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RUSSIANS ASSEMBLE HOSTS TO PENETRATE SOUTHERN GERMANY

MIGHTY BLOWS TO BE AIMED AT KEY TOWNS

CRA COW IS NOW OBJECTIVE FOR RUSSIAN FORCES, AND FIGHTING STARTS

SLAV ARMIES SWING INTO THE CARPATHIANS

Bloody Struggles Have Already Been Fought in Effort to Gain Possession of Cracow Gateway to Southern Germany—Germans Admit Fall of Przemyśl Prompts It.

Petrograd, March 24.—The whole southern campaign is centered on the monster movement against Cracow. Troop trains are under way from Przemyśl and Jaroslaw. The war office estimates fully 200,000 men can now be withdrawn from the Hungarian campaign to participate in the concentration against Cracow.

It is the purpose of Russia to strike with her might on the Polish fortress which is the gateway to Southern Germany.

Germans See Titanic Fight.

Berlin, March 24.—That one of the greatest and bloodiest battles of the Austro-German campaign in the Eastern theatre of the war is raging in the Carpathians, is indicated by reports from the Austrian front. This is believed to be only the beginning of sanguinary struggles which it is freely predicted would follow Slav occupation of Przemyśl. The correspondent to the Lokal Anzeiger telegraphed that the engagement is most desperate and that large bodies are engaged.

Paris, March 23.—Capture of Notre Dame Delorette, is the most important gain chronicled by the war office resume during the past 10 days of fighting in France. Germans installed four lines of trenches in the Lorette hills supported by strong batteries of artillery and a number of heavy howitzers mounted far in the rear. Supported by a number of British units, the French delivered a charge which swept away the German opposition and resulted in capture of the positions.

COOK FUNERAL HELD

Remains Laid Away Today in This City—Friends Attend.

With relatives and friends assembled from various parts of the state, the remains of the late Frank Cook, Kamela wood contractor who has been bedfast for over a year with spinal troubles and who died early yesterday, were laid to rest this afternoon in this city.

Among those from out of the city who have come to the funeral are Mrs. David Bay of Portland, Bert Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Damerell and Mrs. Swager of Kamela, Mrs. DeBoi and Lula Dawson of Elgin.

TAX FUNDS PILE UP

In Neighborhood of Five Thousand Dollars Come in Daily.

Between \$4,000 and \$5,000 are daily being garnered by the tax collecting department of the county. The rapid approach of April 1, when the first half of all taxes must be paid to avoid delinquency, is thought to be stimulating the payment of taxes.

FORMS A NEW FIRM

Angus Steward Will Write Insurance As a Side Issue

Angus Steward has formed a partnership with H. W. Hewitt, jeweler, and Mr. Steward intends to write sick and accident insurance at the same time.

He will have his office in the jewelry store.

Methodist Conference Convenes

Newark, N. J. Mar. 24.—The Newark Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church opened here today for a week's session at St. Luke's Methodist church, Broadway and Murray streets. Rev. Theodore S. Henderson is the presiding bishop.

ITALY'S WAR FACTION WILL HOLD MEETING

COUNTRY-WIDE APPEAL WILL BE MADE SUNDAY TO DRIVE ITALY INTO WAR.

GOVERNMENT SILENT AS TO FUTURE INTENTIONS

If Plans Mature, Mass Meetings Will So Fire the Rank and File That Government Will Have to Give In—Bombs Dropped on German Submarine Works by Allies' Aviators.

Rome, March 24.—Leaders of the party demanding intervention by Italy in the war, publicly announced today their intentions of holding mass meetings next Sunday in Rome, Naples, Geneva and other cities in an effort to force the government to act. The plan is to cause great demonstrations in which the people will demand that an ultimatum be sent to Austria in such a form as to make war a certainty.

Government officials refused to intimate whether they will endeavor to prevent the demonstrations or not.

Bombs Injure Germans.

London, March 24.—The admiralty has announced that five allied aviators dropped bombs on German shipyards at Hoboken, Belgium, near Antwerp. Germans are constructing submarines there, and three bombs hit the works and fired them. It is believed much damage was caused.

Kansas To See If Prohibition Pays

Lawrence, Kansas, Mar. 24.—Can Kansas be used as a shining example to prove the contentions of both the prohibitions and the brewers? Is Kansas the happy, contented state the prohibitionists picture it. Is prohibition a failure, taxes high and crimes rampant, as the United Brewers Association assert.

