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VIVIANI DECLARES ALLIES ARE READY TO FIGHT TO END

"There is But One Policy—To Fight Without Mercy" Says French Premier Addressing Deputies.

GERMANY BLAMED FOR WAR

Europe Must Be Liberated by a Fully Victorious Peace, He Says—War Session of French Lawmakers Opens Today—Austrians Claim to Have Made Much Progress.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—"This communication isn't such as the government usually makes in outlining its policies for the first time," said Premier Viviani, in addressing the opening of the chamber of deputies war session.

For the war, the premier placed the responsibility entirely on Germany.

VIENNA, Dec. 22.—via Berlin and London.—"We have made progress," announced the Austrian war office "in the upper Latorza district of the Carpathians and northeast of Lupkow Pass.

PROHIBITION AMENDMENT IS BROUGHT UP IN THE HOUSE

HOBSON LEADS FIGHT—VOTE IS EXPECTED ABOUT 9:30 O'CLOCK TONIGHT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—With the galleries packed with men and women wearing white ribbons, the house met at 10 o'clock this morning to consider the Hobson national prohibition amendment.

Hobson led the fight for the amendment, opposed by Representative Bartholdt. Hobson indicated that if the amendment fails to carry it will be made a big issue in the presidential campaign in 1916.

The house passed the rule allowing eight hours for debate. A vote is expected on the amendment about 9:30 tonight.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The defeat of the Hobson prohibition resolution in the house seemed certain this afternoon. The debate was opened by Representative Henry, chairman of the house rules committee, who announced his intention of voting against the resolution.

Several speakers pointed out that the resolution wouldn't prevent the manufacture of liquor for personal use but merely prevent its sale. In defending the bill Hobson said: "Let no member of the house imagine this a temporary wave. The liquor trust owns five million slaves and collects two and a half billion dollars yearly."

U. S. CANNOT INTERFERE TO STOP MEXICAN EXECUTIONS

THIS COUNTRY HELPLESS TO DO ANYTHING FOR FACTIONAL LEADERS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The United States cannot prevent the summary executions of political enemies of the various Mexican factional leaders. It was understood here this reply had been made to several influential Mexicans who appealed to the state department to protect their friends who were thrown into jail.

This government, it was said, can protect only Americans and other foreigners. The state department tried to influence Carranza and Gutierrez to stop the executions. Gutierrez insisted that he ordered them stopped but unofficial advices received indicated his orders were ignored.

WHEAT GOES STILL HIGHER IN THE PORTLAND MARKET

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—Wheat went still higher on the Merchants Exchange today. Ten thousand bushels of February wheat sold at \$1.29; five thousand, February Club, \$1.27; and five thousand January Red Russian, \$1.26.

COUNTER ATTACKS ARE BEING HURLED AGAINST GERMANS

Russians Defending Warsaw Develop Offensive in Endeavor to Stop Teuton's Advance.

WEDGE DRIVE IS BLOCKED

Slavs Reported to Have Repulsed Attempt to Force Russian Lines Apart Along the Bzura River—in the West, Germans are Reported to Have Evacuated Ostend.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Russians engaged in Warsaw's defense were hurling strong counter attacks against the Germans between Rawa and the Pilica river, it was stated in Petrograd dispatches.

The dispatches practically conceded that the Slavs have abandoned the city of Skierniewic. This place is an important railroad point and its possession gives the Germans partial control of the lines to Warsaw from both the west and south.

The Germans were said to have been repulsed heavily when they attempted to drive a wedge into the Russian front along the Bzura river.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Not only were the Germans said to have quit the Middlekerche but unconfirmed reports were current that they had evacuated Ostend.

It was learned the British warships bombarded Zebrugga and Herst for two days. They were supporting a general land movement to clear the Belgian coast of Germans.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Fresh progress along practically the entire 200 mile front from the North sea into Lorraine, was claimed by the allies in a French war office statement.

"Between the sea and river Lys," said the statement, "action was confined to cannonading on Monday. Between Lys and the Aisne, repeated German attacks were repulsed. In the Aisne district and at Rheims, cannonading continued."

VIOLATORS OF GAME LAWS CONVICTED AT HERMISTON

CHARGES FILED AGAINST TWO COUNTY OFFICIALS ON SIMILAR CHARGE.

