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GERMANS CLAIM GREAT VICTORY OVER RUSSIANS IN EAST PRUSSIA

Announce Capture of Over 26,000 Men in Campaign on Eastern Frontier

CLAIM VICTORIES IN POLAND LAST FEW DAYS

Announce Capture of French Positions—Say Allies Misused Red Cross Flag

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—The official statement today says: "Emperor William has arrived on the battle field of the East Prussian frontier. Our operations have forced the Russians to rapidly give up their position east of the Mazurian lakes. At some places the fighting is continuing. So far, about 26,000 prisoners have been made. More than 20 big guns and 30 machine guns have been taken. The amount of war material cannot yet be estimated. "In Poland, on the right bank of the Vistula, the Germans continue the offensive reported yesterday. They took Sierpec and made some hundreds of prisoners. On the left bank of the Vistula there is no change. "In the western theater, near Souain, the enemy attempted an infantry attack, but were repulsed with the loss of 120 prisoners. "Northwest of Verdun, several French trenches were taken. French counter attacks under the Geneva flag (Red Cross) were repulsed with considerable loss to the enemy. Verdun was shelled by German aviators."

MEET TODAY IN SAN FRANCISCO

Marshfield Bankers Attend Session of C. A. Smith Companies' Committee

Everything is progressing well in the affairs of the C. A. Smith companies, according to a night letter received by Wm. Grimes from W. E. Chandler, president of the First National Bank, who is in San Francisco. In his message, Mr. Chandler said that the Smith companies' liquidating committee was to have another meeting today and that Mr. Chandler and J. W. Bennett would be in attendance. Mr. Bennett was due in San Francisco early this morning from San Diego where he went last Sunday. Mr. Chandler says that all of the company's mills and plants will be kept in operation and adds that he is reliably informed that the affairs will be adjusted shortly. Smith Leaves Chicago C. A. Smith, who has been in Chicago, wired last night to General Superintendent Arno Mersen, that he was leaving Chicago this morning for Oakland. This will mean that he will reach Oakland Monday morning. Mr. Smith had expected to leave there a few days ago, but was delayed. The San Francisco Bulletin in a story of the change in the Smith business says: Companies are Solvent. The creditors' committee which will handle Smith's affairs until new arrangements are made, consists of C. R. Johnson of the Union Lumber Company of San Francisco, J. E. Daneher of Chicago and Herman Waldeck, of the Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago. "Waldeck said in an interview in Chicago that the C. A. Smith companies are absolutely solvent, but that it has been found necessary to dispose of part of the assets in order to meet the pressing obligations. Under Waldeck's leadership steps are being taken to protect the holders of the first mortgage bonds, which aggregate \$5,000,000, and other creditors. "In addition to the bonds the timber company has the following obligations outstanding: "\$1,500,000 of collateral trust notes, carrying a 6 per cent interest which fall due July 1 next. These notes are secured by a like amount of the company's first and refunding bonds and by \$500,000 of the outstanding \$5,000,000 first mortgage bonds. "\$1,500,000 for first and refunding 6 per cent bonds, pledged to retire \$1,400,000 first mortgage bonds, of the Linn & Lane Timber Company, controlled by Smith. Bondholders' Committee. "The bondholders committee consists of John W. Blodgett, of Blodgett Company, Grand Rapids, Mich.; W. B. Pettibone, of Hanibal, Mo.; William R. Compton, of St. Louis, and Clark L. Poole, of Chicago. This committee has issued a statement which says in part: "The interest burden of the company is greater than it can meet out of its operating revenue. It is evident, therefore, that in order to meet its obligations the company must liquidate by the sale of some of its assets, which consist of the saw and pulp mills mentioned and five distinct tracts of standing timber, all of which are covered by the mortgage securing your bonds. The terms of this mortgage prevent the sale of separate tracts of timber at prices that can now be obtained. "It is impossible because of business and financial conditions to find buyers who can command the very large amount required to purchase the entire property. Therefore it is very necessary that the terms of this mortgage be so changed that the five tracts of timber can be sold separately or subdivided and sold. "The bondholders' committee announced that it can borrow money sufficient to pay the defaulted February coupons, provided the bondholders agree to the sale of the Smith holdings in parcels."

