



BRITISH BREAK THROUGH IN GREAT DRIVE AT YEAR'S END

Committees on Cambrai Front Spend Last Day of Old Year in Desperate Fight to Defeat German Assault; Huns Take Trenches But Are Thrown Back by Brilliant Counter Attack; Turks Lose More Ground

British troops on the Cambrai front passed the last day of the old year in a desperate and successful fight to break down German attacks... The first rush brought the Germans into trenches on the ridge but the British, in a brilliant counter-attack, threw the enemy out and re-tore the position.

Priest Is Remembered by His Battling Irish Soldier Friend at Front

Chambersburg, Pa., Jan. 1.—The Rev. Will W. Whalen, rector of the Catholic parish in Buchanan's Valley, and formerly assistant rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Harrisburg, received a Christmas box which contained a handsome fur-lined overcoat, and he was nonplussed, for there was nothing to indicate whence came the splendid present until he reached his hand into one of the pockets to find a note. Then the story was told and this is it: When Father Whalen was in New York about a year ago he met an Irish soldier who was preparing to go to France by way of Canada. Priests and soldiers are always friends, there's a likeness betwixt them, it seems. Father Whalen and the Tommy spent the day together, and when they were parting—perhaps never to meet again—the soldier said: "I'd like to give you something for being so good to me." One pair of Irish eyes sparkled back at the other, with mainly moisture on their lashes. "Give me—your hide after your country—our country—has been furthered by it," said the priest, "and I'll sing a mass over you when my voice isn't cracked with tears." Then the priest, like Moses, went up to the South mountains to pray, while Joshua went down among the fighters in the trenches. Now the box: A brief line read: "Soggarth aroon, (Priest dear): You asked me for your hide, I'm after telling me brother to send you me bearskin. That's what my coat is made of. 'Twill keep warm the cockles of your heart. If a German bullet hits the right spot, I guess I'll go where it will be warm without coats. Since the mass and I'll listen for the echo over here in the cold—or down there in the heat."

Gas Supply Held Up by Freezing Pipes in Homes

Users of gas throughout the city were placed at considerable inconvenience during yesterday and last night through the freezing of the gas pipes running into their homes. The first trouble of the nature was reported yesterday morning, when users of the gas reported that there was no gas in their gas stoves when they began to cook mid-day meals. Evening found a great many homes throughout the city lightless due to the freezing of the moisture in the pipes. Workmen sent out by the gas company worked all night long in the light opening up the pipes. In some cases the trouble was in the pipes in the house, in other cases in the pipes running from the mains to the meters. The trouble was general throughout the city, and unusual amounts of coal oil and candles were consumed through the evening. The trouble usually manifested itself by the complete cut off of the gas flow. In some cases the lights continued to burn in gas flares and platters. Often the flow of gas raged itself, thus letting off a supply of unlighted gas into occupied rooms. Where gas meters were used, gas consumers reported that more than one quarter was put in the meter by patrons who thought their gas supply had run out.

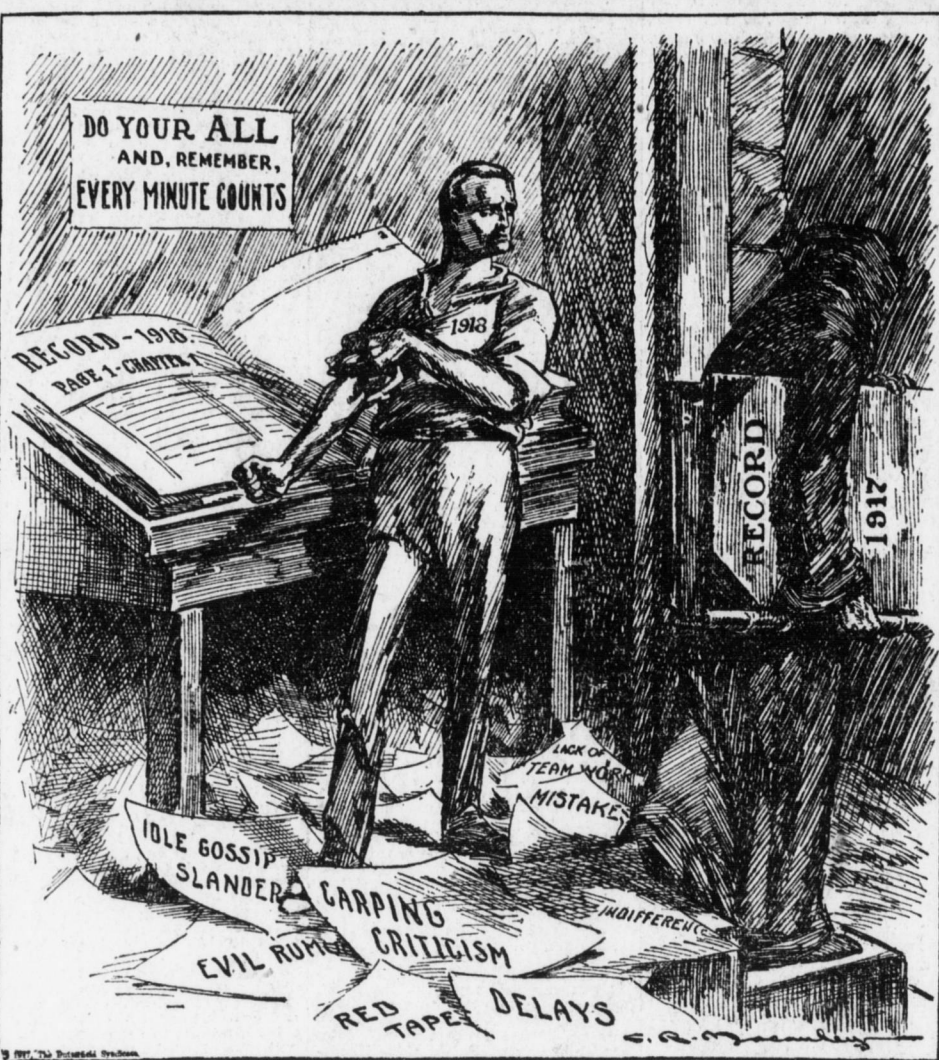
Knights of Columbus Rendering Patriotic Service in Camps

