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GERMANS UNABLE TO DRIVE BACK ENGLISH ADVANCE IN NORTHWEST

British Army Assigned Lead in Attack in Campaign Against Kaiser

CLAIM ARTILLERY FIRE CAUSED LILLE CHANGES

Berlin Claims New Victories Against Russians—French Troops Holding Back

ENGLISH ADVANCE OVER FOUR MILES

LONDON, March 13.—The advance of the British troops in the vicinity of Neuve Chapelle is estimated at about four miles. According to a dispatch from Bethune the Germans were forced back beyond the forest.

LONDON, March 13.—The British army to which has been assigned the task of leading the present attack on the western battle front, is still attempting to push forward, and thus far the German efforts to drive it back have failed.

Berlin says the effort to recapture Neuve Chapelle made progress for a time, but was abandoned when the German encountered superior forces.

A correspondent of a Paris newspaper says the British artillery fire was so accurate that the Germans moved their headquarters from Lille. Spontaneous fighting is in progress in Champagne and the Vosges, but apparently the French army is leaving the initiative to the British.

Berlin says the new attack in Northern Poland has thus far been successful and the Russians were compelled to fall back beyond the Bzura River.

Petrograd says the Russians disabled the Austro-German forces from the fortified positions at Lupkow and Smolnik in the Carpathians.

Paris announces that the bombardment of the Dardanelles continued yesterday and leaves in doubt the amount of damage done.

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MOTHER OF MRS. GEORGE MANDIGO DIES IN EAST

A telegram announcing the death of her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Heisel, aged 78 years, was received last evening by Mrs. George D. Mandigo of North Bend. For some time Mrs. Heisel has been in bed at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Hardy, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, suffering from pneumonia so the end was not unexpected.

Mrs. Mandigo states that she will not go east. Her mother visited here a few years ago and spent quite a while on Coos Bay. There are four children still living. They are Mrs. G. D. Mandigo, of North Bend, Mrs. Harry Arnold and a brother at the old home in Constantine, Michigan, and a daughter, Mrs. Charles Hardy in Oklahoma. The body will be shipped east for burial.

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WHITE HOUSE PIONEER PNEUMONIA VICTIM

WASHINGTON, D.C., Mar. 13.—Col. W. H. Crook, disbursing officer of the White House, who was President Lincoln's body guard, and who has been intimately acquainted with every President since 1869, died today at his home here. He had been sick with pneumonia for more than a week.

FLEET GAINS LESS NEAR DARDANELLES

French Statement of Naval Activities Shows Less Progress Than Was Expected

PARIS, March 13.—The official statement today says: "On March 10, in bad weather, two British warships shelled two forts at Bulair (on the Gallipoli peninsula on the Gulf of Saros), while two other British battleships bombarded light batteries which commanded the bay of Morto at the entrance to the Dardanelles. During the night of the 10th and 11th mine sweepers entered the straits under cover of the guns of a battleship and cruiser and succeeded in operating in the first mine field, notwithstanding a hot fire from the guns of the defenses. French divisions began on the 11th operations against the fortifications of Bulair and light batteries above Morto Bay."

The foregoing dispatch seems to indicate that the Allied fleet has not penetrated the Dardanelles as far as supposed or that operations against the Turkish fortifications were not entirely successful. Previous reports stated that about a third of the passage had been cleared.

BELGIANS CAPTURE HIGHWAY TO HELL

French Announce King Albert's Troops Make Advances Against Germans

PARIS, Mar. 13.—The official statement this afternoon says: "The Belgian army consolidated and increased the results obtained Thursday. The British continued their progress. They crossed Lays Brook and reached the road known as the 'Highway to Hell' which runs from the northwest to the southeast toward Ambers. Southwest of Eltere, they carried several columns of houses originally prepared for defense. The total number of prisoners captured during the day was 1000. The Germans lost several machine guns. The left and right of the British army were engaged and the French supported them. In Champagne our progress continues. Northwest of Mesnil we captured 150 prisoners. In the Vosges on the Reich Ackerkopf a German assault was repulsed."

COUNT WITTE DIES AT PETROGRAD

Foremost Russian Citizen and First Prime Minister—Won in Treaty with Japan

LONDON, Mar. 12.—Count Sergius Witte, Russia's first Prime Minister, died last night, says a Petrograd dispatch. He was a Russian of the most remarkable men his country ever produced. Regardless of his work as a statesman, his chief fame rests upon his development of manufacturing industries, expansion of railroads and placing Russia's monetary system upon a gold basis. He was plenipotentiary at gaining mouth and succeeded in gaining terms under which Russia was not obliged to pay a cash indemnity to Japan when peace between those two countries was signed. He was born at Tiflis June 29, 1849.

