

MORE RUSSIANS MARCHING AGAINST CRACOW

RESULT OF BATTLE IN POLAND IS IMPORTANT--CONFLICTING REPORTS OF FIGHTING IN WEST

BAD OUTLOOK FOR RUSSIANS--
GERMAN-AUSTRIAN ADVANCE

GERMANY SEEMS TO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY TAKEN POSITIONS
AT BZURA RIVER AND ARE ALREADY MARCH-
ING ON WARSAW.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Dec. 23.—The pessimistic nature of the Russian official report today, which frankly reveals the advance of the German-Austrian forces in Poland and Galicia, has dampened the enthusiasm evoked by the success of the Allies in France.
In East Prussia the Germans have been driven back on the line of Neidenburg, Soldau and Lautenburg, says a French statement.

NEW SWISS PRESIDENT
TALKS VERY WARLIKE

(Special to The Daily News.)
Berne, Dec. 23.—Dr. Motta, the new Swiss president, declares, after some hesitation, that the German-Swiss have closed ranks with the French and Italian-Swiss round the national idea that from whatever quarter the national aggressor comes he will be the enemy of all Swiss, and immediately the Swiss army will enter into arms with those fighting that enemy.

Tobacco jars, smokers' sets (ash trays, steins, decanters, etc., and other suitable gifts for men. —Wallace's. 295-297

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Xmas Shopping
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Given Away Free on New Years Day

PIPES TO FIT ANY FACE

ALLIES IN FRANCE ARE
MEETING WITH SUCCESS

(Special to The Daily News.)
Paris, Dec. 23.—The French official report says that slight progress was made yesterday between the sea and Bixschote. The combined Anglo-French offensive succeeded in recapturing Givenchy, near La Bassée. Heavy fog stopped operations around Arras. A gain of half a mile was made at Pethes les Hurles in Champagne and slight but perceptible advances in the forest of La Grurie in Argonne. Farther east the situation is unchanged.

PLEASANT EVENING
FOR S. S. CHILDREN

In the Presbyterian Hall last evening an entertainment was given by the Sunday School children that was very unique in character. Instead of spending large sums on presents as on former years each child was induced to contribute something to the Belgian Relief Fund and a sum of about \$20 was realized. Of course an excellent treat of candies was furnished and every little one was as well pleased as if the whole of Santa Claus' store was there.

The following program was rendered by the youngsters with excellent effect:

Chorus "Merry, Merry Xmas"
Recitation "The Doorway"
Solo "A Christmas Carol"
Recitation "A Child's Thought of Xmas"
Solo "It's a Long Way to Tipperary"
Recitation "An Overworked Eltonist"
Chorus "Jingle Bells"
Recitation "Gate's Calendar"
Solo "Christmas Bells"
Recitation "Way Up in the Clouds"
Solo "A Visit From St. Nicholas"
Offering and Hymn
Entrance of Santa Claus
Chorus to Santa Claus
Distribution of Candy Bags
Final Chorus "Hurray! Hurray! for Santa Claus"

TORONTO NOMINATIONS

(Special to The Daily News.)
Toronto, Dec. 23.—Thomas L. Church, a lawyer, and J. C. McCarthy, an insurance broker, have been nominated here today for mayor of this city. There are seven nominations for controller.

Jabours have a few children's toys left which they are selling at half price. 296-7-8

Get "her" a raincoat. New stock at Wallace's.



FLEEING FROM THE WRATH OF WAR.—Here is a Belgian family with all their earthly possessions loaded in an ox cart fleeing from the war zone, to France.

THE SCOTS GREYS
GHOSTLY CHARGERS

London, Dec. 15.—The Daily News correspondent at Calais says the French light cavalry have been competing in gallant deeds with the Scots Greys. Up to last week they had scored, but a few days ago a mysterious wagon moved up from the British base. It consisted of little packets emitting the undisguisable aroma of a chemist's shop, a number of brand new pails, and a quantity of whitewash brushes. These all bore labels addressed: "Urgent. Scots Greys' Camp. With Great Care." There was great but secret rejoicing in camp when this consignment arrived.

