

BLIZZARD DEFIED IN FIGHTING RUSSIANS

Germans Move on, Despite Storm.

WORK OF FIRST IMPORTANCE

'Kolossal' Fiftly Describes Task of Vast Conception.

SOLDIERS CHEERFUL, ALERT

Fifth of Army, Busy Caring for Remaining Four-Fifths, Tolls Unceasingly—Lowicz Is Cold and Squalid, Too.

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LOWICZ, Russia, Feb. 22.—The blizzard that has been threatening for hours has come. Night has fallen. It is almost as dark indoors as out, for the supply of petroleum has run so low that it is served out in cups and only to high officers and to cooks. Both must do their work, and the work of both is of the first importance.

The blizzard is sweeping across the wide square that the soldiers have facetiously named "Hindenburg plaza." It is blinding men and horses.

The blizzard rises in fury. The streets are almost deserted. For soldiers, laughing in their gutturals, are carrying newly arrived mail sacks to the sorting station.

An officer passes, flashing his pocket lamp every 30 paces, not keeping it going continuously, for one must conserve the battery. The precious thing throws beams a block long.

Deep drifts muffle sounds. A lonely horseman rides by. He is a ulian and the mortar board of his helmet has caught a heaping handful of damp snow. It adds three inches to his great height. The footsteps of his horse make not a sound on the cobblestones, so deep are the drifts.

The synagogue shows black on each side of the white roofs of the shops on each side of it.

The abbey church shows white. Light gleams fitfully behind its high windows, seeming at times almost to die away. Then there is a sound of chopping, and presently the light is brighter. It comes from the little fire that the Russian prisoners have built with pieces of choir stalls and of coffee. I stop and peer through the iron bars of the abbey wall.

A sentry calls, "Wer da?" "Kriegsberichterstattet aus Amerika," I say, and he gives a grunt of recognition and accepts a cigarette.

Civilians Must Stay Home.
"Not so fine and clean in this Russia as in Germany," I say.
"For the will of God," he replies, "not a thousandth part as fine and clean."

A few hooded women wearing boots go clumping by. They are dishing up from the officers' canteen and are being taken to their homes by a detail of the guard. Ordinarily no civilians are allowed on the streets at this hour.

The snow has drifted the full length of the 29-foot archways that lead up into the courts around which the houses are built. In an occasional house lights are flashing, and the servants of late-arriving officers can be seen drawing curtains or stuffing bits of carpets into window frames that lack glass.

Everybody is in his quarters and huddled against the porcelain stove, if he is so lucky as to have found quarters containing a porcelain stove.

Heavy Firing Heard.
The next morning I rise early, so as to have a long day behind the guns at Bolimow. The storm has died down. The dawn is sickly and grayish. At 4 o'clock the artillery has resumed firing.

I open the window and listen. The rumble of the guns all along that great line to the east is heavier and more rapid than I have ever heard it before.

I look out on the snow-covered square. A fresh regiment, also bound for the front, is drawn up in the wan light; gray and blue clad masses of men who look cheerful and alert. The only sound in the square is the soft pounding they make on the snow when they stamp their feet to keep them warm.

Hoarse cries of command run along the lines and they swing through the narrow streets and out onto the plain. A wagon train follows them; then another regiment, then more wagon trains and detachments of ulians, their lances making black menace against the low horizon line.

Ghostly Pageant Passes.
For an hour at a time in the dull dawn of these heavy Russian days and in the sad twilight I have stood on the banks of the Bura and watched the majestic ghostly pageant moving on the rim of the plain and then slowly dropping from sight.

The river at my feet makes no sound. The sentry at my side, like me, is silent before the wonder and the heartache of the picture. Faint cries of command come to us across the wide fields. Then all is still, and the night reflected from the snow plays curious tricks with the vision and makes the column seem to stand motionless, every wagon wheel and horse's head and

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JAPANESE HOLD EXCITING ELECTION

WAR PARTY'S FATE MAY TURN ON COUNT OF BALLOTS.

