

BOLSHEVIK ATTACK ON 90-MILE FRONT Villages on Polish Border Change Hands Daily.

RED CRUELTY IS ALLEGED Poles and Czechs Clash on Frontier of Disputed Areas—French Fire on Crowds.

WARSAW, May 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The bolsheviks are attacking in waves on the northern Polish lines and open communication with East Prussia. The fiercest fighting in months is raging along the 90-mile battlefield.

Villages are changing hands daily and the lines are away to and fro. The fighting mostly has been infantry encounters through open swampy country. The latest official statement says that the bolsheviks were thrown back at most places in a two-day battle, suffering heavy losses in men killed.

The fighting spirit of the Poles was stimulated by the killing of a number of Polish soldiers, who, it is declared, had been wounded and then killed by the bolsheviks with rifle butts. The bolsheviks were aided by aviators, two of whom were brought down by Polish fliers. The bolsheviks also brought up armaments. All the trains on this front are reported to be officered by Germans.

Since the bolshevik offensive began 12 divisions have been identified among the reinforcements constantly appearing. A bolshevik division numbers 6000 men.

POLES AND CZECHS BATTLE Clashes in Border Areas Reported: French Fire on Crowds.

VIENNA, May 24.—Clashes between Poles and Czechs are continuing in the Tescchen region, the disputed area on the Polish-Czecho-Slovak boundary, according to advices. In the town of Tescchen it is declared in a message today, Polish workmen yesterday demolished furniture in Silesian club houses, plundered shops, and Jews encountered in a Polish town had been arrested on a charge of dynamiting the station. French soldiers fired on the crowds, killing two persons.

MANY VILLAGES CAPTURED London Receives Official Statement of Red Advance.

LONDON, May 24.—The capture of numerous villages on the fighting front is announced in an official statement issued by the soviet government at Moscow Sunday. An energetic campaign against the bolsheviks toward Minsk is being developed, the statement says, a number of villages in the Ihumen district, to the south of Minsk, have fallen into the hands of the bolsheviks.

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the mandate would necessitate the presence of 50,000 American troops there. Other estimates, however, have placed it at less, once the Turkish army had been demobilized.

After referring to the senate resolution the president said: "I received and read this document with great interest and with gratification, not only because it embodied my own convictions and feelings with respect to Armenia, but also and more particularly because it seemed to me the voice of the American people expressing their genuine convictions and deep Christian sympathies and intimating the line of duty which seemed to lie clearly before us.

"I cannot but regard it as providential and not as a mere casual coincidence that almost at the same time I received information that the conference of statesmen now sitting at San Remo for the purpose of working out the details of peace with the central powers which it was not feasible to work out in the conference at Paris, had formally resolved to address a definite appeal to this government to accept a mandate for Armenia.

Responsibilities Are Cited. "They were at pains to add they did this 'not from the smallest desire to evade any obligations which they might be expected to undertake, but because the responsibilities which they are already obliged to bear in connection with the disposition of the ex-Ottoman empire will strain their capacities to the uttermost and because they believe that the appearance on the scene of a power emancipated from the prepossessions of the old world will inspire a wider confidence and afford a firmer guarantee for stability in the future than would the selection of any European power.

Early in the conference at Paris it was agreed that to those colonies and territories which as a consequence of the late war have ceased to be under the sovereignty of the states which formerly governed them and which are inhabited by peoples not yet able to stand by themselves under the strenuous conditions of the modern world, there should be applied the principle that the well-being and development of such peoples form a sacred trust of civilization and that securities for the performance of this trust should be afforded.

Recognition Is Considered. "It was recognized that certain communities formerly belonging to the Turkish empire have reached a stage of development where their existence as independent nations can be provisionally recognized, subject to the rendering of administrative advice and assistance by a mandate until such time as they are able to stand alone.

"It is in pursuance of this principle that I have today signed the mandate for Armenia. I have done so with a desire of affording Armenia such advice and assistance that the statesmen conferring at San Remo have formally requested this government to assume the duties of mandator in Armenia in the name sitting it was resolved to request the president of the United States to undertake the difficult and delicate task of the boundary between Turkey and Armenia, the vilayets of Erzerum, Trebizond, Van and Bitlis and it was agreed to accept his decision thereupon, as well as any stipulations he may prescribe as to access to the sea for the independent state of Armenia.

In pursuance of this action it was resolved by the treaty which Turkey and Armenia and the other high contracting parties agreed to refer to the arbitration of the president of the United States of America the question of the boundary between Turkey and Armenia. I make the vilayets of Erzerum, Trebizond, Van and Bitlis and to accept his decisions thereupon as well as any stipulations he may prescribe as to access to the sea for the independent state of Armenia, pending that decision the boundaries of Turkey and Armenia remain as at present. I have thought it my duty to accept this difficult and delicate task.

