

GERMANS TESTING ALLIES' DEFENSES Continue "Feeling Out" Whole Western Front With Raids OFFENSIVE EXPECTED

Considerable enemy artillery firing east of the western front during the night and reports of raids south and southwest of the Marne was reported today by Field Marshal Haig.

Germany is still "feeling out" the whole western front with strong raids, and are taking place daily. All the way from the North Sea to the Swiss Alps raiding detachments are thrusting against the Allied line, testing its strength and taking prisoners for the purpose of seeking information as to the number of reserve troops and the supply of artillery munitions on hand.

Military men expressed the opinion today that the increased raiding activities is a preliminary to an offensive and that the Germans have two objects in view: First, to confuse the Allies as to the exact point of attack; second, to find the weakest point on the allied battle line.

Heavy artillery dueling continues, especially west of Flanders, on the Arras front, and in Champagne. With their operations held up by cold weather and snow in the Venetian Alps, the Austro-Germans invaders in Italy have renewed their efforts to force a crossing of the Piave River, on the Venetian plains.

According to detailed information received at Petrograd, the Germans are massing troops opposite Dvinsk, on the Msta River, 122 miles southeast of Tiflis. This is understood to have influenced the interruption of the Russo-German peace negotiations.

WITH THE ITALIAN ARMIES, Jan. 3. Except for a few outpost positions near the delta of the Piave, the whole western bank of that river to the west of the Piave, the Austro-German forces, Italian troops by their capture of the Zenson bridgehead drove back the last of the strong offensive.

GRILL HOOVER AGAIN IN PROBE OF SUGAR

Chairman Reed Questions Food Administrator; Bitter Feeling Still Apparent.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Herbert Hoover, food administrator, was up on the stand again today when the Senate subcommittee investigating the sugar shortage took up its work. Chairman Reed, who up to today had taken no part in the examination of Hoover, questioned the food administrator at length.

Man in Army, Girl Takes Poison

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Jan. 3.—De- pendent because her sweetheart joined the aviation corps, Miss Grace Carver swallowed poison and is in Hagerstown hospital in a critical condition.

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830 Big British Ships Sunk Since April 15

SINCE the middle of April 830 British vessels, 618 of more than 1000 tons, have been sunk. The weekly totals follow:

Table with columns: Week ending, Tons sunk, No. of ships, etc.

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NORFOLK FIRE STARTS AFRESH; SPY HUNT ON

City Still Under Military Guard as Search for Teuton Incendiary Continues

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 3.—Fire started anew early today in the ruins of Norfolk's business section, threatening to spread to other structures and renew the conflagration of Tuesday.

Cigar Stamps Swell Revenue

YORK, Pa., Jan. 3.—Receipts at the internal revenue office in this city during December were \$148,211, an increase of \$2,000 over those of the corresponding month of 1916.

PLAN UNIVERSAL RAILWAY TICKET

McAdoo Board Favors Interchange Under New Government System

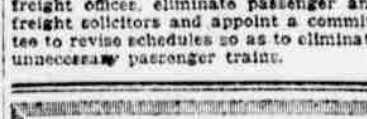
GOOD ON ALL LINES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—All mileage, commutation and other passenger tickets which they are issued are to be made interchangeable under the new system of Government control of all the transportation lines.

"This is one of the matters right ahead of the Director General McAdoo and his staff for decision," said Mr. McAdoo's assistants admitted today, and predicted that affirmative action will be taken on it when it is reached.

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U-BOAT TAKES ITSELF INTO PORT A CAPTIVE

Makes Way Through Mines by Trailing After Fleeing Transport

MANNED BY MUTINEERS

Men Had Killed Officers and Sought Safety in Hands of Allies

PARIS, Jan. 3.—The story of how a German submarine "captured itself" after the crew had mutinied and killed the officers, was told here today. Incidentally it gives a picture of life in the German submarine fleet.

THE HANDY ORCHESTRA'S Jazz Dance Blues on Columbia Records

Old Mr. Jazz himself has been out-jazzed! The trick has been turned by the sweet note in novelty, the last word in wizardry, the big, sweeping sensation of the hour—the most delicious dance music of the day.

W. C. Handy, of Memphis, Tenn., is the originator and composer of these famous "Blues" successes. The Handy Orchestra of southern negro musicians plays "Blues" dance numbers as no other orchestra ever could.

This unique organization makes records exclusively for Columbia. You want its Jazz Dance Blues records for your party—they'll make it a success. You will respond to these records, whether you dance or not—they're great!

Jazz Dance Blues, by Handy Orchestra of Memphis, Tenn.

Livery Stable Blues - Fox-trot (A2419) 10-inch 75c

The Seaky Blues - Fox-trot (A2421) 10-inch 75c

The Hooking Cow Blues - Fox-trot (A2420) 10-inch 75c

Old Miss Rag - Fox-trot (A2417) 10-inch 75c

Sweet Child - One-step (75c)

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AIMS TO FILL ARMY FROM CLASS ONE MEN

Crowder Urges Registration of Minors Matured Since First Draft

OFFERS ECONOMY A TARGET

Limousine "Auto Show Marks Apex of Luxury

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—In connection with discussion as to eliminating unnecessary luxuries, a limousine exhibited by the automobile salon here today is fitted out especially for use of a feminine passenger as follows:

Deep-cushioned "armchair" seats, knitting lamper imbedded in rich upholstery; inlaid mahogany case containing notebook, cardigan, clock, reading glasses and perfume bottles; similar mahogany box containing electric cigarette lighter, and special pockets for ashtray and matches.

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Pearl Necklaces Improved

Think of our original low Regular Prices if you want to get the full significance of what this sale means for you!

At their Regular Prices, these Perry Suits and Overcoats were already Bargains!

They were actually worth more than we were selling them at during the regular season! We had stocked up on the woollens before the recent advances, and we had marked them in accordance with a square deal—letting our customers have the benefit of our foresightedness!

This Big, Comprehensive Sale is a Golden Opportunity for the man who wants to forestall the sure advances in price and the sure restrictions in choice assortments that are due for next year!

OVERCOATS

The finest \$60 Overcoats are reduced! The finest \$50 Overcoats are reduced! The finest \$40 Overcoats are reduced!

The \$35 and \$38 Overcoats are reduced! The \$28 and \$30 Overcoats are reduced! The \$20 and \$25 Overcoats are reduced!

The \$15 and \$18 Overcoats are reduced!

SUITS

The \$43 and \$45 Suits are reduced! The \$38 and \$40 Suits are reduced! The \$30 and \$35 Suits are reduced!

The \$25 and \$28 Suits are reduced! The \$18 and \$20 Suits are reduced!

Military Uniforms—Officers' Suits, Officers' Overcoats, Sheepskin-lined and Fur-trimmed Overcoats are reduced!

Separate Trousers are reduced! Dress Vests and Fancy Vests are reduced!

A Great Big, Comprehensive Reduction Sale of Suits and Overcoats of every kind!

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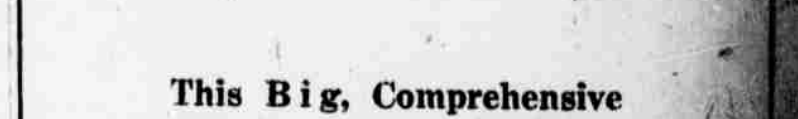
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