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NATIONAL RESERVE BANKS NOW OPEN

New Currency System Designed to Provide Elastic Circulating Medium.

Washington.—With the opening of the 12 federal reserve banks Monday the nation will begin actual operation of its new currency system, designed to provide an elastic circulating medium based on modern ideas of finance and economics.

The new system is generally conceded to be a compromise between a central bank and the present system with its thousands of units, scattered reserves and fixed limits of currency. Its chief attraction and value those who interpret it find in the elasticity it will give to recognized paper currency.

Under the new system the federal reserve notes, which, in time, probably will entirely replace the national bank notes, now so familiar, will be issued on commercial paper arising out of actual business transactions. It seems plain that they will rise and fall in amount as the tides of business rise and fall and that there will be no plethora of money to lie idle. They will be obligations of the United States government, which national bank notes are not, and will have back of them a large reserve of gold in the regional banks. Through them the reserve banks are expected to come to the aid of any needy member bank which has plenty of good paper but needs cash.

PROHIBITION IN RUSSIA

Russians by Thousands Wait in Snow for Last Supply of Liquor.

Petrograd.—Thousands of men, women and children have stood since 4 o'clock Sunday morning in a driving snow storm before the doors of the liquor shops on this, the last day on which it is possible to purchase light wine and beer under the prohibition act of the Russian government, which on Monday becomes absolute.

This final prohibition act is the last of three distinct liquor reforms, the first curtailing the sale of vodka and the second abolishing it absolutely. The third measure extends the prohibition to every form of alcoholic drink in all portions of the empire under martial law. Cities included under the prohibition are Odessa, Riga, Warsaw, Moscow, Kiev and virtually all cities of western Russia.

PLAN TO EVACUATE VERA CRUZ NOV. 23

Washington.—While awaiting official confirmation of the report from Mexico that a truce had been arranged by leaders of the Carranza and Aguas Calientes claimants to control of the central government, the Washington government allowed its order to General Funston to stand and Vera Cruz will be returned to Mexican control November 23, unless some radical change in the situation there prevents. The American expeditionary force at Vera Cruz will embark on that date for Galveston, and the Mexican factions will be left to work out their own destiny, the policy of watchful waiting having been altered in no respect.

Although Secretary Bryan declined to say to whom General Funston would surrender custody of Vera Cruz, it is believed his instructions are to turn the city over to whatever de facto authorities appear to receive it. It is not the intention of the Washington government to recognize any faction in Mexico through this transfer. Assurances have been received both from General Carranza and from the Aguas Calientes convention authorities that the guarantees required by the United States would be forthcoming and Washington officials feel that their responsibility ends there.

Temperance Rules Panama Canal.

Panama.—Colonel George W. Goehals, governor of the Panama Zone, signed an order placing all persons engaged in canal transportation on a strict temperance basis.

BRITISH BATTLESHIP LOST

Audacious, Third Dreadnought in British Navy, Reported Destroyed

New York.—Rumors of disaster to the British superdreadnought Audacious, which have persisted ever since the White Star liner Olympic, diverted from her course, arrived at Lough Swilly on October 29, are confirmed. The battleship's cry for assistance was caught by the wireless operator of the Olympic, which was only about 10 miles distant. The steamship rushed forward at full speed. Volunteers were called for and double the number necessary to man the lifeboats responded.

After taking off all the officers and crew, Captain Haddock, of the Olympic, turned his attention to an attempt to save the warship, but was unable to tow her to shoal water, and she was blown up.

As a reason for destroying the Audacious, it was said that the battleship was hopelessly damaged and that if not blown up she would become a menace to navigation.

In spite of the fact that there were 900 officers and men on the Audacious and that the rescue work was carried on under great difficulties in a heavy sea and a westerly gale, only two lives were lost.

The destruction of the Audacious is the most serious single loss sustained by the British navy since the opening of hostilities. Only a few British warships outrank her in size and fighting equipment.

LORD ROBERTS



Lord Roberts, England's famous soldier, who died of pneumonia while visiting the British troops in France.

LORD ROBERTS DEAD

British Field Marshal Seized by Pneumonia While Visiting His Army.

London.—Lord Roberts, hero of the South African war, and retired field marshal of the British forces, died in France. The immediate cause of his death was pneumonia.

It was stated that Lord Roberts had contracted chills while visiting the British troops in France.

His death was announced in a telegram received by Lord Kitchener from General French, commanding the British expeditionary force. The telegraph stated that Lord Roberts contracted a chill, pneumonia quickly developed and he died after an illness of but shortly over two days.

"Boba" was colonel-in-chief of the Indian troops, with whom he was making a brief visit.

Few men in British military history had more distinguished careers or earned higher honors. When death overtook him he was 82 years old and had been out of harness only about 10 years.

Scott Will Head Staff.

Washington.—Brigadier-General Hugh Scott was selected by President Wilson to be chief-of-staff of the United States army on the retirement Monday of Major-General Wotherspoon.

CITY COUNCIL ISSUES CALL FOR ELECTION

Three Councilmen to Be Elected.

