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TRIANGLE OF DEATH LIES NEAR WARSAW

Country Ideal for Russian Defensive

GERMAN ADVANCE IS COSTLY

Invaders of Poland, However, Learn Lesson of Waiting.

PRISONERS REPAIR ROADS

Czar's Troops Are Natural Burrowers, and Are Making Masterly Use of Every Advantage That Country Gives Them.

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BOLIMOW, Russia, March 4.—Here are the dimensions of the triangle of death within which Germans and Russians have been shattering one another in uninterrupted field sieges since just before the first of this year:

From the town of Lowicz a line runs southeast to the smaller town of Skiernewice, 12 1/2 miles away, will for a great part be paralleled by the River Skiernewka, which passes in front of Lowicz near Aradnia, one of the splendid seats of Prince Radziwill.

Run a line 14 miles northeast and you strike the town of Sochaczew, which lies about five miles below Zelazowa-Wola, where Chopin was born a century ago. Along the inside of this northerly line the River Buzra goes straggling.

Triangle Cut by Rivers.

Join Skiernewice on the south and Sochaczew on the north by a 20-mile line and you have the base of the triangle of death, and that base roughly indicates the battle front. Sochaczew lies almost due west of Warsaw and is less than 30 miles from the heart of that city.

The northern half of the triangle is much cut up by the Rivers Rawka, Sucha and Pisia, where they wind and straggle across it to empty into the Buzra on the northeast. In a few hours the Buzra has carried their waters to the mighty Vistula, into which it empties opposite Wyszogrod, some dozen miles north of the northern point of the triangle.

When you read in the dispatches of operations to the left of the Vistula they are likely to be taking place in the neighborhood of the triangle of death. The whole value of the triangle lies in the fact that its fanlike spread comprehends the approach to Warsaw.

Country Ideal for Defense.

"You will cover the 20 miles that lie between you and the Warsaw fortifications," said a Russian prisoner to a German officer. "Yes, I think you will do it. But at what a cost! The road will be paved not with bodies but with skulls. But I suppose you will do it." All this region, which is cut up by the Rawka, the Sucha and the Pisia, is bad offensive but good defensive country—making hard work, in other words, for the invading army and relatively easy work for the troops fighting on their own soil. To the west of the three rivers are few forests—only great stretches of flat farming country, till you strike into the Skiernewice country, where rises the Saz's hunting forest.

Beyond the Rawka, beyond the Sucha, beyond the Pisia, the Russians have cut up the country with their wonderful trenches. To the east they lie for miles upon miles, hidden in thick forests, sheltered in ravines, and constantly making masterly use of every advantage the lay of the land offers them. They, in a word, are in the good defensive country.

Russians Burrow Like Moles.
"They are like moles, these Russians," says a German officer. "Let them assume a position and in half an hour they have burrowed. They are cleverer and quicker than we are at this kind of thing, and we have lost many men by not imitating them earlier."

This matter of speedily intrenching and doing your fighting from trenches is partly constitutional. The German soldier is trained in advancing and fighting. This burrowing and waiting is distasteful to his mind. He wants to get on and finish the business. But he has learned his lesson now, and that is the principal reason why the war goes more slowly.

From Lowicz to the town of Bolimow a great road cuts straight across the triangle of death a little south of its center.

That road is never empty. Sometimes—most of the time, indeed—it is an almost unbroken ten miles of marching troops, ammunition wagons, provision wagons, and loads of hay and straw. Endlessly this pageant of invasion moves along between the white, unfenced fields, the crows wheeling above it and the light wounded soldiers who will not wait for transportation back to Lowicz but are making the ten miles on foot, threading their way in and out amid the crush.

Highway Becomes Triple Road.
The first time I rode along this highway it carried a single column of traffic. Two days later when I made another trip the traffic had overflowed to each side of the original highway (Continued on Page 2.)

AMERICAN SOLDIER DIES IN COLON RIOT

THREE OTHERS SHOT BY PANAMA POLICE AND CIVILIANS.

United States Troopers Unarmed When Trouble Begins; Slayer Is Under Arrest.