Russia Admits Defeat but Intimates Important Changes

WOULD HONOR HEROES OF EMDEN

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—A meeting of the representatives of various communes near Berlin today adopted rather a striking suggestion. This was that the minister of the interior allow all the members of the crew of the German cruiser Emden to add the word Emden to their names and thus perpetuate through this hyphenated cognomen the memory of the cruiser's deeds.

PORTUGAL TO GIVE ALLIES MORE TROOPS

LISBON, Feb. 12.—The Portuguese foreign minister announced that his country will carry out the policy decided upon early in the war, involving adhesion to the treaty with Great Britain requiring Portugal to assist her with troops. Portugal now has 100,000 men under arms. The foreign minister did not state whether immediate action would be taken to throw the army into the field with the Allies.

CREDITORS AND WIFE TO DIVIDE

To Split F. S. Dow \$5000 Insurance Policy into Equal Amounts Is Decided

A compromise, splitting the \$5000 insurance policy of F. S. Dow, deceased, in two equal parts, \$2500 going to the widow and a like amount to the creditors of the estate, has just been effected by the attorneys for both sides. Attorney C. F. McKnight went to Coquille this morning to secure an order from the county court permitting the compromise. In effecting a settlement there has been subdued a point of law that, in court, would probably have resulted in a long legal battle. F. S. Dow, who on March 6 committed suicide by jumping from a dock, by his first policy left the entire \$5000 payable to his estate as the beneficiary. Financial troubles arose and he is said to have contracted debts amounting to about \$25,000. Evidently contemplating suicide, Dow went to the local office of the New York insurance company and there had his policy changed, making his wife the beneficiary. This was about thirty days previous to the suicide, the day on which he went to the office, inquired about his policy and found that the papers authorizing the change had been sent to the New York office. After the death of F. S. Dow it developed that at the time he jumped from the dock the papers had not been received in New York and as a rule of the company states that changes must be made in the New York office before they go into effect, the creditors immediately contended that the money should be paid into the estate and not to the wife. Suit was filed in the circuit court by W. P. Murphy on behalf of the creditors. The compromise has been the result. Valentine BALL by the Ladies of Episcopal Guild at EAGLES' HALL, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12. Dr. H. E. KELTY, DENTIST—Phone 112-J, Room 204, Coke Bldg. The BEST MEATS IN TOWN at the PALACE MARKET.

Declares It Has Been Deemed Advisable to Withdraw from East Prussia

SAY GERMANS SECURED HEAVY REINFORCEMENTS

Claim Przemysl Fortress Weakened by Sorties—Reorganizing Armies

RUSSIANS PREPARE FOR FALLING BACK

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—The National Zeitung published a dispatch from a correspondent on the Russian border who says the Russians are employing thousands of laborers to strengthen the second line of defense. At the fortresses of Ivangorod, Brest-Litovsk and Kovno, men are working day and night. These preparations make the inhabitants fear that the Russians soon will be falling back.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 12.—The official statement today says: "It has been established that recently there appeared in East Prussia four new corps of the German army, consisting partly of troops transported from the west and partly of new recruits and reserves. This radically changed conditions and involved the necessity of our troops retiring in order to facilitate recomposition to positions more concentrated. The object, it was believed, could better be attained upon our own territory in the shelter of our fortresses. It is believed we are upon the eve of a great operation which must definitely delay the struggle in East Prussia. After 22 frustrated attempts the Germans occupied in great force the heights of Kozlovka, but were dislodged after a violent bayonet attack, leaving 400 dead. The garrison of Przemysl exhausted itself in fruitless sorties. On the Black Sea the Russians sunk a Turkish transport."

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PROHIBIT WIN IN SENATE IN IOWA

State-wide Prohibition Measure Passed by Vote of 39 to 10 Today

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 12.—The Senate today adopted a constitutional amendment providing for state-wide prohibition by a vote of 39 to 10. The measure now goes to the House of Representatives.