HERMISTON, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The arrest and conviction of three prominent Hermiston citizens upon a charge of hunting ducks after sundown and the filing of charges against two county officials on a similar charge has given indications that the game authorities are enforcing the protection given by law to the water fowls between sundown and sunup.

Yesterday John Roberts, M. J. Butler and Freeman Smith were found guilty before Justice of the Peace E. P. Dodd. All three were members of the same hunting party arrested Saturday evening at 5:15 by Special Deputy J. E. West. On that the official time for sundown was 4:19. Smith was fined \$25 and costs, amounting to \$5 and sentence against the other two was suspended upon the understanding that each would pay one-third of the fine.

On the same evening, J. T. Hinkle, local attorney and representative from this county; and Dr. H. S. Garfield of Pendleton, county coroner, were charged in a complaint by Special Deputy W. O. Whitsett with shooting at ducks at 5:30 in the evening. They will fight the case which will probably be set for trial next week. District Warden Averill was here yesterday.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Admiral Von Tirpitz says next war will be between the white and yellow races.

Premier Viviani, addressing deputies, declares allies will fight without mercy to the end.

Russians deliver counter attacks in effort to drive Germans back from Warsaw.

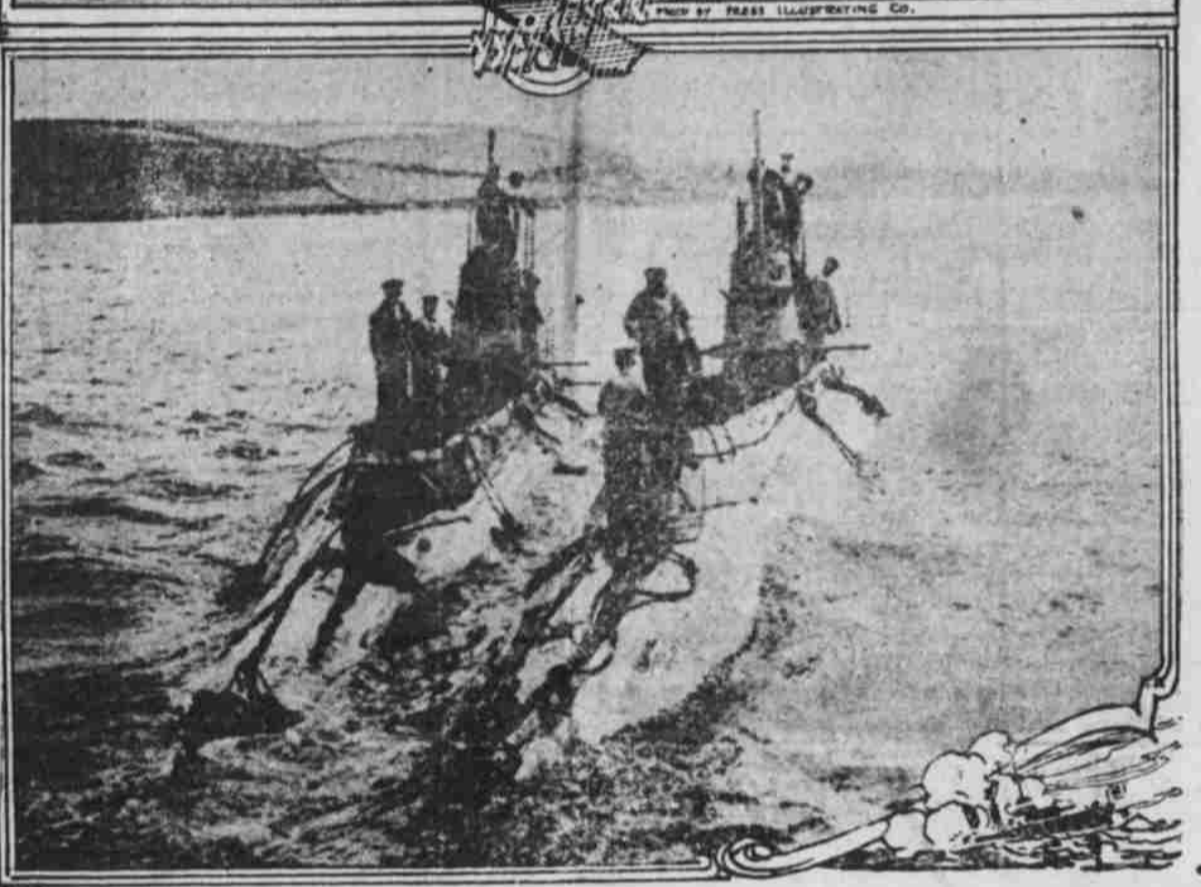
Prohibition amendment fight in the house starts.

