

# TEUTONS USE TRENCH KNIFE UPON CAPTIVE

## Officially Reported to American Troops in France That Kaiser's Soldiers, After Taking Lone Sentry, Put Him to Death in Manner Used by Savages in Philippine Campaigns.

With the American Army in France, Dec. 26.—German atrocities against American soldiers are officially reported. An American sentry has been found with his throat cut and, it is officially declared, "he must have been killed after capture."

### OFFICIAL REPORT MADE.

"Information concerning German savagery has reached the troops in one of a series of bulletins read to them by the unit commanders and posted on the bulletin boards. Here is what they heard: "After a raid by the Germans on trenches held by American troops, a lone sentry of infantry was found with his throat cut from ear to ear. He had been surprised by an overwhelming force of Germans and must have been so killed after capture."

### LIKE SAVAG' WARFARE.

"Such brutality is familiar to old soldiers who served against savages in the Philippine campaign." Another bulletin tells the men how the Germans in occupied sections of France and Belgium are turning women and children out of their homes into the snows, the buildings being then given over to soldiers, horses and material.

### Crozier Makes Public Letter Referring to Tauscher

Washington, Dec. 26.—Currency given reports that the senate military committee would investigate alleged connections between Major General Crozier, chief of ordnance and the defense of Hans Tauscher, former Krupp agent, at the latter's trial last year on charges of conspiracy in the Welland canal plot, caused General Crozier tonight to make public a letter he had written to Federal Judge Hunt at the time of the trial. At that time the United States was not at war with Germany. Beyond making public the letter General Crozier declined to comment. The letter follows: "Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, June 26, 1916.—Hon. Augustus Hand, Judge of the United States district court, New York, N. Y.—Sir: At the request of counsel for Captain Hans Tauscher I write to you to say that I have known Captain Tauscher for ten years or more, and that I have had frequent dealings with him on behalf of the United States government. During this time I have always been impressed with the integrity and reliability of his personal character, my belief has never been disturbed by anything which has transpired between us. I should, of course be willing to testify in person to the above effect, but I have informed Captain Tauscher's counsel that at the present time it is not possible for me to be absent from my post in Washington. Very respectfully,

### Telephone Operators Get Advance in Wages

Boston, Dec. 26.—An advance in wages of approximately 10 per cent for the 5,000 operators of the New England Telephone and Telegraph company outside the Boston district went into effect last Saturday, it was learned at the office of the company here tonight. The Boston situation, it was stated, was still under discussion. According to leaders of the Boston Telephone Operators' union, the increase to outside exchanges is the same as one rejected recently by the union in this city. The union will vote tomorrow on the question of a strike to enforce their demands for a greater advance than the company offered and for changes in working conditions.

### Red Cross Establishes Hospital in France

Paris, Dec. 26.—The Edward L. Trudeau tuberculosis sanitarium, named in honor of the famous American specialist of French descent was opened today. The first patients were refugee women and children. There are only eight beds now, but it is hoped to increase the number to 1,200 within the next year. Dr. James I. Gamble of Baltimore, and American Red Cross nurses, comprise the staff. This is the first tuberculosis hospital in France created wholly by the American Red Cross and is independent of outside French or American medical collaboration.

### Dakotans Proud of Mark in Red Cross Drive

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—George R. Doughty of this city, chairman for South Dakota of the Red Cross, announced today that the great drive had resulted in the membership of the Red Cross in South Dakota being increased to 170,000, or about 30 per cent of the population. This is believed to be a better record than any other state.

### Bolsheviks to Spread Their Propaganda Abroad

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—The Bolshevik government has decided to send special representatives to all countries, hitherto neutral, to further the propaganda of internationalism. Two million rubles have been appropriated for this purpose. An American Red Cross train left Petrograd today for Rumania with the approval of the Bolsheviks. It carried all its original supplies.

### Bamberger Will Boost War Sufferers' Fund

Salt Lake City, Dec. 26.—Governor Shnon Bamberger, announced today that to whatever amount is collected in Utah as a fund to aid Jewish war sufferers in Europe, he will add 10 per cent as his personal contribution. For example if \$100,000 shall be the amount raised in the state, Governor Bamberger will personally add to it \$10,000.

## Cider Fills Punch Bowls Where "Tom and Jerry" Once Held Forth

Times have changed. If you don't believe it, ask any member of the Omaha club. In a heart-breaking tone of voice he will verify that the good times of yore are no more.

