GERMAN EMPEROR IMPROVES IN HEALTH

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British Naval Casualties Eleven.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 11.—The admiralty has received a cablegram from Vice Admiral Sir Frederick C. B. Sturdee, commanding the British squadron which recently sunk four German cruisers in an engagement off the Falkland islands, stating that the total of the British casualties was seven men killed and four wounded. There were no officers in the casualty list.

French Official Report.

By Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 11.—The official communication, issued this afternoon, says:

"The enemy was active yesterday in the vicinity of Ypres. Three of the enemy's attacks were repulsed. One important French trench was reached by the Germans. The French continue to make progress in the direction of the German lines.

"Artillery engagements are reported from the region of Arras.

"In the Vosges, in the vicinity of Varennes, our troops advanced.

"We captured several trenches in the Argonne forest."

The official communication issued tonight, says:

"In the region of Ypres, a very violent German attack was repulsed. In the same region, trenches reported lost in the afternoon, have been recaptured.

"On the rest of the front, there is nothing to report."

Ypres is twenty-seven miles south of Ostend and forty miles north of Arras. Arras is thirty-five miles northeast of Amiens and thirty-two miles southwest of Lille. Varennes is sixteen miles west northwest of Verdun.

British Minister to Vatican.

Special to The Herald.

London, Dec. 11.—It was officially announced today that Sir Henry Howard had been appointed British minister to the Vatican.

Sir Henry Howard entered the diplomatic service as an attache in 1865, and has passed through the various ranks of the service, having served in the United States of America, The Netherlands, Guatemala, Greece, Denmark, China, Russia, France, and other countries.

DID HE KNOW?

"But I don't know you, madam," the bank cashier said to the woman who had presented a check.

The woman, however, instead of saying haughtily, "I do not wish your acquaintance, sir," merely replied with an engaging smile:

"Oh, yes, you do, I think. I'm the 'red-headed old virago' next door to you whose scoundrelly little boys are always reaching through the fence and picking your flowers. When you started for town this morning your wife said: 'Now, Henry, if you want a dinner fit to eat this evening you'll have to leave me a little money; I can't keep this house on plain water and sixpence a day.'"—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

The fellow who marries a cooking-school girl expects to get a good roast once in a while.—Philadelphia Record.

TRIED IT ON JONES.

During the civil war General Sedgwick had on his staff a very dull lieutenant, who seemed never to be able to do anything without making mistakes. One day a friend asked the general:

"Why do you keep Jones on your staff? He seems to be a perfect dunce."

"Do you know," replied General Sedgwick, "Jones is one of the most useful members of my staff? Before I issue an order I always have Jones read it. If he can tell what it means I am sure there can be no chance that anyone will misunderstand it."—Exchange.

QUITE NATURAL.

"How did that blind boy enjoy the show?"

"He said he liked the music, but he couldn't see the jokes."—Buffalo Express.

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LITTLE LIGHT ON GEN. GARAY'S DEATH

Official Investigation Does Not Clear Up Matter of Who Fired Fatal Shot.

General Juan Banderas yesterday made a declaration before the fifth judge of instruction ad interim, relative to the part he had taken in the pistol fight which resulted in the death of General Rafael de Garay and Captain Valentin Guzman. The officials said afterward that it was still not definitely determined who fired the fatal shots, owing to the fact that the pistols changed hands after it was over and there was much confusion and scampering of persons through the hotel lobby during the fight and immediately afterwards. Another fact which confounds the investigators of the tragedy is that several of the pistols used were of the same calibre and make and the belief of the surgeons who conducted the autopsy that but one bullet from one of these weapons caused the death of each of the victims.

General Banderas, who is quartered in the Parque de Ingenieros, is not there as a prisoner of the authorities say the latter, as owing to his high rank his parole has been accepted not to try to escape while the tragedy is being investigated.

The body of General Garay was buried yesterday in the Spanish cemetery, the funeral procession being headed by General Rafael Buelna his close friend and the officers of his brigade, the "Brigada Garay." Many military and civilian friends of the deceased general went to the cemetery and the grave was covered by them with wreaths and other floral offerings.

The subcomisario of the fourth demarcation, Crescencio Sanchez continues to gather data regarding the manner in which the tragedy of the Hotel Cosmos took place and the evidence is being turned over to the fifth judge of instruction ad interim. It is said officially that probably Subsecretary of Justice Miguel Alessio Robles will appoint a permanent judge for the fifth court of instruction so that he may take the case up from the beginning.

1914 CHAMPAGNE VINTAGE IS REPORTED SECURED

Associated Press Correspondence.

Rheims, Nov. 20.—The vintage of 1914 in the Champagne country is secure. The grapes are under press while the cannons continue to boom toward the north.

"When the Champagne province was invaded," said the director of one of the big Champagne cellars, "the Germans said: 'The wine will be ours,' so they spared the vines; when our troops chased them out, they had not time to stop to do any damage, all of which is especially fortunate, since 'the year of the war' will class alongside "the year of the comet' as one of the best vintages."

