



GERMAN RAIDS WORK DEADLY RUIN AT PADUA; FRENCH ON OFFENSIVE NEAR MONTE TOMBA

POILUS BAG 1,348 MEN IN BRILLIANT CHARGE ON ROCKY STRONGHOLD

Enemy on Defensive for First Time Since He Reached Piave River; Intense Artillery Preparation Lasts for Hours Before Final Dash Comes; Take Much Booty.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Monday, Dec. 31.—The magnitude of the achievement of the French troops on the Monte Tomba region grows as full details are received.

In addition to 1,348 men, including 44 Austrian officers, several of high rank, made prisoner and seven large guns captured, the booty includes 60 machine guns, several trench quickfiring and a great amount of miscellaneous war material.

CHANGE TO OFFENSIVE.

But the chief significance of the stroke is the change from defensive to offensive tactics and the stirring enthusiasm and sureness with which the French delivered their initial blow against the enemy lines.

Now, however, the French have turned the scale and the enemy is being attacked in this sector for the first time since he reached the Piave.

The story of the fight shows thoroughness of preparation and heroic bravery in execution. The scene was southeast of Monte Tomba, a low, snowless mountain just west of the Piave, where the allied lines turn into the mountain region.

Infantry and Planes Descend. It was then that the crack French infantry swung forward in steady lines from Osteria di Montebelluna and Maranzine, a front of about two miles.

The struggle was comparatively short and sharp, with most of the fighting on the right wing. The artillery had so damaged the enemy positions that he was unable to make any effective resistance.

Austrian soldiers made up the entire enemy force engaged, which is taken to indicate that the German contingents are being moved further west toward the Brenta river. It also has been established that no forces are being moved away from this front and that no new forces are being brought here.

French Army Headquarters in Italy, Monday, Dec. 31.—The attack of French troops in the Monte Tomba region was executed by three battalions of picked men. The artillery preparation, which was intense, lasted for hours and then at 4:15 o'clock the French made a brilliant and impetuous charge.

On the French right wing the attacking troops swept forward steadily until the enemy trenches were reached, a great number of their occupants being captured. The success of this first important movement by Italy's allies arouses the keenest satisfaction and is a tribute to the dash and steadiness of the French forces.

First American Hospital Train Starts for France

London, Jan. 1.—The first of six American hospital trains which were being built in England for use in France started for American quarters today. This train was completed by the car building shops of the Midland railway, under a rush order, in less than 11 weeks, which is a record for English car builders.

The train consists of 16 cars which have accommodations for 400 patients. The cars are painted khaki color and have on them the familiar Red Cross insignia and also "U. S." in large letters. Inside the cars are finished in mahogany and white enamel. They are the last word in comfort and equipment.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Generally fair Wednesday; warmer in east portion. Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Table with columns for Hour, Deg., and Comparative Local Records for various dates.

SLOAN SHIES HIS HAT INTO THE RING FOR U. S. SENATE

Congressman From Fourth Nebraska District Announces Candidacy for Upper Houst.

As a full-fledge candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator, Congressman Charles H. Sloan, now representing the Fourth Nebraska district in the house, is speeding back to Washington to resume his duties there.

Mr. Sloan has been considering making the senate his objective point and spent the holiday recess canvassing the situation among his home folks. As the outcome of his visit, he reached the decision embodied in his announcement which he gave out during his stop-over in Omaha between trains.

Announces His Stand. In this statement Mr. Sloan sets himself forth as an uncompromising republican, yet committed unreservedly to support a vigorous prosecution of the war.

"I shall be a candidate for the republican nomination for United States senate at the coming primary. The national republican platform for 1916 expresses generally my principles on economic and other important issues applied to conditions of peace.

"Now that the nation is involved in a great war, I, as I have heretofore, shall hereafter, in harmony with the republican party, its leaders and adherents generally, cordially support a vigorous prosecution of that war to a triumphant and honorable conclusion.

Would Enforce Rights. The enforcement of all American rights and the defense of the lives, liberty and property of American citizens have been cardinal republican principles to which I have always given my unqualified support.

Favored Preparedness. "Later when the question of declaring war against Germany was being debated, remembering the persistent neglect and refusal of congress and others in authority during several preceding years to provide adequate preparedness for a complete defensive campaign or a formidable offensive one, and having in mind the scope of the declarations of war made by the several nations then engaged, I moved to amend the proposed resolution substantially as follows: that a state of war existed between the United States and Germany; that we place our country in a state of thorough defense; that we use all the powers of the army and the navy for the purposes of the war."

There was a decided absence of the gaiety of former years, the realization of the nation's war being perceptible in the subdued merry making.

Washington's Voice Shows Us Path to Triumph Through Sacrifice, Says French President in New Year's Greeting to U. S.

One Million Greeks Massacred By Turco-Teutons; Drown Babies

New York, Jan. 1.—At least 1,000,000 Greeks, men, women and children have perished as the result of organized massacres and deportations by "the Turco-Teutons" in Asiatic Turkey, according to a statement by Lazaros George Macrides, son of a leading merchant of Trebizond, made public through the Armenian and Syrian relief committee here today.