TO REPURCHASE CITY BONDS

At an adjourned meeting of the City Council on Tuesday evening H. H. Williams was appointed fire chief to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Harry Farmer.

The city election will be held the first Monday in December and a nominating caucus was called for November 30th at the City Hall.

The councilmen whose terms expire are E. A. Fraser, A. Zimmerman and L. B. Frye.

J. H. Denison, J. G. Staples and W. W. Letson were appointed Judges and D. P. Dearborn and E. M. Greig as clerks.

A motion was passed to purchase the bonds recently sold to the bank, using the thirty thousand dollars received for the said bonds and as much more as necessary and the bonds be taken up by the city recorder.

These bonds were issued for the purpose of building a court house in case the voters decided to accept a new court house from the people of Ontario and the proposition not being accepted there is no use for the funds at this time.

THREE CASES FOR THE GRAND JURY TO INVESTIGATE

After several days work District Attorney Brook and Sheriff Kerfoot brought Spot Thornton over from Boise and he had a preliminary hearing before Judge King on the charge of stealing a suit case from Louis You during the County Fair. He was bound over to the grand jury.

Charles Nutt was arrested at Juntura and brought before Judge King on the charge of stealing a cow from Goodman and Friesz. He was also bound over.

L. E. Bailey was arrested at Weiser and brought here on a charge of stealing a saddle from Fred Klingback, of Owyhee. He had a horse which he was trying to sell, which is also thought to have been stolen. He will have a hearing before Judge King today.

FEDERAL BIRD MAN HERE INVESTIGATING CONDITIONS

E. S. Catron, of Portland, who is the federal inspector of game birds, was here Monday looking over the local conditions. He says there is a noticeable increase of birds since the spring shooting season has been abolished and a similar increase is expected from the law prohibiting shooting before sun up and after sun down in the evening. Another season the same dates will prevail in Idaho as Oregon, from October 1 to January 16. At present the hours are from 7:45 a. m. to 5:16, and at the last of the month they will be from 8 a. m. until 5:08 p. m. and on the 15th of December 8:13 a. m. until 5:08 p. m. On January 1st the hours will be from 8:20 a. m. to 5:18 p. m. and on the 15th from 8:17 a. m. until 5:31 p. m.

ABILITY OF LOCAL WRITER IS RECOGNIZED BY JOURNAL

Miss Ione Luehrs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Luehrs, has won a second prize in the Ladies Home Journal contest for a short story. It comes under the head of Flossie Fisher's Funnies, prizes are awarded each month for the best stories submitted and it is open to the world. It is quite a distinction for a fourteen year old girl to win such a prize. This is the first recognition Miss Luehrs has received for her writing altho she has been in other contests and her many friends are congratulating her on her success.

SELECTION OF SEED CORN NOW URGED

By the Master Granger of the County.

ANOTHER FAIR PLANNED FOR

The Grange of Malheur county with the very generous help and cooperation of the Ontario Commercial Club have just held their first Corn Carnival at Ontario. It was such a decided success and aroused so much interest in corn growing that there is a general sentiment among the farmers to have it repeated next year. Therefore as master of the Malheur county grange I would urge upon all grangers and farmers alike to select their seed corn and prepare their ground for another contest. The yield this year was great but by careful preparation can be increased and another year should bring out some wonderful yields. The money for the premiums can be secured and the place of holding the carnival can be decided later.

EX-GOVERNOR SHALLENBERGER MAKES A TEN STRIKE HERE

Ex-Governor Shallenberger, of Nebraska, was here this week as the second number in the Lyceum course and the people here made all they could out of his visit. In the afternoon he spoke at the school house to the school on good citizenship and in the early evening he addressed the commercial club on irrigation, having been a member of the first committee that started the government in irrigation. Then came the lecture at the Dreamland. Mr. Shallenberger is a forceful speaker with ideas and made a hit with all who heard him. His main idea was that the American people should endeavor to make the same success of other lines as they have of making money.

MAD COYOTES DOING DAMAGE TO THE STOCK AND SHEEP

For several months there has been reports of mad coyotes in different parts of eastern Oregon and also of cattle, horses, sheep and hogs dying from the same disease, but it is only recently that it got into this county.

John Wood reports the death of two horses and Jeff Billingsly reports several sheep dead, while from other sections we hear of animals dying.

There is no question about the malady being rabies as the heads of several animals have been sent to Portland and examined.

This is one of the most deadly diseases known and it is the exception for any animal to recover when attacked. In most of the cities they have compelled the owners of dogs to keep them either shut up or muzzled and similar action should be adopted here if the disease is to be coped with successfully. The loss of one child would be so much greater than that of all the dogs that no one should hesitate about taking the necessary precautions.

SOME OF THE YOUNGER PEOPLE GETTING MARRIED

Daniel Grady and Miss Uberta McPherson were married at the residence of the bride's sister in Weiser on Sunday last, by Rev. Dr. W. H. Ashly, pastor of the Congregational church. Only the immediate family was present and the young people returned here the same evening. Both are well known here and their many friends are congratulating them. They have a home on the east side.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fiser are home from their honeymoon and their friends have been trying to make things pleasant for them all week.

