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ENGLISH THINK GERMANS HAVE NOW TURNED FORCES AGAINST RUSSIA

Comparative Calm in Western Arena of War With Renewed Activities in East Cause London to Believe Kaiser Has Transferred Activities Against Czar

GERMAN ARMY PRESSING RUSSIAN FORCES BACK TROUGH POLAND WHERE LATTER WERE VICTORIOUS

Russians Claim Right and Left Wings are Winning in East Prussia and Galicia, But Berlin Experts Think Defeats in Center Will Force Entire Russian Line Backward

LONDON, Nov. 20.—Comparative calm in the west, and reawakened activity in the East, are taken by London to indicate that the German military chiefs have decided to concentrate their energies at the present stage of the war toward dealing a crushing blow to Russia.

Such fragmentary reports as were received today showed the German army still pressing the Russians back through Russian Poland over the same battle fields across which the Russians a few weeks ago were advancing victoriously. The Russians state that their advance in East Prussia and Galicia continues despite the admitted retreat in the center. German strategists believe the continued reverses in Russian Poland will force the Russians to draw to the north and south.

Besides the possible withdrawal of German troops for use against Russia, there is another reason for the lull in the fighting in the west. The cold, wet weather has numbed and exhausted the soldiers so that great physical effort is almost out of the question.

The greatest activity is on the Eastern end of the battle line in France. The French statement admits the Germans have re-occupied Chauvoncourt.

After laying mines in the western end of this town, the Germans retired and allowed the French to occupy the town in force. They then exploded the mines, causing a great loss to the French, and quickly re-occupied the town.

The Germans report a repulse of the French attack southeast of Verdun, while the French repulsed three German attacks in the Argonne region.

No fresh information was received to reconcile the conflicting claims of Russia and Turkey, each of whom asserted that hostile battleships had been damaged seriously in an engagement.

GERMANS COMPLETE FORTIFICATIONS FOR EMERGENCY OF POSSIBLE RETREAT

BRUGES, Belgium, Nov. 20.—Large bodies of German engineers have been passing toward the front and it is believed that the Germans are planning to cross the inundated country by scientific engineering methods. In the meantime the Western storm continues and the waters of the North Sea are sweeping inland through the six big locks at Nieuport. The Germans attempted to raid these locks in armed autos November 18 but were repulsed. The fortifications which have been constructed all through West Flanders, for use in case of an eventual German retreat, are evidently now completed, for the troops employed in their construction have all gone to the front.

BAD WEATHER AND SNOW CAUSE LULL IN FIGHTING IN NORTHWEST

PARIS, Nov. 20.—The official communication this afternoon says: "Yesterday was marked by an almost total absence of infantry attacks by the Germans. At the same time their artillery fire was much less violent than the previous day. To the north the weather has been very bad and snow has fallen. All the region of the Yser Canal to the east of Dixmude has been invaded by water. In front of Ramscappelle, we have withdrawn two 16.5 centimeter mortars abandoned by the Germans. There has been fairly heavy artillery fire to the south of Ypres. On the center there were no important actions. In Argonne three German attacks were repulsed. On the right the Germans re-occupied the destroyed section of Chauvoncourt. Farther east we made some progress."

MILLION MEN FOR ENGLISH ARMY.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—The House of Commons formally passed the supplementary measure for an additional army of one million men.

ENGLAND PUT BAN ON TEA.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—Great Britain today prohibited the exportation of tea to all continental countries except to the allies and Spain and Portugal. This prohibition is due to the belief that the Germans are receiving large supplies of tea through The Netherlands.

Obregon Declares War on Villa in Old Mexico Today

RABIES IN EASTERN OREGON NOW

State Board of Health Sounds Warning—Vigorous Campaign Against Disease

SALEM, Or., Nov. 20.—Hydrophobia is now prevalent in Umatilla, Baker, Clackamas and Jackson counties, Secretary White of the State Board of Health announced. The cases are being treated and only a vigorous campaign will eradicate the disease.

MEXICAN PLOT IS THWARTED TODAY

Former Villa Men Try to Organize Flibuster Against City in Texas

LAREDO, Texas, Nov. 20.—The discovery of an alleged filibustering plot against Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, was announced here today. Four Mexicans were arrested here last night, and another was arrested in San Antonio. They are said to be former Villa men. They were charged with recruiting on American soil.

CHURCH OPPOSES ARMY INCREASE

Washington State Conference of Congregational Churches Adopts Resolutions

SEATTLE, Nov. 20.—The state conference of the Congregational Churches, at the closing of their session here, unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon all members of the church to protest against the increase of the army and the navy of the United States. The resolution was ordered read to every Congregational congregation in the state.

