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HEAVY RAINS DELAY WARFARE ON EAST AND WEST FRONTS

Germany Announces That Unfavorable Weather Conditions Halt Campaigns

ALLIES REPULSED AND MANY PRISONERS TAKEN

Claim Progress East of Rawka River With Situation in Poland Still Unchanged

BERLIN, Jan. 8.—(Via wireless) The German official statement says: "In the West, continuous rains swamped the ground in Flanders and our operations are very much hindered. East of Rheims, the French attempted during the night to take one of our outer trenches but were driven back into their own positions by a counter attack, losing 50 prisoners. In the center and eastern part of Argonne, we made further progress. A night attack by the French against our positions on the Buchenkopf, in the Vosges, was repulsed. Repeated French attacks on the heights west of Sennheim (Cernay) were broken down. We took two officers and a hundred men prisoners. Fighting is still going on for the village of Oberburnhaupt (Burnhaupt Le Haut). Unfavorable weather is also being experienced in the East. On the East Prussian frontier and in Northern Poland, the situation is unchanged. East of the Rawka River, our attacks are progressing. Sixteen hundred Russians were taken prisoners and five machine guns captured. Only artillery battles took place on the eastern bank of the Pilica River.

BRITISH REPLY IS MADE TODAY

Text of Response of England to American Shipping Protest Not Given Out Yet

ENGLAND'S REPLY. (By Associated Press to Coo's Bay Times.) LONDON, Jan. 8.—Ambassador Page today received from the British government the preliminary reply to the American note protesting against British interference with American shipping. He forwarded it at once to Washington. The time of delivery of the more definite supplementary reply which the British government is to make is uncertain. It probably will be within two weeks.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—It has been understood here that the British government's preliminary reply to the American note on interference with shipping would not be completely responsive because the legal propositions advanced by the United States and once partly accepted have since been held not generally binding on all the maritime powers. At noon the British reply had not been received, but the officials expected it before night.

WOOD CONSUMPTION IN OREGON

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—There are 520,500 cords of wood, valued at \$1,978,000 consumed on the farms of Oregon annually, according to a report which has just been issued by the United States Department of Agriculture. The total yearly firewood consumed in this State is 1,036,000 cords with a value of \$4,334,000. The consumption in the cities of this State is 472,000 cords and 40,440 cords are used in the mineral operation of Oregon each year.

In the Continental United States the annual consumption of firewood amounts to 85,937,000 cords, valued at \$250,000,000. Of this amount 69,881,000 cords are used on the farms, 14,222,000 cords in the cities of the nation and 1,751,000 cords are used in the mines of the United States. The average value of wood consumed in the United States is \$2.91 per cord and \$4.18 in this State. The average consumption per farm in the United States is 21 cords per annum.

FRENCH GAINS IN SEE SAW BATTLES

Paris Claims Advances Against Germans—Several Feet of Water in Trenches

PARIS, Jan. 8.—The official statement this afternoon says: "The artillery of the enemy yesterday showed great activity in Belgium and the vicinity of Arras. Our infantry near Lombaertzyde occupied, at a point fifty yards in advance of our trenches, a hillock which had been held by the enemy. East of St. Georges we gained ground. Near Steenstraete we inflicted serious damage on the German trenches. In Sector of Arras at the forest of Rerthoval, without being attacked, we were compelled to evacuate certain trenches where our men were up to their shoulders in sand and water. To the left of Bolselle our line of trenches moved forward. In the Alsace Valley artillery exchanges were spirited. In the Sector of Rheims, to the west of the Des Zouaves forest, we blew up a blockhouse and occupied new trenches 200 yards in advance of our lines. There was a fierce artillery engagement between Bethony and Prunay. The Germans left many dead on the field. Between Jonchery-Sur-Sulpe and Souain we destroyed German trenches. In the Argonne, west of Haute Chevauche, the enemy blew up some of our first line trenches with a mine. Near Altkirch in Alsace we recaptured the trenches on the eastern flank of Hill 425, a position where, two days ago, the enemy established himself. Further south, we occupied Burnhaupt-Le-Haut. We made progress in the direction of Pont D'Anpach and Kahlberg."

SERVIANS WIN FROM AUSTRIANS

Resumption of Military Activities Announced From Nish—Austrians Get Island

NISH, Servia, Jan. 8.—Fighting has been resumed on the Serbian front, according to the official statement, which is as follows: "Strong forces of the enemy occupied the small island of Ada Trazina near Belgrade on January 3. Our troops surprised and routed the Austrians on the night of January 4. Beyond this engagement there is nothing important to say of the fronts."

