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RUSSIANS CLAIM TO HAVE SEIZED KEY TO EAST PRUSSIAN RAILROAD

Announce That Five Armies Sent by Czar Against Germans Are Advancing Steadily - No Details of the Situation in Far East Given

ANNOUNCE FRESH FRENCH TROOPS FORCE FIGHTING AGAINST GERMANS ALONG AISNE

English Troops Relieved and Sent to Defense of Dunkirk and North Sea Coast - French Claim Victories Over Germans at Craonne and Soupir

PETROGRAD, Nov. 13.—It was officially announced today that the five Russian armies which were sent against the Germans are advancing steadily. The Russian military staff announced that by the occupation of Johannesburg, the Russians now held the key to the railroad on the East Prussian frontier.

ALLIES FORCE FIGHTING ON AISNE

PARIS, Nov. 13.—A distinct renewal of the offensive movement along the Aisne by the French against the Germans is indicated in reports from the front today. It is announced that fresh French troops were sent in there to replace the English troops which were sent to the north to aid in the defense of Dunkirk. The fresh French troops badly defeated the Germans at Craonne and Soupir, northeast of Soisson, and gained ground.

TURKEY DECLARES WAR

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 13.—Turkey has officially declared war on England, France and Russia, the triple entente powers, according to a dispatch received from Constantinople.

GERMANS CLAIM VICTORIES AT NIEUPORT AND YPRES AND IN EAST

BERLIN, Nov. 13.—(Wireless).—The German military headquarters today gave out the following: "On the branch of the Yser canal, at Nieuport, our marines inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and we took 700 prisoners. During the attacks on Ypres, which have progressed favorably, another 1100 prisoners were captured. Pierce French attacks to the west and east of Solomons have been repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. On the East Prussian frontier, at Eydtkuhnen and further south, fresh battles have developed, but no decision has yet been reached."

AUSTRIANS DEFEAT RUSSIANS. Vienna reports the Austrian advances in the northeast are developing without hindrance from the enemy. The Russians have advanced through Central Galicia, voluntarily evacuated by the Austrians, and have crossed the lower Vistula, occupying Rzeszow and Liscow district. The fortress of Przyl has again been invested by heavy Russian forces in the Stry Valley were forced to retreat with heavy losses by a surprise attack from an Austrian armored train and Austrian cavalry.

TORTURED BY THIEF FOR GOLD

ARISES IN NIGHT AND CLIMBS LOON LAKE FARMER—USES KEROSENE — SECURED FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Frank Cuen, a farmer living alone near Loon Lake, was clubbed in the head last night, by a tramp and robbed of more than \$400. Word just received here is that the assailant is headed for Coos Bay and a sharp lookout will be kept. Asking for lodging, the tramp was invited into Cuen's cabin, given supper and later the owner shared his bed with the man. In the middle of the night the stranger arose, clubbed Cuen senseless and searched the house for money. Unable to find any he sat down and waited until Cuen regained consciousness. Falling then to get Cuen to disclose the whereabouts of the money, the tramp saturated the bed-clothes with coal-oil and set them on fire. In pain Cuen told where the money could be found. The man took the roll of over \$400 and donning a coat and an oil-skin slicker of Cuen's he left the cabin in the night. Cuen was able to get to the house of a neighbor by the name of Jones this morning and report the robbery. The tramp is described as a man of 140 pounds with long black hair and bushy eyebrows. His height is given as about five feet seven inches.

REPORTS FROM WAR CONFLICT

GERMAN AND FRENCH VERSIONS DIFFER MATERIALLY — ENGLISH LOSE ONE-SIXTH OF MEN ENGAGED—MANY OF NOBILITY SLAIN.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—Conflicting reports came today from the opposing sides on the main European battlefields. From the German military headquarters came the official announcement of important successes. The French war office said the battle in Belgium was becoming less violent and that the German advance had made no further progress. While the Germans claim victories near Nieuport and Ypres, the French announce that several attempts of the Germans to cross the Yser canal were checked and the German attacks at Ypres repulsed. The French claim the capture of a town north of the Aisne River. Reports indicate that the Aisne battle is renewing in intensity. Vienna reports having 80,000 prisoners in her detention camps. The percentage of casualties in the western arena is very high. One Englishman out of every six engaged in the war is either dead or wounded, according to official figures made public today. The loss of life among the British nobility is heavy.

FRENCH SINK A GERMAN SUBMARINE

PARIS, Nov. 13.—A special from Dunkirk states that a French torpedo boat sank a German submarine of Westende, Belgium. The submarine was trying to torpedo the French war ship when the latter put on full speed and charged on the enemy, which disappeared. A large quantity of oil rose to the surface, marking the spot where the submarine sank.

