

## YANKEES MAKE SURPRISE ATTACK

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## LUNEVILLE BLOW STRUCK

Heavy Tendon Attack on Portuguese Troops Near Laventie Sent Reeling Back With Severe Losses to Enemy.

PARIS, March 12.—An American detachment in the Woivre region has successfully carried out a surprise attack on German trenches south of Rheims, says the French official communication today.

Rheims lies in the sector taken over by the American forces northwest of Toul. It is a short distance north-east of Nivray.

(By the Associated Press.)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Monday, March 12.—The American troops east of the Marne again have raided the German positions. Early this morning, after a brief artillery preparation, one platoon moved across No Man's Land behind barbed wire, entered the enemy lines and penetrated some distance with the object of ascertaining whether the German trenches were still evacuated.

No Casualties Suffered.

The platoon found they were evacuated and then returned without a single casualty. The German artillery feebly engaged the platoon, but the work against the American guns during the operation.

Sergeant Walsh, one of the heroes of the German raid on the Toul sector, who later was awarded the cross of war with palm by Premier Clemenceau, has been selected as orderly to Secretary of War Baker.

Walsh, who is 47 years of age, left the billet town where his regiment has been quartered since its relief from the trenches after receiving hearty congratulations of officers and men.

LONDON, March 12.—A large German raiding party attacking positions of the Portuguese troops near Laventie was caught by machine-gun fire from the front and on both flanks and suffered heavy casualties, according to the British official communication tonight.

Numerous dead and wounded Germans were left in No Man's Land when the main body took to flight.

The text of the communication follows:

"This morning, after a heavy bombardment, a large hostile raiding party attacked Portuguese positions south-east of Laventie on a front of about 700 yards. The raid was completely repulsed.

Machine-Gun Fire Effective.

"The hostile infantry was caught by machine-gun fire from the front and on both flanks and suffered heavy losses, both when endeavoring to cross our wire and when relaying through our artillery barrage. Many dead or wounded Germans were left in No Man's Land. Several prisoners remained in the hands of the Portuguese.

"One of our posts east of Zonnebeke was raided by the enemy early this morning. A few of our men are missing.

"Hostile raids attempted at the same hour against three of our posts south of this point were successfully repulsed.

"There was some artillery activity on both sides today at different points between Havincourt and the Scarpe. The hostile artillery also has been active southwest of La Bassée."

PARIS, March 12.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred in front of La Fosse aux Bois and in the region of Avocourt, says today's official communication. "In Lorraine the enemy has been active in the region of Moncel. The enemy suffered severe losses and left 10 prisoners, including one officer in our hands."

LONDON, March 12.—The British in Palestine are continuing their northward progress.

New Gains Made in Palestine.

An additional advance on both sides of the Jerusalem-Nabulus road is reported in an official statement given out this evening.

BERLIN, via London, March 12.—Cembral has been demolished by long-range British guns, according to today's army headquarters report. Several shots from British artillery of the heaviest caliber fell in the town, the statement says.

SMITH NOW BEHIND BARS

WARDEN MURPHY REACHES SALT LAKE WITH PRISONER.

PAROLE OFFICER KELLER TURNS TWO TRICKS BY SPLITTING CONVICT OUT OF CALIFORNIA IN HASTE.

SALT LAKE, Or., March 12.—(Special.)—C. B. Smith, parole violator, who caused the arrest of Parole Officer Keller in California for abduction, is safely behind the walls of the Oregon state penitentiary tonight, brought north by Warden Murphy.

In splitting Smith from the San Francisco County Jail in a speedy automobile and clandestinely delivering him to Murphy at a small station north of San Francisco, Keller turned two tricks with one stone. He started for the Oregon penitentiary the man he had gone to California to apprehend.

and also was spending out of the state the money he had against himself in the abduction case.

With Smith safely in prison here, Warden Murphy expressed the belief that the abduction case against Keller would have to be dropped tomorrow with the complaining witness failing to appear.

The warden also brought back Paul Durney, Oregon parole violator, who was one of the ringleaders in an attempt at a gigantic steal from a San Francisco glove house. Durney participated in the raid on the glove house and was apprehended with an automobile load of gloves about to be delivered to a "fence."

A Graham, king of worthless check passers, who was apprehended in San Bernardino, where he was impersonating an Army officer, and Charles Simpson, another parole violator, were left behind by the warden at San Francisco to be brought back by Keller as soon as that officer is freed from the abduction charge.

