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SPRING CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN ON 600 MILE BATTLE FRONT

Greatest Continuous Fighting Since War Began is Now in Progress.

RUSSIANS ARE AGAIN FIGHTING IN AUSTRIA

French and Germans Both Claim to be Victorious—Port of Smyrna Resists

PRZEMYSL ABOUT TO FALL

PETROGRAD, Mar. 17.—The capture of the Austrian fortress of Przemyśl is considered in the Russian capital as a matter of a few days only. Austrian soldiers captured by Russians during two unsuccessful sorties say the garrison is existing on famine rations and the hospitals are crowded.

LONDON, Mar. 17.—Along the 600-mile Eastern front great activity prevails and Petrograd believes the opening spring campaign is at hand. At no time previous since the war began has there been such continuous fighting over the whole front.

A Berlin communication shows that in the extreme north, the Russians are again on the Prussian border. The report mentions the attack on Laugazargen, which is on German soil.

French and German accounts of fighting in the west are at complete variance. Both claim successes in Champagne and near the Belgian border. Regarding the battles which have been in general progress for the spur of the hill on Lorette Heights, both the French and Germans claim to have won.

POLO TOURNAMENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 17.—The scene of the Universal polo tournament, which began yesterday on the exposition grounds when Cooperstown, New York, defeated San Mateo 5 to 4 1/2, shifted today to Burlingame, where Boise, Idaho, and Burlingame will compete.

SONS OF NORWAY WILL ERECT HALL FOR THE ORDER HERE

Important Meeting Held Which Inaugurates Some New Development Work

PLAN OF COLONIZATION IS ALSO PROPOSED

May Bring Five Hundred Families into Coos County to Make New Homes.

The Coos Bay Order of the Sons of Norway held an important meeting last week. It was decided to enter at once upon the preliminary work of erecting a hall and thereby securing a home for themselves. A committee of seven was elected to ascertain prices of different properties for the purpose of getting a convenient location at the most reasonable figures. As soon as the work gets under way a general subscription will be started throughout Coos County. Mr. B. B. Haugan was elected chairman of this committee and has been requested to take the lead in this work. The other members are O. M. Johnson, John King, Carl Flaaten, L. Strummen, Jacob Rosdahl, Olaf Hansen. In a talk to the members of the Sons of Norway, Mr. Haugan said in part: "If we unite our efforts there

CONSTANTINOPLE AWAITS HER FATE

Only Unimportant Operations Being Undertaken by Allied Fleet at Dardanelles

BRITISH LOSE THREE SHIPS

The British met with a reverse in an attempt to clear the Dardanelles of mines. They lost three mine clearing ships and one sailing ship. Considerable damage was inflicted on a British cruiser.

JAPAN FRIENDLY TO UNITED STATES

Premier Okuma Gratified at Changed Conditions—Progress in Chinese Negotiations

TOKYO, Mar. 17.—The Osaka Jiji published an interview with Premier Count Okuma in which he said he expected good results from the negotiations going on at present with China.

The Premier spoke strongly of the changed attitude in the United States toward Japan. He said these relations are becoming very friendly and they were especially good at the present moment.

FRENCH SAY THEY ARE VICTORIOUS

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AMERICAN SHIP WRECKED TODAY

The Pass, Loaded With Cotton, Goes Ashore—Part of Crew Lost

BERLIN, March 17.—(By Wireless to Sayville) An announcement by an overseas news agency indicates that a number of men lost their lives in the wrecking of the American bark Pass of Panama, which went ashore near Syle, one of the North Frisian islands. The announcement says that seven members of the crew were saved by the life guards from the coast patrol station. She was a vessel of 1500 tons, with a crew of about twenty men, bound from New York for Bremen with a cargo of cotton.

United States Will Protest Action of Great Britain

PRESIDENT WEARS SPRIG OF SHAMROCK

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 17.—President Wilson appeared at the executive offices today wearing a sprig of shamrock and a green necktie. The shamrock was presented to the President by Miss Sue Marlon of Jersey City.

GERMANS CLAIM ALLIES DEFEATED

Some German Gains and Indecisive Results at Other Points on Fighting Lines

BERLIN, Mar. 17.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—The official statement today says: "The contest for possession of an eminence on the southern slope of Lorette Heights to the northwest of Arras has been decided in favor of the Germans. In Champagne, west of Perthes and north of Le Mesnil, the French delivered several unsuccessful attacks. North of Le Mesnil attacks were renewed with stronger forces and the engagements still continue. In the Argonne fighting has not yet come to an end. The French were driven back from the slopes southwest of Vauquois. Two French attacks in Le Pretre forest failed. The Russian advance against Tauraggen, Rumania, just across the East Prussian border, was repulsed. Russian attempts to break through the German lines between Skwa and Orzye Rivers, north of Warsaw, also were repulsed."