COLON, April 3.—Corporal Langdon, of the United States Coast Artillery, was shot and killed and three other American soldiers were wounded, one of them seriously, in a riot here today. The soldiers were engaged in patrol duty in the tenderloin district. The shooting, which resulted in a general fight, was the outgrowth of an argument between a soldier, who is alleged to have been drinking, and a Panama policeman.

Many shots were fired by the Panama police, the civilians and soldiers all being unarmed. Brigadier-General Clarence R. Edwards, commander of the American forces in the Canal Zone, who is here to meet Major-General Leonard Wood, commander of the Department of the East, tomorrow, immediately took charge and ordered all soldiers from the street.

A thorough investigation is being made by both the military and Panama authorities. None of the Panama policemen or civilians was injured. The policeman who shot Langdon was arrested by order of the military authorities and was confined in a guardhouse. It is said that none of the three soldiers is fatally injured.

The shooting occurred near the ball grounds, where a team representing the Fifth United States Infantry was playing the Cristobal jolly. Some 2000 soldiers of the Fifth, Tenth and Twentieth Infantry regiments, who were witnessing the ball game, became greatly excited on hearing of the shooting. Some missiles were thrown and several persons were injured. The excitement continued until army officials arrived and ordered the men to take trains for their stations.

BIG ESTATE BORROWS \$175

Executor of \$500,000 Property Unable to Pay Taxes.

ROSEBURG, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—Although the estate of which he was appointed administrator is valued at \$500,000, John Parker, of Roseburg, today compelled to borrow \$175 with which to pay taxes and insurance on property of the estate located in Oregon. John M. Keith died in San Francisco six months ago.

With the exception of property in Douglas county valued at \$400, the estate is in California. There are 59 heirs, one of whom will receive a one-sixth interest of the property. Other heirs will receive as little as a 1-723 interest in the estate. Two women who befriended Mr. Keith during his lifetime will receive \$50,000 each, while a third was bequeathed his automobile.

FRAUD CASES ARE ARGUED

Golden Rule Is Pleaded Before Jury at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 2.—A. O. Stanley, ex-representative in Congress, who is representing Mayor Roberts and the majority of the 28 Terre Haute men on trial in the Federal Court here on charges of election fraud, began the closing arguments for the defense late today. District Attorney Dailey will begin the arguments for the Government tomorrow.

Mr. Stanley urged the jurors to consider the golden rule in reaching a verdict. He said he admitted there were many illegal acts committed in connection with the election in Terre Haute, but asserted that, unless it were shown that these acts were in support of the conspiracy, the jury in the present case had no power to take them into consideration in determining the guilt or innocence of the defendants.

FRANCIS JOSEPH IS WELL

Aged Monarch Passes Through Winter Without Cough or Cold.

VENICE, via London, April 2.—Count Stephen Tisza, the Hungarian Premier, in speaking today of his recent trip to Vienna, when he had an audience with Emperor Francis Joseph, said that the Emperor appeared to be surprisingly well and had come through the winter without the slightest cough or cold. The aged ruler showed the liveliest interest in all the affairs of state, said the Premier.

The Hungarian government is requisitioning all grain and flour in the country. Count Tisza today denied that Hungary intended to withhold foodstuffs from Austria and declared that any surplus would be sent to her.

VOTE PROBE IS TO GO ON

February Grand Jury to Continue Sessions Through April.

The February grand jury will continue its sessions through the month of April. An order to this effect was drawn up yesterday by Deputy District Attorney Charles C. Hindman, who has charge of the grand jury, and will be presented to Presiding Judge McGinn today.

The reason for holding the old grand jury is that numerous cases which have come before it are incomplete. Among these, and perhaps of most importance, are the investigations into election frauds in Precinct 37, where more than 100 votes were changed in favor of Tom M. Word, who was running for Sheriff at the general election last November.

EITEL IS READY FOR QUICK DASH TO SEA

Men of Crew Resigned to Any Fate.

FEELING ON RAIDER IS TENSE

Bunkers Full, Stores Taken Ahead of Schedule.

TIME OF DECISION NEAR

Many on Board Believe Orders Will Be to Attempt to Slip Through Cordon of Allied Warships Off Virginia Capes.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 2.—Whether the German raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich will steam to sea and attempt to slip past the cordon of allied warships off the Virginia capes, or will submit to internment, remained a mystery tonight.

