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GERMANS HAVE ALLIES ON DEFENSIVE ALONG EASTERN BATTLE LINE TODAY

Kaiser's Army Reply to Attacks of French and English Forces So Severely That Latter Quit Offensive in France and Belgium—Fighting Grows Fiercer

ALLIES CLAIM SERIES OF NIGHT ATTACKS ON LINE WERE REPULSED DESPITE FRENCH CLAIMS

Berlin Denies French Report of Gains in Steinbach—Advance in Alsace—Military Authorities Report No Change in Eastern Campaign

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The German attack in France and Belgium, initiated in reply to an offensive movement of the Allies has developed to such a point that the Allies are now on the defensive along the greater part of the line.

The extent of the German movement shown by today's French statement which speaks of a series of night attacks against the Allies along the front. These onslaughts apparently were not in great force, however, and the assertion is made that they were all repulsed.

As to the results of the fighting in Alsace and the Argonne, there is a sharp conflict in the Berlin and Paris statements. The German statement says further ground was gained in Argonne and specifically denies the claims of the French that half of the Alsace village of Steinbach was captured and that the French are making further advance there.

Paris asserts some of the territory lost to the Germans in the Argonne was regained and three new lines of houses were occupied in Steinbach.

Military authorities say there is no change in the Eastern campaign, except the German attacks on the line west of Warsaw made further progress.

GERMANS DENY FRENCH CLAIMS

Declare Allies Repulsed Near Coast, Beaten Near Verdun—East Situation Same

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—(Via Wireless.)—The official communication today says: "In the west, the enemy's attacks against our positions in and near the Dunes at Neuport, were repulsed. In the Argonne, we made further progress all along the line. Fierce French attacks north of Verdun and against the front on the line of Ailly-Apremont were repulsed with heavy losses. Thirty-three officers and 100 men were taken prisoners by us. On this occasion, we succeeded in taking the entire Bois Brules (burned forest) for which we have been fighting so stubbornly."

The French official reports state the French are making progress step by step in Steinbach. Not a single house has been lost by us in Steinbach. All the French attacks on this village were repulsed.

"The situation on the East Prussian frontier is unchanged. East of the Bzura and Rawka rivers, our attacks progressed under more favorable weather conditions. In Poland to the East of the Pilicia river there have been no changes."

FAST BOUTS AT RIVERTON SMOKER

Three Boxing Matches in Lower Coquille River Town on New Year's Eve

(Special to The Times.)

RIVERTON, Or., Jan. 2.—A smoker was held here New Year's eve, when Kid Cavett of Riverton and "Curly" Noel of Coquille were supposed to fight the main event. Noel failed to appear for reasons best known to himself. Battling Hutchinson then agreed to substitute for Noel. These men fought here last year, when Cavett got a decision over Hutchinson on a foul in the tenth round. They agreed to go four rounds last night, but Hutchinson came back and got a decision in the first. It was a fast round, Hutchinson winning from the start.

Two fast preliminaries were fought. Max McCormick outwitted Spider Robertson, but the little man stayed four fast rounds to a draw.

"Can't Do It" McGourty took a decision over Kight in two fast rounds. The main feature of this meet was the heavy slugging.

Times Want Ads for results.

HARD FIGHTING IN FRENCH ZONE

French Tell of Revenge Gained Against Germans After Severe Attacks

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Jan. 2.—The official communication this afternoon says: "During the night of December 31-Jan. 1, the enemy delivered at numerous points a series of attacks which were repulsed with ease. The region to the north of Lys yesterday was the scene of serious artillery engagements which took place on the Dunes of Neuport and at Zonnebeke. The enemy blew up two of our casemates between Beaumetz and Achicourt. In revenge, we demolished the enemy's trenches at Parvillers and Laboisselle. In the Aisne region we installed ourselves on the plateau of Nouvron, in the excavations caused by the explosion of mine. In the Perthes region we occupied a forest two kilometers to the northwest of Meunil Les Hurlins. In the Argonne our retirement reported yesterday in Lagurle forest was not true, and in effect, we occupied a part of the ground lost. In the Woevre district, we made a slight advance in La Pretre forest. In the Vosges, we have driven back a German attack on Brementil, inflicting heavy losses. The enemy sustained heavy losses at Steinbach, where our infantry yesterday occupied three new lines of houses."

THINK PRIEST IS FIEND'S VICTIM

Rev. Stephen Makara and Housekeeper Burned to Death in Parish Home

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 2.—Rev. Stephen Makara, pastor of St. John's Greek Catholic church, and his housekeeper, Mrs. Fedor, were burned to death early today when a fire destroyed the parish house. The police believe the fire was of incendiary origin. The priest recently was the victim of an assault.

