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FRENCH AND GERMANS CLAIM GAINS IN DESPERATE FIGHTING IN FRANCE

Paris War Office Report Lays Stress on Advance of Five Hundred Yards, of Holding Hamlet and Capturing Ferryman's House Which Has Been Fought for a Month

GERMANS DECLARE ALLIES REPULSED AND GERMAN GAINS AT MANY POINTS ALONG LINE

Most Desperate Character of Hand-to-Hand Fighting Marks Engagements, Hand Grenades and Bomb Throwing Machines Being Used—Tunnel Under Each Other.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Today's announcements of the French and German war offices contain claims of progress on both sides. At one point north of the Lys River, says the French statement, an advance of 500 yards—a noteworthy movement in view of the character of the operation—was made. The intense character of the fighting is indicated by the fact that the war office considers it worthy of remark that one part of a hamlet remains in the possession of the allies and that a ferryman's house, which has been in dispute for a month, has been captured. The Germans assert that the French assaults in Flanders were repulsed and progress made in the Labasse region, in the Argonne forest and near Altkirch, Alsace. The most desperate character of hand-to-hand fighting in assaults on trenches, prevails, the use of hand grenades and bomb throwing machines being described in the British report. The allies are using tunnel boring apparatus for making subterranean approaches to the German trenches. There is almost no news from the East. In one minor operation in East Prussia the Germans captured 1200 Russians.

Italy May Join Allies if Germany Tries to Force Her

TRAGIC WAR WAGED NEAR LODZ LINES

PETROGRAD, Dec. 5.—The most tragic movement in the fighting around Lodz thus far occurred between the Russian line and Przelizny, where the heavy German forces were surrounded and obliged to fight a way to unite with the main body. The Russians essayed counter attack after counter attack to prevent the junction, but the Germans fought at the point of the bayonet for a distance of fifteen miles. This battle was the bloodiest and most pitiless of the war. Ninety per cent of the German officers were put out of action and many regiments had less than one hundred men left. The fighting lasted 36 hours. The Germans fell in rows but their comrades pushed forward over their bodies and hurled themselves against the Russians.

Attitude of Southern Member of Triple Alliance Has Become Source of Concern PREMIER SALANDRA HAS TAKEN STRONG STAND Declares His Country is Not Bound to Fight With Austria and Germany

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Italy's attitude in the European war has again become a source of concern in view of Premier Salandra's declaration that his country is in no way bound to fight with Germany and Austria and the intimation that if her loyalty to treaty obligations were questioned further, she would disclose the text of the Triple Alliance agreement. Germany's appointment of Prince Von Bulow, former chancellor, as temporary head of the embassy in Rome is interpreted by a Rome dispatch as meaning Berlin would exert a strong pressure to prevent Italy joining the allies.

FRENCH LOSS ONE HALF OF MEN IN WAR

BERLIN, Dec. 5.—(Wireless)—The official statement today says: "The French attacks yesterday in Flanders and south of Metz were repulsed. We made progress at La Bassée, in the forest of Argonne and southwest of Altkirch. "In the fighting east of Mazurian Lakes, the situation is favorable for use and in minor operations there we took 1200 prisoners. Our operations in Poland are taking a normal course. "The Corriere Del Terra estimates the losses among the French troops amount to at least 50 per cent of those engaged in the war, and losses of even greater proportion were suffered by the territorials."

ENGLISH CRUISER DRIVEN ASHORE BY TERRIFIC STORM IN CHANNEL

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The British cruiser Venus ran ashore in a storm today that struck her with full force. The foremast and a portion of the bridge were carried away by an enormous sea. The warship was running for a port in the south of England when the storm broke.

Numerous other vessels were lost. One victim of the gale, which is still raging along the coast, is an unidentified steamer ashore near Mersey. Three life boats have gone to its assistance. The Booth Steamship Company's liner, Anthony, 3760 tons net, Liverpool for Para, was disabled and is in distress fifty miles north of Lizard. A captain of a local steamer received. The signals, "Want immediate assistance" but was unable to help the Anthony, his own vessel being short of coal. A Norwegian steamer, waterlogged, 1283 tons, foundered off Lizard at midnight. Three persons were saved. The remainder are missing.

