

# Germany Likely to Have Bulgaria As Foe

## VOLENT ATTACKS ON ALLES ALL REPULSED

**Germans Vainly Hurl Their Forces Against Positions—Fail To Prevent Advance of French Army In Alsace Province**

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, Dec. 26.—2:50 p.m.—The French war office this afternoon gave out an official announcement as follows:

"There have been moderate artillery exchanges on the front from the sea to the Lys. On the Lys itself a heavy fog has made operations impossible.

"Between the Lys and the Oise we have repulsed several counter-attacks of the enemy, notably at Noullet, to the west of Lens; at Boisselle, northeast of Albert, and at Lihons, to the west of Chaumes, where a trench captured from the enemy was lost, and then recaptured by us after a spirited engagement.

**Severe Attacks Repulsed.**

"Between the Oise and the Aisne reports from this locality declare that during the day of December 24 a very strong German attack was repulsed at Chivry, to the northeast of Soupir.

"In the region of Perthes our artillery silenced the batteries of the enemy, which were bombarding the trenches recently occupied by our troops. Two strong German counter-attacks were repulsed during the night of December 24-25."

**COMpletely CHECKED.**

A further counter-attack of particular severity, delivered on a front of 1,500 yards with important bodies of troops, was completely checked.

"In the Argonne and between the Meuse and the Moselle there is nothing to report.

"In Upper Alsace, December 25 was marked by persistent progress in favor of Germany. We reached the outskirts of the forest on the hills to the west of the town, and here we held our positions in spite of several counter-attacks. We occupy also the outskirts of Aspach, the valley and the heights which dominate Aspach on the west.

"Russia: The Germans, who succeeded in forcing their way across the Bzura River, to the south of Soltanow, were driven back after having suffered considerable losses."

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## DECEPTIVE SUN TRAPS UNWARY

**Looks Warm Despite 22 Below Registration of Last Night.**

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**Thermometer at the Gammage**

**Greenhouse Touched New**

**Low Level For Season.**

If the cold spell continues much longer

Western Ontario people will be borrowing

the formula of their neighbors of the

Northwest, "It's cold here in winter,

but you don't feel it."

It was evident the people on the

streets last night did feel it. By 10

o'clock few pedestrians were at large,

and those who were obliged to be out

wasted no time in daily errands unless

obliged to wait for a car running off

schedule time, owing to the tampering

of Jack Frost with the wires.

The radiant sunshine of today has set

the citizens boasting about the "fine,

bracing air." At the same time, it has

been deceptive weather, the ideal variety

for frost-nips. The warm smile of the

sun has lulled the unwary into

leaving cars uncovered and omitting

other precautions. They have failed to

observe that while the sun smiles and

cheerful, it cannot be characterized as

"melting," and the entrenchments of

frost have held their own. The obser-

vatory last night the lowest reading

was 22 below, and at 8 o'clock this

morning the mercury had mounted to 3

below.

The thermometer at the Gammage

conservatory, evidently on Christmas

celebration bent, tumbled as far as 28

below at 1:30 a.m. The discrepancy be-

tween the reading of this thermometer

and that of the official is attributed to

the more exposed position of the former.

The barometer, a fickle jade of late,

registering 29.6, indicates clear, cold

weather. Having established a record

for rapid changes of mind in the past

week or so, she may again set the

citizens aw-shivering before to-mor-

row night.

## MAYOR AND JUDGE BOTH UNDER ARREST

**Sixty-Five Taken On Corruption Charges in Indiana Case.**

(Canadian Press.)

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 26.—Charged in

indictments with attempts to corrupt

the election of November 3 last, Ter-

Haute, Don M. Roberts, mayor of Ter-

Haute, and announced candidate for the

Democratic nomination for governor in

1915, was taken into custody by a United

States marshal at Terre Haute today.

Roberts, accompanied by Judge Ellihu

Redman, of the Vigo circuit court, an-

swered a summons and sought the mar-

shal at his hotel. At first, Roberts and

Redman would not talk, but later the

mayor admitted that both he and Red-

man had been placed under arrest. Early

this afternoon, neither had been able to

furnish bonds.

