



## REMAINS OF CZAR'S ARMY POWERLESS

### Many Thousands Still Are Surrounded.

## BATTLE FOUGHT IN BLIZZARD

### Retreating Russians Drop Guns, Better to Flee.

## FUGITIVES RAZE ALL HOMES

### Livestock in East Prussia Also Destroyed, While Line of Retreat Is Covered by Wreckage of Defeated Force.

SUWALKI, Poland, via Berlin and London, Feb. 23.—The remains of the Russian tenth army, torn to remnants in the Mazurian Lakes country by Field Marshal von Hindenburg's East Prussian force, comprise but a negligible quantity in the operations that are now under way.

The recent overwhelming victory of the Germans was accomplished by the most terrific fighting after striking forced marches.

This fighting has been described as the February campaign in East Prussia and Northern Poland, and it is regarded here as a second Tannenberg.

Russian Losses Are 90,000.

The Russians composing the tenth army were under command of General Sievers. It is true that this commander, by a skilful use of the railroad at his disposal and by the sacrifices at times of entire battalions in order to bring off a few guns, succeeded in saving a greater part of his artillery, but no fewer than 60,000 of his 150,000 men are already counted among the German prisoners, while his killed and wounded in the four days' battle with which these operations were inaugurated and the subsequent running fights are estimated at 30,000 men.

On the streets of Suwalki there could be heard yesterday and today the sound of artillery from a swampy region to the southeast, where an isolated Russian division, perhaps 10,000 men strong, has been completely surrounded, but it is still offering resistance.

Thousands Will Be Captured.

Several thousand more Russians probably remain in small scattered bands, or are wandering as stragglers within the ring which the German troops have now closed around the woods and swamps between Suwalki, Augustowo and the German frontier, but the capture of these wanderers is expected here and is regarded as merely an incident in a campaign to which this great success is called only the prelude.

It is not believed among German military men at Suwalki that General Sievers will be able to bring one-fifth of his troops safely behind the fortress at Grodno—a safety which may not be of long duration.

The foregoing statement may seem to be exaggerated, but a correspondent of the Associated Press, motoring along the line of the Russian retreat over roads deep with snow and through a desolate and swampy country, gained an impression of complete defeat and demoralization which scarcely can be conveyed in words.

Fleeing Soldiers Drop Guns.

Abandoned guns and automobiles, wrecked and overturned wagons, sleds and ammunition collections encumbered the way. Rifles, blankets, knapsacks and other equipment has been thrown away by the fleeing soldiers. Dead horses and an occasional fallen soldier were everywhere along the roadside. These things showed the conditions under which the hasty retreat had been accomplished.

At street corners in Suwalki, Augustowo, Lyck and other towns are great heaps of abandoned rifles and bayonets. Large bands of Russian prisoners, many of whom surrendered without firing a shot, were encountered along the way.

The Russians in retreat seem to have had time enough only to burn the houses on the German side of the frontier and destroy the livestock which they were unable to drive away. This they did so thoroughly that in the 17-mile ride from Lyck to the frontier village of Prostken, for example, only one house with a roof on it was seen. The Russian part of Prostken and the Russian villages beyond have not been touched.

Campaign Is Like Rabbit Drive.

For days past the correspondent has seen no living animals except those in the German columns and dogs and cats in villages.

The bodies of sheep and cattle killed by the Russians have been left to decay by the roadside.

The first phase of the campaign—the phase resulting in the destruction of the Russian northern army—may be compared to a gigantic rabbit drive or surround, in which men were the prey. While the attention of the Russians was concentrated on the Warsaw line, Field Marshal von Hindenburg, quietly assembling an overwhelming force in East Prussia, behind the Mazurian Lakes, suddenly launched it in two columns against the unsuspecting General Sievers.

One column drove in from the south and threw back the Russians, who for months had been besieging the lake gateways to East Prussia, and the other

## LUMBER INDUSTRY ENJOYS REVIVAL

### MONTHLY PAYROLL OF \$10,000 ADDED BY ONE DEAL.

### Corporation's Order for 20,000,000 Feet Starts Choppers at Work in Fine Timber Near Everett.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Marking the resumption of big lumbering operations in Washington, announcement was made today by President Howard Dent that the Dent Lumber Company has closed a transaction with the Chippewa Lumber Company whereby the latter corporation will start work March 1 and produce immediately 20,000,000 feet of lumber for the Dent company.

