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GERMANS AND FRENCH DIFFER IN REPORTS OF VICTORIES IN WEST

Berlin Says British Defeated and Paris Says English Won in Two Places

GERMANS STILL WIN ON EASTERN FRONT

Russian Resistance in Northern Poland Broken Down—Bombard Ossowetz Fort

AUSTRIANS LOSING

LONDON, Mar. 16.—The Russians are again advancing in Northwestern Bukovina, according to a dispatch from Bucharest, near Novo Sultiza. The Russians carried the Austrian trenches at the points of bayonets, the Austrians retreating with heavy losses.

LONDON, Mar. 16.—Paris claims today that the Germans suffered reverses in two sections of the western front. The British army is said to have recaptured St. Eloi and to have carried new German positions near the village in Champagne. Progress for the French at two points is reported.

Berlin announces the winning of St. Eloi, but makes no mention of its subsequent recapture by the British. It says the French attacks in Champagne broke down.

Berlin reports Russian attacks near Prsanzy were defeated everywhere and that the Germans took two thousand prisoners. The Germans brought batteries closer to Ousewetz fortress, according to Petrograd, because of their ineffectiveness at the longer range. It says the fighting continues with the defenders holding the advantage.

Deep snow is hindering operations in the Carpathians.

GERMANS TELL OF GAINS ON ALLIES

Claim English Defeated at St. Eloi, French Losing in Champagne

BERLIN, Mar. 16.—(Wireless to Seyville)—The official announcement today says: "The English position on the height near St. Eloi, south of Ypres, has been taken by the Germans. Fighting for possession of this location has been going on since day before yesterday. On the southern slope of the Lorette hills northwest of Arras, fighting has been going on for the possession of a crest of hill. In Champagne several partial attacks by the French were repulsed. North of Beausejour the Germans took possession of several French trenches. The engagement begun yesterday at Arras continued today. Also in the Vosges there are several places where fighting is going on.

"On the Orzye, northeast of Prsanzy, Russian attacks were repulsed. There was especially violent engagements for the possession of Jodorozek. Two thousand Russians were taken prisoners.

EXPRESS MAIL HEARD

Companies Want to Advance Rates Again in United States.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 16.—Representatives of the American, Adams, Southern and Wells-Fargo express companies have asked leave of the Interstate Commerce Commission today to file a petition for a rehearing in the express rate case.

It is declared that the low rates in force, prescribed by the Commission "have been disastrous."

DIVINE SARAH BETTER

BORDEAUX, Mar. 16.—A bulletin issued by doctors after visiting Sarah Bernard, who recently left a hospital after her right leg was amputated, states that her condition is entirely satisfactory.

NEARLY 30,000 KILLED IN ITALY

ROME, Mar. 16.—The official parliamentary report of the earthquake of January 13th gives the number of deaths thus far reported as 29,978 without including persons who afterward died of injuries and illness caused by the disaster. The Communes damaged numbered 372.

MEXICO SITUATION MUCH IMPROVED

President Wilson Says McManus' Slayers Will be Prosecuted

SWEDES SUFFER IN MEXICO CITY

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—The plundering of two houses belonging to Swedish citizens and the robbing of Swedish subjects in Mexico City streets, were reported by the Swedish Charge d'Affaires there, who described conditions under the Zapata occupation as "deplorable" in a message to the Swedish legation here.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 16.—Official assurances that Carranza has abandoned the blockade of Progresso were received today. Conditions in Mexico are regarded by President Wilson as much less in ferment than a few days ago. The President said he had no doubt but that those guilty of killing John B. McManus will be punished and an indemnity paid his relatives.

Foreign government representatives in Washington, who look to the United States for the safety of their countrymen in Mexico, were keenly interested today in the outcome of vigorous steps taken by the American government looking to the protection of foreign interests in the Southern Republic. Some saw in the latest American move a change in the Administration's policy and believe that the United States would insist on great consideration for foreign interests by Mexican factions. An American warship has arrived at Manzanillo, on the west coast, where conditions are reported bad.

AGED FAIRVIEW WOMAN DIED TODAY

Mrs. Catherine Bettys, Resident of Coos County Forty-two Years, Succumbs

Mrs. Catherine Bettys, one of the pioneers of Coos County, and one of the most highly respected women of Fairview, died at her home there this morning after a long illness of sorosis of the liver. Death was not unexpected, although the extraordinary vitality of the woman had prolonged her life.

