

GERMANS IN FIERCE FIGHT, FORCED BACK, ENTERING PRUSSIA

Kaiser's Troops Made Bold Stand, But Russian Forces Too Strong for Them.

CZAR'S MEN IN MEMEL

Austrians Fall to Believe Premysl, Losing Heavily; Russians Take 3000 Prisoners, 78 Officers.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Petrograd, March 20.—Turning back German attacks with frightful losses to the Kaiser's troops, the Russian forces have pushed the enemy back into Prussia at points along the river Niemen in northern Poland, according to an official announcement. The Germans attacked fiercely, but were forced back across the river.

Tonight's official statement for the first time told of Russians occupying Memel, a German seaport. A Russian detachment took the town after a sharp engagement, during which there was much street fighting. Inhabitants of the town fled.

The Germans were forced to evacuate Pivizski after fierce fighting. From that point down the line to Myszyce, the German offensive is being launched in dense columns. The enemy is being repulsed, however, the war office stated. The thirty-ninth Division was seriously defeated in this fighting.

Counter attacks against the Austrians, near Gorlice, by the Russians succeeded in capturing 400 prisoners. Near Modowap the czar's troops took the fortified heights by storm. Counter attacks by the Russians in East Prussia were fruitless, the war office admitted, as the enemy is strongly entrenched.

Desperate efforts of the Austrians to relieve Premysl failed. A large division of the Austrians again tried Friday to break the Russian lines and lost with disastrous results. After a battle the Austrians were forced back into the forts. The Russians took 3000 prisoners, 78 being officers.

Charles F. Adams Had Interests Here

Well Known Man of Affairs, Who Died Yesterday, Once Interested in Irvington Addition.

Washington, March 20.—After an illness of only five days, Charles Francis Adams, who was once vice president of the Union Pacific railroad, died here today. Bronchitis was the cause of death.

Mr. Adams, who was well known as a man of letters, was born in Boston in 1835. He graduated from Harvard in 1856, and served in the Civil war, finishing as a brevet brigadier general. He was president of the Union Pacific from 1884 to 1896 and was chairman of several railroad commissions, overseer of Harvard and chairman of the board that planned Hoston's park system. He was one of the best known publicists in the United States.

Charles Francis Adams was a frequent visitor to Portland during his active years in the financial world. He was last in Portland five years ago. For years he was a heavy stockholder in the syndicate that first put the Irvington section of Portland on the market. He was also a stockholder in development projects at Clackston, Wash., and had other real estate interests in the northwest. His interests in Portland were handled by the late C. H. Prescott, father-in-law of E. C. Meares, Portland timberman. Mr. Adams, with the majority of the other early stockholders in the Irvington project, disposed of his holdings before the boom came for the addition and failed to make the profit off the investment that would have otherwise been his.

Ladd & Tilton Lose The Lepper Case

Jury at Lewiston Returns Verdict for Defendant in Litigation Growing Out of Cashier Stock Sale.

Lewiston, Mont., March 20.—It took the jury in the case of the Ladd & Tilton bank of Portland against B. F. Lepper but a little more than an hour to agree upon a unanimous verdict in favor of Mr. Lepper. The suit, which was on trial several days, attracted unusual attention, not only because of the large amount involved, but because of its nature and the fact that there are other suits of the same general nature pending.

In this case, B. F. Lepper, a widely known sheepman and landowner in the Flatwillow section, was induced by a selling agent to purchase stock in the United States Cashier company of Portland, Or., to the amount of some \$17,000.

He gave his notes for this stock, but later was not satisfied and his partner, W. H. Garl, went to Portland and called at the bank to make sure that the notes had not been purchased by it. He learned, it seems, that the bank had taken the notes as collateral, but had found there was some contest in regard to payment and returned them. Relying upon this, the defendant claimed that the bank had notice. The paper was taken, however, as collateral for a loan of \$5000 and \$9000. Mr. Garl testified to his conference with Mr. Woodworth, credit man for the bank, but the latter said he had no recollection of it. The claim of the defense was that the notes were secured through fraud and gross misrepresentation. The case will, it is believed, reach the supreme court.

KRUSE WINS PIN TITLE

Spokane, Wash., March 20.—Charles J. Kruse of Portland, Or., won the individual all event championship of the third annual Northwest Bowling congress which closed here tonight. His score for the nine games was 1852, an average of 205.79.

J. W. Blaney, also of Portland, was fourth in the singles with the score of 422 for three games.

Second Quadruplet Dies.

