

FIRE LOSS \$250,000 AT 4TH AND ANKENY

Blake-McFall 6-Story Block in Flames.

TWENTY FIREMEN OVERCOME

Property Worth \$500,000 Is Threatened by Blaze.

5 TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Falling Estate, Owner of Building, and Paper Company Heaviest Losers—Insurance Covers Greater Part of Damage.

FACTS ABOUT NIGHT FIRE IN HEART OF WHOLESALE DISTRICT.

Where—Blake-McFall Paper Company's six-story building, Fourth and Ankeny, southwest corner. Building owned by Falling estate, built in 1909 at cost of \$150,000.

Time—Seven o'clock Sunday night. Loss—Estimated at 10 P. M. at \$250,000, including part of \$200,000 stock of Blake-McFall Company, valuable engraving plant of Hicks-Chatten Company and stock of smaller firms.

Features. Practically all apparatus in city called out, outlying districts sending in men and equipment. Fifteen lines of hose playing on fire from Ankeny side alone.

Property worth half a million dollars is threatened by a fire which started in the Blake-McFall six-story building, Fourth and Ankeny streets, in the heart of the wholesale district, at 7 o'clock last night.

Twenty firemen overcome by smoke, five of whom were rushed to the hospital in a precarious condition. The other firemen were taken to the Multnomah Hotel, where they were taken care of by Assistant City Physician Harding.

Blake-McFall Heaviest Loser. The heaviest losers are the Falling estate, which owns the building, and the Blake-McFall Company, which occupies three-fourths of the building.

The Kelley-Clarke Company. The Portland Stationery & Wooden-work Company. George P. Ide & Co.

C. D. Bruun, president of the Blake-McFall Company, estimated the company's probable stock loss at \$200,000. Mr. Bruun said that part of the company's stock was in the burning building, and the remainder in the warehouse.

Smoke Hampers Firemen. The building was erected in 1909 at a cost of \$150,000. The loss will probably be at least \$50,000.

AIRMEN FROM SUEZ CANAL RAID TURKS

FRENCH CRUISERS ACTIVE IN EAST MEDITERRANEAN.

Camp Near El Arish Is BombarDED and Another 40 Miles Southwest of Jerusalem Later Shelled.

CAIRO, via London, April 18.—The following official communication was issued today: "On the 15th three aeroplanes made a flight from the canal to El Arish, some 35 miles south of El Arish, dropping bombs, which were effective. From 150 to 200 tents were seen. The distance flown was more than 170 miles.

"On the same date a French cruiser bombarded a camp near El Arish, a seaplane directing the fire. No large number of troops were seen, though enemy guns opened fire both on the cruiser and the seaplane. Neither was hit.

DRYS MOVE ON CAPITOL

Plans Laid to Surround Congress With Prohibition Thousands.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—(Special.)—One of the picturesque developments in the fight of the anti-liquor forces to secure Nation-wide prohibition came to light here today with the announcement that at the next Congress there will be an "on-to-Washington" movement of those who sympathize with the prohibition propaganda.

WHEAT KING AFTER RECORD

George Drumheller Wants More Than \$200,000 for 1915 Crop.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 18.—(Special.)—George Drumheller, whose \$200,000 check for his wheat crop last fall brought him notoriety, expects to get a larger one this year. Believing that the price will be as high or higher than last year, when he received \$1 a bushel, he has planted 8500 acres of land to wheat, which sets a new record for individual wheat growing in the inland Empire.

RAILS SENT TO ALASKA

First Shipment by Government to Be Used for Working Terminals.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 18.—The first rails for the Government railroad in Alaska were shipped tonight on the steamer Mariposa, which sailed for Cook Inlet. The shipment consisted of two carloads to be used in building working terminals at Ship Creek, which will be the base for this season's operations.

ALBERT ECKMAN IS SUICIDE

Bullet Is Sent Through Heart Following Repeated Threats.

Albert Eckman, of 1065 East Thirty-third street North, shot himself through the heart late yesterday. His wife found his body in the chicken yard at the rear of their home.

DEATH DARED TO SAVE BOY

Walla Walla Woman Drives Auto Into Pole and Injures Own Son.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 18.—(Special.)—Choosing to imperil her own life to save a young boy, Mrs. Welford Gross drove an auto this afternoon into a telephone pole, the impact hurling her own son through the windshield. He received some bad cuts and scratches on the face and it was feared at first his jaw was broken. The lad in danger, Thomas Drumheller, was saved.

