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Russia's Latest Defeat

The Mazurian Lake region of East Prussia is the graveyard of Russian armies and of the reputations of their Generals. For the second time a Russian army has invaded that region, only to be trapped by the Germans.

The German version of the affair makes it appear as a rout, in which large bodies of Russians abandoned cannon and supply trains abandoned to the enemy.

The Russian version represents the retreat as one in which every step was fiercely contested day after day, in which one body of the army made a splendid stand against an enveloping force of four times its strength.

The second abortive invasion of East Prussia appears to have been part of a general plan of attack on the wings of the Russian main army, with the purpose of carrying the war into the enemy's country and of relieving the pressure on the Russian center thirty miles west of Warsaw.

The Russians seem now to be holding a line extending just east of the East Prussian frontier through Suwalki, Augustow, Osewetz, Lomza and Prasnysz and to be making a successful stand, the German advance being hampered by swamps and dense forests, particularly in the vicinity of Augustow.

The battle in the Carpathians continues with unabated fury and the retreat from Bukovina has been stated, the Russians having sent forward reinforcements to hold the line of the Frunt River, which flows eastward from Czernowitz, capital of Bukovina.

These stories are most encouraging. When it is recalled that the accuracy they will impart comfort to thousands of sufferers. But we warn patients not to expect too much.

Some important light has been cast upon the causes of juvenile crime by Dr. William Healy, of Chicago.

Why They Are Complaining

The obvious motive behind the outcry against the Moser measure of office is that it is in the interest of the West appointees. It is a demand that the Statehouse machine be let alone.

Now the outlook is changed. The state voted for a new deal when it elected Mr. Withycombe Governor. He is to have a free hand to give it, so far as he is affected by the Moser act.

Governor Withycombe is no sportsman. He gave the lie to that charge when he appointed Bernard Dalrymple to the office of State Engineer.

Nor do we think the State Board of Control will abuse its power. It is not, indeed, that the law does not greatly enlarge its discretion, which was already broad.

"I appeal to the public," said Commissioner Brewster in a statement published yesterday, "for work for the heads of families, men who are residents of Portland, and some of their owners of heavily encumbered property."

"Had you been with me yesterday afternoon," said Commissioner Dalrymple to the business men of Portland, at the hearing on the minimum wage ordinance, "when 400 men with families called on me begging for jobs to purchase food for their families, while the work of the city is being given to aliens, you would have a different view of this matter."

The remedy for this deplorable situation, as applied by the City Commission (Commissioner Brewster absent, but also opposed), is to arrange that no one shall work on streets or sewers, or other city work, unless he shall have \$3 per day of eight hours.

In some of the Eastern papers has appeared an account of a new cancer serum just discovered at the General Memorial Hospital in New York. If the stories are true the remedy is of prime importance to the world.

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criminal career. Newspapers are mainly read by persons whose habits are pretty well established and who are unlikely to be injured by reading the news, however bloody or repulsive it may be.

There is a suggestiveness in such accounts which may prove hypnotic to sensitive temperaments. But young persons are notoriously bad subjects for hypnosis while they are ardent hero worshippers.

Private capitalists are willing to take these risks for the sake of temporarily high profits, provided they can buy or build ships where they please. They do not build in this country because the cost is too high.

Tradition requires men teachers in the English public schools, but war says nay. So many of the schoolmasters have joined the ranks that there is a call for stopgaps or understudies to serve until they come back.

Allegation that more than 3,000,000 rifle cartridges are shipped weekly to Great Britain by one American concern will not shock the Washington club, for the first time in history, to Russia, to be captured quickly by Von Hindenburg, there might go up a cry of horror.

The Russian heart. Peter the Great learned to defeat Charles XII by losing half a dozen armies. It is possible that Nicholas may profit in the same way by his reverses.

On limited rations, the German store of potatoes will last but four months. However, this coast will have new potatoes ere then and all the Kaiser need do is come after them.

Rather shocking to learn the divine Sarah is "broke." Where has gone all the money made in American tours?

Doc White's "health don'ts" omitted the most important: Don't wear an open-front waist on a jitty ride.