'New Woman' Figures in Campaign

First Time in Nation's History. 1500 Bribery Arrests Made.

TOKIO, March 25.—Closing an exciting campaign, during which the wives of several candidates at Tokio made personal visits and appeals to the voters, a general election was held today throughout the Japanese Empire to choose a new House of Representatives.

The last House was dissolved by the Emperor on Christmas day, 1914, because of its refusal to ratify the military programme of the Cabinet. Today's election, therefore, not only brings in a new House, but decides the fate of the Cabinet headed by Count Shigenobu Okuma.

The campaign has been the most exciting and expensive in the history of Japan. The candidates employed thousands of canvassers and there were daily rallies in the streets and halls throughout the country. An increased appeal to the reason of the voters was in evidence. Premier Okuma made a whirlwind campaign, speaking from a special train, while leaders like Yukio Ozaki, the Minister of Justice, distributed their views by phonograph.

Appearance of women in the campaign, for the first time in Japanese history, caused a sensation. The wives of several of the candidates made a house-to-house canvass in behalf of their husbands, thereby provoking comment in the newspapers concerning the development of the "new woman."

The police were ordered to make quick arrests in the case of bribery. As a result, 1500 persons were arrested.

Taking into consideration the fact that the population of Japan is approximately 54,000,000, the suffrage is small, only about 2,000,000 persons having the right to vote. The City of Tokio, with a population of 4,000,000, has only 2,000,000 voters.

BRITAIN EXPRESSES REGRET

Reparation Promised for Wounding of American at Bermuda.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The British Ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, expressed regret of his government at the wounding of George B. Montgomery, of Buffalo, N. Y., by a sentry at Bermuda, and promised reparation. The Ambassador took action without waiting for full details of the incident.

It is understood that Montgomery's negro boatman had been warned and fired on before for approaching too near the war prison, but it is known that Montgomery did not know he was in forbidden waters. The colonial authorities at Bermuda have promised a prompt report. Montgomery was shot in the foot.

NIGHTRIDER IS CONVICTED

First of Arkansas Band Guilty, and 100 Are Incriminated.

BLITHEVILLE, Ark., March 24.—Mark Rogers, the first of several farmers to be placed on trial on charges of night riding, was convicted on three counts by a jury here today. The charges against the men are outgrowths of attempts of a band of white-capped horsemen several months ago to drive negroes from the county.

Local authorities asserted tonight they have evidence incriminating more than 100 persons as the result of confessions obtained from men under indictment.

The sentencing of Rogers was postponed.

TRENT CLEARED FOR FIGHT

Austrians Raze Buildings Near Border of Italy.

GENEVA, via Paris, March 24.—An uncensored dispatch to the Tribune from the Austrian border says that Austrian military engineers have blown up with dynamite all the buildings between Suganana Pass, in Trent, and Lake Garda, on the Italian frontier, which would be in the line of artillery fire.

The eastern part of the town of Rovereto is reported to have been abandoned and all the buildings torn down. All persons suspected of pro-Italian sympathies are said to have been sent into the interior to be interned.

MORE RAIDERS PREDICTED

British Admiral Expects Big Increase in German Submarines.

LONDON, March 24.—A large increase in the number of German submarines operating in the waters around the British Isles was predicted by Rear-Admiral the Marquis of Bristol, in an address at a meeting in London today of the institution of naval architects, of which he is president.

The Lord Admiral advocated the equipping of all merchantmen with armament sufficient to deal with submarines.

WILSON VISITS SON-IN-LAW

McAdoo's Condition After Operation Good as Could Be Expected.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—President Wilson today visited Secretary McAdoo, his son-in-law, who was removed to his home from a hospital after an operation for appendicitis.

PEACE IS IN SIGHT, RELIEF FINANCIERS

Activity in Stocks Regarded as Harbinger.

FRANCE STOPS BUYING HORSES

Business Revival Attributed to Recent War Reports.

