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FRENCH CLAIM VICTORIES OVER GERMANS IN MANY ENGAGEMENTS

Announce Allies' Batteries Had Best of Fighting Between Lys River and Sea GERMAN AIRSHIPS AT DUNKIRK, DRIVEN BACK Engagements Near Lille, Dixmude, Woevre and Alsace—More Gains in Alsace

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Jan. 7.—The French announcement this afternoon says: "Yesterday from the sea to the Lys River we had the advantage in artillery fighting. Our batteries put to flight German aviators coming in the direction of Dunkirk and silenced mine throwers near Zilleboke. The enemy bombarded violently the head of a Belgian bridge south of Dixmude. Near Lille we repulsed a violent German attack on one of our trenches. This trench we previously had lost, but recaptured. In the Woevre district we made ourselves masters of a portion of the enemy's first line. In Alsace German attacks near Watwiller and Kolschlag were repulsed. We made progress in the direction of Altkirch by occupying forests two and one-half miles west of this town. At Steinbach and adjoining heights the enemy has not delivered a counter attack."

SAY FRENCH ARE SHELLING TOWNS

Germans Tell of Villages Ruined by Artillery Fire—Claim Germans Made Gains

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BERLIN, Jan. 7.—The official statement this afternoon says: "In the West, the English and French continue to destroy Belgian and French villages behind our front with their artillery fire. North of Arras severe fighting is still going on for the possession of the trenches we took by storm yesterday. In the western part of the Argonne forest we made further progress. The enemy suffered heavy losses when repulsed in an attack on our trenches in the eastern part of the Argonne. West of Senheim, (Cernay), the French were repulsed in an attempt to take "Hill 425." In the east there are no changes. The continuation of our operations is affected by most unfavorable weather conditions, nevertheless our attacks are progressing slowly."

WAPPENSTEIN IS GIVEN PARDON

Former Seattle Chief of Police Shown Clemency by Governor of State

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 7.—Governor Lister today granted a final pardon and restoration of the full rights of citizenship to C. W. Wappenstein, who was convicted of receiving bribes while chief of police of Seattle in 1911. He was conditionally pardoned a year ago. He was sentenced to a term of three to ten years.

ANTI-ALIEN LAW IS DECLARED VOID

Arizona Initiative Measure Enacted at Last Election Is Held Null by Court

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—The Arizona anti-alien movement act, adopted at the November elections as an initiative measure, was declared null and void here today by a special court of three federal judges.

In District 4 of the forest service with headquarters at Ogden, Utah, lightning caused 36 per cent of this year's fires, and campers 27 per cent.

ENGLAND BUYS AMERICAN TIES

Great Britain Purchases 50,000,000 Feet of Lumber at Kansas City

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 7.—A lumber company here today signed a contract to furnish fifty million feet of lumber to be shipped to England. It will consist chiefly of ties and mine timbers.

DUM DUM BULLET CHARGE TAKEN UP

Sec. Bryan Tells German Ambassador America Must be Neutral—Wilson May Act

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—Secretary of State Bryan today informed German Ambassador Bernstorff that the United States, in maintaining its strict neutrality, must refrain from officially investigating or commenting upon his charges that dum dum bullets are being furnished from this country to the Allies.

Bryan said, however, that if the Ambassador could furnish proof that forbidden war materials are being shipped, the President would use his influence to stop the traffic.

MINE DISASTERS TO BE STOPPED

Government Investigations Reduces Number and Extent of Coal Mine Explosions

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—In his annual report just made to the Secretary of the Interior, Director Joseph A. Holmes of the United States Bureau of Mines states that excellent progress has been made during the past fiscal year in the investigations of the explosibility of coal dust at the experimental mine near Brunston, Pa. These investigations included a careful examination into the inflammability of coal dust collected from hundreds of mines in different coal fields and a systematic study of the possibility of coal-mine explosions starting from the improper use of explosives or the use of improper explosives, or from electric sparks, miners' lamps, mine fires or other agencies.

