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TEUTON BATTERIES SHELL AMERICANS

Raid Follows Intense Artillery Fire.

CASUALTIES NOT GIVEN OUT

German Sortie Designed to Obtain Information.

HUNS ARE UNCOMFORTABLE

Efforts Made to Acquire Better Footing Held Successfully Resisted by Americans—Big Guns Are Doing Effective Work.

PARIS, March 17.—The War Office reports a series of strong German attacks in the direction of Samogneux, north of the Bois des Carrières, and in the Hezonvaux region. Large enemy detachments succeeded in penetrating the French line at various points, but under the violence of the French fire suffered heavy losses and were unable to hold the ground where they gained a footing.

Last information shows that last night the French troops entered the enemy trenches at Samogneux to a depth of 100 meters to a depth of 500 meters.

(By The Associated Press.)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 16.—After a terrific artillery preparation this morning, large numbers of the enemy crossed No Man's Land on the extreme right of the American sector northwest of Toul. Apparently the purpose of the raid was quickly accomplished and only a comparatively small number entered our lines. Permission has not been given to mention the number of casualties.

This raid, like most of the others, carried out all the way from the sea to Switzerland, was designed to gather information by means of taking prisoners.

German Trenches Explored.

East of Lunéville our patrols have explored part of the German trench which our artillery forced the enemy to abandon. Patrols proceeded laterally until they established contact with the Germans. Our reconnaissance and wire patrols found snipers' posts, listening posts and machine guns in the trench which had been firing on our lines. The artillery attacked to all these posts.

The German positions have been so uncomfortable at several places that they now are trying to regain a foothold by connecting shell holes. Our troops have been subject to an extraordinary heavy artillery fire for the last 24 hours. More than 219 shells, which made craters 20 feet deep and 20 feet in diameter, fell in one section of the line. In another section batteries have been shelled heavily. More gas shells have fallen in both the Toul and Lunéville sectors, but the larger number in the former.

American Hold Position.

The American troops in the sector east of Lunéville, in conjunction with the French, are still holding the former enemy trenches northeast of Badonvillers, although the Germans have made another attempt to drive them out with artillery. Shells, most of them heavy and some of them of the 12-inch type, have pounded the position intermittently, but the Americans and their allies have held on.

Consolidation of the position has been continued, and the series of operations in this particular part of the sector has brought the French lines up on a front of nearly three miles. The parapets have been turned toward the enemy; dugout entrenchments have been changed and new dugouts have been built to protect the men. Tonight it appeared as if the enemy would abandon his attempt to drive out the Americans and French, realizing that this is an almost hopeless task.

Throughout the sector artillery firing is continuing but no infantry activity has developed so far.

FRANKLIN B. GAULT DIES

Edicator and Lecturer, Once Head of Idaho University, Dies.

TACOMA, Wash., March 17.—Franklin Benjamin Gault, educator and lecturer, died at his home at Sumner, near here, last night, following a short illness. He was 67.

Dr. Gault was president of the University of Idaho from 1912 to 1915; Whitworth College, Tacoma, 1899 to 1906, and of the University of South Dakota from 1906 to 1911. He was the author of works on psychology and education.

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COQUILLE IS SWEEP BY \$75,000 BLAZE

LODGING-HOUSE OCCUPANTS HAVE NARROW ESCAPES.

Seven Business Houses Destroyed, Ten Are Badly Damaged and Numerous Others Suffer Slightly.

COQUILLE, Or., March 17.—(Special.)—Seven business buildings were destroyed, ten badly damaged and numerous other structures were slightly damaged by a fire which swept the business section here early today.

The loss is estimated at \$75,000, with approximately \$15,000 insurance.

The fire, which started in the Seenic Theater, supposedly from defective wiring, spread with great rapidity and for several hours threatened the destruction of the entire town. For a while on both sides of Front street all buildings were wiped out.

A special train brought firemen from Powers, Marshfield and Myrtle Point to aid in quelling the flames.

Three lodging houses were burned and the occupants fled to the street in their night clothes. Many persons had narrow escapes from death in the flames.

W. H. Lyons, manager of Jones & Lyons' store, and George Robinson, a grocer, were severely burned fighting the fire.

Some trouble was encountered from persons who were caught looting goods from stores which were in flames.

All the buildings burned were frame construction. The Masonic Opera House, among the destroyed buildings, was in the center of the fire. The telephone exchange was burned and the First National Bank Building was badly damaged.

AUSTRIAN STRIKES SPREAD

Serious Trouble Reported in Vienna and Budapest.

AMSTERDAM, March 17.—Strikes are again in progress in Austria and Hungary and are spreading rapidly, according to reports appearing in German newspapers. A Vienna dispatch to the West Zeltung, of Bremen, dated Friday, says that a strike in Budapest and Vienna was suspended Thursday.

