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UNINTERRUPTED SUCCESSES ARE CLAIMED BY THE ALLIED TROOPS

At Every Point Where Contact is Had With the Germans, French and British Report Advances.

ASSAULTS BY AIR REPULSED

Attack on Ammunition Base Near Dunkirk Resisted and Aviators Are Driven Away — French Artillery Said to Have Silenced German Guns—Berlin Denies Reverses.

PARIS, Jan. 7.—Feroocious fighting with the Germans is reported in Alsace, in the vicinity of Aitkirch. The French attacked the enemy in force, it was stated, gaining slightly on the hills west of the city. They are said to have driven the Germans from their outpost trenches at Herzbach by fierce night assaults.

PARIS, Jan. 7.—Uninterrupted successes by the allies at every point where they are in contact with the Germans are claimed by both official and unofficial advices from the western zone.

A repulse of the German aerial attack on Dunkirk and the allies' ammunition supply base in its vicinity, are claimed, the hostile aviators being driven away by French aeroguns.

Between the North Sea and the River Lys, it was declared the French artillery have silenced a number of main batteries.

No infantry engagements have occurred in this district, it was stated, on account of the continued rains and floods.

Desperate fighting was said to have occurred on Wednesday night and to be still in progress in the vicinity of Lille. German attacks under cover of mine throwers and artillery drove the French from one of their trenches, it was admitted, but later it was declared the French were reinforced and recaptured the position.

The German advance east of Rheims was reported to be checked, as were the assaults at Watwiler and Klosschlag and in the Woerze region.

The French, it was asserted, were holding the woods three miles west of Aitkirch and making steady progress in the fighting in Alsace.

BERLIN, Jan. 7.—Though it was conceded there is heavy fighting in progress in Alsace, the war office denied the French have made substantial gains in that district.

It was denied that anything but minor engagements have occurred in the Carpathian passes. The most recent encounters along the Vistula, in Poland, were also said to have been on a small scale.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 7.—The Danish steamship Shingolf was sunk in the North Sea by a mine. The crew of 17 perished, it was learned.

AMERICAN VESSEL RELEASED BEFORE PROTEST IS MADE

STEAMSHIP DENVER IS SEIZED BUT ENGLISH GOVERNMENT ACTS QUICKLY.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—The American steamship Denver, bound from Norfolk to Bremen with a cargo of cotton, which was held up by a British cruiser and diverted to the Orkney Islands was ordered released, the government having acted so promptly that the United States hadn't time to file a protest. The vessel was laden under supervision of the British consular representatives and its detention was a surprise to the admiralty.

This year 1915 is going to generate a greater hatred of war than has ever been known before, which will be a considerable contribution to progress.

REPORT SHOWS CITY HAS HAD A REMARKABLE HEALTH RECORD

The absence of all contagious diseases in the city this winter and the fact that there were but three cases of typhoid fever in Pendleton during the whole of the year 1914, pointed out in the annual report of City Physician I. U. Temple, again call attention to Pendleton's healthful and sanitary condition. The epidemic of smallpox, measles and chicken pox prevalent a year ago in a mild form, appear to have been completely eradicated.

PRESIDENT URGED TO VISIT NORTHWEST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Oregon, Washington and Idaho senators and congressmen, urged the president to include their states in the speaking tour he is to make following his visit to the Panama exposition at San Francisco in the spring. The president gave them little satisfaction, saying that if it was within the realm of possibility he would include the northwest in his itinerary. Chamberlain headed the delegation.

BRITISH AUTHOR SERIOUSLY ILL



Gilbert K. Chesterton, LONDON, Jan. 7.—Gilbert K. Chesterton, journalist, humorist and author is seriously ill here. Mr. Chesterton was born in Kensington in 1874, and was a son of Lord Chesterton. He was educated at St. Paul's school. His first literary efforts were book reviews for the Bookman and the Speaker. He has contributed to many magazines and newspapers and is the author of many books. His "Victorian Age in Literature" was published in 1912. Since the war began Mr. Chesterton has written copiously of it.

ITALY CALLS ON AUSTRIA TO MAKE EXPLANATIONS

DETENTION OF ITALIANS IN BELGRADE IS CAUSE FOR REPARATION.

TURIN, Jan. 7.—Italy has demanded explanations and a reparation from Austria, according to an assertion in the "Stampa" for the arrest and detention of four Italians held as hostages at Belgrade during the Austrian occupation.

During the year there were 63 deaths in the city and 119 births, according to the incomplete records on file. Seventeen more boy babies than girls were born. Dr. Temple, in his report, again advocates the closing of the open sidewalk gratings and mentions certain outdoor toilets as a source of much annoyance. His report in full follows.

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TURKISH ARMY IS IN FLIGHT BEFORE ADVANCING SLAVS

Moslems are Reported to be Retreating in Wild Disorder After Decisive Defeat is Met.

