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BUDAPEST IN PATH OF SLAY RUSH TO WEST

RUSSIANS HAVE ENTRENCHED 150 MILES FROM HUNGARY'S CAPITAL OVER NIGHT.

BERLIN REPORTS ADMIT SUCCESS OF RUSSIANS

While Russians are Pushing Forward With Success Against the Weakening Austrians, Germans are Holding Back Renewed Offensive on the Battle Front—Retaliatory Fires.

London, March 25.—The first stage of the great battle preceding Russia advance against Budapest, the capital of Hungary, resulted in a victory for the slavs. Petrograd and Vienna reports agree today that the Sars troops have won their way through the Dukla pass in the Carpathians, were entrenched this morning within 15 miles of Bartfa (or Bartfeld as it is sometimes called), that point being 150 miles northeast of the Hungarian capitol.

Near Bartfa as well as between the Lupkow and Nizok passes, the Russians are attempting to batter down the weakening resistance of the Austrians. Since the fall of Przemyśl, fighting the Carpathians has been on a 50-mile front. This is the most important fighting in the Hungarian campaign.

Petrograd, March 25.—Germans have begun retaliatory measures against Russians, promised recently, when Berlin-alleged slavs ruthlessly destroyed German property east of Prussia. Dispatches declare Germans put the torch to Russian government buildings in Suwalki province, announcing the action was taken to repay the enemies for their alleged outrages committed during the slay occupation of Memel. The glare of burning buildings was visible for miles Tuesday night.

Russians in North are Checked. Berlin, March 25.—The war office dispatches state Russians who were rolled back into Grodno to days ago with heavy losses, are resuming energetic offensive movements in Polish battles. The attacks upon Augustowo were repulsed by Germans. Simultaneously attacks northeast of Przasnysz were checked by German artillery.

The Eastern War Theatre Russia has a large force of men working through the passes in the Carpathians, pushing southeast to reach Budapest, but to do so must face tremendous obstacles. Another force of slavs is pushing due east from Premysl with Cracow the objective. Should Cracow fall, the Slavs would be in southern Germany, close to Bohemia and in the very heart of the Austro-German defense. While Russians are outlining this campaign, Von Hindenburg is operating farther north, in Poland. One combination of forces—the slavs—are working west in the South, and the Germans are working east in the north.

Berlin is consoling itself at the failure of the allies to penetrate the ardennes, this being a soothing thought in contrast to the reverses in the southeastern frontier.

Mill Man is Groom.

Will H. Brown, an employee of the George Palmer Lumber company, and Miss Ethel Hub, of this city, were quietly married last evening at the home of Rev. Myers, of the Christian church.

TODAY'S ODDEST STORY.

St. Paul, Minn., March 25.—"You're too fat," was the judgment of Sergeant Fell, of the army recruiting station upon Dr. Max Yoder, who attempted to enlist. Fell told Yoder that by dieting, taking long walks and avoiding beer that he could get rid of his six pounds overweight. Faithfully, Yoder trudged over long walks, he ate sparingly and turned a cold eye on beer. At the end of the week he reappeared at the recruiting station as directed. He no longer had six pounds surplusage—he was 12 pounds overweight.

CANDIDATES' WIVES ON THE JOB IN CHICAGO CAMPAIGN



Mrs. W.H. Thompson



Mrs. R.M. Sweitzer

The "pink tea" campaign for votes is on in Chicago. While the mayoralty candidates are making stump speeches in public, their wives are giving teas in their drawing rooms for women voters.

Mrs. William Hale Thompson, wife of the republican candidate for mayor has made a few stump speeches, but most of her cam-

paigning is done in the drawing room of her apartments in exclusive Sheridan Road. Mrs. Robert M. Sweitzer, wife of the democratic candidate—a home woman and the mother of three children holds weekly gatherings in her home, and boosts her husband's candidacy at many teas and parties where women voters gather.

JEFF BULL IS DEATH VICTIM

ILLNESS OF A FEW DAYS ENDS IN DEMISE

Prominent Citizen Succumbs to Ravages of Pneumonia.

