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GERMANY CLAIMS ALLIES LOSING AND RUSSIANS FORCED BACK

Announce Little Damage Done by French and English Aeronauts in Belgium

CLAIM FRENCH HAD HEAVIEST LOSSES

Many Minor Engagements in Poland—Nothing New on East Prussian Front

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—(Via Wireless)—The official statement today says: "The enemy's airmen dropped bombs yesterday over Ghent and Zeebrugge, Belgium, but with no success. The enemy's attack north of Chalons broke down under our fire. West of Fontaine La Mitte in the Argonne forest, our troops captured the enemy's position and 248 prisoners. Northwest of Pont A Mousson two French attacks were beaten off with a severe loss to the enemy."

"In the fighting for the retaking of our lost trenches since January 1 we captured seven cannon and five machine guns. Near Welsenback, the Alpine forces were beaten off. Several attacks in force by the enemy on Hartmann-Wellerkopf were repulsed."

"In the Eastern theater there is nothing to report from East Prussia. In Northern Poland, near Prassner, an unimportant Russian attack was repulsed. The Russians were driven out of Blino and Gopak and advanced Russian divisions retreated from Gorny. Our attack on the Cancha Sector is progressing."

"The battle at Croix de Carmos, near Pont A Mousson (in France) continues. North of Sennheim, in Alsace, the French were driven back from a hill and 130 prisoners were taken."

"DO IT NOW" IS BUILDING ADVICE

Builders Declare Material and Labor Are Now at Lowest Ebb of Year

If you are planning a bungalow, a six-story building with a brownstone front, if you want to put up a warehouse, build it now. Thus say the contractors and when you ask the reason they say: "Because you can do it cheaper now than at any other season of the year."

The reason of present cheapness, the contractors declare, is that wages are lower at this stage than any other time of the year; steel, for instance, is at the lowest ebb that it has reached in years, or was but a very short time ago; now there is a slight rise in price. Concrete can be secured now for a great deal less than two months hence.

One builder here states that "where later in the year I will be paying \$5 a day for good journeyman steel workers, now I can get them for \$2.50. Labor is plentiful right now and work is scarce."

And while prospective builders say "wait until spring opens up," they do not know, many of them, that their delay is adding daily to the eventual cost of the building they expect to erect. Another contractor who will fix up a large \$20,000 concrete building down the coast declares that every month now that the building is delayed is adding between \$1000 and \$1500 to the cost of the structure.

Another fact the builders point out is that contractors now are extremely anxious to get even the small dwelling house work, where they must figure on a close margin of profit, against a host of other bids, whereas later in the season but very few of them will bother with small jobs.

And so, according to the advice of the builders, the contractors and the architects, the building spirit of the present should be "do it now."

I. O. O. F. NOTICE

Members of Sunset Lodge No. 51, I. O. O. F., are hereby notified to meet at I. O. O. F. Hall Sunday January 24, at 1:00 o'clock P. M. to attend the funeral of our late Brother Herman Cordes. Sojourning Brothers invited.

By order HERBERT PHILLIPS, Noble Grand, I. Lando, Sec.

DAZIA DELAYED

GALVESTON, Jan. 23.—The American steamship Dacia which cleared for Rotterdam yesterday with a cargo of cotton for Bremen, was still at dock today. A strong northern gale delayed her sailing.

TURKS GAIN AGAINST RUSS AND BRITISH

Announce Czar's Forces Defeated in Caucasus and English in Arabia

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 23.—The official communication regarding the fighting in the Caucasus says: "The Russian main forces failed in the attempt to encircle our left wing and retreated before our counter attack. Our troops are now pursuing." Previous reports indicated the fighting was around Kara-Urgan. Speaking of the fighting in Arabia, the communication continues: "Thursday the British, assisted by three gunboats, attacked our troops near Kur-na fat the junction of the Tigris and Euphrates, but were completely defeated and forced to retreat with severe losses."

MORE LIGHT ON BAD CHECK WORK

Man of Many Aliases Left a Trail of Bogus Paper Behind Him Down Coast

Somewhere Joe Nelson, alias Fred Nelson, alias R. G. Nelson, alias Scott, passer of bad checks and now a prisoner in the county jail, must have read the poem that ends up about "—departing leave behind us footprints on the sands of time." The trip of the man down the coast was greatly similar to this because along the route he departed he left behind him bogus checks, while his footprints cut deeply into the sands of the beach. The latter part is also well known for a posse followed him for some distance when he came to Coos Bay.

