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GERMAN ADMIT RUSSIANS HAVE REGAINED NORTHERN POLAND CITY

German Claims Czar's Attacks Near Prussian Border Have Been Repulsed

RAISER USES BIG SEIGE GUNS AGAIN

French Claim Victory in Champagne and Germans Claim Gains Near Arras

LONDON, March 4.—German military authorities admit the recapture of Przasnysz, in Northern Poland, from the Russians, but assert the Russians suffered so severely during the attack that they were unable to disturb the retreat of the Germans. Berlin says the Russian attacks near the Prussian border failed.

German efforts to capture Osmontz have resulted in a violent battle with no decision in sight, according to Petrograd, which says the Germans have brought up their famous 16-inch siege howitzers. In the West, Paris reports the Allies now hold German positions in Champagne to the depth of two-thirds of a line along four miles of front. Berlin says French attacks were repulsed. The Germans claim the capture of a mile of trenches north of Arras.

AUSTRIAN FLEET BUSY

Bombards Antivari, Inflicting Considerable Damage.

LONDON, March 4.—Austrian warships have been bombarding Anari, Montenegro. They inflicted considerable damage.

A report which comes from Cetina reads: "Tuesday morning five Austrian warships entered the port of Antivari and bombarded the town, destroyed a quantity of valuable stores, sank the royal yacht and killed one civilian."

OX TEAM DRIVER UP IN AEROPLANE

ERA MEEKER, WHO GAINED FAME ON OREGON TRAIL, WILL FLY OVER WASHINGTON BUILDING TODAY.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—Elaborate preparations were made for the dedication at three o'clock this afternoon of the Washington State building at the Panama Pacific International Exposition. During the ceremonies, Ezra Meeker, of ox-team and Oregon trail fame, plans to fly over the building in an aeroplane with Robert G. Fowler, and scatter souvenirs to the crowds below. The objective of the Washington exhibit is to portray the transition from the wilderness to a productive commonwealth. Hundreds of residents from Washington are here to attend the ceremonies.

Visitors From Brewster.—Neva Barry, known as Coos county's best bad builder and who had twenty-one years experience as supervisor of Brewster Valley where he has resided forty-three years, is in Marshfield today. He and J. C. Kingsley and E. C. Abernethy came over from Coquille where they were on matters before the county court.

Mill Accident.—A cylinder head of one of the big Corliss engines at the big mill of the C. A. Smith Company blew out this morning and closed down the plant until noon. No one was hurt and the damage, while small, was quite complicated. Chief Engineer Bennett got busy and with his assistants had the mill running again at 2 o'clock.

Myrtle Point Wedding.—Miss Freda Leep and Mr. Allison Roberts, Myrtle Point young people, were married at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Cannon last Monday evening in Myrtle Point. The bride is a sister of Mrs. H. L. Bargelt, of Marshfield. Her father, Dr. K. A. Leep, is a prominent Myrtle Point physician.

DIVINE SARAH IS CRITICALLY ILL

BORDEAUX, March 4.—Madame Bernhardt, whose condition was considered excellent several days after the amputation of her leg, has suffered a relapse.

GERMANS TELL OF GAINES IN FRANCE

Claim Victory on Heights of Lorette—French Cannonading Killed French

BERLIN, March 4.—The official statement today says: "On the heights of Lorette our troops yesterday occupied the positions of the enemy nearly a mile wide, captured 566 prisoners, seven machine guns and six small cannon. French counter attacks failed. Renewed French attacks in Champagne were repulsed. West of St. Hubert we occupied the French trench. One of the recent French communications declared a German column while marching across the height of Tahure, was successfully shelled. We must confirm the accuracy of this announcement. The column consisted of French prisoners who were being led away and suffered a loss of 38 killed or wounded. "Russian attacks northeast of Grodo led them into a flank fire from our artillery and failed. Northeast of Lamza, the Russian attacks broke down with severe losses. South of Mysyniew and Chorzellem and northwest of Przasnysz the Russians again attacked."

DARDANELLES NEARLY TAKEN

LONDON, March 4.—The Allied fleet this morning resumed the bombardment of the inner forts of the Dardanelles, according to a dispatch from Athens. Ten warships took part in the operations. According to a British officer, only two of the Turkish forts remain intact. The Allied landing parties found charred remains of soldiers in the damaged forts, showing the Turks had not buried their dead before evacuating their positions.

