

# The European War

## NEW GERMAN STAR

CHIEF OF STAFF VON FALKENHAYN'S RAPID RISE

Former Profligate Becomes Director of Military Affairs and Keeps Others Away From Kaiser

PARIS, March 3.—Mr. Hendrik Hudson, a neutral who has recently returned to France after a prolonged visit in Germany, has contributed a very interesting article to the Paris Temps, from which the subsequent passages are quoted:

"General von Falkenhayn, who was placed at the head of the great general staff when Field Marshal von Moltke fell into disgrace immediately after the battle of Marne, is at the present hour the most powerful man in Germany. In regard to his antecedents, one knows that von Falkenhayn, while a young officer, was obliged to give up his military career on account of having run scandalously into debt. He left for China, where he obtained employment in a commercial house.

"When the expedition against the Boxers was organized in 1900, von Falkenhayn was permitted to re-enter the army service, because of his valuable knowledge of the country in which the military operations were conducted. Since then he has risen steadily in rank, but he has not been able to shake off his previous reputation.

"Maximilian Harden, the well-known journalist, was unsparring in his criticisms of General von Falkenhayn's selection as von Moltke's successor. In his publication, the Zukunft, he declared it was 'bad policy to entrust the fate of Germany to a gambler, even if he were a good one at the game.' This bold utterance caused the suppression of the Zukunft for a whole week.

"Says Kaiser Hypnotized  
"Von Falkenhayn's power rests on the extraordinary influence he wields over the Kaiser, which is altogether inexplicable to those intimately acquainted with the German ruler. 'Our emperor has been hypnotized by this general' said a prominent German. 'He is a victim of the dominating spell which the latter has managed to cast over him.'

"Being extremely jealous of his authority General Falkenhayn keeps away from the general headquarters all persons he suspects of trying to gain the confidence of the Kaiser. Many court officials have on different occasions tried to get an audience with their sovereign, only to be invariably rebuffed by von Falkenhayn. Sometimes the refusal is very curt and ungracious. In other instances diplomacy requires that some thinly veiled excuse be given. The chief of staff then generally informs the petitioner that His Majesty is just getting ready to depart for another front, but that he will grant the desired audience on his return to headquarters. This promise, however, is never kept. It is by such means that Count August zu Eulenberg, grand marshal of the imperial court since 1890, has been prevented from seeing Emperor William for several months. The isolation of the Kaiser is an important factor in the plans of the militarist party. The ruler does not learn any more of the real situation and events than General von Falkenhayn desires to let him know. William II is today actually the prisoner of his own military camarilla."

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## FRENCH PAY BIG BOUNTY ON RATS

Rodents Carry Disease and Cause Much Loss—Multiply Rapidly—Now Use Their Fur.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, March 3.—Rat tails are now worth a cent each on one part of the French battle front. The general commanding in that section has issued the following order of the day: "With the object of interesting the men in the destruction of rodents a premium of five centimes shall be paid for each rat destroyed. The premium shall be paid every ten days, on presentation of the tails of the destroyed animals. The rats, bearing vermin susceptible of spreading disease must not be handled, but immediately buried, and the tails done up in paper impregnated with tar or petroleum." The order resulted in a tremendous slaughter of rats, but was not obeyed in all its details. It appears that the new fashion of trimming women's garments with fur has created an outlet for rats' fur, and the rat-hunting soldiers skin their victims before burying them, disinfect and sterilize the hides, and sell them to the sutlers behind the front.

It is estimated that the rats have destroyed millions of francs' worth of provisions sent to the soldiers by their friends and relatives at home. An officer at the front recently wrote his wife that it would be useless for her to send him any more provisions, as it was impossible to preserve them from the rats, and in no case had he any more than a single lunch out of all the canteens sent to him. Some surprise has been expressed that several thousand men, turned to rat hunters, have been unable to exterminate them. A mathematician has taken trouble to calculate that a year's progeny of a single pair of rats may easily amount to more than one hundred and twenty-two millions, which he holds is proof that only wholesale poisoning or suffocation can cope with the pest. In fact, of all the different measures adopted against them, none have produced the results obtained by the suffocating gas that the Germans occasionally send toward the French trenches. Thousands of them were picked up dead in the first line of the trenches after one of these gas attacks.

Another statistician has figured out that it costs a centime and a half a day to nourish a rat, and consequently figures their depredation on that basis to amount to forty-four million dollars a year in France alone.

## ENGLISH WORKERS ARE ENJOYING PROSPERITY

London Claims That Laborers Are In Better Financial Condition Than In Many Years.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, March 3.—"In forty years' experience, I have never known a time when there was so much money among the working classes," is the testimony of a pawnbroker doing business in a district of London where a large amount of army materials are manufactured. His testimony is supported by the jewelers, merchants, and variety and moving picture theatres in the neighborhood. They all say the workers were never so prosperous, or spent their money more freely—except that they don't call on the pawnbrokers as they used to.

