EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1915.

TYPHUS SPREADS

ACROSS BORDER

Rio Grande Guarded by

Agents of Public Health

Service

hundreds of Mexican refugees have gath-

Strenuous efforts are being made to pre-

persons leaving Mexico will be subjected to careful examination and suspects placed in detention camps.

of the American Red Cross and of the

elsco to Laredo to take charge of the sit-

Today in New York, at the home of Robert de Forest, the Executive Com-mittee of the Red Cross, of which ex-

nation there.

vent further spread of the disease on this side of the line. The Public Health Serv-

ered.

ably will continue. The divergence in Slav and Angle-French calendars brings Christmas for the opposing armles on dif-ferent days.

FROM MEXICO



Germans Recapture Summit of Hartmannsweilerkopf—Take 1553 Men

FIGHTING IN SNOWSTORM

LONDON, Dec. 24.

more the question of the ownersip of the summit of Hartmanns-Weller-nor in the Vosges, the lofty mountain tick overlooks the city of Muelhausen and most of Upper Alsace, is in dispute streen the French and German official

The following communication was is-sed by the French War Office last

"Is the Vosges at Hartmanns-Weiler-mpf after counter attacks by the enemy ar troops to the left on the is the vosces at Hartmanns-Weller-mol after counter attacks by the enemy, as troops to the left on the slopes to the arth of the summit returned to the posi-one which they had previously

ron the centre and en the right, that the sav on the ridges to the southeast of the summit, and more to the south as fit as in front of Wattwiller, we con-erred completely the ground conquered as front of two kilometers (about a sife and a quarter). A snowstorm in-erropted the operations in the course of as affermoon. the afternoon.

"The enemy has violently bombarded northern slopes and the summit of imannawellerkopf.

is northern weigers, and the set of the set of the set of the region of Gr enchy and is the neighborhood of the road to Lille. In the neighborhood of the road to Lille, in the north bank of the Aisne we effectively bombarded an enemy convoy between Conde and Nanteuil. "In the Woevre, to the southeast of the forest of Apremont, the mine fighting wis to our advantage." The Belgian official communication are: "The day was characterized by a

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imigration of the second secon idarable munitions. Our artillers a construction in the structively shelled the deman trenches on the banks of the

BERLIN, Dec. 24. The War Office announced last night

hat the summit of Hartmannsweller-boy, in the Vosges region of Alsace, cap-need earlier in the week by the French. and been regained by the Germans. The part of the statement follows: "During hot fighting yesterday a brave regiment of the \$2d Landwehr Brigade maptured the summit of Hartmanns-wilerkopf. The enemy suffered extraor-faulty severe loss, and left 23 officers, and 1530 men in our hands. We are now

and 1807 men in our hands. We are now hay clearing some portions of a trench in the northern slope, which is still occu-pied by the French. The figures given in the French report of yesterday evening regarding the the thing around Hartmannsweilerkopf, in the Itst Inst., are exaggerated by at least one-half. Our total losses, including

al the killed, wounded and missing so far as at present ascertained, amount to UN men."

GROSSA BATTAGLIA NEI DINTORNI DI ELBASSAN TRA BULGARI E SERBI

Il Montenegro E' Stato Quasi Tutto Conquistato dalle Forze Austriache di Invasione

Bulgaria

here today.

task is finished.



SALONICA, Dec. 24.-Mrs. Walter Far-well, of Chicago, and Dr. C. B. Forbes, of Boston, reported roughly handled by Bulgarian officers, who raided American

will be permitted to leave the Serblan

The Bulgarian Foreign Office notified

The Bulgarian Foreign Office notified American Consul Kehl today that it will comply with his request, but will not permit the two Americans to cross into Greece at this time. They will be sent to Bulgarian army nesquarters in Serbia. Bulgarian consul Nednow also assured Kehl that an official investigation has been ordered of the conduct of the Bul-garian officers who entered the Bul-garian officers of the Bul-garian officers who entered the Bul-garian officers who entered the Bul-garian officer who entered the build-ing, the Bulgarian officer commanding the raiding party will be punished, Ned-now assured the American Consul. Dr. E' vard Stuart, chief of the Red Cross workers in Serbia, who first re-

