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FRENCH GAINS IN ALSACE ARE ONLY DEVELOPMENTS IN WAR TODAY

Germans Admit Loss of Steinbach After Overwhelming Artillery Fire, But Claim Trenches Lost With It Were Later Recaptured—Fighting Less Severe

GERMAN COUNTER ATTACKS HALT ADVANCE STARTED BY ALLIES IN BELGIUM AND FRANCE

Russians Report Severe Fighting in Eastern Theater of War But Germans Claim Situation There Unchanged and That Kaiser's Troops Continue Attacks

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The capture by the French of Steinbach, a small Alsatian town near Thann, was admitted in the Berlin statement today. The advance of the French was preceded by artillery fire which the German statement describes as overwhelming, and which enabled the French to occupy the trenches near Sennheim, as well as Steinbach. These trenches were later re-captured. The German statement says: "Except for this fighting along the Eastern end of the battle front, there is little activity, German counter attacks apparently having halted effectually the forward movement which the Allies attempted last month."

Few important gains were chronicled in the French official statement, which also says the attempt of the Allies to capture a village in the Meuse region failed.

The German statement makes no mention of the severe fighting in the East reported by the Russians. It merely says that the situation is unchanged and that the German attacks continue.

GERMANS ADMIT GAINS OF ALLIES

Say French Overwhelmed the Trenches With Artillery—Counter Attack Succeeds

BERLIN, Jan. 4. (By Wireless).—The official communication this afternoon says: "In the west, except for a more or less heavy artillery combat along the front, it is generally quiet. Only near Thann, Alsace, did the enemy show any great activity. After an overwhelming bombardment of the heights west of Sennheim, the enemy succeeded in capturing our demolished trenches on these heights and in connection there with the village of Steinbach, which we stubbornly defended. The heights were retaken during the night after a bayonet attack and the fighting for the village of Steinbach still continues. In the eastern theater, the situation is unchanged. Our attacks in Poland east of the Rawka River continue."

STATEMENT OF FRENCH CHANGES

Reports Calm Near Sea, With Artillery and Infantry Engagements Further East

PARIS, Jan. 4.—The official statement this afternoon says: "From the sea to the Oise, the day passed in almost complete calm. In front of Noulettez our heavy artillery reduced the German batteries to silence. We came into possession of several points of support held by the Germans in the region of Perthes and of Mesnil Les Hurles. An effort was made yesterday by our troops to occupy Bourreuilles, but did not succeed. Our advance continued in the Lepretre forest. In the upper Alsace we occupied an important height west of Cerey. A German counter attack was repulsed. In Steinbach we have possession of the vicinity near the church and cemetery."

DESTROY MONUMENT.

ASHVILLE, N. C., Jan. 4.—Word has been received here of the destruction by dynamite of the Monument on Mount Mitchell, the highest point east of the Rocky Mountains, erected 26 years ago in memory of Professor Ellisha Mitchell, for whom the mountain was named. It is not known who committed the act.

Have your JOB WORK done at THE TIMES office.

English Agree Not to Stop U. S. Copper on Italian Ships

DROPPED BOMBS IN BRUSSELS [By Associated Press to Cos Bay Times.] LONDON, Jan. 4.—According to an Amsterdam dispatch, French aviators dropped bombs in the vicinity of Brussels Saturday, partly destroying a Zeppelin shed under construction and killing several Germans.

WOULD STOP EXPORT OF WAR CARGOES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—"Prohibit exportations of all munitions of war that are contraband and you will remove the excuse for British conduct which called forth the note of protest recently sent to London," said Theodore Suto of New York, addressing the House Foreign Relations committee in favor of the Congressional resolution to stop exports of war. Delegations from New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Baltimore, among them German, American Alliance and Ancient Order of Hibernians, appeared in favor of the resolution.

SENATE FAVORS FEDERAL SHIPS

Vote of 48 to 29 in Favor of Government Owned Vessels—Temporarily Tabled

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—The administration ship purchase bill was made the unfinished business of the Senate today, but it was temporarily laid aside to make way for appropriation bills. Senator Lodge demanded a record vote, which showed 48 for and 29 against. Senator Gallinger, Republican leader, declared that Congress should pass the supply bills and go home.

ACCUSES MAN OF STEALING WIFE

Walter Oldland, of South Inlet, Has Richard Preston Arrested—Cast Settled

Richard Preston, employed as a bell boy at the Chandler hotel, was arrested Saturday night on a warrant issued by Justice Penneck in which Walter Oldland, of South Inlet, accused Preston of "wrongfully, feloniously and unlawfully" taking his fifteen-year-old wife. Oldland and his wife had been married only three months and he charged Preston with enticing her away from him. She was formerly Hazel Mason.

Preston first waived the preliminary and his bail was fixed at \$500. He could not give it, his friend Edwards of Bunker Hill not having that much property. Then Preston was placed in jail and Justice Penneck went home.

About 9:30 he was called down again and found that Oldland and Preston had compromised and Oldland wanted to withdraw the charges. Preston agreed not to bother Mrs. Oldland any more and also to pay the costs of the action and \$35 attorney fee which Oldland had incurred.