BY ROBERT B. REEVES, General Secretary, C. M. C. A. A few words of sympathy and encouragement to the Knights of Columbus in the promotion of the coming campaign to raise funds for the U. S. military training camps at home and abroad. The Knights of Columbus are doing a work that is not undertaken by the soldiers in our private life. C. M. C. A. and others are doing a work of organization and discipline. The men of all ages and nationalities, working together, training camps in the friendliest spirit of patriotism, and the results are being satisfactory. Because of the patriotic service rendered by the Knights of Columbus are, in my judgment, deserving of the support of every citizen; and I wish them every success in the campaign which starts on Wednesday.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Warmer to-night and Wednesday, with minimum temperature to-morrow about 15 degrees below zero. Snow expected but will not reach a heavy fall. (Note—This is a legal holiday, no official weather map is issued.)

RESOLUTION



"Perhaps You Did Your Best, Sir, but I Shall Do Better."

FRENCH DELIVER SMASHING BLOWS ON PIAVE LINES

Careful Preparation and Heroic Bravery Win Signal Victory in Offensive. Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Monday, Dec. 31.—The magnitude of the achievement of the French troops on the Monte Tomba region grows as full details are received. In addition to 1,348 men, including 44 Austrian officers, several of high rank, made prisoners and seven large guns captured, the booty included sixty machine guns, several trench mortars, and a great amount of miscellaneous war material. But the chief significance of the stroke is the change from defensive to offensive tactics, and the stirring enthusiasm and sureness with which the French delivered their initial blow against the enemy lines. Thus far the enemy has been on the offensive with the Italians delivering telling defensive blows. Now, however, the French have turned the scale and the enemy is being attacked in this sector for the first time since he reached the Piave. The story of the night shows thoroughness of preparation and heroic bravery in execution. The scene was "southeast of Monte Tomba, a low snowless mountain just west of the Piave where the allied lines turn into the mountain region. Here the artillery preparation began Saturday, but the main bombardment began at noon Sunday and increased hourly until the enemy was deluged by the French fire. It was then that the crack French infantry swung forward in steady lines from Osteria di Monfenera and Maranzine, a front of about two miles. The heaviest forces were on the right wing, Italian and British, and at the same time attacked the enemy from the air. The struggle was comparatively short and sharp with most of the fighting on the right wing. The artillery had so damaged the enemy positions that he was unable to make any effective resistance. The French losses were comparatively insignificant. Austrian soldiers made up the entire enemy force engaged, which is taken to indicate that the German contingents are being moved further west toward the Brenta river. It also has been estimated that no forces are being moved away from this front and that no new forces are being brought here.

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The fresh turned page; the empty slate Wiped clean of greed, of lust, of hate, Left for the word decreed by Fate, For, "Victory!" A finished year; a stern tale told; Faith in God's blessings manifold With hearts that value more than gold Democracy! The chance to LIVE; the chance to DO; The chance to see the big things thru With finer courage than we knew But yesterday! A year of trial? A year of stress? Perhaps, and yet a year to bless By showing us our hidden best. With honesty! ANNA HAMILTON WOOD.