Yellow Washed.

To every man who still possessed a gray horse there was handed one whitewash brush, one packet of the chemical concoction, and one shining pail. He carefully emptied the packet into the pail, filled it up with water, stirred it and then proceeded to paint the mixture upon his surprised and objecting charger with the whitewash brush. The mixture was so many parts diluted permanganate of potash, and the result was that in a very short time—no longer than it takes to perform a thorough curry-comb—every white horse remaining in this famous regiment was transformed in color to a ghostly sort of khaki tint, invisible as horse and rider dashed across the terrain in the misty morning or the dewy eve, and appallingly frightful to the enemy. The carefully kept casualty score is now considerably in favor of the Scots Greys. Whenever the Germans see these spectre horses swooping upon them they turn and run.

WHAT BERLIN SAYS.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Berlin, Dec. 23.—A German official says the Allied attacks in Flanders have been easily repulsed. At Richebourg and Lavove the Allies were again driven from their positions. The French attacks east of Rheils, he said, have also been partly repulsed. The battle for the possession of the branches of the Bzura River continues.

Pieces of china from the world's best known potteries—desired by all women. On sale at Wallace's. 295-297

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BATTLE IN POLAND.

The latest report from Poland is that the battle at Bzuro River is still raging without apparently any definite results. If the reports in yesterday's dispatches were true the Russians occupy very strong positions and if they are routed it will be only by superior forces and at tremendous sacrifice. Dispatches received early this morning indicated that the advantage was with the Germans, but the later dispatches do not confirm this and leaves room to believe that it is not so. The new Russian army, marching on Cracow, is a surprise and indicates that the Russians have an ample supply of men.

HELP FOR THE BOYS.

On Wednesday, January 8, the first concert in aid of the overseas contingent will be given in the Empress Theatre. A lecture will be given by Rev. Canon Rix, on "The Flag." This fund will provide extra comforts for the local men who are going to the front and is worthy of every support.

Xmas Bargains

R. W. Cameron's high-class stock sold actually BELOW COST

at
C. C. Loop's
Jeweler Watchmaker
223 6th st.

Grand Turkey Shoot

We are conducting a shooting contest in our shooting gallery in which a number of Turkeys will be given as prizes on Xmas and New Year's Eve.

Shooting Gallery

Special prices on furs—ladies' muffs and stoles at half price—at Jabours. 296-7-8

Skates and Hockey Sticks at Fred Stork's Hardware. tf.

LOCAL SPEAKERS AT
TERRACE MEETING

(Newsletter.)

Canon Rix, chaplain of the 68th Light Infantry, was the principal speaker at a patriotic meeting held at Progress Hall Wednesday night to discuss the war situation and subscribe a sum to be used as a Christmas gift to the Terrace boys who are in training at Willocks Camp near Victoria preparatory to going to the front with the second Canadian overseas contingent.

There was also a program of songs, speeches and recitations by local talent, and Dr. Clayton, of Prince Rupert, who happened to be in Terrace on a visit responded pleasingly to a request for an address.

The amount of the meeting's contribution was \$34. This, less incidental expenses, will be forwarded to Victoria to be divided among the Terrace recruits as a Christmas remembrance.

The committee in charge of the evening's entertainment consisted of H. M. Macpherson, Robert Corlett and T. J. Marsh.

The subject chosen by Canon Rix was "Our Empire." He began by paying the recruits from this district the tribute of his belief that there are no better soldiers than themselves in the Empire's service. This led to a discussion of the part played by Canadians in the present war. He pictured the Empire as being made up of a number of parts, none of which alone might be of great account, but which all together comprise a power that rates first on the seas.

BIG WAR VOTE

(Special to The Daily News.)
Paris, Dec. 23.—The Chamber of Deputies has voted unanimously \$8,500,000,000 francs to cover war expenses for the next six months.

UNIDENTIFIED SHIP
REPORTED ASHORE—
RECEIVES ASSISTANCE

(Special to The Daily News.)
San Francisco, Dec. 23.—The unidentified ship reported ashore on Cedros Island has turned out to be the motor ship Malakka. The salvage steamer Iaqua has sailed to render her assistance.

