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FRANCE AND RUSSIA CLAIM KAISER LOSING; BUT GERMANS SAY OTHERWISE

Conflicting Claims Made in Official Statements From Paris, Petrograd and Berlin Today Relative to Fighting in Both East and West Theaters of War.

FRENCH CLAIM GAINS NEAR LABASSEE AND ARRAS AND CAPTURE OF LONG LINE OF GERMAN TRENCHES

Russians Announce That One of German Columns Advancing on Warsaw Has Been Routed and No Significant Changes Elsewhere in Poland Battle Front

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Contradictory reports of the fighting in the western theater of war were issued from Berlin and Paris today.

The German statement says the French attack between Labassee and Arras and on both sides of the river Somme resulted in failure with severe losses to the enemy.

The French statement asserts advances were made by the Allies in Belgium and claims to have taken a long line of trenches in the Arras region.

Berlin reports the situation unchanged on the frontiers of East and West Prussia. In Poland, Berlin claims, the Germans continue the pursuit of the retreating Russians.

The German claims of victories in the east are not borne out by the Russian authorities, who say that one of the German columns advancing on Warsaw has been routed and elsewhere there are no significant changes.

BRITISH PROTECTORATE PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT EGYPT EARLY TODAY

CAIRO, Dec. 18.—A British protectorate was formally proclaimed throughout Egypt today. In all garrison towns, a salute of 101 guns was fired and the Union Jack hoisted.

FRENCH ANNOUNCE ASK PROSECUTOR FOR COOS BAY GAINS BY ALLIES

Report They Captured Many German Trenches and Repulsed Counter Attack

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The official communication this afternoon says: December 17 was marked, as we said yesterday, by an advance on our part in Belgium, where every German counter attack failed. In the Arras region a vigorous offensive made us masters of several trenches at Auchy, Labassee, St. Laurent and Langy. At this last mentioned place we occupied a front more than a kilometer long, almost all the first line trenches of the enemy.

TWO NEAR DEATH WHEN BRAKES FAIL

Mrs. J. W. Motley Thrown to Street and Infant Escapes Death—Buggy Broken

Mrs. John Motley was thrown to the pavement and her baby had a miraculous escape from death about 3:30 this afternoon when the emergency brakes on a machine driven by Mrs. A. L. Houseworth failed to hold the car on the steep North second street grade. The rear of the auto struck Mrs. Motley and the baby buggy was thrown forward up the hill and the brakes failed to hold.

The saving of the baby's life is perhaps due to the curtain that fell forward with the buggy, protecting the infant from striking its head on the hard road. Two wheels on the buggy were broken and the frame badly twisted. To pass a team that had stopped on the sidewalk near the Anson Ross home Mrs. Motley had to turn into the road and it was in this moment that the machine came from the hill and the brakes failed to hold.

Eastern Railroads Are Allowed Five Per Cent Rate Increase

SHOOTING AT NACO AGAIN EARLY TODAY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The application of the eastern railroads in the freight rate case was granted today in part by the Interstate Commerce Commission, which fixes the schedule of rates that shall go into effect on ten days' notice.

MEXICAN SITUATION IS STILL PUZZLING

Special Agents Carothers Will Aid General Scott in Trying to Avoid Clash

EL PASO, Dec. 18.—Nine trains of troops from Texas City and Fort Sill began passing through the city today on their way to Naco.

DENIES ORDERS

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 18.—The Coos county grand jury yesterday went on record in its final report to Judge Coke as being in favor of the appointment of a deputy district attorney to assist L. A. Liljeqvist. They held that there was too much criminal work for one man now and especially in view of the fact that there were so many cases on the Coos Bay side of the county requiring a prosecutor.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—George C. Carothers, special agent of the U. S. State Department with General Villa, has been sent to Naco to join his efforts with those of General Scott to stop the firing from the contending Mexican factions into American territory. Gutierrez has ordered all generals to be represented at the forthcoming convention to select a president.

NOT GUILTY PLEA IN PERJURY CASE

Ruby Nosler and Mrs. Pfortner Arraigned at Coquille—Lolita in Juvenile Court

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 18.—The Simpson case from Bandon took a new turn today when on a petition the case of Lolita Simpson, indicted for perjury, was transferred to the juvenile court. She was placed in the custody of her father, who is to produce her for the hearing before Judge John F. Hall next Tuesday. Attorneys Sinclair and Stenmler will appear for her.

None of the three women was compelled to sleep in the county jail last night, but in the sum of \$2000 having been furnished for Mrs. Nosler and Mrs. Pfortner within an hour after their arrest and arraignment, while just before adjournment Judge John S. Coke turned Lolita, the 17-year-old girl, over to her father, M. A. Simpson, as custodian.

Interstate Commerce Commission Grants Appeal After First Denyign Application WILL MEAN \$30,000,000 MORE REVENUE PER YEAR

The Interstate Commerce Commission today granted the application of the eastern railroads for a five per cent advance in freight rates, except on certain specific commodities. Commissioners Harlan and Clements dissented.