THIRD ATTACK ON NEW YEAR GETS PADUA FROM AIR A MILD WELCOME IN ZERO WEATHER

Austrians Drop More Incendiary Bombs on Historic Church Buildings. Padua, Monday, Dec. 31.—The third successive night air raid last night scattered havoc among the famous churches and art monuments of Padua. The front of the sixteenth century cathedral was demolished. The Santo, or the basilica of St. Anthony, was also damaged. (Continued on Page 2.) SAILOR WEDS LADY CARROLL. London, Jan. 1.—Among several recent marriages of sailors in the American flotilla off the Irish coast with Irish girls, according to the Daily Chronicle, was that of a sailor named Cronk to Miss Nora Carroll. The bride is the daughter of Lady Ellen Carroll, whose husband, the late, Sir James Carroll, was prominent in the civic life of Queenstown.

DEBT IS FIVE TIMES GREATER THAN AT STARTING OF WAR

U.S. Liability Only About One-Fourth That of England or Germany. EXPENDITURES HEAVY. Army Demands to Be Met With Great New Appropriation. Washington, Jan. 1.—The United States enters the New Year with a national net debt of \$5,615,000,000, more than five times greater than when it entered the war nine months ago, but only one-third of the debt which promises to develop by the first of next year. The debt per capita is about \$51 and the percentage of debt to estimated national wealth is 2 1/2 per cent. The treasury financial summary statement, issued to-day for the first time since last June 30, shows that actual disbursements during the first half of the fiscal year have fallen far below the estimates, particularly for the military establishment. An enormous prospective increase in War Department expenses, for munitions and materials contracts to be filled in the spring, will raise the government outlays at that time, but officials feel some doubt that ordinary disbursements will reach the \$12,316,000,000 estimated for the fiscal year ending next June 30. Each of these three principal departments has outstanding contracts for which big expenditures will have to be made within the remaining half of the fiscal year, however, and the aggregate of these is the uncertain element which make it impossible to determine at this time precisely how many additional Liberty Bonds must be issued between now and next June 30. Great as the national debt seems to this country whose debt before the war was only a little past the billion dollar mark, it is only about one-fourth that of either Great Britain, France, Russia or Germany. The debt of all of America's cobelligerents is about \$84,000,000,000 or 14 per cent. of the estimated wealth of those nations, and the Teutonic allies' debt is about \$40,000,000,000 or 28 per cent. of their estimated wealth.

COSSACK TROOPS DEFEAT REBELS IN GREAT BATTLE

Bolshevik Retreat in Disorder; Several Hundred Men and 336 Guns Are Taken. ENGLAND STUDIES PEACE. Allies Realize That Brest-Litovsk Proposals Constitute a Grave Menace. London, Jan. 1.—The British government recognizes that the Brest-Litovsk peace proposals constitute a grave and new fact of which official cognizance must be taken, says the Daily Chronicle in reporting, as did the Manchester Guardian yesterday, that the British government intends to return a serious and reasonable reply to the Austro-German peace terms when presented officially. The Chronicle adds that the United States, Great Britain, France and Italy are also expected to do so. (Continued on Page 2.) WASHINGTON'S NEW YEAR'S QUIETEST ON RECORD. Washington, Jan. 1.—The cold wave ushered in with only a semibreeze at first was the quietest New Year's eve observed since the city was founded. The streets, which heretofore crowded Pennsylvania avenue and the hotels and cafes to greet the New Year, 1918, were almost deserted. A few people who braved the biting weather without and the "dry" dining table within.

ROTARY CLUB TO AID SOLDIERS GET AMUSEMENT

Sale of Tickets Here to Provide Funds For Theatrical Performances. THE "SMILEAGE BOOK" Captain Lumb Calls Special Meeting to Take Up Important Work. By the special request of the Secretary of War the members of the Harrisburg Rotary Club will hold a peculiarly important meeting to-night when the president, George F. Lumb, will launch the newest, latest and most interesting plan of Uncle Sam to entertain his soldiers in the big camps and weld another link in the attachment between home and the camp. To-night's gathering is a sequel to the conference at Washington recently which was attended by thirty-two district governors. (Continued on Page 2.) Huns Fear an Invasion of Germany by American Air Fleet; Unrest Acute. London, Jan. 1.—Allied air raids over Germany are awakening the people to a recognition of their own universal air ruthlessness, according to the Amsterdam correspondent of the Times. There is great nervousness throughout Germany, especially in the more exposed parts, he says, owing to the reported intention of the Americans to invade Germany by air. The subject is discussed universally, but efforts are made to calm anxiety by declarations about "American bluff." The frequent explosions in munitions factories, the correspondent adds, are causing the German military authorities anxiety not only because of the interference with the supply of munitions but also because of unrest in the districts where the explosions occur. The unrest has been acute since the advent of frost.