MUCH MONEY IS AVAILABLE

Customers Are in Greater Number Now Than at Any Time Since Reopening of Exchange in New York, Say Chicago Brokers.

CHICAGO, March 24.—(Special.)—That the stock market in its vigorous and sweeping advance has begun to "discount" the end of the European war was the opinion expressed today by heads of La Salle-street brokerage firms. They called attention to the advance that pronounced movements in the stock market nearly always represent adjustments to financial conditions some six months in advance of their arrival.

"I think that it is safe to say that there are appearing from day to day many harbingers of peace," said F. C. Aldrich, of Finley Barrell & Co., president of the Chicago Stock Exchange. Little straws, we might call them.

"We had a report today, for instance, that France had stopped buying horses in Chicago and elsewhere. Recently the war news has been of a character to help the stock market.

"Our people, including our New York office, are bullish. Our Wall Street advisers are that sentiment is getting better every day. Brokers' offices are again filling up with customers, more so than at any time since the Stock Exchange reopened. There is a large amount of money awaiting investment the moment conditions appear favorable. That has created a large buying power. Of course, occasional back-sets are to be expected, but the general trend is promising.

Important Interests Active.
"What is putting the stock market up," echoed Charles Garald King, of King-Farnum Co. "The reason, as we gather it, is good buying by the best kind of people. Important interests, it appears, made up their minds a few days ago that the time had come to buy. Stocks go up when business is bad just as they often go down when business is good. That is the way the market adjusts itself to coming events. Now we have a combination of the world's greatest war and depressed business. Naturally the next change will be for the better. The end of the war, as I look at it, is fairly well in sight."

Stock Investments Are Large.
O. E. Babcock, of Rushion & Co., made the following comment:
"There has been of late a large amount of investment buying of stocks."

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MARSHALL FINDS GOSPEL IN CANAL

Personal Contact Now Added to Good Will.

WATERWAY BUILT FOR WORLD

Vice-President Formally Dedicates Exposition.

SCENE IMPRESSIVE ONE

President Wilson Lauded as People's Greatest Peacemaker and Hope Expressed He May Yet Make Western Trip.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—Vice-President Marshall, representing the President of the United States, formally dedicated today the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Standing beneath the great arch of the Tower of Jewels, the Vice-President addressed the vast concourse of people who crowded the Court of the Universe.

Mr. Marshall was earnest and solemn throughout, and was constantly hailed by the applause which punctured his effort. Especially was this the case when he referred to his "regret that this altruistic work (the Panama Canal) has a real or seeming defect in the charge of an injustice done a sister republic of the South. Let us not be too much dismayed this day by reason of that fact," said he. "The American people are wise and they know he is not wise who is not just."

Wilson Called Peacemaker.
Charles C. Moore, president of the exposition, introduced the first three speakers, Senator James D. Phelan, of California; Chester H. Rowell, representing Governor Johnson, and Mayor Rolph, the latter expressing the hope that the Vice-President that the message he would forward to the President would be "California has done well."

"I crave your sympathy and your charity while for a few brief moments I stand here commissioned to take, but not to fill, the place of the President of the United States," said the Vice-President. "In justice to the day, Woodrow Wilson should be here. The office and the man would each fitly grace this occasion. But duty said to him that justice to all the people bade him stay in Washington. You hope for continued peace. Do not forget that he is your greatest peacemaker. May the truth that he seeks your good rather than his own or your pleasure lighten the disappointments of this hour. Before the sunset bell shall proclaim the close of this marvel of the 20th century, the President of the United States hopes to meet you face to face."

California State of Mystery.
"California is a state of mystery, of seeming madness and method—a state replete with art, science, literature, law, order and material prosperity of marvelous accomplishment. What others took to be the mutterings of a mighty man in sleep, she has made the Dardanelles and the adjacent islands."

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Wednesday's War Moves

A BRITISH air raid on Hoboken, near Antwerp, where the Germans are constructing submarines; another threatened effort by the Germans in Flanders, and heavy fighting in the Carpathians are the outstanding features of today's war news.

