

## GERMANS HALTED BY HEAVY SNOW: ROADS BLOCKED

Enemy's Winter Campaign is Interrupted by Mountain Storms; Line of Communication Threatened.

(By Associated Press.) Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Wednesday, Jan. 9.—The enemy's winter campaign appears to have been interrupted seriously, if not halted definitely by heavy snowfalls during the last 24 hours. The snow covers the mountain front to a depth of from three to five feet.

Monte Grappa, which is the central point of the operations between the Piave and the Brenta rivers, has three feet of snow, while further north the position, occupied by the enemy, is buried to a much greater depth. The snow barrier is operating strongly against the enemy as they are on the higher summits, while the Italians are on the lower ground sloping toward the plain.

Use Snowplows. On Monte Grappa, which is the dominating summit held by the Italians, and on Monte Pertica and Monte Caprile, nearby, held by the enemy, the cannonade fell off today and there was little activity beyond patrol movements. Most of the soldiers are busy clearing the mountain paths so as to permit the steady movement of supplies. Huge tractor snowplows are being used and sledges are taking the places of trucks for carrying food and munitions.

In addition to the interruption at the immediate front, the heavy snowfall may close the enemy's line of communication from Austria southward into Italy. The principal route runs through the Stelvio, an Alpine pass, and has a railway down to Trent and thence to Primolao, which is only 10 miles from Monte Grappa and the fighting front. It is this route which has been open up to this time and has given the enemy direct communication to the front.

Pass Is Blocked. While the lower section is not blocked, indications are that Stelvio pass, which is the vital link in the route, is blocked by from 10 to 15 feet of snow. The Stelvio is the highest pass in Europe, exceeding 9,000 feet and connects the Adige valley of Austria with the Adda valley in Italy. Snows in that section invariably are followed by avalanches which further block the valleys and available outlets.

The enemy's eastern communications in the Friuli region are similarly, but it is believed, not so seriously affected. The railway line running southward along the upper Piave is blocked by heavy snows and avalanches. Further east the route to Gorizia, which passed through the Trans-Alpine pass of Feitritz is snowbound, though two other routes across the Carso range are less affected.

The indications are that the enemy will be unable to carry on any large operations, particularly on the mountain front, during the period that his communications are snowbound.

### La Fayette Fliers Join U. S. Aviators

With the American Army in France, Jan. 10.—The American members of the Lafayette escadrille are going to Paris three and four at a time to sign for their transfer into the American army aviation service, a formality which is expected to occupy 10 days.

The Americans regret losing their French Lieutenant Louis Verdier Fauvety, second in command of the Lafayette escadrille, whose family is well known in California and who now goes to command a French escadrille. The American fliers say they understand a law has been passed by congress permitting them to wear the French decorations they have won.

### City Firemen Strike When Demands Are Refused

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 10.—Approximately 150 of the 176 members of the Dallas City fire department went on strike at 6 o'clock this evening. Six hundred members of the Dallas Home guards have been ordered by Mayor Joe E. Lawther to assemble as a precaution against disorder.

The strike was caused by the suspension today of 21 firemen, who refused to withdraw from a newly organized firemen's union, which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

### Japanese to Open Branch Bank in New York City

New York, Jan. 10.—The Sumitomo bank, limited, of Osaka, Japan, with a capital and surplus of more than \$12,000,000 has completed arrangements for the opening of a New York branch, it was announced here Wednesday night.

Y. Yamashita, the manager of the general head office, now in this city, is a member of the special Japanese finance commission.

### German Spy Under Arrest Escapes From Authorities

San Francisco, Jan. 10.—Adolph Bollman, detained by federal authorities as a suspected German spy, and who it was said had been active in German circles here, has escaped, according to announcement today by Don Rathbun, of the United States Department of Justice.

### Munition Plants May Close Unless Coal Is Received

Patterson, N. J., Jan. 10.—Closure of the DuPont powder plants at Pompton Lakes and Haskell, engaged exclusively on war work, was declared to be only a matter of a few hours by the management today, unless fuel was received promptly.

### Federal Grand Jury Hands in 18 Indictments

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 10.—Eighteen indictments have been returned by the federal grand jury which has been investigating acts of pro-Germanism and I. W. W. activities in this district, it became known today.

## C. C. George to Be President Of Omaha Commercial Club

C. C. George, chairman of the executive committee of the Commercial club, was favored at Wednesday's election of club directors with the highest vote cast for any one man on the directorate, with the exception of the two candidates in the traffic and publicity bureaus, who had no opposition, and one or two others who had practically no opposition. Out of the 13 candidates in the real estate classification Mr. George polled 400 votes.

Randall K. Brown, president of the club, elected as one of 15 directors in a list of 75 candidates in the whole-

saling classification, polled the heaviest vote in that class, a total of 337 votes.

The newly elected directors will meet Saturday at the Commercial club to name members of the executive committee and the officers for the ensuing year. According to the established practice of the club, the chairman of the executive committee is regularly elected to the presidency of the club for the ensuing year. This means that C. C. George will be president.

The executive committee will elect its own chairman.

## SENATOR KENYON WARNS AGAINST A FALSE PEACE

Returns From French Front Filled With Wrath at Kaiser; America Must Not Be "Too Late."

Washington, Jan. 9.—Senator Kenyon, who recently returned from a visit to the French front and to England, today warned the senate against Germany's peace offers and stories that the country was exhausted. "Nothing could assist Germany more," he declared.