The application of the Eastern railroads for a rehearing of the rate case was made on the ground that the European war and other stated reasons had materially changed the conditions since the previous decision was given. The petition was made on behalf of 112 railroad companies, comprising 35 railroad systems in the "official classification territory."

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AUTO BANDIT LOOT IS SOUGHT TODAY

Police Unable to Locate \$13,100 Stolen in Cincinnati—Wife Refused Aid

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 18.—The police today are searching for \$13,100 obtained by Frank G. Hohl, the automobile bandit, from the two tanks that he robbed yesterday before he was mortally shot in a pistol fight with three policemen. Patrolman Edward Knall, shot by Hohl, was operated on today and little hope is held for his recovery. Hohl's body lies unclaimed. His wife, who was arrested, would not claim the body. She says that she left him over a year ago because she would not take part in his career of crime.

SAYS U. S. NAVY IS IN BAD PLIGHT

Representative Gardner Says Many Warships Out of Service—Short 18,000 Men

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Representative Gardner was the principal witness today before the House Naval Committee. "I am sorry to say Secretary Daniels cut the Naval Board's building program almost exactly in two," he said.

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ENDS REBELLION IN SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE TOWN, So. Africa, Dec. 18.—Gen. Botha considers the rebellion, apart from rounding up a few stray brands, at an end. He has gone for a short vacation before undertaking a campaign against German Southwest Africa. With the capture of General DeWet and the death of General Beyers in an engagement, the South African Government recently announced that the rebellion started by the Boer leaders was practically over. Most of the followers of DeWet and Beyers, it is stated, have either been captured or dispersed.

RUSK CASE GOES TO JURY TODAY

Personal Injury Damage Suit Against City of Marshfield Submitted This Afternoon

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 18.—The jury in the case of Anna Rusk vs. the City of Marshfield for \$2500 damages for personal injuries sustained by falling through a wharf retired soon after noon and a verdict is shortly expected.

CARRANZA FORCE LOST AT PUEBLA

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 18.—Details of the fall of the city of Puebla were received today. It was said that after evacuating the city, the Carranza forces made a stand to the north, where they were defeated, losing many men. General Zapata, Arguemedo and Almazan were in command of the Villa troops.

GERMANS CLAIM FLEET SANK TWO ENGLISH WARSHIPS DURING RAID

British Admiralty Silent About Berlin Claim That Kaiser's Squadron Sunk Destroyers and badly Damaged Third Vessel During Expedition Wednesday

ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCED FIVE MEN KILLED AND FIFTEEN INJURED ON WARSHIPS BY GERMAN SHELLS

Germans Admit Coast Batteries Hit Raiding Vessels Few Times, But Claim Slight Damage Was Inflicted—Later Talk of Naval Engagement in North Sea

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The British Admiralty today failed to comment on the Berlin announcement that the German squadron which attacked the English seaports sank two British destroyers and damaged badly a third. The Admiralty previously stated two warships had been struck by German shells and five men killed and fifteen wounded, but made no mention of the loss of any vessels. Berlin admitted that the German vessels were hit several times by the shells from the coast batteries, but claim the damage was slight.

GERMANS CLAIM CAPTURE OF ABOUT 10,000 FRENCH IN LAST BATTLES

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—The official statement today says: "Fighting in Nieuport continues favorable, but no decision has been reached. The French attacks between Labassee and Arras and on both sides of the river Somme resulted in failure. On the Somme, the French lost 1200 men in prisoners and at least 1800 dead; Our losses were under 200. In the Argonne forest our successful attack resulted in the capture of 7500 prisoners and much war material."

GAMBLED IN CAMP BEAR PAYS FINE

Taken From Elder About to Leave—Several More Indictments Expected

J. W. Bear, until two days ago employed as a timekeeper at Hauser & Hauser Camp 3 on North Inlet, was taken from the Elder yesterday in North Bend as he was about to leave for his home in Michigan for Christmas, by Chief of Police Anderson, and taken to Coquille on a charge of gambling. This morning pleaded guilty and was fined \$200. He paid \$50 and the remainder was remitted by Judge Coke during good behavior.

STMR ISTHMIAN IN DANGER FAR SOUTH

American Hawaiian Liner Bound from Northwest to New York Hits Rock

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 18.—Striking the rocks off San Bente Island, 300 miles south of San Diego, the American-Hawaiian freighter Isthmian, bound for New York via the Canal, sent out wireless calls for assistance and is returning northward. The Isthmian has 26 feet of water in hold No. 1. Consequently the ship is down by the head and is steering badly. The cruiser West Virginia, the destroyer Perry and the navy tug Tritons are rushing to her assistance. The Isthmian has a cargo from Seattle, Portland and other points.

MUCH TALK ABOUT LOCAL POSTOFFICE

Rumor That Hugh McLain Has Definitely Declined Appointment—Other Candidates

It was reported yesterday that Hugh McLain had formally withdrawn from the race for Post Master in Marshfield in favor of F. A. Golden. Mr. McLain when seen, refused to deny it or make any statement about the matter at present, saying the matter would come up later. Mr. McLain, as chairman of the Coos County Democratic and a close friend of Senator Chamberlain will have much to say in regard to the Coos County Post Office appointments.

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