ALL UNION FARMERS are REQUESTED TO ATTEND THE MEETING OF MARCH 20th. IMPORTANT BUSINESS. BIG BASKET DINNER after the MEETING. BRING YOUR WIVES.

Submarine Sank English Cruiser And 216 Out of 226 on Board Lost

FLEET IS DAMAGED

BERLIN, Mar. 13.—(Wireless to Saville.)—A Netherlands news agency at The Hague received a dispatch from Athens saying that in the fighting in the Dardanelles straits two British torpedo boat destroyers and two mine sweepers were destroyed, while two big battleships were disabled.

LOCATION AND DETAILS OF DISASTER WITHHELD

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Forwarding of these troops will increase the number of Japanese soldiers in the garrisons in China to nearly 60,000. The new troops will be distributed in Manchuria, Shantung, Tien Tsin and Hankow where the present forces of Japanese garrisons number nearly 30,000.

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BREAD RIOTS IN SPAIN SERIOUS

MADRID, Mar. 12.—Serious bread riots occurred yesterday at Jaenot, where a mob of women and children attacked bakeries. The police were obliged to charge several times before order was restored.

SAYS EITEL HAD RIGHT TO SINK FRYE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 12.—German Ambassador Count von Bernstorff, discussing with the United States State Department officials today the sinking of the American ship William F. Frye, defended the action of Captain Thierichsen, of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, contending that he acted under the declaration of London, which was the only guide as to the disposition of the prize.

Count von Bernstorff did not present any note to the State Department, and said that he had received no instructions from his government. He said that he called to discuss the question informally. The Frye's cargo was consigned "to order" and was destined to a fortified port of the enemy. As long as there was no port into which the Eitel could take the prize, the captain had done right, the Ambassador contended, to destroy both the cargo and vessel.

The full story of how the Wm. F. Frye was sunk with a cargo of wheat was officially laid before the U. S. government today by the Frye's commander, Captain Kiehne. Upon Kiehne's statement, made before the State Department officials the United States will decide upon its course, which probably will be a demand for an expression of regret from Germany and payment for the loss of the ship and cargo.

Further, the Ambassador argued, the captain of the Eitel, when he sank the Frye, did not know that the German prize court had held the mere fact that a ship bound for an enemy's port was not sufficient proof that her cargo was destined for the enemy. The case of the Frye, however, the Ambassador said, would be settled in accordance with international law because of the present status of the declaration of London.

LOCAL OVERFLOW

Case Monday.—The Oldland divorce case will be resumed Monday morning when the plaintiffs will complete the submission of evidence.

Meet at School.—The Marshfield students who will attend services at the Episcopal Church Sunday will meet at 10:30 at the Central School building and march in a body to the church.

Leaves Camp.—R. Brumbaugh who has been employed at the Blue Ridge yesterday and will seek a position elsewhere as it is uncertain when the McDonald and Vaughn camp will open again.

To Arrange Work.—Wm. Vaughn of the McDonald and Vaughn camp left yesterday for San Francisco to confer with L. J. Simpson and Edgar Simpson regarding opening the Danville Creek camp. No definite word has been received and while it is hoped to start operations about April 1, it is not certain.

New Manager.—G. C. Martin has been chosen manager of the Coos Bay Coosport Band to succeed Fred Wilson, who has managed it since its organization. Mr. Martin is one of the best known musicians in the city and will be a strong addition to the business management of the popular organization.

Baptist Day.—Sunday, March 14 will be observed by the Baptist Churches throughout the United States as "Baptist Day." At the local Baptist Church pastor Bamford will speak on the history, distinctive principles and achievements of the denomination at the services on Sunday. The public is invited to attend.

HARRY G. HOY with his wife and family is expected back either this evening or tomorrow from Walport where they were called by the sickness and death of Mrs. Hoy's mother. Mr. Hoy left for there last week; his wife and children were there two weeks before Mrs. Bobell's death.

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UNITED STATES GETS MEXICAN FACTIONS TO GRANT CONCESSIONS

RUSSELLS ADMITTED TO \$3000 BAIL

COQUILLE, Or., Mar. 13.—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell, who have been held in custody here for poisoning his brother Arthur, near Myrtle Point three years ago, were admitted to bail today. Justice Stanley required \$3,000 bond which was readily furnished. The preliminary hearing will be later.

SEVEN YEAR OLD BOY IS MISSING

At a late hour this afternoon Earl Litter was still missing. All day men have searched the waterfront. It is believed that the little fellow fell into the Bay and was drowned last night. There has been some talk of using drags along the edge of the docks.

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Since eight o'clock last evening the police and firemen have been searching the city and waterfront for a trace of Earl Litter, aged seven years, who has been missing from his home on Front street. He was last seen, so the mother, Mrs. O. H. Green says, playing with a little youngster on boats near the municipal dock at the foot of Alder avenue.