In this district there are 6,000 women and girls employed in munition work, and they are the free spenders. Most of them are the wives of soldiers and receive separation allowances from the government, which increases their incomes.

## WATERFRONT NEWS

Shortly before noon the steamship Kilburn got away for Eureka and the south to make the first run on her new schedule that takes her to San Diego and way points.

The steamship Adeline arrived in about five o'clock last evening and will not sail again until tomorrow, being delayed here because one of the electric cranes broke down last evening and it was impossible to do much loading.

On Sunday the steamship Breakwater, Captain T. J. Maegenn, is expected in from the south, making her first trip here under the flag of the North Pacific Company.

U. S. INSPECTORS COMING  
A Portland paper says: United States Steamboat Inspectors Edwards and Wynn have ordered the inspection of several vessels at coast harbors this week. Assistant Inspectors Weldon and Meany being detailed to Coos Bay and Bandon for work.

## SHIPPING NEWS

### REPAIRING COSTLY

CONTRACT WORK ON DREDGE MICHIE TO COST \$12,867.50.

Vulcan Iron Works Has Job—Port Commissioners Thought Repairs Would Be Much Less.

Repairing of the government dredge Colonel P. S. Michie, is to cost \$12,867.50, the bid for the work having just been let to the Vulcan Iron Works, of Portland, where the vessel now is after spending the winter at Grays Harbor at work.

The Port of Coos Bay commissioners almost fainted when they heard of the sum. Henry Sengstacken, secretary, said that all of them had believed the work could be done for only a few thousand dollars and is wondering now exactly how much the \$70,000 annual appropriation for the dredge is going to "hit."

While at Grays Harbor, the Michie is said to have made about \$50 a day for the Port of Coos Bay. This, too, was the sum received for her during the time she was at Eureka two years ago. But even at this rate, the Michie has not earned enough to pay fully for the repairs about to be made now, not by several thousand dollars, and in all probability the remainder must come out of the annual appropriation.

There were three bids for the repairing of the Michie. The second lowest was that of McAllister and Son, for \$13,561.51, while the Willamette Iron and Steel Works bid \$14,450.25.

The Michie will undergo repairs at once and is due back on the Coos Bay bar to commence operations again about April 1.

## VESSEL MOVEMENTS

- Arrived
  - Adeline, Oakland, 5 p. m. Thursday.
- Sailed
  - Kilburn, south, 11 a. m.
- Due Here
  - Breakwater, San Francisco, Sunday.
  - Nann Smith, Oakland, Sunday.

## KILBURN SAILS TODAY ON NEW ROUTE SOUTH

Vessel Starts On New Schedule That Takes In Southern California, Alternating With Breakwater.

The steamship Kilburn sailed shortly before noon today for San Francisco and Southern California on her new schedule. She arrived yesterday from Portland with a large cargo of freight.

The Departures were:  
B. A. Rush, W. H. Scott, Mrs. Scott, Otto Groke, Mrs. Groke, Isabel Groke, Reattie Groke, Mrs. M. K. Lennaux, F. R. Jose, Roy W. Shipley, M. Weingarten, William Smith, S. A. Schleitner and D. I. McGee.

## TO GO TO CHINA.

Third Officer Olson, of Kilburn, to Make Trip On Roanoke to Orient.

Third Officer Oscar Olson, of the steamship Kilburn, said today that he expects to go to China as an officer aboard the Roanoke, of the North Pacific Steamship company. He said he was anxious to return there, having sailed the Oriental seas for 12 years before coming to the Pacific coast. He is an efficient officer and holds papers allowing him to go as skipper of steam vessels over 500 tons. He was second mate aboard the Santa Clara at the time she wrecked outside the bar. He has been with the North Pacific Steamship company for the past five years.

## OVER SIX MONTHS AT SEA

It was away last August that the French bark Joinville, Capt. Laugeson, left Ipswich, England; this week the vessel arrived in the Columbia, a total of 187 days out of the sight of land. This is said to be one of the longest voyages in years of any ship to a North Pacific port.

Land looked mighty good to the crew and they hardly knew how to act after once getting onto terra firma again. The skipper explained the delay when he explained the bottom of the craft is foul, having carried a long accumulation of barnacles. Ships with these growths on their bottoms can never make fast time.

The record of better than six months at sea, however, is by no means the longest voyage ever made. The San Francisco waterfront still remembers the time when the first voyage of the American clipper ships, the Aryan, sailed into the harbor bringing 12 rescued sailors from the wreck of the German ship Agnes, lost off Cape Horn. These men had been more than eight months at sea without sighting land.

## GIRLS TO PROPOSE

DALLAS, TEXAS MAIDENS FORM CLUB FOR ASSISTANCE.

President Declares Maidens Should Choose Men They Have to Look at for Balance of Lives

DALLAS, Texas, March 3.—Miss Genis Jones, prominent society girl, and president of the Dallas Society Girls Leap Year Club, in explaining the object and purpose of the organization to a reporter today said: "The Leap Year Club is simply a result of the growing sentiment that girls should have the right to choose the faces they must look at over the coffee cups every morning for the balance of their natural lives. This is Leap Year, and the only chance we will have to exercise that privilege for the next four years. We don't believe in the barbarous custom of having to go to a dance, or to a theatre, or to the marriage license bureau with a man simply because he happens to ask us—when we rather should go with some one else."