"Don't you remember how, on Christmas days, we would get out our punch bowl, make a nice, smooth drink and invite in a bunch of old cronies to help us drink it up?" interrogated a member. "Ah, those were the good old days—the good old days before Nebraska went 'dry.' But here's nothing like that now. Nay, nay, little one, never again will we partake of the combination, 'Tom and Jerry,' never again will we gather around the old punch bowl and imbibe freely of a harmless punch with a mild 'kick' in it; never again will we be a guest of

some friend at the Omaha club on Christmas day and stow away mug after mug and join in the chorus when the gang sings, 'Cheer, cheer, the gang's all here!'"

Times have changed in the old town, and the club members and their guests were treated to an unlimited supply of sweet cider and popcorn to take the place of the real thing on Christmas. The substitution of "something just as good" didn't make much of a hit with the boys, but they "kidded" themselves into believing that they were having a swell time—even though they had to stretch their imaginations to the danger point—but they consoled themselves with the thought that the hardest time is past. Next year it will come easier to go without their favorite punch.

## CHRISTIE HEADS REAL ESTATE BOARD

### Annual Election of Officers Fills Four Places for the Ensuing Year.

Harry M. Christie of the firm of W. Farnam Smith was elected president of the Omaha Real Estate board for the ensuing year. J. M. McFarland was made vice president; G. G. Wallace, secretary, and Hugh Wallace, treasurer.

Mr. Christie was born in Pennsylvania, and came to Omaha in 1890. He engaged in the real estate business immediately in the office of Ed Johnston & Co. Four years later he formed a partnership with his brother, S. B. Christie, and took over the agency of the South Omaha Land company. After three years he disposed of this business and became manager of the real estate department of W. Farnam Smith & Co. In this capacity he has developed many tracts and additions to Omaha and South Omaha. Among them he developed South Omaha additions such as Christie Place, Drews Hill, Hillcrest, Hillside, Orchard Place, Christie Heights, and First Addition to Orchard Place. In Omaha proper he developed Dean Place, Cottage Home View, Contour Park, Mercer Park, Arcadia Court, Fontenelle Garden Tracts, and Sterling Park. These additions comprise a total of 205 acres within the city limits of Greater Omaha. To handle the properties controlled by W. Farnam Smith and himself, Mr. Christie has organized the Malden Investment company, Orchard Investment company, Quincy Realty company, Home Builders Investment company, Arcadia Land company, and the Fontenelle Land company. Mr. Christie is an officer in all these corporations.

## Leader of Italy's Army In Hour of Peril



GENERAL ARMANDO DIAZ General Armando Diaz, who succeeded General Cadorna as commander-in-chief of the Italian armies. General Diaz was born in Naples in December, 1861, and at the age of 55 has been placed in command of the army in the most critical moment in the history of the Italian nation. He was the most victorious general on the Carso front and has so far never failed in any undertaking during the war.

## Bearded Warriors Revive Reverence for Whiskers

The biting cold in the trenches before Sebastopol discouraged shaving and the result was the setting of a fashion in Europe. The returned soldier "bearded like the pard," retaining his distinctive mark as a veteran while allowing his eye to rove among the girls proved so much more popular than the sleek civilian that clerk and clubman laid aside the razor and waited for whiskers in the spirit in which a farmer prays for rain. The London Chronicle says that beards are to become fashionable again. Soldiers back from the European battle fronts, where arrangements for shaving are not always of the best and where the cold in winter is intense, are displaying fine growths of beard which are admired because they depend from the chins of the brave, awakening in women the admiration for valor that is one of the most inspiring attributes of the sex. It is predicted by our London contemporary that the conspicuousness of the popular returned warrior with the flowing beard will force the civilian to seek more or less consoling inconspicuousness behind the largest and most luxuriant home-grown beard the fertility of his face will produce. For many years after our war of the '60s, in the south particularly, the full beard was modish. Nowadays few young men, in town or country, wear beards. It is more sanitary, everyone says, to be clean shaven than to go bearded, but a bare chin cannot be maintained—however easily defended by science—if the soldiers return with beards half way to their waists. The young man who does not go to war and the more or less middle-aged man as well is going to feel lonesome when Johnny comes marching home. He will not wish to be conspicuous in addition. He will want to hide his embarrassment as securely as possible behind a merciful growth of whiskers.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## No New War Contract for Buffalo Until Power Increased

Washington, Dec. 26.—Orders were issued today that no new contracts shall be placed in Buffalo before the war industries board certifies that there is power sufficient for their manufacture. Formal assurances have been given Canadian authorities that approximately 100,000 electric horsepower imported from Canada will be used only for manufacture of war products.

## Johnny Tillman Wins Over Irish Patsy Cline

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—Johnny Tillman, the Minneapolis lightweight, won the popular decision over Irish Patsy Cline of New York in a fast six-round bout here today. Tillman had the better of every round except the first, which was even.

