

POLES IN FLIGHT BEFORE GERMANS

Czar's Most Thickly Populated District Is Being Abandoned by Civilians.

PRISONERS NUMBER 64,000

Quantity of War Material Captured From Russians on Retreat From East Prussia Is Much Larger Than First Thought.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The German advance from East Prussia upon the towns of Kovno and Grodno appears designed to cut the railroad communication to Warsaw, the capital of Russian Poland, rather than an effort to take the Russian fortified positions in that territory, according to a Petrograd dispatch.

Along the line from Plock to Niemen, which is a little short of 200 miles, there has been intermittent fighting. From all the towns in this district the most populous of the empire, the civil population is fleeing, throwing the highways and railroads. The latter are offering the best service possible to transport the inhabitants to places of safety in the interior.

Foe Checked, Says Russians.

The German advance guards are reported to have proceeded from Augustowo toward the railroad between Grodno and Bialystok and to have reached within 15 miles of the former place, where they are said to have been checked by the Russians.

The Germans also are reported to be attempting to break through between Kovno and Grodno, taking advantage of the frozen Augustowa marshes and Niemen River, and facing the possibility of an early thaw, which might leave them at the mercy of the Russians, as developed during a previous similar advance in the early Fall, when the swamps made the country impassable.

German Pursuing Enemy.

The official German report says: "Near Tauraggen and in the district to the northwest of Grodno, the pursuing German troops are fighting the enemy. A Russian detachment between near Kovno was reinforced to the north of Lomza by fresh troops. The enemy was then again attacked by us.

"Engagements near Plock and Raciona have been decided in favor of the Germans. In these encounters we have taken up to the present 2000 prisoners.

"There is nothing new to report from the south of the Vistula River in Poland.

Prisoners Number 64,000.

The results obtained near the East Prussian frontier are increasing in our favor. So far we have taken 64,000 prisoners, 71 guns, more than 100 machine guns, three hospital trains, aircraft, 150 cars filled with ammunition, searchlights, countless cars filled with food and horses. A further increase of booty can be expected.

The Austrians have occupied Kolomea after a hard battle. A report from the Russian War Office, however, asserts that there is no change in Sukowina. It speaks of ferocious fighting in Northern Poland, and says that the Russians have won the advantage in several engagements in Galicia.

FALL IN CAGE SHAFT FATAL

Mrs. John Kilkenny, of Heppner, Is Killed at Pendleton.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 18.—Mrs. John Kilkenny, wife of a prominent Heppner woolgrower, was killed instantly at the Hotel Pendleton at noon today by falling down the elevator shaft. She dropped three stories, landing on the concrete floor of the basement.

Mrs. Kilkenny arrived at the hotel on her way home from Hot Lake, where she had been taking medical treatment. She was being taken to a room on the fifth floor. The elevator was stopped at the third floor to discharge a passenger and was just starting upward again when the woman opened the door and stepped out before the operator could stop her.

The top of the third floor opening struck her on the top of the head, causing her to be hurled back under the bottom of the elevator. She leaves a husband and several children.

VIENNA URGES PRODUCTION

Austrian Government Appeals to Farmers to Increase Crops.

VENICE, via London, Feb. 18.—Dispatches from Vienna say that the Austrian Minister of Agriculture has issued an urgent appeal to farmers not to leave a single plot of ground anywhere uncultivated.

He declares: "Peace depends more than ever upon the work in the fields this Spring. The power of the army and the security of the state are conditional upon the productivity of agriculture."

The question of food supplies in Austria-Hungary is daily becoming more acute and the government has confiscated all stores of grain. The shortage of fodder for cattle is greatly increasing the gravity of the situation.

JITNEY LICENSE REFUSED

Ogden Makes Franchise Requirement of Motor Buses.

OGDEN, Utah, Feb. 18.—Through the passage of an ordinance today, the Ogden City Council entirely eliminated licenses for automobiles used for carrying passengers where charges for hire are made.

