

ALLIES' NIGHT ATTACK GAINS MORE GROUND AT STEINBACH

Germans Admit Loss of Trenches on Heights, But Claim Partial Success in Later Counter Charges—Joffre's Army Also Wins Ground at Cernay.

The capture by the French of important positions at Cernay (Sennheim) and Steinbach, in Upper Alsace, is claimed in today's official statement issued by the Paris War Office and admitted in the official report of the German General Staff.

At Cernay a night assault carried the heights, and counter attacks by the Germans were repulsed. In the village of Steinbach, where fighting has been in progress for five days, the French succeeded in gaining the heights, where the church and cemetery are situated, but Berlin reports that three important positions lost yesterday by the Germans were later regained.

Though heavy rains have crippled infantry operations between the North Sea and the Oise River, artillery duels continue with great violence. At several points on the front French artillery has silenced that of the Germans, while long the lines and in Champagne the French batteries have established their superiority and shelled the reserve troops of the enemy.

Desperate assaults covering several days have won Borsimow for the Kaiser, according to the German official report, which adds that the Russian forces in three night attacks to regain this specially strengthened position.

FRENCH ATTACK WINS HEIGHTS AT STEINBACH

German Counter Assaults Repulsed in Upper Alsace.

PARIS, Jan. 4. The French continue to make slow but certain gains in Upper Alsace and the

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THE WEATHER

CLOUDY

Sort of now, was it not after all, to get back into the regular run of things after the demoralizing, more or less effects of weeks of preparation for the actual celebration of the holiday season? There is no time of year like the present one for the realization of the enjoyment of work. Perhaps you would think this morning that it would be hard to get along without occupation, whether it be pottering around the house with a duster and a broom or mending a pair of shoes.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally cloudy with not much change in temperature.

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Observations at Philadelphia

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PRESIDENT DENIES SENDING PEACE ENVOY TO VATICAN

Government Officials Know Nothing of Reported Mission.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—White House officials declared today that they knew nothing of the reported sending of an envoy to Rome by the United States Government relating to European peace. They were inclined to ridicule these reports and intimated that nothing was further from President Wilson's mind than to take such a step at the present time.

SUBMARINE, VICTOR OVER FORMIDABLE, IS REPORTED SUNK

Craft That Torpedoed British Battleship in Channel Herself Said to Have Struck Mine.

BERLIN, Jan. 4. It is reported here, though not officially confirmed, that a German submarine sank the British battleship Formidable with two torpedoes and was herself sunk three hours later by a mine. It is said that all on board the submarine were lost.

LONDON, Monday, Jan. 4. Captain Arthur N. Loxley, of the battleship Formidable, stood on the bridge smoking a cigarette as his vessel went down in the English Channel Friday morning after the ship was blown up, according to survivors of the disaster. The Captain's last words, they say, were a compliment to the officer who was superintending the launching of the boats, on the seamanlike manner in which the work was being done.

SUNDAY PRAISES POLICE ON VISIT TO PORTER

Evangelist Tells Director Few Members of Force Need Reform.

"Billy" and "Ma" Sunday visited the City Hall today to call on Mayor Blankenburg and Director Porter. The Mayor was not in his office, but William Webb, the executive messenger, greeted the guests, and, after guiding them about the reception hall, escorted them to Director Porter's office.

Director Porter told "Billy" that he was very much pleased to see them and that they had performed excellent work in the past. He said that he had never done anything else during his years as an evangelist.

JUDGE, IN ADDRESSING JURY, SCORES RECKLESS AUTOISTS

Sulsberger Says Five-eighths of All Deaths Are Due to Accidents.

The great number of homicides, caused by automobile accidents during the last year, was the basis of Judge Sulsberger's instructions to the January Grand Jury, which was sworn in today before him in Quarter Sessions Court, No. 1.

PROSPERITY RETURNING IN ALL PARTS OF COUNTRY

Reports Show Thousands Back at Work in Various Industries.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—As indicating returning prosperity throughout the country today, a large number of men having returned to work after varying periods of idleness.

NEW CHIEF JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT SWORN IN TODAY



Chief Justice J. Hay Brown, successor to Chief Justice D. Newlin Fell, who has retired from the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania after a service of 21 years, presided at the opening session of the court.

CAMDEN WILL HAVE GREAT TERMINAL AS RESULT OF BIG FIRE

Kaigh's Point Ferry House to Be Replaced by Fine Structure — \$1,000,000 Loss There.

A magnificent new terminal, large enough to handle the increasing throngs of pleasure-seekers who pass through Camden on their way to New Jersey coast resorts, is to rise from the ruins of the old Kaigh's Point ferryhouse, destroyed yesterday in one of the most ruinous fires in the history of the city across the river.

CONSIDER TWO PLANS

Two plans have been suggested. One plan is to elevate the tracks and the station over Kaigh avenue. This would do away with the necessity of breaking down as well as to turn the tracks around from their present position to the face south over the coal property of the John H. Dialogue estate.

