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Turks, Invading Egypt, Routed by British Warships on Suez Canal—Assault on Bir Helefi Repulsed—Russians Sweep Back Ottoman Forces From Transcaucasia and Again Menace Stronghold at Erzerum.

The destruction of almost an entire French regiment in battle in the western part of the Argonne yesterday is reported officially in Berlin, the dispatches declaring that 500 men were left dead on the field by the retreating foe, and 743 officers and men, besides machine guns and small cannon, were captured.

In the region of Lunville the French were driven out of the village of Angumont, but the French report that near Flery, in the Woeyve, the Germans lost heavily through a blunder in blowing up their own trenches.

Both sides claim gains in the region of La Bassee, where a see-saw battle is in progress. After a day's heavy shelling, the Czar's forces drove both garrison and residents out of Pikkallen, in East Prussia, on the Gumbinnen line. Heavy resistance here and north of the Masuren Lakes is admitted by Petrograd in announcing the occupation. The German lines are weak in the vicinity of Tilsit, whence the far northern Russian column is driving on Koenigsberg, and which now is invested, according to one report. The Russians are closing in on Insterburg, according to another.

An Austrian army under Archduke Joseph Ferdinand is pushing toward Tarnow, the movement threatening to cut off the Russian line of communication in Galicia. Vienna reports that the Czar's offensive against Cracow has broken down and that the attempt to invade Hungary has failed. British warships on the Suez Canal.

THE WEATHER



CLOUDY

There must be a mistake somewhere. Here it is the 30th of January and we are having regular winter weather. Many years ago Nature schemed things differently and, although it hardly seems believable, it was the natural thing to associate snow and low temperature and the like with the months of December, January and February. But, as we remarked, that was many years ago, and it is somewhat annoying to have a freezing spell introduced without notice into the balmy winter season. It makes one pause to wonder what is coming over this old world. If this sort of thing keeps up, the owning of a winter overcoat once more may become as fait accompli and as a thing of course as the wearing of a hat and a long coat.

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800 RUSH FROM FLAMES IN INFIRMARY—FIGHT GUARDS

Men and Women in Panic When Dormitory is Afire.

LOWELL, Mass., Jan. 29.—Three hundred men, inmates of the State Infirmary at Tewksbury, six miles from here, were driven out into the zero air early today by fire in a combination clothes storage building and dormitory.

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BERLIN, Jan. 29.—Almost complete annihilation of a French regiment in the western Argonne region was claimed in the official statement from the War Office today. "The 15th French Infantry Regiment apparently has been annihilated," said the official bulletin in reporting successful German attacks in the Argonne. "Five hundred French dead were found after the enemy retreated. We captured 12 officers, 743 men, 12 machine guns and 10 small cannon."

GERMANS CLAIM CAPTURE OF LA BASSEE TRENCHES

Gains Also Reported Along the Argonne Front.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—Gains south of the La Bassee canal, where the Germans recaptured two trenches, and in the western part of the Argonne district are claimed for the Germans in an official statement issued by the General Staff this afternoon. Heavy losses were inflicted upon the French and their allies in the fighting among the sand dunes of the north coast in the region of Neupont on Thursday.

BRITISH BEAT BACK FIERCE ATTACK ON LA BASSEE LINE

Bloody Trench Fighting Follows Kaiser's Desperate Charge.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—Furious fighting is in progress near La Bassee. Renewing their desperate infantry assaults upon the English positions, the Germans thus far have been repulsed with heavy losses. Cautiously, held by the British and the scene of bloody fighting earlier in the week, is again the center of German attack.

GERMAN COMPANY WIPED OUT BY SAPPER'S BLUNDER

Mine Destroys Kaiser's Trenches Instead of the Enemy's.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—A German blunder has caused heavy casualties in the Kaiser's ranks in the Woeyve region. The Germans accidentally exploded a mine intended for the destruction of French trenches. Instead, their own trenches were blown up, killing or wounding an entire company. They were forced to retire to their second line of earthworks.

WARNING TO U. S. DENIED

Britain Has Sent No Note on Ship Purchases.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—A published report that Great Britain has told the United States any Government purchase of German ships would be considered unneutral was officially denied today.

GUILLOTINES AS GIFTS

Con Stakes Asks Schwab to Send 300 to Washington.

If Charles M. Schwab complies with a request made via telegram to him, 300 members of Congress in Washington will each receive a little guillotine with which to kill himself.