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Commercial Rights of Neutral Nations Will be Urged by President Wilson

REGRET AN EMBARGO CANNOT BE PLACED

Senators Generally Wish That President Had Been Empowered by Congress

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17.—With the publication by the State Department today of the complete text of the correspondence between the United States and the belligerent nations respecting the rights of neutrals, interest was renewed in the probable course the American government would pursue in seeking free commercial intercourse with other countries. It is generally believed here that a vigorous protest will be made against the action of the British government.

Senator Walsh, of Montana, who discussed the situation with President Wilson last night, said the Senators generally regretted that Congress had not empowered the President to place an embargo on American exports to the belligerents, although he did not believe the President would call an extra session of Congress for that purpose.

DRESDEN BLOWN UP BY HER OWN CREW

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17.—German Ambassador Bernstorff today received an official report that the cruiser Dresden was blown up by her own crew after having been attacked in neutral waters off Chile by British warships.

The official report adds that the British ships began firing from a distance of 2000 meters, but rather than be destroyed by the enemy's ships, the Commander of the Dresden chose to save the crew and abandon the vessel. The report came from the German legation at Santiago, Chile.

NIUEPORT NOW BEING BOMBARDED

Germans Dropping Shells into French Town—Belgians Defeat Germans

PARIS, Mar. 17.—"The enemy is again furiously bombarding Niueport, this time with sixteen-inch howitzers," says an undated message from the Petit Parisienne correspondent. "Thirty shells have fallen in the town, making enormous holes and demolishing several buildings, but no one was hurt. Belgian troops, profiting by a slight recession of the waters in the district they occupy, carried two German advance positions. The warships and monitors of the Allies vigorously bombarded Westende."

BORN

MAIO—To Mr. and Mrs. Annolino Maio at their home in Beaver Hill, Wednesday, March 17, a girl—and on St. Patrick's Day, too, but probably Annolino will call her Patricia.

COOS TAX COLLECTIONS

The county treasury is so busy taking in contributions for public expenses at this time as to require two shifts to keep up with the work, one for the day and the other for the night. Treasurer Dimmick has the following force at work now: J. A. Sullivan, deputy; John Levee, George O. Leach, R. R. Ponder, B. T. Currie, Dan Dimmick, Archie Walker and Walter Oerding. The Sheriff's office here collected more money for delinquent taxes during the month of February than for any other calendar month during the past year, the amount being \$7,445.44.—Coquille Sentinel.

TWO BRITISH STEAMERS ARE TORPEDOED

LONDON, Mar. 17.—The British steamer Flugal, 661 tons, was torpedoed and sunk March 15th off the Northumberland coast, the Admiralty announces. Twenty members of the crew landed at North Shields, but six lives are reported lost, including the chief mate and stewards.

MINE SWEEPER IS BLOWN UP

British Vessel is Destroyed in Dardanelles and Several Lives are Lost

SOUTH SHIELDS, Eng., Mar. 17.—The British steamship Blonde, arriving here today, reports she was attacked in the North Sea by a German aeroplane, which dropped a bomb on her deck. One member of the crew was killed.

REHEARING NOT TO STOP DREDGE WORK

DREDGE SEATTLE WILL MOVE TO BANDON IN APRIL—PORT OF BANDON CASE UP APRIL 12TH.

Despite the fact that a rehearing has been granted District Attorney Liljeqvist in the hearing of the Port of Bandon case before the Supreme Court, Superintendent R. E. Miller, of the Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Company, declares that the Seattle will go ahead anyway with her contract. This was signed up at a meeting held about two weeks ago.

The Port of Bandon now has some money on hand, enough to start with, says Mr. Miller, and as soon as the dredge Seattle has concluded operations on the Coos Bay project, expected to be about April 15, she will be moved to Bandon.

The rehearing before the Supreme Court has been set for April 12, and advices from there are to the effect that a speedy decision will be given as all of the points at issue have been decided, with the exceptions of the new findings forwarded to Salem by Mr. Liljeqvist.

The contract signed up between the Port of Bandon and the Puget Sound Dredging Company, calls for about \$50,000 of dredging, this to be done on the 26-mile stretch between Coquille and the Bandon shoals and to insure a depth of at least ten feet at low water, with the exception of the shoals, where the depth will be increased to 12 feet. At the present time the dredge Seattle is working on the last shoals in the project below Pony Inlet, and Mr. Miller expects that the digger will finish work there. Should the Supreme Court reverse its decision and knock out the Port of Bandon, the contract with the dredging company will be void.

CARRANZA PROMISES TO PROTECT ALL AMERICANS IN MEXICO

ASSOCIATED PRESS IS NOT A TRUST

U. S. Attorney General Makes Important Ruling About News Association

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 17.—Attorney General Gregory has written a letter to counsel for the Sun Association, disposing of the complaint against the Associated Press for alleged violation of the anti-trust act, made by the New York Sun, and says there is no ground for action by Federal authorities under the anti-trust act.