Local. Former Pendleton boy, with marines at Vera Cruz, visits friends.

Five arrests in Hermiston for hunting ducks after sundown. 200 sacks of flour sent from here by parcels post.

Youth walks barefooted in snow to please his ladylove. Stanfield booster declares his town is prospering. High school team to play college players tomorrow night.

Warship Sunk in Daring Exploit of War



The Turkish warship Mesudieh was sunk in the Dardanelles by a British submarine commanded by Lieut-Commander Norman B. Holbrook in the most daring exploit of the war. He sent his little vessel, the B11, of which those shown here are sister ships, through a field of mines. He dived under five rows of mines and after torpedoing the old war vessel fled to safety. He was fired at often and at one time had to remain under water for nine hours. The Mesudieh was a very old boat, having been built at Blackwall, England, in 1874, and reconstructed at Genoa in 1903. She was 332 feet long, 59 feet beam, and of about 10,000 tons burden. She had a speed of seven knots, and her main battery consisted of two 9.2-inch guns in turrets and twelve 6-inch guns in battery. In the war with Greece in 1913 the Mesudieh was reported badly damaged in a naval battle in the Dardanelles. She carried a crew of 600 men.

Mexicans Seek Protection in Arizona



The upper photograph shows the position occupied by the Mexicans opposite Naco, Arizona. The lower picture shows a group of Mexican refugees standing near the opera house in Naco. They have fled across the border to escape the many marauding bands that are now carrying on a guerilla-like war in northern Mexico.

ADMIRAL VON TIRPITZ SAYS ENGLAND CAUSED EUROPEAN WAR; NEXT STRUGGLE WILL BE BETWEEN WHITE AND YELLOW RACES HE DECLARES IN AN INTERVIEW

Britain Was Jealous of the Growth and Power of Germany and Was Determined to Crush Teutonic Nation Out, According to Minister of Marine Who is Regarded as the Strongest Man in the Kaiser's Government.

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GRAND GENERAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE KAISER IN FRANCE Dec. 2.—(Via The Hague to New York, Dec. 22.—(Delayed for advice by the general staff.)—"The United States has raised no voice of protest, has taken little or no action against the closing of the North Sea by Great Britain to neutral shipping. What will the United States say if Germany declares a submarine war on all the enemy's merchant ships?"

Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz, the German minister of marine, regarded as the strongest man in the Kaiser's government, possibly next to the imperial chancellor, put this question to me at the first interview he has ever granted an American correspondent.

"Why not?" he continued. "Great Britain wants to starve us. We can play the same game. We can bottle England up by torpedoing every British or allied ship which nears the English harbor, thereby cutting off the island's large food supplies."

Von Tirpitz analyzed, according to his views, the causes which led to the war, tracing the growth of the sea and world power developed by Great Britain until, as he put it, "the domineering arrogance of the British culminated in the present conflict, which they engineered in order to crush the national growth, development and power of the German empire."

"Great Britain's domination of the sea," he declared, "originally was founded on piracy, while its power on land has been established by robbery in all parts of the world. England alone is responsible for this war. Did Germany want anything? Did Germany make any demands upon anyone? Did Germany have a quarrel with anyone? No. Germany only wanted to be let alone, to continue its peaceful growth and development. England's anti-German policy dates back as far as 1870 after our victory over France. Always dictatorial and domineering, England did not want Germany to expand commercially or take a place in the world to which its power entitled it.

England is impartial. It will cut the throat of anyone who gets in its way. It has no white man's scruples. Its alliance with Japan shows that. It will form an alliance with anyone regardless of race or color if it can profit by it.

