

TWO BIG RUSSIAN VICTORIES RUMORED

Entire Divisions of Germans Reported Annihilated in Northern Poland.

18,000 SLAIN IN HUNGARY

Austrians Suffer Demoralizing Defeat, Say Dispatches to Swiss Newspapers—Kaiser Scores Along Eastern Border.

LONDON, March 31.—Crushing defeats of a strong German force in North Poland and of an Austrian army in North Hungary are unofficially reported today from Petrograd and Geneva, respectively.

On the Polish front, "entire divisions" of Germans were annihilated when they failed in an attempt to lead the Russians into a trap on the west bank of the Niemen, according to the Petrograd dispatch, while 18,000 Austrians were lost March 28 in the Hungary engagement, says the report from Geneva, 4,000 having been killed in one hour.

Germany's reiterated assertion that the Russians have been badly beaten across the border from Memel and farther south on the frontier, near Tauraggen.

Vienna reports an important victory in Bukovina, while both the Vienna and Petrograd official communications report captures of nearly 2,000 soldiers each.

Encircling Trap Falls.—The gradual withdrawal of the central part of the German tenth army on the Niemen, was apparently intended to draw all the Russian forces into the advance between Suwalki and Kalvaria—was to be followed, according to the Russian interpretation, by a quick encircling movement of their left flank from the vicinity of Lake Dusa and Lake Nimno to the rear, says the unofficial dispatch from Petrograd. This it was planned, would cut off the retreat of the advancing Russians.

Overzealousness led the German Generals to throw a large part of their 21st army corps, with three reserve regiments, amounting in all to an entire corps, across the melting ice of Lake Dusa, before the middle group of the Russian forces had advanced sufficiently to assure the success of the proposed encircling maneuver, says the report.

Having surmounted the hazards of the transportation of these troops over weak ice, the Germans discovered, according to the report, that their movement was premature, and in a desperate effort to retrace their steps they were met by a fierce Russian onslaught. According to their account of this fighting, the Russians annihilated entire divisions of the Germans.

Austrian losses in Lyutya Valley and the Province of Berg (Northwest Hungary) March 28 are estimated at 18,000, according to dispatches received by Swiss newspapers. These figures are a column of 4,000 Austrians was annihilated in less than an hour during a desperate action in Berg Province. Austrian troops in this territory are reported to be demoralized as the result of their monstrous losses.

Carpathian Attack Continues.—The official Russian communication says: "On the front west of the Niemen fighting continues. In the environs of Kraasow our troops are successfully making progress. On the 29th they forced the Russians to fall back in haste and made prisoners of about 200 soldiers and two officers, and besides captured two machine guns.

"In the Carpathian our offensive continues. On the 29th we made fresh captures of prisoners, namely, 38 officers and 1750 men and also took five machine guns."

The Austrian War Office reports: "The situation in the Eastern Beskid range is calm. Fighting continues in the eastern sector. On the heights north of Duna and northeast of Kalnic several Russian day and night attacks have been repulsed."

HINDU WHO PROCLAIMS STARTLING REVELATIONS ON REINCARNATION.



DR. PAUL S. CHINNAPPA.

SOUL VIEW THRILLS

Hindu Scholar Startles New York With New Theories.

SOCIAL QUEENS IMPRESSED

Dr. S. Paul Chinnappa, Sent by Mysore Government to Study America, Lectures on Reincarnation Following Death.

NEW YORK CITY, March 31.—(Special.)—Dr. S. Paul Chinnappa, the Hindu scholar who was sent here by the Mysore government to study conditions in America, has just given the first of a series of lectures under the auspices of the "Inside the Lines" management.

Dr. Chinnappa held a lengthy discourse on the topic of reincarnation. This subject has been used by many of the world's greatest philosophers, but none of them has given a convincing proof. Dr. Chinnappa has taken up the subject with great zeal. His audience, made up in great part of women who are well known in the "who's who in society," were awayed to such an extent by the dusky-headed doctor in his native Oriental garb that when he told him clamoring for further new theories or proofs on the transmigration of the soul after death.

AUSTRIA MAY PROVE KEY

(Continued From First Page.) the benefit of British reserves at critical points and they have crystallized into a magnificent fighting force. Dr. Chinnappa held a lengthy discourse on the topic of reincarnation. This subject has been used by many of the world's greatest philosophers, but none of them has given a convincing proof.

"The German army was the best in the beginning; now it is the French army in the best army the world ever saw. Our fellows are splendid material, but you can't get in one winter the knowledge of war which our team work which the French possess."

"The French army on the eastern wing of the line again and again duplicated last Autumn the feat of the British army at Mons; they held with inferior numbers against terrible attacks. Better organized than they were, better entrenched, still possessed of enormous reserves, they offer little hope to a massed German assault.

It seems most unlikely, therefore, that the Germans can ever break this western line, especially in the direction of Calais.

PORTLAND DEALERS TO HOLD TERRITORY

Railroad Rate Reduction Proposed for Spokane Not Considered Death Blow.

