

GERMAN ATTACK ON ST. ELOY REPULSED

French War Office Says Enemy Has Failed in Effort South of Ypres.

BATTLE ON IN ARGONNE

Vermelles Said Finally to Have Returned to Possession of Allies as Result of Desperate, Brilliant Attack.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—The following official communication was issued by the French War Office tonight:

"In Belgium a violent German attack on St. Eloy, south of Ypres, has been repulsed. The struggle at all times is lively in the forests and to the east of the Argonne.

"There is no other noteworthy incident to report."

The earlier official report said:

"During the day of the 7th the enemy has been more active than the day before in the region of the Yser, and in the neighborhood of Ypres. Our artillery has answered back with success.

"In the region of Arras a brilliant attack has given us possession, as we have announced, of Vermelles and Rutoire. Vermelles has been for nearly two months the scene of desperate fighting. The enemy had taken footing there on October 18, and from October 21 to October 25 succeeded in forcing us back from that locality.

"From the 25th of October sapping and mining operations brought us back until we were again in possession of the town on the 1st of December we recaptured the park and chateau of Vermelles.

"In the region of the Aisne and in Champagne there have been some artillery engagements, and our heavy artillery dispersed several gatherings of the enemy.

"In the Argonne, Forest of Grurie and to the northwest of Pont-a-Mousson, Forest of Lepretre, we have gained a little ground.

"Along the rest of the front there is nothing to report."

GERMANS DENY FOE'S GAINS

Continuous Advance in Argonne by Teutons Themselves Reported.

BERLIN, Dec. 8, by wireless to London.—The official statement issued by the German headquarters today says:

"On the Coast of Flanders the bad conditions of the roads, made worse by the recent torrential rains, are causing great difficulty to the movement of our troops.

"To the north of Arras we have made some slight progress.

"The war hospital at Lissele was burned yesterday. This is probably a case of arson. There were, however, no lives lost.

"The statement made by the French regarding an advance in the Forest of Argonne is in accordance with the facts. For a long time past no French attacks whatever have taken place there. On the contrary, we are continually gaining slowly.

"The day before yesterday French positions at Malincourt, east of Varennes, were captured. The greater part of the garrison fell on the occasion. The remainder, two officers and about 150 men, were taken as prisoners.

"A French attack on our positions to the north of Nancy was repulsed yesterday.

BERLIN REPORTS SATISFACTION

War Is Developing as Intended, Says German Announcement.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—(By wireless to London.)—A review of the situation in both theaters of war up to the end of last week reveals little change as compared with the preceding week. This is especially true as regards the western theater, where the attacks made several attacks which always were defeated.

"That decisive action may be expected any day is indicated by reports from headquarters saying that 'everything is proceeding according to our programme.' A French attack here to mean that thus far the German operations have been successful.

RUSSIA DESCRIBES GAINS

(Continued From First Page)

tained unheeded of losses, which were due to the fact that they had to cut a way for themselves while still subjected all the time to our fire.

"The movements of our troops compelled them to retire. The losses of the enemy in this driving in of our front and the subsequent operations were heavy. These divisions had to be withdrawn completely. The fighting, nevertheless, continued. According to the records of prisoners belonging to other countries, German companies of an original strength of from 250 to 280 men were so cut up that at the present time charges they were reduced to no more than 70 men.

Kaiser Sends Six Corps.

"One of the results of the battle between Lodz and the Germans is that they had to move important reinforcements to their eastern frontier. All told, the German reinforcements to the number of six army corps and five divisions of cavalry.

"This coming of reinforcements in large number began November 25, and made it possible for the Germans to continue their attacks on our positions from November 27 to December 5. Nevertheless, these attacks were not always made in unison and they were without effect. The evening of December 5 the Germans discontinued their offensive operations, having sustained heavy losses.

"On December 5, the Germans showed no activity whatever. This same day the arrival of fresh German forces was indicated by changes in the locations of the Austrian troops.

Town Loses Importance.