A large force of men already is at work felling timber along the line of the Everett interurban and beginning March 1 a monthly payroll of \$10,000 will be established. Later, as necessity demands, the woods and mill force will be increased, the principal element to be considered being time.

The cut is being made in a superb stand of old growth fir and cedar. The wood will be cut for finish and factory purposes and special lengths and sizes will be available for unusual orders such as now are being negotiated with foreign countries.

After cutting the logs will be hauled to Lake Ballinger for the Chippewa company's Lake Ballinger mill. The finished product will then be moved to Ballard, which is a central distributing place for all competitive water and rail shipments.

The entire output will be marketed through the offices of the Dent Lumber Company, which already has large orders despite advancing land and water freight rates.

## PARENTS OF BRIDE SUE

### Annulment of Marriage of Girl, 16, and Boy, 19, Who Eloped, Asked.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—When Nellie Ruth Bolton, 16 years old, returned home several days ago after eloping with Robert Guy Smith, 19 years old, and informed her parents that her name was Mrs. Smith, they promptly became indignant, and today they filed a suit in the Circuit Court to have the marriage annulled.

The girl's parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bolton, of Portland. In their suit they aver that neither the bride nor bridegroom is of age and that the married life of the young couple has not been harmonious.

## SUIT OVER HOG WINS \$1

### Jury Makes Award for Injuries From Fight Over Feed Bill.

DAVENPORT, Wash., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—A stray hog, impounded by F. Fachnick and Henry Carstens, caused a damage suit for \$23,000 by Mr. Emley, from whose field the animal strayed.

After a three days' legal battle the jury awarded Emley \$1 damages for injuries received in a fight with Carstens over a small feed bill as damages done by the hog. The case cost the litigants close to \$3000. This fight has divided the district into two factions.

## NEW SCHOOL SITE PICKED

### Warrenton Bond Vote to Be Called Soon for Building, Too.

WARRENTON, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—An adequate school site and grounds consisting of about nine and one-half acres, known as the Harvey tract, today was chosen at a special meeting by the voters of the Warrenton school district by a vote of 26 against 4.

The site will cost \$8500, and a bond election will be called shortly. The present school site is only 100 feet square.

## REGULATIONS ARE KEPT

### American Commission Finds Concentration Camps Beyond Censure.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—A Havas dispatch from Toulon says the commissioners sent out by the American Embassy in Paris to inquire into conditions at French concentration camps have concluded their investigations in the Department of Basses Alpes and Var and report having found international regulations strictly observed.

Today they left here for Corsica to continue their inspections.

## ROUMANIA FEATHERS NEST

### Loan From England Preceded by Secret Deal in Austria-Hungary.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—A letter received by the Morning Post from its Budapest correspondent says that Austria-Hungary made a loan of considerable size to Roumania a short time before Roumania arranged her \$25,000,000 loan with the Bank of England.

No news regarding this latter loan was permitted to be published in Austria-Hungary, the correspondent says.

The Secretary said it was a gift of a friend, and pointed to it when questioned concerning possible complications for the United States in the foreign situation.

## SHOP MANAGEMENT FAVORED BY SENATE

### Scientific Methods to Be Permitted.

### ARMY BILL IS AMENDED

### Debate Sharp Over Proposed Check on Workmen.

## AMBITION IS ENCOURAGED

### House Considers Fortifications and Mr. Sherley Insists Cost of Protecting All Coast Cities Is Too Great to Consider.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Without a dissenting vote the Senate today passed the Army appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$103,000,000, while the House aided in cleaning up legislation for the session nearing the close by passing the \$6,000,000 fortifications bill.

The only debate on the Army bill related to action of the Senate committee in striking out of the House bill a provision which would prohibit the use of stop watches and other so-called scientific shop management methods in Government plants and deny appropriations for payment of bonuses to employees.

Committee Action Sustained.

Senators Hughes, Martin and others urged restoration of the provisions, while Senator Root, declaring the committee should be sustained, made an appeal for the rewarding of ambition. The committee was sustained.

An all-day discussion of the National defense marked the passage of the fortifications bill in the House. Representative Sherley, of Kentucky, in charge of the measure, declared there was no danger that American fortifications would be destroyed by a hostile fleet; that the fleet of an enemy would seek to reduce fortresses if it had control of the sea, and would not waste ammunition shooting from a range of 21,000 yards.