"Those who are trying to help in bringing about a patched-up peace and lend their influence in that direction, are weakening the American forces, weakening American preparation," he said, "and they will do well to remember that it will cost us more now to lose this war than to win it."

Shell the Kaiser. Senator Kenyon, in relating his experience, said that what he had seen in France had aroused him to such a pitch that he wished the Kaiser might be compelled to be at sea in an open boat that was being shelled, that the palaces of the German ruler might be blown up and that he might be placed where bombs dropped around him during a London air raid.

Pointing to the fact that it took England two years or more to get ready to fight, he declared there was no reason for gloom in this country now, "but the saddest words this nation can ever write if it fails in this emergency by reason of delay will be the words, 'too late.'"

"We must bring to the western front 2,000,000 men and have a million in reserve," Senator Kenyon declared. "We must do it as quickly as possible. We must cut red tape; stop quarreling about the guns and like things, and carry this thing through on business-like principles. It is not possible for each individual in this country to quit thinking about what someone else would do and resolve to do everything he can do."

Do Our Best. "It is not enough to do our bit. We must do our best. There is too much grandstanding and limelighting; too much patriotic posing and not enough sacrifice."

"Out of this war will come great things to our people. We will have no hyphenated Americanism in this country. It is not a time for partisanship nor politics and, I may say, it is no time for inefficiency in any departments of our government."

Senator Kenyon said that in this "spirit of nonpartisanship" he would

like to see a coalition cabinet including Elihu Root and Theodore Roosevelt and that the services of William H. Taft might be used in some of the commissions sent abroad.

### Kenyon Denounces Reports Of Drunkenness in Army

Washington, Jan. 10.—Senator Kenyon, who recently returned from the battle front, today denounced reports of drunkenness among American troops abroad. He urged Americans not to repeat the stories, branding them as unfounded and intended to divert their attention from prosecution of the war.

"General Pershing can look after that better than you or I," the senator declared in his speech. "He does not want a drunken or diseased army. Let's quit this and leave the matter to Pershing."

### Two Killed in Powder Explosion at Bisbee

Bisbee, Ariz., Jan. 9.—Two men were killed, two fatally injured and eight others severely hurt when over 3,000 pounds of blasting powder was prematurely exploded today on Sacramento hill, where the Copper Queen mine is carrying on exhaustive steam-shovel operations.

The men killed were Sidney Drakenfeld, an engineer in the employ of the company, and Modesto Vastido, a laborer. Carlos Calderon and Juan Nunez probably will die.

### Dividend Payments Are Ordered Stopped by Reds

London, Jan. 10.—The Bolshevik government, a Reuter's dispatch from Petrograd says, has issued a decree suspending all payment of dividends by private companies. The government also has forbidden transactions in stocks, pending the issuance of ordinances relating to the further nationalization of production and determining the amount of interest payable by private companies.

### Kindergarten Children Dismissed From School

Kindergarten children of public schools were dismissed at noon Thursday on account of the storm. Schools in the outlying districts did not hold afternoon sessions.

### Indian Forges Finger Print To a Bank Check

Denver, Colo., Jan. 10.—Pleading guilty to a charge of forging his uncle's finger print to a bank check, Walter Lang, Ute Indian, was sentenced in federal district court here Wednesday to 100 days in the county jail at Durango.

The check was for \$47. Indorsement of checks by finger prints is a requirement of Indians who cannot read or write.

## MORTALITY IN ARMY CAMPS ON INCREASE

Washington, Jan. 10.—Measles epidemics: e subsiding in both National Guard and National Army divisions, but pneumonia persists, according to the detailed health report for the week ending January 4, made public today by the army medical corps.

The tables show 109 deaths during the week in the National Guard, 80

due to pneumonia, and 167 in the National army, 111 being due to pneumonia. The death totals for the previous week were 108 for the National Guard and 98 for the National Army. A sharp outbreak of meningitis occurred at Camp Beauregard, with 27 new cases, against seven the preceding week, and several deaths. Elsewhere in the National Guard meningitis is rapidly declining.

### Explosion Kills Head of Powder Mill; Heavy Loss

Wilburton, Okl., Jan. 10.—James Garvy, superintendent of the glazing department of the Patterson Powder

company at Patterson, Okl., near here, was killed today when a terrific explosion wrecked the plant. As far as has been learned only one man was killed, although the property damage is large.

### Seattle Mayor Barred From Practising Law

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 10.—Hiram C. Gill, mayor of Seattle, was barred today by the state board of bar examiners from practicing law in the state of Washington for one year. Today's decision was reached following a hearing of charges that the mayor allowed the law firm of Gill, Hoyt &

Frye to use his name in soliciting police court business.

### Plymouth Church Women Make Many Articles

The Plymouth Women's auxiliary of the Re-1 Cross has made in its 17 meetings since November 1-50 large sheets, 128 operation sheets, 47 towels, 24 bed socks, 75 operation caps, 50 operation helmets, 75 bandage socks and 25 bed jackets. The meetings, which have been held in the home of A. G. Kittell, will hereafter meet on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons in the Plymouth church parlor at Eighteenth and Emmet.

# Are You Ready

Your 1917 Income and Profit Taxes Are Due and Payable to the United States Government on June 15, 1918.

IF in the operation of your business during the first five and a half months of 1918 you should lose the profits you made in 1917, you will pay your taxes due the Government out of your capital.

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