A Vienna dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger, of Berlin, confirms the report of last week that workmen in railway shops have gone on strike. It says Vienna and neighboring industrial centers are affected. The men quit work on Tuesday, and were joined on Wednesday by the shop workers of other railways.

Under threat of military intervention, the men returned to the shops, but did not work.

MAXIM SHIP TO BE TESTED

Inventor's Non-Sinkable Device Selected for First Trial.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Hudson Maxim's device for a non-sinkable ship has been accepted for experimental purposes by the Shipping Board, which announced some start should be made in producing vessels that could not be sunk by submarines.

Out of thousands of methods suggested, the ship protection committee, headed by John A. Donald, has selected several for special tests, of which Mr. Maxim's will be first.

PRO-HUNS ORDERED SHOT

Clemenceau Decided on Drastic Measures in France.

BOSTON, March 17.—Premier Clemenceau, of France, has ordered that any pro-German found in the country shall be taken out and shot, according to a dispatch from Knecht, a member of the French high commission, who addressed an assemblage of prominent Jewish business men at the City Club last night.

France was determined to rid the country of pro-German agitators, he said.

WHAT PRUSSIANISM MEANS.

The actions of the German armies in Belgium, in Poland and in Northern France have blotted the record of humanity.

The evidence in the case is set forth in an official book just published by the United States Government.

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TEUTONS ORGANIZE CAPTURED IN RUSSIA

Prisoners of Slavs to Be Mobilized.

TWO ARMY CORPS PROPOSED

One Division Being Formed at Irkutsk, Siberia.

CAVALRY ALSO CONSIDERED

Tokio Government Much Concerned Over Siberian Situation—Nippon Press Almost Unanimous in Favor of Mobilization.

TOKIO, via Shanghai, March 14.—It is reported that the Germans are trying to organize two army corps of German war prisoners in Russia. One corps, it is said, is being secretly organized at Irkutsk, Siberia. Two cavalry corps also are being formed.

TOKIO, March 17.—Premier Terachi and Foreign Minister Motono told Parliament yesterday nothing had been decided upon with reference to the Siberian situation.

The military situation has reached a state of perfected preparedness.

Last night the Seiyukai (Constitutional) party, the largest in the diet, held a conference and reaffirmed its position taken at a recent meeting in opposition to immediate mobilization. The press is almost unanimous in urging mobilization. The Asahi Shimbun and the Yoroday Chobo say they are unable to understand America's "excessive generosity" toward Russia, now giving supplies to Germany and impeding the stores in Vladivostok.

Japan's Duty Indicated.

Suspensions in regard to Japan weaken the allies, they assert, adding that it is Japan's duty to work in the interests of peace and humanity by assisting to crush Germany. The Kokumin Shimbun issued a call to arms, saying that America is sincerely friendly, but mistaken.

The Asahi Shimbun, of Osaka, voices the opinion widely held among the middle classes that extensive mobilization would create acute distress industrially and in regard to the food supplies.

When, a week ago, the possibility of Japanese intervention in Siberia became known and a flood of opinion from the Western press poured into Japan, there was considerable excitement in the belief that speedy mobilization of the army and navy would be ordered. Extremists pictured airplanes over Tokyo and submarines from Vladivostok. The hysterical "outs" in the Diet heekled the government and the newspapers were filled with contrary views, according to the interests or the imagination of those responsible or those not responsible for the situation.

Presently, however, the tone became quieter, and it appears possible to see more clearly the true Japanese outlook, which is characterized in many quarters as "entirely safe, sane and loyal."

Today virtually the entire responsibility

WHOLE COAST IS SWEEP BY STORM

GASOLINE SCHOONER SUNK NEAR TRINIDAD HEAD.

Rain Falls in Torrents at Astoria and Wind Blows 62 Miles Off North Head.

EUREKA, Cal., March 17.—One of the strongest wind storms of the season which blew along this coast last night resulted in the sinking, near Trinidad Head, of the gasoline schooner Eagle from Harbor, Or., gave the Ralph tug Relief a merry passage from the north and has bar-bound all incoming and outgoing vessels.

The crew of the Eagle was rescued. SEATTLE, Wash., March 17.—Buffeted by heavy gales which swept away two of her five masts, besides one of her topmasts, the motor schooner Wermland, which sailed from Port Blakely, Wash., for the Far East last Thursday, reached Port Townsend, Wash., late today in a leaky condition, according to word received here tonight by the Merchants' Exchange.

The Wermland, which is controlled by Norwegian interests and has a dead weight tonnage of 4000, carried 3,000,000 feet of lumber, and half of this was lost. She managed to return to port under her own power, however.

ASTORIA, Or., March 17.—(Special.)—A southerly gale of considerable force struck the district about the mouth of the Columbia River during the night and continued all day. The rain fell in torrents and the wind at North Head at noon was blowing at the rate of 82 miles an hour from the southwest.