COLPSE STILL THERE

Unable to Identify Skeleton Used in LaFrance Fake

PORTLAND Ore., Jan. 8.—That the evidence-room in the Courthouse still contains the skeleton of the body which J. C. La France used in the insurance fraud for which he was arrested in Coquille and now is serving a sentence in the Penitentiary, developed in the prisoner's recent attempt to gain his liberty on parole.

La France admitted that he had "planted" the body in the woods and had caused its discovery. He told many conflicting stories as to the manner in which he obtained the body. That he had purchased the body from medical students; that he had obtained it from an undertaker, and that he had found it in the woods were a few of his explanations.

Each story was found to be false. This led to the suspicion that a murder had been committed and was one of the chief reasons why District Attorney Evans was active in the revocation of La France's parole. La France refused to make a statement on the subject when he was rearrested, December 30, following his parole December 23.

Meanwhile, say officials in charge of the evidence-room, the bones have been in the Courthouse. Burial was proposed several times, but there were no relatives to claim the unidentified skeleton, and action was postponed. The skeleton probably will be buried immediately.

Wilson Tells Americans To Mind Their Own Affairs

U. S. DOLLAR ABOVE PAR IN EUROPE

BERNE, Switzerland, Jan. 8.—An American dollar is now worth \$1.05 here. American checks yielded only 70 cents on the dollar at the opening of the war. The remarkable rise is due to heavy buying of American grain.

WHEAT \$2.07 ON CHICAGO MARKET

May Option Reaches \$1.42—February Club Wheat At \$1.41 in Portland

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Wheat again shot toward the Zenith today, \$1.41 1/2 per bushel being paid for May option. It was stated that a cargo of Durum wheat sold for \$2.07, delivered in Italy.

PORTLAND WHEAT HIGHER.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 8.—Wheat advanced from 1 1/2 to 4 1/2 cents here. February Club sold at \$1.41 a bushel.

JACKSON'S ANNIVERSARY.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 8.—The celebration of the centenary of peace between Great Britain and the United States was begun here today with a salute of 21 guns timed to end 100 years, to the minute, after Andrew Jackson triumphed over the British at Chalmette. Other ceremonies included the unveiling of a statue of Jackson on the spot where he had the standard at Chalmette and an exchange of greetings between representatives of President Wilson and King George.

SAYS JAPAN WILL MAKE PEACE PACT

C. W. Morgan Shuster Declares Mikado Willing to Neutralize the Philippines

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—C. W. Morgan Shuster, for eight years an American officer in the Philippines before becoming an international figure in the financial affairs of Persia, told the Senate Philippines Committee today that he believed Japan would be glad to enter into a treaty with the United States to neutralize the islands.

CANADA SETTLES SHOOTING SCRAPE

Apologizes to Washington for Fate of U. S. Duck Hunters—Arrest Wardens

OTTAWA, Canada, Jan. 8.—The Canadian Government forwarded to the United States government formal expressions of regret for the killing of Walter Smith and the wounding of Charles Dorsch by the Canadian militiamen. The Dominion also offered to compensate the wounded man and the family of the dead man.

WARDENS ARE ARRESTED

TORONTO, Jan. 6.—A provincial Constable, Corporal and two privates were arrested at Port Erie today on warrants charging manslaughter in connection with the killing of Walter Smith and the wounding of Charles Dorsch. They are being held without bail.

Says in Indianapolis Speech That "We Are Paying too Much Head to Europe"

TAKES CRACK AT REPUBLICAN PARTY

Says They Haven't Had New Idea in Thirty Years—Present Tendency

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 8.—President Wilson today defended the policies of the administration before a large crowd. He was introduced by Governor Ralston. The President began his speech by declaring that he believed the people of this country should keep their minds on their own affairs rather than too much on Europe. He said he admired Andrew Jackson for his fighting abilities.

He said the trouble with the Republican party was that "it has not had a new idea in thirty years."

"Every time this country really wants something done," he continued, "it returns the Democratic party to power. Most of the advice taken by the Republican party comes from their grandfathers."

"I am tired of staying in Washington saying sweet things. I am glad to be out among you where I can say what I feel. This country is now guided by the independent voter. Few regulars of either party are left. Only about a third of the Republican party is progressive and about two-thirds of the Democratic party is progressive. Therefore the Democratic party is more progressive than the Republican party."

President Wilson called himself an "animated conservative." He declared, amidst applause, that the Democratic party was carrying out the progressive aspirations of the nation.

Regional Banks Help

Praising the Federal Reserve Act, he said this was the first time in years when January 1st had not brought a financial stringency to business men.

"The Democratic party is still on trial," he continued. "We have not finished our work. We are going ahead. If any man or set of men should try to break up the solidarity of the Democratic party they would gain an unenviable position for themselves."

Ship Purchase Bill.