Cross workers in Serbia, who first re-ported the Monastir Incident to the American Consul, entered the Bulgarian

American Consul, entered the Bulgarian lines today, en route to Sofia. He will lay the matter before the Bulgarian For-eign Office and urge the punishment of all officers and soldiers who participated. Stuart will also make an effort to com-municate with Doctor Forbes himself and get his version. This will be an overcoatless Christmas for the thousands of French and British troops in Solenica and at the alled front

Christmas greetings over the single ca-

It is improbable that any formal truce will be agreed upon over Christmas Day, though the full at the Greek border prob-

BRITISH LOSS 528,227

IN ALL FIELDS TO DEC. 9

East Front Casualties 378,988;

Dardanelles, 114,555; Else-

where, 25,684

LONDON, Dec. 24.-British casualties on all fronts up to December 9 totaled 528,227. Fremier Asquith announced today.

The total casualties in the various the-

atres were as follows: Flanders and

France, 378,988; Dardanelles, 114,555; other

A detailed summary shows: Killed, 119,923; wounded, 338,758; missing, 69,548. There was a marked discrepancy in the

Premier's figures and those given by Under Secretary for Wr Tennant yester-day with reference to the Dardanelles

casualties. Tennant said up to Decem-

ber 11 the loses at the Dardanelles to-taled 112,921. Asquith gave them as 114,555 up to December 9. In the month from November 9 to December 9 the Britlah losses decreased greatly as compared with those of pre-vious months. In that period 17,997 were

Dorcas Society Distributes Gifts

ble wire

Cross headquarters at Monastir

REPORTED SHOT AS SPY

Eugene Sandow, reported to be the strongest man in the world, is said to have been put to death in London Tower after facing a military court on the charge of being a German spy.

TEUTONIC ALLIES **READY TO STRIKE** FOE IN MACEDONIA

Swift Preparations Made for Launching of Offensive

VAST FORCES MASSED

roops in Salonica and at the allied front PARIS, Dec. 24. The weather suddenly moderated r there are no traces of srow at Salonic French war correspondents at Salonica state that the Germans and Bulgarians, after swift preparations, are about to attack the Allies in Macedonia. The troops are buying turkeys by th thousands. The army mail arrived last night, laden with thousands of plum pud-dings from London. The telegraph of-fice is besteged by officers sending home Sixty thousand Germana are reported

to be massed at Monastir and 26,000 Turks in the Struma valley. The bulk of the Bulgarian army is concentrated in the Vardar valley. The correspondent of the Petit Parisien

estimates that the Bulgarian, German and Turkish troops on the Serbo-Greek frontier number nearly half a million, but most of the military experts figure that the German allies in that region do not exceed 200,000 men.

The Allies, strongly entrenched on The Allies, strongly entrenched on Greek soil, are ready to give a defen-sive battle to the German Allies. The left wing of the Entente forces rests upon the Vardar River; the centre faces the frontier near Doiran and the right winz, made up of a British corps, defends Chateldiea. Chateldica.

ALLIES ARTILLERY READY. The Allies' supply of heavy guns is stated to be fully adequate, and the warships in the Salonica roadstead are ready

ships in the Salonica roadstead are ready to support the land batteries if the bat-tile comes beneath their guns. That the French War Office regards the Balkan field of operations as one full of menacing possibilities is shown by the fact that General Castelnau, chief of staff of the French army, has been sont to Salonica to confer with General sent to Salonica to confer with General Sarrall and General Sir Charles Monro. A news agency dispatch from Athens

savs that Germany has served notice upon Greece that the Teutonic allies intend to attack the Anklo-French forces on Greek soil and that Germany hopes to have her troops in Sanonica by Janu-ary 15. According to this dispatch, Ger-

ary 15. According to this disputes, Ger-many promises to evacuate Greek terri-tory as soon as her task is completed. Although it was regarded here as en-tirely possible that Germany had given notice of an offensive against the Allies, it was deemed exceedingly doubtful if the Kaiser's Government had made any pre-diction as to the time the Germans might diction as to the time the Germans might

be at Salonica. Relations between Greece and Bulgaria are growing more intimate. The following Central News Agency

GERMAN CHRISTMAS CANDLES TO LIGHT MILES OF TRENCHES

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Millions of tiny Christmas trees with lighted candles will cast a ribbon of light along the tops of the German trenches from France to Poland and into Serbia tonight.