PITTSBURG BANK CLOSES

Securities Affected by Flurry Causes Directors to Act.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 4.—The German National Bank of Pittsburgh did not open its doors this morning. The Cashier issued a statement saying that general unsatisfactory conditions and certain paper which the bank held, which ordinarily would be all right, had caused the directors to decide to close.

AMONG THE SICK

Mrs. John Peterson, of Templeton, underwent an operation at the Mercy Hospital this morning. She is doing very well. Mrs. Charles Bonebrake is recovering from her operation of a few days ago. George Maloney was able to leave the hospital for his home in Bay City following an appendicitis operation six days ago. H. E. BULTMAN left this morning for Gardiner and vicinity. He came in yesterday from Ten Mile and reports that fishing is poor except at Eel Lake. BE WISE and ATTEND the OWLS BALL, EAGLES HALL, SAT. EVE., MARCH 6.

Germany Willing to Abide By United States Suggestion

ENGLAND SEIZES U. S. OIL TANKER

LONDON, March 4.—The Standard Oil Steamer Pituria, bound for Malmo, Sweden, has been detained at Kirkwell, Scotland, by order of the Admiralty, pending an investigation. The Pituria sailed from Philadelphia February 3.

SHIP RAMS SUBMARINE IN CHANNEL

LONDON, March 4.—The statement of the captain of the Collier Thordis, which arrived at Weymouth two days ago, that his vessel rammied and sunk a submarine off Beachy Road, appears substantiated. An examination of the hull of the Thordis shows the keel and propeller were damaged by a collision.

HONOR JAS. CREELMAN.

America's Most Famous Newspaper Reporter Buried in Berlin Today. BERLIN, March 4.—The funeral of James Creelman, the American newspaper correspondent, who died here February 12, was held yesterday at the American church. Minister of Foreign Affairs Von Jagow was represented at the services by Councillor Horstman.

FEAR 150 LOST IN VIRGINIA MINE

ONLY THIRTY-FIVE BODIES RECOVERED FROM HINTON SHAFT—EXACT NUMBER OF LOST IS UNKNOWN.

HINTON, W. Va., March 4.—The number of deaths resulting from the explosion Tuesday in the Layland mine, remains unknown at noon today. Thirty-five bodies have been recovered so far. It is believed that about 150 perished.

C. H. BUFFINGTON returned this morning from a week's trip into Curry county going as far south as Gold Beach looking over the country and attending to some business in connection with the law office of John D. Goss.

WATERFRONT NEWS

Shortly after seven o'clock this morning the George W. Elder arrived in from Eureka, leaving at 12:30 p. m. for Portland. With 35 passengers the Brakwater came in from Portland this morning. Late yesterday afternoon the steam schooner Hardy left down for San Francisco with a lumber cargo. From San Francisco and San Pedro the Speedwell is expected tomorrow from Bandon, having arrived there yesterday.

THE SPEEDWELL SAILS SOUTH SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH.

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LATEST SPRING MILLINERY DISPLAY at CLARKE'S, Central Ave., Friday and Saturday.

TRADE AT THE PALACE MEAT MARKET.

Official Test of Berlin Reply to Note on Neutral Shipping is Given Out

APPROVES PLAN OF PRESIDENT WILSON

Says Neutrals and Dictates of Humanity Demand Adherence to Rules

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—The official text of the German government's reply to the American note suggesting that Germany and Great Britain agree on a plan to lessen the danger to neutral shipping in the war zone, was made public today.

"It is in accordance with Germany's wishes," says the note, "to have the maritime war conducted according to the rules, without discriminately restricting one or other of the belligerent powers in the use of the means of warfare, are equally considerate of the interests of neutrals and the dictates of humanity. The German government has carefully examined the suggestion of the American government and believes they can actually see in it a suitable basis for the practical solution of the questions which have arisen."

FRESHMAN CLASS PROGRAM TONIGHT

Declamation Contest to be Held This Evening at High School Auditorium

Tonight at 8 o'clock in the High School Auditorium the Freshman class will give its declamation contest to which everybody is invited to attend.

The contestants are: Misses Myrtle Isaacson, Ruby Carlson, Mary Rust, Grace Brown, Helen Rees, Marjorie Fulmer and George Hongell, Abert Johnson, Jesse Frantz, Lloyd LeMieux, Hugo Reed and Guy Clausen.