Five British airmen, starting from Dunkirk, took part in the raid on the submarine yards, but only two of them reached the mark. Two were obliged to turn back owing to the thick weather, and a third was compelled to land in Holland because of engine trouble and was interned.

According to a report issued by the British Admiralty, two of the five submarines which were observed on the slips were damaged and the works set afire. Prior to the war this plant was known as the Cockerill works and belonged to a British company. When the Germans took the plant over a high fence was erected around it and no Belgian was allowed to enter. Workmen were brought from Germany to build the submarines. It is pointed out that these had to violate the neutrality of Holland to pass down the Scheldt to the sea, but this was easy of accomplishment, as they could pass the Dutch forts submerged.

Dispatches from the Dutch frontier say that seven German airmen attacked the British raiders, but were outflown.

In the same region it is reported that the Germans are preparing for another supreme effort in Flanders. Already there has been considerable fighting along the Yser, the Germans having bombarded Nieuport and Dixmude, while the Belgians have made progress along both banks of the river.

The big battle of the moment, however, is in progress between Duklia Pass and Uzok Pass in the Carpathians, where, in their official communication, the Russians say they have captured a large number of Austrians and have made a general advance. Austrian correspondents declare that this battle is likely to continue for some time. It is possible that the Russians will use part of the troops released by the fall of Przemysl in an endeavor to bring the battle to an end.

The Austrians have developed a fresh offensive in Bukovina, to which territory they some days ago sent reinforcements and have, according to their account, driven the Russians back toward the frontier and removed the immediate menace to Czeronowitz.

On the other extreme wing of the eastern front, the Germans recaptured Melmel with the assistance of their warships, which have since bombarded the roads by which the Russians were falling back. The Germans also apparently have checked the Russian advance on Tilsit.

Unfavorable weather is still interfering with the operations of the allied fleet in the Dardanelles.

ITALY "FREE TO CHOOSE"

Government Declared Empowered to "Realize Aspirations."

ROME, via Paris, March 24.—Commenting favorably on the adjournment of the Chamber of Deputies, the Giornale d'Italia says every Deputy now is convinced of the necessity for Italy to act energetically, "facing any sacrifice, even a supreme struggle, to realize Italian aspirations." The paper adds:

"With the full liberty of action now in free to choose the way; the means and the hour of using the weapons at its disposal with the firmness and prudence necessary to insure success; while the country, calm and disciplined, is ready for anything."

"BREAD OR PEACE" ASKED

Posters Appear in Towns in Northern Germany, Say Danes.

LONDON, March 24.—A dispatch from Copenhagen to Reuter's Telegram company says:
"Red posters inscribed 'Bread or Peace' are continually appearing in towns in the province of Schleswig-Holstein and Hamburg and Luebeck, according to a telegram from Weyens, on the German frontier, published in the newspapers of the Danish capital.
"The police remove the placards, but they have not succeeded in arresting any of the persons responsible for them."

GREECE AWAITING BULGARIA

Union With Allies Not to Be Made by One Nation Alone, Says Writer.

LONDON, March 24.—According to the newspapers of Athens, Greece will not range herself on the side of the triple alliance power by herself, the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says in a dispatch from the Grecian capital. She will take an active part in the war only conjointly with Bulgaria.

Isolated intervention on the part of either Greece or Bulgaria, the correspondent continues, would be regarded in Athens as ineffective.

ARROWS HURLED AT SHIP

German Airman Keeps Up Attack on Briton for 30 Minutes.

LONDON, March 24.—For half an hour yesterday, according to the master of the British cargo steamer Teal, which arrived in the Thames today, his craft was the target of a German aeroplane, while off the coast of The Netherlands.

The air craft not only dropped bombs and steel arrows, but opened fire with a small machine gun. With the exception of a hole in her deck made by an arrow, the Teal suffered no damage.

CHAMBER GAINS 791; TOTAL NOW IS 2438

Nation-Wide Record Is Maintained.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM SHOWN

Honors for Day Go to Committee Which Brings 120.