LEIPZIG AND DRESDEN ARE IN CHILE

VALPARAISO, Chile, Nov. 13.—The German cruisers Leipzig and Dresden steamed into Valparaiso this morning and started taking on provisions.

BIG DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT AT EAGLES' HALL. MARTIN'S ORCHESTRA. YOU COME.

English Army Losses in Europe 57000 So Far

OSTRICHES KILL WOMAN IN STAMPEDE

PHOENIX, Ariz., Nov. 13.—A flock of 300 ostriches stampeded while being driven on a road near an Ostrich farm near here. The maddened birds ran over a carriage driven by Mrs. L. D. Rousseau and killed her and the two horses. What frightened the birds is not known, but parties who witnessed the stampede say that they never saw a more infuriated body of animals than the flock of ostriches became. When the birds encountered the team, the horses turned, upsetting the rig and horses and the body of the woman and horses were badly crushed. A number of cowboys were called and finally stopped the maddened birds. Ranchers near the scene became panic stricken. Mrs. Rousseau was a member of a wealthy pioneer family.

RAIL CROSSINGS NOT ON GRADE

Railroad Commissioner Campbell Inspects Coos Bay-Eugene Railroad Line

Thos. K. Campbell, of the Oregon Railroad Commission, arrived here last evening from Salem after making a trip over the Coos Bay-Eugene line to inspect the highway crossings and determine whether they should be allowed at grade or required to be overhead or underneath. He was accompanied from Eugene by C. H. Beattie, an assistant engineer of the Southern Pacific. A new law of Oregon makes it mandatory upon the Railroad Commission to pass on all crossings of highways and railroads and the object of it is to eliminate the two crossing at grade so far as possible. Massachusetts, Ohio, Illinois and New York have started this as a means of reducing the number of accidents. Statistics showed that about forty percent of the accidents occurred at crossings. In the Eastern states where the railroads and highways were established years ago, nearly all are at grade and recently they have been spending at the rate of several million dollars per year in changing them. This has been divided between the railroads, counties and towns and states. Mr. Campbell says that in the first place the crossings can be constructed, generally at a small expense, making the highway go under or above the railroads. If the railroad is built after the highway, the railroad company has to stand the expense. If the road is built after the railroad, the public has to bear the expense. He pointed out that at one crossing in the Willamette Valley, two accidents have occurred during the last few months. In one, a threshing machine was upset and one man damaged and in the other two men were killed. Aside from the loss of life, the damages in these two cases will be sufficient to change several crossings. There were three crossing in question on the Lane County end of the line, four in Douglas County and three in Coos County. One of the crossings in Coos County was required to be underneath. Some of the crossings where the roads were more like trails than highways and where the traffic is small and not likely to increase, Mr. Campbell permitted to cross at the same grade. Recently in the Willamette Valley, where a number of new highways have been built, the Southern Pacific has been insisting on the counties putting the roads under or over the railroad tracks and paying the expense. In consequence, when it came to the Coos Bay line where they would have to stand the extra expense of overhead or underneath crossings, the railroad officials were not in a position to oppose it because they had their own stand of insisting on these changes confronting them. Mr. Campbell will leave tomorrow for home and is today meeting many of his old friends.

Premier Asquith Gives Out Official Figures in House of Commons Today

KILLED WOUNDED AND MISSING ARE INCLUDED Bill Appropriating \$125,000,000 to Carry On War Until Next April Prepared

LONDON, Nov. 13.—Replying to questions put to him in the House of Commons today, Premier Asquith stated that 57,000 Britons were killed, wounded or missing as a result of the English campaign on the continent. This is the first time since shortly after the opening of the war that official figures have been given out concerning the English losses on the continent. The draft of a bill appropriating \$125,000,000 to defray the expenses of war until April 1 next has been completed to be introduced in the House of Commons.

GERMANS FLY TO ENGLAND AND BACK

Two Military Aeroplanes Fly Over Harwich and Return Plan for Air Raids

BERLIN, Nov. 13.—It was officially announced here today that two German military aeroplanes returned last evening after making a successful flight over Sherness and Harwich, England. This demonstration, coupled with the desperate efforts being made by the German troops to reach Calais, which is only 62 miles from the English coast, is regarded as significant of airship raids on the English islands. Sherness is a fortified seaport at the mouth of the Thames forty miles from London. Harwich is seventy miles northeast of London.

