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RESULTS OF GERMAN CAMPAIGN IN POLAND STILL MATTER OF DOUBT

and Duke Nicholas of Russia Issues Cautionary Statement Relative to Claims—Kaiser's Attack on Czar's Center Thought to Be Desperate One.

RUSSIANS CLAIM CRACOW IS BEING BOMBARDED AND THAT ONE OF SUBURBS IS NOW IN FLAMES

Fighting in West Confined to Argonne Region With Nothing Decisive Developing—Lull in Russian Campaign Against Turkey is Reported.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—References to Russian successes in Poland have become somewhat chastened since the cautionary report issued by Grand Duke Nicholas was made public. The main question was, in the opinion of London, whether the German army, which struck at the Russian center, would be able to extricate itself and fall back to the order without disaster.

It is reported unofficially that the Russian forces have just reached Cracow; the Austrian fortress near the boundary of Russia and Germany. An Italian correspondent states that Cracow is now being bombarded and one of the suburbs in flames.

Opinion differs as to Germany's operations in the west. The fighting at present is apparently confined chiefly to operations in the Argonne region.

Russia's campaign against Turkey likewise has reached a period of inactivity. The latest report from the Russian army in Caucasus is to the effect that no movements of importance are under way.

GERMANY SAYS NOTHING NEW IN WEST AND RUSSIANS REPULSED

BERLIN, Nov. 30.—(Wireless)—The following official statement was given out at military headquarters today: There is nothing of note to report from the Western theatre war. On the East Prussian frontier an attempt by a strong Russian force to make a surprise attack on the German fortification east of Darkehmen failed.

BELGIAN QUEEN REPORTED ILL

ROTTERDAM, Nov. 30.—The newspaper Maasbode learns that Queen Elizabeth of Belgium is ill and confined to her bed. Her illness is due to overwork in the Red Cross service.

GERMAN CRUISER SAVES LOCAL MAN

Carl Johnson Escapes Wrecked English Ship on Raft, Picked Up By Warship.

On board an English ship that was wrecked by an explosion and blown to bits, to escape and spend ten days at sea on a raft only to be picked up by the Germans was the fate of Carl Johnson, son of C. A. Johnson of this city, who left here about a year ago and since that time has been sailing on the Atlantic Ocean. Word has just reached the parents of the young man who sent a post card immediately on his release from custody in Buenos Ayres more than a week ago.

For three trips Johnson had been member of the crew on the English passenger ship Van Dyke. This was the same vessel on which President Roosevelt returned to the United States from South America last year after his exploring expedition up the hitherto unknown river of Brazil.

The ship plied in the passenger and freight trade between New York and Buenos Ayres. It was on Johnson's third trip that the accident happened. Details of the explosion were not given on the card received by the parents of the young man but the general belief is that the wreck could not have been caused by a mine off the South American coast and that the cause of the accident must be blamed on the boilers of the ship. She was not known to have carried any explosives on board.

The ship sank but a short time afterward and for two days Johnson clung to a sea-washed raft with his comrades until they were sighted by a German cruiser and made prisoners of war. The name of this ship is not given and after a week's time Johnson was released in Buenos Ayres, the port from which he started on his ill-fated trip.

In three weeks Carl Johnson expects to be back in New York according to the word received here by his parents though he made no mention of returning to Coos Bay at the end of that time. He left here about a year ago.

RAILWAY DISPUTE NOW ARBITRATED

Arbiters of Dispute Between 55,000 Employees and 98 Railroads is Begun

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—Arbitration of the differences over wages and hours of employment of ninety-eight western railroads and their 55,000 employees began here today before a board of arbiters under the provisions of the Newlands act. The wage increase sought by the men is about ten per cent. The arbiters are W. L. Park and H. E. Byram, representing the railroads; F. A. Burgess and Timothy Shea for the employees, Judge Peter C. Pritchard and Charles Nagel for the government.

POULTRY TRUST IS BLAMED FOR DEATH

Twenty-four New York Dealers Accused of Conspiracy—Caused Assassination

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—With 25 poultry dealers under suspicion of having conspired to bring about the death of Harnet Baff, who was shot and killed Tuesday night, arrests within twenty-four hours were promised today by the police. Baff, a dealer in poultry, had exposed the methods of the so-called poultry trust, and, according to his friends, had been for some marked for assassination.