If her orders are to sail, the Eitel appears well prepared. Her bunkers are filled with coal enough to take her to the nearest German port, her stores have been replenished, her machinery has been repaired and her officers and crew are resigned to any fate and waiting for the word.

United States Tugs on Guard.

When the Eitel had finished taking on supplies that originally were not to have been delivered until Sunday, two United States tugs stood guard at her stern. Coast artillermen patrolled her pier and rain and darkness were propitious for a possible dash to sea. Late today the situation aboard the Eitel was tense. Every officer and sailor was on board, although at times some were permitted to receive friends on the pier. That many of them believed they were going to sea was evident.

Time for Decision Is Near.

Just when they might be ordered to go, they said they did not know, but it asserted there was not much time left for the vessel to remain in American waters, unless she should intern. Reports that two more British warships had joined the foreign fleet off the cape could not be verified here. Late today, however, one British warship was seen from an incoming merchant ship, lying about five miles out and directly south of the ship lane.

Mayor's Frog Friends Go.

The city park bureau is in bad with Mayor Albee because of the removal of a multitude of frogs from a swamp in Laurelhurst Park close to the Mayor's home. The Mayor says for years he has enjoyed the music of the frogs at night. "There were thousands of them in the marsh," he says.

The park bureau, in making plans to convert the swamp into a lake, drained all the water out. As a result the frogs have all gone.

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PARKHURST IS ON GRILL

New York Presbytery Sends for Letters Opposing Prohibition.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—(Special.)—Receipt today by the Oakland presbytery of a request from the clerk of the New York City presbytery for copies of all letters passing between the Oakland presbytery and Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, pastor of the Madison Square Presbyterian Church of New York, has opened again the situation that developed when Dr. Parkhurst sent to C. A. Sbarbaro, of this city, a telegram that expressed surprise at the "danger" of prohibition's carrying in this state nearly a year ago.

The telegram was made a principal weapon of the liquor interests and shortly after it was posted on many billboards throughout the state the Oakland presbytery adopted a resolution of protest that was sent to the New York presbytery.

The letters will be sent.

Woman's Club Asks Lower Car Step.

SALFEM, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—The Social Service Club of Oak Grove, through its president, Veleira G. Benvie, today complained to the State Railroad Commission that the steps of the cars of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company were too high. The club asks that the company be compelled to lower them. Complaint that the cars are not adequate for the passengers also was made.

BRITAIN PREPARES FOR PROHIBITION

Stores of Liqueur Hidden for Emergency.

SUDDEN "DROUTH" IS FEARED

Shutting Off of Drink May Come Suddenly in Night.

IRELAND GROWS POPULAR

Shock Will Be Greatest Country Ever Experienced, and Movement Is Regarded by Many as Invasion of Rights.

LONDON, April 2.—(Special.)—If prohibition of the sale of liquor in Great Britain comes, as it is believed it may in a few days, it will be the biggest shock ever felt in this country—there can be no two opinions about that. The Norman conquest, the York-Yankee civil war and the drastic dictatorship of Cromwell will bear no comparison to it, and this statement is made seriously. Britons place much stress on their personal rights, even in war time.

The sudden shutting off of the sale of drink is certain to be dramatic. It is likely that it will be done at night by the police and the inland revenue officers, as happened in Russia at the beginning of the war.

Saloonmen Not Napping.

The general opinion among the Britons is that such a method might do for the simple Slavs, but would not "go" here in England. They suggested that the rest of the night would be spent in unscrewing the backs of the cupboards, substituting empty bottles and replacing the backboards.

It is not likely, however, that the saloonkeepers of Britain will be caught napping. The rolling of distant thunder presaging a storm has been heard and, like the wily Bedouins worrying the Suez Canal, the massed formation of bottles is being rapidly split into smaller contingents and these are again divided into single units fleeing from the wrath to come.

Liquor Now Being Hidden.