More Than a Billion Is Needed to Meet Demands of U. S. Army and Navy

Washington, Jan. 1.—An urgent deficiency appropriation of approximately \$1,328,000,000 for the Army, Navy, food administration and other government war work will be asked of Congress soon after the holiday recess. The largest item will be one of \$1,278,500,000 for the Army, including \$700,000,000 for the quartermaster corps for supplies; \$450,000,000 for ordnance, and \$140,000,000 for engineers. The Navy Department already has asked for \$55,900,000 deficiency appropriation. Besides these deficiency appropriations contemplated, the War Department already has asked \$1,123,000,000 additional to the regular estimates already submitted.

Big Gangs of Workmen Cut Thousands of Tons of Fourteen-Inch Ice

Work on filling the ice houses of the United Ice and Coal Company is rapidly being pushed by officials of the company. Between five and six thousand tons of natural ice is being cut and packed away in the store houses each day. If the weather remains cold for about a week it is believed that a sufficient amount of ice will be in the store houses for the summer. Yesterday workmen began to cut ice 12 to 14 inches thick at Colebrook and Ellendale Forge. And to-day they started at Laurel Dam. More men responded to the company for work than was anticipated by the officials. By to-morrow it is expected that more than 100 men will be working at Ellendale Forge.

RUMANIAN PARLIAMENT OPENS

Jassy, Rumania, Friday, Dec. 28.—The Rumanian parliament was opened to-day with an address by King Ferdinand. "However painful may be the sacrifices that we may still have to make in order to realize our legitimate aspirations," said the king, "we have the deep conviction they will be recompensed on the decisive day when there is established the reign of justice and liberty in the relations among nations." DR. J. P. REMINGTON DEAD. Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—Dr. Joseph Price Remington, dean of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and a pharmacist of international reputation died to-day after an illness of about five months. He had suffered from heart trouble. He was 70 years old. LEHIGH FIELDS OBSERVE NEW YEAR'S. Hazleton, Pa., Jan. 1.—Failure of miners to report for work resulted in the abandonment of coal companies in the Lehigh fields to attempt to operate their mines to-day. CHRISTMAS MAIL, GREATEST EVER. Washington, Jan. 1.—Christmas mail this year was greater in volume than any year in the history of the postal service and was handled notwithstanding unusual conditions, more promptly than in previous years. Postmaster Barleson to-day announced that complaints of delayed mail were not due to failures of the postal service but to congestion of railroad traffic. MUMMERS PARADE IN PHILADELPHIA. Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—All that the selective military draft has left of Philadelphia's marching clubs that have made the New Year's parade an institution here swept through Broad street to-day in the annual Mummers' parade. Thousands of Philadelphians and many from out of town braved the intense cold and cheered the marchers who cavorted for prizes as usual although the temperature froze many of the instruments in their hands. Clad in flimsy imitations of female finery hundreds of the Mummers courted pneumonia with chests and arms bare to the frigid temperature.

Reading to Ask Draft Exemption of Employees

Reading, Pa., Jan. 1.—As a result of the government operation of the railroads the Reading Railway Company is preparing to ask for the draft exemption of its employees. From the local shops several hundred skilled workers who cannot be replaced in a short labor market, have already been taken, and taking more would cripple shops and impede train operations. The new draft affects over 500 Reading railwaymen.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

William P. Cook, Halifax township, and Hazel G. Struck, New Cumberland; Daniel H. Forrester, Mt. Union, and Adeline M. Renyan, Harrisburg; Charles E. Neith and Kathryn I. Page, Harrisburg; Russell M. Kelly and Anna M. Brown, Harrisburg; Eli H. Miller, Detroit, and Anna M. Stoltz, Harrisburg; Elmer H. Frantz, Reading, and Estler F. Dohner West Reading. A suit for \$10,000 was brought by Sarah Cohen against the Pennsylvania Railroad because of an accident at Millersburg in which her husband, Israel Cohen, was killed.

RED CROSS DRIVE NETS SIXTEEN MILLION NAMES

Washington, Jan. 1.—Sixteen million new names were added to the membership rolls of the American Red Cross as the result of the Christmas membership drive, Henry P. Davison, chairman of the National War Council, announced to-day in New Year's greetings forwarded to workers whose efforts made the drive a big success.

Oil Stoves Requisitioned to Heat Mansion for Governor's Reception

For the first time in history oil stoves were drafted to-day to heat the Executive Mansion where the Governor and Mrs. Brumbaugh were hosts at the annual New Year's reception. Several hours before the arrival of the first guests for the reception, which is one of the big social events of the season, servants at the mansion despaired of getting any heat from the steam pipes. A hurry call from the butler brought a dozen oil stoves from dealers in the central part of the city.