YUKON ICE BREAKS EARLY

River Free to Lake Labarge 16 Days Ahead of Last Year.

DAWSON, Y. T., April 18.—The Yukon River ice is breaking up the earliest in its history. The river is already open from White Horse, the head of navigation, to Lake Labarge, 16 days earlier than last year.

JAPAN NOT TRYING TO ESTABLISH BASE

Only Salvage Operations Carried On.

AMERICAN CRUISER REPORTS

Commander Irwin Describes Conditions at Turtle Bay.

ASAMA IS STILL AGROUND

Only Other Vessels Present Are Repair Ship and Two Colliers—Report Made Following Usual "Visit of Courtesy."

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Commander Noble Irwin of the cruiser New Orleans, reported to the Navy Department today that he had investigated the Japanese naval activity in Turtle Bay, Lower California, and found no indications other than salvage work on the stranded cruiser Asama.

The commander's report was sent by wireless to Admiral Howard, commanding the Pacific fleet, who telegraphed it to Secretary Daniels, as follows: "The Asama still aground in San Bartolome Bay. Only other vessels present one repair ship and two colliers. No indications of other than salvaging work."

LIVE BIRD IS HAT TRIMMING

Canary in Lace Cage Herald's Girl's Appearance on Fifth Avenue.

NEW YORK, April 18.—(Special.)—This is the tale of a bird in a cage on the hat of a girl in Fifth avenue. The girl appeared at Forty-second street about noon today. Cared in a cage of gauze on top of a wide-brimmed hat of lace and net, the canary hopped and chirped. He seemed to enjoy the ride, but the crowd was too much for the wearer.

MILITIA SHOTS ON RANGE

National Guardsmen Hold Target Practice at Clackamas.

With more than 100 men on the firing line the Second Battalion of the Oregon National Guard, under the command of Major Smith, began target practice at the Clackamas range yesterday. Some good shooting was reported and many men qualified. The previous days at the range had been spent by the battalion in practice shooting.

INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS

The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 74 degrees; minimum, 47 degrees. TODAY'S—Fair; northerly winds. War. Earl Grey urges model public houses, rather than prohibition, as solution of drink problem in Britain. Page 2.

RUSSIA COMPLETES CARPATHIAN TASK

400,000 AUSTRO-GERMANS LOSE BATTLE.

70,000 REPORTED PRISONERS

Principal Chain of Mountains Is Controlled by Czar.

LOSSES ARE STUPENDOUS

Desperate Resistance of Defenders Is Broken in Face of Most Trying Difficulties and Position Secured, Says Petrograd.

PETROGRAD, via London, April 18.—The following official communication concerning the progress of the campaign was issued from general headquarters tonight:

"At the beginning of March, in the principal chain of the Carpathians, we held only the region of the Dukla passes, where our lines formed an exterior angle. All other passes of Lupkow and further east were in the hands of the enemy.

"In view of this situation our armies were assigned the further task of developing, before the season of bad roads due to melting snows began, our position in the Carpathians which dominated the outlets into the Hungarian plains.

"About the period indicated, the great Austrian forces which had been concentrated for the purpose of relieving Przemysl were in a position between Lupkow and Uszok Pass. It was for this sector that our grand attack was planned. Our troops had to carry out a frontal attack under difficult conditions of terrain.

"To facilitate their attack, therefore, an auxiliary attack was decided upon on a front in the direction of Bartfeld, as far as Lupkow.

"This secondary attack was opened March 23 and was completely developed. On March 23 and 25 our troops had already begun their principal attack in the direction of Baligorod, enveloping the enemy positions from west of Lupkow Pass, and on the east, near the source of the San.

"The enemy made a most desperate resistance to our offensive.

"He had brought up every available man on the front from the direction of Bartfeld as far as Uszok Pass, including even German troops and numbers of cavalrymen fighting on foot. The enemy's effectiveness on this front exceeded 400 battalions. (An Austrian or German battalion numbers 1000 men.) Moreover, our troops had to overcome great natural difficulties at every step.

"Task Completed in 18 Days. Nevertheless, by April 8, that is, 18 (Concluded on Page 4.)

RUSSIA COMPLETES CARPATHIAN TASK

400,000 AUSTRO-GERMANS LOSE BATTLE.

70,000 REPORTED PRISONERS

Principal Chain of Mountains Is Controlled by Czar.

LOSSES ARE STUPENDOUS

Desperate Resistance of Defenders Is Broken in Face of Most Trying Difficulties and Position Secured, Says Petrograd.