This evening the wind subsided slightly, but the barometer was still very low, registering 29.15 at 6 o'clock.

MANY WOUNDED IN RIOTS

Belfast Sinn Fein Stronghold Under Control of Soldiers.

BELFAST, March 17.—Severe rioting occurred last night in the Nationalist quarter of Belfast between a mob of Sinn Féiners and the police. Many casualties were sent to the hospital, including a number of policemen.

The rioting lasted four hours, and the military was called out this morning to take charge of the district.

BIG COTTON DEAL PLANNED

Britain and Egypt to Take Over Latters' Total Crop.

LONDON, March 17.—The British and Egyptian governments have decided jointly to acquire the entire Egyptian cotton crop, beginning next August. A commission has been appointed to take control of the regulations.

PASSENGER TRAINS SUSPENDED

Abu, Finland, Is Taken.

Latest details of the German occupation of Abu, Finland, stated that 2000 troops with artillery came from the Aland Islands in several transports preceded by an icebreaker.

The Red Guards refused to surrender and the Germans bombarded the town for half an hour, forcing the Red Guards to retire. The Germans seized the town.

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NIKOLAYEV TAKEN BY TEUTON HOSTS

Wheat Storage Center Is Rich Prize.

POPULACE FLEES PETROGRAD

Entire Batoum District Occupied by Ottomans.

RED GUARDS FIRE-SWEPT

German Expedition, 3000 Strong, With Artillery, Is Sent From Aland Islands—Abo, Finland, Falls to Kaiser's Troops.

LONDON, March 17.—The Germans have occupied Nikolayev. In addition to Odessa, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd.

Nikolayev, about 49 miles northwest of Kherson, on the Bug River, has occupied an important place in the naval defenses of Russia. It has a great navy-yard and is the seat of a military governor who is commander of the Black Sea fleet. The approaches to the city are strongly fortified. Its population is about 100,000.

MUCH WHEAT STORED.

Nikolayev lies about 70 miles northwest of Odessa, and is reported to be Russia's great wheat-storing center. An American grain expert, who returned recently from that area, said that the storehouses of Nikolayev contained 5,000,000 bushels of wheat.

Within recent years the imperial government constituted Nikolayev the ship-building base for the Black Sea fleet.

The naval works have an area of nearly 500 acres and equipment for the employment of 10,000 men.

LONDON, March 14.—The evacuation of Petrograd has been completed, according to a Reuter dispatch from that city, quoting an official communication.

PASSENGER TRAINS SUSPENDED.

None of the population will be permitted to leave the city hereafter and, in order to make certain that the order is obeyed, all passenger train service has been suspended.

The council of commissaries of "the commune of Petrograd," which will be the official designation of Petrograd and the district surrounding it in the future, has authorized the reapparance of so-called bourgeois newspapers, which had been suppressed since the beginning of the German offensive.

Occupation by the Turks of the entire Batoum region has been confirmed.

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TROOPS DISPERSE BUTTE PARADERS

LOADED RIFLES AND FIXED BAYONETS GREET CLUBMEN.

Pearse-Connelly Club Attempts to March Without Authorization of Montana Governor.

BUTTE, Mont., March 17.—An attempt on the part of the Pearse-Connelly Club of this city, to hold a parade this afternoon without permission from the Governor, in violation of an order issued Friday by the State Council of Defense, resulted in Federal infantrymen on duty here clearing the streets.

Infantrymen were left on patrol duty in the business district and it was stated that they would be kept there during the night.

An infantryman on patrol duty fired his rifle and summoned assistance when a crowd began to gather on the street, and soldiers and police reserves responded. No attempt at resistance was made by the crowd, which cheered the soldiers when they loaded their rifles and fixed bayonets and then dispersed.

The order of the State Council of Defense forbids parades or other public demonstrations except funerals in the state during the war without written permission of the Governor.

TREASURE TROVE \$115,000

Iron Pot Filled With Gold Uncovered By Blast.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., March 17.—An iron pot containing \$115,000 in gold coins was unearthed Wednesday in an abandoned well on the Isaac Shaffer farm in Lawrence County, near Hillsville, Pa., it became known here today.

Employees of a limestone company were blasting and coming to the well set off a charge which sent a shower of gold skyward.

In 1855 Isaac Shaffer, a rich cattle buyer, died, stricken by apoplexy. He managed to mumble "gold," motioned toward his farm, and fell dead. During the last 30 years his heirs have explored his farm many times, hoping to find the treasure. Heirs of Shaffer have claimed the treasure.

SHERWOOD BOY WOUNDED

Ferman McAdoo in Trenches Only 11 Hours When Bullet Hits Him.

