



RUSSIANS RETREAT FOLLOWING DECISIVE DEFEAT BY GERMANS

Petrograd Declares Army is Making Stand But Berlin Reports Declare That Von Hindenburg is Sweeping the Slavs Before Him--Thousands of Men and Many Cannon Have Been Captured.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 22.—The Russian forces, retreating after a defeat at the hands of Austro-German forces in the Mazurian lake region, have made a stand and again have checked the enemy, dispatches from the front assert. The Slavs are said to have assumed the offensive at several points.

BERLIN, Feb. 22.—Seven Russian guns and 100,000 men, captured by Von Hindenburg's advance toward Warsaw, are on the way to German prison camps, an official statement announced. Von Hindenburg's successful sweep continues to push the Slavs before it. Pursuit of the Russians from the Mazurian lakes has ended and a gap of several miles now separates the Austro-Germans from the Slavs, who are entrenching preparatory to further advance in Poland. A new battle is reported in the vicinity of Augustowo.

(By Karl Von Wiegand.) GRAND ARMY HEADQUARTERS of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, via Berlin and The Hague, Feb. 22.—The Russian reverse in the Mazurian lake region ranks with the crushing defeat inflicted on the Slavs at Hannenburg early in the war and is likely to prove the most disastrous defeat in the war to date. More than 70,000 Russians have been taken prisoners and at least 10,000 more were surrounded a few miles from Augustowo when I was there last Thursday. The Germans are outspoken in their praise of the Russians and the remarkable courage they displayed. The manner in which they saved most of their artillery and a portion of their army when they were threatened with utter annihilation, is mentioned with admiration.

When the German enveloping movement was about to be completed Slav airmen detected it and notified their commanders of the situation. A Russian retreat was immediately ordered and that was responsible for saving their artillery. To prevent the capture of their guns the Russian commanders hurried column after column of infantry at the menacing Germans and the determination they displayed accomplished the desired purpose. The Russian losses in dead and wounded were enormous. The fleeing Slavs had no time to bury their dead but the Russian wounded were gathered up by the Germans and are being cared for at German hospitals. Von Hindenburg is distributing his troops for another movement, the details of which cannot be revealed. It seems probably the maneuver will result in another distinct gain for the kaiser's army.

Photograph of Khedive of Egypt



This is the most recent photograph of the new khedive of Egypt, just placed on the throne by the British government. The failure of the Turkish forces, which had threatened to cross the Red Sea, leaves him secure in his new place. The old khedive has sided with Turkey in the great war, and he has had to quit his throne. For weeks the Turks threatened to march on Egypt and unseat the new khedive. A few days ago the delay was blamed on the Turkish forces, which had threatened to cross the Red Sea, leaving him secure in his new place. The old khedive has sided with Turkey in the great war, and he has had to quit his throne. For weeks the Turks threatened to march on Egypt and unseat the new khedive. A few days ago the delay was blamed on the Turkish forces, which had threatened to cross the Red Sea, leaving him secure in his new place. The old khedive has sided with Turkey in the great war, and he has had to quit his throne.

2 GERMAN AIRMEN FLY OVER BRITISH CITIES IN ESSEX ENGLISH TRANSPORT BEARING TROOPS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SUNK BY GERMAN SUBMARINE; DETAILS LACKING

Zeppelins Reported to Also Have Participated in the Raid But no Damage Done. Efforts to Obtain Information by the United Press are Futile as London Remains Silent--Censorship Probably to Blame for Refusal to Answer Queries.

FIVE BOMBS ARE DROPPED AMERICAN STEAMER STRIKES MINE IN THE NORTH SEA

Children Parade Streets in One Town Singing 'The Germans are Coming, They are, They are'--Aeroplane are seen Over Several Towns and Cause Excitement. Vessel Sinks But Crew is Saved--Nationality of Mine Which Destroyed Ship Has Not Been Learned--Disaster is Outside New German War Zone.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Two German airmen raided Essex last night. Apparently no damage was done. Both aeroplanes apparently were of a powerful type. Zeppelins also participated in the affair. Five bombs were dropped. The aeroplanes were seen at Colchester, Braintree and Coggeshall. Warner of the approach of the aeroplanes boys and girls in one British town paraded the streets singing, "The Germans are coming, they are, they are," to the air of "The Campbells are Coming."

Bombs Dropped Near Braintree and at Colchester. LONDON, Feb. 22.—A Braintree dispatch says that about 5:30 o'clock last night a hostile aeroplane dropped missiles supposed to be incendiary bombs on the fields close to Braintree, but they did no damage. At 8:40 o'clock an aeroplane passed over Colchester, which lies about 50 miles northeast of London. It dropped a bomb, which buried itself in a garden where it exploded, doing damage to the rear of a house and smashing the windows of other houses. No one was hurt. The aeroplane, said to be a German, also dropped bombs at Marks Tey, six miles west of Colchester, and near Coggeshall, but no serious damage resulted. The machine was last reported as making off to sea.