Mr. Sherley admitted that there might be danger of bombardment of some cities, but insisted that the cost of fortifying all coast cities would be too tremendous to consider.

Butler Opposed to War.

Representative Butler, of Pennsylvania, made an appeal in the House against any act that might involve war. With the sinking of the Evelyne as a subject, he said the American people should be made to understand by resolution or otherwise that Congress will not vote money or enlist troops for a war of revenge brought about by commercial interests sending ships where they should not go, into the war zone.

The House appropriations committee completed the general deficiency bill, (Concluded on Page 2.)

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## ACTOR'S MIND RETURNS

### Man Recovers Memory and Gives His Name as O. Rose, 25.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—The young man who suffered a lapse of memory here Monday recovered his reason sufficiently tonight to say that his name was O. Rose, 25, and his father was R. R. Rose, of St. Joseph, Mo.

He said he was a vaudeville actor and that he came to Salem to fill an engagement. As a result of his escaping from the Salem Hospital early this morning and walking to Pratum in his night clothes the man was stricken tonight with pneumonia, and his condition is thought to be critical. It was planned to commit him to the insane asylum today, but because of his illness this was not done.

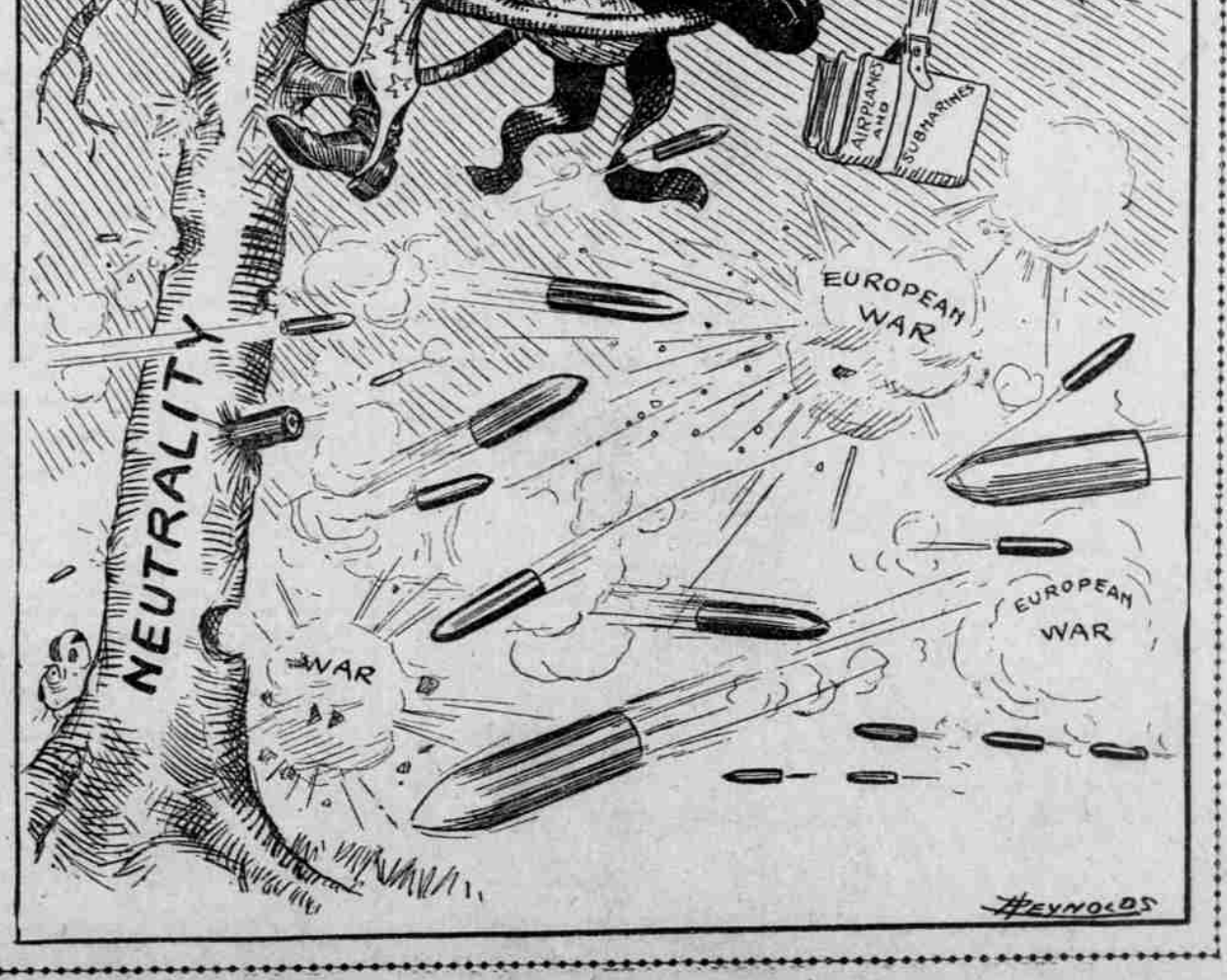
## CARTER HARRISON BEATEN

### Sweitzer Nominated for Mayor by 70,000, Apparently.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Early returns from today's primary election indicate that Robert Sweitzer has defeated Carter Harrison for the Democratic nomination for Mayor by 70,000.

Harry Olson, Chief Justice of the Municipal Court, and William Hale Thompson are less than a dozen votes apart in the first 8000 votes counted for the Republican nomination. The women's vote apparently is in the same proportion as the men.

## UNCLE BEGINS TO SIT UP AND TAKE NOTICE



## PASSENGER SHIP DODGES TORPEDO

### GERMAN SUBMARINE BELIEVED WRECKED LATER BY FRENCH.

### Americans on Vessel Crossing English Channel When Attacked, Says Paris Report.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—A German submarine which for the past few days has been lying in the English Channel in wait for steam packets plying between France and England Monday night fired a torpedo at the steamer Victoria while she was on the voyage from Boulogne to Folkestone with several passengers, including some Americans.

The captain of the Victoria, however, saw the characteristic wake made by the torpedo and slowed down his vessel and the torpedo passed harmlessly about 100 feet in front of her.