F. W. Varrelman of the Gardiner store entering the county jail at Coquille this morning. He saw Nelson behind the bars. "That's the man," he told the sheriff, "who came to the store several days ago and cashed a \$7 check." A man of the same description is now known to have cashed a \$15 check at a Florence hardware store. When found in a North Bend rooming house on Thursday morning Nelson had two First National Bank checks on his person.

At the Florence store Nelson came in on last Saturday and asked for a \$3 pipe order. He was careful in selecting the materials and gave implicit instructions that the pipe should be delivered at a certain time the next day at the Point Terrace lumber mill. Not until the pipe was sent was the check discovered to be bogus. Nelson had then started down the beach to Gardiner, the scene of his next operations.

How many pieces he has played the same game is a mystery to the police. They believe that Nelson left a trail of bad checks behind him that will trace further back than Florence.

Nelson told Constable Cox that he came here last Tuesday, the same day the Elder arrived. He looked over the passenger list and selected the name R. G. Nelson as a musical sounding cognomen and immediately re-christened himself without further parley.

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WHEAT, \$2.65 CWT. HAINES.

German Aeroplane Raid on Dunkirk Costs Many Lives

PREMIER OF AUSTRIA HAS QUIT PLACE

ROME, Jan. 23.—Count Karl Stuerghk, the Austrian Premier, has resigned, according to a news dispatch from Vienna. The Count probably will be succeeded by Dr. L. Von Billinski, Austro-Hungarian Minister of Finances.

UNITED STATES TO GIVE ENGLAND GUNS

Two Sixteen-inch Cannon and Battleship Turret Shipped There Today

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Two 16-inch guns, 53 feet long, weighing 75 tons apiece, were lashed to the deck of the Cunard liner Transylvania when she sailed today for Liverpool. Behind the guns was placed a battleship turret, consigned to a shipbuilding company at Belfast from the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

GREEKS TO MAKE GREEKS OBEY LAW

Tacoma Residents of Greek Origin Form Society to Secure Better Citizens

TACOMA, Jan. 23.—A campaign carried on by a local society of Greeks to compel their fellow countrymen to obey the laws, resulted in three proprietors of coffee houses being arraigned in the police court on a charge of permitting gambling. The officers of the Greek society told the Prosecuting Attorney that the society had notified the managers of the Greek coffee houses about the first of the year to close the games and obey the American laws.

SEES 7 CHILDREN DIE AROUND HER

Maria Irti, Buried in Quake Ruins, Rescued After Seven Days, but is Insane

ROME, Jan. 23.—The number of injured who have been brought here from the earthquake zone has now reached 15,000. A pitiful case is that of Maria Irti, who was extricated after seven days' burial in the ruins of her town of Ortucchio. During that time she saw her seven children die around her one by one and grief over the loss and the fact that she was powerless to help has driven her insane.

FALSELY ACCUSED.

Editor Coos Bay Times: I have been falsely accused of hunting and killing deer in closed season. I will say that I am not a hunter and do not hunt even in open season. I am alone hunting in the closed season. I would be very much pleased to meet the accuser at a very early date. GEORGE A. BLAKE, Catching Inlet.

PUEBLA CAPTURED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The Villa agency here received a telegram dated at Puebla from General Ornales, the Zapata commander, saying that Puebla had been retaken by his forces.

Rumors of Attack on England Denied But Great Activity on Continent

ENGLISH CLAIM TO HAVE STOPPED ONE

Announce Ten Machines Used By Raiders—Report Zeppelin Sunk in Sea

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Although the reports of a Zeppelin raid on England last night seemed today to have been false, there has been a striking renewal of aerial activity on the continent. The Germans' raid on Dunkirk, France, resulted in considerable loss of life and damage to property. One account says: ten aeroplanes took part in it. British aeroplanes assumed the defensive and succeeded in bringing down one German.