CLARKE PIONEER DEAD

MATTHIAS SPURGEON CAME WEST BY OX TEAM IN 1852.

Veteran Will Be Buried From Knapp Chapel at Vancouver Wednesday. Widow and Children Survive.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 12.—(Special.)—Matthias Spurgeon, who crossed the plains by ox team in 1852, died at his home last night at the age of 80 years. Mr. Spurgeon was born in Massachusetts, Jan. 22, 1838.

He crossed the plains with his uncle, George J. Spurgeon, driving a double yoke of oxen from Iowa to Washington. He resided with William H. Dillon, of Vancouver, until he became 12 years of age. In 1852 he bought a part of the Petrain donation land claim, three miles northwest of this city. He continued to reside there until a few years ago, when he retired from active life and moved to this city.

He was an active member of the Christian Church and Washington Grange. His widow and five children survive. They are: Mrs. C. W. Nichols, John H. Spurgeon, J. G. Spurgeon and Gerald Spurgeon, of this city, and Mrs. Harry H. Brooks, of Mount Pleasant, Wash.; six grandchildren and three sisters. Mrs. Priscilla Sparks, of Vancouver, Mrs. Savilla Sparks, of Forest Grove, Or., and Mrs. Louisa Stuart, of Manchester, Iowa.

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## TEUTON SMASHES ON ODESSA RESISTED

Slavs Reported as Fighting Stubbornly on Slabodka-Tznamenka Line.

## TYPHUS HITS PETROGRAD

Dr. Tikhon, Patriarch of All Russia and Metropolitan of Moscow, Pronounces Anathema Against Bolsheviks.

PETROGRAD, March 11.—The German advance on Odessa are meeting with determined resistance all along the Slabodka-Tznamenka line. The typhus epidemic in Petrograd is increasing.

The anathema against the Bolsheviks pronounced by Dr. Tikhon, patriarch of all Russia and Metropolitan of Moscow, was read in all the churches Sunday.

Reports received here say that Austria is isolating all prisoners of war who have returned in order to prevent propaganda.

In consequence of the departure of the government commission to Moscow a special committee for circulating revolutionary propaganda has been formed, with Leon Trotsky as president. Another committee of 10 members, representing the council of commissioners, also will be formed, with M. Zinovief, a Lenin adherent, as president.

The neutral legations have decided to remain in Petrograd.

LONDON, March 12.—The whole Russian Baltic fleet is lying at Helsingfors, Finland, the Petrograd correspondent of the Times cables, but the crews have been ordered to watch being left for each ship. The dreadnaughts will soon sail for Kronstadt, but the remainder of the fleet will remain in Helsingfors.

Salvors Lost Cruisers.

The correspondent also says that all movable articles from the cruisers Aurora and Diana, lying in the Neva River, on which Petrograd is situated, have been carried away by salvors.

A Russian wireless statement has been received here, signed by M. Tchitcherin, who for a time was held in prison in England for circulating revolutionary propaganda and was later reported to have become Bolshevik Commissioner for Foreign Affairs. The message was addressed to the German, Austro-Hungarian, Bulgarian and Turkish governments, and reads:

"In the Baltic the Russian transport ships Rusa, Nivra, Pallada, Merkury, Lakh, Okean, Diana and Zolusha have been placed under the Red Cross flag and will be used exclusively in that service."

A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen, dated Monday, says:

The Finnish Premier, Judge Svinhufvud, has arrived in Berlin having made his escape from Helsingfors, where it is reported the Red Guards now have moved their headquarters. He said that the troops indicating that they are unable to defend the capital.

Swedish Mediation Rejected.

M. Lindgren, the Mayor of Stockholm, who is in Helsingfors, reported that the Red Guards have rejected mediation by Sweden.

STOCKHOLM, Monday, March 11.—The Red Guard contingents in Helsingfors are becoming more violent in their attitude, according to a dispatch from Vasa, Finland.

"They are proceeding in quite a deliberate manner," adds the dispatch, "choosing the victims from among the intellectual classes, assassinating principally."

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The Russian revolutionary government is prepared to move from Moscow to some point further east, it was learned today, according to a dispatch from a message to the State Department today from American Consul Summers, at Moscow.

Drain on Roumania Heavy.

