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LODZ CAPTURED BY GERMANS WHILE RUSSIANS ENDEAVOR TO TAKE CRACOW

Swift Changes in Russian Poland Mark Second Campaign

ZAR'S FORCES TRY HARD TO GAIN A FOOTHOLD

Belgium and France
The official statement this afternoon says: "No special reports were received from the western theater of war nor from the region east of the plain Mazurian lakes. In northern Poland we gained an important success in prolonging the fighting around Lodz by defeating the strong Russian forces stationed to the northwest and southwest of this city. Lodz is in our possession. Details of the battle giving us Lodz cannot yet be made public because of the extended field over which the engagement was fought. The Russian losses were very large. An attempt by the Russians to come to the assistance of their threatened armies in the north; from Northern Poland was foiled by the activity of the Austro-Hungarian and German troops in the district southwest of Piotrkow."

The offensive movements of the allies against the German armies on French and Belgian soil is apparently being extended gradually and now covers a large part of the battle line from the North Sea to Switzerland. Today's official French communication, while worded cautiously, specifically mentions offensive movements at various points. The Germans, who succeeded in pushing their way across the Yser canal last month are said by the French to have been forced out of the positions, with the exception of troops in a few entrenchments which are still under attack.

BRITISH VESSEL SUNK OFF CHILE

German Transport Sends Ship to Bottom and Lands Crew Near Valparaiso

WARSHIP WAS ASHORE.

Unknown Foreign Vessel Escapes from Port Near Maryland.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7.—A dispatch to the Maritime Exchange from their station at Lewes, Delaware, says a telephone message from Ocean City, Maryland, reported that the unidentified warship which had been grounded off that place in the storm had proceeded seaward. A forty-five mile gale was blowing and the weather was thick, making it impossible to learn the identity of the warship other than that it was a foreign vessel.

SERVANS MORE ACTIVE.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—A dispatch from Nish reports that the Servians, since December 3, have resumed a vigorous offensive. The Servians on Friday pursued the enemy's right wing as far as Kolubara, where the Austrians abandoned four batteries.

NORTH ATLANTIC COAST SWEEP BY WORST STORM IN MANY YEARS

Roaring Northeaster Causes Havoc in Shipping from Maine to North Carolina—Some Boats Sunk, Many Wrecked and Cities Damaged.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—A roaring northeaster today swept the Atlantic coast at sixty miles an hour from North Carolina to Maine. Seabright, N. J., suffered heavy damage. New York harbor was cleared of all craft by the gale. One fire-boat was sunk at a pier. At Point Judith, R. I., a small schooner was torn from her anchorage and thrown on the seawall. Life savers are trying to rescue the crew. Life savers are also seeking to rescue the crew of a six-masted schooner which struck Tuckerneck shoal Saturday. Portions of the surf avenue at Coney Island are under water. Brighton Beach was damaged. Many houses were destroyed along the coast.

Only \$80,000 for Coos Bay in Rivers and Harbors Bill

Coquille River Allowed \$76,000 and Siuslaw \$117,500 Under Estimates Made

SIUSLAW MUST RAISE EQUAL AMOUNT AT HOME

Columbia River Allowed \$2,500,000—Other Oregon Points Provided For

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—More than \$3,000,000 is estimated for the improvements and maintenance of the nation's waterways and harbors during the fiscal year 1916, which begins July 1. The great waterways require the larger part of the money. The following estimates of appropriations have been made:

Oregon.
Columbia River, \$2,500,000.
Coos Bay, \$80,000.
Nehalem Bay, \$116,175.
Coquille River, \$76,000.
Siuslaw River, \$117,500. (Provided equal amount appropriated by Siuslaw Port.)
Willamette and Yamhill rivers, \$42,500.
Tillamook Bay, \$207,000.
Washington.
Grays Harbor and Chehalis River, \$15,000.
Cowlitz and Lewis rivers, \$22,000.
Skagit River, \$19,000.
Puget Sound, \$25,000.
Waterway from Puget Sound to Lakes Union and Washington, \$5000.

VALLEY LEAGUE IS TO BE LAUNCHED

Basketball Season Opens—Inter-Town Schedule Broached—Athletes to Meet

An independent inter-town basketball league is in the moulding, having been commenced here Saturday night following the basketball game of the Norway team with that of Eastside in which the latter were the winners. Manager Brown, of the Myrtle Point team, has broached the matter of a league to Dr. R. W. Morrow, one of the local fans, and has asked that a game be arranged for Myrtle Point there, either this next Saturday or a week from that date.

To inspect and classify the material available for such a team a meeting will be called within the next few days. At the present time players here are handicapped because practice and must go to North Bend practice and must go to North Bend for this purpose. With the completion of the high school gymnasium it will be possible for the team to have their work-outs here.

Among the ball tossers are men who have starred on their college teams and have won their spurs in hotly contested big games. Dr. R. W. Morrow has played in the east, holding down a guard position. Ben Fisher was a center on his class team at the University of Illinois, Royal Niles is an old Whilman star and D. B. Otis is from a New York school where he had considerable practice in the game.

C. B. Landers is a former University of Minnesota man and L. J. Hyde formerly held down a guard with the University of Nebraska. According to present plans a league will be worked out with the Coquille Valley towns, probably taking in Bandon, Coquille and Myrtle Point, and a schedule drawn up for the winter's series of games.

BIG OIL TANKER LAUNCHED TODAY

STANDARD OIL TANKER J. A. MOFFETT, 14,075 TONS, AND THE THIRD VESSEL OF ITS CLASS LAUNCHED HERE THIS YEAR, TOOK THE WATER SATURDAY AT THE UNION IRON WORKS. SHE WILL BE PLACED ON THE COASTWISE RUN BETWEEN SAN DIEGO AND ALASKA.

MAY PARDON EVANS.

Excellent Record While on Parole May Gain Him Full Pardon.

SALEM, Dec. 7.—A. C. Allen, of Medford, was appointed horticultural commissioner for the third district, comprising Jackson, Josephine, Coos, Curry, Klamath and Lake counties, to succeed A. H. Carson, who was recently removed by the state board of horticulture upon petition of a large number of the fruit growers of the district, who claimed that Carson was not as active as he should be in the enforcement of the fruit pest eradication laws of the state.

CITY AND PORT MUST PAY DAMAGES FOR MILL SLOUGH

Judge Coke Allows Property Owners West of Tenth St. \$1700 Damages Today

MUST REPAIR DRAIN BEFORE MARCH 15TH

Hold Property Owners Responsible—Damage Allotted to Different Parties

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 7.—On convening the adjourned term of court here today, Judge Coke handed down a decision in the noted Mill Slough which he allowed the parties claim-damage case from Marshfield in the amount of damages allowed the different parties were as follows:

C. J. Hillstrom—\$400.
C. Haquist—\$250.
C. A. Johnson—\$300.
A. Haglund—\$300.
L. A. Haglund—\$250.
John Backman—\$100.

They were awarded a joint judgment against the Port of Coos Bay and the City of Marshfield for the amount of damages allowed. In fixing the amount of damages sustained, Judge Coke held that \$50 per acre was a fair rental value for the property involved. Besides the actual damage sustained in the loss of use of the property, he made allowances for permanent damages in fences washed out, etc.

Property Owners Not to Blame. An important section of his decision in the case was to the effect that the property owners were in no manner responsible for the damages caused by the fill and the failure of the drain. It had been contended that the property filled might be held responsible to those damaged by the closing of the waterway, but Judge Coke held that the City of Marshfield and Port of Coos Bay were alone responsible.

Judge Coke held that the trouble was caused by insufficiency of the general design of the drain box, insufficiency of construction and by the negligent manner in which the fill was made. The first two causes were attributable to the City of Marshfield and the latter to the Port, but as they were concurrent, he held the two organizations jointly responsible.

Must Be Repaired. In addition to the decision allowing damages, Judge Coke issued a mandatory injunction against the Port of Coos Bay and the City of Marshfield requiring them to have the drain cleaned and put in a good and sufficient working condition to protect the property back of the fill from overflow by March 15.

W. T. Stull appeared for the property owners, C. R. Peck and J. W. Bennett for the Port of Coos Bay and John D. Goss for the City. The case was tried in chambers at Marshfield.

ORDER SLEIGHS FOR ARMY USE

English and French Governments Order 3000 from Indiana Firm

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—The Yankee sleigh has become a necessity in the European war, it became known today. Orders were placed with a South Bend, Ind., firm by the British and French governments for 3000 sleighs to be principally for the transportation of supplies.

FIGHTING IS EXPENSIVE

Per fighting at the dance in the Eagles' hall Saturday night, Chas. Smith was booked at the police station on a charge of being drunk and disorderly and for this his friends put up \$10 bail. This morning Smith appeared to pay his fine. He found there a second one lodged against him. Guy Lattin, father of the young woman who accompanied Smith to the dance, filed a charge of assault and for this \$25 more was dropped into the city's exchequer. In an intoxicated condition Smith attempted to force his partner to dance with him and strenuously objected when asked to leave the floor. Officer Gordon Smith settled the matter in a Jack Johnson style and Smith was hurried away.

FOUR VESSELS IN

The Daly Putnam, the Hardy and the Nann Smith from San Francisco and the George W. Elder from Portland arrived in today. The Elizabeth sailed south from Bandon.

SEABRIGHT DAMAGED BY STORM AND TIDES

SEABRIGHT, N. J., Dec. 7.—The turning of the ebb tide here today found Seabright's chief streets under water, railroad tracks covered by the ocean for two miles and through breaks in the sea wall, constructed after the floods last year. With the high tide to come, the situation looks alarming and the residents practically have abandoned hope of preventing a great loss. The loss last night is estimated at \$100,000.