When he failed to return home Mrs. Green phoned around to friends in Bunker Hill where she thought he might have gone. They knew nothing of him. She went to the Burrows home on Front street and there found that the little five-year-old boy knew nothing of her son, though they had been playing near the boats together.

The police were notified and they, together with members of the fire department who were at the station, took lanterns and began their search along the waterfront. They peered up and down the alleys that opened onto the docks, around boats tied at the wharves and, whenever possible, under the docks. Not a trace was found of the little fellow.

Charles Matson said that he had seen Earl Litter about dusk in the alley near the Johnson and Guloevan stores. Others say that the boy was seen even after that near the Coos Bay Bakery on Market avenue. Mrs. Green formerly lived at Bunker Hill with a man named Litter. After several years together Mrs. Green declared that they were not married and had him arrested. He is the father of her two little boys, the oldest of whom is Earl. The father is in the county jail awaiting the action of the grand jury in April. Mrs. Green moved to the city and has been working in a candy factory, supporting herself and children.

The boy is described as small for his years, slight and with light hair and blue eyes. He was dressed in blue overalls when last seen and wore a cap. He has not been attending school since the family moved into the city.

ROSEBURG MAY HAVE TO CHANGE BONDS

ROSEBURG Ore., March 13.—Henry Richardson of Roseburg who was sent East to confer with bond buyers about the sale of the \$500,000 issue voted by Roseburg to aid the construction of a railroad to Coos Bay has returned. He says that bond houses informed him that there were too many restrictions on the bonds for them to be sold and they may have to be voted again and made more flexible. He said that the only thing counted now in connection with railroads was the amount of freight tonnage. He said that some eastern lumbermen were planning to put in a big sawmill in this vicinity.

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Zapata Forces Reported to be Rapidly Improving Conditions in Mexico City

SEC. BRYAN THINKS OUTLOOK IS BETTER

Says Carranza Has Agreed to Permit Use of Railroad—Zapata to Furnish Food

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 13.—Mexico City is reported quiet today and officials here expect all conditions to improve with the occupation of it by the Zapata forces. No further reports were received today on the killing of John B. McManus, by the Zapata troops. With the assurance from the Zapata commander that the guilty men would be punished, officials are awaiting the results of the detailed inquiry.

Bryan Gives View Secretary Bryan said: "I think we are in pretty good shape. Carranza has promised to permit the people leaving the capital to travel over a portion of the railroad that he controls, while the Zapata commander in Mexico City has undertaken to admit food supplies." The whereabouts of Oregon, who evacuated Mexico City, are not known.

SHIP STEEL RAILS FOR GARDNER WORK

PORTLAND Ore., March 13.—The first shipment of steel for the Gardner section of the Coos Bay-Eugene line has arrived here and will be sent to Gardner soon. There are five carloads of standard rails which were shipped from Eugene where the steel has been assembled for the road. It seems that the contractors lacked track for construction work and the standard steel will be used and later placed in the permanent track. They will be taken by boat from here direct to Gardner.

PERSONAL OVERFLOW

JOHN D. GOSS was called to Coquille on court business yesterday afternoon.

F. S. PERRY, proprietor of the veneer factory at Bandon, was a Marshfield visitor yesterday.

J. T. BRAND and Ben Fisher left on the afternoon boat for South Coos River where they will visit over Sunday.

S. J. SPRAGUE, of Gardiner is in the city on business. This afternoon he left for the county seat where he will visit a couple of days.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER G. J. ARMSTRONG left on the morning train for his home in Bandon after a day here on business.

MASTER QUINTON BAILEY, of Cooson, is spending the day with his sisters, Marguerite and Iona Bailey at their home in North Bend.

MISS MARGUERITE BAILEY and little sister, Iona, are the guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bailey, at Cooson, over Sunday.

HARRY AND GEORGE OERDING, Reubin Mast, E. E. Leslie and Raymond Jube of the Coquille Independents, left today for their homes after the game last evening.

EUGENE O'CONNELL left on the Nann Smith this morning for California where he expects to join his wife who has been visiting with her sister and daughter for some time.

J. C. KESLING, special agent of the Standard Oil Company, is spending a few days here with C. W. Cumbers, local representative of the company. They left yesterday for the lower Coquille.

E. O. WILLETTTS, who was janitor of the Craig boarding house in Bunker Hill on the night of the fire and who was first in arousing the sleepers at the first alarm, left on the Nann Smith this morning for San Francisco.

J. C. CASTELL, inspector 13th district of the Life Saving Station, left for Bandon this morning where he will inspect the station. Mr. Castell is from San Francisco and makes regular trips of inspection through the year. He was here about four months ago.

B. R. WELBY, of North Bend, was here yesterday. He is getting his newspaper plant ready, being delayed in publication through the failure of his press to arrive from the east via the Panama Canal. Slides at Culebra have held traffic for several weeks, he said.

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