The French second light squadron was informed to keep a sharp lookout in the Channel for the submarine.

The Minister of Marine announces that a torpedo-boat belonging to the squadron sighted the submarine at 7:30 o'clock today eight miles southwest of Cape Alprech, near Boulogne, and immediately opened fire and succeeded in scoring several hits before the submarine was able to dive.

The announcement adds that a wide patch of oil was seen afterward on the sea at the spot where the submarine disappeared and from this it is presumed that the submarine was wrecked.

NEW HAVEN, England, Feb. 23, via London, Feb. 24.—Eight members of the crew of the Cardiff steamer Brankstone, a government collier, landed here tonight. This boat either struck a mine or was torpedoed in the English Channel 20 miles southeast of Beachy Head about 2 P. M. today.

The men say the captain and the mate of the steamer are standing by the vessel, which is badly damaged and awash. An attempt will be made to pull her on the coast beach here.

A larger steamer is reported in distress near the same spot. Lifeboats are in attendance on her.

## FAIR IS SEEN BY 442,957

### All Attendance Records Are Broken at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—(Special.)—All previous records for attendance have been smashed by the Panama-Pacific Exposition. The first three days of the opening brought out a grand total of 442,957 persons. Yesterday 120,718 sightseers flocked to the grounds, despite the fact that rain fell during the forenoon and it was cloudy most of the day.

Here is the attendance records for the first three days: Saturday, 248,735; Sunday, 76,581; Monday, 120,718; grand total, three days, 442,957.

Chicago, first three days, 180,658; St. Louis, first three days, 282,134.

## LAKE COUNTY JUDGE PICKED

### Bernard Daly to Serve on Circuit in Newly-Made District.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Governor Withycombe today appointed Bernard Daly, a Democrat, Circuit Judge of the 14th district, comprising Lake County, which was created by the recent Legislature. Judge Daly received his commission in person from the Governor, and qualified with the Supreme Court at once.

Judge Daly has been a resident of Lake County for 27 years, and for 13 years was County Judge. He was a member of the State Senate in 1877 and 1892. In making the appointment the Governor said that he was of the opinion that the judiciary should be non-partisan.

## EX-POSTMASTER IS HELD

### Shortage Charged in Accounts of ex-Official at Garibaldi.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—F. Alexander, late postmaster of Garibaldi, was placed under arrest by Sheriff Crenshaw on instructions from the United States Marshal's office. Alexander was indicted by the Federal grand jury, being short in his accounts when he relinquished the postoffice about three weeks ago.