SHERWOOD, Or., March 17.—(Special.)—Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. I. V. McAdoo that their son, Ferman McAdoo, who enlisted in the English army last November and who was at Halifax during the explosion, is in England. Early in February he entered the trenches in France and after but 11 hours' service there was wounded in the right arm and shoulder.

So far as known, this is the first Sherwood boy wounded in the present war.

Young McAdoo said he had just had his bandages removed when he wrote, which was about two weeks ago.

SOLDIER BOYS VINDICATED

Y. M. C. A. Worker Says Reports of Drunkenness Are Not True.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Reports of drunkenness and diseases among the American forces in France were started by German propagandists, according to James A. Whitmore, a representative of the War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A., who described his recent experiences on the west front at a luncheon of the Lawyers' Club here Saturday.

Asserting that the reports were circulated to break down the morale of relatives at home, Mr. Whitmore said that he was able "to denounce them all as lies."

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TROOPS READY TO QUELL OUTBREAKS

Idaho Is Preparing for I. W. W. Action.

MOSCOW GUARD IS MOBILIZING

Governor Alexander Asks U. S. Troops to Await Call.

21 HELD AT ST. MARIES

Streets of City in Which Sheriff Was Attacked Patrolled by Soldiers—Trains Closely Watched for I. W. W.

BOISE, Idaho, March 17.—Governor Alexander Sunday night ordered the Sheriff of Latah County, now at Spokane, to ascertain the number of Federal troops available at Fort Wright for duty in Idaho to handle the I. W. W. should there be a further outbreak.

The Governor also ordered the Sheriff to return to Moscow and mobilize the Home Guard company for service.

"I do not anticipate any serious trouble," the Governor said, "but will be prepared to handle any situation that may arise at the trial of Nelson at Coeur d'Alene. I would declare martial law in the county, but the idea is not popular there, and will await further developments."

Military Commander Reports.

Governor Alexander received the following telegram from Adjutant-General Moody, who is at St. Maries:

"Conditions here require attention. Have started clean-up and have detailed 25 men to go to Fernwood to close pool halls and register men. Have fifteen men in jail and will hold them."

Fernwood is a small station on the Milwaukee road between St. Maries and Boyleville. Governor Alexander says every man, woman and child there belongs to the I. W. W. organization.

ST. MARIES, Idaho, March 17.—Twenty-one alleged members of the I. W. W. sympathizers are held under guard here tonight for further investigation as a result of a preliminary inquiry conducted today by Sheriff E. B. Noland and military authorities into the cases of 58 men, who reported this morning on instructions issued yesterday.

The others of those who reported to the authorities were given written permission to leave town. The men being held are under guard of state guardsmen and Federal troops in a vacant building here, and no charge has as yet been placed against them.

Soldiers Patrol Streets.

The patrol of the streets by state guardsmen and Federal soldiers, instituted yesterday, following an assault on Sheriff Noland by a crowd of I. W. W. and sympathizers Friday after an order for a change of venue for William M. Nelson, charged here with criminal syndicalism, had been granted, was continued today and tonight. The soldiers are meeting all trains and are refusing to allow persons without written permission of the Sheriff or the military to leave town.

Citizens of this town held a meeting this afternoon and took steps toward the formation of another home guard company here. About 30 members were enrolled and it was stated that application would be made to have the organization mustered in as a state guard unit.

I. W. W. CREATING SENTIMENT

Idaho Women Imprisoned to Aid in Saving Prisoners.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 17.—(Special.)—A scheme for circulating I. W. W. propaganda in Latah County, Idaho, is being worked, just prior to the trial of three I. W. W. members for criminal syndicalism in Moscow. Yesterday evening's mail brought letters to scores of women in Moscow from an unknown who is making a fearful plea for the "wobblers" and urging the recipients of the letters to use their influence to soften the prosecution. The letter begs with an appeal to the mother-love of women for a son, pictures the son as being in jail or being tried by a jury of arch enemies. Laudation of the I. W. W. as a trade against capital and the employing class and the "subsidized press" are pictured as forming part of a conspiracy to condemn this son who is being held in prison.

The county council of defense, at its meeting tomorrow, will be asked to demand of the Idaho delegation in Congress that permission be obtained for Company C, Idaho National Guard, now without regular arms, to use the several hundred Krags rifles provided for the use of the cadets of the military school at the University. Moscow citizens say Latah County will protect itself if given authority and arms.

Coeur d'Alene City, where Nelson, the storm center of St. Maries on Saturday, is to be tried tomorrow, is quiet.

Work of obtaining a jury to try Nelson will be difficult, as there is intense feeling against the "wobbly" element. Kootenai County is fully prepared for any emergency. Besides the police force and the regular Sheriff's deputies, 70 other deputies sworn in last Fall are available. The home guard is fully equipped with arms and is also well organized.

EVERY COIN ON THE DRUM HELPS THE CAUSE "OVER THERE"

