

MEMEL IS CITY OF FEAR AFTER RAID

Enormous Damage Done by Russians on Incursion Into East Prussian Corner.

MANY TOWNS ABANDONED

Succession of Ruins Marks Line 150 Miles Long and 5 to 50 Miles Wide—Thousands of Women and Children Kidnaped.

KOENIGSBERG, East Prussia, April 2.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Thousands of persons homeless, thousands of buildings burned to the ground, and hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars worth of damage done—such is the toll of the Russian invasions of East Prussia which culminated recently in a raid on the little city of Memel in the Northernmost corner of the province.

Hard on the heels of the most recent raiders, an Associated Press correspondent recently toured East Prussia—or that part of it which at one time or other had been held by the Russians—and had an opportunity to see the effects of their forward march, and of their retreat as they were driven back into their own country.

City Lives in Fear. Less than 72 hours after the Russian had wrecked the town of Memel, to leave it, and 171 of their number, when German reinforcements arrived, the Associated Press correspondent reached the isolated community to find it a veritable city of fear, only partly hushed by the presence of strong forces.

Along every road within miles of Memel were hundreds of wagons full of fugitives, and it was evident that they had been able to save from the invaders, crushing into the large centers of population to the south and westward.

After painstaking efforts the East Prussian authorities have been able to estimate the number of fugitives driven out at about 300,000, the number of horses taken at 100,000, the number of cattle at 150,000. The extent of the property damage, however, is as yet impossible even to guess. That it will run into the millions is altogether likely.

Women and Children Carried Off. Careful investigation has established beyond much doubt, according to German statements, that thousands of women and children have been carried off to Russia, and that in addition to the marauding that is patent to the casual glance, civilians have been killed and outraged.

Black Eastern East Prussia presents today, not the impression of Belgium, with its ruined towns, but a succession of devastated towns, all but devoid of inhabitants. The extent of the damage varies only in degree from Schirwindt, the city of the dead, to Memel, the city of fear.

Though nominally a city, Memel is really a large town, with the one main street common to towns everywhere. That street bore the traces of the Russian invasion, for every store window was smashed in.

In the place of the 600 landsturm that formerly had guarded the place—and whole regular troops—there were thousands of regular troops. A whole army corps, however, would not have served to calm the town completely. Its inhabitants had suddenly been awakened to what the war really meant. Its Mayor lay in the hospital, desperately ill from a bayonet wound. Between 500 and 600 of the population of the city and the environs had been carried off by the retreating forces.

Devastation Left in Wake. The scenes of destruction on the way to Memel had seemed bad enough, but they could not be placed in the same category with conditions to the north and the east of the city. The Russians had moved in two columns, driving the landsturm troops before them, and little was left behind.

In all Pilsken there is not a trace of gunfire damage by shelling. The Russians, so the inhabitants tell, came in, occupied the place for a while, bit by bit, and then set fire to it when the Germans began to surround them and approached. In all of East Prussia it has only one parallel—Goldap. Its spires, fire-ringed walls, its beautiful minaret, its smoking chimneys indicating former prosperity, tell the story of destruction more strikingly even than do the ruins of Pilsken. The houses, buildings from which the owners have fled. The very presence of a few people serves to enhance the spectacle of desolation.

Yet even Pilsken, twice the stronghold of the Russians since the beginning of the war, did not oppress one as did the city nearest to it—Schirwindt, directly on the Russian border, and appropriately named the "city of the dead" by an otherwise unemotional German Lieutenant.

Schirwindt Inhabited Only by Crows. The approach to Schirwindt leads along a broad, three-lined boulevard. For miles one can see, the tall, two-story churches that stand as an outpost for the city. Here, almost for the first time, were indications of a bombardment, for both the towers had been riddled by shells from big guns, and the roof in half a dozen places is sagging.

Schirwindt's only living "inhabitants" are flocks of carrion crows that were devouring the carcasses of the horses killed in the battles there. The birds rose in black clouds as the automobile approached and circled overhead until it was gone.