In brief, wine and beer are already being hidden on an extensive scale. Beer is being buried in back yards, hidden in attics, stowed under cellared coals and pushed up into unused chimneys. The suburban gardener is getting sudden orders to cancel plans to use the sequestered patch of rich, loamy soil for a lettuce crop and is told to utilize the co-operation of the full moon, which is illuminating Great Britain at this crisis, for vesperal trenching. He is told to have the trenches dug by 10 o'clock and then to go home to bed. When he comes in the morning he finds the ground smooth again and a message from the master that if he is observed conducting for the passengers also was made.

Friday's War Moves

THE Russians now are on the offensive along the whole of their front, from the Baltic Sea to the Roumanian border and in the Caucasus, and, according to a Stockholm dispatch, they have concentrated an enormous number of soldiers on the coast of Finland to prevent any attempt by the Germans to land there.

All the Russian advances, according to Petrograd advices, are proceeding with success. The Russian official report issued tonight makes the assertion that the Germans in North Poland are being pushed back to the east border and that in the Carpathians between the Lupkow and Uzok Passes the Russians have captured still another strongly fortified ridge, overcoming in doing so almost insurmountable difficulties, such as the scaling of steep, low-covered declivities and penetrating cleverly arranged barbed-wire and timber obstructions.

The Russians also have taken the offensive against the German forces in the region of Kozulowka, near the Uzok Pass, which long has been launching attacks against the Russian position. In that district a large number of prisoners is reported to have been captured.

Against these reports of Russian success the Austrians make the assertion that they have repulsed all the Russian attacks in the Beskid Range of mountains, farther east.

The Russians say they have successfully countered an Austrian raid into Bessarabia, in Chotin. Their reports say that units of the Forty-second Hooved division of the Austrian army, which undertook this diversion, were virtually annihilated and that more than 2000 of the survivors were captured.

It is declared that the Turks have now been entirely cleared out of Transcaucasia and that the Russians hold the Turkish Black Sea coast as far as Arkhava.

On the western front the battles are of a scattered nature. Beyond artillery engagements, the only fighting that has taken place is in the forest of Le Foret, west of Pont-a-Mousson, where the French are trying to reach the roads leading from St. Mihiel to Metz, and to the south of Peronne, where the French also are on the offensive.

During the last 24 hours news has been received in London of the sinking of the British steamer Eston (formerly the South Point), the Norwegian bark Nor and three British trawlers by German submarines, and of the Dutch steamer Schieland, presumably by a mine.

The sinking of the trawlers, it is alleged in London, is a violation of the Hague convention of 1907, which exempted fishing vessels from molestation.

In connection with the submarine warfare, the German protests, made through the United States, against the refusal of Great Britain to recognize the captured crews of submarines engaged in attacks on merchant ships as prisoners of war, and the British Foreign Secretary's reply thereto, are creating deep interest in London. The British reply declared that while more than 1000 sailors belonging to warships destroyed by British men-of-war had been rescued by the victors, not a single British sailor had been picked up by the Germans when they were successful.

MAJOR BIERCE AIDS ALLIES

Famous American Author is Fighting With British.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., April 2.—(Special.)—Major Ambrose Bierce, of New York, the famous author and journalist, who has been sought by his family for six months, has been found. The mystery was cleared up today by the receipt of a letter from him by his daughter, Mrs. Helen Cowden, of this city. This brought the surprising information that his father was a member of the staff of Lord Kitchener and was fighting for the allies in Europe. He left Mexico early last Fall and has since been actively engaged at the front in France. Major Bierce wrote that he had escaped injury and was, in good health.

The State Department in Washington has been engaged since last Fall in trying to find Major Bierce in Mexico. He was thought to have been murdered there.

DYNAMITER FILES MOTION

German Officer Asks Writ of Habeas Corpus in Federal Court.

BOSTON, April 2.—A petition for a writ of habeas corpus was filed in the Federal District Court today in behalf of Werner Horn, who is under indictment for alleged illegal interstate transportation of explosives, prior to the attempt to wreck the Worcester railroad bridge at Vaneboro, Me., February 2. By order of Judge Morton, the United States Marshal will produce Horn in court Monday for a hearing on the petition.

The petition reiterates the contention of the defense that Horn, as an officer of the German army and a belligerent, is not answerable to the courts, but to the Department of State, for any acts performed in a neutral country against a nation with which his own country is at war.

