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GERMANS SAY EFFORTS OF BRITISH TO REGAIN LOST POSITIONS FUTILE

Announce That English With French Reinforcements Were Unable to Re-Capture Positions Taken From Them by Germans Two Days Ago—Furious Fighting

ADMIT FRENCH RECOVERED OLD POSITIONS AROUND RICHEBOURG AFTER VIOLENT ENGAGEMENT MONDAY

Claim French Repulsed With Heavy Losses in Encounters at Albert, Souain and Perthe—Few Developments in Struggle for Control of East Prussia

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—(Wireless.)—An official statement this afternoon says: "At Nieuport and in the region around Ypres, the situation yesterday generally was quiet. In order to recapture positions lost by them December 20 at St. Hubert and Civenchy, the English forces, reinforced by the French, made desperate attacks yesterday and last night, all of which were repulsed. Around Richebourg the enemy succeeded in obtaining a firm foot-hold in the old position. French attacks near Albert, at Souain and at Perthes were repulsed with heavy losses."

In the western part of Argonne, to the north and north-west of Verdun, the French attacks were repulsed with heavy losses. The situation in East and West Prussia is unchanged. In Poland our troops are engaged in a fierce battle for the possession of branches of the Bzura and Rawka Rivers. In many instances they crossed over the tributaries already in their possession. On the right bank of the River Pilica, fighting by the German allies continues. ADD PETROGRAD . . . . . ETAOIN emfwyppud

BULGARIA AND RUMANIA SETTLE OLD STRIFE OVER BALKAN WARS

PETROGRAD, Dec. 22.—The Bulgarian Minister announced today that an agreement had been reached between Rumania and Bulgaria, under which Rumania will restore to Bulgaria the province of Dobrudja and most of the other territory she has acquired from Bulgaria as a result of the second Balkan war.

"This agreement was received without pressure from either Germany or Allies," said official connected with the Bulgarian ministry. "We shall continue to be neutral and believe Rumania also will remain neutral with us."

MEXICANS AT NAGO AGREE TO END FIGHTING NEAR BOUNDARY

NAGO, Dec. 22.—If Maytorena abandons the siege of Nago, as he is reported to have agreed, General Hill will not pursue him, according to information from the latter today. This, if formally agreed to, is expected to end the ten-weeks' desultory battle.

WHEAT TWO CENTS HIGHER ON PORTLAND MARKET LATE TODAY

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 22.—Portland's grain market shot skyward again today, all bids on spot and future transactions being half to two cents a bushels higher than yesterday. Ten thousand bushels of February delivery Bluestem were sold at \$1.29.

GERMANS BUILD RAILWAY AGAIN

Restore Lines Destroyed by French When Retreating—Connects Two Cities

MOTOR SHIP RUNS ASHORE IN SOUTH

Malakka in Trouble 300 Miles South of San Diego—Arizonian is Standing By

Treadgold Accused Of Awful Crimes In Testimony Today

SENATOR FOUND DEAD.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) VALDOSTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—Former United States Senator William S. West was found dead in bed this morning. He retired apparently in good health.

CARRANZA LEAVES FOR TEHAUNTEPEC

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Diplomatic dispatches report the departure of General Carranza from Vera Cruz for the Isthmus of Tehauntepec. The factions opposed to Carranza regard it as a flight after the defeat of his army at Puebla, but Carranza officials pointed out that some time ago he announced his intention of visiting the Isthmus.

RUNAWAY HORSES THREATEN LIVES

Frightened as they stood at the side of the street this afternoon, the team belonging to E. H. Squires and hitched to the old mail stage started galloping down Front street toward Central avenue. Tearing at a mad gallop and careening from side to side as they ran, the runaway horses barely missed dozens of holiday shoppers and passed the machine of Roy Ruffner, at the corner of Central avenue, by a matter of quarter inches and a moment later crashed into a telephone pole in the rear of the Rogers House. The front of the wagon top was smashed in and the front axle was slightly bent in the impact that liberated the horses, who were caught a block away when they slowed down in their pace. The owner of the team and wagon was inside a store at the time of the accident.

MATCHES CAUSE OF NOON BLAZE

Box on Gas Stove Near Jet Gets Too Warm and Fire—Results in Gidley Home—Matches on the edge of a gas stove in the home of A. B. Gidley, 729 South Fourth street, caught fire this noon, and clothes, drying above the stove, carried the flames in a puff up the wall and into the attic before a fire alarm could be turned in. The department responded at once, but neighbors already had the flames under control, passing up buckets of water which were dashed into the burning attic. Mr. Gidley carried insurance on the house and it is not believed the damage will amount to more than \$150.

