

GENERALS MEET BUT DO LITTLE

General Scott and General Hill Meet on International Line at Naco—Hill Agrees To Some Little Plans.

MAYTORENA WILL BE SEEN THIS MORNING

Weather Has Prevented the Meeting of Governor With Scott—Also Has Refused to Cross International Line.

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M. G. CUNIFF DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

PRESCOTT, Dec. 23.—State Senator M. G. Cuniff died here today of acute pneumonia after an illness of twenty-four hours.

MUNICIPAL TREE TO BE LIGHTED TONIGHT IF WEATHER PERMITS

Relief Committee Prepared To Take Care of Needy Whether Weather Man Favors District This Evening or Not.

If the weather, which for a time last evening appeared to indicate clear skies for today, remains good, the Municipal Christmas Tree in the plaza of the Copper Queen general offices will be illuminated this evening.

However, postponement of the illuminating of the tree will not delay the work of the relief committee in dispersing of the many gifts which have been received. They have completed arrangements for distribution of the many gifts of clothes, food and supplies of other character, and will have seen that all needy poor in the city have felt the touch of a Santa before the Christmas day is over.

Additional attractions have been added to the many already prepared for the illuminating of the tree. Yesterday evening the Cornish Club announced that they will sing a Christmas carol at the time of the celebration. In addition there will be two or more of the bands of the district on hand, and other items of interest will be arranged and displayed for the Christmas crowds.

CONGRESS LAYS OFF FOR HOLIDAY REST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Congress has suspended business and gone home for the Xmas. Both house and senate adjourned to meet again December 29.

The holiday recess finds the executive work well advanced. The constitutional amendment for woman suffrage will probably come up early in January. Several committees will report appropriation bills soon after the recess, and the house leaders are determined to press them vigorously in an effort to clear the session's business by March 4.

The president presented each White House employe with a fifteen pound turkey as a Christmas present. He distributed 125 turkeys, remembering the policeman as well as clerk, and domestic. The president plans to commemorate his wife's memory by emulating her action last year in the distribution of useful presents to some of the city's poor who have been called to the attention of the family.

Wilson is a regular contributor to the Washington Associated Charities and through that agency will assist in making needy families comfortable. Many Christmas presents were received at the White House from all parts of the country.

ns and General Scott will be held three miles east of Naco this morning. If this meeting is successful a treaty will end to the warfare in Naco is promised.

PICTURES JUST RECEIVED FROM WARSAW SHOW ITS SIBERIAN DEFENDERS AND GERMAN ZEPPELIN FLYING OVER THE CITY

These pictures have just been received from Warsaw, Russia. One shows the Siberian defenders of the town, who arrived in Warsaw just in time to save it from the Germans when the Kaiser's forces first began to attack the city. The other photo shows a Zeppelin air scout flying over the city to locate its line of fortifications.



WATER DAMAGE ON SAN PEDRO RIVER TO FARMS, RAILROADS AND HIGHWAYS IS GREAT - FLOODS OVER MILE WIDE

El Paso & Southwestern Tracks Washed Out in Two Places and S. P. Burro Line Broken; Farmers and Families Spend Day in Trees; Farm Dams Washed Out; Lands Inundated and Crops Taken Away in Water; State Bridge Submerged.

TUCSON, Dec. 23.—Floods, the result of a week of practically unbroken rainfall caused the loss of three lives, hundreds of head of live stock down and ranch houses and city residences washed away. Nearly the entire area of the state between Phoenix and the border was damaged.

A Southern Pacific passenger train is still marooned near Nogales. The Santa Cruz river attained a width of more than one mile and one-half while the flood which swept through the Amado region reached Tucson, wiping out bridges and houses. Dozens of ranch houses were destroyed in the vicinity of Amado.

Two Mexicans were drowned there after they had waited hours in tree tops for rescue.

A United States soldier was reported as drowned in a big wash at Naco.

An open cut a mile long and half a million dollars worth of pumping machinery of the Tucson Farms company is under water.

Nogales, Fort Huachuca, Florence and Ray are isolated. The Salt River Valley irrigation project suffered severely.

Poles coming down the river later, after the Tucson farms were flooded, indicated that the power line was destroyed.

A relief train sent out to rescue passengers stated that the Southern Pacific train between Tucson and Nogales that more than 100 ranchers in the vicinity of Santa Cruz valley with their families were rescued by the railroad men, but their homes were destroyed with a complete loss of stock and other property.

hood of one mile wide, and was showing no signs of lowering. Greatest damage to railroad property and right-of-way was sustained by the El Paso and Southwestern whose tracks on the main line and their branch line from Benson to Fairbanks were washed out in several places. Between Lewis Springs and Hereford there was one serious water break in the tracks which was repaired as soon as possible but not before the east bound train last evening had been delayed several hours.

Seven hundred feet of the E. P. & S. W. tracks between Benson and Fairbanks was inundated, and last evening there was water several feet deep over the whole of the right-of-way. It is not known what the damage at this point is, but it is probable that there is a good portion of the section washed out. The burro line of the Southern Pacific between the same two cities was out in two places all yesterday and train service has not yet been re-started.

Damage To Farms. Several families in the neighborhood of St. David, on the San Pedro between Benson and Fairbanks, spent yesterday in the trees in their yards or on the tops of their homes or barns. Water in their farms and residences was from three to ten feet deep, and they were driven to cold shelter from the floods after it was too late for them to gain high land, and after they had been surrounded by the fast rising flood waters which swirled down the steep pitch of the river bed.