GERMANS REINFORCE POLAND ARMY AND FILL GAP AGAINST BRITISH

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PETROGRAD, Dec. 5.—The heaviest fighting in the vicinity of Lodz during the last two days occurred in the course of an endeavor for the possession of Lask, 15 miles southwest of Lodz. On the Szczerzow line, 15 to 20 miles long, east of Warta, fighting appears to indicate the Germans have been heavily reinforced, that they are filling the gap between the right wing and the isolated body which has been striving to turn the Russian left wing.

BRIBERY IS CHARGED. CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Miss Jessie Cope, complainant in the white slave indictment against Colonel Charles Alexander, millionaire of Providence, R. I., was arrested today on a charge of bribery.

WASHINGTON IS DRY. OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 5.—Governor Lister today proclaimed the statewide prohibition measure to be in immediate effect. The law, by its own provisions, however, will not become operative until January 1, 1916.

TOYS WITH DEATH IN BIG SIMPLEX Edgar Simpson Hits Dredge Pipe—Internally Injured; Machine Wrecked

Edgar Simpson had another smash-up in his 90 horsepower Simplex this morning. Returning from Marshfield between 4:30 and 5 a. m., while it was still dark, he hit the 20-inch pipe of the dredge Seattle, laid across the Willamette Pacific tracks below the stove mill. Simpson was thrown against the steering wheel and seriously injured internally. Five or six stitches were taken in his forehead and it is probable that he will be confined to his bed for two or three weeks. The Simplex was badly wrecked. Simpson was at once removed to his home from the dredge Seattle.

FRENCH CLAIM PROGRESS MADE NORTH OF LYS RIVER YESTERDAY

PARIS, Dec. 5.—The official communication this afternoon says: "North of the Lys River, we made perceptible progress. Our infantry, making an attack at daybreak, occupied in one operation two lines of entrenchments. The advance here was 500 yards. Part of the hamlet of Weidenrefe has remained in our possession. In front of Poesale, between Dixmude and Ypres, we took possession, on the right bank of the canal, of the house belonging to ferrymen, the occupation of which has been disputed spiritedly for a month. In the region of Arras and Champagne there has been heavy intermittent cannonades. Rheims was bombarded with particular severity. On our part, we destroyed several earth fortifications. In Argonne the contest continues hotly waged. We occupied several trenches."

BATTLE NEAR SWISS BORDER

BERN, Switzerland, Dec. 5.—The sound of heavy cannon-firing near the Swiss frontier. The main struggle between the French and Germans is reported to be around Altkirch and Damerkirch.

TWO HURT IN AUTO CRASH

A bad auto crash occurred late this afternoon in which W. J. Conrad was quite severely cut about the head and face and Dr. H. E. Kelly slightly injured. Dr. Morrow's car in which they were riding was badly damaged and Dr. Morrow escaped uninjured.

HOMELESS WAIFS START LONG TRIP

Three Little Tots, Cast off by Parents, Leave on Break-water on Long Trip

Cast off by their parents; left without a cent of money, three little tots, the oldest of whom is only seven, left on the Breakwater this morning to travel all alone hundreds of miles to the home of their grandparents in Colorado.

KINNEY PROPERTY SALE IS URGED

Receiver Watters Endeavoring to Save Money on South Slough Tract

Judge Watters, receiver for the Kinney properties, after considerable effort yesterday succeeded in getting some of the judgment creditors of the Belt Line Railway to agree for the purpose of trying to get or securing all possible out of what is known as the South Slough tract. December 31 will be the last day of redemption of the tract which is sold under foreclosure proceedings on F. B. Waite's mortgage of \$1,700 and hence it was necessary to take quick action. Mr. Watters first sent out written notice to the judgment creditors, a number of whom were North Bend and Marshfield people. No one responded to these, but by using the telephone he got some of them to other yesterday. He pointed out that it would become necessary to promptly if anything was done. He said that it would require about \$5,000 to redeem the property, pay taxes, etc., and the Waite mortgage. If this could not be raised when it would be necessary to sell the property before December 31 and from the proceeds of the sale pay this \$23,000 and hold the balance for the benefit of the creditors.