He went to California to raise the money, but failed and returned. Alexander admits the shortage and says that someone must have taken the money. He says that his wife had charge of the office most of the time, while he devoted his time to fishing. His bondsmen are J. J. McCormick, hotelkeeper, and Mrs. George Phelps, of Garibaldi.

## EASY DIVORCE IS SIGNED

### Nevada Governor Says He Accepts Will of People.

CARSON CITY, Nev., Feb. 23.—Governor Boyle signed the six-months' residence divorce bill today. The bill restores the law relating to divorce as it was two years ago.

The Governor said he was constrained to accept the measure as the will of the people and that he believes the Legislature would now enact a law which would permit an early submission to a referendum vote of laws passed by the Legislature.

## NEW BRIDGE BIDS SURPRISINGLY LOW

### Big Saving Is Made on Interstate Span.

### SURPLUS MAY BE \$300,000

### Twenty-Four Proposals Made for Great Structure.

### FREIGHT RATES PLAY PART

### Opening of Panama Canal Results in Offers to Build Viaduct at What Is Estimated as \$1,450,000 Instead of \$1,750,000.

It will be the largest structure of its kind in the world. Multnomah County, Oregon, provided \$1,250,000 and Clarke County, Washington, \$500,000 to build it.

Contractors estimate that it can be built for nearly \$200,000 less than this sum.

There will be two approaches on the south end—one from Union avenue and the other from Derby street.

The state will pay the interest on Multnomah County's bridge bonds.

Costs of constructing the new interstate bridge between Portland and Vancouver, Wash., will be far below the estimated figure of \$1,750,000.

Bids were opened at the Courthouse yesterday, and while they have not been tabulated they show upon their face that they will not call for all the money available for the work. Precisely 24 bids, including those by some of the most prominent bridge building firms in the country, were submitted.

"The bids are relatively the lowest that I have had experience with," said John L. Harrington, one of the consulting engineers for the Commissioners of the two counties, after he had looked over the figures.

Commissioner Holman estimated that the contract price of the bridge will be approximately \$200,000 below the bonded cost of \$1,750,000. In addition to this figure the Commissioners will have available \$300,000 in premiums on the bonds, or \$1,750,000 in all.

The bid opening was attended by the largest crowd that could pack into a spare courtroom in the Courthouse. Most of those present were contractors, engineers, bondsmen, agents and representatives of various companies.

Bids Are Segregated.

Only one concern, the Pacific Bridge Company, submitted a bid on the entire structure, and in no case was a lump sum mentioned. Bids for excavation, dredging, piling, paving and the embankment were submitted by the cubic yard, and for steel work by the pound of steel. E. H. Howard, the consulting engineer, said that the bids would be compiled and ready to submit to the commission at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Cheaper freight rates from the East because of the opening of the Panama Canal will mean a saving of \$50,000 in steel for the bridge, said Mr. Howard yesterday. Before the opening of the Canal, the freight rate on steel was 80 cents a 100 pounds, but the cheaper transportation has reduced this to 55 cents. On 10,000 tons of steel, the estimated amount needed for the interstate bridge, Mr. Howard believes the cheaper rate will save \$50,000.

Twenty-four Bids Opened.

The companies submitting bids in this commission yesterday were as follows:

McClintock-Marshall Construction Company, Pittsburg; Warren Construction Company, United States Steel Products Company, Tacoma Dredging Company, Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Company, St. Louis; Pierson Construction Company, Seattle; Montague Asphalt Paving Company, Fort Pitt Construction Company, Pittsburg; Porter Brothers, Massillon Bridge and Construction Company, Massillon, Ohio; Bates & Rogers Construction Company, New York; Union Bridge & Construction Company, Kansas City; Northwest Steel Company, Pennsylvania; Steel Company, Pittsburg; Kelly-Atkinson Construction Company, Great Construction Company, Seattle; Pugh Sound Bridge & Dredging Company, Seattle; Twedy Bros., Standard American Dredging Company, San Francisco; Bellanca Construction Company, Pacific Bridge Company, Cowita Bridge Company and a combination bid by the Graft Construction Company and the United States Steel Products Company.

Before the courtroom crowded with men, the bids were opened by William N. Marshall, secretary of the Commission, and County Clerk Coffey. They were read by E. E. Howard, and contractors in all parts of the room, armed with blank forms for the purpose, endeavored to transcribe the amounts of the bids as they were read.

Bids on 12 Sections.

Bids were submitted on 12 sectional contracts, each contract providing nu-

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