The announcement was made that operation of 5-cent motor buses in Ogden will now be impossible without the granting of a franchise similar to that for streetcar companies. License fees tendered by one company under the old ordinance were ordered returned.

AMERICA FAVORED IN CHINA

Government Would Rather Borrow Money in United States.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—The Chinese government would rather borrow of the United States than of other countries, partly on account of the generosity of the United States in returning the Boxer indemnity fund, and partly because it knows that the United States has no aggressive ambitions as to

Chinese territory," said Dr. Harry Pratt Judson, president of the University of Chicago, addressing the Industrial Club tonight. "Chinese trade goes mainly to the countries which take up Chinese loans."

Dr. Judson recently visited China in the interests of the Rockefeller foundation. "If this trade is to be conducted effectively, also," continued Dr. Judson, "there must be a commercial marine established under the American flag. We cannot compete now against the low cost of maintenance of foreign vessels and against the subsidies which nearly all nations give to their Oriental marine."

CANADIAN LINES APPEAL

Association for All Railway Companies Seek Higher Rates.

MONTREAL, Feb. 18.—The Canadian Freight Association, acting on behalf of all the Canadian railway companies, forwarded today to the Board of Railroad Commissioners of Canada, the principal Board of Trade and the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, an application for permission to make a general increase in freight rates.

In support of the application, the association cited the recent authorization of the Interstate Commerce Commission of the United States for an increase in freight rates there. Other reasons on which the application was based included declarations that revenues had declined, operating expenses were on the increase and the borrowing powers of the companies had been curtailed.

An advance of 2 cents a hundred pounds on all the first-class freight is sought and 1 cent a hundredweight on all the fifth-class matter, rates for other classifications to be figured on the usual basis.

PIONEER FARMER PASSES

Late Albert Ilie Laid to Final Rest in Tualatin Cemetery.

SHERWOOD, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—The funeral of Albert Ilie, pioneer farmer and well known in this vicinity, was held yesterday at his home near Sherwood, and burial was in the Tualatin Cemetery at Tualatin.

Mr. Ilie was a resident of this vicinity for more than 25 years, working on a tract of land which had never been cleared. With incessant toil and hard labor Mr. Ilie succeeded in converting the land into one of the most fertile and productive farms in the valley. For the past few years he had been engaged in the onion-raising business. Mr. Ilie was born in Switzerland June 12, 1860, and with his parents emigrated to this country in 1865, settling in Winona, Minn., and in 1890 moved to the farm where he resided until his death. He is survived by a brother, Robert Ilie, of Tualatin, and two sisters, Mrs. A. L. West, of Middleton, and a sister living in the East.

SEARCH ON FOR 8TH BODY

Another Missing After Burning of Bunker Hill Boarding-House.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—A large force of men is working on the ruins of the Bunker Hill boarding-house, searching for the body of Joseph Brooker, who is supposed to have perished in the fire, with the seven fishermen, in the jail awaiting a hearing before the grand jury on a charge of second degree murder for causing the man's death.

The seven injured persons at the hospital are doing well. The cause of the fire has not been established.

No arrangements have been made for the funeral of the victims, and Coroner Wilson said the burials will not take place until a verdict is returned.

MAN HELD FOR DROWNING

Second Degree Murder Is Charged in Death of Fisherman by Blow.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—John Tule, a Columbia River fisherman, was drowned in Young's River late last night, and Sam Alaki, another fisherman, is in jail awaiting a hearing before the grand jury on a charge of second degree murder for causing the man's death.

The jury met twice today and adjourned about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, until 1 P. M. Friday.

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SLAYER SAYS HE IS GLAD

Carrying Gun Bothered Him, Jack Moran Tells Deputy Sheriff.

ASOTIN, Wash., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—That he carried a gun three months and is glad he shot and killed Jack English, at Sicot, Wash., last Sunday afternoon, is the statement made by Jack Moran, the Alpowa ferryman, to Deputy Sheriff Wormell. He said the gun had bothered him and that it had been a nuisance to carry it around.