County Sheriff Dennis Shea, who sur-

rendered voluntarily early in the morn-

ing, furnished bonds.

The arrests this morning, 13 in num-

ber, bring the total taken into custody

by United States officials to 45,

of having been rounded up last night.

## BULGARIA POSSIBLY MAY JOIN ALLIES

**Said To Be Understanding If She Intervenes On Either Side.**

**ROUMANIA IS QUITE FREE**

**Only Obstacle to Her Fighting Against Germans Now Removed.**

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, Dec. 26.—The only obstacle to Roumania joining the forces of the Triple Entente, according to the Figaro, was the lack of guarantee from Bulgaria regarding that country's neutrality. The Figaro learns from a good source, it says, that those guarantees have now been obtained as a result of the joint action of the Triple Entente powers at Sofia with the further undertaking that, in the event of Bulgaria deciding to intervene in the war, it would be against the enemies of the Entente.

## OFFICERS COMPLIMENT QUICK-EYED BUGLER

**Trumpeter Who Sent in Fire Alarm Yesterday Is Congratulated.**

Bugler McHoul, who yesterday morning sounded the first alarm of the fire in the cookhouse and grandstand at the fair grounds, was today complimented by his officers. The bugler was near the guardhouse when he saw smoke issuing from the stand above No. 4 cookhouse. He at once ordered out the guard, and then trumpeted the warning notes on his bugle. The striding call for help from the soldiers echoed through the big park, and the boys in khaki immediately rushed to the scene.

Armed with axes the soldiers smashed open the doors, thus paving the way for the firemen, who were on the scene five minutes after the alarm was first sounded.

The fifty odd soldiers who helped the firemen in their big task deserve praise, according to those who saw their work. Private W. J. Barlett acted as a piquet, and directed the operations of some of the men, with splendid results. Sergeant Mogg was at his post leading the attack on the flames.

Today about fifty of the soldiers set fire to the deluged cookhouse. They went cheerfully to the work and accomplished the desired object in a short time.

## RAIDING AEROPLANES INTERRUPTED DINERS

**People of Southend Report Seeing Two in Early Afternoon.**

(Canadian Press.)

London, Dec. 26.—The "Southend correspondent of the Daily Chronicle" telegraphed this morning as follows: "Following their raid over Dover on the 24th, German aviators have made another dash for the English coast. This afternoon, at about 1:30 o'clock, just when some of the people of Southend were sitting down to their Christmas dinner, the dropping of an aeroplane was heard high up in the air."

"There was a rush for the streets, and then it was seen that two aeroplanes were flying over the town at a very great height. They were coming in the direction of Chatham, near Sheerness. Although it was impossible to make out their nationality without glasses, all doubt on this point was soon set at rest when it was seen that they were being fired at."

"The rattle of guns continued for some minutes, and brought crowds of people into the streets, but the two aeroplanes were evidently quite out of range, and they escaped unhurt. They disappeared, and made their way out to sea. As far as can be gathered no bombs were dropped, and no injury was done either to persons or to property."

Mr. Modd, of the Miter Hotel, at Gravesend, states that he saw an aeroplane coming up the river at about 1:15 o'clock. It was flying in the direction of London. Soon afterwards it turned around and came back again, followed by another aeroplane, which was flying at a lower level. The first aviator was fired upon."

## RUSSIA TRADES LAND FOR SOME HEAVY GUNS

(Canadian Press.)

Washington, Dec. 26.—The Japanese cabinet today received official advice from Tokyo that Russia has agreed to Japan's half of the island of Sakhalin for some heavy guns. The island was ceded to Russia in 1905, and the Japanese half was returned to Japan by the terms of the treaty of Portsmouth.

## \$400,000 CORPORATION New Company Organized to Take Over Beck Factories.

A new \$400,000 corporation, to be known as the Beck Manufacturing Company, Limited, has been incorporated at Ottawa to take over several manufacturing businesses in Canada now carried on by Sir Adam Beck and the Beck Manufacturing Company, for the manufacture of cigar boxes. The head office will be in this city, and Sir Adam and Lady Beck are among the incorporators.