Probably the most important feature of the year's work was the development of four types of explosion-stopping devices in which rock dust is used, as follows: Box barriers, concentrated barriers, ventilating dust barriers, and ventilation-stopping barriers. The barriers were tested in strong and in weak explosions and were effective in preventing propagation of flame beyond them. After being placed in a mine they are easily inspected and require little attention. Demonstrations before mining men led to inquiries from a number of companies, with a view to the erection of the devices in mines.

The results of the tests at the experimental mine have shown the value of watering and of steam humidifying systems, and the peculiar merits of rock dust, both when distributed throughout the mine and when used as barriers for limiting explosions. The supplementary use of shale dust or limestone dust was found to greatly increase the efficiency of watering.

FUNDS FOR LIGHTHOUSE AT MOUTH OF COQUILLE

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Senator Chamberlain reported the lighthouse bill, containing an item of \$6,000 for improvements at the mouth of the Coquille River, including the establishment of an electric light and a fog bell and a cottage for the keeper.

English Reply to American Protest is Very Conciliatory

WHEAT IS \$2! ON CHICAGO MARKET NOW

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Two dollars a bushel for wheat, what the enthusiasts expected, came within half a cent of being a reality today on Durum wheat, if the cost of delivery to Europe might be counted as part of the price. On this basis a carload of Durum to go to Italy sold at \$1.99 1-2 a bushel. This breaks all wheat price records.

PORTLAND WHEAT PRICES.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 7.—Wheat quotations today continued the record-breaking advance on the Portland exchange. The largest gain of 2 1-2 cents was made by February fortyfold, which sold at \$1.42 1-2.

NEW REVOLT IN HAYTI UNDER WAY

Leaders Recently Overthrown by President Theodore Attack Cape Haitien

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—Another revolution, headed by the leaders of the government recently overturned by President Theodore, has broken out in Haiti. Cape Haitien is being attacked and dispatches to the State Department today say it may fall within 24 hours. The United States ship Wheeling is standing by to protect American interests.

CUBA TOBACCO CROP DESTROYED TODAY

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 7.—The heavy, unseasonable rains of last week, which culminated in a torrential downpour last night, completed the destruction of the tobacco crop in almost all sections of the island. Sugar cane was also seriously injured.

PRES. WILSON TO VISIT NORTHWEST

Plan to Visit San Diego, San Francisco and Coast Between March 5 to May 1

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—President Wilson expects his trip to the Panama Canal, San Diego and San Francisco Expositions to last from March 5 to May 1. An invitation to include the northwest in his itinerary was extended to the President today by Senators Chamberlain and Lane of Oregon, Borah and Brady of Idaho, Jones and Poindexter of Washington and Sutherland of Utah. He promised to take in those states if possible.

NORTH SEA DANGERS.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) VLISSENGEN, Holland, Jan. 7.—Crossing the North Sea is now ticklish navigating, and if half as many mines are cited as the crew of the "Princess Juliana" testify, it is easy to comprehend why all crossings must be made by daylight. The Dutch boats leave Folkestone at 8 in the morning and reach Flushing shortly after 4. As passengers from London must report for Scotland Yard inspection at 5, this means that is substantially a 24-hour business to get from London to Holland.

Ever notice how the knocker quiets down when the man he is knocking comes along?

Said to Indicate Willingness to Do Everything Reasonable To Avoid Delays

TRANSFERRED GERMAN SHIPS ARE BARRED

Vessels Which have Changed Registry Not to be Permitted to Ply to Germany

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Jan. 7.—The reply of Great Britain to the American note regarding the interference with American shipping, is said, in well-informed quarters, to be wholly conciliatory and shows a disposition to do everything within reason to avoid delay to American shipping.

The use of transferred German ships in the cotton trade with Germany would probably call forth objections from the Allies, although cotton is not contraband, because the Allies, it is said, would regard such a use as a roundabout means of escaping the effects of the war.

SUBWAY VICTIMS.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Seventy-seven victims of yesterday's subway accident are still in the hospitals today. None are expected to die. The death list remains at one.

PLANS FOR NEW BANK ON BAY

E. Bugge, of Portland and John E. Ross Recently of Independence, Kan., Here

(Special to The Times.) SALEM, Or., Jan. 7.—The application for a charter for a new state bank in Marshfield was made by R. Bugge, with the First National Bank of Portland, and John E. Ross, also of Portland, but recently from Independence, Kansas.

