

ACTIVITY ON EASTERN FRONT IS INCREASING TO A MARKED DEGREE

Attacks at Dvinsk by Germans Violent and Stubborn as in Former Days.

RUSSIAN ATTACKS LOST

Successes Are Claimed in the Region Around Riga in a Statement Issued by the Russian War Office.

London, Feb. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Interest in the operations on the eastern front again centers upon the Riga-Dvinsk section, where Field Marshal von Hindenburg's forces are displaying increased activity, especially with heavy artillery. The fighting around the important railroad city and fortress of Dvinsk has been resumed with all the violence of attack and stubbornness of defense that marked the climax of the German offensive in Russia last fall.

Illust. on the Dvinsk-Libau railway, eight miles west of Swinsk and Libau, on the Dvinsk-Riga line, are the principal centers of the new operations. Illust. has been in German hands since October.

Russian Attacks Repulsed.

Toward the south, on the Baranovitch-Lishachewitchi sector of the Lida-Ludians railway, the Russians are trying obstinately to repulse a field guard post, captured by the Germans on February 6. Here, as well as at Illust, the Russian attacks were repulsed, according to today's German war office statement, which follows: "Minor Russian attacks made in the neighborhood of Illust, northeast of Dvinsk, and against the field guard post that we captured on the sixth on the Baranovitch-Lishachewitchi railway, were repulsed."

The Russian war office issued the following statement tonight:

Fighting About Riga.

"In the region of Riga there was lively fighting. At several places our artillery scattered German working parties. We caused a violent explosion in the enemy's lines in the region of the Baldon road. On the Dvinsk-Lievenhorstanki sector, between Jacobstadt and Dvinsk, there were intense rifle and artillery fire and heavy artillery activity, particularly on both sides of the Poniavitch railway. "In Galicia, northwest of Tarnopol, the enemy attacked the Gloadki-Vorovskia sector with heavy shells. Northwest of Dnieleu, the enemy occupied Ostachko and reached the western bank of the Dniester."

Southwest, Znamenski, on the Dniester below Zaitchitchko, the enemy inadvertently blew up a small mine within his own defenses, wrecking part of the trenches.

"On the Black sea Tuesday our torpedo boats sank a small steamer off the coast of Georgia."

"In the Caucasus we dislodged the Turks from a series of positions in the region of the River Arkhava."

COLORED VIEWS ARE APPLAUDED AT WASHINGTON

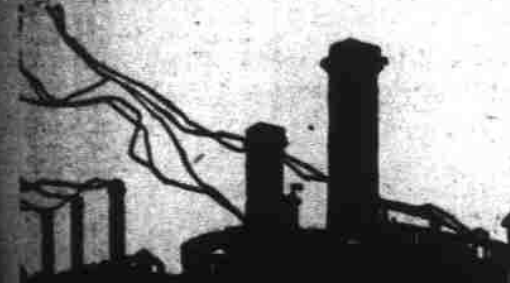
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tion finally breaking into cries of "No, no," interrupting the speaker. "Rabbi Wise said he realized that 90 per cent of his hearers opposed his views, and he restored good feeling by abruptly returning to praise of Oregon. The pictures will be shown twice more in Washington before their departure next Saturday."

NOTABLE GATHERING VIEWS PICTURES OF OREGON'S SCENERY

Portland and Oregon secured publicity that cannot be valued in dollars and cents by the exhibition of the Berger-Jones pictures in Washington last night, according to reports received at the Portland Chamber of Commerce this morning from Portlanders attending the convention of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

George E. Hardy, executive secretary of the local chamber, wired his



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LATE DEVELOPMENTS IN PRESIDENTIAL RACE HAVE THREE CENTERS

Hughes May Be in Limelight for Last Time in View of Slump Letter.

WILSON LETTER IS NEXT

Declaration That Roosevelt Would Accept Nomination If From Republican States Adds to Excitement.

Washington, Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—Spring political millinery is being hurried into the ring and yanked out again with real June fervor. The White House, Oyster Bay and the supreme court are the gossip centers as politicians are buzzing about new developments affecting President Wilson's exhibit. Roosevelt's forthright declaration that he would accept the nomination if it came from Republican—and not southern—states, added to the general excitement attendant upon the political millinery exhibit. Roosevelt's forthcoming trip to the West Indies, he said, is intended to provide another "back from Africa" home coming. Slump's letters indicated that Hitchcock is interesting himself in a campaign for Hughes. From Hitchcock, however, no definite word has come, and such is the case, while Hughes' reply to Slump declared that the justice is out of the political game.

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found the Burnham's rail caved in and some planking sprung.

A line was thrown on the runway, but before the slack could be taken up it had slipped under the bridge, snapping the mast short off. Later it was towed back to the dock.

A half-submerged snow belonging to Captain Cash Weir floated free from where it had been beached near the Burnham's company mill and was still going down river when last seen.

The Shaver transportation company was planning to tow a log raft up river today, with three boats to tow it. This is the first raft taken to the up-river mills since the storm and high water.

Slides Cause Delay of Trains.

High water and mud slides last night and today delayed trains on all the railroads entering Portland.

The biggest slide was reported from Ridgefield, on the Northern Pacific's line between Astoria and Vancouver. This held back all the morning trains several hours. A slide on the S. P. & N. near Cooke caused some delay.

The O. W. R. & N. trains from the east were late because of roadbed and the necessity for running slowly.