WALK INTO RUSSIAN TRAP

Losses Said to Have Been Enormous—Fighting in Southern Poland Has Been Brought Almost to Halt Because of Heavy Rains—In North, Russians Take Offensive.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 7.—Transformed from an army into a disorganized mob, the beaten Turkish forces in Trans-Caucasia are reported to be fleeing before the Russians.

It was said the Mohammedans had been trapped and routed with enormous losses.

Fighting in southern Poland is almost halted by violent rains. In the north it was stated the Russians have assumed a vigorous offensive in the Masawa regions.

BERLIN, Jan. 7.—Hard fighting in the eastern and western zone was reported with no particular gains by either side except that the Germans have made substantial progress in the Argonne region.

North of Arras the French are trying to recapture the trenches the Germans took last week. In the Argonne, it was stated, the Germans have gained and still are on the offensive. In Alsace and west Sonneheim the conflict was reported still raging, the French attempting to retake positions lost to the Germans.

ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THE PRACTICES ACT IS CHARGED

PUBLISHER OF OREGON SCOUT AT UNION INDICTED BY THE GRAND JURY.

Growing out of charges made during the campaign against Joint Senator C. A. Barrett of Athens, M. A. Maxwell, publisher of the Oregon Scout of Union, has been indicted by the grand jury of that county on a charge of violating the corrupt practices act. He was arraigned yesterday but has not yet entered a plea. It is expected, however, that he will plead not guilty, in which event he will attempt to prove the charges he made against Senator Barrett in an article he published.

With Handcuffs on Wrists, Man Wanted for Months; Picked Up Here

Swiss-Italian Fugitive in Deplorable Condition, His Hands Made Almost Useless by the Iron Bands Eating Into the Flesh—Believed He Escaped Near Canadian Line—Manacles are Sawed off at Hospital.

With the metal wristlets of a pair of handcuffs grown into the flesh of each forearm, his hair and beard long and matted, his clothes in rags and his whole person filthily dirty, a Swiss-Italian, giving the name of Robeno Batista, was picked up late yesterday afternoon by Sheriff T. D. Taylor just north of the city.

For seven months or more he had been a fugitive from the officers, after escaping from them somewhere near the Canadian line, according to his story, and rather than surrender himself he kept away from mankind as much as possible while he watched the iron bands eat slowly into his flesh until his hands were so swollen and sore as to be almost useless.

After the man had been bathed at the county jail, his hair and beard trimmed and his clothing changed, he was taken to the Bowman studio where photographs were made and then rushed to St. Anthony's hospital where Dr. Guy Boyden, assisted by Deputy Sheriff Joe Blakely, removed the manacles. They used a hack saw after administering an anaesthetic to the man. Dr. Boyden believes he will be able to save both hands.

The case is the most remarkable one that has ever come to the notice of local officers or physicians. That

INVESTIGATION WILL BE MADE IN SUBWAY BLOW-OUT

WITNESSES SUMMONED TO DETERMINE BLAME FOR NEW YORK ACCIDENT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Lively times for the New York subway management seemed assured in connection with an inquiry into the blow-out resulting in the death of one and the narrow escape of hundreds of others from suffocating in the stalled trains. District Attorney Perkins has summoned as witnesses in the investigation 60 subway passengers and 27 policemen and firemen, who took part in the rescue. He said it will take two or three days to determine whether or not anyone was criminally responsible for the accident.

Raiding an unfortified town by aeroplane requires about as much strategy and skill as an ordinary citizen would require to sneak out and set fire to his neighbor's barn.

With the German Rapid Firers



A German Machine Gun in the Trenches in Flanders.

LONDON PREPARES TO RESIST A RAID OF AIR MACHINES

Added Precautions Indicate That Authorities are Expecting Zeppelin Attack in Near Future.

ARMED AEROPLANES ARE SEEN

Flights are Made by Germans Over North Sea and Apparently are Making Investigations of Air-Currents Preliminary to Concerted Move Against London.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Added precautions by the authorities indicated their belief that an important German aerial raid is expected in the near future. Additional men have been sent to guard the coast stations. The crews in charge of the aerial guns have been strengthened.

The police have been instructed to rigidly enforce the lighting regulations. These precautions followed the discovery that Zeppelins had been cruising in the Straits of Dover, escorted by armed aeroplanes. It was believed they were sent up to determine the air currents and take similar preliminaries to a general raid, probably on London.

Zeppelins have been plainly seen at Dunkirk. They did not approach within range of the guns but the aeroplanes were fired upon and driven off. One was struck but escaped. Both Zeppelins and aeroplanes were reported to have carried light machine guns and it was believed that if a raid materializes it will be directed on the naval bases in an attempt to retaliate for the Cuxhaven affair.

The British aerial squadron is prepared, armed with machine guns and bombs.