MARSDEN OPENS NOBLE THEATER

MANAGER OF FORMER GRAND THEATER OPENS NEW NOBLE THEATER TONIGHT—WILL CLOSE GRAND.

Robert Marsden, Jr., who made such a popular success of the Grand Theater on Front street, opens the new Noble Theater on Central avenue tonight, with Jack London's great story "John Barleycorn."

It was Manager Marsden's intention to rechristen the Lemanski the New Grand but there was a desire expressed by the builders and owners of the building that it be called the Noble Theater, and Mr. Marsden granted the request.

In addition "John Barleycorn," which is a six-reel feature, there will be vaudeville; Miss Dixie Sothorn appearing in monologue.

Manager Marsden states that it is the purpose to make the Noble the leading exponent of refined vaudeville and high class pictures in Southern Oregon. He has already booked some high-class attractions and some of the best pictures ever produced in America.

There will be a large audience present tonight to welcome Manager Marsden to his new theatrical home and wish him a full measure of success.

FINANCIAL—One to four thousand dollars to loan at current rates for term of years on improved ranch; give full description. Correspondence confidential and returned. Box 657, Marshfield, Oregon.

Easter Hat display, CLARKE MILLINERY, Central Ave., Friday and Saturday, MARCH 5 and 6.

FLOUR, \$1.80 at HAINES.

TRIPOLI SCENE OF VIOLENT OUTBREAK

ROME, March 4.—A state of siege has been proclaimed in a greater portion of Cyrenaica, in an effort to put down the rebellion. Cyrenaica is one of the independent administrative and military districts of Tripoli, which is now under Italian control.

FRENCH GAIN ON GERMANS IN BELGIUM

PARIS, March 4.—The official statement this afternoon says: "In Belgium on the Dues our artillery demolished the German trenches. Near Notre Dame De Lorette the enemy captured an advance trench recently constructed by us in immediate contact with the German lines. The bombardment of Rheims lasted all day, a shell falling every three minutes. In Champagne it is confirmed that the German counter attacks against the crest taken by us northeast of Mesnil were of a very violent character. Two regiments of guards fought with great ferocity. The defeat of these efforts has been complete. We made progress in the Vauquois region."

DIG FOR BURIED GOLD IN GARDEN

INVESTIGATORS DIG ABOUT IN CAPTAIN WHEELER'S GARDEN, BUT SO FAR FIND NO RESULTS.

That investigators have been digging about in the yard of the Captain W. S. Wheeler property, 173 Ninth street north, during the past ten days, is the report of neighbors who live in that vicinity and who have noticed the men at work. So far the results have been unsuccessful.

At the time of his death it was stated that Captain Wheeler at various times had drawn large sums of money from the bank and that no trace of this money could be found later, and it was generally believed that some of it might have been buried.

Captain Wheeler was a trifle skeptical of banks and often said that he felt a trifle more safe with the money actually in his own possession than in the trust of the bank institutions. Soon after his death James W. Watt was placed in charge of the property, awaiting the time when the property should be appraised, and told not to allow anyone to come onto the place. One of the main reasons for this, believe the neighbors who live near there, is that a search was to first be instituted for the probable buried treasure.

Asks Monthly Allowance. Mrs. W. S. Wheeler is filing a petition with the County Court asking that she be allowed the use of the Wheeler residence for at least one year and \$50 a month for her expenses. According to the will of the deceased husband, the wife was to receive only a dower interest in the income bearing property. The estate was appraised at a little over \$8000 in value.

NOTICE.

The monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce will be held Friday afternoon, March 5th, at 4:30.

The regular meeting of the general chamber will be held Friday evening, March 5th at 8 o'clock and all members are requested to be present.

J. W. MOTLEY, Sec.

BILLION DOLLAR CONGRESS ENDS SESSION LASTING TWO YEARS

SIGNS SEAMEN'S BILL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 4.—President Wilson today signed the seamen's bill, improving the working conditions of American seamen and increasing the life-saving equipment requirements.