In the same district, above St. David, where the Mormon colony of this section of the country have their farms, there was a heavy damage to farm property. Five dams which the Mormons have built for their irrigation, were washed away, and their fields were all of them inundated. Hay stacks were taken down the stream in the bush or were so badly soaked by the flood waters about them that they will probably be a loss to their owners. Farm ground in cultivation was cut badly and filled with rolling stones. Acres of sorghum and corn, lately cut, were washed into the torrents.

Harvest of the losers above the St. David district was the Bosquillas Land and Cattle Company, whose farms extend from the neighborhood of Hereford below Fairbanks. Their

RUMOR SAYS AGED MONARCH IS DYING

ROME, Dec. 23.—A rumor is in circulation here that Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary is dying. The report has it that the emperor has received the last sacrament.

The monarch was alone when the correspondent was admitted to the council chamber, not even his aide being present. The king's tall angular, Lincoln-like form was clothed in the simple dress uniform of the general of the artillery, which is without insignia beyond the braided shoulder straps to distinguish him from the staff officer.

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The light from the smoky oil lamp barely penetrated the recesses of the great beamed hall, from the walls of which empty picture frames stared down. When the king saw the eyes of the correspondent fixed on the blank spaces where a few months ago invaluable Gmehlb canvas hung, he smiled and said he no longer expected the Germans even to be in a position to take the frames. He modestly praised his soldiers, speaking of them with great kindness as though talking of his own children.

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KING ALBERT THANKS U. S. FOR RELIEF FROM WARSAW

Belgian King from Headquarters of Army in Flanders Sends His Hearty Greetings To Kind Americans.

PRAISES HIS SMALL ARMY FOR BRAVENESS

Says His Men Saved Dunkirk And Calais from German Onrush at Battle of Yser—Food Until February 12.

GRAND HEADQUARTERS OF THE KING OF THE BELGIANS, WEST FLANDERS, Dec. 23.—In the council chamber of the Ancient Flemish town hall from which he is directing, under German shell fire, the resistance of his war-torn little army, blocking the road to Dunkirk and Calais, King Albert told the Associated Press of the stand his soldiers are making against the German invaders.

The king's headquarters are located on the remaining dry areas in that small corner of Belgium left under his rule. The king also requested the Associated Press to convey to the people of the United States his deep gratitude for their efforts to feed his subjects now under German military rule.

He praised the soldiers and expressed the modest belief that the shattered little Belgian army saved Dunkirk and Calais at the battle of Yser. He expressed the belief that before the war is over he will return to Brussels at the head of his army.

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Changing Their Point of Attack Kaiser's Forces Have Taken Positions Much Nearer Polish Capital City.

CRACOW RELIEVED BY GERMANS ATTACK

While Gains and Losses Seem About Evenly Divided, in Per Cent of Advantage, Germans Appear to Have Best.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Allies in the west, the Germans in Poland and the Russians in East Prussia and Galicia continue their offensive operations but advances have been so slight as to be almost imperceptible in the long run, however the ground which is being taken may prove vital and the various armies are fighting with an intensity which has not been exceeded since the war began.

In Poland the center of interest has shifted slightly to the south. Finding the direct road to Warsaw blocked by Russian reinforcements the Germans made an attack from the southwest and have reached Skierskowitz, which is some forty miles from the Polish capital. They have thus far failed to pierce the Russian line but have forced Grand Duke Nicholas' forces to withdraw from before Cracow. In this one of the chief aims of their offensive against Russia the Germans have been successful.

In Galicia Russia has resumed an offensive against the Austro-German forces which poured in from the west, across the Carpathians, according to the latest Petrograd report, the Russians inflicted heavy losses on these forces, while in the north they pushed into the interior of East Prussia a small German army which made a feint at Warsaw from the northwest.

Although the Allies have scored some successes in battles in the west they are meeting very stubborn resistance and military men warn the public that a very heavy casualty list must be expected before any serious impression can be made on the German entrenchments.

Activity seems to have been resumed along the Belgian coast, for it is announced slight progress has been made by the Allies between the sea and the road from Neuport to the west end. At other points similar fighting is proceeding with here success and there reverse or failure of the attack.

Airmen of both sides are extremely busy and aeroplanes have been swarming over Belgium, aviators reconnoitering the movements of opposing troops and occasionally dropping bombs. Bruges and Brussels have been visited by aviators from the ranks of the Allies, while Bethune and other towns in northern France received attention from the Germans.

PROHI LEADERS TO START NEW BATTLE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Prohibitionist leaders in congress are rallying forces for another fight in the sixty-fourth congress which meets next November. They claim victory in that more than a majority in the house voted for the Hobson constitutional amendment resolution last night, although it failed to get a two-thirds vote.

It is figured that if all voting against the resolution this time repeat, only eight of 135 members in the house need vote against it to assure another defeat.

AUSTRIAN ATTACKS PROCEED SUCCESSFULLY

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 23.—The Austrian official report received says: "Our operations in the Carpathians are progressing favorably. In the districts of the Latorozza river in Hungary, near Volvoer, the Russian attack was repulsed. Severe battles continue near Krasno, Jaslo and Tuchow and also on the Dunajec river. The battle on the Nida river (in southern Russian Poland) is stationary. A fresh battle is now progressing along the entire front."