Moran told Sheriff Halsey that he had been afraid of English, who had given him a severe beating several months ago. Attorney E. A. Cox, of Lewiston, has been retained to represent Moran, while Attorney Homer L. Post, of Clarkston, will represent the state in the prosecution.

MAN BALKS AT BREECHES

Cigarette Smoking, Too, Is Cause for Seeking Divorce at Albany.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—The wife of Louis Beach, who buckskin riding breeches was one of the chief grievances of John H. Beach, of near Corvallis, who is fighting the suit for divorce brought by his wife, cigarette smoking was another alleged act to which he took exception.

On the decision of the William Galleries will test the sum of \$2,000, this being the value of the property claimed by Mrs. Beach as her dower right. She asks \$100 monthly alimony.

Medford Begins 'Cleanup' Campaign

MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—With the returning of an indictment by the grand jury yesterday against Mrs. Violet Stone for conducting a disorderly house within the business district of the city, Prosecuting Attorney Kelly announced that he would inaugurate an energetic campaign to rid the city entirely of a growing nuisance. An indictment against J. C. Devereaux for forgery was returned, and tomorrow an indictment against Louis Marney, of Portland, for the same offense was returned. Hubbard last December is expected.

Before you marry see "The Escape."

THERE'S good news here for the young man who is particular about his Clothes---

Really, the fabrics this Spring eclipse anything this store has ever shown before, and the tailoring is superb.

Both extreme and modified styles—some suits have coats with rakish patch pockets—some vests are double-breasted, others with roll collars.

See the new violin stripes, the Tartan checks, the Glen Urquhart plaids—an exhibit calculated to make a young man "put his best foot foremost."

A modest outlay buys a good suit—here's a scale to suit all comers:

\$10, \$15, \$18, \$20, \$22.50, \$25, \$27.50, \$30

Second Floor

BEN SELLING

Morrison at Fourth

FRENCH SAY ENEMY SUFFERED HEAVILY

Violent German Counter-Attacks in Champagne Said to Have Failed.

MANY PRISONERS CAPTURED

Much War Material Reported to Have Been Taken—Foe Has Not Evacuated Norroy, Says Paris.

but Was Driven Out.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—The following official communication was issued tonight: "The day of February 18 has not been less favorable for us than the two preceding days.

"From the sea to the Aisne it was marked by artillery combats, although near Rocourt the Germans delivered five counter-attacks with the object of retaking the trenches which had been occupied by us on February 17.

"These were all repulsed and several hundred dead were left on the ground, among them several officers.

German Prisoners Taken in the region of Souain, Perthes and Beaucourt, the enemy delivered, first in the night of February 17-18, then on the morning of the 18th, two violent counter-attacks along the whole front for the purpose of recapturing the trenches lost by them on the 16th and 17th.

"These were completely repulsed. Our troops driving back their assailants at the point of bayonets.

"In maintaining these gains we have taken three machine guns and several hundred prisoners. According to the declaration of these prisoners the German regiments suffered an advance of about 400 yards north of Malancourt, and in other cases one-half of their effectiveness.

"On the heights of the Meuse in the vicinity of Epinal, where on February 17 we gained some ground, this ground has been retained, notwithstanding a counter attack by the enemy.

"In the region of Noncourt, we delivered an attack which enabled us to capture the village of Norroy and occupy the whole position. It is unique in the history of the war.

"In Alsace, important details have been taken in the sector of the Sudel Farm, conquered by us on Wednesday, constituted a formidable organized redoubt. There we took 100 prisoners, five machine guns, some hundreds of rifles, shields, bombs, utensils, barbed-wire entanglements, telephone apparatus and thousands of cartridges and tanks for holding earth."

The official report issued earlier in the day said: "It has been confirmed that the successful surprise movement which made us master of the lines of German trenches to the north of Arras, northwest of Rocourt, in the region of Perthes, was continued. We captured a bomb-thrower and several hundred bombs.

Ground in Champagne Retained.