Just six years ago today, Hiram Bettys, husband of the deceased, passed away at the home in Fairview. It was a strange coincidence that her death should come on the anniversary of the death of her husband, with whom she had undergone the trials of pioneering in the west.

Catherine Desmond was born in Toronto, Canada, and in early life moved to New York, then to Kansas and just forty-two years ago crossed the plains with her husband and settled at Fairview, where they had since resided.

Mrs. Bettys was of that neighborly, motherly disposition that

Pres. Wilson Isirate Over Last English Blockade Order

U. S. MINE PLANTER AT COLUMBIA RIVER

(Special to the Times.) ASTORIA Ore. Mar. 16.—The U. S. mine planter Ringgold, has arrived at Fort Stevens and is operating a/c. She is in command of Capt. Cally and will be at the mouth of the Columbia for six weeks. It is said that she is merely practicing.

Indicates That United States Will Make Most Vigorous Protest Immediately

CANNOT RESTRICT U. S. SHIPPING TO NEUTRALS

Allies' Action Brings Most Crucial Effect of War Home To America Today

WASHINGTON D. C. Mar. 16.—President Wilson indicated today that the unofficial outline of the British order in privy council shutting off trading with Germany was very displeasing to the United States government. The discussion among other officials was taken to indicate that the government would make to Great Britain and her allies protest more vigorous than any of the notes hitherto sent. In some official quarters it was thought this protest might take the form of firm insistence on compliance with international law. Officials of the State Department say that the British order raises new and embarrassing complications for neutral commerce to which it never before had been subjected in maritime war.

Hold Up All Trade.

The interference with trade between this country and neutrals, suggested in the order, is giving officials here the most concern, for, as they read the British order, the commerce of those countries which have not placed embargoes on contraband articles practically will be held up. The United States contends there is no warrant for such action.

NEUTRALS TO SEEK AID OF UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 16.—The Netherlands Minister Van Rapard opened negotiations at the State Department today to determine what action may be taken by the United States and The Netherlands to obtain amelioration of restrictions laid down by the British order in Council.

LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE

Admiral Only Seattle Company to Concede to Laborers Thus Far

SEATTLE, Wash., Mar. 16.—The Admiral Line, the only important steamship company here which has agreed to demands of the longshoremen that crews for handling cargoes shall be selected at union headquarters, is moving its freight promptly. All other lines are seriously delayed.

KING'S JEWELS OF SPAIN IN NEW YORK

Mexican Priest Brings \$500,000 Piece from Mexico City to Save it From Oregon

NEW YORK, Mar. 16.—A king's ransom in jewels blazoned in the royal eagles of Spain at the time of Charles V., the most powerful monarch of the sixteenth century, lies today under guard in the customs house, awaiting appraisal. The value is half a million. It was brought by a Catholic priest who fled from Mexico City. He said that he took them from the church to save them from seizure by General Oregon.

BRITISH SHIPS SILENCE TURKS

PARIS, Mar. 16.—Several batteries of Turkish field artillery posted above Kum Kale at the entrance of the Dardanelles were silenced by the British warships after the bombardment Sunday, says a dispatch from Athens.

CAPT. OLSON HAS NEW RECORD TRIP

Adeline Makes a Complete Round Trip in 100 Hours and Loads in 12 Hours

C. A. SMITH MAY RETURN HERE SOON

C. A. Smith, head of the C. A. Smith companies, is planning to come to Coos Bay the latter part of this week on the Adeline Smith for a short stay. Arno Merce, who has been spending some time at Oakland, and Vernon A. Smith, are also planning to come up with him. Nerdrum brothers, who have been in San Francisco and San Diego on matters connected with the pulp mill, may return here at the same time. Plans for resuming operations at the pulp mill are still a little indefinite but Mr. Smith may shortly arrange for its resumption.

Capt. B. W. Olson of the Adeline Smith sailed from the dock at C. A. Smith mill at 11 o'clock this morning after making a new record round trip as well as a new record for loading the Adeline.

The round trip was made in exactly 100 hours and the outgoing cargo of 1,650,000 was loaded in just 12 hours.