LIFE SENTENCE IS SPEEDY

Man Begins Term Less Than 24 Hours After Murdering Woman.

SAGINAW, Mich., April 2.—Robert Smith, of Cleveland, was sentenced to life imprisonment today for the murder late yesterday of Mrs. Grace Steinhauer, of this city, whom he was to have married last night.

Smith began serving his sentence less than 24 hours after the murder. Smith met Mrs. Steinhauer in the county jail recently, while serving a sentence for vagrancy.

LONDON BARS FOES' TRADE CABLEGRAMS

All Messages Are Liable to Be Stopped.

UNITED STATES IS NOTIFIED

Last Means of Wire Communication Is Made Doubtful.

BRITONS AFFECTED, TOO

Even Dispatches Between Neutrals Regarding Commerce With Britain's Enemies Will Not Be Permitted to Go Through.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Great Britain's intention of stopping all messages sent over cables under British control relating to trade in contraband or non-contraband "to which a resident in an enemy country is one of the parties" has been communicated to the United States Government through Ambassador Page at London.

A memorandum given to Mr. Page and cabled by him to the State Department today contained the first formal announcement of Great Britain's cable censorship policy since the early days of the war, when neutral nations were reminded of the right of the British government to stop all communication over the cables it controlled.

Only Few Messages Passed.

At that time it was announced that in order to minimize inconvenience to the public, messages in plain English or French would be accepted for transmission subject to censorship. All cable communication between America and Europe has had to pass through Great Britain since the cutting of the German cable at the beginning of the war. It is said that few messages known to relate to business transactions in Germany or Austria have been passed at any time, but there has been much doubt as to just what policy was being followed and the State Department has received many inquiries on the subject.

Necessity Declared Obvious.

Under the latest notice officials here understand, in line with the allies' blockade program, messages cannot be sent from the United States to Italy or any other neutral country if they refer, in any way, to a transaction in which a resident of Germany, Austria or Turkey, is interested.

The memorandum, after quoting the original notice of Great Britain's rights over her cables given through the international bureau at Bern, said:

"The necessity for control of cables in its relation to matters which may be described generally as being of a purely naval or military nature is obvious and needs no demonstration."

All Liable to Be Stopped.

"In addition to this, it is clear that in view of the great importance of restricting the enemy's supplies and withholding facilities from them for carrying on their trade, his majesty's government cannot be expected to afford the use of British cables to enable neutral and enemy countries to make arrangements with each other for the conduct of that trade and the principle on which the censorship of commercial telegrams is conducted is to withhold, so far as British cables are concerned, all facilities for carrying on trade directly or indirectly with an enemy country."

"Accordingly, all cables are liable to be stopped which show clear evidence either by the text of the telegram or by the known facts as to the sender or addressee to refer to a transaction, whether in contraband or non-contraband, to which a resident in an enemy country is one of the parties."

Britons Affected, Too.

"This principle, it will be observed, is applied impartially to British, allied or neutral subjects, who endeavor to trade with the enemy through the medium of British cables."

LEPER IS WITH SMART SET

Man Will Be Held in Exclusive Chicago Suburb Until Deported.

CHICAGO, April 2.—Highland Park, an exclusive suburb of Chicago, must entertain Angelo Lunardi, a leper, until war conditions in Europe permit his safe return to Italy on the same vessel of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company which brought him to this country. This decision of the immigration authorities in Washington was received here today by Dr. Prentiss L. Prentiss, head of the local immigration bureau.

Lunardi was employed as a watchman at the Exmoor Country Club when physicians discovered he was afflicted with leprosy.

EDUCATOR TO GO TO WAR

Former Idaho University President to Leave With Canadian Troops.

MOSCOW, Idaho, April 2.—(Special.)—Dr. James Maclean, ex-president of the University of Idaho, now of the University of Winnipeg, has been called to the colors, and will leave with the next regiment of volunteers.

He enlisted at the outbreak of the war and had been drilling at Winnipeg. He resigned a year ago. His wife was a Moscow girl.

NOW OREGON CONGRATULATES MR. BRYAN ON HIS GREATEST DISCOVERY.