Jeff Bull, retired businessman, died last evening after a short illness in which he suffered with pneumonia. Funeral arrangements are indefinite due to the uncertain arrival of his daughter, Mrs. Rose, who is in the east on a visit, and other relatives. The sudden death was a distinct shock to his many friends. He has been prominent in industrial affairs of the city for a good many years and was still comparatively young. He was indisposed for a couple of weeks but was not taken dangerously ill until last Friday, sinking rapidly from then on.

Last year he and Mrs. Bull, and the two youngest children, made an extended auto trip through the South. The widow, three daughters and four sons survive. Mrs. Rose of this city, Mrs. Montgomery, also of this city, and Mrs. Cross, of Washington, are the daughters. The boys are "Dude" and "Fred", full grown, and the two babies of the family live at home, and are familiarly known as "McKinley" and "Roosevelt".

Late today it was decided to hold the funeral at their home on 901 4th street, on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

WONG MUCH IMPROVED

Chinese Victim of Recent Tong Outbreak Shows Rapid Gain

Wong Won Duck, the aged Chinese who was assaulted by highlanders recently, is gaining strength rapidly and his physicians now think recovery will be certain, and that the effects of the wounds will soon be removed.

FISHER FUNERAL FRIDAY

Remains of Late Ulrich Fisher Will Be Laid Away at 2:30.

The remains of the late Ulrich Fisher, who died at his home at 1109 W avenue at the advance age of 79 will be laid to rest Friday afternoon at 2:30 from the L. D. S. tabernacle. A wife and family survive the aged citizen, who died Tuesday evening.

Texas Demands Fire Escapes

Austin, Texas, Mar. 25.—Fire escapes are being added to buildings everywhere in Texas today as the result of the passage of a law passed at the recent legislature. All structures of more than two stories in height must be equipped with adequate fire escape facilities. Fire chiefs, fire marshals, city officials and the state commissioner of Labor are charged with the enforcement of the law. School buildings, lodging houses, theatres, public halls, manufacturing and mercantile establishments are affected.

FLEET REOPENS FIRE UPON THE STRAIT FORTS

TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYERS MAKE DARING DASH INTO VERY NARROWS.

TERRIFIC FIRING ON FORTS WERE BLIND

Germans Content That Dardanelles Cannot Be Penetrated Under the Present Conditions—Firing From Forts Feeble, But Germans Say Concealed Forts are Effective.

London, March 25.—A dispatch from the Island of Tenedos reports the allied fleet re-entered the Dardanelles today, opening a violent bombardment against the forts near the Narrows. Several forts near Kilit Bahr replied feebly, but soon ceased firing. The bombardment was continuing, according to the last news from that source.

Dash Made Under Fire. An Athens dispatch says two English torpedo boat destroyers made a daring dash into the Dardanelles straits today, running by the entrance to the forts and penetrating shortly beyond Kilit Bahr. During the dash the flotilla of warships kept up a continuous bombardment to draw the fire of the forts. On their return trip the destroyers ran the gauntlet of salvos from both sides of the straits, but escaped damage. Their observations confirmed the reports that aviators made a few days ago, that the forts were severely damaged by the bombardment a week ago. Germans are Consoled.

Berlin, March 25.—Depression in Germany incidental to the fall of Przemyśl is offset by official claims of success of allies to force the Dardanelles is utterly impossible under the present conditions. Since the outbreak of the war, defenses were strengthened immediately, making them almost impregnable. Concealed inland batteries of Krupp guns, manned by Germans, were constructed at once.

Athletes Try For Exposition Meet

Chicago, Mar. 25.—The western try-outs for the Panama-Pacific exposition wrestling championships, to be held here beginning tonight. Mat artists from all over the middle west are entered. The eastern wrestlers had their work-outs in New York two weeks ago. The cream of the wrestlers chosen will have their expenses paid to San Francisco to be pitted against the elite of the padded ring from all sections of the country. The final elimination contests will be held here Saturday night for the western athletes.

whether an injunction shall be issued, pending the litigation.

Later in the day Judge Knowles issued an order restraining Mrs. Nodine from disposing of or encumbering the property but refused to issue an order against the Reed party who are in possession. This is pending the suit that will follow.