PETROGRAD, via London, April 18.—The following official communication concerning the progress of the campaign was issued from general headquarters tonight:

"At the beginning of March, in the principal chain of the Carpathians, we held only the region of the Dukla passes, where our lines formed an exterior angle. All other passes of Lupkow and further east were in the hands of the enemy.

"In view of this situation our armies were assigned the further task of developing, before the season of bad roads due to melting snows began, our position in the Carpathians which dominated the outlets into the Hungarian plains.

"About the period indicated, the great Austrian forces which had been concentrated for the purpose of relieving Przemysl were in a position between Lupkow and Uszok Pass. It was for this sector that our grand attack was planned. Our troops had to carry out a frontal attack under difficult conditions of terrain.

"To facilitate their attack, therefore, an auxiliary attack was decided upon on a front in the direction of Bartfeld, as far as Lupkow.

"This secondary attack was opened March 23 and was completely developed. On March 23 and 25 our troops had already begun their principal attack in the direction of Baligorod, enveloping the enemy positions from west of Lupkow Pass, and on the east, near the source of the San.

"The enemy made a most desperate resistance to our offensive.

"He had brought up every available man on the front from the direction of Bartfeld as far as Uszok Pass, including even German troops and numbers of cavalrymen fighting on foot. The enemy's effectiveness on this front exceeded 400 battalions. (An Austrian or German battalion numbers 1000 men.) Moreover, our troops had to overcome great natural difficulties at every step.

"Task Completed in 18 Days. Nevertheless, by April 8, that is, 18 (Concluded on Page 4.)

Sunday's War Moves

THE British, as an offset to their success in destroying a Turkish torpedo-boat which attacked the transport Manitou off Chios yesterday, lost the submarine E-15, which, while carrying out a difficult reconnaissance in the Dardanelles mine field, ran aground on Kepess Point, the crew being made prisoners. According to the Turkish report, seven of the crew are missing.

British airmen in Egypt have been dropping bombs on the Turkish encampment near the border, while a French cruiser, the fire of which was directed by a seaplane, has been throwing shells on the Turks near El Arish, where the army for the invasion of Egypt has its headquarters.

These operations were undertaken presumably to harass the Turks, as the Turks have not shown any intention of attacking the British since their last repulse along the canal.

In the Carpathians there has been fighting, but no battle to be compared with those which the arrival of Spring brought to a close. The Austrians officially report that they have repulsed Russian attacks to the southeast of Lupkow Pass, inflicting heavy losses on their adversaries, but elsewhere comparative calm prevails.

The French have again been active in the Vosges, capturing an important height near Metzeral. The British, too, have attacked the Germans in the neighborhood of Ypres, where fighting still was in progress when the last report was dispatched.

It is again said that the German efforts to bring about an accord between Austria and Italy have failed, a report, which, if confirmed, is likely to magnify in the eyes of the Italians the frontier incident of Saturday. According to the latest reports, the Austrians, who were passing over Italian territory, actually fired on the Italian troops, who repulsed them, and in return penetrated into Austrian territory.

The sinking of the Greek steamer Ellisponos by a submarine off the Dutch coast is believed likely to bring about some friction between the Greek and German governments. The Ellispontos was destroyed while on a voyage from Ymuiden, Holland, to Montevideo, in ballast.

LOST GREEK'S CREW LANDS

Wounded Captain Says Submarine Gave No Warning of Attack.

LONDON, April 18.—The crew of the Greek steamer Ellispontos, captured yesterday by a submarine five miles west of the North Hinder lightship, has arrived at Flushing, according to a dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Company.

The captain, who was badly wounded and taken to a hospital, said his vessel was torpedoed without warning. The crew got away safely in lifeboats, however, and rowed to the lightship.

It is reported from North Hinder that German aviators yesterday tried to drop bombs on two British ships and fired on them but without result.

ACTION AT SEA IS DENIED

No Naval Engagement Has Occurred for Month, Says Churchill.

LONDON, April 19.—Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, has issued the following denial of recent rumors: "There has been no naval action of any kind in the North Sea during the past month, nor any action of any kind in the Dardanelles, other than local bombardments and reconnaissances by single ships.

"Since March 18 only two or three men have been hit in the Dardanelles, and there has been no loss or injury to French or British ships."

GERMANY WILLING TO PAY

Damages and Apology Promised Holland if Teuton Sank Katwyk.

