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VERDUN DRIVE STARTS

French Troops Begin Offensive and Advance on Both Banks of the Meuse.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—French troops took the offensive in the Verdun region this evening, says tonight's supplementary War Office statement, advancing on both banks of the Meuse.

Field Marshall von Mackensen's Danube army has effected a crossing of the River Jalomitsa in Eastern Wallachia, adds the official announcement, which reads:

"On the Somme there has been lively artillery fire in some sectors. French advances were launched this evening on the east bank and west bank of the Meuse. In Rumania the Jalomitsa has been crossed by the Danube army."

The Bulgarian War Office at Sofia issued the following statement: "Our troops which crossed the Danube near Turtukai occupied the town of Anceniza, which had been looted by the enemy. Other troops crossed the Danube near Sidistria."

Bulgarian troops captured the bridgehead on the left bank of the Danube opposite Tchernavoda. On the Macedonia front after drum fire, the enemy attacked Trnova and height 1248, being repulsed. Likewise attacks on the broad front from Dobrimir to Makovo failed. The enemy nowhere obtained any success."

NEW B. R. & P. AGENT AT MARION CENTER.

R. M. Flick, formerly freight and passenger agent of the Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway at Echo, Pa., has been promoted to the agency of that company at Marion Center.

Mr. Flick will have jurisdiction over territory between Barton and Home, a distance of five miles. The appointment was effective December 4th.

BEGIN OPERATIONS.

The Juneau Coal Mining Co., of which N. S. White is president and superintendent and Harry Owens is treasurer, began operations this week. The company has 220 acres of land.

TERMS ON WHICH GERMANY IS WILLING TO MAKE PEACE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—In circles close to the German Embassy the peace proposals offered by Germany are said to include:

1. The complete restoration of Belgium.
2. Evacuation by Germany of all territory captured in Northern France.
3. Establishment of Poland and Lithuania as independent kingdoms.
4. Restoration to Bulgaria of all territory taken from that country in the Second Balkan War.
5. Restoration of the German colonies in Africa and other parts of the world.
6. Restoration to Austria of any territory captured by Italy in the vicinity of the Adriatic Sea.
7. Retention of Constantinople by Turkey.

DONNER FURNACE TO MAKE FERRO PRODUCT

One of the Tonawanda furnaces at Buffalo recently acquired by the Donner Steel Co., shortly will be turned on ferro-manganese and ore for that purpose has been purchased, according to the Iron Trade Review. One of the Dunbar furnaces, which has been making ferro-manganese and spiegeleisen, will be changed to bessemer around January 1.

PRINTS HIS PAPER ON FIG LEAVES

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., Dec. 14.—Because of the high cost of paper and the failure of subscribers to pay up, Luther McQueston, publisher of the Mountain Echo, at Boulder Creek, has printed an edition of his weekly on fig leaves. The edition consists of five dried leaves printed on both sides, and contains news items, classified and legal advertising and an editorial in which McQueston sets forth his reasons for "returning to first principles for print paper."

BOOTH IN P. O. TO SELL XMAS SEALS

A booth has been erected in the postoffice from which will be sold the Red Cross Christmas Seals, the receipts from which will go toward the fight against the White Plague.

FAIR GROUNDS STABLES AT PUNXS'Y BURN.

A spectacular fire, believed to be of "hobo" origin, destroyed more than a thousand feet of stables, cattle pens and fence at the Punxsutawney fair grounds Sunday evening. The building used for the exhibition of poultry and that for the exhibit of swine were also destroyed. The loss is approximately \$3,000, with no insurance.

The stables destroyed were those situated along the south fence of the fair grounds, from

near Carlton avenue, west to the southwestern corner of the big exhibition grounds. The south fence formed the rear of the stables and cattle pens destroyed

AMERICAN PRINCESS

RECEIVED BY POPE
ROME, Dec. 14.—Pope Benedict yesterday received Prince and Princess Andrea Boncompagni in private audience.

The princess was Miss Marguerite Preston Draper of Boston. Prince Boncompagni is a scion of one of the oldest families of the Holy Roman nobility, with a title dating back to 1133.

MONSTER MILITARY "SAUSAGES" EMPLOYED IN EUROPE TO WATCH FOES' MOVEMENTS



PREPARING TO SEND UP FRENCH CAPTIVE BALLOON

Photo by American Press Association from Medem.

While the exploits of the more spectacular and obviously efficient aeroplane fill many columns of the space devoted to war news, the military balloon is not neglected by the generals of the fighting powers of Europe. As in the American civil war and other wars, the balloons are used for observation purposes, especially cap-

tive balloons, such as the French construction shown in the picture. Only the Germans have made extensive use of the cruising dirigible balloon, such as the Zeppelins. France, Great Britain, Russia, Italy and other warring nations prefer to trust their fate to the heavier than air machine. Balloons like the one in the pic-

ture, nicknamed "sausages" by the soldiers, ascend to great heights and are held captive by cables that are immensely strong. From the baskets are made useful observations of the movements of troops, disposition of artillery, etc. Generally the balloons have telephonic communication with headquarters. Note the rifle strapped to the side of the basket.

EX-JUSTICE SENT TO JAIL.