Huns Receive 630,000 Tons of Grain From Occupied Territory.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Since the occupation of Roumania, Germany has received from that territory 630,000 tons of grain, including corn, and Austria-Hungary 755,000 tons. This statement is made in a dispatch from the official Wolff Bureau, dated Berlin, and published in the German newspapers of January 30, which have been received here.

The rate of return is attractive, being 10 per cent, and at the same time by investing in the Treasury certificates a patriotic service would be done. These regular Treasury certificates should be issued in anticipation of the income and war tax payments in June, which have been made to heavy taxpayers for some weeks.

J. C. Ainsworth, president of the United States National Bank, said of the issue:

"Aside from the bank's patriotic duty, aside from providing the Government with immediate funds, the purchase of Treasury certificates will help to keep interest rates short maturity, provides banks as well as individuals an opportunity to employ their idle funds. We are not putting our money into a wheel for the next thirty days, and this offering not only materially assists the Government, but should, from a purely business standpoint, prove a most popular offering."

Efficiency Most Needed

Rev. Hutchinson Gives Stirring Sermon at Methodist Church.

At an interdenominational meeting in First Methodist Church last night, Rev. L. Hutchinson, pastor of the Piedmont Presbyterian Church, spoke on efficiency in the church. He declared that the church today has not the degree of efficiency that it should have attained because it had depended too much upon itself and not enough on the holy spirit.

He is merely attempting a programme of destruction, and in its ambition there is nothing of the spiritual or the right.

is said to have been brought to Washington "under duress." It opens with a protest against the refusal of the government to permit representatives of the oppressed nationalities of the dual monarchy to participate in the Brest-Litovsk peace conference and a denunciation of the persecution of Jews-Slavs, who are declared to have been slain by tens of thousands without provocation.

RUMANS' AID SOUGHT EARLY

Teutons Demanded King Charles Attack Russia in 1914.

LONDON, Monday, March 11.—According to diplomatic documents printed in Russian papers, Austria and Germany as early as August 7, 1914, demanded that Rumania declare war on Russia, guaranteeing her against attack by Bulgaria and offering her Bessarabia and the Timok Valley.

Learning of this, Sergius Sazonoff (then Russian Foreign Minister) suggested that Rumania should observe a benevolent neutrality, and in return offer her those portions of Austria-German territory with Rumanian populations which she could occupy when she thought fit.

Finally, in December, 1914, the Rumanian Premier, J. C. Bratiano, decided to intervene actively in conjunction with the entente. He was, however, obliged to defer action, owing to the unpreparedness of the Rumanian army and the difficulties attending a campaign.

GERMANY CANCELS CONTRACTS

Dealings With Norway Off Due to American Agreement.

LONDON, March 12.—All contracts with Norway have been annulled by the German Central Purchasing Company from March 16, according to a Bergen dispatch to the Tidens Tegn, of Christiania, as quoted in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. The reason for this action, the dispatch says, is that the Norwegian agreement with America provides for the exportation of certain 15,000 tons of fish yearly to Germany.

PUBLIC EAGER TO HELP

U. S. TREASURY CERTIFICATES TO BE PLACED ON SALE SOON.

Government Initiates Campaign to Place 4½ Per Cent Notes in Reach of Americans.

A move to have the public, as well as the banks, invest in the new issue of 4½ per cent short-term United States Treasury certificates has been started by the Government, and the Federal Reserve Bank at San Francisco, acting for the Twelfth District, yesterday requested the Portland branch immediately to acquaint industrial corporations, individuals, estates and other business institutions with the Treasury issues and encourage public subscription.

E. W. Wilson, of San Francisco, director of sales for the Twelfth District, in a letter to W. N. Ambrose, of the Portland branch of the Federal Reserve Bank, said:

"That you may fully be prepared to meet the call, which may be expected to be very large, the bank has canvassed the industrial corporations, individuals of wealth, managers of estates and other business institutions in the city, and has found that they are generally as accessible as possible to the public."

"This is a people's war, and the banks are urged as a patriotic duty to put the people's money into the war. The certificates were devised to expedite the work and help the bank carry out its function. In the past analysis Government securities should be carried by the public, thus leaving the bank's resources in shape so they may be able to handle the emergency problems of the community."

"The banker's problem at this time, financial agent of the community, is to subscribe for the certificates as offered and later distribute them to the public, where they should finally be carried."

