

KAISER WITH COURT OFF TO JOIN ARMY

German Emperor, Accompanied by Imperial Chancellor, Ministers and Suite, on Way West. INVADERS GETTING DISTURBED

French 'Eye Witness' Asserts that Progress of the Confederates Has Alarmed the Tenth Enemy.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The German emperor, accompanied by the imperial chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the ministers of war and marine and a numerous suite has gone to the western front, according to advices to the Daily Mail from Copenhagen.

During the period from December 7 to the 14th, the ascendancy gained by our infantry has placed us in a position to make, in various sections of the front, progress which seems to have disturbed the enemy.

The German infantry is more cautious, and continuous sniping by them denotes a certain amount of nervousness. The fact that they are using searchlights and lighting rockets more and more reveals their fear of attack.

Between the sea and the Lys river the enemy who from the 7th to the 9th instant had contented themselves with bombarding our lines and particularly the city of Ypres, on the 10th instant directed to the south of that city three infantry attacks against our trenches.

Attacks Repulsed.—The first two of these attacks were repulsed. The third reached our first line of trenches, but on the first night we regained their position. On the 12th instant the enemy made another attack, which was also repulsed.

On December 14 our infantry took the offensive, in spite of the exceedingly muddy condition of the field, and succeeded in capturing a German trench several hundred meters in length. Our infantry here held their ground against fierce counter attacks by the enemy.

Taking of Vermelles.—Between the Lys and the Oise our progress has not been less marked. The taking of the Chateau Vermelles, of which mention was made in our last weekly statement, permitted us to proceed by sapping toward the village of Vermelles.

On December 7 Vermelles, as well as the village of Rutoire, fell into our hands. We discovered that the houses were mined. The explosives were in places, but the engineers had not had time to fire them. In the streets we found a number of bodies and a large quantity of war material which had been abandoned.

Enemy Falls Back.—The occupation of Vermelles by our troops has forced the enemy to fall back three kilometers (about two miles).

On the 11th to the east of the road to Lille we blew up by a magazine, a German sapping tunnel. Our zouaves and sappers were quick in springing into the excavation made by the explosion. Once there, they bombarded the German trenches with machine pistols.

On the 12th some automobiles which had been assembled on the road from Lens to Kila Basses were compelled to flee before our shells.

Morale Perfect.—In spite of the cold and the rains, which make hops of the trenches, health and the morale of our troops remain perfect. They show ingenuity in remedying the dampness of the trenches and the crumbling of the embankments by various systems of interlocking limbs of trees, like wickerwork, and using corrugated sheet iron roofing, the doors of houses, planks and other timber.

GEN. VON HEERINGEN LOOKS FOR VICTORY

Commander of One of West Front Armies Confident Fatherland Will Win. CANNOT IMPROVISE ARMIES

England Cannot Hope to Accomplish in Few Months What Germany Has Taken Century to Do.

Copyright, 1914, by Press Publishing Co. GERMANY FRONT IN FRANCE, Dec. 22.—(Special Cablegram from a Staff Correspondent of the New York Herald Tribune and The Omaha Bee.)—I have just spent three days with General von Heeringen's army in the field, and have seen nothing half so interesting as the fine old patriarch who is its commander-in-chief.

Nothing Feases Them.—Coming back to the English regulars, he told the following anecdote: "At one point we used a woman (mine thrower) against one of their trenches. These mortars go off with a frightful noise, calculated to shake the courage of the stoutest. After the tenth shot our men advanced with a loud hurrah, expecting to find the British groggy; but will you believe it—those tough Scotsmen crawled out of their trenches and actually attempted a counter bayonet charge. The French—they also fought bravely."

Flame Used Without Right.—"We had taken their trenches under heavy artillery fire," he said, "when suddenly the Red Cross flag was hoisted from every one of their trenches. Our people stopped firing and telephoned to ask what they should do. I telephoned back: 'start firing again.' It was a flag of truce of the Red Cross flag. You can't hoist whenever you are tired of fighting and want to go home. I dare say they sent out stories that I was a barbarian."

The general laughing remarked that the Germans were not entirely dependent for news on the German official bulletins. "With our wireless installation," he said, "we can hear the Eiffel Tower talk. One day I was interested to overhear that two of my own batteries had been annihilated by the French at a certain point. It was certainly news to me. They were still in working order when I called them up on the telephone."