NORTH BEND WEDDING.

Miss Madge Golder and Gilbert Stamos of North Bend were married at the home of Rev. R. N. Lewis the other evening. They are making their home with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Golder for the time being.

Russia Claims Austria Has Lost Nearly A Million Men

NORWEGIAN SHIP TAKEN BY BRITISH

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 30.—The Norwegian steamer in tow of a British cruiser, is being brought to this port as a prize of war. The steamer is reported to have a cargo of cotton, but is suspected of carrying contraband of war. The cruiser and her prize are expected to arrive tonight.

DAYLIGHT GLEAMS THROUGH BIG CUT

Tunnel 7 on Willamette Pacific Pierced, According to Guests of Kenneth Hauser

Daylight pierced through Tunnel 7 on the Willamette Pacific late Friday afternoon, according to Frank D. Cohan who returned yesterday with a party that for four days were the guests of Kenneth Hauser of the Hauser and Hauser Company at Lakeside. And on Saturday afternoon the contractors finished the first 500 feet of their 1000 feet of contract work on Tunnel 8. This means that less than 500 feet yet remain to be finished through the longest tunnel over the entire Willamette Pacific.

But a short time ago Porter Brothers finished their section of 3000 feet in the 4300-foot tunnel. To his guests over Thanksgiving and the week-end, Kenneth Hauser acted as host for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cohan, Dorothy Chanler of Tacoma Misses Roula Hoema and Gladys Graham and the party was joined by Mrs. J. W. Bennett and Miss Genevieve Sengstacken who have been visiting the Bennett cottage on Ten Mile Lake.

At Lakeside the Chris Peterson Bungalow was rented for the occupancy of the women of the party and the men were quartered at the Lakeside Hotel. Turkey dinners occurred in rapid succession, according to Mr. Cohan who today claims he can gobble along side of the national bird with great success. A special orchestra of four pieces came up from Marshfield for the dance given Thursday night.

Churches Endorse Coffee Club Plan

At the Union Thanksgiving Service in the Episcopal church Thursday at 11 o'clock, the offering was directed by the Rector, acting with the advice of Rev. Knotts, both representing the Ministerial Union, to be turned over to the financial committee in charge of the money for the carrying on of the Coffee House for working men. Messrs. Brand and Swanton, two local attorneys, received the offering, which amounted to the neat sum of \$15.84. This is the nucleus of what is hoped to be a most creditable showing from all the organizations of the town, including the labor unions.

Rev. Browning made a strong appeal from the pulpit for this good work, and said that while our hearts are deeply touched by the Belgian distress, and we should do all we can in that line, yet it should not blind us to our home needs. We should try to meet both needs. We ought to handle our own problems here and see to it that the laboring men who are seeking work and cannot get it are aided over the winter with the necessities of life until permanent work can be had.

The service was a great inspiration to all and everyone present thought that the rendition of the music by the choir under the direction of the organist, Mrs. Wm. Horsfall, Jr., was most creditable.

Casualties of Austro-Hungarian Army Since War Began Reach Startling Figures

PETROGRAD, Nov. 30.—On the basis of reports received here from Hungary, it is stated here today that the Austro-Hungary casualties to date amount to 900,000 men and 19,000 officers. 600 prisoners, seven guns and many wounded fell into Russian hands yesterday in the fighting west of Lovicz, where the Russians took ten miles of German trenches and then Glovno and Sobota, according to information received today. Military experts are of the opinion that the German position around Lodz is far more critical than during the initial reverses around Warsaw a month ago.

"The fighting on the Russo-Prussian front is turning advantageously for our side," telegraphs the correspondent of the Army Messenger. "Our cavalry has dispersed the enemy, who, in retreating, is abandoning munitions of war. The energetic pursuit of our forces prevents the Germans from taking up positions which they had prepared for use in the event of a retreat."