MEXICAN CONVENTION

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—The Mexican national convention, to form an administration to present to the United States and other nations for recognition, met yesterday at Mexico City and adjourned until Monday.

Claim German Submarine Sank Formidable at Portsmouth, Eng.

GERMANY'S NEW STAND

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 2.—According to a statement in the Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, a summary of which was given out today by the Berlin official press bureau, Germany no longer considers binding the executors of Consuls in any territory occupied by Germany during the war.

HOPE TO GET TWO JETTIES FOR COOS BAY

At a meeting of the Port of Coos Bay Commission, it was voted to send a committee of three to Washington to work for an appropriation for improving the Coos Bay bar.

C. A. Smith, L. J. Simpson and Capt. T. J. Macgenn were chosen. Mr. Smith is now in Chicago and a telegram was sent him asking him when he would be able to proceed east. Capt. Macgenn and L. J. Simpson hope to leave here not later than next Saturday for Washington and they will remain there as long as necessary to get the hearings before the proper committees of Congress.

Major Jay J. Morrow, U. S. Engineer in charge of this district, and Capt. Polhemus, his assistant, are said to have sent in the new report on the last survey of the Coos Bay entrance ordered by Congress. This report will not be made public until it is given out in Washington.

However, in view of the fact that the dredge Michie did not make the showing that was expected of a bar dredge, and the fact that the inner channel has been practically completed to a 25-foot depth, it is believed that Major Morrow's report will be in favor of the jetty project as outlined in Col. Roessler's report. This report provided that if the bar dredge did not succeed, two jetties should be built, one on the north side and one on the south, the former being a long one. The estimated cost for these jetties was about \$2,000,000 then.

MILL SLOUGH APPEAL

A. H. Powers, in charge of the Mill Slough drain matter for the Port Commission, said today that he would insist that the drain case be carried to the supreme court to see whether the Port Commission is bound for all time to keep the drain open. He states that the drain is the city's, was built by the city, and that the Port has little responsibility in connection with it. He is indignant at the stand that the City Council has taken in the matter and declares that every member of the Port Commission is in favor of thrusting it out right now.

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SOCIALISTS HOPE TO END THE WAR

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—America will not be represented at the conference of Socialists from neutral countries called for June 17 at Copenhagen to devise ways and means for ending the European war. Morris Hillquit of New York was appointed to represent the United States, but will not go.

British Man-of-War Reported to Have Been Lost at Principal Naval Station

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CAPT LOXLEY AND 35 OFFICERS LOST

Further Details of Last Naval Disaster Are Given Today By Those Rescued

35 OFFICERS LOST

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The British Admiralty today issued a list containing the names of Captain Loxley and 34 other officers of the British battleship Formidable presumed to have been lost in the disaster yesterday, as they were not reported among those saved. The list includes nine midshipmen.

TELL OF DISASTER

PARIS, Jan. 2.—The British battleship Formidable, which sank in the English Channel Friday morning, with the greater part of her crew, was torpedoed off Portsmouth by a German submarine, according to a report here. Portsmouth is the chief naval station of England.

TELL OF DISASTER

Capt. Loxley Went Down with Formidable—Terrific Explosion.

BRIXHAM, England, Jan. 2.—The survivors of the British battleship Formidable were brought ashore here. They relate that the warship was struck about the magazine. The explosion was terrific but the magazine was not reached. Had this blown up the ship would have foundered without time to save anybody. As the water rushed in the men rushed to the deck. They found the vessel already with a heavy list to starboard. The small boats were launched. A cutter foundered and the men in her drowned. The launch and pinnace succeeded in getting broken trying to prevent the vessels from being dashed to pieces against the sides of the ship by the tremendous seas running. Captain Loxley and the signal man were still on the bridge when the battleship keeled over and went to the bottom.

RUIN IN SERBIA

Red Cross Describes Pitiful Conditions in War Wasted Country

LONDON, Dec. 31.—A Serbian Red Cross nurse, writing to the Serbian Relief Committee in London, describes conditions in Serbia as follows: "We give what we have, but it is so little, and we are always short. The doors of the Red Cross depot are thronged with supplicants for food and lodging. You know how proud our people are. Nobody wanted to be rich, for all had enough, and now for the first time we realize that we are poor. There is not a family unharmed by the war."

MONTE CARLO BUSY

NICE, Dec. 31.—Life at Monte Carlo, with the casino closed, continued to be very quiet, but the International Sporting Club is open with tables where some risk their money at baccarat. This so-called "circle prive" stops playing at eight o'clock at night so middle aged gamblers are able to spend a good long night in bed after the strain of the day. In the scarcity of gold, gambling goes on with counters instead of coins. One gets them at the entrance against notes; when leaving counters are again exchanged for notes. Extreme difficulty in handling paper caused this important change. The aspect of the gambling halls is the same, the sound is different, that is all.