DEATH LOOMS IN MAD BULL ATTACK

Lester Smith, Pinioned by Animal, Pulls Revolver and Saves His Life.

Lester Smith, on Coos River, shortly after dusk last evening, was attacked by an infuriated two-year-old bull, pinioned helplessly against a log and about to be gored to death when the man drew a revolver and shot twice, the second bullet crashing into the beast's brain and it toppled over dead alongside its intended victim. On the first shot the animal turned suddenly away and the bullet went through Smith's foot. He was brought down on a boat last evening and his wounds dressed, and though he will not lose the toes of his foot he will be lame for some time.

To aid Mrs. Bluford Davis in rounding up several head of cattle that had been roaming the hills since last summer several of the neighbors volunteered. Searching through the brush, Lloyd Cutlip was first met by the mad bull and escaped behind a tree. Dogs then chased the animal up the hill, and Lester Smith, thinking to round up the animal dashed after them. When it turned he was without the aid of companions further down the hill.

The bull's horns were about eight inches in length. Several times it tried to gore Smith and it was only his presence of mind that saved his life.

Carranza Military Leader Formally Announces Beginning of Campaign.

FEDERAL TROOPS QUIT MEXICO CITY FOR COAST

Great Unrest Prevails and New Revolution Becomes Serious.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 20.—American Consul Silliman, in a dispatch filed in Mexico City at 8 o'clock last night, reported that General Obregon's troops were entraining for Orizaba and moving the offices of the government with them.

Foreign Minister Fabela telegraphed the Carranza agency here today that a formal declaration of hostilities with Villa had broken out and telling of the appointment of military commanders of the various states and districts.

Consul Silliman said that Mexico City was in a state of decided unrest. He did not indicate whether Obregon's troops evacuating the city were to leave it undefended before troops approaching from the north or whether his forces were to be replaced with other Carranza troops moving down from Queretaro under General Gonzales, one of Carranza's chief supporters. Silliman added that railroad communication northward and also between the capital and Vera Cruz was interrupted. Previous reports have left it to be understood that a sufficient garrison would remain in the capital to maintain order and prevent the entrance of the Zapata forces until Villa's forces were in the immediate vicinity, when the Carranza troops would withdraw.

The State Department received notification that General Obregon had declared war on Villa. The notification stated that Obregon was going to Salina Cruz. As that port is on the Pacific side and far from the scene of hostilities, the officials could not understand it.

SENATORS CHAMBERLAIN AND LANE PROMISE AID TO BAY

Both Senators Pledge Themselves to Work for Harbor and Channel Funds

Senators Chamberlain and Lane last evening in their addresses at the Good Fellowship banquet at the Chandler Hotel, both pledged themselves to work hard and to do their utmost in the coming session of Congress to have enough funds appropriated for the Coos Bay jetties and channel improvements. "Under the \$20,000,000 compromise on the Rivers and Harbors bill not one item recommended by the government engineers for Coos Bay was turned down," declared Senator Chamberlain. "With the war in Europe and a business depression obtaining, it will be hard to get money in the next Congress. We will do all in our power to see that you people here get what you so well deserve," said Senator Lane, and thus they both endorsed the want of harbor improvements.

Senator Chamberlain was first introduced by Toastmaster Hugh McLain as "the first United States Senator elected by the popular vote of the people."

"It is a pleasure to be so heartily welcomed," said the Senator, "and I have been in no cities in the state that show such a rapid growth as Marshfield and North Bend. I hardly recognized them as the places of time gone by." It has been eight years since he last visited the city.

Meets Many Lawyers. "And there are so many young men in business, too," he continued, and as an aside, "and not taking into consideration my friends Bennett, Judge Coke and others, I see there are thirty-five lawyers here. The vultures come where there is the best prey." He laughed and someone called out "Well you ought to know,

Senator," at which there was general laughter. That he has not been here in six years is because the sessions of Congress have permitted but few vacations, he said. Briefly he outlined some of the "few great acts" passed by the last Congress. "And I bring them up from an entirely non-partisan standpoint." Enumerates Bills. First of these was the Tariff Bill, which the speaker thought unfortunate had become a party measure. "There are thousands of items in every tariff bill," he declared, "and it is no wonder everyone cannot be pleased." The currency measure was the second bill on the list "which renders panics in this country impossible. This bill received the support of all parties." "The Clayton Anti-Trust Bill takes the government out of the hands of the classes and puts it again into those of the people," declared Mr. Chamberlain, "and a bill now before Congress gives the government jurisdiction to pass on the issuance of stocks and bonds by corporations doing an interstate commerce business. It will prevent watered stock," he said.