Ladies' Long Cloth Coats reduced from \$15 to \$10 at Jabour's. 296-7-8

TIMELY ADVICE TO PREVENT
CHRISTMAS FIRES IN HOMES

INFLAMMABLE MATERIALS USED FOR DECORATIONS CAUSES
MANY FIRES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY—HOW
TO EXTINGUISH FIRES.

The following is supplied by the Conservation Commission and is worthy of notice:

In many Canadian homes every year Christmas festivities cause regrets and in numerous cases loss of life among those taking part.

Illuminated effects as Christmas tree decorations in private homes are dangerous, and wherever either fire or lights are used too much attention cannot be given to their safety. The Christmas tree is in itself sufficiently inflammable, but when to this is added decorations of cotton batting, light paper balls and other dangerous material, it is only by the exercise of great care that fire can be avoided. Where Christmas trees are erected in carpeted rooms, sheet tin or zinc should be placed under the tree, to catch the candle drippings. It should be one person's duty to watch the candles, that instant action may be taken if the tree takes fire.

In public halls, Sunday schools, etc., where numbers of children are assembled, unusual precautions should be taken. Fire extinguishers and pails of water should be in convenient places. Santa Claus costumes should be dipped in a solution of four ounces of phosphate of ammonia to a quart of water. If clothing catches fire throw the person down, and roll him in carpet, rug, blanket, coat or anything handy, to smother the flames. The extinguishers should be kept perfectly clear to avoid dangers of panics.

In business houses electric wiring and gas lighting for special displays should be carefully inspected. Do not use paper or muslin shades close to the lamps, as they may take fire from the heat. Some one in authority should be given the responsibility of seeing that the fire hazard is not excessive, and that every precaution is taken to protect life and property. Insurance may replace the property, but no insurance can replace loss of life.

KAISER WILL SPEND
XMAS WITH TROOPS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Cologne, Dec. 23.—The Kaiser reached here today on his way to the western battle front, where he will spend Christmas with the troops.

London, Dec. 23.—The departure of Emperor William for the front, announced yesterday, is said by the Exchange Telegraph Company's correspondent at Amsterdam to have been decided upon against the advice of the Emperor's physician, who strongly opposed his making the trip at this time. The military chiefs, however, insisted, the correspondent adds, that the Emperor spend Christmas with his troops and he decided to do so.

CHARGED WITH PLOT
TO BLOW UP SHIP

(Special to The Daily News.)

New Orleans, Dec. 23.—Four men were arrested here today charged with a plot to blow up British and French passenger ships by placing infernal machines in their cargo.

BAD WASHOUT.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Phoenix, Arizona, Dec. 23.—The traffic between Florence and Phoenix has been suspended as the result of a washout by a flood. Hundreds of cattle have been drowned. Severe damage has been done to the canals and irrigation works.

FIGHT IN AFRICA.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Lisbon, Dec. 23.—The Germans have again invaded Angola, Portuguese West Africa, attacking the military post at Naulila, whose commander, Colonel Roeddas, has retreated.

THE WEATHER.

Compiled by F. A. Dowling.

(5 a. m. December 23, 1914.)

Barometer 30.1
Max. temp. 47.0
Min. temp. 40.0
Rainfall 1.91

Ladies' and Misses' Sweaters, all sizes and colors, at a heavy discount.—At Jabour's. 296-7-8

If you have never seen a real live Dreadnought ready for action, see the window of the Acme Importers, Ltd., Second Ave. tf

Just arrived, handsome new designs of Carpet Squares. Special prices at Geo. D. Tite's. 282tf

DON'T FORGET
Xmas Eve Dance

at the

National Sporting Club's Hall

MAJESTIC ORCHESTRA

Gents. \$1.00 Ladies Free

I. O. D. E. BALL

The Annual Christmas Ball of the Daughters of the Empire will be held in St. Andrew's Hall on the evening of Wednesday, December 30th.

Dancing 9 P. M.

Tickets at Ormes, \$1.00.