"In the valley of the Aisne and in the sector of Rhims there have been artillery engagements, in which our batteries and distinctly the advantage.

"In Champagne, in the region of Perthes, all the territory conquered by us yesterday and the day before has been retained. Among the numerous prisoners taken by us February 16 and 17, there were 13 officers, 1000 men and 1000 horses. We have also taken the advances won in the forest of La Gueule, to the south of Fontaineaux-Charmes. Furthermore we have made progress in the vicinity of Bourguille, at Hill No. 253.

"Our success between the Argonne and the Meuse reported in the official communication of the evening of February 17, have made us masters of a forest south of the Forest of Cheppy. We have furthermore made an advance of about 400 yards north of Malancourt and made almost as much at a point south of the Forest-de-Porces. All these gains have been retained by us.

"From the Meuse to the Voges there is nothing to report.

BIGGER GUNS ASKED FOR

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changes in employment, gun carriages, etc. it will be policy to construct new works and provide new armaments adequate for the demands of the situation.

"That the old works should be held, when practicable and desirable, as a secondary line of defense.

"That wherever it may be necessary to construct new works, especially at important points, such as the entrances of our principal harbors, naval bases, etc., the major-caliber guns should be at least a 16-inch 45-caliber gun, mounted so as to have the greatest possible protection and an all-round fire, where it may be necessary to have such fire.

"That the mortars to be installed in

future should be of not less than 12-inch caliber, with a range of at least 21,000 yards.

"That this weapon should be the numerically preponderant type in our defenses, as it is cheap, has a long life, can be easily protected, is effective against ships, can be used as a valuable adjunct for the land defense. It must not, however, at any important point be adopted to the exclusion of high-power direct-fire guns.

"The general policy with reference to seacoast defenses should be to have the armament there composed of great range and power than any which can be mounted against it."

Secretary Garrison's statement to the committee reviewed the programme for construction of coast defenses, which, he said, would require \$49,000,000.

"The project as revised to date," he said, "calls for 1301 guns and mortars of caliber from three-inch to 16-inch, inclusive. Of this number 1184, or 91 per cent, have been provided for, all of which except 18 are now mounted in fortifications. There remain to be appropriated for 117 guns and mortars.

For the coast guns the Secretary said the allowance of ammunition was based on a quantity sufficient for a two-hour engagement for half the total number of weapons mounted and that there was on hand and under manufacture approximately 73 per cent of this allowance.

The prescribed allowance of ammunition for fortifications of the insular possessions and the Panama Canal, he said, was enough "to carry the guns through a two-hour engagement, together with special provision in some batteries for land defense need."

ALBANY SESSION OVER

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INSTITUTE ENDS CHURCH DISCUSSION

Five Leading Sunday School Workers of Coast Give Views on Various Branches of Work.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—With record sessions Wednesday the religious education institute, which has been in session here for the past three days, adjourned. The institute was conducted as an inter-denominational gathering by the educational directors of Sunday School work for the Northwest in the Presbyterian, Congregational, Christian and Baptist Churches.

Evangelism was discussed this afternoon under the following headings: Personal, home, companions, group, class, society, special, school and congregation. The discussion of the session tonight was "Co-operation."

Five of the leading Sunday school workers of the Pacific Coast are the instructors in the institute. They are Rev. Miles B. Fisher, of San Francisco; Rev. A. M. Williams, of Portland; Rev. J. H. Matthews, of Seattle; Rev. E. F. Gieseler, of Portland; and Rev. J. D. Springsteen, of Portland.

The institute began Sunday with the general theme of the meeting "Reaching the Home." Discussions were had on the cradle roll, home department, Bible-reading circles, play and recreation, visitation, literature, social service, community social and gatherings.

Sessions were held both yesterday and last night.

