

GREAT BATTLE ON THE WEST FRONT

Did Not Gain the Germans Any Advantage—French Repelled Them in Great Style.

Paris, Jan. 12.—The German attack in Champagne, which failed so signally, was in reality a victory for the French, only it had less eclat than the great offensive of September.

TWO BATTALIONS WIPE OUT The only result was a decisive defeat all along the line. At one point two German battalions following the French by the French enfilading fire from rifles and machine guns.

At only one point—between La Courtaigne and Butte de Mesnil—did they succeed in gaining a footing in the French trenches.

OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED The War Office report reiterated today that the German offensive launched by the Germans in Champagne, which came to an end yesterday afternoon, failed completely.

THE BELGIANS Protest Against Another Large German Levy.

Arrested in Connection With a Strike.

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terday afternoon that French counter attacks failed to wrest from the Teutons the position they had conquered on Sunday northwest of Passages in the Champagne. Artillery activity continues on the vital parts of the western front.

IMPERIAL GUARD. Chalons, Sur-Marne, France, Jan. 11.—The fact that the regiments of the Imperial Guard were among the 60,000 men that attacked the French lines in Champagne on Sunday, indicates how carefully the Germans selected their troops for this great assault.

MAXIMUM PRICES. Berlin, Jan. 11, via London Jan. 12.—In an attempt to compensate farmers for the maximum prices fixed for so many food products of the empire, the government has placed maximum prices on commercial fertilizers.

MORE THAN 25,000 New York, Jan. 12.—A News Agency despatch from Paris published today says: "The Germans lost more than 25,000 men out of the 60,000 who were engaged in the Champagne offensive."

RECEIVES A NOTABLE RECEPTION IN JAPAN.

FOUR MEN Arrested in Connection With a Strike.

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SIXTEEN AMERICANS WERE LINED UP AND EXECUTED IN MEXICO

A Startling Story Which is Told by One Man Who Successfully Made His Escape—President Wilson Stated to be Awaiting Further Details With Gravest Anxiety—Latest Wires to Courier Confirm the News.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 12.—Seventeen persons, all thought to be Americans, returning from Chihuahua City to re-open mines at Cuahuahua, Chihuahua, were taken on a Mexican Northwestern train yesterday by bandits, stripped and lined up along the track for execution, according to a message received here to-day from Thomas M. Holmes, one of the seven men who made his escape.

According to the brief messages received here, the train bearing the Americans was stopped by the bandits at a point about 68 miles from Chihuahua City. The train was robbed, stripped and lined up along the cars for execution.

THE PRESIDENT Secretary Lansing's only announcement to the Senate today was that the evacuation and operations were quietly and successfully continued.

KAISER WOULD SEEM TO BE GENUINELY ALL GIES of the achievements of the crown prince in the German press.

THIS OCCUPATION IS REGARDED SERIOUSLY danger and is in a commanding position with regard to Cettinje, the capital of Montenegro, which is a little over six miles distant, though sheltered by intervening mountains.

WHOLESALE PRICES. The offerings comprising broken goods and remains of this winter's goods, besides very large assortments of goods, including Spring, such as Cottons, Linens, Laces, Embroideries and made up White Goods, along with a new assortment of Curtains, with a new assortment of Curtains, with a new assortment of Curtains, with a new assortment of Curtains.

through American consular representatives along the border. They had been instructed to investigate and report with all possible haste following the receipt of official advices which gave few details.

PROMPT PUNISHMENT Washington, Jan. 12.—Secretary of State Lansing today telegraphed General Carranza calling for the prompt punishment of the bandits who executed seventeen Americans near Chihuahua on Monday.

THE SENATE Washington, Jan. 12.—As soon as the Senate assembled, Senator Sherman introduced a resolution proposing intervention in Mexico by the United States and the six Pan-American nations.

SEVENTY KILLED. Berlin, Jan. 12, via London 3.10 p.m.—An ammunition depot in the southern section of Lille, northern France, has been blown up. An official announcement says that seventy persons were killed and forty injured.

LET GO. London, Jan. 12.—The Daily Express today that Andrew J. LeBethe, lieutenant governor of the Carolina, and a companion from the United States peace party, who have been detained at Tilbury, opposite Gravesend, having satisfied the British authorities that they have no intention of proceeding to a peace campaign in England, have been given permission to proceed to America and will take the first boat available.

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IS GERMANY EASILY GETTING SUPPLIES?

Special Representative of London Daily Mail Says They Are—Denmark Helps Under Threats.

London, Jan. 12.—The Daily Mail begins this morning its promise statements purporting to prove that Great Britain is pursuing "the policy of being gentle to Germany" and allowing food and material for making ammunition to pass freely through to that country.

INVESTIGATION CONFIRMS NEWS. Washington, Jan. 12.—Official despatches from Chihuahua, Mexico, to the state department to-day say the bodies of the seventeen Americans who were executed in Mexico on Monday, arrived at that city last night.

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BULLIED AND DRIVEN BY GERMANY. "Denmark is not her own mistress," the article asserts, "Just now the big German fist overhangs it, threatening, bullying, driving."

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