Power for Mandate Asked. "In response to the invitation of the council at San Remo, I urgently advise and request that the congress grant the executive a mandate over the United States of America in the earnest belief that it will be the wish of the people of the United States that this should be done. The mandate is not to be granted to any single portion of our people, but has come with extraordinary force and authority from the whole of the great body of Christian men and women in this country, by whose free-will offerings Armenia has been saved at the most critical juncture of its existence.

"This great and generous people have made it their own. It is to this people and to their government that the hope and earnest expectations of the struggling people of Armenia turn as they emerge from a period of indescribable suffering and peril, and I hope that the congress will think it wise to meet the hope and expectation with the utmost liberality. I know from unmistakable evidence given by responsible persons in Armenia that the people struggling toward independence and peaceful life again that the government of the United States is looked to with extraordinary trust and confidence, and I believe it would do nothing less than arrest the hopes and expectations of civilization if we were to refuse the request to become the helpful friends and advisers of such of these people as we may be authorized to and formally requested to guide and assist.

M. DESCHANEL FALLS FROM CAR WINDOW French President but Little Hurt by Tumble.

ESCAPE HELD MIRACULOUS Executive Lands Head-First in Soft Sand, Train Traveling at 50 Kilometers an Hour.

PARIS, May 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—President Deschanel returned to the palace this evening after his escape from death near Montargis last night when he plunged head-first through a window of the special train on which he was traveling. The president's fall was not so much the result of his own carelessness as it was the result of a series of unfortunate circumstances.

Deschanel, who was accompanied on his trip by automobile from Montargis by Madame Deschanel and Premier Millerand, alighted in the Elisee yard without help. His face showed the marks of the accident.

You may tell your people in America that the president is sound physically and mentally," Premier Millerand said. "Only a few scratches remain of the experience. President Deschanel is feeling so well that he insists on presiding over the council of ministers to be held tomorrow."

Escape Held Miraculous. It developed from M. Millerand's talk that the escape of the president from death was miraculous, as according to the premier, the train was traveling at 50 kilometers an hour.

Jules Steeg, minister of the interior, who was on the train, reported to Premier Millerand that M. Deschanel alighted on soft sand head-first. "It is fantastic," M. Millerand said. "I have advised the president to retire to Rambouillet for a few weeks, because it is only on the morrow that he will feel the reaction from the strange experience."

Throughout Paris and even in official circles the falling health of the president is regarded as contributing to the accident. The train was rounding a curve when he opened the door, the president told M. Lhermitte, his secretary, in a faint voice. He was suddenly overcome with dizziness and recaptured nothing until he regained consciousness on the roadway.

Incident Creates Mirth. The president had been noted for his immaculate dress and dignity. His was the latest word in fashionable apparel, and the picture of him walking down the track in pajamas, disheveled and barefooted, has appealed to the boulevard Parisian sense of humor.

The president had a hearty meal this evening and chatted with Madame Deschanel and the children. He seemed in the best of spirits. He was seen walking to whom he said: "President Deschanel," to which the latter replied: "Might you not be the late czar of Russia?"

The fact that the president remained five hours on a gatekeeper's track before the president and Premier Deschanel arrived has caused much discussion. After a consultation, his physicians issued this bulletin: "The contusions are without gravity. The president's condition is as satisfactory as could be expected."

"PROFESSOR ANDRE PETIT. "DR. RENE LEPEAGE."

OWEN FOR RESERVATIONS Democratic Presidential Aspirant States Position.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., May 24.—Senator Robert L. Owen, presidential candidate, will stand for the ratification of the peace treaty and League of Nations with the "reservations approved by a majority of the senate," he declared, in a statement to the Oklahoma delegates to the democratic national convention held here today.

Democratic presidential candidates are rapidly being eliminated," he said, "and I believe that the only man who remains is myself. I am for the League of Nations and I am for the League of Nations with the reservations approved by a majority of the senate."

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of McAdoo's. Nearly every move in the direction of naming the next democratic candidate for the presidency is similar. It is practically all on a personal basis, it is harmless and even rather attractive, if you look at it merely as a matter of human relations.

Into this situation the injection of Mr. Davis' name brings an invigorating breeze. It is all that the Times says of him and more. If one can do so without seeming to pay a left-handed compliment to the war party, the comparison, one might say, is a partial picture of Mr. Davis by saying that he has the qualities of a good man and none of the qualities that have brought Mr. Wilson to grief.

