



ALLIES SEIZE BELGIAN POST IN TWO-MILE COAST DRIVE

Vigorous Assault Gains St. Georges, and Germans Are Pushed Back in Region South of Nieuport—Steinbach in Alsace is Invested. Advance Reported in Argonne.

Allies' aggressive maneuvers, despite severe storms which are raging and difficult ground on account of the snow and ice, have resulted in decided advantages in Flanders, while equal vigor and results have marked the French campaign in Alsace.

The Germans have been ousted from trenches which they seized recently in the Argonne, according to this afternoon's communique from the Paris War Office, which admits, however, that Von Kluge's artillery is violently bombarding the French positions on the main road from Roye to Amiens.

A German official statement denies any loss of advantage in the vicinity of Nieuport and claims repulse of Russian attacks at Ilow and Lodz in Poland. This report virtually contradicts the French communique.

The Austrian army in Galicia, out in twin by a Russian wedge pointed at Cracow, now is in disorderly flight.

ALLIES IN TWO-MILE GAIN DRIVE FOE FROM ST. GEORGES

Advances Made in Nieuport Region and Alsace, Paris Reports.

PARIS, Dec. 29. A gain of more than two miles in Belgium, violent bombardment by the Germans of the Allies' positions along the

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THE WEATHER



One would have supposed this morning that the pavements had the hoof and mouth disease or some other dread malady from the way pedestrians avoided them and sought refuge in the streets. It was an amusing sight indeed to see old Father Penn slipping, sliding and sliding around in the center of the car tracks on his way to work.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Rain and slightly warmer tonight; Wednesday cloudy, followed by clearing and colder in the afternoon and night; fresh southeast winds shifting to northwest Wednesday.

Table with weather observations for Philadelphia, including temperature, wind, and precipitation.

Table with tide information for PONY RICHMOND, including high and low water times.

Table with tide information for NEEDY ISLAND, including high and low water times.

Table with tide information for BREAKWATER, including high and low water times.

SKATING TODAY

There is skating today on Wissinoming Creek, the Schuylkill River and other spots in the city.

STARVATION TO END GERMANY'S POWER, SAYS NORTHCLIFFE

Noted English Editor Declares Teuton Militarism Must Be Strangled to Insure Permanent Peace, and Such, He Believes, Is Britain's Plan in War.

Assures United States There Is No Fear of Japanese Peril and Praises American Attitude—Thinks German Government and Army Are Powerful But Senseless Machines.

Lord Northcliffe's Views on the War. Germany is beaten and was beaten the day she retreated from Paris. The horrors of Belgium will put Caenpore in the background. Germany will be strangled and the war end by starvation and attrition, but the process will be one of years and not of months.

ROYAL MAIL LINER TRENT SUNK AT HER HOME PORT

Ship That Rescued Walter Wellman Lost in the Thames. NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Notice was posted on the Maritime Exchange this afternoon that the Royal Mail liner Trent had been sunk at her home port in London.

STEAM COAL PRICES IN CITY ARE RAISED 25 CENTS A TON

Change Affects Cost of Rice and Buckwheat Siles. The price of rice and buckwheat siles of steam coal has been advanced 25 cents a ton in Philadelphia in the face of the recent decision of the State Public Service Commission reducing the cost of coal to the dealers after January 1.

U. S. ASKS SHOOTING PROBE

American Hunters Shot by Canadian Border Patrol. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—At the request of the State Department the British Ambassador today wired the Governor General of Canada, requesting him to give full information of the shooting of Walter Smith and Charles Dorch by the Canadian border patrol. The men were duck hunting in the Niagara River yesterday.

Albert Baker Needed at Home

James H. Baker, of 99 City Park avenue, Columbia, Ohio, has written to Captain of Detective Cameron asking him to locate his brother, Albert Baker, of Columbia, who is a traveling salesman now in or about Philadelphia. Request is made to urge Albert Baker to return home at once as his daughter has just died.

MRS. BIGELOW WEBS

Becomes the Wife of Edward M. Fadelord. Society is interested in the announcement today from New York of the marriage of Mrs. Sophia Dallas Borda Bigelow to Edward M. Fadelord, of Savannah and New York.

ASTROLOGY A SCIENCE

Astrology is not necessarily charlatany. A ruling to this effect by a New York Judge has caused somewhat of a sensation in legal circles and constitutes the text for a timely article by VANCE THOMPSON.

ANYBODY SEEN A COLD WAVE?

George Bliss and U. S. Weather Board Differ as to Forecast. Is another cold wave on the way? The Weather Bureau at Washington and Philadelphia are at odds on the point.