BERLIN, April 18, by wireless to Sayville.—Among the items given out for publication today by the Overseas News Agency was the following: "An official investigation of the torpedoing of the Dutch steamer Katwyk near the North Hinder lightship in the North Sea on April 14, still is pending. If it is shown that the vessel was sunk by a German boat, Germany will be ready at once to pay damages and apologize according to the provisions of international law. No tension between Holland and Germany is feared."

AUSTRIANS DEMAND BREAD

Demonstrations in Interior Against War Reported on Increase.

VIENNA, via Paris, April 18.—Travelers from the interior of Austria bring reports of increasing unrest resulting from the insufficiency of the bread allowance which, although it has been increased, still is considered inadequate.

Demonstrations against the war are said to be increasing in number and violence, especially in Vienna and at points in Bohemia, where mobs are reported to have sacked storehouses in which were stocks of provisions for the army.

TRIESTE IS WITHOUT FLOUR

Bakers in Austrian City Will Have No Work to Do Today.

ROME, April 18.—(Special.)—An uncensored dispatch from Trieste says the supply of flour has been exhausted. There will be no work for the bakers tomorrow and the city will be without bread.

The prices for rice paste are prohibitive.

BERNHARDI SCOUTS FEAR FOR AMERICA

German General Forecasts War's Effect.

WORLD EMPIRE IS NOT HOPE

Victory for Kaiser Would Benefit United States, He Says.

BRITAIN REGARDED MENACE

Growth of Navy Thought Cause of English Jealousy—General Declares His Books Have Been Distorted in Translation.

BY KARL H. VON WIEGAND. (Special staff correspondent of the World. Copyright, 1915, by the Press Publishing Company (The New York World). Published by arrangement.)

GRAVENHAGE, Posen, March 1, via London, April 12.—(Delayed in transmission from Germany.)—Here are some of the things General Friedrich von Bernhardi, whose books have been used to make out a case against Germany in this war, told me today in the first interview granted any journalist since the war began.

That victorious Germany would benefit America instead of endangering it.

That he has never been an advocate of war for war's sake.

That he is not a militarist, but has merely dwelt upon the historical fact that the day of wars has not yet passed and has pointed out that wars have not been without their good points in the evolution of the world and the development of civilization.

World Empire Not Aim.

That Germany does not and never has dreamed of world empire or world conquest.

That his writings have been misinterpreted and in some instances willfully distorted.

General von Bernhardi has written some articles with his own pen in his own defense for American papers, but until today has consistently declined to talk to newspapermen.

Danger to America Scouted.

"Nothing could be more absurd than the statement that our victory will be a future danger to the United States in South America," General von Bernhardi declared to me. "Quite the contrary, if America has reason to fear a clash with any European power, that power is England. Its marine militarism and the absolute dominion of the seas which England claims for herself, wherewith you will have to reckon in time; that's your danger if England comes out the stronger.

"Victorious Germany would counterbalance and to some extent paralyze England, which could only be in the interest of America, and even a bare possibility that Germany and America could ever be involved. You have only to look back into your history and to watch the trend of events in this war so far to become convinced that the possibility does exist of the interests of America and England, which touch on countless more points than America and Germany, clashing.

American Navy Growth Feared.

"Quite aside from the possibility of clashing commercial interests, it is most doubtful if England, jealously claiming, as she does, the absolute dominion of the waters, will look with particular pleasure at the growth of the great American Navy; and it is most probable that America will both want and have a big Navy in the future.

"I emphatically deny absolutely that Germany has any idea of a world empire, or of any idea of world conquest or world apogee, as so often represented. That is a false representation and a distortion, so far as my writings are concerned. If you will read my books in the original German you will find I don't speak of world conquest, world power or world dominion, but of Germany as a world power alongside equal states—other world powers entitled to the same consideration. 'Conquest,' 'empire' and 'dominion' appear only in English editions, for whose translations I am not responsible, but which have been used to create an erroneous, false, unjust impression in America and elsewhere.

South America Hold Impossible.

"That victorious Germany would seek expansion or political advantages in South America is, from the purely military standpoint, so absurd that I am surprised any thinking person could consider it seriously. It would be such an utter military impossibility for us to maintain ourselves there; would bring all South America, not to mention England and France, against us, and for what purpose? What possible chance would we have? A legitimate commercial rivalry with the United States, yes. That existed in South America before the war and will return again after the war; but any political purpose or hope of political advantages on our part? Out of the question."

Only 45 years old and looking younger; tall, erect, with the unimpaired physique of a young man.

(Concluded on Page 2.)