The Adeline arrived in from San Francisco last evening at 9 o'clock. It was just fourteen hours later that she left her slip and from the fourteen hours had to be deducted an hour off last night for midnight meal and an hour off this morning for breakfast for the crew.

This is said to be the first trip that the Adeline has come up to the prophecy which C. A. Smith made for her when she was being completed. He intimated that under favorable conditions she would make round trips in 100 hours and some of the navigators and others on Coos Bay thought that he was joking them. However Capt. Olson took the suggestion in the spirit it was made and has made it come true.

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BRITISH WARSHIP SUFFERS DAMAGE

Athens Dispatch Says 28 Officers and Men Killed on Amethyst at Dardanelles

BERLIN, Mar. 16.—(Via wireless)—A dispatch from Athens says the British cruiser Amethyst sustained heavy damages and 28 officers and men were killed and an equal number wounded during the attack on the inner forts of the Dardanelles in which five British warships took part.

GIRL PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Isabelle Cushman Arrested by Kate Wedell on Charge of Stealing Clothes From Back Line

Miss Kate Wedell, corner Anderson and Second street, this morning swore out a warrant for the arrest of Isabelle Cushman, of North Bend, charging her with the theft of dresses from her clothes line last Saturday night. The girl appeared in Justice Penneck's court and pleaded not guilty. The date for a hearing has not been set.

On Saturday night the police were called into the case, Mrs. Frank Lapp and Isabelle Cushman being accused. Yesterday, according to Chief Carter, Mrs. Lapp told him that the dresses had been taken for revenge by the Cushman girl and were hid beneath the plank roadway on Second street.

Search there last night revealed no traces of the missing clothes and the warrant was issued for the girl's arrest this morning. On Monday a search warrant was issued to North Bend, but nothing could be found at the Cushman home near Bangor. The complaint states that there is missing two white dresses, one silk dress and one white embroidered dress and a tidy. The mother of the girl this morning told Judge Penneck that she would be responsible for her daughter's appearance at the hearing.

DON'T FORGET

St. Patrick's dance in Eagles Hall Wednesday, March 17.

BATTLESHIP DAMAGED

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON D. C., Mar. 16.—The battleship Connecticut broke one of its shafts Sunday while maneuvering in Guantanamo Bay, and is now bound for Philadelphia under her own power, convoyed by the collier Orion.

NINETEEN MISSING OF DRESDEN CREW

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) VALPARAISO, Chile, Mar. 16.—Nineteen members of the crew of the German cruiser Dresden, sunk of Juan Fernandez Island Sunday by British warships, are missing. This was made known on the arrival here today of the British auxiliary cruiser Orana having on board the survivors of the Dresden, some of whom were wounded.

ENGLAND'S ORDER LOOKS LIKE U. S. WAR

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 16.—Administration officials are giving careful study today to the provisions of Great Britain's Order in Council aimed at the stoppage of shipping to and from Germany which they regard as unprecedented and having far reaching effects on American commerce, particularly on the shipments of cotton and importations of dye-stuffs from Germany.

That the officials are keenly disappointed is evident and that vigorous protests will be lodged by the American government against British action is certain.

What perhaps displeased the officials most was the prohibition on American commerce consigned to neutral countries and suspected of enemy destination. It forms the principal basis upon which the American government will insist on the freedom of its commerce from undue interference.

NEW LEGAL MOVE

Before the court's decision Thaw's counsel, as if in anticipation for such a decision obtained a writ of habeas corpus which will keep Thaw in the Tombs until Friday when he must be produced in court.

NEW YORK, Mar. 16.—Harry K. Thaw will not be sent back to New Hampshire by the state of New York, as his counsel demanded, but must be returned to Matteawan, "unless legal papers calling for his detention in New York county are served upon the warden of the Tombs prison." Such was the state Supreme Court's decision today in disposing of a formal motion to have Thaw returned to New England.

WOMEN CALL MASS MEETING MAR. 23

ASK ALL INTERESTED TO JOIN AUXILIARY — COMMITTEES MEET AND RECONSTRUCT BY LAWS OF CHAMBER

Reconstruction of the by laws of the Chamber of Commerce allowing for the Woman's Auxiliary to the Chamber of Commerce was effected last evening at a meeting of committees from the two organizations. The women have set Mar. 23 as the date on which the women of the city are asked to meet at the Chamber of Commerce and there outline a plan of procedure along civic, industrial and social lines.