The following local pastors are in charge of the arrangements for the institute: Rev. W. F. White, United Presbyterian Church; Rev. P. L. Fraser, Grace Presbyterian Church; Rev. E. G. Gieseler, First Presbyterian Church; Rev. D. H. Leach, First Methodist Church; Rev. Ezra Maurer, First Baptist Church; Rev. H. Young, First Baptist Church; and Rev. Howard Fagan, First Christian Church.

ROAD DAY FETE READY

OREGON CITY PREPARES WELCOME FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES.

Completion of Willamette Valley Southern Causes Celebration Set for Saturday.

OREGON CITY, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—With the completion of the program for the Willamette Valley Southern Day, Saturday, it is now evident that the celebration in honor of the completion of the new electric line from this city to Mount Angel will be one of the most elaborate and unusual ever given in Oregon City.

The three moving-picture theaters will be free to all who come in from the country. The Hawley Pulp & Paper Company, one of the largest plants of the kind in this part of the state, will have a special program of entertainment for visitors and a competent guides will conduct parties of men through the plant, while women visitors from the country will see the local rapids.

A steamer of the Willamette Navigation Company will conduct parties from the city to the falls and down the river to the Chehalis rapids. The formal programme of the day will begin at 10 o'clock, when the first special train over the Willamette Valley Southern will arrive. Judge Grant B. Dimick, president of the new line, will pull the golden spike which was driven at the beginning of construction and present it to the Mayor of Mount Angel. A few minutes after 10 o'clock, a parade, in which will be three bands, will be formed and go the entire length of Main street. Automobiles will play an important part in the parade.

WAR UNTIL VICTORY IS FRENCH DECREE

Restoration of Belgium, Alsace and Lorraine Is Determination, Says Premier.

DEPUTIES APPLAUD WORDS

Crushing of German Imperialism Is Announced Programme of Government, Which Is Declared Solid Regarding Policy.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—Premier Viviani took occasion to declare afresh to the Chamber of Deputies today that it was the determination of the French government to prosecute the war until victory for the allies had been fully attained.

The government is determined," the Premier said, "to bring about the restoration of Belgium and to retake Alsace and Lorraine."

The deputies wildly applauded M. Viviani's announcement. Premier Viviani alluded eloquently to the tenderness felt by France for the heroic fidelity of the population of the provinces occupied by the Germans in Northern France, which, he said, were "suffering under the brutality of Prussian militarism."

Crushing of Imperialism Designed.

France, he added, would persist until German imperialism, which had endeavored to crush all liberty, was itself crushed.

The Premier spoke of the sufferings of the people of France, of the courage and the steadfastness of the men in the mud of the trenches, and, above all, of the high moral force which sustained them in saving the country.

M. Viviani spoke with all his habitual grace, eloquence and emotional thrill. As his vibrant voice ceased the members of the chamber rose to their feet cheering and applauding.

The occasion of Premier Viviani's declaration was the question raised by Charles Chaumet, in the name of the Republicans of the Left, as to the propriety of two Socialist Cabinet Ministers, Jules Guesde and Marcel Sembat, in taking part in the international Socialist conference recently held in London.

Action Cause of Doubt.

The deputy affirmed that members of the Cabinet could not act in a political sense with persons from other countries without raising doubt as to the unity of the French Ministry.

M. Chaumet thanked Premier Viviani for having dissipated by his declaration any wrong impression regarding the national policy.

French Farmers Get War Horses.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—In order to assure the Spring sowing, the War Department has decided that horses requisitioned from the army shall be sold only to the farmers. Each buyer is obliged to present a certificate that he is a farmer and needs horses.

Sure Way to Get Rid of Dandruff

There is one sure way that never fails to remove dandruff completely, and that is to dissolve it. This destroys it entirely. To do this just get about four ounces of plain, ordinary liquid arvon; apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips. By morning nothing, if not all, of your dandruff will be gone and three or four more applications will completely dissolve and entirely destroy every single grain and trace of it, no matter how much dandruff you may have.

You will find, too, that all itching and digging of the scalp will stop instantly, and your hair will be fluffy, lustrous, glossy, silky and soft and look and feel a hundred times better.

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