## Santa Claus' Surplus Candy Is Distributed Among Poor Kiddies

Santa Claus unloaded too much candy at the Mummy Christmas tree Monday night. After 1,500 "kiddies" had been served generously with sweets, there were 450 packages left, but Charles Franke and Joe McDonald quickly evolved a way to distribute the surplus, where it would do the most good. Other little children in the city were not fortunate enough to share in the fun at the Mummy Christmas tree, and the two champions made it their business to see that the unfortunate ones shared in the goodies. From 9 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon on Christmas day, the two men were busily engaged in disposing of the surplus. This is the way they worked it: One hundred and fifty packages were taken to the St. James' Orphanage in Benson. 50 packages were given to the little shavers in the Child Saving Institute, 40 to the Creche, 40 to the Detention Home, and a number to the Christ Child Mission. Ninth and Pierce streets, Miss Magee's Mission and the City Mission. After visiting these institutions they still had packages left, so they made the rounds of the river front and distributed the balance. At the different institutions they were entertained by the children, who sang songs and spoke pretty pieces.

## Schafer Was First American Officer Over the Top in France

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Lieutenant Walter B. Schafer, former halfback on the University of Chicago football team, claims to have been the first American officer to go over the top into No Man's Land, under a barrage of French gunners, according to a letter exhibited today by Schafer's fraternity brothers at the Midway school. Schafer in his letter told of the manner in which the small body of American troops crept up in the night under a peppering of bullets, to cut away the barbed wire entanglements in order that a heavy assault might be made the following day. "It was a dark night when we were told in the trenches that it was time for our start," said Schafer. "Just as we were making final preparations, a French officer came running from an outpost, yelling: "Guess, guess." "I'll bite, I'll guess your right hand," said one of my men, who looked at his clenched fist. "Non, non, guess masks," shouted the Frenchman as he seized his safety helmet. "We had just time to put on our gas masks before the danger came, and if we had kidded him much longer there might have been sad results. We went out into No Man's Land and I know that I was the first American officer to go over the top for Uncle Sam."

## "INDIAN" ATTACK NOT ATTRACTIVE TO ARMY MULES

### Camp Funston Boys Have Big Job Untangling Stamped Animals at Christmas Frolic.

Camp Funston, Kan., Dec. 26.—Four hundred army mules in a stampede provided an extra event on the Christmas program for the national army troops here this afternoon and forced a change in the plans for distributing the gifts to the soldiers. The trouble came during the staging of a frontier event in which the wagon train was attacked by Indians and defended by soldiers and cowboys but the details of which were not clear to the mules of the long wagon train. When the Indians "attacked" and the soldiers and cowboys answered with volleys, every mule lunged toward the center, edging into a mass of struggling animals tangled harness and upset wagons that the soldiers were hours untangling.

Military lines had been formed for the reception of the presents, but the excitement was too much for the men who broke ranks to aid a badly disorganized wagon train. Uncanny Reach of Giant Spider of Ceylon Our common house spider is the dread of the housemaid and death to the unwary fly, but otherwise seems to be a harmless insect. Its bite is poisonous, but cases are rare where it has been fatal in temperate climates. As we approach the equator, however, we find that spiders, like all insects and reptiles, become more venomous as well as increase in size. Far up in the mountains of Ceylon and India there is a spider that spins a web like bright yellowish silk, the central net of which is five feet in diameter, while the supporting lines, or gyps, as they are called, measure sometimes ten or twelve feet long; and riding quickly in the early morning you may dash right into it, the stout threads twining around your face like a lace veil, while, as the creature who has woven its takes up his position in the middle, he generally catches you right on the nose, and though he seldom bites or stings, the contact of his large body and long legs is anything but pleasant. If you forget yourself and try to catch him, bite he will, and, although not venomous, his jaws are as powerful as a bird's beak and you will not forget the encounter. The bodies of these spiders are very handsomely decorated, being bright gold or scarlet underneath, while the upper part is covered with the most delicate slate-colored fur, so strong are the webs that birds the size of larks are frequently caught therein, and even the small! but powerful scaly lizard falls a victim. A writer says that he has often sat and watched the yellow and scarlet monster—measuring, when waiting for his prey with his legs stretched out fully six inches—striding across the middle of the net, and noted the rapid manner in which he winds his stout threads around the unfortunate captive. He usually throws the coils about the head till the wretched victim is first blinded and then choked. In many unfrequented and dark nooks of the jungle you may come across most perfect skeletons of small birds caught in these terrible snares, the strong folds of which prevent the delicate bones from falling to the ground after the wind and weather have dispersed the flesh and feathers from the body.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## 250 FOUNDRIES IDLE IN SAN FRANCISCO

### Fifteen Thousand Iron Workers Walk Out When Refused Ten Per Cent Wage Increase.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 26.—Practically all of the 15,000 iron workers affected by the strike ultimatum of the Iron Trades council, asking a 10 per cent wage bonus, had walked out of the 250 foundries and plants of the San Francisco bay region, engaged in industries other than shipbuilding, by noon today, according to announcement of the California Metal Trades association.