"What is the oft repeated deed that has come to your knowledge, you excellency?" I asked. "Charge of Young Troops." "Shall I give you a bombastic answer?" he replied, good humoredly. "Well, then, there have been so many brave deeds that no one of them stands out prominently, but in the retrospect the finest thing, to my mind, was our young troops, charging for the first time in the face of a murderous fire, singing 'Deutschland, Deutschland Uber Alles.'"

Some idea of the position of the Germans in the west can be gathered from the fact that the general had time to smoke and chat with me for something like ten hours in two days. "Let the people know in America that we are not bayoneted; that everything is quiet and in good order with us, and that we are looking forward with calm, energetic confidence to victory," he said earnestly, on speeding the parting correspondent.

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Allied Fliers Set Zeppelin Sheds Afire

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A Dunkirk dispatch to the Daily Mail says that aviators of the Allies paid a visit to Brussels and dropped bombs on the Zeppelin sheds, which were set afire. In a night raid a number of allies flew from Dunkirk over the German coast positions and dropped twelve bombs, doing considerable damage. They returned in safety.

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At headquarters Police Surgeons Kinzyou and Poliz decided that Gardner's wound was not serious enough to warrant sending him to the hospital, so he was locked up instead. Farrand was taken home in the patrol, and it will be several days before he will be able to leave his bed.

Deserving Poor Are Sure of Help from Associated Charities

"With the advent of cold weather we must care for the deserving poor," said Charles C. George, a director of the Associated Charities. "However, urgent the call for help coming from Europe, we should divide our sympathies, making sure that relief is given to those in our city who are reduced to penury."

"Our directors have found that the people of Omaha are generous in extending aid the moment they can be assured that their donations are not wasted upon unworthy persons and impostors. In fact, they are anxious to help needy persons reduced to want through no fault of their own. Especially is this true during the holiday season and throughout the cold weather."

"The men and women charged with responsibility for the work of the Associated Charities are prepared to give positive assurance to the people that every case coming to the notice of its officers is thoroughly investigated before anything more than emergency relief is given. We give nothing to chronic mendicants. We do everything in our power to help unfortunate people to become self-supporting. There is much to do apart from doing out supplies. We do some men more good by finding work for them than by giving them food. Sometimes we must do both."

"The people of Omaha and South Omaha may rest assured that their contributions will be carefully handled. Money and supplies should be sent to the office in Gardner hall, 1718 Dodge street."

Social Settlement House to Give Kids Christmas Presents

The annual Christmas party for the kiddies of the Social Settlement house classes will be held Wednesday afternoon. There will be a Christmas tree and all the fixings, including goodies of all sorts. Miss Sophia Adams, in charge of the settlement house, is arranging for the affair and is being assisted by the young women who conduct the Monday afternoon sewing classes. The Misses Harriet Metz, Eugenia Patterson, Anna Fry, Anna Fell and Elsie Goetz are among the young women who are in charge of classes.

The last meeting of the classes for the year was held Monday afternoon. The time was spent in completing Little Christmas remembrances for the family, such as tea towels, pin cushions, aprons and doll dresses. The little girls are eagerly anticipating the joys of Wednesday afternoon.

Closing Session of 1914 School Board

The Board of Education held its final meeting for 1914 last night, and after adjournment went to the Calumet Hotel at supper the retirement of eight members was observed in a quiet supper, whereas the differences of the last year were largely buried in the conviviality of a "dry" session.

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A Wonderful Three-Days Clearance

Wednesday, Dec. 23, Thursday, Dec. 24, Saturday, Dec. 26. Your Unrestricted Choice of Any MEN'S SUIT \$15.00 or OVERCOAT \$15.00. IN OUR ENTIRE STOCK—ALL BLUES and BLACKS INCLUDED. SUITS WORTH \$18.00 to \$35.00. OVERCOATS WORTH \$20 to \$40. None Sold or Laid Away Before 8:30 A. M. Wednesday.

Hart, Schaffner & Marx. The Suits possess style that only such tailoring as you'll find in these can produce; the fabrics are in almost unlimited assortment of choicest weaves and colorings, all wool or silk and wool mixtures.

The Overcoats include every imaginable up-to-the minute style in Isaac Carr Meltons, English Knitted Fabrics, Scotch Mixtures, Chinchillas, Kerseys, Vicunas, etc. Some of them received within the last two weeks. Some Silk lined, others with Skinner Satin and All-Wool Serge linings.