"These detachments, withdrawn from the front between Czenstochowa and numbers to the north of Cracow, where certain detachments of German troops also were concentrated. For this reason the region of Czenstochowa is lost for the moment. The importance it held in the beginning of the operations. All the circumstances impelled us, in the interest of more advantageous locations for our forces, to move forward for the occupation of certain other points.

"On December 5, the Germans made a tentative offensive movement in the direction of Mlawka and Prasnysch, but they were repulsed with serious losses.

"To the south of Cracow we perceived recently a turning movement directed on the part of the enemy directed against our left wing. Reinforcements which arrived for our forces found

that the bridge over the Dounaets near Kourovo, had been destroyed, and that the heights on the left bank of the river were occupied by the enemy.

"Under a sustained fire from the Germans one of our glorious regiments crossed the Dounaets at a ford. They made their way through the ice water up to their necks, and coming out on the other side they captured the heights by a vigorous assault. This assured and made safe the passage of the river for other Russian troops.

"During the fighting in the second half of the month of November Lodz acquired great military importance, but the German offensive on the Lodz-Lowicz having failed, the question of the defense of Lodz lost its urgency.

"The defense of this large city presents many difficulties from the military point of view and gives to our front an abnormal contour, which is embarrassing as our communications with the rear. It may, therefore, be expected that with the setting in of a lull on the left bank of the Vistula, the Russian lines in the region of Lodz will be reformed."

100,000 Russians Captured.

A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says that according to a message from Berlin it is reported there that upwards of 100,000 prisoners were taken by the Germans when they captured Lodz, Russian Poland.

"News of the capture of Lodz, this message says, aroused extraordinary enthusiasm at Berlin. The houses there are decked with German and Austrian flags. No official report has yet been received concerning the number of prisoners and guns yesterday.

"In Northern Poland the German troops are closely pursuing the retreat of the enemy to the east and to the south of Lodz.

"An official communication issued by the Austrian War Office says: 'The battles in West Galicia increase in severity.

"Austrian troops also attacking from the west drove the enemy from his positions at Dobezyce and Wieliczka. More than 6000 prisoners, among them 27 officers, were taken.

"In Poland renewed Russian attacks southwest of Piotrkow have been repulsed by the German troops.

"In the Carpathians nothing of importance has occurred."

BERLIN IS MUCH ENCOURAGED

Russian Attitude Appears Less Confident, Think Germans.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—(By wireless to London.)—Much encouragement has been derived here from the recent Russian reports, which are considered much less confident in tone than formerly.

"An investment of Warsaw should result from the present operations, military men say it will deprive Russia of a most important center of railway communications and place the Russians in a serious position.

"The Austrians apparently still are meeting with resistance in Serbia, but from the Carpathians nothing has been reported. Only skirmishing is said to be taking place in West Galicia.

TROOPS SENT TO ARIZONA

(Continued From First Page)

have a high officer to carry out such orders as may later be decided on.

CAVALRY MOVES CAMP BACK

Troopers to Continue Patrol of Border as Heretofore.

NACO, Ariz., Dec. 8.—The Ninth United States Cavalry will move tomorrow from its position along the international boundary to a point one mile north to get the men and horses out of the range of Mexican bullets which fly across the border.

"Troops of the Ninth and Tenth cavalry will continue border patrol duty as before, the removal of the camp being merely a measure to afford protection to the men and horses of duty.

"Since the American troops settled down to trenches along the boundary 63 days ago, 17 of the soldiers have been hit by stray shells and bullets from Naco, Sonora, where General Benjamin Hill's force of Carranzistas is defending the town against the attack of Governor Maytorena's Yaqui Indians.

"Five persons in all have been killed on the American side of the line and 42 wounded. Twenty of these were Americans and 23 Mexicans. Two of the soldiers were hit yesterday.

"A meeting of the right wing of the citizens of this town, another appeal for help was telegraphed to President Wilson today, but no suggestions were made as to what action should be taken. In response to Colonel John P. Guilfoyle's request that the citizens inquire what would be the best course to pursue the citizens tendered a unanimously signed letter today, suggesting that he recommend to the War Department the establishment of an embargo on the exportation of munitions and supplies from Arizona ports.