R. W. Burton, president of the Iron Trades council, said that the strike was in effect, and that the only men who had not obeyed the strike order were those that had not been formally notified of its issuance. Burton estimated that all of the 15,000 men affected on both sides of San Francisco bay would be on strike tonight. Employers in whose plants all workmen struck closed their shops in anticipation of federal mediation. Those in whose foundries only part of the employees walked out continued work that was possible without the striking workers.

## Kansas Town Adopts 36 French Orphans

Salina, Kan., Dec. 26.—As a Christmas present, L. A. Fribble of Salina, today sent a cablegram to Field Mar-

shal Joffre at Paris stating that Salina had adopted 36 French orphans.

## Shoppers Urged to Give Time to Red Cross Work

Omaha Red Cross chapter executives held a meeting today to discuss business incidental to the reorganization in departments of Red Cross activity.

The downtown workshop, with Mrs. F. W. Carmichael in charge, opened in 317 South Seventeenth street. Surgical dressings and simple hospital supplies will be made here, the work in no way to conflict with that going on in the Baird building. Mrs. Frank Ellick is the assistant chairman and supervisors for each day in the week will be named. There is a capacity for 30 or more women to work at one time. Mrs. Carmichael urges all women shoppers who have a half hour to spare, to give even that little time to the Red Cross work.

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  - Crisco, per can.....25c
  - 16-oz. cans Condensed Milk.....12 1/2c
  - 16-oz. cans Condensed Soups.....11c
  - E. C. Corn Flakes, pkg.....7 1/2c
  - 4 lbs. Best White or Yellow Cornmeal, at.....23c
  - Fancy Queen Olives, regular 1lb and 2lb cans.....10c and 15c
  - No. 2 cans Fancy Sweet Sugar Corn, Wax or String Beans.....12 1/2c
  - No. 1 cans Pork and Beans.....7 1/2c
  - No. 2 cans Pork and Beans.....12 1/2c
  - No. 2 cans Tomatoes.....15c
  - Baker's Shredded Coconut, can.....9c
  - Schupp's Coconut, pkg.....17 1/2c
  - Choice California Prunes, lb.....12 1/2c
  - Choice Seedless Raisins, lb.....15c
  - Choice 8-Crown Muscatel Raisins, per lb. at.....20 1/2c
  - Seeded Raisins, pkg.....10c and 12 1/2c
- TEA AND COFFEE SPECIALS
- Fancy Golden Santos Coffee, the talk of Omaha, per lb.....20c
  - Fancy Maricao Blend Coffee, lb.....25c
  - Fancy Porto Rico Blend Coffee, lb.....27c
  - The Best Tea Siftings, lb.....20c
  - Choice Basket Fined or Sun Dried Japan Tea, per lb.....40c
- OMAHA'S GREATEST VEGETABLE AND FRUIT MARKET
- Fresh Southern Shallots, Beets, Carrots, Turnips or Radishes, per bunch.....5c- Cape Cod Cranberries, lb.....15c
- Fancy Head Lettuce, head.....7 1/2c, 10c
- 15 lbs. Best No. 1 Potatoes.....35c
- 3 Stalks Fresh Celery.....10c
- Large Soup Bunches, each.....4c
- Fresh Endive, 3 for.....10c
- Old Beets, Carrots, Turnips, Rutabagas or Parsnips, per lb.....2 1/2c
- Cabbage, per lb.....2 1/2c
- 3 lbs. Fancy Red Globe Onions.....10c
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- Rib Roll Roast, lb.....23 1/2c
- Choice Pot Roast, lb.....17 1/2c
- Beef Steer, lb.....13 1/2c
- Pork Loin Roast, lb.....22c
- Pork Loin Chops, lb.....25c
- Veal Steak, lb.....22 1/2c
- Veal Chops, lb.....20 1/2c
- Veal Roast, lb.....17 1/2c
- Veal Stew, lb.....23 1/2c
- Shoulder Spring Lamb, lb.....17 1/2c
- Lamb Chops, lb.....25c
- Hamburger Steak, lb.....15c
- Bulk Sausage, lb.....15c
- Leaf Lard, per lb.....27 1/2c
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