Workmen's Compensation

will be one of the big issues in the coming Legislature. The experience of Massachusetts under its act, now in force two and a half years, is of great interest at this time.

J. HAY BROWN BECOMES STATE'S CHIEF JUSTICE

Succeeds D. Newlin Fell—Judge Fraser Takes Seat on Supreme Bench.

One new member was sworn into the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania today when that tribunal assembled for the January term, and J. Hay Brown, of Lancaster, formally took the position of Chief Justice, succeeding Justice D. Newlin Fell, who retired.

TWO WORKMEN INJURED

Employees of Nixon Paper Company Taken to Hospital.

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On the Brumbaugh Program

Pennsylvania is a laggard in this kind of legislation, but will catch up with the procession at the coming session of the Legislature.

The Evening Ledger

will present the inside of the workmen's compensation question in several articles, the first of which will appear tomorrow on the editorial page.

'MAYOR CAN HAVE MY RESIGNATION,' STATES DR. HARTE

Declares He Would Quit on Five Minutes' Notice. Quarrel With Assistant Cause.

A crisis may be reached at any time in the Department of Health and Charities because of the friction between Director Harte and Assistant Director Wilson.

COKE RAID

Police history was made in the early hours of this morning when bluecoats of the 11th and Winter streets raided a house at 24 North 30th street and confiscated the largest quantity of "coke" and "hop" ever taken in a single raid in this city.

COKE TAKEN IN RAID

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FIRE MARSHAL PROSECUTES

45 Property Owners Served With Summons Charging Neglect.

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"COME ON, LOBSTERS," CHALLENGES SUNDAY; 60,000 CHANT AMENS

Striking Aphorisms in Sunday's Sermons

An angel couldn't come down from heaven and associate with some of the people you associate with and get back to heaven if it was dusted with all kinds of formaldehyde.

I don't blame a man for staying out late in a club instead of being home with his wife, if he has to play second fiddle to a bow-legged bull pup.

When it comes to the divorce question I'm a Roman Catholic. If you don't like it with God before the undertaker pumps the embalming fluid into you you'll never get to heaven.

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Some people talk through their noses to keep from swearing out their false teeth.

I see a woman smoking a cigarette, I know all about her. You don't need to tell me. I can read her heart.

The society gambling crowd don't get my boy, that crowd over in the dirty, stinking booze joint won't get him. It's that first crowd I'm against.

I'm for society, but I'm not against the sins of society. I'm a politician, not a partisan. I'll vote for any good man, no matter what ticket he's on.

The sons of the majority of our bridge-what society women are the missing link between the monkey and the man.

A lot of fine-dressed society women and men only count when the census-taker comes around.

The most holy secret of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a disgrace to his country. He ought to pack up his trunk and head it to a country where they use the red flag.

There is no decent man in the country who does not believe in God.

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'I'm Here to Fight You Sin Ridden Guzzlers From Breakfast to Hell' is His Message.

Multitude Besieges Big Tabernacle on First Day and Is Swayed by Evangelist's Verbal Broad-sides at Sin.

Greater than the throng at a big three-fingered circus were the three audiences that cheered, laughed and applauded "Billy" Sunday through the opening sermons of his Philadelphia campaign yesterday and last night.

In the morning the tabernacle at 19th and Vine streets was filled, and a few thousands stood in the vestibules. In the afternoon all the seating space in the building and all the standing room inside and in the vestibules were taken.

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"JUST WARNING UP"

To the throng that seemed as though the preacher would wear himself out the first day, the Rev. Dr. George H. Hoadley, chairman of the prayer meeting committee, asked him why he did it at the close of the evening service after the Rev. Mr. Sunday had shaken the hands of more than 4000 persons.

"Never mind," he said, "I'm just warning up."

An hour later, while in bed in his home at 104 Spring Garden street, the evangelist told an Evening Ledger reporter it was one of the greatest days he had ever had.

"Why just you say for me that that was the greatest bunch of clappers for an opening reception that I ever saw had, I never saw such an enthusiastic audience. And that singing! Gee, boy, just wait till Roddy has a few more hiccups with it. There was no entrancing in the way of music that has equal that singing. Philadelphia is a week ahead of any campaign I have ever had."

BURNS PROVE FATAL

Death Comes to Woman Who Set Fire to Her Boy said Herself.

With the death at the Episcopal Hospital yesterday of Mrs. Lydia Hoadley, holder, the tragedy planned by the woman on New Year's Day was completed.

Mrs. Hoadley, who resides at 104 Spring Garden street, was the mother of the late Rev. Dr. George H. Hoadley, who died on New Year's Day. The mother died in agony for two days.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—A gold watch, with chain, and a gold ring, with diamond set, were lost by a woman on the street near the City Hall.