GERMANS NOT GAINING Lines of Allies Withstand the Onslaught.

After four weeks of most desperate fighting all the attempts of the Germans to reach Calais have been frustrated by the forest of bayonets presented by the allied French, Belgian and British troops.

The opposing forces in these regions are about equal, which accounts for the fact that neither side has been able to overwhelm the other at any of the three chief points of combat—Dixmude, Ypres and Armentieres. The French official report declares that the Germans have been repulsed everywhere.

The attacks by the Germans have been carried out at each place with heavy masses of men.

Some hamlets in the neighborhood of Dixmude, which have been taken and retaken three or four times, now in the hands of the allies, who are strongly situated on the canal, the crossing of which would be of great importance to the Germans.

The most intense interest is concentrated on this portion of the extended battlefield, but other points are also the scene of stiff conflicts, which have resulted in nothing more definite than the capture of a few trenches.

Accounts of the Germans' entry into Dixmude, received through the German lines, say the fighting there was the most terrible yet experienced.

The German corps commander ordered his troops to take the town.

GENERAL Von HINDENBURG



General Von Hindenburg, the German general who defeated the Russians in their first attempt to invade Prussia.

warning them not to return alive if they failed. Early onslaughts resulted in the slaughter of 80 per cent of the attacking forces, who were unable to advance across the flooded fields. Their bodies formed a footway for the infantry following them, this enabling the Germans to win the victory.

While the eyes of the world have been on the battle near the North Sea coast, there has been some fierce fighting farther inland, and the Alsine valley, the Argonne forest and vicinity of Verdun have again been scenes of some sanguinary affairs. Neither side however, has been able to make any impression on the other since the Germans won their victory at Vailly.

Farther east winter has set in and the mountains where the troops are facing each other are now covered with snow.

The Russians, continuing their enveloping movement around East Prussia, have now entered Rypin, which is west of Soldau, and on the road to Thorn; so that they have now almost surrounded Emperor William's Northwestern province.

Just southwest of Rypin, however, the Germans have taken to the offensive from Thorn and say they have inflicted a defeat on the Russians near Wloclawek, on the Vistula river.

French Pay \$182,000,000.

Bordeaux.—The cost of war to France in October was \$182,154,504, a daily average of more than \$5,000,000. The daily average for the first three months of the war was \$7,000,000.

GERMANS RESIST RUSSIAN INVASION

Russia Claims to Be Making Some Progress Despite Enemy's Defense.

Petrograd.—The following official communication was issued from general headquarters:

"On the East Prussian front, at Stalluponen, around Augerburg and near Johannisburg, our troops are making a successful progress in the fighting. The action continues in the region of Soldau and Heidenburg, where we have progressed, notwithstanding the desperate resistance of the enemy.

"On the left bank of the Vistula the battle proceeds, developing along a front from Plock (Poland) to the river Warta. On the front between Kalisz and Wielan the enemy has withdrawn. In the neighborhood of Czesotowca and toward the south the enemy has attempted an offensive, but this has failed.

Berlin (By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The confidence of the local authorities in the ability of the German forces to hold back the Russians is again indicated by the declaration of the president of the province of Posen that the danger of a Russian invasion is not present so far as it is humanly possible to judge.

GERMANS DECORATE ENEMY

Briton Receives Iron Cross for Humanity and Bravery.

London.—A Paris dispatch to the Central News says:

"During the recent fighting the German troops, after a fierce charge, retreated, carrying all the wounded except one man. A British officer who went out to bring in the wounded soldier was himself wounded, but managed to drag the German soldier to shelter, where later both were picked up by a German ambulance.

"As a reward for his bravery and humanity the British officer received the Iron Cross from the German commanding officer. He was sent back to his own trenches, where he was recommended for the Victoria Cross, but succumbed to his wounds."

CASUALTIES GREAT IN GERMAN ATTACKS

Paris.—An excellent impression was created here by official communication announcing that the German troops had been driven to the right bank of the Yser Canal after they had resisted for several days all efforts to dislodge them from the left bank.

It is officially announced that the German attack in the vicinity of Ypres with powerful compact bodies of men, who displayed great energy in pushing home their futile attempts, resulted in great casualties among them. Their ineffectual attempts to break the allies' resistance, according to an official announcement, cost them thousands of casualties, as well as many men made prisoners.

One detachment of 120 Germans captured is declared to have been all that remained of 1900 men.

All the efforts made by the Germans during the last several days have resulted only in the capture of the ruined village of Dixmude, whose isolated position on the right bank of the canal rendered its defense difficult.

Professor Bryan to Head Federation.

Washington.—Officers of the American Federation of Agricultural Colleges and experiment stations were elected here as follows:

President, E. A. Bryan, Washington State College; vice-president, J. H. Worst, of North Dakota; T. F. Hunt, of California; C. D. Woods, of Maine; P. H. Rolfs, of Florida; C. A. Lavy, of Colorado.

S. P. to Spend Million.

San Francisco.—The Southern Pacific Company is to expend \$1,170,000 for new locomotives and passenger coaches. An application was filed by the company with the railroad commission for authority to issue trust equipment certificates sufficient to cover this sum.