The last of the Christmas trees went forward to the trenches today. They are tiny branches, fixed to the top of Christmas packages, each carrying its candle. With each package went the suggestion from the Berlin shopkeepers that the candles be lighted on Christmas Eve after the contents had been removed. They were made small enough to be

carried through the post. The boys and girls whose daddies are in the trenches will have a big Christmas, too, in spite of the war. The toy shops of Berlin were

nearly empty today. Tomorrow morning the German boys will find toy soldiers, spick and span in field gray uniforms with heimets, 42-centimetre guns that shoot shells filled with candy; little submarines that actually dive under the water's surface; battleships, swords and military trains. The shops even displayed miniature battlegrounds with trenches and French and German soldiers, so the little would-be von Hindenburgs and von Klucks over here a toyland war game all their own.

can have a toyland war game all their own. One of the biggest shops showed a military toy railroad with whole trains carrying soldiers and guns to the front and automobile trucks ready to unload them upon their arrival.

There will be few "peace toys" and "peace dolls" for the boys and girls of Germany this Christmas. Even the dolls the little girls will get are dressed like Red Cross nurses so they can go out and help brother's little toy soldiers when they are wounded.

President Taft is chairman, will meet to discuss the extent to which the American Red Cross can extend aid abould Carcanza lift the ban he has imposed on that organization.

Officers of the Public Health Service eferring last night to the fact that yphus fever was the plague which killed nousands in Serbia, explained that it is natural consequence of war and famine. The corm is transmitted by body vermin and generally appears first in army camps not properly guarded with sand tary precautions. The death rate from the disease is extremely high and the ill-ness is of a virulent type.

It is feared that with the increasing in-Bux into the United States of the de-feated soldiers of Villa, the plague will spread rapidly among the American bor-der towns unless drastic steps are taken 30,000 CASES IN CAPITAL a prevent it. For this reason the public health service agents and other quaran-tine officers being sent to the border will be instructed to fumigate the persons and WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Mexican typhus plague has crossed the Rio Grande into Texas. Information to the effect has reached the United States Public Health Service here. Three cases of the disease have been located at Laredo, Tex., where hundreds of Mexicas partners have public othing of all those coming to this side.

MAN JUMPS INTO RIVER

Grocer Tries to End Life-Saved by

William Waln, a grocer, worried by business troubles, jumped into the Dela-ware River at the foot of Fairmount ave-nue today, after having returned twice to his home, at 2633 North 22d street, to tell his wife good-by.

"Don't you worry about me, for I'm all right today," he told her.

Reports reaching the Red Cross from Mexico City, where 20,000 persons are reported down with the fever, state that the epidemic has spread to the foreign quarters. Thirteen cases are reported in the American and English colonies. The Daties' technometers of performed verticities Waln was saved from drowning by Roy Pedrick, an engineer, of Richmond street and Allegheny avenues, who runs an electric train on the pier. He leaped into the water and seized Waln. The two men were pulled out by negro steve-dores. Waln, who is 52 years old, is of the Represent Hognital in a serious British Ambassador conferred yesterday with Secretary Lansing over the situation. at the Roosevelt Hospital in a serious The Secretary informed him that Car-ranza has not yet replied to the request of this Government that he permit agents condition from chill and exposure. He has been in the grocery business at 17th and Mount Vernon streets for 18 years. Of late he has been ill and depressed. On the night before last he fell, striking his head on a sidewalk. Rockefeller Foundation to take charge of the campaign against the fever in Mex-ico City, Pueblo and Pachuca and parts of the State of Onxaca where the pesti-lence is raging with particular violence. Dr. C. Pierce, of the Public Health Service, has been ordered from San Fran-

Oppose Fare Increase to Phoenixville Complaint was filed today with the rublic Service Commission at Harris-burg by the Phoenixville Chamber of Commerce against an increase in the price of 100-trip tickets on the Philadeland Reading Railroad between phia and Reading Railroad Philadelphia and Phoenixville.