WILSON CALLS IT A GREAT CONGRESS

President Pays Tribute to Session of National Lawmakers Just Closed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—For many minutes before adjournment, there was a lull in Senate business while tributes were paid to leaders and presiding officers and retiring members. In the House similar tributes were paid. While the speaking was going on, President Wilson worked steadily in his room signing measures. After his return to the White House, the President dictated a statement as follows: "A great Congress has closed its session. Its work will prove the purpose and quality of its statesmanship more and more, the longer it is tested. Business has now a time of calm and thoughtful adjustment before it, disturbed only by the European war. Circumstances created by the war put the nation to a special test, a test of its true character and self control. The constant thought of every patriotic man should now be his country, its peace, its order. Its dignity and strength alike will appear not only in revival of business, despite abnormal conditions, but also its power to act with disinterested fairness in a spirit of enlightenment which will firmly establish its influence throughout the world."

HISTORIC SESSION OF CONGRESS ENDS

RESUME OF MOST IMPORTANT LEGISLATION ENACTED DURING 613 DAY SESSION AT WASHINGTON—DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY REDUCED

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—Sixty-third Congress, first under complete domination of the Democratic party since 1895, quitted today at noon.

It has been in almost continuous session since President Wilson's inauguration two years ago. Beginning with an extra session called by the President April 7, 1913, the Congress has worked 637 days.

Much important legislation was accomplished, but much contemplated, some of it hard pressed by the President and party leaders, was left undone. It is the present intention of the President and his advisers to give Congress a rest. Rather than force an extra session, they would leave the remainder of the administration's constructive aspirations to a new Congress next winter, which, although under Democratic control, will have a greatly reduced majority in the House.

The closing session of the Congress was almost wholly devoted to appropriation bills, the ship purchase bill fight, and a few general measures. Aside from appropriations about the only important legislative enactments included the creation of the Coast Guard by consolidation of the Life Saving and Revenue Cutter services; reclassification of grades in the Diplomatic and Consular service and imposing special taxes upon all dealers, manufacturers or importers of opium, or its derivatives, and the creation of the Rocky Mountain Park in Colorado. Much debate on the condition of national defenses enlivened the closing session. Proposals for special investigation of the preparedness of

Appropriations Exceed \$1,120,000,000 But Are Under Other Congresses

IMPORTANT MEASURES SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

Senators Root and Burton Will Retire to Private Life—Business Done.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—Congress adjourned sine die today. The Senate adjourned at 12:04 and the House of Representatives, after turning back the hands of the clock, adjourned at 12:18. The total appropriations of the session are approximately \$1,120,484,324; several millions under the record of the previous Congress.

Two appropriation bills failed. Current appropriations for the postal service and the Indian office were extended for another year. In the closing hours, President Wilson signed the seamen's bill; a neutrality resolution empowering him to prevent ships leaving American ports with supplies for belligerent warships; a resolution giving medals to the "A. B. C." mediators, and many others.

The ship bill, Philippine bill, the conservation bills and ratification of treaties with Columbia and Nicaragua fell by the wayside. In the Senate, several prominent members, among them Root and Burton, stepped back into private life as the curtain fell.

In the House, Democratic Leader Underwood said good-bye to sit in the next Senate and over three score other members retired.

The session has lasted 613 days.

PANAMA OFFICERS PROMOTED TODAY

Col. Goethals Elevated to Brigadier Generalship—Others Also Honored

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—Four other nominations for promotions of officers associated with Col. Goethals were presented at the same time and all were immediately confirmed in open session of the Senate, an unusual proceeding. Brigadier General Gorgas was made Major General; Colonel Hodges and Lieutenant Colonel Sibert were promoted to Brigadier Generals. Commander Rousseau was elevated to Rear Admiral.

INDIAN BILL LOSES.

House Refuses to Pass Measure Even After Senate Reconsiders It

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—After the Senate had once rejected the Indian bill, it reversed its action today and passed it, but the House refused to agree and a joint resolution extending the current appropriations for another year was allowed to stand.

COL. GOETHALS IS GIVEN HIGH HONOR

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 4.—Colonel Goethals was nominated today to be Major General in recognition of his services in building the Panama Canal.

the nation for war all failed. House naval and military committees, however, conducted public hearings on the subject in connection with the military supply bills.

With the fall of the gavel today many Senators and Congressmen long national figures passed into private life. Senators who retire are Root, of New York; Burton, Ohio; Perkins, California; Thornton, Louisiana; Bristol, Kansas; Stephenson, Wisconsin; Crawford, South Dakota; Camden, Kentucky, and White, of Alabama. Representative Underwood leaves the House to go to the Senate. Scores of Representatives in the House give way to new members,