To definitely settle the question as to the welfare of the Jawhawk state Professor F. F. Blackmar, head of the department of sociology in the University of Kansas, has been asked by the International Temperance Society to investigate these conflicting statements.

Professor Blackmar will find out how much liquor is consumed in Kansas in a year. He will make a study of the relation of liquor, crime, insanity, pauperism, imbecility, dependent and neglected children and to the depreciation of labor power. A history of the political and legal aspects of prohibition in Kansas including the decisions of the courts and the social and educational past, will be laid before the anti-saloon element. The assertion by the Brewers association that prohibition lessens the demand for the grain crop will be either disproved or substantiated.

Concerning the investigation, Prof. Blackmar says: "Zealous advocates of both sides often assert what they cannot prove to be true. We shall find out the exact status of these statements and have available information as to the welfare of Kansas."

Frisco Guides University Men

San Francisco, Mar. 23.—Twenty-three universities are represented in the 59 guides employed by the Panama Pacific exposition to assist visitors in seeing the Fair.

Every one of the gray class squad is a university man, a student if not an actual graduate. They are authorized by the Exposition company to hire themselves to visitors for 25 cents an hour.

"We are supposed to answer all questions within reason," said one of the guides today "but we certainly do get some posers. A woman in the Fine Arts palace asked me to explain to her the meaning of a certain bronze piece of sculpture. I said it was certain sculptor's conception of Eve. 'O yes,' she said 'tell me was Eve one of the Madonnas?'"

Would Boost Gas Rate

Topeka, Kans. Mar. 23.—The question of 50 cent natural gas in Kansas was today considered by the public utilities commission. The receivers of the Kansas Natural submitted statistics to show that he company had lost \$100,000 in the last year with gas at 25 cents a thousand.

BUT THE BABY WAS NOT IN ITS BUGGY!



BRITISH QUARTERMASTER SERGEANT AND HIS WIFE SURVEYING THE WRECKAGE OF A SHED IN THE REAR OF THEIR HOME BY A GERMAN AERIAL BOMB, WHICH MISSED THEIR COFFAGE BY NO MORE THAN TWENTY FEET. THEIR BABY WAS PLAYING IN THE YARD AND HAD A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE FROM INJURY. HER CARRIAGE WAS WRECKED.

GERMAN BOMBS BARELY MISS AMERICAN RELIEF SHIPS ON WAY TO HUNGRY BELGIANS

Washington, March 24.—The United States has sent an emphatic note to Germany, through Minister Van Dyke, at The Hague, protesting against the dropping of bombs near relief steamers bound for Belgium. The protest followed confirmation by Van Dyke of an aeroplane attack on the steamship Elfland, laden with food for the relief commission.

The Elfland's cargo was consigned to Minister Whitlock at Brussels, and only the most skillful handling prevented the ship's destruction by the German bombs.

CIVIC WORK IS LAUNCHED

That the civic committee of the neighborhood club will be the nucleus about which civic endeavor in this city which the Commercial club is reviving and launching, will hinge and rotate, is apparent from the tenor of the meeting this afternoon between club members and women of the ladies' organization. There are a great many desirable movements to be launched in connection with civic affairs, and "city beautiful" campaigns will be carried out under direction of the civic committee. The men have volunteered to give suggestions and lend material assistance in that respect. The commercial club brought the campaign to a focus by calling a meeting for this afternoon. Consideration of the question has led to the conclusion that with the committee already existing in the Neighborhood club, the Commercial organization, and all those anxious to push the city beautiful campaign, can do

the best work. Rest seats in various corners of the city, better parkings, planting of roses and other permanent improvements to enhance the beauty of the real estate in La Grande, removal of obnoxious signs, and improper dumping grounds—these and many other projects will come up for consideration just as soon as the civic committee sets firmly a hold of the proposition.

FAIR IS DEDICATED.

Vice President Marshall Formally Dedicates Exposition.

San Francisco, March 24.—In the presence of distinguished company the Panama exposition was formally dedicated this afternoon by Vice President Marshall. He represented President Wilson, Thousands attended the ceremony.

SEATTLE STRIKE IS CALLED OFF

Seattle, March 24.—A conference of water front employees and representatives of striking union longshoremen resulted in an amicable settlement of the strike which has been in progress for nearly two weeks. Six hundred men will return to work Thursday

PROBATIONARY DIVORCE URGED

ILLINOIS MAY TRY OUT NEW SOCIAL REFORM

Year's Trial Apart Suggested—Legitimizing Fatherless Children Also Proposed by New Measure.

