful expenditures. Under such a helpful policy public regulation rests on a solid foundation and confidence and prosperity will be greatly encouraged."

400 Bullet Holes in Aircraft that Flew Over Dover, Calais and Paris

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Dec. 4.—Aviation Lieutenant Kaesper, who is in private life an apprentice jurist, is back in Berlin, after another series of daring flights. The most important carried him over Calais, where he tried to destroy some of the hostile ships in the harbor. He dropped ten bombs, but none of them hit the designed mark. Finally high angle guns on some of the ships began work, and Kaesper, his bombs exhausted, returned to his base.

WOMAN DETAINS ROBBER WITH GUN

Holds Daylight Burglar at Point of Revolver Until She Telephones for the Police.

HAD BEFRIENDED HIM BEFORE

Identifies Him as the Man to Whom She Had Given Dime and Quarter Several Days Before— Given Thirty Days.

Mrs. E. J. Nelson, 2033 Howard street, discovered a daylight burglar in her home Friday afternoon and held him at the point of a revolver until the police, for whom she telephoned, took him in charge. He gave his name as Clifford Coburn at the station.

G. W. DUN, PUBLISHER OF TOLEDO TIMES, IS DEAD

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 19.—George P. Dun, publisher of the Toledo Times, died suddenly this afternoon. Dun was stricken in his office. He was 61 only half an hour. Heart failure is supposed to have been the cause of death.

The New Army

By Rudyard Kipling

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LONDON, Dec. 10.—At the next halt I fell into Scotland—blocks and blocks of it—a world of precise-spoken thin-lipped men with keen eyes. They gave me directions which led by friendly stages to the heart of another work of creation and a huge drill shed where the miniature rifles were busy.

Few things are duller than morris-tube practice in the shed, unless it be judging triangles of error against blank walls. I thought of the military policeman with the sore toe, for these "innocents" were visibly enjoying both games. They sighted over the sandbags with the gravity of surveyors, while the instructors hurried knowledge at them like slingshots.

"Mon! D'ye see your error? Step here, mon, and I'll show ye." Teacher and taught glared at each other like theologians in full debate, for this is the Scot's way of giving and getting knowledge.

At the miniature targets squad after squad rose from beside their deadly earnest instructors, gathered

BERLIN IS IGNORANT OF PARTICULARS OF FIGHTING IN POLAND

While it is Announced Russ Are Fleeing, Nothing is Known of Their Retirement.

DETAILS NOT MADE PUBLIC

Nothing Officially Has Been Given Out of Success of Von Hindenberg.

FAVORABLE NEWS FROM WEST

Capital Thinks Next Report of Victory May Come Other Side.

AUSTRIANS ABANDON SERVA

It is Believed that They Are Devoting All Their Energies to Meeting the Muscovite Armies.

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—In the absence of further advices regarding the reported German victory in Russian Poland, the German newspapers contain little comment on the situation in that war arena. Indeed, while it is announced that the retreating Russians are being followed up, nothing is known of the character of their retirement or the pursuit and no details have been made public of Field Marshal Von Hindenberg's success.

In view of the conservative character of the German official reports issued today, the announcement made on Friday that the situation in the region of Nieuport, Belgium, continues favorable gives rise to the general expectation that the next news of importance may come from that direction.

The Austrians appear to have abandoned for a time all operations in Servia. Teuton military critics are of the opinion that the Austrians were faced with the question of either strengthening their forces in Servia or in western Galicia and that they chose the latter course as it was the one that required the greatest urgency. Later events, the military observers said, fully justified the Austrian army headquarters staff decision. The operations in Servia will be resumed, it is expected, if western Galicia is cleared of the Russians.

British Jury Wanted to Charge German Crews with Murder

SCARBOROUGH, England, Dec. 19.—(Via London, Dec. 19, 2:15 a. m.)—The inquest over the bodies of those who lost their lives in the bombardment of this place by a German fleet last Wednesday was ended today. The verdict returned was similar to those found at Hartlepool and Whitby—that the victims were killed by shells from German warships. The foreman of the jury wanted to use the word "murder," but the coroner explained that this would necessitate the prosecution of some one.

A coast guard officer said in testifying that when the attack was opened on Scarborough the German ships were within 500 yards of the castle, which stands on the promontory rising above the harbor. He said he believed that nearly 500 shells were fired.

Former Sheriff Turner of York, in giving evidence, expressed the strong conviction that it was not safe for any women to remain in Scarborough.

Mine Sweeper is Lost Off Scarborough

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Lloyd's agency at Scarborough sends word that a mine sweeper, with several others, was engaged in sweeping for mines five miles southeast of Scarborough, was blown up. One man was rescued, but the rest of the crew is missing.

Hoosier Officials Acquitte by Court

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 19.—Lieutenant Governor W. H. O'Neill and twelve other officers and employees of the 1912 legislature, who were indicted December 4, charged with signing and representing illegal claims against the state, were acquitted by Judge K. T. Markey in the criminal court here late today.

The Day's War News

The German War office announcement of an overwhelming victory in Poland still fails to bring a response from Petrograd. Berlin is puzzled by the absence of details and is said to be experiencing a "shadow of disappointment," although still celebrating the reported victory.