5000 MARK IS EXPECTED

High Scores Made by Many Workers and Prediction Voiced That Today's Figures Will Exceed Great Showing Already Made.

The new Portland Chamber of Commerce, in the second day of its membership campaign, yesterday maintained its position as a record-breaker and jumped the total to 2438, with an addition of 791 names to the 1647 prepared the opening day.

The campaign is half over and approximately half of the 5000 memberships, set as the objective point, have been procured. The official report turned in at the luncheon at 12 o'clock left the list only 42 short of half the number sought, and more than these were pledged later in the day. One committee worked among the physicians of the city all afternoon and its report will be filed today.

Record Pace Maintained.
Not only did Portland beat the records of New York and St. Louis in its first day's campaign, but it also beat them in the second day. New York gained in the second day of its campaign about 400, or only a little more than half what Portland has achieved. St. Louis with only 300, added less than half of Portland's record on the second day of her campaign. Spokane's total for its second day was 702.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce in the first two days has gained a greater membership than the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce was able to muster in a campaign of five days' duration.

The total for the second day in Portland is within 1362 of the total memberships listed in New York's Chamber, after a campaign of six days.

Best of Western Leader.
"The largest Chamber of Commerce in the world," said H. V. Chase, of the Town Development League, who is conducting the work in Portland, "is the Boston Chamber, with a total membership of 4100. This membership was not gained through a campaign, but represents the growth of years."

The Portland Chamber of Commerce, therefore, lacks only 1662 memberships of being the biggest Chamber of Commerce in the world, and her 79 commitments have still two days in which to work.

Enthusiastic Service Given.
The committees went to work yesterday with a rush from the first moment. Several were late at the Commercial Club for their assignments, which were to be given out at 3:45, because they were too anxious to begin work to wait for assignments. One crowd came in with a bunch of new memberships and announced that it had been at work since 8 o'clock, and "wanted its assignments cards quick, 'cause there's no time to be lost."

Committee No. 55, consisting of J. C. Ainsworth, F. C. Knapp, E. D. Carpenter, W. H. Mackay, I. N. Pletscher and Edgar H. Piper, turned in a total score for the day, announcing a total of 120. This was just 19 times the number the same committee turned in the day before.

The record of this committee, made yesterday, was due largely to the fact that through Mr. Ainsworth it was enabled to obtain a generous membership subscription from the Portland Railway, Light and Power Company.

Residual committee No. 56, with its score of 120, the following are the committees getting best results yesterday, with the names of the chairmen and the number of memberships in for Wednesday:

J. Fred Larson	25
C. C. Colt	24
O. M. Finney	20
C. D. Bruun	20
Paul Wessinger	20
Frank E. Smith	18
W. J. Hoffman	16
George Lawrence, Jr.	16

Mr. Crawford's Committee Leads.
Mr. Crawford's committee leads for both days, with a total of 231.

J. Fred Larson's committee, which was second yesterday, holds its position in the two days' totals with 184.

The other high committees for the two days' totals, with their chairmen's names, follow:

Edgar B. Piper	122
C. C. Colt	82
W. J. Hoffman	82
Paul Wessinger	82
C. H. Moore	77
C. D. Bruun	67
A. H. Devers	61
G. M. Figgner	61
C. H. Moore	49
Nathan Strauss	49
C. F. Berg	49
Frank E. Smith	49
George Lawrence, Jr.	24

Five of the committees reported a number yesterday equal to their returns on the first day and 12 committees surpassed their first day's record.

Confidence in Result Expressed.
The reports at the luncheon yesterday indicated a conviction on the part

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OLD RESIDENT—WHY, I CAN REMEMBER WHEN WE VOTED BONDS FOR THAT AUDITORIUM.

MARKET BLK.

NOTICE
TITLE TO
THIS
AUDITORIUM
SITE IS
O. K.
SUPREME COURT

NOW FOR
A LITTLE
OF THE
OLD
"PEP"