ZEPPELIN IS SUNK

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Fishermen arriving from Noordwijk today assert, according to a dispatch from Leyden, they saw an airship founder in the North Sea Friday night. The airship is supposed to have been a Zeppelin.

SHELL KILLS SCORES.

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—It was officially announced here that the Russian railway station near Chenchyn, South Poland, which the Austrians destroyed with a single shell, was filled with Russian troops, all of whom were killed.

NO ALLIANCE OF ILLINOIS PARTIES

Medill McCormick Denies the Agreement Between Progressives and Republicans

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—Medill McCormick, progressive member of the Illinois Legislature, issued a statement explaining his acceptance to attend the caucus of Republican legislators. "A purely personal reference," he said, "to the pleasure of association with old friends has been made to imply we gave obligations regarding the future of party affiliations. We gave none and none was asked." He said that he and Representative Hicks were confronted with the duty of breaking the deadlock for the speakership.

GOV. JOHNSON ON ALIEN LAND BILL

California Executive Will Not Permit Any Change in 1913 Measure

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 23.—Governor Johnson placed himself squarely on record today as opposed to any amendment to the anti-alien land act passed by the California Legislature in 1913. He indicated that if a bill introduced in the assembly yesterday eliminating the three-year leasing clause passed the Legislature, he would veto it.

AID FOR OREGON HARBORS

Amendment for Appropriations for Port Orford, Umpqua and Coquille River Urged

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Oregon Senators in addition to having Oregon items retained in the river and harbor bill as passed by the House, will endeavor to secure amendments authorizing surveys for new projects at the mouth of the Umpqua, at Port Orford and at the mouth of the Coquille River.

KARLSRUHE PRIZE HELD AT SAN JUAN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 23.—The steamer Farn, a British collier brought into San Juan, Porto Rico, as a German prize by a crew from the cruiser Karlsruhe must put to sea or be interned during the war. The State Department holds she will be dealt with as a naval tender.

SHIP BILL MADE PARTY MEASURE

Senate Democrats in Caucus Today Reach Final Agreement on Purchase Plan

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 23.—The Senate Democrats in caucus late today reached a final agreement on the administration ship purchase bill and adopted a resolution making it a party measure. Three Democrats voted against the resolution, but later it was made unanimous on motion of Senator Bankhead, who originally voted against it.

GOV. WEST GAVE PARDONS TO 59

Former Oregon Executive Issued Pardons by Wholesale During Last Few Days

SALEM, Or., Jan. 23.—During the last thirty days of his administration, former Governor West conditionally pardoned fifty-nine convicts, eight of them convicted of murder, according to a compilation today of the records in the capitol. Others receiving pardons included men and women convicted of highway robbery, burglary, criminal assault and horse thievery. Former Judge J. A. French, of the Wallawa County Court, who pleaded guilty to stealing \$2800 from the county, was pardoned on his arrival here and committed to the feeble-minded institute.

RETURN THAW TO NEW YORK STATE

Noted Prisoner to be Returned From New Hampshire Tonight to Face Trial

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Harry K. Thaw is expected to arrive in New York tonight from Manchester, N. H. With a bench warrant charging Thaw with conspiring to escape from Matteawan and a mandate of the United States Supreme Court ordering the New Hampshire authorities to turn over Thaw, William Travers Jerome and Sheriff Hornbeck arrived at Concord this morning.

THE MARSHFIELD QUADRILLE CLUB WILL GIVE A DANCE IN ODD FELLOWS' HALL SATURDAY EVENING. Everybody is invited, especially the old-time dancers.

BRITISH AIRMEN BUSY.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 23.—British airmen today dropped bombs on the Bruges, Belgium, docks, according to news reaching here. The result is not known. The aviator escaped, although attacked by Germans.

RUSSIANS CLAIM GERMANY HAS CHANGED WHOLE PLAN IN EAST

ROUMANIA MOBILIZES.

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—The Roumanian legation has not received any official confirmation of the Swiss and Italian reports regarding the mobilization, for which, it is said, has not been issued.