Petrograd dispatches say that the new Austrian expedition across the Carpathian mountains into Galicia has been checked and that the Russian forces near the Silesian frontier are holding their positions firmly. The Craoov region is described as the real pivot of the operations now developing, which indicate that the Russians were content for the present to remain on the defensive in north and central Poland, while planning an attempt to invade Germany from the south.

London newspapers have received the report that the allies have captured Roulers in one of the most furiously contested regions of Flanders.

RUSSIAN SUPPLY TRAIN BLOWN UP

Indications that Czar's Communications in Galicia May Now Be Menaced.

AUSTRIAN INVADERS REPULSED

Petrograd Report Says Third Invasion Through Mountains Into Galicia is Failed—Fight Near Buzza River.

AMSTERDAM (Via London), Dec. 19.—According to the Budapest newspaper Pesti Naplo an armored train en route from Lemberg to the Carpathians with ammunition and food has been blown up.

The route of the dispatch, "Lemberg to the Carpathians," makes it appear that the train was sent by the Russians, who have held Lemberg for some time. The report, if true, would indicate that a line of Russian communication with their forces operating in the Carpathians have been successfully attacked.

Austrian Invaders Repulsed.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Times sends this: "The enemy's third incursion into Galicia has been arrested on the very borders of the province. Some maneuvering on the part of General Radko-Pimirtz's corps sufficed to check the invading columns, although they crossed the Carpathians on a wide front, extending between Wladkows and the headwaters of the San river."

"No definite information has been forthcoming as yet regarding the new point of attack in Field Marshal von Hindenberg's invasion of Poland. After his fruitless efforts to break through the Russian lines on the Eszara river, it is probable that he will seek to deliver a blow further south, but it is not known whether this will be toward Warsaw or Kielce. All the enemy's efforts, however, can only stave off the day of reckoning. The Russian army is within a stone's throw of the Silesian border north of Craoov, which is the real pivot of all the operations now developing."

Three Infantry Camps Laid Out at Naco Along Border Line

NACO, Ariz., Dec. 19.—Three additional camps along the tactical line of defense, covering the Mexican border for a distance of five miles, were laid out today for the reinforced American army troops here. The main cavalry camp, two miles from the border, will constitute the reserve. The new camps will shelter the infantry brigade which began arriving today and will face the border within direct range of the lines of both Governor Jose Maytorena, the Villa besieger, and General Benjamin Hill, the Carranza leader, entrenched across the line at Naco, Sonora.

Three Full Pages of Christmas Gift Suggestions

in today's Bee to help you decide what to give. There are many attractive gifts offered that cannot fail to please.

Two pages will be found in the first news section and one page on the back cover of Part Three.

You can make your Xmas selections at home today, marking articles which interest you for examination tomorrow.

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TEUTONS FORCED BACK BY ALLIES ON WEST LINE

Aggressive Movements in France and Belgium Intended to Offset German Activity in East.

ALLIES ARE WORKING IN UNISON

Assault on Trenches in France and Belgium Prevents Sending More Troops to East Poland.

BERLIN'S ENTHUSIASM COOLS

Lack of Details Leads People to Believe Announcement of Great Victory is Premature.

PETROGRAD HAS LITTLE TO SAY

Russian Reports Do Not Admit Serious Defeat at Any Point.

VICTORY IN MLAWA REGION

German Reverse There Said to Interfere with Operations Along the Vistula—Siege of Craoov Continues.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The co-ordination of military movements in the east and west, which has been observed since the commencement of the war, is now shown in a striking way in the offensive movement of the allies in northern France and Flanders, keeping the Germans engaged and preventing them from sending reinforcements eastward. The allies claim gains in Flanders and France during the last few days, which are said to counterbalance German advances in Poland.

Progress of the allies in the vicinity of Lohansen, where the Germans had clung tenaciously to their positions for so many weeks, is regarded here as particularly noteworthy as the Germans appear to have had presented an irritating problem. The advance of the allies thus far has been slow, but British military critics expect it to gain impetus.

Berlin Begins to Doubt.

British and French military writers say that the doubts expressed by them of the correctness of the German announcement that a historic victory had been won over the Russian hosts in Poland are borne out by the apparent lessening of enthusiasm at Berlin, where the atmosphere during the last two days was surcharged with exuberant rejoicing. The Berlin Vorwaerter rebukes its colleagues for what it calls their "exaggerated deductions" from the vague information available.

Reverse for Teutons at Mlawa.

The reverse which Petrograd says the Germans have suffered in the region of Mlawa, near the east Prussian frontier, is believed in London to have interfered with the operations of the Germans along the Vistula.

It is asserted unofficially at Petrograd that the Germans have evacuated Loda, find that city of no greater strategic value to them than it was to the Russians. Last night's official communication from the Russian war office stated definitely that all Austro-German attacks along the left bank of the Vistula, which have been in progress for several days have been repulsed.

Whatever are the facts of the situation in the Vistula region, the present outlook there apparently is exerting no influence on the crucial operations to the south around Craoov. The Russian forces which are threatening the old Polish capital and the Silesian frontier, remain fixed in their positions, and the Austrian rally, which brought back the Teutonic forces across the Carpathians, seems to have met with a check.