Box on Gas Stove Near Jet Gets Too Warm and Fire—Results in Gidley Home

A hose was brought down the alley in the rear of the Gidley home from the hydrant on Hall avenue. Because of the state of the fire but little pressure was used and the chemical apparatus proved the more effective in stifling the fire that still burned between the walls. At the time of the fire the family was at dinner. The gas was turned on in the kitchen, which is divided from the remainder of the house by a pantry, and the fire had a good start before it was detected. The attic and the kitchen were practically the only parts of the house that suffered, the remainder being kept free from water, though the smoke may have caused damage. It was not necessary to remove any of the furniture from the home.

Sensational Evidence Given by Lolita Simpson at Hearing in Juvenile Court Today

ALLEGES CONSPIRACY TO BLACKMAIL MEN

Accuses Treadgold of Immorality in Two Cases—Turn-Over to Parents by Court

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Or., Dec. 22.—Some of the most sensational charges ever made in Coos county were made today by Lolita Simpson of Bandon, on trial in the Juvenile Court, against City Attorney G. T. Treadgold of Bandon today. The girl related a story of a conspiracy that could hardly find a parallel outside of the worst imaginable type of the dime novel. Following the hearing, County Judge Hall turned the girl over to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Simpson, for safe keeping. The charges of waywardness and associating with improper people were sustained but those of incorrigibility were not.

District Attorney L. A. Liljeqvist appeared for the state, while Attorneys Stemmler, Blatchley and Sinclair appeared for the Simpson girl. John D. Goss, representing Joe Coach and Ruby Nosler, was also present, but was not active in the hearing.

When it was seen the course that Lolita's testimony was taking, it was stipulated that the records should show that Attorney Treadgold had appeared and denied her story entire, which will furnish him a base for defense in the prosecution that necessarily must follow the testimony given by the Simpson girl today.

District Attorney Liljeqvist did not state what steps he would take, but it is known that the matter was considered by the grand jury. They delayed final action on the charges against Treadgold pending the outcome of the three trials for perjury on the indictments against Ruby Simpson-Nosler, Lolita Simpson and Mrs. Pfortner, thinking that the testimony in those cases might clarify the situation. The grand jurors, it is said, felt that there was a plot in which the Simpson girls were being made the victims and they were anxious for developments that would enable them to assist in throwing the net around all those who might be implicated in the case and it is believed that several are.

Charges Against Treadgold.

The story told by Lolita Simpson is almost incomprehensible, but it is stated that every effort of the attorneys today to shake her in the story were without avail. Besides her, M. A. Simpson and wife, the father and mother, were called as witnesses and Court Reporter A. B. Loud also started to testify.

She repeated the story of her perjury at Bandon, declaring that she was forced to testify against Coach and Herron by Treadgold, who threatened, she declared, to have her sister, Ruby Simpson, prosecuted further for the diamond robbery if she did not.

Furthermore, she declared that Treadgold had forced her to submit to immoral relations and had used force in so doing.

She declared further that last spring he endeavored to induce her to inveigle Bandon business men, stating that they would split the money which the business men would be forced to pay to settle.

She further declared that Treadgold was the father of Ruby Simpson-Nosler's unborn babe and that he had planned to start a \$50,000 damage suit against Joe Coach in Ruby Simpson's behalf.

Court Reporter Loud was called on the stand and started to tell the story of the sensational affidavits, the gist of which is said to have been told by Lolita Simpson on the stand today, but he did not go very far before Attorney Goss objected, saying his testimony more properly belonged at the trial of Ruby Simpson Goss' contention was sustained by the court and Loud's testimony was stricken from the records. G. W. STARR and wife came over from Coquille today for a short stay.

MERGE LAKE SHORE AND N. Y. CENTRAL

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CLEVELAND, Dec. 22.—The consolidation of the Lake Shore Railroad Company with the New York Central Ry. Co., was effected here today at a meeting of the Lake Shore stockholders called July 20. The merger involves \$300,000,000.

FOUR SHIPS BOUGHT FOR CANADA LINE

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Dec. 22.—A message to the Evening Star from Belfast says the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has purchased four ships which are being constructed at Belfast and Glasgow. The cost is said to be in excess of \$7,500,000.

MOSCOW GREET'S FAMILY OF CZAR

Emperor Nicholas and Wife Tour Russia—Loyalty Is Pledged

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) MOSCOW, Dec. 22.—The arrival of the Emperor and Empress here yesterday was marked by an enthusiastic reception. The new Lord Mayor of Moscow, in presenting bread and salt to the Emperor, took occasion to deliver a speech of welcome, in which he pointed out the loyalty of the people and thanked him for abolishing the government monopoly on vodka.