The above was the first intimation of the identity of the parties proposing to start a third bank in Marshfield and it was ascertained that Messrs. Bugge and Ross had arrived here a couple of days ago.

When seen at the Chandler today, both were reticent about the matter. Mr. Ross said the time was not opportune for them to make a public statement of their plans or intentions, but referred to Mr. Bugge as the man to give out any information.

Mr. Bugge said that their plans were yet too indefinite to make any public statement. For this reason he did not wish to make any statement relative to local parties being identified with it now.

He said that he and Mr. Ross were looking over this city and planned to visit Bandon, Coquille and Myrtle Point, and also Roseburg and then return here.

Both expressed themselves as much impressed with Marshfield and Coos Bay. It is Mr. Ross' first visit, but Mr. Bugge said that he had visited here before.

Mr. Ross is an old friend of Editor Young of the Coquille Sentinel, having known him in Kansas, and left for there this afternoon to visit him.

As to the capitalization of the new institution, Mr. Bugge would not say, declaring that was one of the matters not yet definitely determined upon.

Mr. Bugge said that he had spent over twenty years in the banking business, having been identified with financial institutions in Germany, France and England. He speaks with a decided German accent, but is a fluent linguist, speaking five or six languages.

It was understood that Mr. Bugge had seen a number of local parties about the matter. He expressed himself as pleased with the reception accorded him here.

He has a brother identified with the First National Bank at Portland.

Big SALE BEGINS Jan. 9. HUB DRY GOODS CO. Watch tomorrow's Times for PRICES and WAIT for it. ornamental and shade trees.

NAVAL VALUE OF ISLANDS CONSIDERED

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—The military importance of the Philippines and their strategic value to the navy department will be inquired into by the Senate Philippines committee under a resolution adopted today during the consideration of the bill to grant the islands a larger measure of self government.

SHIP BUYING BILL IS BEFORE SENATE

Measure to Build Up Merchant Marine Discussed—Burton Opposes Project

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—After several days' persistent effort of the administration leaders, the ship purchase bill was placed before the Senate for discussion today and Senator Burton opened the debate for the opponents. "I believe the bill will prove ineffectual for the restoration of the American merchant marine and it offers serious danger of allowing the privileged business interests to be built up," he declared.

INSTALL EAGLES IN NEW OFFICES

Local Order Has Banquet and High Jinks Following Installation

Officers were installed by the local order of Eagles in their lodge hall last evening, following which all members present participated in the big annual banquet and stunts. C. C. Going, retiring president of the order, welcomed F. R. Kirk, the new head, to his seat, and expressed the prophecy that the new year will be one of the brightest the Eagles have ever had.

The following officers were installed: F. R. Kirk, president; Fred Magnuson, vice president; J. B. Sneddon, secretary; August Frizeen, treasurer; Charles Hill, inside guard; Fred Hill, outside guard and Fred Johnson, David Rees and Charles Oulmette, trustees.

A three round boxing contest was staged by "Kid" Hancock and Earl Chisholm, while Fred Johnson and Dave Rees demonstrated the latest dancing steps.

TURKISH VICTORY IS CLAIMED TODAY

Constantinople Reports Marked Gains Against Russians Italian Ship Sunk

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 7.—The official Turkish statement says today: "Our troops have advanced from Samol and Bajrons and occupied Uzza, an important Russian point of support. After an indecisive battle Tuesday between the Russian and Turkish fleets, the Russians sank an Italian merchant ship, although she was flying the Italian flag.

Four thousand Russians were completely vanquished near Urumiah, Persia. Two detachments of Russian troops were captured and one hundred were killed.

As showing the possibilities for tree growth in regions where irrigation has to be depended upon, it is pointed out that Boise, Idaho, has as many as 94 different kinds of ornamental and shade trees.