The other officers of the club are Miss Lucy Foy, vice president; Miss Marie Fleming, secretary-treasurer, and Miss Ruth Shelburne, sergeant-at-arms. It is said that since the organization of the club, eligible young men have been extremely wary of secluded corners and tete-a-tetes. Organization, the keynote of success in any enterprise, has been utilized by the Dallas society girls in their effort to exploit properly and with the greatest advantage to themselves the possibilities of Leap Year. The Leap Year Club is composed of about 20 more or less pretty girls. The club made its debut by giving a Leap Year dance. The girls sent out the invitations, made the dates, sent flowers to the young men called for them in automobiles, escorted them to one of the country clubs, filled the programs, and then took them home again.

A section of the club's constitution reads: "It shall be the object of every member of the Leap Year Club to become engaged through her own efforts during the year 1916. Memberships in this order signifies the acceptance of the following condition: That no member of this club shall become engaged to any man except at her own request." Aside from the society girls' club doings, this city will take official cognizance of Leap Year by giving a municipal dance at Trinity play park. The girls will have full charge of the affair. The proper Leap Year spirit will be further emphasized by the fact the chaperones will be recruited from the Fathers' Club, an auxiliary to the park management.

## LAMAR'S CASE UP

"Wolf of Wall Street" Appeals to U. S. Supreme Court

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—The United States Supreme Court has requested the Federal court of Appeals in New York to send up for review on its merits David Lamar's conviction of impersonating an officer of the United States. Lamar is known as the "Wolf of Wall Street" and was convicted of impersonating members of Congress over the telephone.

## NOTICE OF REDEMPTION OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter V of Title XXVI, L. O. L. and in accordance with the terms and conditions of said bonds, the City of Marshfield will take up, redeem and cancel the special improvement bonds of said City of Marshfield, Coos County, Oregon, issued on the first day of October, 1910, and numbered 149 to 161 inclusive, of said issue respectively, bonds numbered 149, 150, 151, 152, 154, 155, 156, 158, 159 and 160 being each for the sum of \$500.00 and bond numbered 153 being for the sum of \$321.60, bond numbered 157 being for the sum of \$499.20 and bond numbered 161 being for the sum of \$450.00, and all of said bonds bearing interest at 6 per cent per annum, and will on the next semi-annual coupon period of said bonds, to-wit: on the first day of April, 1916, pay to the proper owners and holders of said bonds, face value of each thereof with accrued interest to said date and the owners and holders of said above described bonds are hereby notified to present the same for payment and cancellation to the undersigned, Treasurer of said City at his office in the said City of Marshfield, Coos County, Oregon, on said date for payment, cancellation and redemption, and are further notified that interest thereon will cease at said interest payment period, to-wit: On April 1, 1916.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 1916.

G. W. KAUFMAN,

Treasurer of the City of Marshfield, Coos County, Oregon.

## FEWER LIVES LOST IN AMERICAN MINES

"Safety First" Methods Show Big Saving In Human Lives In American Shafts.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, March 3.—"Safety First" is beginning to show substantial results in lives saved in the coal mining industry, according to a statement made by Secretary Lane of the Interior Department. A report of the casualties in the coal mines for the year 1914, made by the Bureau of Mines, shows that:

The actual number of men killed is the lowest in the last eight years. The death rate for each 1,000 men employed is the lowest in the last sixteen years.

The number of tons of coal produced for each miner killed is the largest in the entire history of coal mining in the United States.

Statistics gathered by the bureau show that more than three-quarters of a million of men were employed in coal mining last year, and that of this number 2,264 were killed, which is 190 less than in 1914 and 521 less than in 1913. The death rate for each 1,000 men employed was 2.95, as against 3.22 in the previous year and 3.73 the year before that. This means that as a result of the general safety campaign that has been proceeding for several years, there was one additional man saved in every four thousand, as compared with the previous years and three more men saved in every four thousand as compared with the year 1913. There were 228,799 tons of coal produced for every life lost as compared with 208,078 tons in the previous year.

## GERMAN COLONIES ARE NEARLY ALL TAKEN

Over 730,000 Square Miles of Possessions Have Been Captured by Allies

LONDON, March 3.—Andre Bonar Law, secretary for the colonies announced in the House of Commons today that 730,000 square miles of German territory in Africa had been captured.

Togoland surrendered to the British in August of 1914. German Southwest Africa was captured by the British in July of last year. The capture of the Kamerun by French and British forces was completed last week. In the remaining German colony, German East Africa, fighting is still in progress.

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Dated at Marshfield, Coos county, Oregon, this 18th day of February, 1916.

J. W. CARTER,  
Marshal of the City of Marshfield.

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