TRADE STRUGGLE LOOMS

Hope for Competition Found in Belief That With Restoration of Peace Water Carriage Will Be Reduced Materially.

Despite the proposals of the transcontinental carriers to reduce the rates on certain commodities to Spokane to meet water competition at Portland, the jobbers and wholesalers of Portland are confident that they can hold most of their present trade territory.

They base their position on the probability that the restoration of peace in Europe will reduce water rates to such a point that Portland will be able to compete with any rates that the rail lines may make to the interior, and to the fact that established trade connections will be retained even against the handicap of an adverse rate, but they realize that they cannot hold this territory without a struggle and the loss of a portion of their profits. They are prepared to go to Washington on April 12 and present their protests before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The Commission has set that date for hearing the "schedule C" commodity rates proposed by the carriers.

Spokane Would Benefit.—The proposed rates would be substantially lower at Spokane than the present rates, but the reduction at Portland would not be as great. They would apply on the following commodities, which move in large volume by water: Canned goods, coffee, lye, soap, starch, paper, structural iron, bar, rod, hoop or band iron, nails, wire, pipe fittings and connections, cast and wrought-iron pipe, iron plate, shingle bands, horse-shoes and other iron and steel products.

The differential between the Portland rate and the Spokane rate on all these commodities varies from 15 cents to 35 cents a hundred pounds in favor of Portland. The average differential, under the proposed schedule, will be only 5 cents.

The carriers admit that they do not expect to do much business on the Portland rate, inasmuch as it will be offset, largely by their competition, but they expect to develop considerable traffic on the Spokane rate. It is their theory that their reduced rates to Spokane would enable Spokane jobbers to compete effectively with Portland jobbers in much of the territory now held by Portland. These jobbers have never failed to retire from the business of hauling these commodities across the continent to Portland, but will carry them to Spokane and drop them there. They expect, then, that the Spokane jobbers will control enough of the trade in this territory to cut into the business now enjoyed by Portland and Portland, Seattle and Tacoma. This is their plan of meeting the competition of the Panama Canal.

Portland Peculiarly Placed.—Portland is in a peculiar position as a result of the latest move by the carriers. It will be difficult for the Portland representatives to go before the Commission and protest that they passed rates unreasonable because the carriers propose to reduce the Portland rate as well as the Spokane rate. Where the shoe pinches Portland, however, is that the proportionate reduction at Spokane is greater than at Portland.

Yet traffic experts agree that Portland cannot oppose this policy so long as the proposed rates are not discriminatory.

There is little hope in meeting the situation by readjusting the distributive rates out of Portland. The Commission always has ruled that Spokane is entitled to similar distributive rates with Portland. If the Portland rates are reduced the Spokane rates doubtless will be reduced to the same position of the two cities will remain the same.

J. N. Neal, traffic attorney for the Chamber of Commerce, doubts whether he will go to Washington to attend the hearing on April 12. J. H. Lathrop, traffic manager, probably will go with him.

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Continuation of the Eitel Taking on Coal article, including sections on Gearhart "By-the-Sea" and various other news items.

ROADMASTER YEON BUSY

Active Is Campaign for Bond Issue to Benefit Whole County.—An active campaign for the bond issue for paving Multnomah County roads is being carried on by Roadmaster Yeon. Last night he spoke at the Albina Warrenton Hotel.

MRS. BRADSHAW PUZZLED

Woman Thinks Husband Sane, but Cannot Explain Disappearance.—"I don't believe my husband was deranged, and I don't know of any reason why he should have left home," said Mrs. Thomas F. Bradshaw, wife of the ex-superintendent of the Ford Automobile Company's factory branch in Portland.

2 SWINDLERS SENTENCED

Men Who Obtained Millions From Dupes Are Sent to Prison.—PHILADELPHIA, March 31.—Walter B. Riggs and Arthur O. Howard, two of the men indicted as conspirators in fraudulent operations of the Storey Cotton Company, were sentenced in the Federal Court today to fines and imprisonment.

Japanese Executed by Mexicans.

DOUGLAS ARIK, March 31.—A Sasaki, a Japanese produce merchant of Augua Prieta, who started for Colonia Morelos, Sonora, and disappeared, was reported today to have been captured by Mexican soldiers and executed. Sasaki lived at Augua Prieta many years and was considered wealthy.

ST. PAUL MAIL ROUTE CHANGED.

ST. PAUL, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—The St. Paul postmaster has been advised by the Postal Department at Washington that the bids for the establishment of a star route from St. Paul to Donald have been canceled and new bids will be asked for the route from Broadacres instead of Donald.

WHITMAN'S APPOINTEE CONFIRMED.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 31.—Colonel William Hayward, ex-secretary of the Republican National Committee, was confirmed by the Senate today as a down-state public service commissioner, manager of his campaign for the Presidency by a vote of 28 to 15. Governor Whitney died in 1916.

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