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GERMANS TRY HARD TO WIN BIRTHDAY VICTORY FOR KAISER

Advance Movements Started Several Days Thought to Have Been for Purpose

FRENCH DENY GERMAN CLAIMS OF VICTORY

Conflicting Reports of Engagements in Two Districts—Quiet in East

NEW GERMAN LEADERS.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 27.—A telegram from Berlin says that General Von Buelow, the commander in chief of Germany's second army, has been appointed field marshal. General Von Einem, commander in chief of the third army, has been promoted to the full rank of general.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—Emperor William is 66 years old today, and although there is little information today of military activities, the Emperor's troops are apparently endeavoring to win for him a birthday gift in the shape of a victory at arms. Two days ago violent German attacks were begun at several points. It developed the greatest force against the British along the Labasse Canal and against the French in the region of Craonne. Yesterday the Germans won a measure of success near Craonne. Paris admits trenches were lost, but says some were retaken. Berlin claims sweeping victories in this region, including the capture of several points of support along the front of nearly a mile in extent. Both the Germans and French claim the advantage at Labasse.

Not only has the Turkish invasion of Egypt begun, but the fighting has penetrated a considerable distance, fighting being reported at El Kanatra.

KAISER IS 66 YEARS OLD TODAY

Emperor William Issues Two Amnesty Decrees in Honor of His Birthday

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—(By Wireless.)—Two birthday decrees of amnesty were issued by Emperor William today, the fifty-sixth anniversary of his birth. The first releases the active military from disciplinary punishment inflicted by court martial within the limit of six months imprisonment. The other annuls the prosecution of soldiers for offenses committed before the call to arms.

MARSHFIELD TO DEBATE COQUILLE

Negative Team of High School To Argue With North Bend Affirmative

Next Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the High School auditorium, the Marshfield High School affirmative team will meet the Coquille Negative team. The following question will be debated: "Resolved, That the Government Should Own and Operate All Interstate Railroads Being as Common Carriers, and all Interstate Lines Competing With Them, Constitutionally Waived."

On the same night, the Marshfield negative team will go to North Bend where the same question will be debated. The Marshfield affirmative team includes Miss Eva Hanson and Miss Ruth Cowan, and the negative side will be supported by Wesley Suman and Harvey Walters.

Both are splendid teams and an excellent debate is anticipated. No admission will be charged and the auditorium should be filled next Friday night with interested spectators.

The members of the North Bend affirmative team are Axel Brandt and Harold Tor, they will meet the negative duo from Marshfield in North Bend on Friday evening. Coquille, in addition to sending its negative team here, consisting of Harry Fusonne and Merton Tyrrell, will meet the negative team from Hoodon at Coquille. The county seat affirmative are Horace Rahskopf and Ben Hersey.

VETO LITERACY TESTS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27.—It is authoritatively stated that President Wilson will veto the literacy test bill because of the literacy test. This became known after a conference between the President and committees of both houses which had the measure in charge.

ENGLISH CRUISERS RETURN TO PORT

London Announces That Only Two Vessels Were Damaged in North Sea Battle

LONDON, Jan. 27.—Most of the warships engaged in Sunday's naval battle in the North Sea returned home Monday, was announced here today. The Lion, the flagship of Sir David Beatty, was the last of the battle cruisers to arrive. The Lion and Tiger were the only British battle cruisers to sustain material damage. Captain Erdmann, of the German cruiser Blucher, which was sunk, has been placed among the wounded, according to an Edinburgh dispatch.

ZEPPELIN SHOT DOWN BY RUSSIANS

Petrograd Announces Crew of Seven Taken Prisoners—Bombs Fall in Libau

PETROGRAD, Jan. 27.—The official statement says: "On January 25 a German Zeppelin flew over Libau and dropped nine bombs. They did no serious damage. The Zeppelin then returned toward the frontier. Near Virgen our artillery men hit the warship and she fell into the water. Light submarines finished her destruction. The crew of seven were taken prisoners."

WALLA WALLA HAS BAD HOSPITAL FIRE

St. Mary's Hospital Destroyed With \$100,000 Loss—Operation Is Finished

WALLA WALLA, Jan. 27.—St. Mary's Hospital, the largest building of its kind in this part of the inland empire, was destroyed by fire today. It is believed that all the patients were rescued. The damage is \$100,000.