SAYS GRUDGE IS CAUSE OF ARREST

Detective Mitchell Talks in Roseburg—Girls Not Released from Custody

That the arrest of four men in connection with the Bandon case and particularly the arrest of W. J. Mitchell was inspired by personal enmity of Clyde Gage, Deputy Sheriff, and G. T. Treadgold, City Attorney of Bandon, is the statement of W. J. Mitchell made to the Roseburg Review where he was brought following his arrest in Salem with Ruby and Lolita Simpson and "Bud" Nosler. The feeling of Clyde Gage was inspired on account of arrests made by the detective in the Myrtle Point robbery case, declared Mitchell.

On the arrival of the party in Roseburg the two men were detained in jail for several hours according to the Review before the bond offered for them in North Bend was accepted. The girls were detained in a hotel there under the care of a matron and will not be released, according to the officers.

Nosler accompanied the party for the purpose of marrying Ruby Simpson in Portland, says Mr. Mitchell, and he denies the accusation that Nosler had been hired by Joe Coach to marry the girl because of her physical condition.

The reason for leaving Marshfield is declared to have been caused by the expulsion of the girls from the house in which they were living in Eastport. Attorney Graves, says Mitchell, made it "too hot" for the girls to continue living there. Nosler, he asserts, was head of the party bound for Portland and also bought the tickets and paid the expenses of the Simpson girls. Mitchell says that he went along merely because he had business in Portland and that no attempt was being made to get the witnesses out of the country.

Mrs. Mitchell left a sick bed in Portland to join her husband at Roseburg. The father, M. A. Simpson, Prosecuting Attorney Lillojevick and Sheriff Gage have gone to Roseburg to take charge of the case.

SCHOOL CENSUS.

The North Bend school census shows 823 there of school age, a gain of 47 over last year. Coquille has 565 of school age.

GROHS IS FINED.

Chris Grohs, a well known North Bend man, was fined today for shooting ducks from a motor boat. Deputy Game Warden Thomas preferring the charges.

STORM WARNING.

D. L. Rood, who has charge of the Weather Bureau signal station here, received a telegram at noon today announcing that a severe southwest storm was enveloping the coast from Coos Bay to Grays Harbor. In Marshfield a southeast wind was prevailing this morning.

BELGIUM TO PAY GREAT PENALTIES

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 30.—A message from Brussels states that the German government of Brahat province, in which Brussels is located, has convoked a meeting of the financiers and told them that Belgium must pay \$7,000,000 monthly for the maintenance of the German troops. In addition Belgium must contribute \$75,000,000 as a penalty for violations of neutrality by Belgium and the losses ensuing therefrom to Germany.

FREIGHT INCREASE HELD UP BY COURT

Advance in Rates Suspended Pending Hearing—Oklahoma "Jim Crow" Car Case

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 30.—The proposed increases in freight rates throughout the middle west were suspended by the Interstate Commerce Commission pending an investigation. The U. S. Supreme Court today announced through Justice Hughes that the Jim Crow law of Oklahoma is invalid in so far as it allowed the furnishing of sleeping, parlor and chair cars only to white persons. The court did not issue a decree because the suit to enjoin enforcement of the statute by five negroes had been too general in setting up the rights of the negroes.

ENGLISH WAR SONG PLACED UNDER BAN

Sec. Daniels of U. S. Navy Approves Order Forbidding Singing of Tipperary

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Secretary Daniels today expressed approval of the action of Lieutenant Commander F. T. Evans, commanding the naval training station at Newport, R. I., in forbidding singing of "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," by naval apprentices. Secretary Daniels said as "Tipperary" was the marching song of British forces, that it ought not be sung or played by American sailors any more than should the "Marseillaise" or "Wacht Am Rhein."

EQUITY CASE IS BROUGHT TO END

Longest of Its Kind Ever Heard Before Judge Coke; Expect Early Decision

That the present equity case of Hilstrom and others versus the City and the Port, which was reopened again Saturday morning, is the longest equity case that he has ever tried, is the declaration of Judge Coke. This was the eleventh day of the testimony taking.

The case was interrupted last week by the opening of the equity term at Coquille and for several days Court Reporter Loud was in Coquille on the proceedings of J. C. Savage against L. H. Cates in which the former has laid claim to a partnership in the proceeds of the Coquille Herald and Coquille Sentinel prior to the time they were sold out to Mr. Young.