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SCHMITZ TO RUN IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—Former Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz, a central figure with Abraham Ruef in the series of graft prosecutions, is homebound today from New York to enter into an active campaign for election as mayor. This announcement was made by a brother of Schmitz, who said the former mayor would "seek vindication" at the polls. Twenty-seven indictments found against Schmitz after he was forced out of office have since been dismissed.

BOB BURDETTE IS FATALLY STRICKEN

Noted Humorist and Minister Succumbs at Los Angeles After Long Illness

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 20.—Rev. Robert J. Burdette, known to fame as "Bob Burdette," died here yesterday after a long illness. In recent years he had given up the lecture platform to devote his energies to the pastorate of the Temple Baptist church in Los Angeles. He was 70 years old. He was born at Greensboro, Pennsylvania, but entered the field of humor while working on the Peoria Transcript and later as editor of the Burlington Hawkeye.

Burdette died with the conviction that there was not only just as much fun in the world today as ever, but "a great deal more, because" as he said, "there are more people in it, and people are the funniest things on this side of the grave."

GERMANS CLAIM FRENCH LOST TWENTY THOUSAND IN BATTLES

Official Report Given Out in Berlin Declares France Suffered Terrific Loss at Bixchoote and Dixmude—1500 English Drowned in Yser Canal

CLAIM BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS HAVE BROUGHT FIGHTING IN NORTHWEST TO A STANDSTILL

Declare Russian Center Still Retreating—Admit Loss of Old Fortress on East Prussian Frontier—Fighting More Severe in Argonne and Surrounding Country

BERLIN, Nov. 20.—(Wireless to Sayville, L. I.)—Reports today from Holland, according to information given out in official circles, are that in the fighting near Bixchoote and Dixmude, the French lost 20,000 men and 1500 British were drowned in the Yser Canal.

Reports from Vienna tell of successes in Galicia, including the occupation by the Teutonic allies, of Tarnow and Wieliczka. It is reported that seven thousand prisoners were taken.

BERLIN, Nov. 20.—German troops have repulsed a French attack in the neighborhood of Verdun, according to an official communication today. The Russian retreat in Northwestern Poland continues.

The statement reads: "In West Flanders and Northern France no appreciable change in the situation has taken place. Heavy rains and snows, which first soaked and then partly froze the ground, have made our movement difficult. The French attack at Combre, to the southeast of Verdun, was repulsed.

The situation on the East Prussian frontier is unchanged. East of the plains of the Mazurian Lakes, the Russians captured an unoccupied fort in which there were old cannon. The flight of the enemy through Lipno and Neawami continues. Our attack has made progress south of Plock. No decision has yet been reached in the fighting around Lodz and to the east of Czenstochowa."

TURKS MAKE BETTER SHOWING WITH GERMAN OFFICERS THAN BEFORE

LONDON, Nov. 20.—Reports from Turkey indicate that the Turkish armies are making a better showing than at the opening of the Balkan war. This is believed to be due to the fact that the men are largely officered by Germans who are able to make better use of the recognized fighting ability of the Turkish soldiers than are Turkish commanders. In Constantinople there have been several outbreaks against foreigners, but none of a serious nature.

CAPTAIN DECKER CABLES BUT GIVES NO NEWS OF ATTACK BY TURKS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 20.—Captain Decker, of the cruiser Tennessee, cabled to the Navy Department today from Chios, Greece, acknowledging receipt of Secretary Daniels' dispatch directing him to take no steps without instructions from Washington. He gave no further details about the firing upon the Tennessee's launch at Smyrna.

TURKS CLAIM VICTORIES OVER ENGLISH IN EGYPT NEAR PORT SAID

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 20.—Reports have been received of further victories near Azow, Salmas and Zavattar, in consequence of the advance of the Arabs. Several of the governmental departments of Port Said, Suez and Ismailia have been transferred to Zagazig, an Egyptian town forty miles from Cairo. In the fighting at El Arizh, Egypt, the British suffered heavy losses.

GENERAL VON VOIGHTS RHEITZ OF GERMAN ARMY DIES OF HEART TROUBLE

BERLIN, Nov. 20.—The official announcement of the death from heart failure of Major General Von Voights Rhetz, quartermaster general of the German army, recalls the fact that he succeeded General Von Stein in this post only a short time ago. The appointment at that time caused an erroneous statement to be circulated in Holland that he had been chosen as the eventual successor of General Von Moltke.