The back water was reported by the Southern Pacific at Marshfield, west of the Siuslaw. Little damage was done. The Tillamook branch was troubled with several slides and a few minor washouts which prevented the passage of the morning east bound train.

The Oregon Electric was little affected, though the danger from possible slides and shifting embankments made slow orders necessary.

If the rains cease, the railroad men look for no added trouble.

Plants Are Closed.

Oregon City, Or., Feb. 10.—The waters of the Willamette river rose during the night one foot above the falls, and two feet in the lower river. Manufacturing plants, including those of the Crown-Willamette and Hawley Paper and Paper companies and the Oregon City Manufacturing company, closed yesterday.

The back water from Abernethy creek in the northern part of the city, has overflowed its bank, and has reached some of the homes on Fourth and Washington streets, forcing the occupants to move. The homes of William Knoop and Mr. Stanish are surrounded by water, and is nearing the large dairy barn of Gust Engelbrecht, near the Abernethy bridge, and also the home of Mayor E. C. Hackett.

The county roads leading to Park-place and Clackamas Heights are covered, and it is impossible for the mail-carrier on Route No. 2 to make his delivery this morning.

The residents of Greenpoint are alarmed at the rise of the back water. The home of Mrs. Mayo and Frank Sajovich are almost surrounded by water.

Columbia Is Rising.

Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 10.—The Columbia river has shown a great rise at this point during the past few days, and it is expected to cause a further rise of 11.5 feet above zero. Yesterday morning it stood at 9.2 feet, and Sunday morning it was 4.7 feet. The rise of 2.1 feet during the past 24 hours was caused to some extent by back water from the Willamette river, and morning there was practically no current here. The heavy rain last night when more than one and a half inches of rain fell, is expected to cause a further rise, which may be accompanied by damage.

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Snowslide Tears Down Power Line and City Is Threatened by Water.

Pendleton, Or., Feb. 10.—Pendleton is without power today, as the result of a big snowslide in Blue mountain canyon, near Weston, which covered the pole line of the Pacific Power & Light company. Crews were sent out this morning from both Pendleton and Walla Walla, but it is feared the local crew will be unable to get through, in account of the roads.

As the result of the rain yesterday and a chinook last night, the river is up today, and the city council has strengthened the upper end of the levee with 300 sacks of gravel.

A snow dam, which had held up the waters of the Rattlesnake, broke last evening, and let the water down into the lower end of the city.

The city today has a crew at work throwing up a protecting wing of gravel sacks to save some of the property from further damage.

A freeze early this morning checked the thaw.

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Tuesday morning on account of high water. The heavy rains of the past two days, and the rapidly melting snow caused the Skookumchuck river to rise to flood proportions.

A mud slide occurred just north of Centralia, yesterday morning, the third main line track of the Northern Pacific being buried under 10 feet of mud. Main line traffic was not affected, however, as the submerged track is used only by the Tono and Mendota trains.

Lake River Rising.

Ridgefield, Wash., Feb. 10.—The heavy intermittent rains of the last few days, together with water from the fast-melting snows and back water from the Columbia river, is causing a steady rise of Lake river. Light drift is running, but not sufficient to hinder navigation.

Accused of Feeding Sawdust to Horse

John Weber fed his horse on sawdust flavored with bran. He denied water to his chickens and scratched strange symbols on his horse and other buildings.

Humane Officer Pitt interfered on behalf of the horse and chickens. Deputy Sheriff Christofferson arrested Weber and a test will be made of the man's sanity.

Dr. John Fawcett Funeral Tomorrow

Funeral services for Dr. John Fawcett of Lenta, who died at his home Tuesday night, will be held at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Kenworthy Undertaking parlors at Lenta. Interment will be in Mount Scott cemetery. Request is made that Dr. Fawcett's Bible class assemble at Main street and Foster road at 11:30 to attend the services in a body.

Must Have Their Castor Oil.

San Francisco, Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—City institutions must have their castor oil, war or no war, so the supervisors decided against releasing the oil contractors from their bargain. They pleaded high prices, due to the war, had killed their profits.

Japanese Slayer Reprieved.

Washington, Feb. 10.—(I. N. S.)—At the request of Viscount Chinda, Japanese ambassador, President Wilson today granted a month's respite to O. Ito, Japanese murderer, sentenced to be hanged February 17, at Juneau, Alaska.

Invents Explosive.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—Dr. G. R. Hoyl of this city, a chemist, declared today he had perfected a new and powerful explosive which would be of great value to America in the event of war. The base of the explosive is a California mineral oil.

FIRE UNDERWRITERS WARNED BY MARSHAL STEVENS OF PORTLAND

Proposed Rate Increases Unjust in View of Progress Made in Prevention.

San Francisco, Feb. 10.—Jay W. Stevens, Portland's fire marshal, warned the Pacific Fire Underwriters' association here yesterday that if the increased fire insurance rates recently proposed in Portland are allowed to continue, the insurance interests will presently find themselves facing drastic legislation, including, probably, state insurance. The rate increases were unjust and unwarranted in view of the progress that has been made in fire prevention in Portland, declared Stevens.

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fire risks in Portland are chiefly from frame docks on the waterfront, narrow streets without alleys, prevailing east winds during dry or cold weather, and the lack of a high pressure water system.

He told of what has been accomplished in Portland, in spite of these handicaps, by public education, a school for firemen in fire prevention, fire drills and fire prevention training for school children, the organization of a firemen's arson squad and other methods.

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