The gathering of the grapes around Rheims was done under a violent fire. The joyous peasant girls whose laughter is poetically said "to be imprisoned with the wine and to come out with the sparkle" went about their work as if the ground was not being ploughed everywhere by the unexploded German shells. This year there is little laughter in their song, but there is more patriotism and the music by which it was accompanied was the ominous crashing report of the little 3-inch field gun of the French artillery.

Most of the wine houses above ground were seriously damaged by the heavy artillery fire from both sides, but, as a rule, the cellars, owing to their depth and solidity, have not suffered. They served and still serve as a shelter for thousands of poor refugees who find no other place to escape from the German shells. The only damage to the cellars was during the German occupation, for while they spared the vines, they did not spare the bottles. Nearly every cellar in the Champagne district was heavily drawn upon, but none of them were really pillaged. In some cases the wine was drunk on the spot and some of the officers who indulged too freely were still there when the French occupied the territory, but the common soldier was not permitted this luxury, and to this fact is probably due the escape of the cellars from complete depletion.

Experts who have estimated the total yield consider that it will be a little below the average in quantity, though it will be quite superior to latter years in quality.

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FRONTIER RAILROAD SERVICE SAID INTACT

Reports to the effect that the line of the Central railway had been cut south of Zacatecas yesterday or earlier, thus interrupting the only avenue of traffic from this capital to the outside world, were denied emphatically in the afternoon by the Conventionist railway officials. The report had it that the Carrancistas had gotten in their work south of Zacatecas or that some troops had gone over to their cause, cutting the railway line, and the most exaggerated rumors circulated in that connection, it being said generally that General Villa's departure from here with his forces was for the purpose of going against those rebels.

El Paso Service Normal.

Apart from the fact that General Villa's departure was not for the north but for Veracruz and Puebla, the railway officials announced that up to almost the hour for closing their offices yesterday evening the whole line of the Central railway from here to El Paso was in good condition and there was not the slightest thing to interrupt traffic over all the 1,973 kilometers of road. Passenger trains were running normally everywhere over that road and all the cities and towns along its extent were quiet, railway officials said.

Freight service has been suspended temporarily not only over the Central Railway north of here but over the National and other lines as well, say the railway officials, and this announcement yesterday on their part may, it is thought, have influenced to start the rumor of the line of the Central having been cut. The reason for the suspension of freight traffic, say the officials, is that the military operations which are being carried on at present by the Conventionist leaders are so extensive that most of their rolling stock is being requisitioned for that purpose and freight engines and cars are not available at present for anything else.

The principal reason, however, for the rumor of the cutting of the line is the officials think, the fact that one of their dispatches made a mistake in announcing the arrival of the El Paso train, calling it the Aguascalientes train, as though it did not come from points beyond Aguascalientes as well.

Further Renewals Reported.

Still further renewals of traffic were announced yesterday by the railway officials, showing still more territory gained by the forces of the convention. The renewals were over the lines from Toluca to Ixtlahuaca, state of Mexico, and from Adrian, Chih., to Rosario, Chih.

The railway authorities say that abundance of staple articles are being received here over their lines to compensate for the scarcity here, and an improvement in the general economic situation should be the result. The suspension of freight service only has to do with the lines north of here, whereas the greater part of Mexico's supply of staple articles comes from the south, east and west, the Toluca and Michoacan lines being the greatest contributors.

The railway officials say that great numbers of head of cattle are coming in daily to replenish the meat supply and that the amount of charcoal received is not small.

The article which of late has been received in greatest abundance say the railwaymen is cotton, numbers of cars having come down from the north.

GOVERNMENT AGENT PLACED IN RASTRO

Beef Sales to Be Made at 40 Cents the Kilo Wholesale.

An interventor of the local government was placed in the city rastro yesterday, the object being that he might preside over the sales of beef which were made there by wholesalers to the retail butchers. The maximum price which the wholesalers are allowed to charge the retailers for the quarters is forty centavos the kilo, and the officials say that having bought at this price the retailers have no excuse for selling dearly.

Despite this declaration the attention of the authorities was called yesterday to a number of infractions on the part of the retail butchers, which they say they will investigate and punish. The retailers were reported not only to have sold at prices higher than the limit fixed by the government officials but to have refused in many instances to sell customers less than a kilo of meat at a time.

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PAWNSHOP QUESTION IS TO BE DISCUSSED

Through the Spanish legation the government of the Federal District has issued a call to the pawnbrokers of the capital to be present Monday at a meeting which will be presided over by Governor Chao. The object of the meeting is that the pawnbrokers may have an opportunity to explain their side of the question before a decree is issued limiting the amount of the interest which they may charge and putting other restrictions upon their operations.

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"Moctezuma," Orizaba.

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FIGHTING AT NACO ORDERED SUSPENDED

New Plan of Campaign to Be Devised to Prevent Loss of Life on American Soil.

As a result of the representations made by United States Secretary of State Bryan to provisional President Gutierrez and the communications exchanged between the chief executive and Governor Jose Maria Maytorena, of Sonora, to prevent bullets from his forces attacking the Carrancistas in Naco, Sonora, causing loss of life in American territory, as has been the case, Governor Maytorena decided to suspend temporarily the attack on the town.