"Telegrams and letters received here today from friends of Naco residents in El Paso, Los Angeles and intermediate border points indicate that influential people among these cities are joining the Naco people in appeals to Washington to terminate present conditions.

"Naco citizens were more hopeful today than at any time in the last two months.

BLISS LEAVES FOR NACO

Artillery Ordered to Report for Duty Immediately.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 8.—Brigadier-General H. Bliss, commanding the Southern Department, left here tonight for Naco, accompanied by Major William H. Hay, chief of staff of the department, and Lieutenant Matt C. Bristol, aide to the General. Advice from Naco today indicates a grave situation and General Bliss' orders were to assemble sufficient troops to force a cessation of firing at Naco, Mexico.

"Three batteries of field artillery, with two machine guns, were ordered to report for duty at once, while orders were issued for other troops to hold themselves in readiness to move on an hour's notice.

"A large quantity of high explosive shells, in addition to solid shot, was carried shipped on the special train carrying the artillery.

GUNS PREVIOUSLY ASKED FOR

Colonel Hatfield's Request for Artillery Now Revealed.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 8.—It was learned here tonight that Colonel Hatfield, before his retirement as commander at Naco, had asked for artillery to defend his position in case the Mexican fire became, in his opinion, unbearable. This had been denied until today.

"Agents here of Governor Maytorena, whose troops for two months have been investing the border town, defended by General Hill's Carranza forces, said that it was the intention to make a separate attack on Naco within three days.

"Maytorena is expecting a large shipment of rifle and machine ammunition, which will be imported within two or three weeks unless the present open embargo on munitions is closed.

C. N. McArthur Bandon's Guest.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Representative-elect McArthur, of Portland, who was tendered a smoker in this city last evening, is a guest of Bandonians today and will gather information there while he is being entertained.

COLOMBIA THEATER. SIXTH AND WASHINGTON STREETS. TODAY and REMAINDER of THIS WEEK. "The Master Cracksman". Most Thrilling and Sensational Romantic Drama of the Day, Featuring HARRY CAREY. Favorite Photo-Play Star, as "Gentleman Joe," the Master Cracksman Supported by PETER J. MARTIN, RUTH MARTIN, ROBERT KENDALL, HAROLD MARTIN, JUNE DAY, VIOLET DANE, NICHOLAS MOSES, DAN M'RAE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, RODMAN DAY, JIM BUCKLEY. ELABORATELY STAGED. UNUSUAL PLOT. BRILLIANT SPECTACLE. 300 SCENES. UNUSUAL PRODUCTION. GRIPPING SITUATIONS. MAMMOTH CAST. SIX ACTS. TEN CENTS — ANY SEAT — TEN CENTS.

OREGON MUST PAY. Secretary Lane Insists on New \$450,000 Appropriation.

FIASCO BLAMED TO WEST. Governor Said to Have Destroyed State's Chance by Ordering Work Without Co-operating With Federal Authorities.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 8.—Secretary Lane today told Senators Chamberlain and Lane he would not sanction the expenditure of \$450,000 he has allotted from the reclamation fund for co-operative work in Eastern Oregon until the state puts up an equal amount, to be expended jointly with Federal funds.

The Oregon Senators called on the Secretary of the Interior in the hope of inducing him to authorize the reclamation service to spend the \$450,000 allotment in enlarging the Tumalo project or in building some other project. They quickly discovered there was a serious misunderstanding between the Interior Department and the state authorities and came away convinced the money allotted by Secretary Lane would not be available and would not be spent until it was matched by an equal amount by the state.