"Germany was developing too fast, was growing too strong and powerful, and was getting in England's way. So its throat had to be cut. That is it in a nutshell."

"What are your excellency's views concerning the Japanese problem?" I inquired.

"That's a question you Americans will have to meet and face, with us as onlookers," replied the admiral. "I mean that in jest—that we would be onlookers. That would depend on circumstances."

"One thing I will say—Germany would never abandon the white race. Japan will make China its vassal and militarize its millions. Then it will be for your country to look out. Admiral Togo once told a European that next would come a general European war, then a great war in which his race would be against ours."

Great Britain's act in bringing Japan into the present conflict, Von Tirpitz holds to be high treason to the white race.

MILLIONAIRE IS KILLED BY BURGLAR WHO ENTERS HOME

SON IS INJURED ALSO—INTRUDER APPARENTLY WOUNDED MAKES ESCAPE.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 22.—W. M. Alexander, a millionaire attorney, recently from Dallas, Texas, was shot and instantly killed by a burglar at his home early today. W. M. Alexander, Jr., a son, received two bullet wounds when he attacked his father's murderer. His sisters, Penelope and Anna, joined in the fight the former wielding a hairbrush, the latter unarmed. The murderer, apparently wounded, fled.

The burglar evidently was surprised at his work by Alexander who grappled with him. The younger Alexander was awakened by sounds of foot-falls in the dark hall and fired the only cartridge in his weapon. The burglar fired twice, both shots striking home. Young Alexander fell but raised himself to his feet and charged the invader. His sisters came to his assistance and after a prolonged struggle the burglar fled.

THIS IS SHORTEST DAY OF THE YEAR; SUN SETS AT 4

ACCORDING TO THE RULE, OFFICIAL WINTER HAS NOW BEGUN TO REIGN.

Today is the shortest day of the year. It is the winter solstice, the day on which the sun reaches the most southern point of its journey.

The sun today reaches latitude 23°27'08.1" south. Immediately it will begin to work farther north, arriving over the equator, dividing the days and nights into equal lengths, June 22.

So the official winter does not begin operation until today. There is an old saying that "when the days begin to lengthen the cold begins to strengthen."

In Oregon the sun rose this morning at 7:33 o'clock and it will set at 4:19. That means that Sol cuts his day down to about eight hours.

Anyhow, Christmas day will be about a minute longer. Each succeeding day will add fractions of minutes to the daylight, and along in February one will be able at 6 o'clock in the morning to steer a course without the aid of headlights.

OPTIMISM PREVAILS AT STANFIELD OVER OUTLOOK

EVERYBODY IS HAPPY AND WORK PLENTIFUL FOR ALL WHO SEEK IT.

That everybody is happy at Stanfield, that work is plentiful for those who seek it and that poverty and want are unknown is the statement of G. L. Hurd of that town, who is a Pendleton visitor today. A general feeling of optimism pervades the Stanfield atmosphere, he states, and has concrete evidence in the building activity in the town and on the project.

Out on his ranch a short distance from the town, F. H. Page has just completed a handsome \$3000 bungalow, modern in every particular, according to Mr. Hurd. Among the other building improvements which he enumerates are the following: A \$3000 bungalow on Main street and Dal avenue just completed by K. Lund; a new bungalow erected by E. E. Cotant on his acre tract in the north part of the town; a new house on the O. T. Lockridge farm; \$500 improvements on the farm house of W. T. Reeves, a recent benedict; improvements to the house in town owned by Sylvanus Smith of Gloucester, Mass., and occupied by Rev. J. E. Fawcett; a new modern dairy and horse barn, 26 by 42 on the William Frederickson place; a new hog barn at G. L. Dunning's farm, "Via Porte" at the mouth of Stage Gulch; and in addition to the home of M. C. Baragar. George Coe is planning a new bungalow as soon as his wife returns from Boston where she has been visiting for several months.

Mr. Hurd is an ardent booster for his home town and is thoroughly convinced that there is no place like it.

WHEAT MAKES SMALL RISE AT LIVERPOOL

Cable reports show the Liverpool market advanced one half penny today, thus making the current price nine shillings eight and a half pence.

It makes the Liverpool price of American money slightly more than \$1.41 per bushel.