ISLAND IS SWEEP BY ELEMENTS' FURY

TUTUILA, American Samoa, Feb. 12. (By Wireless)—Not only a hurricane, but with it an earthquake and tidal wave, swept the Manua Islands of the Samoa group, as reported here two days ago. Only two persons were killed, one of whom was beheaded by flying wreckage.

GERMANS TAMPER WITH U. S. MAIL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—The United States has sent an inquiry to Germany on complaint of American Minister Van Dyke at The Hague that German military commanders are interfering with his diplomatic correspondence with Luxembourg, Secretary Bryan so announced today. The report that some of his mail had been held up by German military authorities reached the State Department from Dr. Van Dyke last night. Ambassador Gerard at Berlin was instructed to make representations to the German Foreign Office.

ASK GERMAN PEOPLE NOT BE ABUSIVE

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—Appeal for its readers not to allow hatred for Great Britain to lead them to insult English speaking persons in the streets is printed in the Lokal Anzeiger. The paper says it may be assumed in a great majority of cases the speakers are Americans.

WILHELMINA CASE WILL BE TAKEN UP

U. S. Government Asks England to Allow Owners to Present Evidence in Case

GIVE WILHELMINA'S OWNERS A CHANCE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—The American government has proposed to Great Britain a postponement of the plan to take the American steamer Wilhelmina before the prize court, that her owners may have an opportunity to present evidence which they contend will prove that the cargo was not properly subject to seizure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Counsel for the owners of the Wilhelmina and her cargo have represented that they can present irrefutable evidence to support argument that the vessel is not contraband. Should the government agree to the proposal, the action before the prize court will be unnecessary. The Wilhelmina is at Falmouth with foodstuffs consigned for the civil population of Germany.

GIRL CORRESPONDENT AND NOT A SPY

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—Miss Carolyn Wilson of Beverly, Mass., arrested several days ago on suspicion of espionage, was released after Ambassador Gerard had interceded in her behalf, on condition that she leave Germany immediately. She came to Germany as correspondent of a Chicago newspaper and was arrested because she displayed indiscreet curiosity concerning naval affairs, gun calibers and other matters.

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GERMANS DRIVE CZAR'S FORCE BACK FROM EAST PRUSSIAN FRONT

SMALL BATTLES ALONG EAST FRONT

French Statesman Tells of Minor Engagements, Mostly Artillery Duels

PARIS, Feb. 12.—The official communication this afternoon says: "South of Labeisse, the enemy exploded a mine at the end of one of our trenches. We, however, maintained our position. Between the sea and Somme there was artillery firing, including the bombardment of Tracy Le Mont by the enemy. In the Woeyre district there was fairly spirited cannonading on the part of the Germans in front of Ramboucourt and La Hasselle forest. We bombarded the railroad station at Thicourt and Armaville."

SHIP IS SUNK BY RUSSIAN SHELLS

Partly American Owned Steamer Washington Under Greek Flag Lost

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Ambassador Morgenthau today reported the sinking of the partly American owned steamer Washington, flying a Greek flag, in the harbor of Trebizond, during the recent Russian bombardment.

CLAIMS PERSONAL FEELING NO PART

Superintendent Raab Denies Dismissal of Teacher Was on Personal Basis

That personal animosity had no part in losing the position for Miss Caroline Sibel, of the North Bend public schools, is the statement of Supt. A. G. Raab made this afternoon at a conference in the office of C. E. Maybee, clerk of the board. Miss Sibel was present and in turn declared to Mr. Raab that she refused to retract any of her former statements. "We had a financial dealing some time ago," said Mr. Raab, "but the entire matter was settled. The records of the school board will show that since the teacher was employed at the beginning of the new year that twice I have been before the board asking for her an increase of salary. The letter I wrote asking her resignation was done in a spirit of protecting her; through the entire matter I have worked with no animosity whatever against Miss Sibel."