Stars and Starmakers

What I've reckoned leading women of today will do 25 years hence when there will be no Edwin Booth to put into their memoirs of a wonderful past?

George M. Cohan's mystery farce, "Seven Keys to Baldpate," headed by Cyril Scott, is on its way here by way of San Francisco.

From the Hotel Algonquin in New York has come a wee white missive, the joint calling card of Mr. and Mrs. William DeWolf Hopper, and tied to it is a wee little card bearing a few interesting lines.

Two grandsons of the late Count Tolstoy are fighting in the Russian army. One has been wounded in the fighting in East Prussia.

Clair Sinclair is to appear in a new vaudeville sketch called "Relics of '61." She will play the title role.

Miss Tucker, who crowned her series of troubles and misunderstandings on the Loew circuit by cancellation in San Francisco, may take a tour over Hugh B. McIntosh's time in Australia. He has offered the Mary Queen of Scots 13 weeks.

True Boardman, once a stock actor, is now of the movies, with the Liberty Film Company at San Mateo, Cal. Mona Darkfeather is in this company.

That the Alcazar Theater management in San Francisco is assembling a company with early reopening of the stock playhouse in view is indicated by an appointment made by Fred Bellasco and George Davis with Margalo Burt and Ernest Anderson, former Broadway stock favorites.

Marie Dressler is going to be a Californian in every sense of the word and from now on she is going to pay her taxes in that state, says an exclusive in Boston.

1915 LEGISLATURE APPRECIATED

Governor Frazer and Results Lauded as Rebuks to Obstructionists. PORTLAND, Feb. 24.—(To the Editor.)—I would like to have space in your paper to express my appreciation of the work of our recent Legislature.

Madame Emma Calve has at last consented to enter vaudeville and will appear at the Palace in New York next week. Now who will say that glory ever stops re-echoing? Fifteen or 20 years after her Carmen smelt Madame Calve is to receive more money for singing groups of songs than she used to get for both singing and acting whole operas.

Lillian Lorraine, who could have been made Mrs. Flo Ziegfield if she'd wanted to, has gone back to vaudeville.

Mabel Ringelman, operatic star and an Oakland girl, has gone into vaudeville. She was Gretel in "Hansel and Gretel" with the Chicago Grand Opera company when it appeared in Portland last year, and last year appeared in "Parafal."

Police and Fire Statistics. CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 24.—(To the Editor.)—I am a daily reader of the Oregonian and am taking the Liberty.

A Scherer Foiled. By James Barton Adams. He wrote her many letters that were bulging out with love.

Doc White's "health don'ts" omitted the most important: Don't wear an open-front waist on a jitty ride.

How will the Hun make the goulash if this thing continues?

Everybody is eating the best Oregon apples now.

Twenty-five Years Ago

From the Oregonian February 25, 1890. Washington.—The world's fair has been awarded to Chicago, on the eighth ballot, deciding the contest between Chicago and New York, St. Louis and Washington.

James W. Morley, who has charge of the tour of the eminent musician Sarasate, will appear at the old Adlon Hotel and Grand, arriving here yesterday on route for San Francisco.

In 1871 five gentlemen, with a bonus from the state of \$200,000, incorporated to build the locks at Golden City. Their names were Barney Goldsmith, Joseph Cook, E. J. Thompson, Charles A. Mudge and J. K. Kelley.

Professor M. V. Rork, of Salem, state organizer, and Major R. A. West, of California, will appear at the old Adlon Hotel, near Ladd & Tilton's Bank, Wednesday and Friday evenings on the issue of the new party.

William Ferrell, in a public notice, says that the reason he paid Lewis Love in full for the purchase of the land was because the horse he bought from Love, agreeing to pay in coin, was not as good as it was represented at a National City bank.

City Marshal Hoyt has recently placed Mr. Brannan as an officer on the "chest" in the Third Ward, and the place lately patrolled by Thomas Foreman is now occupied by Officer Buel.

Portland, Feb. 24.—(To the Editor.)—Last year a good many citizens of this city and state did not pay any personal tax, claiming that some law could not be enforced.

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