CHURCH PROPERTY A COURT PROBLEM

UNION FACTIONS TAKE THEIR TROUBLES TO KNOWLES.

One Party, Followers of Rev. Reed, and the Eliza Nodine Faction, Air Troubles in Injunction Suit.

"Who's who, and why," in the Christian church at Union, otherwise known as the Church of Christ, is being threshed out before Judge J. W. Knowles in the circuit court today. W. T. Davis, John Scarborough and J. W. Patterson, of Union, who claim to be the duly-elected trustees of the Christian church, have brought an injunction suit against Eliza Nodine and Rev. H. E. Reed, former pastor of the church there, and are today asking Judge Knowles to temporarily enjoin the defendants from using the church property or in any exercising control over it. The plaintiffs claim that Reverend Reed and followers, to the number of about a dozen seceded from the church last January and attempted to destroy the property rights of plaintiffs and the church under its title deed, by claiming to repossess Mrs. Nodine with the church property, and that they later formed an organization of their own called Central Church of Christ, but are now claiming to be the original organization of the Church of Christ. Mrs. Nodine disclaims any desire to own the property but insists that Reed and his followers are in possession under the deed.

The case is the outgrowth of a factional fight in the Christian church at Union and it is said by those in a position to know, that should the schism continue to the bitter end, the present litigation is only a skirmish. Judge Knowles has not yet decided

KURDS AND TURKS THREATEN TO KILL AMERICAN MISSION AND MISSIONARY DELEGATION

Petrograd, March 25.—An Assyrian messenger arrived today at Tiflis from the American mission at Urmiah, Persia, with the report that unspeakable outrages accompanied by bloody massacres, were committed by Kurds and Turks upon Assyrian Christian men, women and children. He reported the American mission and missionaries in that district are in grave danger. The government has ordered Russian troops stationed at the Persian province of Azerbaijan to the scene of the outrages.

It is alleged regular Turkish troops took part in the attacks upon villages centering around Urmiah. Men were butchered like dogs, according to the report and old women outraged and murdered, and young men carried away as slaves. In one village the

Kurds killed every male and outraged and mutilated every woman.

PERFECTING BELL SYSTEM

Unless Plans Fail Fire Truck Will Be Auto Bell.

Unless Fire Chief Benham's electrical ability fails him, he will soon have an automatic alarm bell on the fire truck. He has the device well in hand, and hopes to complete it soon, and when ready will automatically ring the bell on the truck when the machine is underway. Previously it had to be rung by hand and often there was none aboard conveniently near the alarm to ring it when passing through the congested sections of the business streets.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE FOR MAYOR OF CHICAGO.



Robert M. Sweitzer is the man Chicago's democratic landlubber slid into the nomination for mayor at the primary election, February 23. He defeated Carter H. Harrison, five times mayor of Chicago and son of Carter H. Harrison, also five times mayor of Chicago.

BRAKEBEAMS CLAIM TOLL

CASTLE ROCK MAN DIES AT PENDLETON.

Engineer Biever Finds Man Footless Near Tracks at Campbell.

Pendleton, March 25.—William Pearson, of Castle Rock, Wn., who was found on the railroad tracks at Campbell station, died this noon from the effects of injuries sustained when he fell off No. 19 early this morning.

FOOTLESS MAN FOUND

Train Crew Picks Up Man Injured, Presumably While on Beam.

With his feet amputated, suffering great agony, Pearson was picked up just west of Campbell station by the crew on No. 6 today. It is presumed he was riding the brakebeam on No. 19, the night train, and fell off. Engineer Pete Biever was the first to see him.

MISS KNAUTZ DEAD

Girl Just in Her Twenties, Passes Away After Long Illness

Miss Lelia Knautz, aged 22 years, died yesterday evening at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. Knautz in Fruitdale after a lingering illness due to heart trouble. She has been critically low for some time and her friends and relatives gave up hope for recovery several weeks since.

The funeral will be held at the Methodist church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Fyke officiating.

Miss Knautz was recently sent to Portland hoping the lower altitude would prove beneficial, but the contrary seemed to prove a fact, and she returned to her home again.