David Broughton was on the operating table and with the flames raging in the wooden structure the physicians finished the operation before transferring the man to another hospital.

Dozens of patients were hurried from the hospital, citizens rushing to the scene with autos. The fire started on the second floor and this alone saved many patients, for the building burned like tinder after the flames got headway.

MEXICAN AIR RAIDS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27.—Aeroplane raids and bomb dropping expeditions of the Carranza agency here announced, are to be conducted against Mexico City. Advice to the agency says that Gen. Hill's army has joined Gen. Obregon for a march on the capital.

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England Prepares to Defend Suez Canal Against Turks

WILSON SENT GREETINGS TO KAISER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27.—President Wilson sent the following message to Emperor William: "In behalf of the government and people of the United States, I have the pleasure to extend to your majesty cordial felicitations on the anniversary of your birth, as well as my own good wishes for your welfare. On his own birthday recently, President Wilson received greetings from Emperor William, King George, President Poincare and other rulers.

QUARANTINE STOCKYARD.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27.—A new quarantine was placed on the Pittsburgh and Chicago stockyards today by the Department of Agriculture because of the reappearance of the foot and mouth disease. Cattle may be received for immediate slaughter, but no outgoing traffic is allowed.

RESENT RUMORS OF ELECTION FRAUDS

Councilmen Bailey and Meeks of Eastside, Call for Investigation

Continued reports that they had bought their way into the Eastside Council and that they freely circulated a bottle of whiskey among the voters on election day, has aroused the wrath of Councilmen Meeks and Bailey, of Cooston, and last evening, on their petition, a committee was selected to investigate the rumors and follow them down to their sources.

In addition to persistent rumors a letter was received by Mayor Kitchin, of Eastside, from a man named Marcellus, of Cooston, in which the members from the lower bay were accused. Both Mr. Bailey and Mr. Meeks declare that they resent such insinuations and that they are business and searless.

Of the question of municipal waterworks for Eastside, but little was said, the Council waiting until some future time to decide the problem. From an engineering firm of Everett Washington, was received a proposal to lay out the entire water system and many pipe manufacturing firms, in letters, asked to have a chance at bidding on the piping.

For several weeks the members of the Council have been at work on the revision of the city charter, this to be presented to the voters at a special election for their expression. On February 7 a meeting of the entire Council will be held at Cooston for further drafting of the charter. This will be the first meeting held in Cooston by the Council. The two members from Cooston declared that the distance to the meeting is great and that it should be a matter of turn about, alternating the place of gathering.

Up with the high cost of living has gone the salaries of the city officials, the Council raising them last evening. Hereafter, the Treasurer will receive \$10 a month instead of \$5; the Recorder will get \$25 where before he drew \$10, and the City Attorney was raised from \$25 to \$35 a month. The officers who will be affected are Treasurer W. F. Byerly, Recorder C. P. Keating and City Attorney George Watkins.

Hereafter youngsters under age who play about the town after nine o'clock will be in danger of being arrested. A curfew ordinance passed last night makes the fine a maximum of \$25 and with a jail sentence of 10 days or both the fine and the sentence at the discretion of the Judge.

PALACE MARKET makes BEST FRANKFURTERS. Phone 406-J.

Great Military Activity in Northern Egypt as Result of New Invasion

OVER 120,000 TURKS START ON CAMPAIGN

Residents of Canal Zone Move Away and Battleships Are Gathered to Aid

TURKS ENTER EGYPT.

CAIRO, Jan. 27.—An engagement, presumably with the advance guard of the Turkish army, occurred yesterday east of El Kanatra. Details are lacking. Only a small number of men were engaged, indicating that it was in the nature of a skirmish.

TURKS AGAINST EGYPT.

ATHENS, Jan. 27.—It is reported here that three Turkish army corps, numbering about 120,000 men, are marching on Egypt under the command of Djemal Pasha.

Many Turks Approach.

Detachments of Turkish troops were sighted at three other points east of the Suez Canal, but there was no fighting except in the vicinity of El Kanatra. In this engagement the Turks opened fire at long range with mountain guns. The British replied with machine guns and rifles. A British seaplane dropped bombs upon the Turkish forces near Birmurhad, inflicting losses.