NO NORWAY WAR TALK

CHRISTIANIA, Jan. 1.—In her desire to maintain strict neutrality, Norway is even keeping tabs on telephone conversations. If matters of a military nature are discussed over the telephone, Central will disconnect the talkers instantly.

TAKE SAN LUIS POTOSI

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The capture of San Luis Potosi by Carranza forces is reported in advices from Galveston to the Carranza agency here. It is alleged that forces under Gen. Hobeio entered the city after a sanguinary battle.

TO FORTIFY POLAND AS GERMAN LAND

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.—The inactivity of the Germans in the neighborhood of Warsaw the last few days is explained, according to reports reaching here, by the claim that they have employed this time in fortifying the territory already taken up to the Bzura River and along the left bank of the lower and middle Vistula Rivers. According to reliable information, Dodz, Lowicz, Sjerniewice and Piotrkow are now as strongly fortified as Kalisz and Czenstochowa. The Germans are seeking to make the territory as difficult to invade as German soil.

FEAR MANY LOST IN FERNIE MINE

Explosion in Coal Creek Shaft in British Columbia Entombs Many Coal Miners

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 2.—An explosion occurred at the Coal Creek mines, Fernie, B. C., today. It is believed a large number of men were killed. Government Inspector Evans entered the mine with rescue apparatus and was immediately overcome. His recovery is doubtful.

ARREST BROTHER OF CARRANZA

Jesus Carranza, Relative of Former President, Taken Prisoner at Salina Cruz

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—General Jesus Carranza, brother of General Venustiano Carranza, has been taken prisoner at Salina Cruz, Mexico, according to an undated dispatch to the State Department.

WATERFRONT NEWS

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FORMER PRESIDENT TAFT SAYS U. S. WANTS TO GET RID OF PHILIPPINES

AMERICAN SHIPS SEIZED BY ALLIES

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

Standard Oil Company's Vessels Seized by French and English War Vessels

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The Standard Oil Company announced that the tanker Brindilla was intercepted off the Scottish coast by a French warship and taken to Brest, France. A few weeks ago the Brindilla was seized off New York by the British and taken to Halifax, where she was later released. Another Standard Oil vessel, the Cushing, was seized by the British, it was announced, and taken to Villa Franche, where she was released. Both vessels are of American registry.

IMMUNITY PLEA DENIED DIRECTORS

Officials of New Haven Railroad Must Stand Trial on Sherman Law Indictments

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The Federal district court overruled today the pleas of immunity interposed by John L. Ballard, James S. Elton and William Skinner to indictments charging them with a criminal violation of the Sherman law in connection with their acts as directors of the New Haven Railroad. They claimed immunity because of the testimony given by them before the interstate commerce commission prior to the return of the indictments.

PAYS FINE FOR DEFENDING GIRL

C. R. Pickenbaugh of Coquille, Tells Hard Luck Story of Protecting Little Lass

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

C. R. Pickenbaugh, for whom Justice Penneck issued a warrant a week ago on the charge of assault and battery, surprised Judge Penneck this morning by coming into court without an officer and presenting the warrant, saying he was the man wanted. Justice Penneck had sent the warrant to Sheriff Gage at Coquille as Pickenbaugh had gone there and the latter turned it over to Pickenbaugh, who is a trusted employe of the Peart Brothers.

COURT TO OPEN AGAIN MONDAY

Judge Coke Will Resume Circuit Court Session—Perjury Case—More Coach Suits

Judge J. S. Coke has sufficiently recovered from his ten days' siege of a gripe so that he will be able to resume the December term of circuit court which was adjourned for the holiday recess, at Coquille Monday. He said that all of the criminal cases were set and until he reached Coquille Monday it was uncertain which one would be taken up first.

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Makes Sensational Statements Relative to Islands at Congressional Hearing

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAYS HE CAN SPEAK HIS MIND ABOUT THEM NOW

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

Declares President McKinley Wanted to Be Relieved of Islands Soon as Possible

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—It will take more than one generation and probably more than two to prepare the Filipinos for self-government is the opinion of former President Taft, who today gave his views on the administration bill for the ultimate independence of the Philippines before the Senate committee working on the measure. "I am at last in a position where I can say just what I think," said Taft. McKinley's View of Islands.

ITALY GLAD OF AMERICAN NOTE

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

ROME, Jan. 2.—The American note to Great Britain protesting against interference with American merchantmen produced an excellent impression here, not only because it tends to avert exactly the same difficulties encountered by Italian commerce, but also because it is hoped it may lead to a more concrete set of rules protecting the commerce of neutrals.

PROTEST AGAINST INTERFERENCE WITH NEUTRAL SHOPPING BY ENGLAND APPROVED

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