Legislature Must Act Again. This means that the Legislature must make another appropriation, or Secretary Lane's allotment will go unexpended for an indefinite time. Though the Secretary promised to renew the allotment if there were a possibility the state would comply with the terms of the Interior Department's offer, he will renew the allotment on January 1, in the hope the Legislature will act at its coming session, and he already has recommended that Congress make an appropriation of this amount, to be available after July 1 next, in the event negotiations are delayed. Any allotment the Secretary may make will, under the new law, expire June 30, and it will require Congressional authority to continue the allotment after that date. However, if the state puts up the amount asked prior to June 30, the money allotted by Secretary Lane will be set aside permanently with the state money and Congressional authorization will be unnecessary.

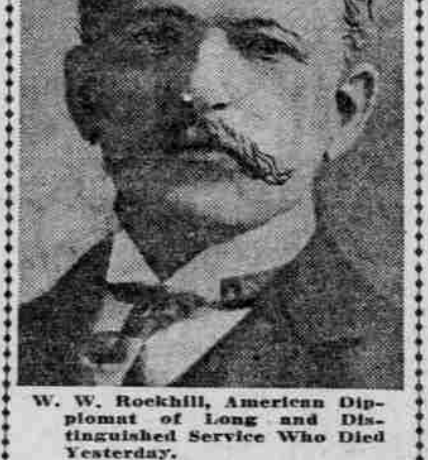
Governor West Blamed. It develops that Governor West is largely responsible for the failure of the co-operative plan, which was formulated at his suggestion and agreed to by Secretary Lane more than a year ago. After Secretary Lane had agreed to allot \$450,000 and after the state had appropriated \$450,000, Governor West ordered the State Engineer to proceed with the construction of the first unit of the Tumalo project. He did this without consulting the Washington authorities and without submitting to them the plan of the project. The project which the state has built will cost, in round figures, \$40 an acre. After the state had spent its money Governor West appropriated \$450,000. Governor West to spend his \$450,000 in building a second unit of the Tumalo project, but this is more difficult and more costly than the unit the state has built. Estimates show the second unit will

cost no less than \$80 an acre, double the cost of the state unit. Secretary Lane not only is unwilling to expend Government money on the \$80 project at Tumalo, but is unwilling to spend any of the Government's \$450,000 unless there is available, to be used with it, an equal amount of state funds.

\$60 an Acre Regarded as Fair. Had the State and Interior Department co-operated in the beginning, as Governor West proposed, and as Secretary Lane intended, two units of the Tumalo project could have been built jointly for \$60 an acre, which Secretary Lane believes, would have been a fair charge against the settler.

The Interior Department, in addition to these facts, points out that the second unit of the Tumalo project will cost from \$600,000 to \$700,000, which is more than Secretary Lane has allotted, and, therefore, that unit cannot be built unless the state is ready to co-operate with cash.

In his talk with the Senators today Secretary Lane said he had not decided what project would be undertaken, if the co-operation plan went through.



W. W. Rockhill, American Diplomat, who died yesterday.

Several promising projects have been examined, among them the Tumalo extension.

SAILOR PRINCE RESTRAINED. Albert, of Britain, Too Ill to Rejoin Fleet, Say Physicians.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—The Medical Board which examined Prince Albert, second son of the King, who has just returned from an operation for appendicitis, has decided that he is not in fit physical condition to rejoin the fleet.

SHIP CREW BURN TO DEATH. (Continued From First Page)

badly burned. The other seaman, unable to swim, feared to take the plunge and was burned to death where he stood. Meanwhile, several lifeboats had come on the scene, but they were unable to give aid to the men imprisoned in the forecastle, whose screams could be heard above the roar of the flames. The Yedra, which was bound from Port Arthur, Tex., for London, is a total loss. She was commanded by Captain Brewster and was owned by the Associated Oil Carriers Company, of London.

W. W. ROCKHILL DIES. Veteran Diplomat Expires on Way to Advise Chinese.

CAREER IS NOTEWORTHY. Thirty Years of Life Given to Diplomacy—Friendship of Yuan Shi-Kai Had Resulted in Call to Financial Post.

HONOLULU, Dec. 8.—William W. Rockhill, the distinguished American diplomat, died here today. He was en route to Peking, there to take up his duties as the newly-appointed adviser to President Yuan Shi Kai. He left the liner Chiyu Maru, on which he had booked through passage to Japan, last Friday because of a severe cold. Cardiac weakness developed.