RUSSIANS LOSING IN HUNGARY NOW

Vienna Announces Czar's Troops Forced to Evacuate Important Points

VIENNA, Jan. 27. (By Wireless.)—The official Austrian communication today reports successes in the fighting in the passes leading into northeastern and northwestern Hungary. It is as follows: "In the valleys of Ung, Lotoreca and Nagy Sannos, the enemy has been forced to evacuate some important heights after repeated and fruitless counter attacks which cost the enemy heavy losses."

BUY HOME SITE FOR MOOSE LODGE

Marshfield Fraternal Order Buys Property at Second and Elrod for Building

The Marshfield Moose Lodge today closed negotiations for the purchase of the J. Wright Wilson property at the southeast corner of South Second and Elrod avenue as a site for the future home of the lodge. The lot has fifty feet frontage on Second and 140 feet depth along Elrod. There are two houses on the property, making it pay income on the \$5500 investment.

The Moose Lodge has a membership of 280 now and it is proposed to launch a membership campaign at once with a view of increasing this to about 500. As soon as this is done, it is likely that steps will be taken to erect a fine building there. The site is inside the fire limits so that the building will have to be of fireproof construction. The lodge, although young, is in good financial shape, and will be ready to go ahead soon. Mel Duigan, dictator of the lodge, is greatly pleased with the purchase.

TRADE at PALACE Meat Market. Phone 406-J.

MAY WHEAT IS 2 CENTS HIGHER TODAY

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—High record wheat prices continued to be broken today and gains of nearly 2 cents a bushel over last night were quickly made. May wheat climbed to 147 5-8.

In the later dealings May wheat ascended to \$1.48 7-8.

PHILIPPINE HANGING.

MANILA, P. I., Jan. 27.—The funeral of General Noriel, one time insurgent leader, who, with two accomplices, was hanged here today for the murder of a political enemy in 1902, was attended by none of the political manifestations for which the army had been ordered to prepare.

ROADMASTER WILL SOON KNOW FATE

County Commissioners Expected to Decide on P. M. Hall-Lewis Appointment

COQUILLE, Or., Jan. 27.—The county commissioners are expected to decide at a meeting to be held January 29 whether or not P. M. Hall-Lewis will be retained as county roadmaster. The understanding is that they will decide by determining whether or not the position shall be merged with the duties of the county engineer.

A lengthy petition, signed by the owners of over \$2,000,000 worth of property, urging that Hall-Lewis be retained is ready for presentation to the court.

It is understood that the commissioners are pretty evenly divided and his appointment hangs in the balance. In consequence his friends throughout the county are beginning to get active in his behalf and are pointing out that if he was of value in that capacity the past two years he will be much more valuable in the future as the experience and knowledge he has gained will be of great benefit to the county. He has made a study of road building, suitable to the needs of this county and they declare it would be a mistake to dispense with him now.

ROCKEFELLER AND SOCIALISTS CHAT

Shakes Hand With Woman Who Led Mourners' Strike at Office Last Summer

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—On reaching the city hall to resume his testimony before the Federal Industrial Relations Commission, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was greeted by Mrs. Belle Zilberman, arrested last summer in the Standard Oil Building while taking part in the so-called mourners' parade. Rockefeller shook hands and chatted for several minutes with her. She said she brought him a message of good will. "We are the products of two different classes," she said. "You represent the capitalistic, while I am a Socialist. There is a struggle on between these classes." "Yes, unfortunately," replied Rockefeller. "There should be some ground on which we could meet and come to an understanding."

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BERLIN CLAIMS ALLIES BEATEN IN SEVERAL NEW ENGAGEMENTS

THAW IN PRISON.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Harry K. Thaw pleaded not guilty today to the charge of conspiracy under which he was brought from New Hampshire. The trial is set for February 23. In the meanwhile he is to remain a prisoner in the Tombs, counsel having agreed not to apply for bail.

SAY GERMANS LOST HEAVILY IN ATTACK

French Announce That About Three and One-Half Battalions Were Destroyed

PARIS, Jan. 27.—The official statement this afternoon says: "A German aeroplane was brought down within the lines of the Belgian army. It has been learned that the enemy lost what amounted to a battalion and a half of men in the attack January 25 on our trenches east of Ypres. It has been confirmed that near Labasse, Givenchy and Gulnchy the Germans suffered a great check. The Germans lost at least two battalions. In the region of Perthes, on hill No. 290, four violent attacks by the enemy were repulsed. Near St. Hubert, a German attack was repulsed with bayonets. At St. Mihiel we destroyed new foot bridges thrown over the Meuse by the enemy."