Frank B. Noyes, president of the Associated Press, in offering the Attorney General's letter, said: "The clean bill of health which has been given the Associated Press by the Attorney General is highly gratifying, because it is the result of a long, careful and searching scrutiny by the Department of Justice of the object and form of organization, and its scope and methods."

MORE SCHOOLS TO CONSOLIDATE

School Patrons of Catching Inlet and Esterbeck Districts Start Progressive Plan

The joining of the Esterbeck District No. 56 and Catching Inlet, District No. 12 school districts was practically assured at a meeting of the patrons held last evening at the Catching Inlet school on Catching Inlet. County Superintendent Baker and School Supervisor Golden were present and addressed the meeting on the advantages that would accrue from such action and there were talks by others. Discussion brought out the fact that the consolidation would allow the erection of a two room modern school building. The question will not be definitely decided until the school election to be held in June.

About forty patrons were present including several women. Dan Ross presided and among the others present were Supt. Raymond E. Baker, Supervisor Golden, Mrs. George Ross, Mrs. Rosa Preuss, Mrs. Heuperman, Miss Maude Thirber, Carl Carlson, Wm. Laxstrom, Geo. Ross, Tillo Culver, Fred Messerly, Mr. Grinnell. Little opposition was expressed, the consensus of opinion being that the school should be built by consolidation. He states of the two districts.

A petition was circulated this morning by William Laxstrom who secured the signatures of the majority of the school patrons. Those who signed in the Esterbeck district are: John Laxstrom, William Laxstrom, John A. Carlson, Mrs. L. Heuperman, John Hayden, Arthur Mattson, Mrs. A. Mattson, Carl Smedberg, Mrs. Carl Smedberg, J. E. Collier, Mrs. J. E. Collier, C. Esterbeck, H. Russell and Mrs. H. Russell.

Those who signed the petition in the Catching Inlet district are: Dan Mattson, Arthur Gunnell, William Christiansen, S. T. Messerly, Albert Collier, T. M. Collier, George Ross, Mrs. George Ross, Mrs. T. M. Collier, E. C. Gisch, Mrs. E. C. Gisch. South Slough to Consolidate Superintendent Baker and F. A. Golden, supervisor, will attend meeting to be held in the hall near South Slough bridge tomorrow night to discuss consolidation of districts No. 57 and 61. There has been some talk of division of these districts to form a new one but as the finances would not warrant a new district Supt. Baker hopes to effect better results by consolidation. He states the present boat schedule would be convenient to serve a consolidated school.

Binkey Fined.—Late this afternoon George Binkey arrested by Officer Richardson, taken before Judge Butler and fined \$10, with sentence put off during good behavior. It is

Transportation to Be Provided For All Foreigners Desiring to Leave Mexico City

SITUATION IN CAPITAL HAS BEEN IMPROVED

New President Garza Has Returned and Business Houses Have Re-opened.

FOREIGNERS ALARMED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17.—Foreigners at Progresso, becoming alarmed at the disorders in that vicinity, have asked for refuge on the American cruiser Des Moines. Carranza, however, after conferences with the American naval and diplomatic officers at Vera Cruz, has promised full protection.

MEXICAN BANDITS MAKE A RAID ON BORDER TOWN

SANTA FE, March 17.—Several Mexicans have been reported killed and others captured and two Americans wounded in a battle with Mexican bandits who raided the city of Dwyer, southeast of Silver City, last night. The Mexicans escaped and at last accounts were racing for the border with possees in pursuit. The Mexicans were from nearby settlements. Similar assurances of co-operation have been received from the authorities controlling Mexico City. Official advices reaching the State Department told of the return to Mexico City of Roque Gonzales Garza, elected Provisional President by a convention of Generals January 17, and of his issuing a statement assuring protection for the public in the capital. Messages said that there were no disorders and that business houses had re-opened.

WILL TAKE REFUGEES

WASHINGTON D. C. March 17.—Secy. Daniels today authorized the cruiser Des Moines at Progresso to take aboard any Americans or other foreigners seeking safety. The collier Brutus was ordered to Progresso from Vera Cruz to afford an asylum for the refugees.

RECTOR COMMITS AWFUL CRIME

Florida Minister Commits Murder and Suicide When Crime is Charged

MIAMI, Florida, March 17.—Rev. the St. Agnes Episcopal Church here, today, shot and killed Harriet Delaney, a member of the church, and then committed suicide. Rev. Tucker yesterday was bound over to the Federal Court on the charge of sending obscene literature through the mails to Miss Delaney. When arraigned on a charge of violating the postal law, Tucker waived the preliminary examination and was released on bail furnished by members of the congregation.

Object to Nude Bathers.—Some of the school patrons are objecting to permitting boy bathers in the new swimming tank as Fiji Islanders, without even a fig leaf to cover their nudity. It is also thought that the water in the tank should be changed more frequently.

charged that he, together with W. C. Mason, attempted to "smash in" Walter Oldland's face.

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