South Slough tract and after considering it, the creditors decided that Mr. Watters should go ahead and try to sell it for \$60 per acre, a reasonable valuation, but one which would bring the creditors about \$8000 or \$10,000 more than they would derive if it goes under the Waite mortgage foreclosure. Judge Watters has not yet received the order of sale from Judge Harris, but expects it between December 15 and December 20. Attorney Bryson wrote him that the transcript of the evidence in the last Kinney cases did not reach Judge Harris until November 9, when Judge Harris was busy in court and could not give it immediate attention. However, the order of sale will be forthcoming in case he could find a buyer for the tract. There is no immediate emergency about any of the other Kinney properties except the South Slough tract.

CHILD DIES AT SUMNER

Pneumonia Takes Three-Weeks Old Child of Jennie Catching Yesterday Afternoon

The three-weeks-old child of Jennie Catching, of Sumner, died late yesterday afternoon of pneumonia, and will be buried there either today or tomorrow. This is the end of a case brought into the Justice Court three weeks ago when a young man of Sumner was arrested as the father of the child. He denied the charge and the case is now pending before the grand jury for their disposal at this session.

MYRTLE POINT CASE UP AGAIN

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 5.—It became known today that a new phase of the Myrtle Point bank robbery would be investigated by the grand jury next week. It promises to be quite sensational and will, if the reports are correct and alleged confessions are borne out, probably solve the whole mystery. It was also stated that an effort was being made to have some phase of the I. W. W. deportation cases brought before the grand jury again. There are four statutory crimes besides the Bandon case to be probed.

ENGLISH FEAR CARRANZA PLOT

Report That Plan is to Destroy British Owned Railroad from Vera Cruz to Mexico City

CHICAGO POLICE HELD FOR GRAFT

Two Officers and Former Detective Are Indicted—Sensational Confessions

SELL LOGGING OUTFIT SOON

Stanley Dollar, receiver for the Seeley & Anderson Logging Company and representative of his father, Capt. Robert Dollar, who is receiver for the Johnson Lumber Company, arrived here today from San Francisco. He came up on the Paraiso and was accompanied by Mrs. Dollar. His trip here was for the purpose of attending the sale of the Seeley & Anderson Logging Company on December 9 to satisfy the creditors. The Dollar Company is a big creditor but one of the largest is J. E. Wheeler, the Portland lumberman and owner of the Portland Evening Telegram. Owing to the general belief that the Dollar Company, one of the largest shipping and lumber concerns in the country, will eventually take over the Johnson and other lumber interests on the Coquille, it is expected that there will be spirited bidding between the Dollar and Wheeler interests, the latter having to run it up to protect his big mortgage.

ATTACK NEAR SWISS FRONTIER

BERLIN, Dec. 5.—Hostile aviators dropped four bombs this afternoon near Freiburg Baren, not far north of the Swiss frontier. The intention of the aviators apparently was to destroy a railroad bridge there.

KRUPP PLANT NOT DAMAGED.

BERLIN, Dec. 5.—(Wireless)—An official statement was issued here today denying the report that the Krupp plant at Essen had been bombed by a foreign aeronaut.

WINSOR QUITS RACE

It is announced that C. S. Winsor, one of the nominees for Councilman, in North Bend, has withdrawn from the race, refusing the caucus nomination.

DISMISS CHARGE

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 5.—District Attorney Liljeqvist today dismissed the charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor against Ruby Simpson. He announced that the whole matter would be taken up from every angle by the grand jury next week.

CATHOLIC CARDINAL DEAD.

ROME, Dec. 5.—Cardinal Angelo Di Pietro of the Sacred College, died here today.