HOUSE DEBATES ON PROHIBITION

VOTE TONIGHT.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Under a special rule, which was adopted without a roll call, the House began just before noon the eight hour debate on the Hobson resolution to submit to the states a constitutional amendment for national prohibition. The aye and nay vote will be reached tonight.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—The long delayed aye and no vote on the constitutional amendment for national prohibition came today in the House. With almost ten hours of debate in sight and the prospects of a vote before midnight, the House took up first the rule for the consideration of the Hobson resolution. More than sixty congressmen signified their intention of speaking. Representative Henry led off, explaining that the rule made a liberal provision for debate and amendment. He said he would vote for the rule, but against the resolution. Campbell of Kansas, ranking Republican of the Rules Committee, spoke for the rule and resolution. Congressman Hobson, author of the resolution, said six million people had petitioned Congress for submission of the Amendment.

"We see a disease which is debauching our youth," he said, "through the great nationally organized liquor traffic in its search for profits, and we seek a remedy."

Underwood, in opposing the resolution, declared it was not a moral issue. "No great progress in the world's morality was ever made at the point of a sword or with the force of the government behind it," he declared. "I cannot commit myself to a proposal to rob individual states of the police powers guaranteed them under the Constitution."

FIERCE FIGHTING ALONG LINES IN NORTHERN FRANCE AND BELGIUM

Allies and Germans Engage in Series of Attacks and Counter Attacks, Violent Bayonet Encounters and Trenches Stormed at Many Points Along Front

EACH SIDE CLAIMS GAINS IN FURIOUS ENCOUNTERS ALONG NORTHERN LINES OF WESTERN BATTLEFIELDS

Germans Claim Gains Against Russians Across Bzura River in Advance Towards Warsaw—Few Specific Details of Fighting Given Officially

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Dec. 22.—The battle in France and Belgium has become more violent, both the Germans and Allies making furious attacks. Although it was said in the official French account of the recent fighting that the Germans were now on the defensive everywhere, today's French War Office statement refers to German attacks at four points. The German statement in turn describes several attacks by the Allies. As far as can be learned from these statements, there has been no marked changes in positions, although in one instance the French assert they captured nearly a mile of entrenchments. References to trenches being taken and retaken, to violent bayonet engagements, and to heavy losses inflicted, show the desperate nature of the struggle. Concerning the situation in Poland the German official statement said fierce fighting was in progress there and at some points the German troops crossed the Bzura River on their way toward Warsaw.

PREMIER VIVIANI OF FRANCE DECLARES GERMANY MUST BE CRUSHED FOREVER

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Dec. 22.—At the opening of the French Parliament here today, Premier Viviani told the Chamber of Deputies: "France, acting in accord with the Allies, will not sheath her arms, until Prussian militarism is crushed. To end it may be possible to reconstruct, on the basis of justice, a Europe regenerated."

FRENCH REPORT ALLIES GAINING IN GENERAL ATTACKS ON GERMANS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Dec. 22.—The official statement this afternoon says: "There continued, between the sea and the Lys River nothing other than artillery engagements yesterday; between Lys and Aisne we repulsed the German attacks. An attack by the Germans on Mametz prevented our troops from making material progress in this direction. In the region of Libons, three attacks of Germans were repulsed. We made slight gains east and west of Tracy Le Val. In Champagne and Argonne and in the vicinity of Souain, there have been violent bayonet engagements. We made perceptible progress. We occupied in the suburbs of Perthes les Hurles three German positions, representing a front of entrenchments, 1500 yards long. We occupied all the trenches in the immediate vicinity of Mount Calvaire. In the forest of Lagrurie, our progress continues. In the suburbs of Vanquois, our troops made their way through a barbed wire entanglement and took the German trenches. From Meuse Heights to Vosges, there is nothing to report."

WOMAN IS GIVEN SECOND BURIAL

Bishop Sumner of Oregon, Finds \$1500 Left by Supposed Pauper for Burial

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Jane Irving, who for years was known as the "woman of the alleys," will be buried for the second time today. She was buried a year ago in a pauper's grave, after she died, supposedly penniless, in an insane asylum. Trunks left in charge of Dean Walter Taylor Sumner, who is to become Episcopal Bishop of Oregon next month, showed she had \$1500 in the bank which she left to provide for a decent burial for women in the poor house.

MILLIONAIRE IS SLAIN BY THIEF

Wm. M. Alexander of Los Angeles Dead and Son Wounded in Fight With Robbers

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22.—William Montrose Alexander, said to be a millionaire, was shot and killed early today by one of two burglars whom he discovered in his home. W. M. Alexander, Jr., endeavoring to go to the aid of his father, was shot in the right breast. The bullet also tore off the index finger of his left hand. Miss Penelope Alexander, one of the daughters, rushed to the brother's aid. With a silver-haired hairbrush she beat the burglar upon the head as he struggled to free himself from the grasp of her wounded brother. The burglar finally broke away and escaped.

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