Springfield, Ill., Mar. 24.—Probationary divorce and the legitimizing of children born out of wedlock are two striking objects sought by bills introduced in the Illinois legislature and considered likely to pass during the present session.

Representative T. C. Buxton of Decatur, has a bill to empower courts to grant tentative divorces which permit a married couple to live apart for a year and return to a married state anytime during that year. At the end of the year if they decide to live apart permanently they can secure a final decree from the courts.

Buxton's probationary divorce law would modify the law passed two years ago forbidding the remarriage of divorced couples or either of them within a year after the decree and making such a marriage an act of adultery.

Representative George U. Lipschulch, of Chicago, a physician, and Representative John J. Gardner, of Chicago, a clerk in the municipal court, have bills to give children born out of wedlock the right to apply to the courts any time during its life for a decree giving it the name of the father and conferring all rights that are accorded "legal" children. This includes patrimony and support. The bill would give the mother of the child authority to act for it during the first five years of its life.

A radical abandonment act also may be introduced making abandonment an extraditable offense. Some legislators are considering a bill to make the amount a deserting husband or father must pay for the support of his wife or children variable based on the amount of his income.

Test Copperfield Acts

Portland, March 23.—Whether militiamen can be held personally responsible for damages for confiscating property under orders will be decided in a suit filed by two Baker saloonmen against Col. B. K. Lawson of the Oregon National Guard, a private and ex-Governor West, asking for \$8000 damages for property confiscated in the Copperfield raid a year ago last January.

DENVER SUNK IN ATLANTIC; NONE DROWNED

WIRELESS CALLS BRING AID ABUNDANT FROM NEAR-BY SHIPS.

CAUSE OF DISASTER IS UNKNOWN TO PUBLIC

Collision Report First Issued But This is Scouted by Officials of the Line—Captain Will Reach New York on the Mergantic Next Saturday—Aviland Reported Sunk.

New York, March 24.—The Mallory liner Dever has sunk in the Atlantic. Before she went down a wireless call brought a dozen ships to her rescue and all passengers and the crew were rescued.

The cause of the sinking is not definitely learned. The Mallory line officials first announced the Dever collided with an unidentified steamer, believed to be the Aviland, both going to the bottom. Later the same officials received a wireless message from Captain Avery, of the Dever, which caused them to believe the collision report was incorrect.

Captain Avery reported as follows, from the White Star steamer Mergantic, which rescued him; his wife and 13 members of the crew, "Denver sinking condition when we abandoned her." He added that the Mergantic would reach New York Saturday, and did not mention anything of a collision.

"Y" BOOSTERS DINE

After Dinner Speeches Follow Meal at Honan Hall.

A score or so Y. M. C. A. boosters met last evening and dined at Honan hall as guests of the Guild. After a delicious supper, various speakers addressed those present in regard to Y. M. C. A. work. Rev. R. E. Close of the Baptist church, told something about what the "Y" classes have done for him, and Charles Paul spoke about the work of the Y. M. C. A. in Australia. Following him, Toastmaster George Gilbert called on State Secretary I. B. Rhodes, who talked on the various departments of the "Y". After the speeches were over the directors met at the building and went over the present situation with the state secretary.

OFFERS HOUSE FOR SALE

John Collier Making Preparations to Leave La Grande.

Today John Collier, of the People's store, offered his home on Washington street to the real estate market stating that he is getting things ready to be able to remove from La Grande at an early date. The closing out sale at the People's store continues with very good success and some of the shelves have already begun to show a barren appearance. Mr. Collier has not stated just where he will locate after leaving here.

Stirring '49 Days Are Reproduced

San Francisco, Mar. 24.—San Joaquin and Calaveras county will reproduce the "rush of '49" today and tomorrow, their respective county dedication days at the Panama Pacific International exposition. These two districts brought the Bret & Harte country again into the limelight by the most spectacular demonstrations of the early exposition period.

A parade, divided into two parts began at the Ferry building, one showing the condition of the two counties in '49 and the other illustrating the same county today. The parade, indicative of the long ago, was more than forty blocks long and consists of ox teams and prairie schooners, burros laden with guns and grub and camp equipment, an old stage coach with its guard, and a party of Indians in the background and a pony express in operation. The second half of the parade showed the mining industry as it is carried on today.