Overcoats Worth \$20 to \$40, Suits Worth \$15.00 to \$35.00. Single breasted sacks, soft roll, conservative styles; soft roll narrow shoulders, English models, patch pocket suits, straight front suits, double breasted models with or without patch pockets, etc., in a wonderful variety of choice fabrics and colorings.

ALL ALTERATIONS FREE—But first come, first served. Will turn them out as rapidly as possible, but can promise only a limited number in time for Christmas. Fur and Fur Lined Coats not Included.

One Big Counter of Regular 50c Articles at Choice 25c. \$1.75 Crepe De Chines, 98c. A splendid, firm quality of All-Silk Crepe de Chines in all wanted street and evening shades.

Men's \$2.50 Dress Gloves, \$1.45. Mocha or Kid, other specials. 98c. Men's Wool Sweater Coats, up to \$8.50 values, at \$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98 to \$5.98.

Why Not Give Nice Furniture. Our immense stock offers a broad assortment of the most practical and pleasing suggestions and all Dependable Quality Goods. Will deliver Thursday.

Beautiful Cut Flowers. Wreaths, Floral Festoons, Small Christmas Trees, Etc., for house and table decoration, attractively priced Wednesday in Floral Department, on Basement Floor.

Blankets and Comforters Make Pleasing Gifts. Sweeping price reductions on all lines makes this most opportune time to buy—\$12.50 values, at \$9.48. \$10.00 values, at \$7.69. \$7.50 values, at \$5.95. \$5.00 values, at \$3.75. And all others likewise.

If At All In Doubt, Give Jewelry. Scores of housing special values shown. Always pleasing as gifts, assortments so broad that you can be certain of gratifying selection. Special Pricing on Special Purchases that irritate and delight every customer who sees them.

In Our Famous Domestic Room Wednesday is the Last Day to do Your Xmas Shopping. 45c value linen towels. 29c. 89c value linen towels. 59c. \$1.25 value, 72-inch deep bleached Irish linen table damask. 79c. \$1.00 value, 70-inch silver bleached German linen table damask. 69c. \$3.50 value, 72x90-in. hemstitched pattern table cloth, good heavy weight, for \$1.98. EXTRA SPECIALS. 6 1/2c Apron check gingham. 3 1/2c. 10c value, bleached muslin. 5c. 7 1/2c value, twill cotton toweling. 4 1/2c.

Wednesday's Linen Suggestions. Dresser Scarfs, warranted all pure linen, 75c grade, each 50c. Pattern Table Cloths, full size, pure flax, worth \$3, each, \$2. Heavy weight double Damask, 72 inches wide, worth \$1.98, at, yard \$1.50. Hemstitched Sets, cloth and napkins to match; \$6.00 values, per set \$3.75. Excelsior quilted Table Pads, ready for use, 54 inches; \$1.85 values, each \$1.50.

Everything You Want for Xmas in Groceries, Oranges, Nuts, Candies, Canned Goods, Dried Fruits, Butter, Cheese, Crackers, Teas, Coffees. Why Not a Carving Set? BIG SPECIAL SALE MONDAY. LOT 1—Three Piece sets, in fancy boxes; a variety of patterns, warranted quality, worth to \$3.00; reduced to \$1.98. LOT 2—Beautiful three-piece sets in fancy boxes, steak sets, game sets and full size carvers, very best quality steel, worth to \$6.50, \$4.98. LOT 3—Very best and most beautiful carvers made, all sizes, all styles, worth \$8, \$5.98. A two-piece self basting roaster, large enough for chickens, ducks or large beef or pork roast, for 9c. SAVORY LANTERNS. New City Ordinance requires that every wagon, buggy or vehicle of any kind must have a light. Full size tubular lantern, special. 90c. Full size Cold Blast lantern, special. 50c. Ordinance lantern, made especially to comply with the city ordinance, throws a red light to the rear and reflects a strong light forward, specially priced for this sale. \$1.19.

ABSORBINE. Will reduce Inflamed, Strained, Swollen Tendons, Ligaments, Muscles or Tendons. Stops the lameness and pain from a Sprain, Side Bone or Bone Spavin. No blister, no hair grow. Horse can be used. \$2.25 bottle delivered. Describe your case for special instructions and Book 2 for free. ABSORBINE, JR., the antiseptic liniment for sunburn, chafing, hemorrhoids, cuts, lacerations, enlarged glands, Valves or Muscles, Head Colds, Sores, Ulcers, Allays pain. Price 15c. Sold by all drug stores. W. F. YOUNG, P. O. B., 134 1/2 Grand Street, Springfield, Mass.