Redding, Cal., March 20.—Joseph Terry McKnight, one of the McKnight quadruplets, died at noon today. Only two of the children—both girls—were now left.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION HOLDS FIRST MEETING



Left to right—George Ruble, of New Hampshire; William J. Harris, of Georgia; Joseph E. Davies, of Wisconsin; Edward N. Hurley, of Illinois, and William H. Parry, of Seattle, Wash. These men are the members of the new Federal Interstate Trade Commission, the members of the new commission were sworn in by Chief Justice Covington, of the District Supreme Court, who was the author of the bill which created the commission.

ENGLISH NETS SINK GERMAN UNDERSEA BOATS, SAYS REPORT

Passengers Arriving From Liverpool Say Two Submarines Sunk Near Dover.

New York, March 20.—Passengers arriving by the Red Star liner Lapland from Liverpool tonight declare that nine German submarines have been recently sunk or captured by the British within the past two weeks.

It is common knowledge in London, they said, that two German submarines have been netted at the entrance to Dover harbor and their crews drowned.

One passenger who had been in Edinburgh, said that the U-22 was sunk in the mouth of the Firth of Forth two weeks ago and that the crew of the English torpedo boat, which accomplished this feat, came to Edinburgh and related their experiences to newspaper reporters. The newspapers, however, were not allowed to print the story.

The port workmen at Liverpool have spread stories of the sinking of the German submarines in the waters near Liverpool. They declare they have talked with the crews of the boats that sank the submarines. The latest rumor in London regarding submarine captures was that an English crew had seized a German boat which supplied oil to the submarines and that when four German submarines came to help supply the English, they seized their crews, made them prisoners and then seized the submarines.

Despite denials at the Red Star line office in London, the Lapland's passengers confirmed a report cabled to New York ten days ago that the Lapland sighted a German submarine as she was leaving Liverpool and escaped before the boat came for the addition and failed to make the profit off the investment that would have otherwise been his.

Justice With Mercy, Ex-Husband's Aim

Called away from town on business, Attorney William Clark yesterday sent to County Judge Cleston a letter in which he asks that if any action is taken in the case of his divorced wife, Mrs. Marcela Clark, during his absence she be kept from a public asylum. Mrs. Clark was declared insane recently.

Mr. Clark said that he desired that she be provided with such care and medical attention as she shall need. Mr. Clark suggested that some well-balanced, competent woman be selected as guardian, who will see that the \$150 he pays for Mrs. Clark's maintenance each month be devoted to her needs entirely.

Mr. Clark is furnishing Mrs. Clark a home, and, in addition, the sum of \$150 a month, he said, "and if the \$150 a month and the use of the home is insufficient to provide for any extraordinary or unusual medical attention, such as care for her eyes, or for any other purpose, I will make further provision within the reasonable limits of my ability to do so."

Officers Permitted To Attack Women

Frenchmen Reported to Have Said They Could Behave as They Pleasued After Crossing the Rhine.

Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, L. I., March 20.—The Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung today published statements from several residents of Alsace detailing alleged conversations with French officers during the recent French occupation of portions of Alsace. The French officers, the affidavits alleged, said they had orders to behave decently while in Alsace, but were given permission to attack all women and children after crossing the Rhine.

Difley Jury Disagrees.

Tacoma, Wash., March 20.—After deliberating 30 hours, March 20.—After the trial of Mrs. Bertha Difley, for the murder of 8-year-old Clarence Hall, repleated agreement tonight, and was discharged by Judge Card. The state attempted to prove that Mrs. Difley, in whose care the Hall child had been left through successive beatings, was responsible for his death. It is uncertain whether Mrs. Difley will be tried again; but if she is, the charge against her will likely be reduced to one of assault.

Degenerate Kills Girl, Using Knife

Wall Marks of Murderer Found in Throat of Tiny Lenore Cohn, the Victim; Flead Escapes.

New York, March 20.—Finger and nail marks embedded in his child victim's throat and smeared on a pall carried by her were the gruesome and almost sole clues the police had tonight to the identity of the degenerate "ripper" who murdered tiny Lenore Cohn.

An autopsy today disclosed that the child had been criminally assaulted. Then a knife, believed to have been eight inches long, was used, fearfully, to mutilate the child. The police think the finger prints offer the best clue. They had little hope as a clue in a few strands of gray hair found in the hallway where the murder occurred.

Neighbors of the widowed mother today professed to have seen the girl last evening with a "foreign-appearing, elderly" man.

New Pastor for Gaston.

Forest Grove, Or., March 20.—Rev. Joseph G. Tate, for five years a pastor of the Congregational church at White Salmon, Wash., has been elected by the trustees of the Gaston church to fill the pastorate there and has accepted the call. The members of the church are highly gratified to get a man of Mr. Tate's ability. With his wife he is now a resident of Portland.