Further south lies Goldap, which was reached only after plowing through snow drifts—late in March—with the aid of Russian prisoners and their shovels. The way led across the battlefields of Gumbinnen again—row after row of deserted trenches with their barbed wire entanglements and their countless graves.

It is said by the Germans that not one building was left intact between the Russians between Lyck and the frontier.

From the boundary almost to the outskirts of Grajewo are trenches, invariably built on the top of the rolling hills and taken one by one by the Germans by storm. In all the journey there is to be seen only one German trench, hastily constructed by night at the foot of a particularly steep hill.

CHAIRMAN OF DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE AND HIS WIFE, WHO HAVE SEPARATED AFTER MARRIED LIFE OF 18 MONTHS.



WILLIAM F. M'COMBS AND WIFE.

manager of the Pacific Hotel in Portland.

Clackamas Fair Meeting Saturday. OREGON CITY, Or., April 24.—(Spe-

cial).—The meeting of the stockholders of the Clackamas County Fair Association, which was to have been held today, was postponed until next Saturday. Directors probably will be lectured at that time.

NEW TRIAL DENIED MINERS Men Convicted of Manslaughter at Chandler Are Sentenced.

CANON CITY, Colo., April 24.—A new trial was denied David Robb and Ben Richardson, members of the United Mine Workers of America, in the District Court here today. The men were convicted January 2 of voluntary manslaughter after a seven weeks' trial in connection with an attack by striking miners on the Chandler mine of the Victor-American Fuel Company in April, 1914, in which William King, a nonunion employe of the coal company, was killed.

Judge Cavender, of Leadville, overruled the motion, then sentenced Richardson to a term of from one to three years in state prison and Robb to a term of from two to five years. Robb and Richardson, who had been at liberty on bond, were committed to jail.

Robb is an organizer of the United Mine Workers of America and came to Colorado from Terre Haute, Ind., soon after the Colorado coal strike was called in September, 1913.

AUTHENTIC REPORT URGED French Press Favors International Committee to Verify Charges.

PARIS, April 24.—Commenting on the use of asphyxiating bombs by the Germans, the press of this city declares that German official communications during the last fortnight have charged the French with employing the same variety of shells, probably with the purpose of representing as reprisals their new methods of warfare.

Humanity urges the government to associate itself with the movement undertaken in Germany for the formation of an international committee to verify charges of atrocities made by belligerents.

The paper argues that the reports of such a committee in the eyes of neutrals would be authentic, while the Germans can deny accusations based solely upon the evidence of the French General Staff.

"DARING OF FAITH" THEME Dr. Loveland to Speak This Morning on "The Man Who Was Hungry."

Dr. Frank L. Loveland, of the First Methodist Church, will speak on "The Man Who Was Hungry" tonight at the First Methodist Church. During his sermon he will answer the question, "Should the whipping post be used for men who can work but won't?"

Dr. Loveland will speak on "The Daring of Faith" at his morning sermon, the efficiency campaign, recently closed, was so successful that Dr. Loveland has had many requests to write articles upon the methods employed and the results.

Insane Asylum Fugitive Captured. OREGON CITY, Or., April 24.—(Special).—R. M. Lehmann, who escaped from the State Hospital for the Insane at Salem the early part of this week, was captured near Willamette today by Sheriff Wilson and returned to Salem. Lehmann was committed from Multnomah County and at one time was

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At Fifth and Oak Streets After May 15th.

W. F. Badger, another member of the force of deputies stationed at the Ludlow section, described his part in

the battle. He said he saw the shooting of Nimmo. He did not know who fired the shot.

Ralph Tafaya, another deputy, told of participating in the battle and of firing repeatedly at a party of men who were firing at the officers from the shelter of a steel railway bridge.

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SOCIETY HAS THRILL

Washington Learns McCombs' Separation Sure.

MARRIAGE LIFE IS SHORT

All Efforts of Intimate Friends of Couple to Effect Reconciliation Fail, Though Party Leader Denies Estrangement.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Society circles of the capital were shocked at the report that William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and Mrs. McCombs had become estranged and were living apart.