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Manayunk has signs of spring. Many residents living along the Wissahickon have reported seeing large flocks of wild ducks feeding in the waters of the creek. Old prophets say that next to the proverbial robin the surest sign that spring is near is the arrival of wild ducks.

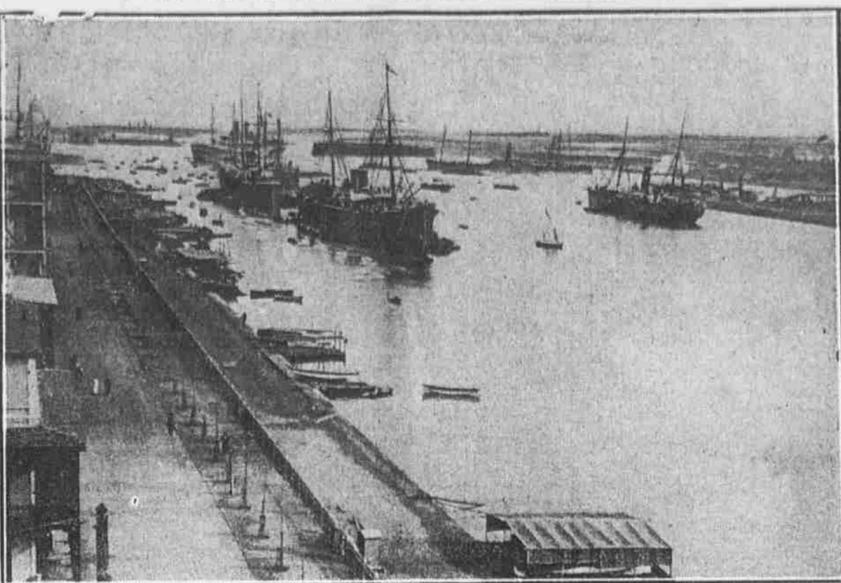
SUES RAILROAD FOR \$15,000

Suit for \$15,000 damages was brought in the Supreme Court of New Jersey today by Edward W. Hunt, a wealthy Stratford, N. J., farmer, against the Atlantic City Railroad. The suit grows out of an alleged accident last October. Mr. Hunt said he was driving across the railroad tracks at Hancocks Crossing, below Magnolia, when his team was struck by a train. The horse was killed, the buggy damaged and Mr. Hunt charged he was injured internally.

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MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 29.—Twenty persons were injured, three of them probably fatally, when seven cars of a passenger train on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad left the rails near Oakwood, Wis., 12 miles north of here today.

SUEZ CANAL NOW MENACED BY TURKISH DRIVE



This is a view of the canal at Port Said, within 30 miles of which Turkish troops have penetrated. The Suez Canal was completed in 1863 and took 25,000 men to build. It cost almost \$100,000,000. A British cruiser was reported today as having bombarded the enemy's patrols not far from the canal banks.

BRITISH WARSHIPS ROUT TURK ATTACK ON EGYPTIAN TOWN

Battleships on Suez Canal Repulse Invaders' Assault on Bir Helefi—Ottomans Seize Katyeh.

ATHENS, Jan. 29.—The Turkish fleet operating along the Suez Canal near El Kantara was shelled by a British cruiser and suffered heavy losses, according to dispatches received here today. The Turks were attempting an attack on Bir Helefi, southeast of El Kantara, but were forced to retire.

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C. C. PELL HURT IN TITLE MATCH AT RACQUET CLUB

New York Player Receives Big Gash Over Right Eye in National Doubles Championship Match.

An unfortunate and what may prove a serious accident to C. C. Pell, a well-known New York County man, cut short the match in the final round of the doubles racquets championship of the United States at the Racquet Club today.

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May and July Corn Close at 82c. and 83 1/2c., Both New Records.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—May wheat sold on the local Board of Trade today for \$1.52 per bushel. The market closed with May wheat at \$1.51, while July wheat closed at \$1.49.

CROWD SEES MAN DROWN

Efforts to Save Captain Blankard Prove Unavailing.

A crowd standing at the foot of Shackamaxon street today saw a man drown in the Delaware River while two men vainly sought to rescue him.

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"WIFE IN NAME ONLY"

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A wife, who says she was deserted by her husband immediately after their marriage, filed a petition for divorce in the Chancery Court, in Camden, today. The woman is Mrs. Mattie Lee Hunt. She says she and her husband, Harry Hunt, were leaving the minister's house, in the spring of 1912, he left her and never returned. She has been waiting for him ever since at her parents' home, 4th and Berkeley streets, Camden.

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