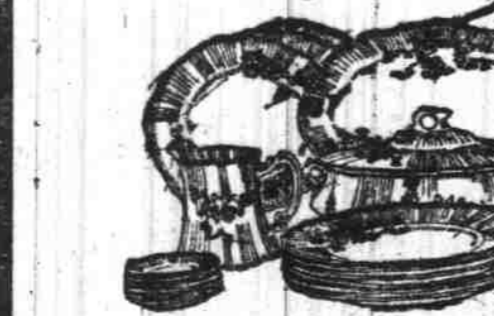
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FRANZ JOSEF WOULD BUY PEACE BY CEDING GALICIA TO RUSSIANS

Efforts of Germany to Make Emperor Give Maritime Provinces to Italy Stir Him

By Alice Rohe, United Press Staff Correspondent.

Rome, March 20.—Emperor Franz Josef is becoming irritated at Germany's efforts to induce him to cede territory to Italy, according to Bucharest dispatches received here tonight. The Austrian emperor has assumed an almost defiant attitude, after weeks of weary negotiations. He has assured the Kaiser that rather than submit to Italy's demands he will cede Galicia to Russia and conclude a separate peace with the czar.

The majority of the Italian papers took the view that negotiations conducted by Italy through Prince von Bielow are about to be broken off. They expressed the belief that the Kaiser himself would be unable to sway the aged Austrian monarch and that war with Austria is almost inevitable.

Legislators Take Hands Off Clock

Both Houses in Missouri Battling Over Appropriation Bills, Put Timepiece Out of Business at 6 O'clock.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 21.—With the hands off the clocks in both branches of the legislature and working under the seventy-fourth legislative day, Missouri's forty-eighth general assembly was still in session in the early hours this morning, battling over appropriation bills. Three bills, the contingent deficiency and legislative pay, appropriation measure were not yet passed at midnight. When the house and senate passed the set hour for adjournment sine die at 6 o'clock last night the clocks were put out of business.

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EXPERT REVIEW OF THE WAR

BY J.W. T. MASON

New York, March 20.—Defeat of the Anglo-French warships by the Dardanelles defenses in the first serious engagement since the levantine operations began caused the present week to register the greatest naval loss in tonnage of the war.

Previous efforts by the allies to subdue the Turkish strait have been characterized by much caution, which in turn has saved the fortifications from serious damage. Three weeks of restless conservative seamanship apparently caused the British and French admiralties to authorize the warships to take chances with Turkish gunnery, which never would have been attempted against more western land defenses.

The result of the conflict is to demonstrate once more that modern permanent fortifications cannot be subdued from the sea unless inefficiency is rife ashore and luck prevails afloat. It is apparent that the allies misjudged the extent of the former and counted too much on the latter. The failure of the bombardment will probably hasten the decision of the allies concerning the advisability of dispatching a strong military force for land operations along the Dardanelles shores. Two hundred thousand men may be needed for this work. Whether the forthcoming offensive in France and Flanders will permit such a large expedition to be sent to the Near East is a strategic problem for Lord Kitchener and General Joffre to solve.

Unions Win Out Over Military Authorities. British trade unionism has won an important victory during the week by establishing its superiority over military rule. The workmen of the United Kingdom have compelled the authorities to agree to the appointment of a government advisory committee of seven labor leaders. The committee will suggest to the cabinet the best methods for securing a maximum output of war supplies. This is the first time labor has secured an acknowledgment of its claims to self-governing status. A precedent has been established which will be of immense importance after the war, in furthering the socialistic tendency of British labor. The workmen of England are engaged in a strategic campaign of their own, and are inviting a severe partition of the spoils after peace.

The Roman government, which maintains a permanent censorship in times of peace as well as in war, has permitted correspondents to telegraph broadcast during the week that Italy will demand all Italian-Austria and the headwater shores of the Adriatic as its price of continued neutrality.

The importance given to the diplomatic negotiations which are in progress suggest that Italy is trying to frighten Austria by loud talking. The most serious obstacle to a successful outcome of the present negotiations is the Balkan question. Austria is retaining her Adriatic ports. Without them, she will become an inland power, certain to disappear as an imperial state. The rest of her Italian provinces, Austria can give away without serious loss to herself; but if she parts with Istria, Austria signs her own death warrant. Should Italy get Istria without fighting for it, the house of Hapsburg announces its doom.

The Russians have begun another offensive movement this week by invading the northern tip of East Prussia, hitherto immune from the horrors of war. The Baltic port of Memel, the northernmost town of the German empire, has been captured by the Slav, who, however, cannot be prepared for more than a temporary stay. It is apparent that the Germans have left this part of East Prussia unguarded because it has no possible military value. A party of Russians seem to have seized the opportunity to inflict isolated damage on the enemy. No other meaning than this attaches to the Memel campaign.

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