BLUE SKY DEALS ARE BEING PROBED

Oregon Corporation Department Receives Complaints About Realty Operators

S. B. Vincent of the Oregon Corporation Department, which has the regulation of stock and bond issues and sales in this state and also the enforcement of the Blue Sky Law, who has been here the past week, states that the Department has received a number of complaints against realty operators in this section.

The Department is somewhat hampered in lack of law giving it control over the platting and sale of additions and it is likely that this will be remedied at the present session of the legislature. However, one real estate proposition which Mr. Vincent has been looking into here will be turned down. It seems that the operators made a small payment on a small tract quite a distance from Marshfield and then cut it up into small lots. Each lot is made to stand its proportion of the general mortgage and at the price they are listed the operators would make about \$212 clear on each of them without having put a cent into improvements. However, where they come under the ban of the state is in endeavoring to float a stock and bond issue on the tract for a great deal more than the property is worth.

COMPLAINTS FROM EAST.

Many of the complaints coming in to the Department are in connection with a tract east of the Bay which is being sold at outside points by some outside operators. The lots are being sold at \$450 apiece when, it is claimed, they are not worth \$50 apiece. It is claimed that acreage alongside the tract is being sold at a lower price per acre than they are selling the lots for. Many prospective purchasers have discovered the true status of the property and are urging that the parties holding and selling the tract be prosecuted by the state.

Mr. Vincent says that these real estate operators are hurting Coos Bay more than anything else. He says the operators do not attempt to sell the property at home where the people know it, but go outside where people who have heard of Coos Bay think an investment would be good and buy lots without knowing just where they are. Most of these are sold on term payments. The Corporation Department under Mr. Watson and Mr. Vincent has been doing some excellent work. While some of the manipulators

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Official Statement Says English Were Unable to Recapture Positions at Laba

VICTORY AT CRAONNE IS TERMED COMPLETE

Claim French Defeated South-east of St. Mihiel—Russians Repulsed in East

BERLIN, Jan. 27. (By Wireless.)—The official communication today says: "Only artillery duels took place at Nieuport and Ypres. At Gulnchy, southwest of Labasse, the enemy attempted yesterday evening to recapture the positions we took January 25. The attack broke down under our fire. The battles on the heights of Craonne, reported yesterday, were entirely successful. The French were driven out of their positions in the heights west of Laeroute Ferme and east of Heurtelise and were forced back on the southern slope of the elevated country. Several points of support, extending over a width of 1400 meters, were taken by storm by the Saxons. 865 wounded Frenchmen were taken prisoners and eight machine guns were captured. One depot of sappers and miners and much other material was taken. Southeast of St. Mihiel, our troops captured a French point of support. Counter attacks by the French were unsuccessful. The Russian attacks made northeast of Gumbinen, East Prussia, were repulsed and the losses of the enemy were heavy. There is no change in the situation in Poland."

GIRL PLUNGES 40 FEET INTO WELL

Little Elfrieda Johnson Saved by Father From Drowning—Brought Up Safely

Elfrieda Johnson, a little tot of three years and a half of age, peeped over the side of a neighbor's 40-foot well yesterday while playing near her home in Perham Park, lost her balance and fell screaming to the bottom into six feet of water. No one was near, but the mother heard the cries of the little girl and rushed to the rescue. By means of a hand-winch, Ed Johnson, the father, hastily descended into the well and grasped the tot as she struggled pluckily in the water. She was pulled to the surface, uninjured and none the worse for her experience.

The well is a new one built by a neighbor of the Johnsons on 12th street in Perham Park. The edge had not yet been boarded up about the opening and it was here that the little girl came playing alone.

That she was not dashed to pieces with the impact of the water is considered miraculous. Some believe that she must have hit the sides going down and that this doctored the fall. At any rate the little miss must have struck the water either head or feet first for she was uninjured.

As the father and mother rushed to the well Elfrieda went under several times and when Mr. Johnson descended on the rope he had to wait for her to come to the surface that he might grab her hair. When brought to the top the little girl cried very little and was soon soothed and with dry clothes on again was about her play.

Immediately after the accident a top was put over the well and the sides are to be boarded up to prevent a repetition of the occurrence.

AID FOR ALLIES.

SYDNEY, Jan. 27.—The Australian government has announced it had a plan for the formation of a rifle reserve of half a million men, which may be used in Europe if the war is prolonged.