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## ALLIES AGGRESSIVE IN WEST SUCCEEDS IN FORCING ENEMY TO REMAIN ON THE DEFENSIVE

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able our good progress. In the two woods of La Guerre and Labonte the enemy succeeded on the 17th in blowing up one of our transports. It has since been recaptured from the rear, and on the 20th they constructed some new trenches in advance of the old ones. On four occasions we blew up some German mines, demolished machine guns, concealed in shelters and captured rifle ammunition and other material. Many advances, not one retreat—that is the balance sheet of the flanks, west of the Argonne. In one day, the 24th, we repulsed five attacks.

**Allies Active.**  
"From the west of the Argonne to the heights of the Meuse, inclusive, we showed an activity from the 16th to the 24th, often crowned with success, and that, in spite of the condition of the rain, more suitable to the defensive than the offensive. Our artillery, and especially our heavy artillery, inflicted notable damage upon the artillery of the enemy. On the 17th two pieces were destroyed, two batteries demolished on the 19th, and one reduced to silence; a machine gun shelter destroyed on the 20th, and one blown up; a battery on the 22nd was damaged, to the north-east of St. Mihiel, and two destroyed near Bethincourt."

"Infantry attacks developed in the region of Bourouilles and Vauquois, in that of Cuisy and the woods of Forges, Dec. 21st, 22nd, 23rd, with a gain of from 200 to 300 metres in these three days. We gained 150 metres on the 24th in the woods of Consenvoye, where, in spite of a violent bombardment, and of counterattacks we maintained the conquered position."

**Ebb and Flow of Battle**  
"We entered the village, were obliged to abandon, and then re-took it. On the outskirts of the Vauquois we progressed at first 100 metres, then 300. We advanced likewise into Melancourt region on the 20th, and made progress the 21st in the region of Bethincourt, and in the woods of Forges, Dec. 21st, 22nd, 23rd, with a gain of from 200 to 300 metres in these three days. We gained 150 metres on the 24th in the woods of Consenvoye, where, in spite of a violent bombardment, and of counterattacks we maintained the conquered position."

**Less Violent Here.**  
"Between the Meuse and the Moselle, the action has been less violent than the rest of the front. It has permitted us to register progress slowly, but this progress continues in the forest of Apremont and in the woods of La Pretre, we succeeded in destroying or silencing several batteries of the enemy's artillery in the Woivre district, and in the forest of Apremont, on the 20th. We demolished trenches in the same region on the 23rd and 24th. We effectively bombarded the railroad station of Arneville on the 18th and 22nd."

**Aerial Warfare**  
"In spite of the extreme difficulty resulting from rain, wind and fog, our squadrons of aeroplanes and our dirigibles have done excellent work. One of the latter, on the night of the 17th, dropped 15 bombs upon the railroad station of Sarreburg, six upon that of Petit Eich, and five shells and a thousand arrows upon a train in the railroad station of Heilmig. The damage done was important, and was acknowledged by German newspapers. On several occasions, the 18th, 20th, 21st and 22nd, our aviators gave chase to some German machines and obliged them to descend. On the 18th one of our aviators shot and killed a German pilot, whose machine crashed to the earth. On another occasion,

near Arras, an aviator was put to flight by twenty carbide shots. Another time, one of our officers was pursued by an 'Albatross,' which succeeded in crossing our lines. The German aeroplane was badly damaged by a fusillade of shells. In spite of the state of the atmosphere, some of our aviators on the 18th succeeded in dropping bombs on the enemy's trenches upon a concentration of troops on the 19th and 20th; upon railroad stations and trains the 20th and 22nd; upon a captive balloon the 21st, upon the port of Strassburg on the Rhine, and the railroad depot of Dieuve, on the 22nd."

"The Prince of Teck has expressed his warm thanks to the chief of the air squadron which has operated on the Belgian coast with the English aviators. This squadron has, in fact, effectively contributed toward the regulation of the fire of the battle-ships, and in surveying the sea for enemy's submarines."