UNDERSTATING WEIGHTS IS REASON OF HEAVY PENALTY

SPOKANE CONTRACTOR IS FINED \$500—ANOTHER INDICTMENT PENDING.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The interstate commerce commission announced that J. J. Lohrenz a contractor of Spokane, has been fined \$500 on an indictment charging him with understating weights on freight shipments. A similar indictment, it was announced, is pending against J. E. Cunningham, another contractor there. There were five counts in the indictment against Lohrenz.

TURN AT WEST END OF WEBB STREET WILL BE CHANGED

INTERSECTION WITH TUTULLA TO BE IMPROVED BY THE CITY.

In order to make the turn from the west end of Webb street into Tutullia Road a right angle one, the city council has come to an amicable agreement with Mrs. Katherine Stover whereby a three cornered piece of her corner lot 40 feet wide on Webb street and 120 feet deep on Tutullia will be thrown into the road. The city agrees to assume the street improvement lien against it, amounting to perhaps \$175, and to move her house for her. This arrangement will not only improve the street but will permit the new steel bridge, being built by the county and city, to be placed in a more favorable location. The street committee was authorized to move Mrs. Stover's house at once.

The meeting of the council was a short one last evening. The annual library report and the report of the city physician were read and placed on file. The city physician's report appears elsewhere in this column, while a more detailed report of the library board will be published in a week. The city recorder's annual report and also that of the city treasurer have not yet been made.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP SUNK BY MINE OFF SCARBOROUGH

CAPTAIN AND 12 OF CREW ARE MISSING—SEARCH IS BEING MADE.

SCARBOROUGH, Jan. 7.—The British steamship Alfredia was sunk by a mine off Scarborough. The crew got off in boats and nine members have reached here. The captain and twelve others are missing. A search is in progress.

MEXICAN FACTIONS DRAWING UP LINES FOR BIG STRUGGLE

Control of Vera Cruz is Question at Issue Between Forces of Villa and Carranza.

DECISIVE BATTLE IS NEAR

Reinforcements for Villistas are Reported to Have Been Cut Off and Indian Cavalry Pursue Routed Enemy—Conditions in Capital Described as Unbearable.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Villistas and Carranzistas are preparing for a decisive battle between Vera Cruz and Mexico City, according to advices received at the state department.

The dispatches indicated the battle may be the final reckoning between the two factions.

Several additional carloads of wounded soldiers have reached Vera Cruz from Puebla, recently captured by the Carranzistas from the Villista garrison.

It was reported that black small-pox was spreading rapidly at Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, Jan. 7.—Reinforcements, hurrying to the assistance of the defeated Villista garrison of Puebla have been checked 30 miles from that place, it was stated at Carranza headquarters, while the constitutionalists were gathering strength to continue their advance upon Mexico City. It was said General Obregon's Yaqui Indian cavalry is pursuing the routed enemy in the mountains southeast of Puebla.

NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, JAN. 7.—That Mexico's plight is more serious now than at any time since the late President Madero started a revolution against Diaz, was the declaration of General Martin Spinoza, who reached Nuevo Laredo from Mexico City. Spinoza presided over the Zapata-Gutierrez convention for one day. The convention was a farce, Spinoza declared, being controlled by Zapata with armed guards, while Carranza and General Villa and even Provisional President Gutierrez himself under constant surveillance when they attended the gathering.

Life in the capital has become unbearable, Spinoza said, the city being practically depopulated as a result of the Carranzistas withdrawing in fear of a Villista attack.

Water System Proves Worth.

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., Jan. 7.—Cottage Grove's experience during the recent cold spell indicated that there is little danger of the city ever being without water. While in other cities appeals had to be made to water users not to leave their faucets open faucets all over this city were left open to keep the pipes from freezing and the city water never stopped running from the overflow.

4 INDICTMENTS BROUGHT IN BY THE GRAND JURY

NO NOT TRUE BILLS RETURNED—ANOTHER REPORT IS EXPECTED SOON.

Four indictments were returned this morning at the first report of the grand jury now in session. Piva men, Walter Gilman, Ed Kilgore, Dave Witmer, Harry Sheffield and C. D. Long are involved in the true bills. Gilman is charged with stealing a cow from an Indian near Cayuse and Kilgore, who is said to be more or less associated with Gilman in a number of deals, is indicted for larceny from a dwelling owned by an Indian woman. Witmer and Sheffield are jointly indicted on a charge of larceny from a dwelling, it is alleged that they stole a number of articles from a forest ranger's cabin on Meacham creek. Long is accused of forging the name of Gerald Stanfield to a check passed in Echo. No not true bills were returned. Another report from the grand jury is expected soon.

NEW HIGH FIGURE REACHED IN CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—A new high figure for wheat was registered today. May touched dollar thirty eight and three eighths; July a dollar twenty eight; four and three eighths. Heavy buying was responsible for the advance.