THAW AGENTS WORK NOVEL PLAN HERE TO AID SLAYER

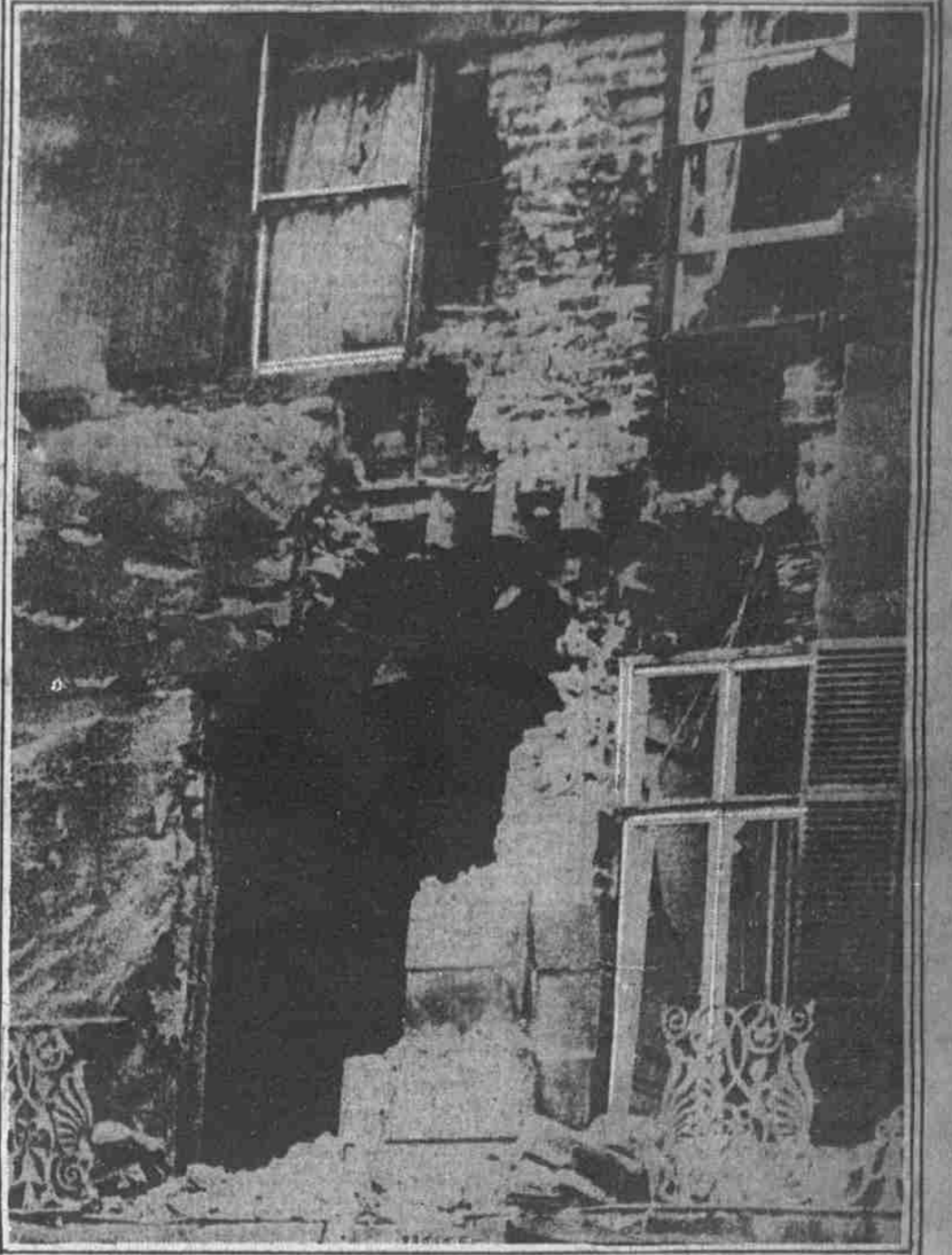
Distribute Pamphlets to Arouse Sentiment Against Extradition. Agents for the Kraver Detective Agency today began their work of distributing a five-page pamphlet, part of a plan to create sentiment for Harry K. Thaw with a view to preventing his return to the Mattewan Asylum.

EASTERN ROADS HAVE PLAN FOR NEW INCREASES

Reading Official Admits Move to Raise Tariffs on Nearby Foodstuffs Shipped From West. A further advance in freight rates generally, independent of the 5 per cent increase granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission in its decision of December 18 last, along the lines of readjustment suggested by the Commission is now being planned by the Eastern railroads.



Above, to the left, is a shop in Prospect Road, Scarborough, where the wife of the proprietor was killed by a shell. On the right is the house of Walter Rea, Member of Parliament from Scarborough, showing the yawning hole made by the Germans' 8-inch guns. Below are the historic ruins of old Whitby Abbey, at Whitby, as they appeared after suffering a bombardment of 20 minutes.



Photos by Underwood and Underwood. There was a war of words between John H. K. Scott and David N. Smyth at the hearing of Mrs. W. F. Donaldson, 203 Chestnut street, and her French maid, Fernie Blanc, in Magistrate Beaton's Court today.

MRS. DONALDSON AND MAID HELD UNDER BAIL FOR COURT

Attorneys in War of Words—Attempt to Waive Hearing. There was a war of words between John H. K. Scott and David N. Smyth at the hearing of Mrs. W. F. Donaldson, 203 Chestnut street, and her French maid, Fernie Blanc, in Magistrate Beaton's Court today.

GUNNINGHAM ANDBRUMBAUGH

Deputy Who May Be Attorney General Meets Governor-elect. HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 29.—Jesse E. R. Cunningham, deputy Attorney General, prominently mentioned as the next Attorney General and counsel of the State Board of Education, met with the board today.

NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The President today sent these nominations to the Senate: To be Judge of the District Court of Alaska, Charles M. ...

LOST AND FOUND

ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING ...