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GERMANS CLAIM GREATEST VICTORY OF WAR WON AGAINST RUSSIANS

Berlin Announces That Czar's Offensive Movements Against Silesia and Posen Have Been Broken Down and Russians are Being Pursued Everywhere.

CLAIM AUSTRIANS HAVE WON VICTORY OVER RUSSIANS IN WESTERN GALICIA

French and German Claims Regarding Battles in France and Belgium are Conflicting—Petrograd Admits Germans Threatening Line of Communication

GREAT BATTLE NEAR WARSAW

(By Associated Press to Cos Bay Times.)

WARSAW, Dec. 17.—A great battle is in progress at Socha Czew, 30 miles west of Warsaw. The Germans managed after heavy fighting to establish themselves a quarter of a mile west of Socha Czew. The Polish campaign now centers at that point.

(By Associated Press to The Cos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.—One of the greatest victories of the war is claimed today by the Germans. The Berlin official statement says the Russian offensive against Silesia and Posen has been completely broken down. In the whole of Poland, the Russians were forced to retreat after fierce frontal battles and are being pursued everywhere.

A Berlin semi-official statement says the Austrians appear to have achieved their first actual successes against the Russians in the last few days in Western Galicia.

Petrograd admits the German flanking movement threatens the Russian lines of communication and that it has been necessary for the Russians to draw back in certain quarters.

The great battle in the west which is being carried on fiercely in Belgium and Northwestern France, is subject of conflicting claims. The German War Office announced that the Allies made a new attack but were driven back with heavy losses.

The French statement says several German trenches in Belgium were captured and at other points the artillery did effective work.

Four steamers were sunk last night in the territory covered yesterday by the raiding German warships. These vessels scattered mines off the East coast of England to cover their retreat.

BRITISH BOMBARD TURK POSITION

(By Associated Press to the Cos Bay Times.)

ATHENS, Dec. 17.—A British squadron bombarded Turkish troops who concentrated Sunday on the coast of the Gulf of Saros, an arm of the Aegean Sea north of the Dardanelles.

TURKS CLAIM BIG VICTORY

(By Associated Press to the Cos Bay Times.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 17.—An official statement today says: "Several days of battle near Vilayet of Van have ended in our favor and our troops entered Sarai."

IMPRISON GERMANS IN ENGLAND.

(By Associated Press to the Cos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.—All naturalized Germans in the seaport of Sunderland, a short distance north of the towns bombarded by the Germans yesterday, were arrested over night.

RUSSIANS LOSE 31,000 PRISONERS.

(By Associated Press to The Cos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—An official statement today says: "The Austrian general staff reports 31,000 Russians have been taken prisoners in West Galicia."

AUTO BANDIT ROBS CINCINNATI BANK

Highwayman Mortally Wounded After Getting About \$15,000 and Wounding Two

(By Associated Press to Cos Bay Times.)

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 17.—An automobile bandit robbed two banks within a radius of ten blocks, shot and seriously wounded the cashier of one bank, shot at the cashier of the other, and finally was captured after a revolver duel with policemen, one of whom he shot. The bandit was mortally wounded. He obtained \$8000 from the first bank and several thousand dollars from the second.

OWLS' BALL, Eagles' Hall, Saturday, December 19th.

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WANTS WARSHIPS TO GUARD ZONE

Col. Goethals Says Only Reports of Misuse of Wireless in Panama Region So Far

(By Associated Press to Cos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Col. Goethals informed the U. S. War Department today that excepting reports of the misuse of the wireless he knew of no violation of neutrality in the Panama Canal zone. He suggested that under the circumstances neutrality might be violated without detection or proof unless he had ships to patrol the waters.

The cruiser Tacoma, ordered to the Panama Canal Zone to enforce neutrality, left Guantanamo, Cuba, for Cristobal today. Secretary Daniels was without further advice today from the Canal Zone but said that if any vessel was sent, it would probably be one of the destroyers now at San Diego, California.

Symphony Concert. Reserved seats on sale at the "Candy Nook," Le-manski's Theater.

German Ships Escape Back To Heligoland After Attack

COLUMBIA IS FROZEN OVER AT PORTLAND

(By Associated Press to Cos Bay Times.)

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 17.—When the steamer St. Helens, from San Francisco, came up the Columbia this morning she ploughed through a thick coating of ice all the way from St. Helens to the mouth of the Willamette. The unusual condition of the Columbia being frozen from shore to shore threatens to give difficulty to shipping if the cold spell that has prevailed over the Northwest all week does not break soon.

MEXICANS ARE MORE CAREFUL WITH SHOTS

(By Associated Press to Cos Bay Times.)

NACO, Dec. 17.—Maytorena's secretary made the positive declaration to General Bliss that Maytorena would not withdraw under any circumstances. Both sides were careful not to fire across the border today.

LAWYERS FAIL TO COLLECT BIG FEE

Cos Bay Manufacturing Company Secures Verdict—Many Cases Up

(Special to The Times.)

COQUILLE, Or., Dec. 17.—A verdict in favor of the Cos Bay Manufacturing Company was returned by the grand jury here this morning in the case of Hammond & Hollister against the company, suing the latter for the collection of \$4000 balance on a \$5000 attorneys' fee. Peck & Peck, of Marshfield, were the attorneys for the Cos Bay Manufacturing Company.

William R. Young and Mrs. Jessie Quigley, both charged with adultery by James Quigley, husband of the woman, are expected to plead this afternoon. The couple were brought back from up north, whither they had fled on the Elder October 8. They have been lodged in the county jail here.

O. McVey, of North Bend, who is charged with rape against Cora Estep, aged 14 years, will be brought before the court to plead tomorrow.

James O'Brien, charged with the robbery of the Bohemian saloon in Marshfield several weeks ago and who has pleaded not guilty to the charge, will be brought before the court January 11. Attorney J. T. Brand, of Marshfield, was appointed by the court to defend the prisoner.

O'Brien was apprehended by the officers a few minutes after the robbery of the saloon with \$87 on his person and an envelope containing due bills from the saloon. He has declared that he can prove an alibi, that he was playing cards on that night in a box car with some companions. He was given an extension of time that he might collect some witnesses.

The case of Mrs. Annie Rusk vs. the City of Marshfield in which she seeks damages for injuries alleged to have been caused by slipping through a hole in the dock, was heard late this afternoon and no verdict has yet been reported. City Attorney Goss argued a motion for a non-suit on the grounds that the plaintiff had not shown the city sufficiently liable for her injury.

PLANT BIG CROPS FOR WAR NEEDS

(By Associated Press to Cos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Influenced by the prospective demand for grain by the warring countries of Europe, American farmers this fall have sown a record area to winter wheat, which the Department of Agriculture estimated today at 41,263,000 acres. This is an increase of 4,135,000 over the area sown last fall.

Seventy-four Killed and 147 Wounded in Raid on British Coast Towns Yesterday

ENGLAND FEARS MORE ATTACKS BY GERMANS

British Puzzled by Ability of Germans to Get Through Fleet and Mines.

(By Associated Press to Cos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Seventy-four persons were killed and 147 wounded, according to the best figures available, in the raid on the English Coast by German ships.

In Hartlepool 55 were killed and 115 wounded, according to the official report. Unofficial reports give 17 killed and 30 wounded in Scarborough and two killed and two wounded in Whitby.

Crippling of lines of communication by bombardment made it impossible even today to obtain more than an approximate estimate of the casualties.

The success of the Germans in making their way past the British warships and through the mine fields and in escaping back to Heligoland after the bombardment leads England to expect another attack. Berlin is exultant and newspapers there hint that yesterday's exploit may be preliminary to greater events on the seas.

A number of the victims at Hartlepool were women and children. Fifteen schoolboys were killed by a single shell. Ten persons were killed by the collapse of a building. One shell damaged a building five miles from shore.

KITCHENER'S NEW ARMY UNDER FIRE

Hartlepool Militia Manned Trenches and Lost Seven Dead and 14 Wounded

(By Associated Press to Cos Bay Times.)

HARTLEPOOL, Eng., Dec. 17.—The first men of Kitchener's new army to come under fire were the local militia who were sent out to man the trenches on the seaford when the German raiders appeared. They were shelled by the enemy, which had the range of the trenches, with an accuracy which suggests information by spies. The casualties in the trenches were seven killed and fourteen wounded, most of these in a single company.

BAD FIRE HITS POTTSVILLE, PA.

Entire Block of Buildings, Filled With Holiday Goods, Burns—\$2,000,000 Loss

(By Associated Press to Cos Bay Times.)

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 17.—Fire in the business section of Pottsville this morning wiped out property valued at nearly two million dollars. An entire block of business buildings stocked with holiday toys was destroyed.

LIONS ESCAPE IN NEW YORK SHOW

Audience Thrown Into Panic and Several Are Wounded in Effort to Catch Beast

(By Associated Press to Cos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Five lions escaped this afternoon from a theater. The audience was thrown into a panic. Two persons had to be taken to a hospital. One beast was shot and killed. A police sergeant was shot and seriously wounded, while half a dozen policemen were firing at the lions. Two other men were also shot. Angered by the bullets, the lions attacked the police, injuring two. Policeman Keg-panion, while being attacked by a lion, was shot in the hand by a companion.

GERMANS SOW MINES ALONG ENG. COAST

(By Associated Press to Cos Bay Times.)

SCARBOROUGH, Dec. 17.—The steamer Princess Olga, bound for Aberdeen, Scotland, struck a mine off here last night and went down. Her crew of 18 were landed in their own boats. The mines were sown by the German warships yesterday.

THREE OTHERS SUNK

(By Associated Press to Cos Bay Times.)

SOUTH FIELDS, Eng., Dec. 17.—Three steamers, one believed to be a passenger steamer, were sunk by the mines in the North Sea off Flamborough Head last night. Only one so far has been identified. This is the steamer Eiterwater. Twelve of the crew were saved, but seven lost their lives. The mines were sown by the German warships which bombarded the coast yesterday. All traffic between Flamborough Head and Newcastle has been stopped indefinitely by order of the Admiralty.

TO RETURN FIRE OF MEXICAN TROOPS

Sec. Garrison Announces That Unless Gen. Scott Settles Strife Trouble Will Follow

(By Associated Press to Cos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—"By reason of his personal acquaintances with the different factions," said Secretary Garrison, "General Scott has been sent to Naco to induce the warring factions to desist from imperiling persons and property on our side of the line. Scott expects to arrive in Naco on Saturday. He will not supersede General Bliss. His mission is purely conciliatory. If, after further warnings, the fire into Arizona does not stop, it will be returned by the American troops."

GRAND JURY TO AID YOUNG BOY

Unites in Petition to Judge Coke for Clemency—Investigate Crooks' Charges

(Special to The Times.)

COQUILLE, Or., Dec. 17.—Because he told the truth when called before them, the Cos Bay Grand jury has united in petitioning Judge Coke for clemency on behalf of Jay Richards, the Sumner boy who pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with a statutory offense against a Catching Inlet girl. Fred Kruse first opposed the petition, saying it was wrong to let the boy go free and have the girl bear the stigma of the offense, but finally he agreed to it.

District Attorney Liljeqvist has also given his consent to a suspended sentence or parole for the boy and it seems that when Judge Coke passes on the case finally next Tuesday afternoon that the boy will secure clemency. The father of the girl is said to not be opposing clemency, but Paul Crooks of Marshfield is.

Yesterday it was stated erroneously that R. O. Graves had spoken in behalf of Richards' mother, but this was an error, as Graves appeared for Crooks and Judge Hall and C. P. McKnight appeared in behalf of Richards.

The grand jury is considering a charge made by Richards that Paul Crooks required him to pay \$50, claiming that unless Richards did, Mr. Catching would shoot him.

Little Dance, Big Hall, Something Different—"Owls' Ball."

Symphony Concert, Thursday, December 17th, Lemanski's Theater. Little Dance, Big Hall, Something Different—"Owls' Ball."

GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF BOMBARDMENT OF SCARBOROUGH IS GIVEN

"Queen of English Watering Places" Recovers From Cannonading and Finds Loss of Life and Damage Were Greater Than First Reported Yesterday.

THREE GERMAN CRUISERS CAME IN CLOSE UNDER COVER OF HEAVY FOG AND FIRED MANY BROADSIDES

Several Entire Families Killed in Their Homes and Many Buildings Razed During Fifteen-Minute Play of Guns—Residents Paralyzed With Fear.

(By Associated Press to Cos Bay Times.)

SCARBOROUGH, Eng., Dec. 17.—The "Queen of English watering places" recovered today from the German bombardment of yesterday. The first warning sound of distant firing, which attracted little attention, came at 5:30. At eight o'clock one of the German battle cruisers and two light cruisers loomed out of a heavy fog so close underneath the cliffs that they were unable to train their guns on the heights.

However, big resort hotels on the esplanade and the old town offered tempting targets and a rain of shrapnel and lyddite shells began to fall, doing great damage. One of the light cruisers did most of the firing. First she let go with her stern guns and then, maneuvering further out, devoted broadsides to the most conspicuous buildings on the higher ground. Three shells found a target in a hospital. The wall of an old castle, which looks formidable, but which has been unoccupied for hundreds of years, was breached by 8-inch shells. The gunners had now got the correct elevation of the wireless but failed to injure it.

Some of the better class residences then began to suffer. Russell Rea, member of Parliament, was eating an early breakfast with his wife, in the kitchen when a shell destroyed the remainder of his house. Several entire families were killed together in shelled houses.

The bombardment continued 15 minutes, when the town was given a five-minute breathing spell. The streets were cleared of people when the light cruiser turning, brought a new broadside into play. The gunners directed their attention to the railway station, with the result that a whole row of houses, including a nearby church, were destroyed without loss of life, as the occupants had fled. Then the warships drew off in a northerly direction and the people later heard the booming of the dreaded guns at Whitby.

During the early stages of the bombardment, "screaming shells caused indescribable pandemonium. Later the people became still as death under the thunder of the guns which rose to a tremendous crescendo when full broadsides were used. When the warships drew off, search for the killed and wounded began amid pitiful scenes.

THREE BANDON WOMEN INDICTED FOR PERJURY IN COACH CASE

Two Simpson Girls and Mrs. Pfortner Held for Swearing Falsely in Liquor Case

TREADGOLD CHARGES WILL BE TRIED OUT

One Blind Indictment Returned—Clyde Gage Exonerated in Detective Case

(Special to The Times.)

COQUILLE, Or., Dec. 17.—Four indictments were returned here by the grand jury this afternoon, one of them being a blind indictment, the person not yet being in custody, and the other three were for Ruby Simpson Noaler, Lolita Simpson and Mrs. Mary Pfortner, charging them with perjury. The women were taken into custody late this afternoon and each of them placed under \$2000 bonds.

District Attorney Liljeqvist has declared that the women are facing a prison sentence and that he will show their testimony was perjured. They all swore to receiving liquor from Joe Coach in Bandon and on the stand here two days ago refuted their previous statements, saying they did not tell the truth in the first case.

The perjury cases are expected to develop the fact as to whether or not the women were forced by City Attorney Treadgold of Bandon to give the testimony that they did incriminating Joe Coach and John Herron.

On the stand here all three of the women have declared this week that Treadgold forced them to tell their first stories.

BAIL PUT UP BY KING ON CHARGE

\$1000 Guarantees Appearance Before Circuit Court on Return of Indictment.

On an indictment returned yesterday afternoon G. W. King of this city was arrested on the charge of conducting a house of ill fame and he today appeared before Justice Pennock with bonds for \$1000 guaranteeing his appearance in Circuit Court at Coquille on December 21. The bond was taken to Coquille this afternoon by Constable Cox.

Mr. King's arrest came about on the testimony of five witnesses before the grand jury two days ago. They testified that he owned the house in which the two women, May Warren and Teresa Washington lived, when they were arrested on Monday night and each fined \$100 in Police Court.

On Tuesday George Deppe, an employee of King, was subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury. At the same time Mike Silba and Si Avery gave their testimony.

The claim is made that Deppe rented the boat house in question from King. The women paid a rental of \$20 a month for the place. This same place was the cause of trouble two years ago when a \$100 fine was given the owner.

any wrong doing. The grand jury this afternoon made its final report and is now taking a recess subject to reconvening later. They will probably await developments on the indictments returned this afternoon. At any rate they will meet again on the Monday preceding the next regular term of the circuit court.