President Wilson attacked the Republican Senators opposing the government ship purchase bill, whom he characterized as "self-styled friends of business."

"The country needs the ship purchase bill and will have it," he declared.

The administration's conservation bills were spoken of by Mr. Wilson as necessary for the welfare of the country.

The establishment of a great federal employment agency was suggested in the course of his address.

"Before the revolution against Diaz eighty per cent of the Mexicans had nothing to do with the government. As long as I am President nobody shall interfere with the efforts of the Mexicans to get their liberty."

Great applause followed the statement that the time might come when the people of the United States would have a chance to decide on his judgment.

MANY GREET PRESIDENT.

Enthusiastic Welcome Accorded Wilson En Route West.

RICHMOND, Ind., Jan. 8.—A cheering crowd greeted President Wilson when he paused at noon here and spoke briefly. At Bradford Junction, Ohio, the schools were closed and all the pupils shook hands with the President. At Greenville, Ohio, he was given a noisy reception.

Don't fail to attend the benefit dance given by the Linnea Lodge at Eagles' Hall, Saturday eve, Jan. 9th. Busby's Orchestra.

W. B. WILSON has taken the MANAGEMENT of the BERNITT APARTMENTS at 321 South Broadway. REMODELLED and finely arranged them.

MANY KILLED IN MEXICAN BATTLE TODAY

LAREDO, Jan. 8.—A battle for the possession of Saltillo began this morning. Hundreds have been killed and wounded. Fifteen thousand of Carranza's forces are attacking Villa's troops, which occupied the city two days ago by a trick, without a fight.

VILLA ARMY WILL ASSAULT NAGO

Report Plan to Renew Attack on Carranza Garrison on Border—Gen. Scott Silent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—General Villa's intention to attack the Carranza garrison at Naco was communicated to the United States War Department in official dispatches from army observers on the frontier. Secretary Garrison said, however, that the information came from the American side of the border. He said that he had received no report from General Scott since he left Naco for El Paso.

SENDS NO EXPLANATIONS

Villa Fails to Keep Appointment With General Scott at El Paso

EL PASO, Jan. 8.—Villa did not arrive at Juarez today for his delayed conference with General Scott who already has been awaiting the arrival of the Mexican chief four days. Villa was reported as being entertained at his home in Chihuahua City. As far as could be learned, he sent no explanation to the American Chief of Staff for his tardy arrival.

FEAR OUTBREAK IN CONSTANTINOPLE

Condition in Turkish Capital Alarming—Government Packs Archives

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Jan. 8.—Dispatches from Constantinople describe the situation in the Turkish capital as increasingly alarming. The local authorities appear not only to apprehend attacks from the outside but possible internal disorders. The archives of the state have been packed up for removal and many of them have already been sent away.

WOOLEN PLANT AT EUREKA TO OPEN

R. E. L. Bedillion, of Bandon, Will Operate Concern—Returned Home Today

R. E. L. Bedillion of Bandon, a former representative in the state legislature from Coo's and Curry counties, came back on the Elder this morning from Eureka, where he completed plans for the taking over of the Eureka Woollen Mills.

A lease for six months was secured by Mr. Bedillion, at a monthly rental of \$120, this sum to apply on the purchase price, which is said to be \$24,000, if he concludes to buy the plant at the end of the lease. For some time Mr. Bedillion had charge of the Woollen Mills at Bandon, operating them for a company. For several months this plant has been closed down. The former manager said today that he is not contemplating the re-opening of this plant. He expects to return soon to Eureka to begin operations there.

FRENCH CLAIM GAINS IN ALSACE BUT GERMANS DENY REPORT

AUSTRIANS FALL BACK TO PASSES

Announce Retreat to Carpathian Strongholds—Quiet Outside of Bukovina

VIENNA, Jan. 8.—The official statement today says: "In the Carpathian forest lands and in the southern part of the crown land of Bukovina, regard for the safety of our advance troops obliged us to fall back on the principal mountain passes before an enemy numerically superior. On the Hungarian-Galician front everything is quiet. On the Donajec river and in Russian Poland there have been some artillery exchanges."

MYRTLE POINT MAN ARRESTED

B. F. Wyland Charged With Assault at Klamath Falls—Other Criminal Cases

COQUILLE, Or., Jan. 8.—W. F. Wyland was arrested yesterday at Myrtle Point by Sheriff Johnson on a warrant from Klamath Falls charging him with assault with a deadly weapon. He was brought here and will be held pending the arrival of Sheriff C. C. Lowe, of Klamath County. Wyland was formerly in the billiard and pool parlor business at Myrtle Point, but went to Klamath County and recently returned. He claims that the warrant for his arrest is spite-work resulting from a controversy over a line fence, but as a felony is charged in the warrant, it would seem that it is more serious.