ITALIAN VESSEL ON FIRE AT SEA

Steamship With 800 Aboard Reported Burning in the Mediterranean Sea

CATANIA, Italy, Nov. 13.—The Italian steamer, Etna de Sevena, with 800 aboard, is burning in the Mediterranean. Those on board include 500 Arab soldiers from Erythraea, an Italian possession. Three Italian steamships have been summoned by wireless and are rushing to the relief of the burning vessel.

PORTLAND SELLS WHEAT TO EXPORT

President Mills Propheesies That Over \$5,000,000 Will Be Received by January

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 13.—President Mills, of the Portland Clearing House Association, today prophesied that before January 1, Portland will have received over \$5,000,000 for wheat which is being exported to Europe. Large orders are being placed for wheat as a principal food-stuff for the war zone.

GRINDROD IS FINED

Ferndale Man Pays \$25 for Hunting Without License. Tom Grindrod of Ferndale, who was involved in several justice court cases here last fall, this morning was fined \$25 by Justice Shuster at North Bend for hunting ducks without a license. He was arrested by Deputy Game Warden Jim Thomas. Grindrod first said that he would go to jail and serve out the fine, but when he found that the game law provided a jail sentence of thirty days in place of the \$25 fine, he decided to pay. Game Warden Thomas says that he has warned hunters for the last time that infringements of the daylight shooting law will not be tolerated. He has not been paying any heed to a few minutes, but lately he was informed that some were crowding the limit fifteen minutes or a half hour, and now he says he will cut out all leniency.

SEATTLE HIT BY SEVERE WIND STORM

SEATTLE, Nov. 13.—Seattle was swept last night by one of the most severe windstorms known here in years. Plate glass windows were blown out, trees blown down, out-buildings overturned, roofs torn off and some small residences collapsed. The velocity of the wind at one time exceeded 65 miles per hour. The damage will amount to considerable. One woman is reported to have been severely injured in a falling house.

FERRY STREET CROSSING HERE

Railroad Commissioner Campbell Tells of Powers in Matter - Water Rates

That the Oregon Railroad Commission is ready and willing to pass on the Ferry street crossing of the Southern Pacific was the statement of Railroad Commissioner Campbell, who was in Marshfield today. He said that it had not been officially taken up with them except some question as to the burden of expense attached. He said that the Railroad Commission could grant the permit to the city to cross the tracks and make such conditions as they thought necessary now and later impose other conditions. In addition to this, he said that the Railroad Commission is empowered to fix the amount of damages that the party desiring the crossing has to pay the one owning it. In this case it would be the amount the city would have to pay for crossing the railroad. The conditions attached would probably be in regard to the expense that might later be necessary to insure safety of parties using the crossing. As to the crossing at grade, Mr. Campbell said that made no difference as the railroad streets were crossing at grade with a short distance of there anyway. Whether or not the fact that the city had given the railroad free crossings and right of way through the streets owned by the city, would be taken into consideration in fixing the cost when the city wanted to cross the railroad property Mr. Campbell did not say. Take Lower Rate. Mr. Campbell said that the Coos Bay Water Company according to his understanding of the water rates allowed by the commission here, was wrong in its charges for water on a meter basis. The water company is charging on the step-rate basis, that is where a party uses, say 10,000 gallons, they are charged at the rate for the first thousand, then the next 4,000 takes the lower rate allowed for consumers of upwards of 1,000 gallons, and the last 5,000 gallons at a still lower rate. Instead of this system, Mr. Campbell says that the whole 10,000 gallons should be charged for at the rate made for consumers of 10,000 gallons. This will make a material difference and a big saving to large water consumers. Mr. Campbell said that the commission in allowing the company an increase in rates here took into consideration the many changes they had to make in mains on account of street improvements. He said that in another year, the commission would be willing to hear an application from the city for a reduction in rates.

KING GUSTAV BETTER

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Nov. 13.—King Gustav, who, just after the political crisis in February was very ill and was operated upon for a stomach malady, is now enjoying good health and seems to be stronger than anybody would have expected. The king plays lawn tennis on the covered courts in Stockholm nearly every day for an hour and nearly always against some crack players whom he is able to give a hard game.