Information received here yesterday is to the effect that Governor Maytorena ordered Generals Francisco Urdalejo Manuel Castilla Brito and Jose Maria Acosta, who are commanding the forces attacking Naco to suspend operations until a new plan has been devised for continuing the fight, without the risk that bullets from the contending forces cause injury or loss of life in Naco, Arizona.

In conformity with these orders fighting around Naco ceased yesterday. Governor Maytorena informed President Gutierrez of the decision taken, saying that he adopted this action to prevent all friction with the United States government, as his best wishes are to maintain the most cordial and friendly relations with the government and people of the northern republic.

Generals Urdalejo, Acosta and Castilla Brito troops still remain close to Naco, and new plans are being made to renew the attack in such a manner that all possibility of bullets from the combatants causing fatalities on American soil will be avoided.

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Official Reports on the Big War

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sifying the telegrams of the Associated Press.

In opposition to these assertions the following facts are published:

1.—It is not true that the American government has prohibited the use of the wireless communication Nauen-Sayville for receiving official German war-reports.

2.—On the contrary, the said communication is being used for receiving these reports and the censor placed at the Sayville station by the American government controls that the messages are given to the German embassy in exactly the same form as they are received.

3.—The German embassy gives these messages to the Associated Press and wires them also to this legation. The official reports published by the "Deutsche Zeitung fuer Mexiko" are taken from the wirings received by the German embassy at Washington in the manner described above.

Mexico, December 11th 1914.

GERMAN LEGATION.

The following dispatches were posted at the German club last night:

Washington, Dec. 11.—Report of the general army staff for December 9.

The Germans were obliged to bombard the Pechelieal farm west of Rheims, because it was ascertained beyond doubt by a photograph taken by German aviators that the French had hidden a heavy battery immediately back of the farm, which was flying the Red Cross flag. French attacks near Souain and at Varennes-Vaquoise, in the eastern part of the Argonne forest, were repulsed with heavy losses for the enemy. In the Argonne forest we gained ground in several places and captured many prisoners. In the battles north of Nancy the French suffered heavy losses, while the German losses were small in comparison.

No news has been received from East Prussia.

In Northern Poland the German troops are in close contact with the Russians, who are entrenched in strongly fortified positions east of the Miszga river. The fighting continues around Lowicz. In Southern Poland the Austrian-German army has again successfully attacked the enemy. (Signed) Bernstorff.

Washington, Dec. 11.—(Received in Mexico City at 7:45 p. m.)—We have made progress in the east and in the Argonne forest. The artillery of the enemy was attacked with great success The French attacks in the Le-pretre forest have been repulsed.

The situation in East Prussia is unchanged.

Our attacks in Northern Poland are meeting with success and we are making substantial advances.

The police in Constantinople have arrested seven Japanese spies. A detachment of Russian troops, which was landed near Batum, was annihilated by the Turks.

It is reported from Buenos Aires that three British cruisers were sunk in the recent naval battle with the German fleet.

Washington, Dec. 11.—(Received in Mexico City at 3 p. m.)—It is officially announced in Berlin that the emperor is suffering only from a sore throat, which has been caused by his exposure to the air on the field of battle. It is stated that he has improved greatly. His temperature is normal and the emperor is able to transact official business.

The British report regarding the naval battle in the Atlantic ocean has been published officially without comment, as the government has received no official notices regarding the affair.

MEXICO CITY COMMANDERY No. 1.—KNIGHTS TEMULAR meets second Tuesday at 8 p. m., Avenida Cinco de Mayo No. 6, Room 24. E. C., K. M. VanZandt, Mercantil Bank. W. A. White, recorder, 1a. Calle Dolores No. 4, (P. O. Box) Apartado No. 817.

GOVERNOR SUMMONS TRAMWAY OFFICIALS

Manager Graves of the Mexico Tramway company and Manager Tomas E. Ramos, the official put in at the head of the company's properties by the Constitutionalist administration and retained by the new authorities, have been cited to appear before Governor Manuel Chao of the Federal District Monday. The meeting will be for the purpose of discussing proposals looking to a compromise between the company and employes, and the discussion of a basis for the returning of the properties to the company by the government.

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Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors of the Mexico City Banking Company, S. A., hereby gives notice of the Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the company, to be held at the company's office, Avenida Francisco I. Madero No. 14, City of Mexico, on Tuesday the 19th day of January, 1915, at 5 o'clock p. m., under the following

ORDER OF THE DAY:

(1) Roll call.

(2) Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

(3) Discussion and action upon the report of the comisario.

(4) Election of the Board of Directors and of the comisario.

(5) Action on remuneration of the Board of Directors and Comisario.

City of Mexico, December 12, 1914.

Board of Directors

by BURTON W. WILSON,

Secretary.

BREAKING THE NEWS.

"Sis won't be able to see you tonight, Mr. Jones," said her little brother. "She's had a turble accident."

"Is that so? What happened?"

"All her hair got burned up."

"Good heavens! Was she burned?"

"Naw; she wasn't there. She don't know about it yit."—Lippincott's.

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