C. S. Loveland, Portland Clearinghouse Examiner, who is in charge of the Federal Reserve Branch Bank during its illness, Mr. Ambrose, said yesterday that the move to interest the public in the Treasury certificates had been started throughout the country and he urged that it be made available to the Federal Reserve Bank and get additional information.

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WHEAT BEING HOARDED

GERMAN FARMERS AND ALIENS ARE BLAMED.

Food Administration Has Names of Guilty Parties in Oregon, and May Publish Them.

The problem of dealing with farmers who insist on holding wheat crops has confronted the Oregon Food Administration as one that needs solution in recent days. Information has been coming to the office of the administrator to the effect that in some localities German farmers and aliens in sympathy with the enemy are declining to market wheat holdings.

There is at present no direct regulation under which these hoarders of needed food supplies can be reached. Food Administration officials explain. If legislation does not provide a remedy it is said to be possible that the names of the guilty parties may be published. Food Administration officials state that they have already been provided with the names of most of these hoarders in this state.

TWO WOULD BE SENATORS

John B. Bell, of Eugene, and Elbert Bede, of Cottage Grove, Announce.

EUGENE, Or., March 12.—(Special.)—John B. Bell, well-known resident of Eugene, with business interests in Lane and Clatsop counties, tonight announced his candidacy for the United States Senate from the joint district comprising the two counties.

Mr. Bell came to Oregon from Astoria County, Washington, 11 years ago. He organized and was the principal owner of the First National Bank of Springfield, acting as cashier of that institution from its early history to April, 1907. He served four years as Auditor of Astoria County, being elected for his second term without opposition, and is now President of the Bank of Shedd.

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Private Dies at Camp Lewis.

TACOMA, March 12.—Bennett Thompson, 22, private in Company B, 362d Infantry, died at the base hospital, Camp Lewis, yesterday. His father, Charles L. Thompson, resides in South Dakota.

An express shipment of 20 samples of leading American woods is on its way to Buenos Aires, in response to a request.

## WILSON TAKES UP CASUALTY LISTS

President Gives His Personal Attention to Omission of Addresses.

## HOUSE DEBATES SUBJECT

Ruling of War Department Defended on Ground That Pershing Knows More About Subject Than Congressmen.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Protests against the War Department's new policy of issuing casualty lists without addresses continue to reach members of Congress and the subject was debated today in the House.

President Wilson is understood to be giving personal consideration to the reasons for the change and it is known that the department has asked General Pershing, who suggested it at the instance of the French government, to forward a full statement of the military considerations involved so they may be laid before the American public.

Members of the Cabinet said after today's meeting that the matter was being discussed in the War Department.

In connection with the plan now being considered of issuing lists twice a month or once a week instead of quarterly, it was suggested that under this scheme there might be no objection to giving addresses and names of relatives of the men.

One of the chief objections to the old plan was the announcement of the dates on which the men were killed or wounded, thus giving the enemy exact information as to the results of certain engagements.

In the House Representative McKenzie, of Illinois, Republican, cited the case of a Montana man whose name, appearing on a casualty list, was identical with that of a boy in the Army from an Illinois town.

He was joined by Representative Garrett, of Tennessee, and Humphreys, of Mississippi, Democrats, defended the action of the department, saying the decision had been reached by men who knew more about the question than members of Congress.

Representative Garrett said the newspapers had failed to impress upon the public that the department had promptly notified the relatives of each man whose name appears on a list.

BANKERS WILL STUDY

DEVELOPING USE OF TRADE ACCEPTANCES IS PURPOSE.

Special Portland Committee of American Bankers' Association to Be Auxiliary of National Council.

T. H. West, assistant cashier of Ladd & Tilton; R. H. Nelson, assistant cashier of the Northwestern National, and A. T. Matthews, of the Bank of California, have been named as members of the Portland committee of the American Institute of Banking section of the American Bankers' Association, to study and develop the use of trade acceptances in general business.

The committee will be an auxiliary of the National Trade Acceptance Council, composed of nine members, three of them respectively from the United States Chamber of Commerce, the American Bankers' Association and the National Association of Credit Men.

Mr. West will be chairman of the local committee and for the present its work will be principally to study and criticize proposed methods and changes in form and procedure, later conducting a campaign to acquaint business generally with the trade acceptance principle.

The work will be somewhat in the nature of a school for bankers and business men alike, working out weaknesses of the present system, establishing arguments for the trade acceptance and standardizing forms.

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