BELLEFRONTE, PA., Dec. 14.—L. C. Bullock, a Republican politician, who last spring was appointed a justice of the peace in State college by Governor Brumbaugh, and who last week pleaded guilty to six indictments charging illegal sale of liquor, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Quigley to pay a fine of \$1,000 and serve six months in the county jail. Bullock resigned as justice two weeks ago.

HAS A NEW FORCE BILL



BOIES PENROSE, Senator Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania has startled politicians and statesmen in Washington by his announcement that he would introduce this session of congress a bill for federal supervision of national elections similar to that fathered by Henry Cabot Lodge, in 1890 as a member of the house. The bill will be directed at southern Democrats accused of not permitting negroes to vote.

AUSTRIAN CABINET IS SAID TO HAVE QUIT

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 14.—Resignation of the Austrian cabinet was announced in dispatches received today from Vienna. Alexander Spitzmueller is to attempt the formation of a new ministry.

If the Austrian cabinet has resigned, it has attained the unique record of lasting for a shorter period than any ministry of recent years in any European country, unless it be Greece. Dr. Ernest von Koerber, who succeeded to the premiership on the assassination November 1 of Premier Stuerghik, formed a cabinet on that date.

List of Letters

Remaining uncalled for in the Indiana office, December 9, 1916

Mrs. G. Bonarizo, Mr. Henry Bedorf, Mrs. Lillie B. Buterbaugh, Eugene Caldwell, Rev. J. F. Chilcote, Mr. H. C. Herman, Miss Sara M. Jones, Emmanuel G. Kooner, H. C. Lyons, Mrs. Frank Lovelace, Mrs. J. L. Mahoney, Miss Sylvie McMillen, Mrs. Marjory Myers, Miss Ellen Parish, Mrs. Jane Ray, Mr. John A. Richards, Mr. Fred Roberts, Mrs. S. M. Sterling, Mr. Joe Solomon, Mary Skonsky, Dei Strong

When inquiring for letters in this list please state that they were advertised, giving date.

HARRY W. FEE, P. M.

Best stores advertise in The Patriot.

B. R. & P. RY. DISTRIBUTES CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

For several years the Passenger Department of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway has made a practice of issuing to employees some few days prior to the holiday season a Christmas message, which, in addition to conveying the men the season's greetings, carries a few well chosen thoughts concerning the observance of true Christmas spirit in the handling of traffic at this busy time of year.

From a single page of type-written matter, the message has gradually assumed a more pretentious form. This year's issue is a four page pamphlet on good quality deckled-edge stack, printed in two colors, with appropriate illustrations, and is entitled "Our Christmas."

KAISER THINKING OF A NEW TITLE

LONDON, Dec. 14.—It is reported that the kaiser may change his title from the German emperor to the emperor of Germany, says a Press dispatch from Amsterdam. It was indicated that announcement to this effect might be made in the reichstag soon. The grandfather of the kaiser wished to make the same change, after the Franco-Prussian war, but was prevented by opposition of some of the German states.

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Criminal Court In Full Swing

The first case called for trial on Monday afternoon was a false pretense charge preferred by Greasley & Co., of Blairsville, against Mrs. Pearl McCann, whom the prosecutor alleged obtained goods of the value of \$45 on false statements as the ownership of property. The jury acquitted Mrs. McCann and placed two-thirds of the costs on the prosecutor and one-third on the defendant.

The case of Commonwealth vs. William Stonebreaker, of Grant township, charged with fornication and bastardy, by Mary E. Beatty, of East Mahoning township, the jury returned a verdict of guilty. The first case appeared in court in December, 1914, and has been continued from time to time at the suggestion of friends on both sides, who interceded to effect a settlement. The defendant having married recently brought matters to a climax and resulted in the present trial.

The case of Commonwealth vs. Andrew Uhasz, of Rossiter, charged with burning his store last June and thereby destroying several other properties, the case was continued.

A number of riot cases growing out of the strike at Edri station on December 5th, in which six men were shot, were continued until March court, pending the recovery of witnesses. Both strikers and deputy sheriffs are under arrest.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. Angelo Manoli, failed to appear and recognizance forfeited.

A contest over the ownership of a rooster, valued at 50c, threatened a race riot between Sam Laspina, an Italian and Frank Turzit, an Austrian, both of Tide, near Homer City, and occupied almost a day in its trial in Criminal Court. The jury failed to establish the ownership of the fowl, but divided the costs between the prosecutor and defendant, requiring each to pay about \$60.

The indictment of Thomas Runzo, charged with embezzlement of the funds of the Independent Brewing Company, amounting to something over \$118.80, was quashed, upon recommendation of his attorney. It is rumored that a new indictment may be found against the defendant.

The case of the Commonwealth against William Wray, of Lucernemines, charged with assault and battery, was tried. The jury found the defendant not guilty but assessed him with the costs. Later Attorney Samuel Cunningham made a motion to the effect that the costs of the action be paid by the county and it was ordered so by Judge Langham.

The jury in the case against Dominick Orlando, charged with larceny by bailee, returned a verdict of not guilty. The cases of John Polaski, charged with carrying concealed deadly weapons; Paul Milliken, violating the quarantine act and Andrew Yuhasz, charged with felonious arson, were continued until the March term of court. Yuhasz was indicted by the Grand Jury as being responsible for the fire that destroyed \$20,000 worth of property at Rossiter earlier in the year.

The case now on trial is that of Joe Morasco, charged with illegal liquor selling.