Mr. Rockhill was a veteran of diplomacy. He had served his country as Minister to China, Minister to Greece and as Ambassador to Russia and to Turkey. In his younger days, disguised as a Chinese, he made a notable expedition into the forbidden land of Tibet.

His appointment by Yuan Shi Kai was both a tribute to and an acknowledgment of his remarkable knowledge of and sympathy with Chinese affairs, thought and aspirations.

When he left San Francisco, November 28, he seemed in normal health.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—With just half of his life span of 60 years devoted to the diplomatic service or subjects directly related thereto, William Woodville Rockhill, who died this morning in Honolulu, could fairly claim

to be among the best equipped of Americans to deal with international issues.

Diplomatic Career Began in 1884. Mr. Rockhill was born in Philadelphia in 1854, and was educated in France, being one of the few American graduates of the great French military school of St. Cyr. He entered the diplomatic service as second secretary at Seoul, Korea. At the conclusion of his Chinese and Tibetan exploration he held the post of chief clerk in the Department of State for a brief period, and in 1894 became Third Assistant Secretary of State, from which he was promoted to be First Assistant Secretary.

In 1897 he received his first mission, going to Athens as American Minister to Greece, Roumania and Serbia. He returned to the United States to become the director of the Bureau of International American Republics, which post he held for six years, relinquishing it to accept the Chinese mission, where he served four years.

Abilities Recognized by Chinese. From Peking Mr. Rockhill was promoted to be Ambassador at St. Petersburg, where he remained two years and at his own request, in 1911, was transferred to the Embassy at Constantinople.

November 20, 1913, having been relieved by Ambassador Morgenthau, Mr. Rockhill left Constantinople and terminated his connection with the American diplomatic service. However, he was not to remain long unemployed, for President Yuan Shi Kai, his old friend, fully acquainted with his abilities and his warm friendship for China, quickly retained him as one of the financial advisers of the Chinese government.

Brady Expense \$7900.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 8.—Senator Brady, of Idaho, today filed his final election statement with the secretary of the Senate, showing he spent \$7903 in his campaign for nomination and election. Most of his money was spent for advertising and postage. W. W. Bliss, Democratic candidate for Senator in Washington, spent \$1221.

Grass has 99 perfume factories, employing 35000 persons.

SUNSET THEATRE. Washington and Broadway. DAVILIGHT Interior Lighting System—Prevents Eye Strain. A KEYSTONE COMEDY of two acts. Featuring Charles Chapin and Mabel Normand. A screaming farce, depicting an absent-minded husband in many amusing and perplexing situations, but all terminates happily.

THE WARNING. A THREE-ACT AMERICAN DRAMA. The wayward son of a minister is warned, through a dream, what his fate will be if his criminal work is continued. When awakening he confesses some of his acts and determines to lead a better life. Four Days, Commencing Today. ADMISSION 10c.

NATIONAL THEATRE. PARK-STARK-WEST PARK. Seats 1500. Phone Main 3372. Today, Tomorrow, Friday, Saturday. "The Key to Yesterday". Featuring Carlyle Blackwell. Matinee Idol of the Movies. Also A Splendid Comedy and an Educational Feature. COMING SUNDAY "The Strange Story of Sylvia Grey". Four Acts With HELEN GARDINER Playing Leading Part.

SEE THAT CURVE. Symptoms of Eyestrain. Headache, Smarting, burning, watering eyes, Dizziness, Type blurs when reading, Squinting in bright light, Nervousness when doing close work, Frowning, seeing double. Any or all of these disagreeable symptoms may be corrected by use of glasses, scientifically made and fitted. Little defects grow into big defects. Neglect is sure to cause regret later. We have the experience to discover the extent of eyestrain and the ability to make glasses to correct it. THOMPSON OPTICAL INSTITUTE, 209-10-11 Corbett Bldg, Fifth and Morrison.