## COLD PUTS FEAR IN HOSPITALS.

(Canadian Press.)

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—As a result of the severe Christmas weather, and carelessness regarding climatic conditions, induced in the majority of cases by over-indulgence, four men were today taken to Toronto hospitals, suffering from frozen feet.

## Rulers of Norway and Sweden



King Gustav of Sweden and King Haakon of Norway.

## Turkish Mob Attacks American Ship's Crew

**But Threat of Bombardment By the United States Cruiser Quiets Sultan's Subjects at Tripoli — Russians Resume Offensive in Poland.**

(Canadian Press.)

London, Dec. 26.—Christmas has come and gone without a trace on the part of any of the warring nations of Europe. While there has been no cessation of military activity, nevertheless no decisive action has occurred along either of the great battlefronts. A spectacular element of the recent news was supplied by an aerial duel between a German aircraft and two British biplanes over the Thames. This occurred Christmas Day and was witnessed by several thousand people. The German escaped.

From Petrograd comes news that the Russians have resumed the offensive at several points in Poland, and that they have captured no fewer than 11,000 prisoners. To offset this, however, Berlin reports inactivity along the Polish front.

Will Be Too Late.

An Austrian army is still making a courageous effort to strike down the

Valley of the Nida in the direction of

Garnow, British observers are of the

opinion that this movement will be too

late if it is a fact that the Austro-

German attack in the centre has really

received its reported check.

General von Hindenburg, the German

commander in the east, still keeps his

finger grip on it. Vienna also seems to

be maintaining its present movement

towards Warsaw from Thorn, which is

northwest of the Polish capital, in the

province of West Prussia.

On the western battlefield, Paris re-

ports slight progress from Nieuport,

while Berlin balances this with the

claim that the Germans have taken

some British trenches. The French, on

their side again, claim the capture of

a trench near Puisseleux, which they

hold, in spite of several counter-

attacks.

U. S. Warship Threatens.

From Athens comes an incomplete

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## FROZEN TO DEATH DELIVERING MAIL

**Joseph White Caught On Drifting Floe On Lake Huron.**

(Canadian Press.)

Cheboygan, Mich., Dec. 26.—Joseph White, a mail carrier, was frozen to death last night while adrift on an ice floe in Lake Huron, a few miles from this port. Fred Roberts, another carrier, who was with White, was badly frostbitten.

After delivering the Christmas mail on Bois Blanc Island, two miles out in the lake, the two carriers started back for the mainland with their sled. When about half-way across the straits, the ice parted and they found themselves drifting toward the lake. They were exposed to the bitter cold for many

hours. Some time in the night White succumbed, and Roberts was barely able to crawl ashore when the floe drifted to land, eighteen miles from Cheboygan.

RECORD TEMPERATURES.

Gloversville, N. Y., Dec. 26.—The official temperature here at 7 o'clock this morning was 20 below. This breaks all local December records for thirty years, and is the second coldest day Gloversville has known. Adirondack points reported forty below.

FIFTY-TWO BELOW.

(Canadian Press.)

St. Alban's, Vt., Dec. 26.—The lowest

temperature in Vermont, 52 degrees be-

low zero, was reported in Barre today.

Here it was 20 below, at Rutland 22, at

Montpelier 30, and at Burlington 16.

ALL BELOW ZERO.

Washington, Dec. 26.—A cold wave

held the country from the Mississippi

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NOT EVEN WOUNDED.

Former Brantford Constable Was Re-

ported Killed in France.

(Canadian Press.)

Brantford, Dec. 26.—Word has been

received here that Constable Blanchard,

a reservist, now with the Coldstream

regiment in France, reported killed dur-

ing a bayonet attack on the Germans, last

not even been wounded, but is still

fighting with his regiment.

\$75,000 BLAZE.

(Canadian Press.)

Chelsea, Mass., Dec. 26.—Damage es-

timated at \$75,000 was caused by a fire

which broke out in the lumber plant of

Pope & Cottle today, and became so

threatening that the departments of

Robertson and Everett were called upon to

aid the local firemen.

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