This Store Closed All Day Tomorrow To adjust any errors, representatives will be at the Eighth Street Main Arcade Entrance of our store from 9 to 11 o'clock tomorrow (Christmas) morning.

> Sunday's Papers Will Contain Sensational News Concerning Our Pre-Inventory Clearance Sales



SERBS MEET BULGARS IN THREE-DAY BATTLE

Fight Continues in Albanian Mountains-Serbians'

New Line

ROME, Dec. 24. A battle has been raging for three days between the Serbs and Bulgars in the Albanian mountains, near Elbassan, the Serbian Prince Alexis Karageorgevich reported on his arrival here today. "Our men are fighting fiercely, splendid-

iv." he said. "They have stopped every enemy charge and are conducting themselves as confidently as though they were carrying the campaign into Bulgaria.

"Though they suffer from lack of food, the spirit of our soldlers has not been broken. As my wife and I made our way across Albania to the coast, the songs of Serbian soldlers tose from every bivouac. They would die to the last man before ac-cepting the Teutonic yoke. They await only the signal from their Allies for a combined offensive."

The Serbs now hold a line extending oughly across the Albanian mountains from Scutari to Saint Giovanni di Medua, hence to Durazo, Tirana, Schair, Eibaa-an, Fieri and Valona, where the Serbian ight wing forms a junction with the Italian forces.

The army is not idle when there is no fighting to be done, said the Serbian prince. They have transformed large areas of the Albanian wilderness into well-roaded countries, with highways connecting the large towns.



Train Strikes Couple Laden With Christmas Presents

MANSFIELD, O., Dec. 24-Laden with Christmas gifts for their eight small chil-

dren, John B. Kleinlein and Mrs. Klein-lein were returning to their home today west of Mansfield, when they failed to notice a train bearing down upon them at a crossing. Mrs. Kleinlein was instantly killed, and her husband lived only a few hours.

Fatally Hurt in Cramp's Shipyard Injuries received when he was struck by a traveling crane caused the death today of Elmer McClellan, 21 years old, 711 Lawrence street, Camden. He was employed as a machinist at Cramps' shipyard and failed to see his danger or hear the warnings shouled, by fellow

workmen as the crane approached. Mc-Ciellan was taken to the Episcopai Hos-pital, where he died of a fractured skull. -

Last Minute Gifts HALLAHAN'S

All Our Stores Open Until 10.30 Tonight

Men's Silppers, \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50. Men's Silk Sox, 25c and 50c. Women's Bedroom Silppers, 500, 50c. 75c, \$1. Women's Comfry Juliets, 50 colors and combinations, \$1, Women's Silk Stockings, 85c. 50c. and \$1. Silpper Buckles and Orns-ments, reduced to half price, 50c. Baye' Silppers 50c. 51.

ments, reduced to half price, see 16 55. Buys' Slippers, 39c, 65c, 11 and 1.50. Bays' Storm King Rubber Beots, 52.75. Boys' Stockings, 25c. Boys' Shoes, 51.35 to 55. Children's Slippers, 39c, 55c, 51. Children's Stockings, 25c. Stock, 51.35. Tofants' Soft-sole Shoes and Moe-casins, 50c and 75c. Infants' Shoes, 50c. Stock, 51 and 51.35.

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IL CONTRABBANDO GRECO

ROMA, 21 Dicembre. E siunto a Roma il principe Alessan to Karageorgevic, serbo, proveniente fall'Albania. Egli ha detto che per tre femi una violenta battaglia ha infuriato e montagne albanesi nelle vicinanze d Elbassan tra serbi e bulgari. Il prindpe ha detto:

The aeroplanes evidently operated from a base at Gheygheli, which is only 40 miles north of Salonica. "I nostri uomini combattono fieramente The allied forces in the Balkans are e spiendidamente. Essi hanno arrestato well equipped with both aeroplanes and high-angle guns. ten altrettanta fiducia come se guerreg-ALLIES MASSING 200,000 MEN.

finsero in territorio bulgaro, Sebbene sufinno per mancanza di viveri, il morale delle nostre truppe non e' affatto stato scosso. Montre in a mini matti Hiraversavamo l'Albania per recarci alla cota, potevamo sentire i canti delle Poppe serbe in ogni bivacco. Certamente un morrebbero tutti fino all'ultimo uomo mittosto che accettare il giogo teutonico. El attendono solo il segnale degli alleati riprendere l'offensiva con loro."