It is said that all efforts of intimate friends of the couple to bring about a reconciliation have failed and it is thought that Mrs. McCombs soon will bring action for divorce. The pair have been married less than 18 months, the wedding having been celebrated in London on November 7, 1913.

Washington society was greatly surprised at the marriage, the announcement of which was made only one day in advance of the ceremony. Mrs. McCombs was Miss Dorothy Williams before her marriage and was recognized as one of the most prominent young leaders of the younger set in the capital.

Mr. McCombs Makes Denial. Mr. McCombs, from New York, has declared untrue the published report that he and Mrs. McCombs had separated and that Mrs. McCombs planned to bring a legal action shortly.

The original report said Mr. McCombs was speeding westward, while his bride of 18 months was staying with her sister, Mrs. Joseph Leiter, at her country place at McLean, Va.

At his office McCombs said: "Any statement of a separation or intended divorce is news to me. There is no truth in the report, but I do not wish to dignify it with a real denial.

"Any report that I am on a fast train, speeding to Arkansas, is likewise untrue, as you can see. I did go to my plantation near Little Rock, Ark., to look after some business, but returned a few days ago to work on a legal case, which will keep me here several days longer.

Trip to Coast Planned. "Then I expect to go to California, see the exhibitions and stop over at Pasadena."

McCombs declined to add to his statement anything regarding where Mrs. McCombs is at present or what her plans for the immediate future are, but close friends of his readily explained there was no significance in Mrs. McCombs having spent a considerable part of the winter at the home of her father, Colonel J. R. Williams, at Washington.

They thought it only natural Mrs. McCombs should want to be among her friends at Washington, or that she might now be spending the Spring in Virginia.

At the time of the marriage, late in 1913, of Miss Williams and McCombs, he seemed to be destined to a remarkable political career, having just brought to a conclusion President Wilson's campaign.

It was supposed that he could have any post he asked for, and it was the popular belief that he was slated to be the Ambassador to Paris.

Until the day before the wedding not even the President knew of Mr. McCombs' intentions. He could hardly credit the news when it was imparted to him.

JAILBREAKERS SHOOT ONE Second Delivery Made at Wallace Within Two Weeks.

WALLACE, Idaho, April 24.—(Special).—While endeavoring to handcuff M. F. Brown, a negro jailbreaker who escaped from the county jail about 3 o'clock Thursday, Harry Williams, deputy sheriff, was shot by James Taylor, a white man who made the break with the negro. Williams fired two shots at the fleeing negro at a distance of less than 10 feet, both of which took effect.

Early yesterday a posse had the fugitive surrounded, and it is thought that their capture will be effected shortly.

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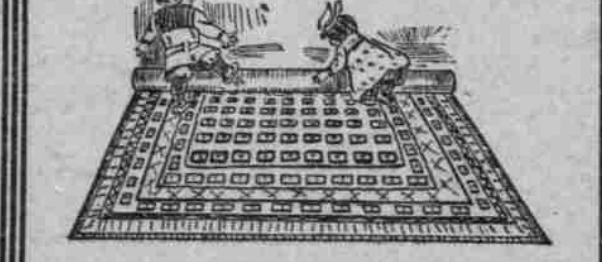
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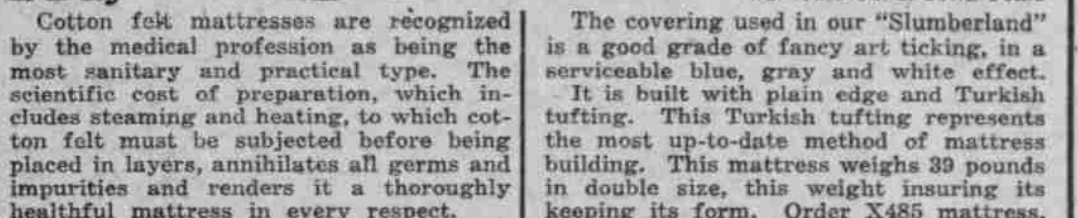
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MINERS FIRST TO FIRE

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Many Shots Exchanged. W. F. Badger, another member of the force of deputies stationed at the Ludlow section house, described his part in

OAKS Concessions TO LET

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