## OBSERVED XMAS TRUCE IN TRENCHES

It was Unofficial, of Course, But None the Less Strictly Observed and Germans and Allies Fraternised For a While

London, Jan. 2.—The Daily News publishes a letter from an officer in the Queen's Westminster Rifles, describing an extraordinary truce.

"I really must tell you about the funniest and most amusing Christmas I have ever spent. As you know, the official armistice did not come off, but the men made one of their own."

"I told you that our section was billeted on fatigue duty. Well, on Christmas eve we carried wood up to the firing line from dark until 1 a.m., all the time there was singing, cheering, and trumpet calls in both lines, and the Germans had lights all along their front. We were walking with our wood in the bright moonlight, but not a shot was fired at us all the time."

"Next day would have made a good chapter in Dickens' Christmas Carol. It was, indeed, a tribute to the spirit of Christmas. Many of our chaps walked out and met the Germans between the lines. I went over in the afternoon and was photographed in a group of English and Germans mixed. We exchanged souvenirs; I got a German ribbon and a photo of the Crown Prince of Bavaria. The Germans opposite were awfully decent fellows; Saxons, intelligent, respectable looking men. I had quite a talk with three or four and have two names and addresses in my note book."

"It was the strangest scene you could imagine, going out unarmed to meet our enemies, also unarmed. After a talk I really think a lot of our newspaper reports must be horribly exaggerated, but of course, these men were Saxons—not Prussians."

## Facts You May Not Know

The warden of a Georgia prison has been puzzled by an order to give one of his prisoners a nineteen days' allowance on his sentence. As the sentence is for life, the order is difficult to carry out.

According to an Italian mathematician, all the people in the world could stand comfortably in an area of 500 square miles, while a graveyard about the size of Colorado would bury all of them.

The usual size of some game fish caught in irrigation ditches in Washington led to the belief that they had fattened themselves by eating alfalfa and an investigation proved the theory correct.

The areas of the nine Canadian provinces in square miles are: Quebec, 706,834; Ontario, 407,252; British Columbia, 367,600; Alberta, 253,540; Saskatchewan, 250,650; Manitoba, 251,832; New Brunswick, 27,985; Nova Scotia, 21,428, and Prince Edward Islands, 2,184.

Moses Alexander, new governor of Idaho, is the first Hebrew ever elected to the governorship of an American State.

Germany is credited with having 100,000 motor vehicles in military use.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

## CORONER'S JURY GIVES VERDICT ON DUNN MURDER

Death Caused by Blow from Some Person or Persons Unknown—Two Colored Men Are Arrested

North Sydney, December 30th.—The inquest on the body of Miss K. C. Dunn, who was murdered in her house on Queen Street on December 21 was continued before Coroner A. R. Fobes to-night. The verdict of the jury was as follows:—

"We find that the deceased, Katherine C. Dunn, came to her death by blows inflicted on the back of the head by some blunt instrument between the hours of five and seven-thirty o'clock on the afternoon of Monday, December 21, 1914, in her residence on Queen street, and that the said blow or blows were inflicted by some person or persons unknown to us."

Only one new witness was sworn to-night, a boy named Ernest Sudbury, who was in the habit of visiting Wm. Connolly's house, where the two-colored men under arrest boarded. Young Sudbury faintly while being cross-examined.

Mrs. Connolly, Alfred Willis and George Taylor were also examined to-night. Taylor was questioned with reference to Willis' past.

The evidence of Mrs. McLean and Rindress, who examined the body, was submitted in writing. It was to the effect that death was due to a blow on the back of the head. Warrants have been issued against Willis and West.

## German General Orders

(From Life, New York)  
Until further notice the following scale will be in force:

For dropping a bomb on a hospital, one Iron Cross.

For dropping a bomb on a church, two Iron Crosses.

For dropping a bomb on a cathedral, ten Iron Crosses.

This is for the encouragement of culture.

The old scale of one Iron Cross for killing a child, two for killing a woman, and five for killing a Red Cross nurse will still be in force.

Commanders are urged to levy the utmost fine on captured towns which the places can stand. The Fatherland needs the money.

Use the white flag whenever possible for the purpose of luring on detachments of the enemy. A white flag is only a scrap of linen.

Mine-layers should always be disguised as hospital ships.

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