Arguments by all three sides closed the equity case this afternoon before Judge Coke. Like a rebuttal in a debate the lawyers each prepared their case briefly, stated their facts and their construction of the law on these facts and the decision of this long and warmly contested case is now in the hands of the judge. When a decision will be handed down is not known but it is declared that the judge has intimated the earliest decision possible.

RUSSIAN FORCES PENETRATE FAR INTO NORTHERN PART OF PRUSSIA

Germany Acknowledges Advance of Northern Army of Czar's Forces, according to London Advises—Greatest Advance Southwest of Gumbinnen

FRENCH ANNOUNCE ALLIES ARE NOW LEADING IN OFFENSIVE MOVEMENT IN BELGIUM CAMPAIGN

Germany Claims Russian Forces Repulsed in Attack on Dark-ehmen Fortifications in East Prussia—Day's Developments Look Bad for Kaiser's Forces

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Germany acknowledges that the Russian northern army has penetrated into East Prussia to a distance of 15 miles southwest of Gumbinnen, which is about 20 miles west of the German border.

In Belgium, says the French official statement, it is the allies and not the Germans who are on the offensive.

These two points stood out in today's news from the battlefields of Europe.

The German official statement says strong Russian forces attempted a surprise attack on the fortifications of Darkehmen, East Prussia, and that they were repulsed.

"The attack failed with heavy losses to the enemy from whom we captured a few officers and 600 men. South of the Vistula River, counter attacks which we mentioned yesterday resulted satisfactorily. Eighteen cannon and more than 4500 prisoners were taken. Nothing of note has occurred in Southern Poland."

GERMAN FLEET IN ATLANTIC OFF SOUTH AMERICA TO MEET ENGLISH

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Nov. 30.—Recent reports that the German fleet is now in the South Atlantic appears to have been confirmed today. It is also rumored a powerful British fleet is nearby.

Interruption of British shipping and outfitting of German merchant ships with supplies is accepted here as confirmatory of the reports of the approach of a German fleet, which is now believed to be off the mouth of the River Plata. Three German vessels are being loaded with provisions and coal. Sailings of British steamers from Montevideo and Santos, Brazil, have been suspended.

FRANCE REPORTS SLIGHT GAINS AGAINST GERMAN LINES IN NORTH

PARIS, Nov. 30.—An official communication this afternoon says: "In Belgium, the enemy is remaining on the defensive. The artillery fire has been feeble and we have made progress at certain points. In the vicinity of Fay, we hold securely the positions that we occupied on November 28. In the region of Soissons there has been intermittent artillery fire directed against the town. In the Argonne region several attacks on Dagatelle were repulsed by our troops. In the Woivre district the enemy bombarded Apremont forest without result. There is nothing to report in the Vosges."

ENGLISH FLEET PATROLS ROUTE FROM NEW YORK TO PANAMA CANAL

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—At least 12 British battleships are now patrolling the Atlantic between New York and the Panama Canal, according to wireless operators on the steamer Ancon, which arrived today from Cristobal. Wireless activities on these vessels, operators say, are causing great inconvenience to commercial work of American vessels as high-powered waves of the men-of-war are heard continually in utter disregard of commercial business.

ARREST IN VERA CRUZ.

Mexican Employee of General Funston Taken Into Custody.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 30.—Despite General Carranza's guarantee that Mexicans employed by General Funston in the administration of Vera Cruz would not be molested, the arrest of one such Mexican was reported to the U. S. State Department today by Consul Canada. No details were given.

Wm. Rockefeller FIGHTS CHARGES

Standard Oil Millionaire would Change Plea in New Haven Case—Others Involved

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—William Rockefeller, Standard Oil millionaire, today sought the permission of the federal court to change his plea to the indictment charging him and twenty other former directors of the New Haven Railroad with criminal violation of the anti-trust laws. Rockefeller filed a plea in abatement last Monday.

KILLED NEAR FLORENCE.

FLORENCE, Or., Nov. 30.—Charles A. Reynolds, living alone on a homestead near Greenleaf, in the Lake Creek valley, was killed instantly by a Willamette Pacific train near Swisshome, eight miles east of Mapleton. The man was walking along the rails on a straight stretch of track.