Preston claimed that he was 26 years old and had served in the navy. He said that he was a "bum actor" and when he first met Mrs. Oldland he was looking for four girls to take part in a minstrel show. He said that he did not qualify for that and he dropped the home talent show plan. Later he

Negotiations Over Protest of United States Against Seizures Are Progressing

EMBARGO ALSO LIFTED ON OTHER COUNTRIES

Restriction That Cargoes Must be Carried on Vessels of Certain Nations

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—Developments in the negotiations to stop British interruptions of copper shipments reached a point, it is understood here today, where Great Britain will not interfere with shipments to well-known Italian firms if they are made in Italian ships. Shipments to well-known manufacturers in Sweden and Holland will also be uninterrupted, but it has not been made plain if they must be made in ships of those countries.

RAISE FREIGHT RATES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Public hearings on freight rates increases proposed by railroads west of the Mississippi River will begin in Chicago February 15 and will be conducted by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Daniels. The roads ask for increased rates based upon traffic conditions and upon movement of individual classes and commodities.

TWELVE INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK

Des Moines Passenger Train on M. & St. L. Ditched Near Albert Lea, Minn.

ALBERT LEA, Minn., Jan. 4.—Twelve persons were injured, three of them probably fatally, early today, when the fast Des Moines south-bound passenger train on the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad was wrecked at Enmons, Minn., by a defective switch. The chair car and smoker were demolished.

CRIMINAL CASES UP AT COQUILLE

Bandoned Perjury Trials Postponed for Week—Geo. W. King Trial Tomorrow

COQUILLE, Or., Jan. 4.—Owing to the absence of Attorney Goss in Portland, the trials of Ruby Simpson-Nosler and Mrs. Pfortner on an indictment for perjury, growing out of the Coach-Simpson-Treadgold cases at Bandon, was put off until the latter part of the week by Judge Cokley today.

Geo. W. King, proprietor of the Enterprise Meat Market in Marshfield, will be tried tomorrow for leasing a boathouse for immoral purposes.

George Frances is now on trial for robbing the Owl Saloon in Marshfield. James O'Brien, charged with robbery in Marshfield, will be tried January 11.

Prosper Case Set. Orlando Smith of Prosper will be tried January 6 on indictments charging him with statutory offenses against Prosper girls.

Tom Preston, indicted for gambling, has jumped his \$50 bail and a bench warrant has been issued for him. Mrs. Jessie Quigley and Wm. R. Young, arrested at The Dalles on a statutory charge, will be tried separately.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

[By Associated Press to Cos Bay Times.] LONDON, Jan. 4.—The London stock exchange re-opened for business today after having been closed since July 10. Severe restrictions were placed upon trading to prevent the panic selling of securities.

AUSTRIAN SAYS THEY ARE WINNING

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—The Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs sent the following dispatch to the embassy here: "The whole press, in taking a retrospective view of the five months of war, expresses the firm conviction that the Austro-Hungarian monarchy united with Germany, is adequate to brave every storm. Their success until now by land and sea, the financial stability of the troops and the courage and perseverance of the troops have given the country imperturbable confidence in victory."

PRISONER JUMPS FROM FAST TRAIN

Sam Levikow Wanted at Seattle for Stealing \$2000 Worth of Goods Escapes

SEATTLE, Jan. 4.—Sam Levikow, alias Sam Bowers, who was arrested in St. Joseph, Mo., and was being brought back to Seattle by a deputy sheriff, jumped from the rapidly moving train near Auburn, Wash., today and escaped. Levikow was alleged to have stolen \$2000 worth of merchandise from an importing firm here.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS HELD UP

Senator Cummins Opposes Hall's Re-appointment to Interstate Commerce Body

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—The renomination of Henry Clay Hall to the Interstate Commerce Commission was held up today by the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee at the request of Republican Senators. Senator Cummins said several members wanted to know more about why the Commission recently reversed itself and granted the freight rate increases to the eastern railroads.

OPPOSED TO EWING

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—Adverse reports on the nomination of Judge Ewing Bland of Kansas City to be United States Marshal of the Western District of Missouri was voted by the Senate Judiciary committee.

CARRANZA STAFF WAS EXECUTED

ALL OFFICERS UNDER GENERAL JESUS CARRANZA'S COMMAND PUT TO DEATH IN MEXICO—REPORTS VERIFIED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—Official dispatches from Carranza's headquarters at Vera Cruz to the agency here today confirmed earlier reports of the arrest of General Jesus Carranza and the execution of all his staff on Isthmus Tehuantepec.

STEVE GEORGE FOUND DEAD IN LOCAL ROOMING HOUSE LATE TODAY

WESTERBERG HOME BURNED TO GROUND

Fire of Unknown Origin Caused About \$4500 Loss in Marshfield Last Night

Fire of unknown origin last night destroyed the F. E. Westerberg home on North Second street. The building with all its contents was destroyed. The loss on the house is about \$2000 and on the contents about \$2500, partially covered by insurance.