FRENCH GAINS THREATEN GERMAN WEDGE IN ALLIES LINE IN FRANCE

Paris Claims Important Advance in Woevre District in Which Portion of German First Line Trenches Were Captured—May Endanger Germans

FRENCH ALSO CLAIM ADVANCE IN ALSACE IS MAKING PROGRESS DESPITE GERMAN DENIALS

Germans Deny French Claims and Tell of Continued Progress in Poland—Russians Concentrate Efforts in Carpathians—Baltic Situation Tense

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Jan. 6.—The French War Office asserts that the Eastern end of the German line in France is being pushed backward at various places. Mention is made of an important advance in the Woevre district, resulting in the capture of a portion of the German first line trenches. The advance in this district, if continued, might threaten the German wedge in the French line, which reaches southward to St. Mihiel. In upper Alsace also a forward movement of the French is said to have continued.

The German War Office, however, asserts the French attacks in Alsace were repulsed. Beyond the German statement of an advance in Poland was being continued slowly, despite the bad weather conditions, there were few details of the Eastern campaign. There is little alteration in the battle front extending from the Baltic to the Carpathians. The Russians seem still to be concentrating their main effort on the Carpathian passes. At the same time, they are continuing the offensive in Bukovina. The occupation of this Austrian territory, populated as it is largely by Roumanians, may exert, in the opinion of British observers, a strong influence in bringing the Baltic situation to a head.

DOUBT RUSSIAN VICTORY CLAIM

London Fails to Secure Confirmation of Turkish Rout England Fears Zeppelins

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Jan. 7.—The official Turkish announcement makes no mention of the disastrous defeat which Russia states was inflicted on the Turkish forces in the Caucasus. The report speaks of minor victories over the Russians by Turkish forces, which penetrated into Northern Persia, and of an indecisive naval battle between Turkish and Russian warships in the Black Sea.

The activity of German Zeppelins along the French coast has revived conjecture as to a possible raid on England by air craft. Several dirigibles were reported near Dunkirk, France. They then turned toward the English coast.

GEN. VILLA WILL MEET GEN. SCOTT

Mexican Leader With Troops Will Arrive at Border Near El Paso Today

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 7.—General Villa was expected late today at the border here, where General Scott has been waiting for three days to begin negotiations regarding the adjustment of the border difficulties. Villa delayed his trip to visit his home in Chihuahua. The first troop train bearing 8000 Villa troops for Sonora arrived in Juarez today.

SPECIAL TAX MEETING.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 7.—The war has made itself so felt in Egypt that new sources of revenue must be found. Alexandria, for instance, is going to levy heavy taxes against all cafes, cafe-concerts and moving picture shows. Many cities will re-instate the old octroi duties—customs duties on goods brought into the city, which were abolished in Cairo and Alexandria in 1903.

GOODYEAR LOSES OUT.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—President Wilson's nomination of William Goodyear, of Pullman, Washington, to be receiver of public moneys at Walla Walla, was withdrawn today.

SACRED COLLEGE MEMBER IS FREE

Official German Denial of Reported Arrests of Cardinal Mercier

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Jan. 7.—The German military governor of Belgium has issued an official denial of the report that Cardinal Mercier, Belgian member of the Sacred College, was arrested by German authorities because he advised the Belgians not to give their allegiance to the Germans.

WANTS TO OWN ALL OF MEXICO

Senator John Damon, of Michigan, Would Have United States Buy Country

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LANSING, Mich., Jan. 7.—Senator John Damon introduced a concurrent resolution in the state senate calling upon Congress to purchase Mexico. Damon's contention was that the United States must eventually own all of the country as far south as Panama.

GEO. W. KING IS HELD NOT GUILTY

Marshfield Butcher Freed on Charge of Leasing House For Immoral Purposes

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Or., Jan. 7.—George W. King, the Marshfield butcher who was indicted for leasing a boathouse in Marshfield for immoral purposes, was found not guilty by a jury late last evening. W. J. Rust of Marshfield was foreman of the jury and they reported that there was no reasonable proof that King was aware that his property was being used for illegal purposes.

King was convicted on a similar charge a couple of years ago, the same boathouse being involved.

North Bend Case. A jury was secured late this afternoon for the trial of Or McVey, indicted for a statutory offense against Cora Estep, a little girl at North Bend. Brinn, Hyde and Bennett have charge of the defense. Oscar Anderson, Dr. Bartle, Cora Estep and her father are the principal witnesses for the state.