'PASS THE HORSE' THE VOGUE SINCE DOBBIN OUSTED BEEF

Willie Green Makes Some Observations On Pure Food and Things Like That

By WILLIE GREEN. The editor called me up to the big desk today and sez kinda confidential like: "Say, Willie, have you et any horse meat yet?"

GOUGHAM'S POOR SHIVER WITH COAL BIN EMPTY

Office Buildings Heated by Old Oil Stoves; Hylan Promises Drastic Measures to Relieve Situation.

New York, Jan. 1.—New York City's shivering millions must face at least a 24-hour continuation of zero weather with less than half the city's normal supply of coal coming into its bins.

Several deaths due to the cold were reported today, as well as hundreds of cases of exposures. At 8 o'clock tonight the mercury stood at 2 above zero. While the Weather bureau believes the worst of the cold wave is past, it did not hold out hope for any appreciable break within the next 24 hours.

Unprecedented drain on the city's gas supply presented another problem, and gas company officials said their plants would not be long able to keep up the pressure. Suffering is general, although the poor are in the greatest misery and charitable institutions are becoming taxed with the constant stream of shivering dwellers who have forsaken their homes.

John F. Hylan, who will become mayor of New York tomorrow, announced that one of his first official acts would be an effort to provide the poor with coal, starting a delivery system with city trucks if necessary.

Warmer Weather in Sight. Washington, Dec. 31.—The cold wave which has gripped the eastern part of the country for the past two days rapidly is passing to sea, the Weather bureau announced today, and there will be a return to normal temperatures by Wednesday.

Cut Off the 'Faithful' In Chicago to Save Coin. All city em-daily basis and between 400 and 500 municipal jobs were abolished to effect a yearly saving of approximately \$3,000,000 by the city council at a meeting today.

U. S. Sends Tractors to Speed French Farming

Washington, Jan. 1.—Fifteen hundred farm tractors will be sent to France by the food administration for use in increasing the French food crops. One hundred, it was learned today, already have gone forward, and all will be across by March, when the spring plowing begins.

CATHEDRALS AND FAMOUS FRESCOES PREY TO BOMBERS

Famous Paintings in Santo by Titian Torn and Scratched; Rose Windows Shattered in Fragments; Pilgrimage to Sepulchre of St. Anthony Rudely Interrupted by Devastation of Invaders.

Padua, Italy, Monday, Dec. 31.—The third successive night air raid last night scattered havoc among the famous churches and art monuments of Padua. The front of the sixteenth century cathedral was demolished.

The Santo, or the Basilica of St. Anthony, where the body of St. Anthony of Padua is buried, lost its bronze doors and the sepulchre of St. Anthony was missed narrowly by a bomb.

BRITISH REPEL FIERCE GERMAN THRUST ON WEST

Teutons Enter Haig's Trenches Near Cambrai, But Are Driven Back in Brilliant Counter Stroke.

Nothingwithstanding the fact that deep snow covers the ground along the western front in northern France, bitter fighting has been in progress between the British and the Germans on the Cambrai sector.

Attacking over a front of about 1,200 yards, the enemy entered one of the British trenches. Its tenure, however, was of short duration, as Field Marshal Haig's men, in a brilliant counter attack completely regained their lost ground.

British Gain at Jerusalem. The advent of the new year finds the United States and the entente allies confident of the ultimate success of their aims, notwithstanding the cessation of fighting in Russia.

Believe in Role of Right. President Valdez's greeting said: "The republic of Panama views with calm satisfaction the future of the world in this hour of history when the destinies of the great modern community are at stake."

Cossacks Defeat Reds and Take 400 Prisoners. Stockholm, Jan. 1.—Ukrainian and Cossack forces in a great battle on the southwestern front have defeated Bolsheviki troops, taking four hundred prisoners and capturing eight big guns, according to a dispatch received by the Nagens Nyheter from Petrograd by way of Haparanda.

Jewish War Sufferers Benefit By \$60,000 Fund Raised Here. Omaha Jewish war sufferers' committee executed a stratagem in the wind-up of this city's part in raising a \$100,000 war fund when the committee, headed by Harry B. Zimman, borrowed \$5,000 from a local bank in order to make good for a number of pledges yet uncollected.

War Times Cast Big Shadow Over Gotham's New Year Festivities. Special services were held in the churches, but for the first time in years lower Broadway, in the vicinity of Trinity church, was virtually deserted. In the past vast throngs had gathered near the historic edifice to hear the chimes.

American Steamer Seized For Violating Blacklist. A Pacific Port, Jan. 1.—Its officers and crew, charged with violating the trading with the enemy act, by attempting to trade with black-listed concerns in Lower California, the steamer Norfolk was brought into this harbor today with a prize crew aboard and docked. Officers and crew are under armed guard and no one is allowed to approach the pier.

Homeseekers' Rates Near End, Railroad Men Say. Western Passenger association has wired Missouri Pacific and Rock Island officials that, effective Tuesday only, homeseekers' rate will be applied to about a half dozen points in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. Instead of the rate being one fare and one-half, plus \$2, it is a flat rate of each point and in every instance is pretty close to the commercial rate. Railroad men take this to mean the end of the homeseekers' rates, at least during the continuance of the war.