Capacity for Vision Seen. Mr. Davis has almost as much capacity for vision as Mr. Wilson, almost as much capacity for distinguished and graceful public utterance. But Mr. Davis' mind has the advantage of Mr. Wilson's in the fact that his past career, unlike Mr. Wilson's academic one, has compelled him to match his mind against the minds of other lawyers and subjected his arguments to the scrutiny of judges.

Mr. Davis' mind is better disciplined, more astutely trained. He can deal in abstractions, but keep his feet firm on a concrete base. As a consequence he is able to give the law a new meaning. He has often affected by the use of appeals to honor, duty, idealism. But Mr. Davis' arguments and speeches would stand up better under more rigid intellectual tests.

Wilson Approval Advised. If the justices of the supreme court of the United States were free to say such things, it is a safe venture that they would declare that when Mr. Davis used to represent the United States in the capacity of solicitor-general they found him to have one of the two or three best minds among all that have appeared before them in recent years.

DANIELS CLASHES WITH PROBE LEADER Secretary Declines to Reply With Only "Yes or No."

WAR PLANS ARE LAUDED During Wrangle Navy Department Head Declares Satisfaction at Lengthy Hearings.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Cross-examination of Secretary Daniels before the senate naval investigating committee today wound about from verbal wrangle to debate and back to clashes between the secretary and Chairman Hale. The latter requested Mr. Daniels to answer "yes" or "no," and the secretary challenged the right of the chairman to tell him how to reply.

I am secretary of the navy and I shall answer you in accordance with the duties of my office," the secretary retorted. "You have no more right to tell me how to answer a question than I have to tell you how to ask it."

Mr. Daniels' testimony dealt largely with the navy department's war plans in April, 1917. He furnished a list of war plans, to refute, he said, Rear-Admiral Sims' charge that the department had no dual plans.

Daniels Accused of Delay. During one interchange the chairman accused Mr. Daniels of delaying the hearing by introducing "irrelevant matter," and by giving evasive answers.

"At the present rate it looks like this committee will be here all summer," the chairman added. "All right," replied Mr. Daniels, "that suits me."

I can't understand why you are introducing so much irrelevant matter," continued Senator Hale. "I am not introducing irrelevant matter, and I do wish to expedite the hearings," replied Mr. Daniels, "but I intend to give full answers to questions if it takes all summer."

Mr. Daniels said the navy department had plans "as adequate as any in the history of any navy in the world" for war, "against any possible enemy."

The included, he said, general plan for war against Germany and anti-submarine campaign, mobilization, operating command, strategy and logistic plans. Asked if he was a "naval expert" when he became secretary, Mr. Daniels replied that he was not, but that he had been studying naval organization and administration seven years.

Portlanders Wed in Vancouver. VANCOUVER, Wash., May 24.—(Special.)—A. C. Daniels, 36, and Maude A. Cantrell, 21, were married here today.

STATE BONDS TO BE SOLD Advertisements for \$1,500,000 to Be Published This Week.

SALEM, Or., May 24.—(Special.)—Advertisements for the sale of state road bonds in the sum of \$1,500,000 to match the automobile bond authorized at the last special session of the legislature have been prepared by R. B. Goodin, secretary of the state board of control, and will be printed in the Portland press later in the week.

The board of control, which can be sold by the state, according to Mr. Goodin, until the 4 per cent indebtedness limitation amendment approved at Friday's special session becomes effective. Two weeks ago the board of control sold \$1,000,000 of these bonds, for which they received a trifle more than 82 cents on the dollar.

Since that time the bond market has advanced to 90 cents on the dollar and a bid in excess of 90 cents on the dollar is expected by Mr. Goodin.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

HUNT FOR OIL RENEWED Residents of Fort Bidwell, Cal., Set Up Boring Machine Near Town.

PORT BIDWELL, Cal., May 24.—(Special.)—The belief long entertained that oil underlies this section is to be proved or disproved if possible by James Kafader and associates who have set up a boring machine east of town.

Several years ago a deep well sunk by Kafader in the same locality is reported to have struck gas and also a substance believed to have been petroleum. The quest was for artesian water and when none was found the well was abandoned.

Good oil prospects also exist in the Stout Creek valley and on the Hart ranch, near Canby, according to persons who have made investigations. In various places the shale oases an oily substance that will burn.

Business Stops During Funeral. CORVALLIS, Or., May 24.—(Special.)—George Kerr, until recently a prominent business man of this city and junior partner in the firm of Andrews & Kerr, was buried today.

Our Store Opens at 9 A. M. "The Store That Undersells Because It Sells for Cash" Agents for the Butterick Patterns and Delineator. All styles and sizes now showing.

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Women For Miles Around Are Talking! About Our Sensational Sale Of High-Grade and Guaranteed Models In the Celebrated and Well-Known R. & G. and Lady Ruth Corsets Samples and Close-Outs \$2.19 Pair

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