TROUBLES ARE SETTLED

Louis Mishkind to Continue Business In The City

The inside troubles of the Uncle Sam Loan company were settled yesterday and the charge which had been brought against Louis Mishkind, the manager of the loan company, by another member of the firm, was wiped out when proof of existing commercial relations were presented. While on the face of the little disturbance the general public might have been led to believe there were serious charges against the young man, the result of the whole matter does not indicate that such was true. Louis will remain in business in La Grande, much to the satisfaction of many friends who know him well and have a high regard for him.

HOME FROM CONVENTION

Vice Presidency In State Association Brought to La Grande

Willie Peare, of the firm Peare & Son, returned today from Portland and Salem. At Portland he attended the state convention of otometrists and was elected first vice president of the institution. Considerable discussions arose during the convention in endorsing the recommendations to the governor for the state board and it is expected that the appointments will be made within a few days.

TRENCHES GAVE NEW YEAR VERY WARM GREETING

MARKET STREET NOISE NOT COMPARED WITH CELEBRATION BY SOLDIERS

RADER CONTINUES STORY OF LIFE IN TRENCHES

Americans in Foreign Legion Helped Stir up Interest in Giving New Year a Genuine Greeting—Champagne Brought in with Helmet of German Officer as a Goblet.

Note:—This is the seventh article of a series of narratives describing life in the trenches of Europe, written by Phil Rader, of San Francisco, formerly United Press correspondent. He is now serving with the French foreign legion.

By PHIL RADER

(Written for the United Press) London, March 7.—The new year's eve celebration on Market street in San Francisco was probably as wild and as noisy as ever.

But it couldn't have been a marker to ours in the trenches. I wonder that we didn't rattle the wireless on Goat Island.

We spent the entire day of December 31 in getting ready for our mid-night celebration. We intended to give the Germans a fusillade that they wouldn't forget.

During the Christmas Day truce, we had met most of the Germans in the trenches across the way from us and they had told us that, even then, they were getting ready for their new year's eve celebration.

Victor Chapman, the Harvard man from New York; Eugene Jacobs, the Pawtucket butcher and I talked about the rackets that would usher in the new year in Boston, New York and San Francisco. We did everything we could to ginger up the men of a dozen different nationalities, who were members of the foreign legion.

But, in fact, they didn't need much gingering up. There were men who remembered the new year's eve celebrations in Athens, Lisbon, Madrid, and in fact, every capital in the world, so our preparations were carried out without any stint of labor or expense in our "sunken city."

By evening we had a huge pile of white night lights ready to fire. They were American-made, just ordinary skyrockets. Each man had one hundred extra cartridges and there were piles of cartridges ready beside our four machine guns. Our artillery, far behind our lines, was also prepared, though we didn't know it until later. And all along the French trench that stretched the 200 miles from the North sea almost to Switzerland everything that could shoot was ready. France was going to show Germany how to usher in the new year. But before the racket we in our trench were to have a big holiday dinner. We had planned to have the entire machine gun squad of sixteen men at the dinner, but there were only twelve, because four had been killed during the week after Christmas.

The first surprise of the dinner came when Sikersky, Polish revolutionist, who belonged to our legion, entered the dugout carrying the beautiful metal helmet of a German lieutenant colonel, filled with champagne punch. We drank to the defeat of the Germans from this odd punch bowl and then began at the chicken. Sikersky was just getting up to recite a poem which he had written about the allies when the second surprise of the evening came.

I think it was a surprise that ran along the whole two hundred and fifty miles of trenches. First we heard a blast of bugles from the German trenches. Then there broke out the most terrific cannonading we had heard during the war. Everything that the Germans could shoot was shooting. Horns were blowing; men were yelling and whistling; bombs were breaking in the air; the sky was white with the German white lights; it was brighter than Broadway. Far away cannons were booming; their shells were breaking behind our lines. I never expect to hear such a tumult again. It was exhilarating.

We ran for our guns, thinking that it was all in preparation for a charge. But no charge came; no bullets flew around us; only artillery shells fell at a safe distance away.

After ten minutes the noise died down and we could hear the Germans shouting to us:

"Happy New Year."

"We'll celebrate in Paris next year."

"How was that for noise?"

"But you're wrong," we yelled back. "It's only eleven o'clock and you're

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