The fire was discovered about 11 o'clock and had gained such headway that for a few minutes it threatened to destroy at least two adjoining homes, those of Guy Warner and Captain Byrd Lattin. However, by quick and effective work with the new fire engine, the blaze was confined to the one structure.

Just how the fire started will never be known. Mrs. Westerberg and little son are visiting in Bandon and about 5:30 yesterday afternoon Mr. Westerberg went home, started a fire and took a bath. He left about 7 o'clock to get his dinner at the restaurant. Before leaving, he fixed the heating stove fire so that the house would be warm when he returned. After dinner he went to the show and later dropped into Hillier's for a game of cards and was there when the fire alarm sounded.

It was first reported that the fire had probably been started by an explosion, but Fire Chief Keating says that this is not correct. He says that the explosion which Otto Schetter and others heard just before the alarm was caused by the fire breaking out through the windows.

When it was discovered, a large crowd quickly assembled, for it could be plainly seen from all parts of town. The close proximity of the Capt. Lattin and Guy Warner homes caused them to move out all their belongings.

The Anson Rogers home nearby was also threatened for a time by the blaze. Luckily there was no wind and to the calm prevailing is ascribed largely the prevention of a fire that might have swept the whole block of homes.

The new fire engine could not be taken across the North Broadway bridge and so it was attached to the hydrant at the corner of Broadway and Alder. It did very effective work after the several hundred feet of hose was strung up the hill.

Delay in Alarm. For some reason or other there was a delay of about twelve minutes in sounding the fire whistle. The fire gong was sounded twice before the fire whistle was blown.

Fire Chief Keating is trying to have this remedied today. He says that parties reporting fires should be more explicit. The party turning in the alarm last night did not give the name or the proper location.

No Insurance on House. There was no insurance on the house that burned. Arthur McKeown had written some policies on other houses belonging to Mrs. Minot, who now lives in Berkeley, California, which adjoined the burned building. The building was valued at about \$2000.

F. E. Westerberg carried \$1400 insurance on his household belongings, but his loss will total over \$2500, excluding a lot of family belongings, including much lace and fancy work which Mrs. Westerberg had stored in some trunks and which she had made herself. Not a thing was saved from the dwelling.

LYNCH TWO NEGROES

Alabama Mob Executes Black Men Accused of Slaying Farmer

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 4.—Two negroes, Edward and Will Smith, were taken from the Wetumpka jail early today and lynched by a mob. They had been accused of implication in the murder of R. A. Stillwell, an Elmore county farmer.

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Well Known Greek Shot Through Heart and Notes Say Suicide

WAS DESPONDENT OVER ABSENCE OF FAMILY

Reports of Possible Murder Not Credited by Other Greeks and Officers

Steve George, a well known Greek, who formerly conducted a Greek coffee house on North Front street just south of Alder, was found dead with a bullet wound near his heart, in the Pioneer Rooming House this afternoon.

Two notes were found near by, saying that he intended to kill himself and that no one else should be blamed. The revolver was lying on the dresser.

Just when he killed himself is not certain. Mrs. Hascom, who conducts the lodging house said that she did not hear any shot. She discovered the body about 1:30 this afternoon when she opened the door to take care of the room.

Gordon Smith said that about 4 o'clock this morning he heard the report of a gun but was unable to locate it.

Two notes were found. Both were written in Greek. One was addressed to A. O. Theodore, who is employed in the Smith mill and who had known him for four years. It simply bade him good bye and said not to blame him.

In the other note, George declared he had bought the revolver from a man who was broke, for fifty cents, and that when he bought it, he intended to kill himself.

Rumors of foul play which were prevalent, are discounted by Coroner Wilson and the other Greeks. They say that the notes were in George's handwriting and that it was certain he had committed suicide.

Not long ago George became involved in some trouble over a card game or something in his coffee house. Then he was stabbed by Steve Panagoras, another Greek, who is now at Myrtle Point.

Family in Greece. George is said to have come from a well-to-do family in Asia Minor. He had his brother-in-law and wife come to San Mateo, California and visited them last summer. He tried to get his wife and son to come but was unable to do so. During the Balkan War, the Turks drove the Greeks out of the old home town and confiscated their property and George's wife and son were among the victims. It is not sure that he knew where they were, they having been returned to Greece.

George is said to have had quite a lot of money loaned out to various Greeks in this locality.

George grieved over the absence of his family.

No Inquest. Coroner Wilson said that it appeared to be plainly a case of suicide and that he probably would not hold an inquest.

The funeral will be charge of local Greeks.

CHILE WILL SEND SHIP TO CANAL

Announces That Finest Vessel in Navy Will Participate in Panama Canal Parade

SANTIAGO, Chile, Jan. 4.—The Chilean government had decided to send the battleship, Captain Prat, the finest vessel in the Chilean navy, to take part in the international naval parade in connection with the formal opening of the Panama Canal.

JAPAN'S REPRESENTATIVE

TOKIO, Jan. 4.—The Japanese cabinet has designated Admiral Baron Shigeto Dewa as special envoy to the Panama-Pacific Exposition. In the Russo-Japanese war he was with Togo at the Port Arthur blockade and later commanded a squadron during the naval battle with Russians in the Sea of Japan.