FRENCH TELL OF GAINS IN BATTLES

Repair Damage Done to the Trenches by Storm—Many Engagements in Progress

PARIS, Jan. 23.—The official statement this afternoon says: "The activity of our infantry yesterday along almost the entire line was devoted to repairing damage done the earthworks by the very bad weather. Near Lombaertzyde we progressed 100 yards. The Germans bombarded Berry Au Bac violently. We repulsed a German attack northwest of Beausejour. In Argonne we completely checked the Germans at Fontaine Madame. A German attack near St. Hubert resulted in an infantry engagement which has not yet come to an end. On the Meuse our artillery compelled the enemy to evacuate the ammunition depot. In Alsace, infantry fighting in the Hartmann-Wellerkopf region continues. We are in close contact with the enemy and there has been no interruption of the fighting. Near Cornay, Hill 425 was attacked by the enemy unsuccessfully. Further south, we made progress toward Petit Kahlberg."

DENIES BELGIAN ATTACK

Vatican Official Organ Says it Knew Report of Arrest of Cardinal Mercier was Untrue.

ROME, Jan. 23.—The Observatore Romano, the Vatican organ, in answering the attack of the Belgian Catholic paper, which accused it of a "shameful campaign against conquered Belgium," says: "If the Belgian papers refer to the suppression of some of the dispatches regarding the announced arrest of Cardinal Mercier, we did this only because we knew, in a positive way, that the news of his arrest was not true."

Here Are the Facts From the Port of Coos Bay Commission

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 21, 1915—Editor Coos Bay Times. Dear Sir:—Inclosed please find explanation and denial of statement made by The Record on the 15th instant reflecting on the Port of Coos Bay Commission, which The Record refused to publish except at ten cents per line. We wish you to publish it as a matter of public information, Yours truly, Port of Coos Bay, By Henry Sengstacken, Secretary.

Marshfield, Oregon, January 20, 1915. Editor Evening Record. Dear Sir:—In your issue of January 15, 1915, by editorial and news item, you have criticized the Port of Coos Bay in the matter of the fill known as the "Coke & Chandler" fill, alleging that the Port has favored Mr. Chandler in the matter.

The Port does not wish to take up the scrap of any faction or individual, but will state the facts of the matter, which speak for themselves. Some years ago a fill was made northward from Pine street of Nasburg's Addition, which included Blocks 17 and 18 of the Nasburg Addition, the Coke & Chandler tract, lands of the O'Connell estate, of Frank Rogers and others, containing approximately twelve acres, the old bulkhead line being on the north line of Pine street. In the present filling operations these tracts have been designated as the Coke & Chandler fill. In this fill was placed 87,200 cubic yards of material and of this amount Messrs. Coke and Chandler received 25,000 cubic yards. Within the filled area Messrs. Coke and Chandler have four acres of ground which extends in a strip 330 feet wide from the channel back to the high land, the south boundary of the Coke & Chandler tract being approximately the north boundary of the City of Marshfield.

Last summer, when the Port made its arrangements for dumping grounds, W. S. Chandler was out of town and the Port has never had any dealings with him as to the Coke & Chandler fill. President Simpson was informed by John S. Coke that, inasmuch as their property already had a substantial fill (being once filled while the tract was owned by County Treasurer Dimmick and again under contract between Messrs. Coke and Chandler and Captain Peters, who had charge of the dredge Oregon, when it was first operated on Coos Bay, some years since) he and Mr. Chandler did not desire to go to any further expense in filling their holdings. Mr. Simpson then asked if the Port could use the property for dumping ground if it became necessary or desirable, to this Mr. Coke assented, but insisted that any further expense on the property was not justified and that no further fill was desired. President Simpson reported to the Port the result of this interview with Mr. Coke.

It was calculated by the Engineers that all of the available space on the west side of the channel would have to be used for dumping ground in order to care for the dredgings, and this calculation has since been demonstrated. Hence the problem of the Port was either to fill the lands of Messrs. Coke and Chandler for nothing, or to bulkhead them off and deposit the 25,000 yards received by them on the east side of the channel and thus raise another "Manning Island."

The bulkhead of the Chandler & Coke fill is 1000 feet long, extending from Pine street northward to the O'Connell bluff. But of this extent there is only 333 feet on the Coke and Chandler property. To repair this bulkhead cost \$263.04 and the proportionate charge to Coke and Chandler would be \$87.68. The other two charges against the Coke and Chandler

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