Bandon Boy Caught.

Rollin Edmunds was arrested at Bandon on a bench warrant issued for his arrest. He was indicted by the grand jury last May on the charge of forgery. He has been out of the state since then and returned to Bandon but a few days ago and was quickly picked up by Sheriff Johnson's office.

Jail is Full.

Sheriff Johnson now has 16 prisoners in the County Jail, filling the bastille. He has retained Mr. Landrith, son-in-law of W. W. Gage, as jailer for the time being and they will also board the prisoners.

Five of the inmates have already been sentenced to terms in the state penitentiary. Sheriff Johnson plans to leave next week with the delegation for Salem as all of the criminal cases will then be disposed of and he can make the expenses of one trip take care of the offenders.

Smith Wants Witnesses.

Orlando Smith, indicted for statutory offenses against two Prosper girls, yesterday got into a wrangle with his attorney, Blatchley, and discharged him. Smith insists on fighting the charges against him and sent for his wife and daughter, who are in Josephine County, to come to testify in his behalf. Yesterday the Josephine County Sheriff notified Sheriff Johnson that they were without funds and wanted the county to advance their expenses. Judge Coke would not allow this, saying that he understood Smith had means. Who Smith will have defend him is not known.

INTERN GERMAN CRUISER.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—A dispatch to L'Information states that the German auxiliary cruiser Otavi has been interned at Las Palmas, Canary Islands.

A small railroad operating an oil-burning locomotive on the Tahoe National Forest, California, had a breakdown during the past summer and burned wood instead of oil for one day. On this day fifteen fires started along the right-of-way. During the preceding year, only one fire occurred near the railroad and it was not thought that the engine was responsible for that one.

Paris Announces Capture of Town South of Sennheim After Severe Engagement

EACH SIDE WINS IN MINOR BATTLES

Germans and Russians Have Entrenched Themselves in Poland—Movement Slow

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The capture of Burnhaupt Le Haut, Alsace, south of Sennheim, was reported today by the French war office, but the German communication says fighting is still going on for possession of the town. Berlin states that repeated French attacks in Alsace broke down under the German artillery fire. In a few other localities between the North Sea and Switzerland sharp fighting is in progress, in which each side scored minor victories, but over most of the line there is little activity.

The armies of the east are similarly inactive. The German communication mentions an engagement east of the Rawka river in Poland, where it is said an advance still is in progress, but the spectacular clashes of great masses of troops during the earlier part of the war have no parallels now along the Warsaw front. There, as in the west, the Germans and Russians dug themselves into the ground and are taking up the tedious operations of warfare in the trenches.

MITCHELL AFTER BANDON JURYMAN

(Special to The Times.)

COQUILLE, Or., Jan. 8.—Detective W. J. Mitchell returned here yesterday from Marshfield, where he had been attending to matters connected with the Treadgold-Coach feud now pending in the district court and before the grand jury.

Mr. Mitchell's visit to the Bay is believed to have been in connection with charges which the Coach faction is expected to make to District Attorney Liljeqvist or to Judge John S. Coke regarding certain alleged irregularities or indiscretions of one of the grand jurors, Harry Hunt, of Bandon, in discussing grand jury matters or for having been a partisan of City Attorney Treadgold, of Bandon, after having been summoned as a member of that body.

"I know positively," declared Mr. Mitchell, "that Hunt was one of the three men who took Mae Simpson to Treadgold's office in Bandon, after Hunt had been selected as a grand juror, and pumped her for an hour or more regarding her knowledge of matters which Hunt knew were coming before the grand jury. I confronted him with this and he admitted it."

"I consider this act in itself, aside from other things that I have heard regarding Hunt's friendship toward Treadgold and his conduct while in Coquille during the sitting of the grand jury, is enough to make him an improper person to sit in matters in which charges against Treadgold are being made."

"Hunt should not wait for us to take formal action in the matter," continued Mr. Mitchell, "but should resign from the grand jury at once. We shall hold a conference in the very near future and decide just what steps we shall take to bring this matter formally before Judge Coke and District Attorney Liljeqvist."

"I have heard of other acts concerning Hunt which reflect seriously on him as a grand juror, if true, and some of these acts I am already able to prove. I hope to have other details within a few days which may make some interesting reading."

What these facts were or how serious they may prove Mr. Mitchell would not say. It is believed that the conference referred to will take place next week when the Treadgold and Coach clans gather for the trial of Ruby Noleser and Mary Pfortner for perjury, providing the cases are set for that time. Attorney Goss, of Marshfield, who will defend both women, is in Portland trying some cases in the federal court and the two cases have been put off until his return.