Orgi si dice a Roma che la conquista di Montenegro da parte della forze tastriache e' quasi completa. Il resto del Insercito montenegrino combatte ancora morgeamente nelle sue montagne, ma le ers condizioni peggiorano ogni giorno. A dies anzi che si stanno facendo pre-parativi per evacuare la capitale, Cettigne. Il re Nicola e la regina Milena si filigierranno in Italia dove e' anche Il re Pietro di Serbia. Si dice che famiglia reale montenegrina e' gia ad ativari, pronta ad imbarcarsi per Bari sara' alloggiata nel Palazzo Pitti di

sta mattina il Ministero della Guerra phiblicato il seguente comunicato

"El sono avuti duelli di artiglieria su atto fi fronte. L'artiglieria nemica ha tito a fronte. L'artiglieria nemica ha trato anche su parecehi gruppi di case icentori danni. Le nostre batterie della fa Suzana hanno bombardato di nuovo statione di case stazione di Levico ed un magazzino

Un dispaccio da Brindisi annuncia che torpediniere italiane che incrociavano le forpediniere italiane che incroca ano mi Mar Ionie hanno catturato un piro-afe greco che rasportava benzina per Inttomarini austriaci e tedeschi operanti mi Moditerrareo. Questo cattura conai Mediterraneo. Questa cattura con-ima quello che tutti gia' sapevano, che las i sottomarini teutonici nel Mediter-tane sono riforniti di quello che oscorre tero dal mercanti greci.

Roma corre voce questa mattina che Mar Nero si e' avuta una battaglia als in cui l'incrociatore turco Midirii, il tedesco Breslau, o la corazzata Sultan Selim, gia' la tedesco Sen, sono si rimasti il primo affondato seconda danneggiata gravomente. La la non e ancora confermata da non e ancora confermata da meiale

quanto riguarda la situazione nel ul, sembra che gil austro-todeschi e d siano decisi ad attaccare gli nella koro base di Salonicco, ciosi fittorio reco. El dice pued che la orio greco. Si dice anzi che la nia abbia avvertito il governo greco sue truppe saranno a Salonicco per de gennaio.

de gennalo. Ogni modo sembra che gli alleati ora in forza tali ed in posizioni tali ore in forza tali ed in posizioni tali ore respingere qualsiasi attacco. Da al telegrafano che il generale Bon-dacutendo nell'Intransigenti la situ-te a Salonicco, dice in base a quanto tel alleati franco-inglesi a Salonicco o gua in numero di 172,000 e saranno to 20,000. Essi occupano un semi-antorno alle citta' el i lavori di manento che vi hanno fatte e la situ di municioni che hanno a loro bose e la civinazza del musice fino in forza por remistere ad un of per remisters all

dispatch from Athens is regarded as high-ly significant in this regard: "Owing to delay in the arrival of consignment of Dorcas Society Distributes Gift American wheat the Government is no otiating for the purchase of wheat from

Serbia) and are expected to the or-fensive this week. This correspondent also says that Ger-many is reported to have informed Greece that she hopes to reach Salonica by Jan-uary 15, promising at the same time to evacuate Greek territory as soon as the teak is finished.

A Christmas festival was held at noor oday in old St. John's Lutheran Church Race street below 6th, when the Dorcas German and Bulgarian aeroplanes have Society distributed baskets to 20 poor families in the vicinity. Five hundred children received presents of toys, dolla attacked the Anglo-French cantonments north of Salonics, dropping many bombs, according to a press dispatch received and other articles.

theatres, 25,684.



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Adventureland, December 24.

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