NO WASTE FROM SALMON

Columbia Canneryman Tells R. L. MacLeay of Rogue River About It.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 12.—With such "old-timers" as F. A. Seuffert, the salmon king of the Columbia, who has been in the salmon fishing and packing business for more than thirty years, there is nothing in connection with the salmon canning business that goes to waste, and the little matter of the disposition of offal from his big packing establishments is of small concern to him for he turns everything to account and he realizes a handsome profit from this by-product of his plant which other cannery men are worrying their heads off over the solution of the problem of what to do with it. The subject came up yesterday in connection with the passage of Mr. Gill's bill, prohibiting the pollution of certain streams of the state with sawdust, salmon offal, etc., and particularly the Rogue River, where Roderic MacLeay reigns supreme as the successor of the late salmon king, R. D. Hume. Mr. MacLeay was kicking about not being permitted to dump the offal from his cannery into the waters of the Rogue when Mr. Seuffert stated that he had long ago solved the problem by setting out a cherry orchard and using the offal from his cannery at The Dalles for fertilizer with astonishing and highly satisfactory results. "There is no such thing as waste around my packing house," said the veteran packer of the Columbia.

French Government in Market for 500,000,000 Feet.

SEATTLE, Feb. 12.—North Pacific lumber interests are submitting tenders on furnishing 500,000,000 feet of lumber for the French government to be used in constructing 100,000 two-room houses for French war sufferers. Lumber manufacturers throughout the world have been asked to bid on the order and it is expected that because of the French government's desire for an early delivery the order will be widely distributed.

Retreat of Czar Will Leave German Soil Almost Freed From Enemies

GERMAN VERSION OF CAMPAIGN LACKING

French Claim Germans Badly Beaten in Poland With Loss of Over 40,000

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The official statement from Petrograd makes it clear that the Russian invasion of East Prussia is checked and the invaders are retreating to their own territory. Germany's version of the events which brought this about has not been given and it is not known whether there has been heavy fighting merely falling back before a largely reinforced German army. With the withdrawal of the Russians, German soil will be freed from hostile forces, except in a section of Alsace. The fighting for the possession of the Carpathian passes in Galicia continues undecided. The French official announcement claims the German offensive in Poland is a complete failure. It says the losses of the Germans exceed 40,000 dead. In the western arena both sides continue marking time with no engagements of any importance reported.

BANDITS KILLED WEALTHY COUPLE

Jacob Vogel, Former Fruitvale Banker, and Wife Slain in Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif., Feb. 12.—Jacob Vogel, former president of the Citizens' Bank of Fruitvale and a wealthy resident of this section, and his wife were beaten to death early today by robbers who forced their way into the home. The Vogels are believed to have been called to the door by two men who seized them both, bound their hands behind their back and when they made an outcry beat them to death with some pointed instrument. The house was ransacked in an effort to find a large sum of money which was rumored to have been kept secreted by the Vogels.

WILSON WILL NOT COMPROMISE BILL

President Announces Rejection of New Draft—Won't Quit in Two Years

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—President Wilson today rejected the compromise ship bill evolved yesterday by the Democratic leaders of the House. He refused to agree to an amendment terminating the activities of the government in the shipping business two years after the close of the European war.

The Vote in Senate

In the Senate Reed precipitated a parliamentary battle by seeking a vote on the resolution to close all debate on the shipping bill with a final vote not later than February 19. Twice during the debate that followed, roll calls on motion resulted in a tie, 46 to 46, and each time the Vice-President broke the deadlock. The development did not particularly affect the Senate deadlock, because the Republicans were prepared to filibuster against the Reed resolution.

Representing President Wilson, Postmaster General Burleson made a counter proposition to the leaders. This was that the House combine Gore's substitute for the administration bill with the bill by Weeks which has already passed the Senate and which proposes a line of naval auxiliaries to be used for passengers and freight in emergencies. Burleson said the President would not accept any amendment to destroy the permanent character of the project. In the meanwhile shipping legislation awaited the reformation of administration lines. Plans to bring up the closure rules were knocked away when the rules committee today failed to act favorably.

MEMORIAL RAISED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—The cornerstone for a two million dollar Lincoln Memorial structure was laid here today without ceremonies. In the cornerstone was placed a history of Lincoln, signed by Livingston, by Robert T. Lincoln.

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