FRENCH DECLARE GERMAN DRIVE TOWARDS DUNKIRK HAS BEEN STOPPED

Official Announcement at Paris Today Says That Kaiser's Supreme Effort to Reach North Sea Coast has Evidently Spent Itself as Fighting is Less Severe

CLAIM ALLIES ARE HOLDING THEIR OWN ALONG ENTIRE BATTLE LINE IN NORTH OF FRANCE TODAY

State Germans Badly Defeated on West Bank of River Yser—Allies Hold Their Own in Desperate Fighting at Close Range in Vicinity of Lys

PARIS, Nov. 13.—An official announcement today says: "Despite the desperate fighting at close range which the Germans are forcing, the Allies are holding their own between Ypres and the North Sea coast. The Allies are holding their own along the entire battle front. The last German drive in the direction of Dunkirk has evidently spent itself as reports late today indicated the fighting was not so severe there. The fighting continues near Lys, but the Germans have been badly repulsed on the west bank of the River Yser."

FIGHTING LESS VIOLENT

PARIS, Nov. 13.—The French official statement this afternoon says: "From the sea coast as far as the Lys River, the fighting has been of a less violent character than on previous days. Several efforts of the Germans to cross the Yser canal at the western outlet from Dixmude, and at other points of passage in the Amon district, were checked. Generally speaking, our positions were maintained without change."

HAWLEY WRITES ABOUT HARBOR

Congressman Does Not Give Much Consolation About Coos Bay Improvements

Henry Songstacken, secretary of the Port Commission, today received a letter from Congressman Hawley at Salem, which did not give much consolation relative to the harbor work here. Mr. Songstacken wrote to him to find out the exact status of the \$70,000 emergency appropriation for Coos Bay, how soon the \$3000 which it was supposed to contain for Coos River would be available for clearing the channel there and if the bar dredge could not be operated in the work on the bar. The latter inquiry was made before word was received here that the Michle was going to be sent to Eureka. Mr. Hawley's letter is as follows: "Your letter of October 29, 1914, addressed to me at Washington, D. C., was returned to me here and I immediately made inquiry by wire of the Chief of Engineers, War Department at Washington, and am just in receipt of the following telegram making reply: "Seventy thousand allotted for Coos Bay does not include three thousand for Coos River nor survey main channel. Work on Coos River deferred until spring. Other funds available for survey main channel Coos Bay as needed." "WINSLOW. "Acting Chief of Engineers." "With best wishes and thanking you for your kind words relative to my efforts for Coos Bay."

SCHOOL CENSUS NEXT ON DOCKET

Canvass of All Pupils Between Ages of Four and 20 Years to be Made

Every child in the city, which comprises school district No. 9, will be listed within the next five or six days and their names placed on the annual school census, made up for the purpose of apportioning the county and state school funds for maintenance. Dividing the city in two parts, Judge John Hall will make a canvass of the section south of Market street and J. Tom Hall the homes north of Market street. This, they believe, will take at least five days and all children will be listed between the legal school ages of four to twenty years. On November 21 a meeting will be held in the Central school building for the levying of a school tax on all taxable property within the district. Last year this amounted to nine mills with an extra two for the payment of interest on bonds. In Coos County there were 87 schools this last year and there were enrolled 6679 pupils for whom the county granted an apportionment of \$43,413, which is in addition to that given through the state fund for the schools. Of this amount \$6002.50 came to the Marshfield institutions, the Central School and the High School, both of which had enrolled a total of 995 students, about a year ago, Mr. Liljeqvist was a deputy prosecuting attorney here. The county apportioned \$50 a month for the salary of such an officer. Lawyers wishing to file their complaints, a task that takes but a few minutes' time, now have to travel to the county seat and this expense is met by the clients. In addition to this there are dozens of long-distance telephone calls, declare the lawyers, that must be paid for, all helping to swell the final account of "and costs". With the appointment of a deputy prosecuting attorney here, much of the business connected with such an office would be expedited with a great saving of time and money. A. E. Seaman, who is dangerously ill with typhoid pneumonia, is improving today. Yesterday he had a hard fight and stimulants were necessary.

AGITATE DEPUTY PROSECUTOR HERE

Attorneys Declare Constant Trips to Coquille Take Too Much Time and Money

That a deputy prosecuting attorney be appointed for Marshfield is an agitation gaining favor among the lawyers of the city who declare that the frequent trips they are forced to make to the county seat, often for business of but a few minutes' time, takes too much of their attention from important matters and cuts greatly into their time as well as expense accounts. Lawyers take trips to Coquille, and having to wait late in the afternoon, are forced to stay there during the night and this, too, adds greatly to the expense of county seat business. Prosecuting Attorney Liljeqvist has declared that he may move to Marshfield after the first of the year, in which case there would be no need of a deputy. The matter, broached to him already, has met with his approval, and he, too, believes a deputy should be assigned to this city. Before taking his present position

TODAY HOODOO DAY

If there is anything in superstitions, etc., today has most of the unlucky periods cheated for hoodoos. It is Friday and the 13th.