The committees from the auxiliary were composed of Mrs. F. E. Allen, Mrs. D. A. Jones and Mrs. W. A. Toye and, from the Chamber of Commerce, J. S. Smith, C. H. Peck and C. I. Reigard.

To build up the auxiliary is the next step, say the members, and the invitation is extended to every woman in the city to join. It is probable that some definite object toward the beautification of the city will be taken up at the next meeting. The betterment of the city park has been slightly touched upon and it is understood many of the women are in favor of seeing this property of the city put in "ship shape" order, with trees and shrubbery.

Locate Here.—B. H. Whitmer, an optometrist of Portland, has arrived here with a view of locating here and expects to have headquarters here and make all the other towns in the section. He was formerly locate at McMinnville.

E. L. POWELL, who recently disposed of the Twin City Laundry, and wife, will move from North Bend to Marshfield tomorrow. They will occupy an apartment at Myrtle Aries, Mr. Powell having taken a position here. They had planned to return to David City, Nebraska, but a business opportunity here made him change his mind.

Has Smallpox.—Jas. Nowlin, a well-known North Coos River rancher, is ill of smallpox at his home. The teacher of the North Coos River district, who boards at the Nowlin home, has had the smallpox and is therefore immune and was told to go ahead with school work after thoroughly fumigating the books, clothing, etc. A child in the Nowlin home was ordered quarantined with the family.

SAYS U. S. NAVY PREPARED FOR GREATEST SHOWING IN HISTORY

Sec. Daniels Answers Critics of Unpreparedness of America for Serious Trouble

MAKES DECLARATION AT WARSHIP LAUNCHING

Says America Fortunate in That Lincoln's Mantle Fell on Shoulders of Wilson

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEWPORT NEWS, Va. Mar. 16.—Secretary Daniels, answering critics of the unpreparedness of the United States Navy, in an address here today, declared that never before in the history of the country was the Navy in better shape to fight. He spoke at a luncheon given in his honor after the launching of the superdreadnaught Pennsylvania.

He said the country was fortunate in that the mantle of patience and peace of the martyred Lincoln had fallen upon the shoulders of President Wilson to guide the ship of state in our present peril.

Launched Near Eitel.

Christened by Miss Elizabeth Kolb, of Germantown, Penn., as Secretary Daniels gave the signal, the monster hull of the Pennsylvania slid into the James River and the swell tossed the German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich nearby.

Commander Thierichens, of the Eitel, sat in full uniform with the official party on the platform and mingled with the American naval officers.

THAW GOES BACK BUT FACES ASYLUM

Ordered Returned to New Hampshire, But Will Likely be Taken to Matteawan

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WALTER OLDLAND GRANTED DIVORCE

COURT REFUSES TO ALLOW FORMER WIFE ATTORNEY'S FEES; FATHER AND UNCLE CHASE OLDLAND

An absolute divorce was granted late yesterday afternoon by Judge Coke to Walter Oldland from 16 year old Hazel Oldland, following three days examination that have filled the court records with a case in which husband and wife bantered back and forth charges of infidelity. This morning as a climax, W. C. Mason and an uncle of the girl took after the former husband, chasing him into a pool room on Front street, and dared him to come forth and get his "face smashed." Oldland stayed inside.

When the husband put in a plea for a legal separation the wife filed a cross complaint. This was denied her by Judge Coke, together with \$250 attorney's fees and alimony.

In his findings the judge after refusing to reconsider, declared he would have found for the defendant but, with the testimony brought up, he could do nothing else than refuse.

Judolph Krominga was on the stand yesterday afternoon. He told a story related to him by Howard Edwards, a messenger boy, who said he had been out with Mrs. Oldland. Mr. and Mrs. Mason and two brothers of the girl testified, denying the allegations of the plaintiff's witnesses. Frank Lapp was on the stand. He testified that an attempt had been made to "mix him in the case" but that he had refused. Robert Kruger and James Pettit were called to state what they knew about the place where Mrs. Oldland had been staying.

Cut's Thumb.—Judge John F. Hall this morning inflicted a bad flesh wound on his thumb while chopping kindling at his home. Judge Hall wash formerly a woodsman and is somewhat peevish over suffering the injury from a hatchet.