Steamer of Emerald Isle Sunk by Submarine. LONDON, Feb. 22.—The small Irish coasting steamer Downshire was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Man, an island in the Irish sea. The Germans gave the crew five minutes in which to leave their ship. The crew landed at Dunderum, County Down, Ireland. The submarine which sank the Downshire was the U-12. The Germans fired three shots at the steamer before her captain dove. After the crew of the Downshire had taken to the boats the Germans placed a bomb amidship of the steamer and exploded it, and the Downshire sank in a few minutes.

The German submarine U-12 is of the class built in 1910-11. She is of 250 tons displacement and has a maximum cruising radius of 1200 miles. The vessel has a complement of 12 men. Her armament includes three 18 inch torpedo tubes and two one-pounder high angle guns. She has a speed of 13 knots above water and 5 knots submerged.

Home Port is Philadelphia. The Evelyn was a single-screw steel steamship and was commanded by Captain Smith. She belonged to A. H. Bull & Co., of New York, and was chartered by the Harris Irbly Cotton company to take a cargo of cotton to Bremen. She was 253 feet long and 1185 tons net. She was built in Southampton, England, in 1882. Her home port was Philadelphia. The Evelyn was last reported as arriving at Rotterdam on February 17.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Secretary Bryan announced the receipt of a telegram last night from the American consul at Bremen reporting the "loss" of the American steamer Evelyn. The cause was not given. The crew was saved. Bryan calls for information. American Consul Fee's telegram as given out by the state department, was as follows: "Steamer Evelyn, Captain Smith, agents Bull & Co., blown up early Friday at Borkum. Crew saved. Ship and cargo lost."

Secretary Bryan repeated the American consul's cablegram immediately to Ambassador Page at London and Ambassador Gerard at Berlin, with instructions to learn all possible facts concerning the occurrence and give every care to the crew if landed in their respective jurisdictions.

THE GREAT BERNHARDT WILL WEAR AN ARTIFICIAL LIMB

FAMOUS ACTRESS SUBMITS TO AMPUTATION OF RIGHT LEG AT KNEE. BORDEAUX, Feb. 22.—"For the sake of my art," Sara Bernhardt submitted to the amputation of her right leg at the knee. Professor Deuce, who performed the operation, said Bernhardt bore up remarkably well. She was cheerful as the doctors prepared to operate. "I consent to being mutilated," she said, "only because I can't bear to remain idle. My work is my life. As soon as I am fitted with an artificial leg, I shall resume my stage work."

J. V. TALLMAN AGREED ON BY LOCAL DELEGATION FOR PLACE ON FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

Instead of presenting the name of Dr. H. S. Garfield as Umatilla county's candidate for the state fish and game commission, the legislative delegation from this county has agreed upon J. V. Tallman, president of the Pendleton Commercial association, according to well founded reports in circulation here today. Representative R. W. Ritter, who refused to be a party to advocacy of Dr. Garfield, is given credit for bringing the delegation together for Tallman. If the combined delegation recommends Tallman for a position on the new fish and game board, it will bring to an end the war between the local sportsmen and certain members of the delegation, according to statements made by some of the prominent sportsmen, inasmuch as Mr. Tallman is very acceptable to them. Not only is he a member of the Umatilla County Fish and Game association and of the Round-up Gun Club but he took an active part in opposing the Scheibel bill to abolish the present game system and the game fund. A bill passed in the closing hours of the legislature provided for the expansion of the present fish and game board and the appointment of a new board with the governor as chairman. This will leave four appointments to be made. Eastern Oregon is entitled to one or more members on the commission and it is for one of these positions that Mr. Tallman will be urged, it is said. It is known that a strong effort was made by Senator Barrett and Representative Hinkle to secure the delegation's endorsement of Dr. Garfield, who is now awaiting trial jointly with Hinkle on a charge of shooting ducks after sundown. Representative Ritter's refusal to support Garfield is said to be the cause of the withdrawal of his name from consideration.

\$40,000 DAMAGE BY FIRE SUSTAINED AT PORTLAND

BUSINESS FIRMS SUFFER IN SUNDAY BLAZE--ORIGIN OF BLAZE UNKNOWN.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 22.—Business firms in the Merchants' Trust company building, at the southwest corner of Sixth and Washington streets, sustained a \$40,000 loss yesterday, when fire of unknown origin, started in the basement. It was an hour and a quarter before the fire was under control of the 12 engines and four truck companies called to the scene. The heaviest losses were suffered by Brafield & Porges, clothing, occupying the corner store; John F. O'Shea and James B. O'Shea, owners of the building; Remick's Song Shop, 422 Washington street; Painless Parker's dentistry parlors on the second floor; A. & M. Delovage, jewelers, 324 Washington street, and Jeat & Co., tailors, on the third floor. True wisdom never thinks itself wiser than it really is.

183RD ANNIVERSARY OF WASHINGTON'S BIRTH IS OBSERVED IN PENDLETON

SCHOOLS HOLD APPROPRIATE EXERCISES--PUBLIC OFFICES ARE CLOSED.

Today, the 183rd anniversary of the birth of George Washington and a legal holiday, is being observed in appropriate manner in Pendleton. Patriotic exercises have been held during the day at practically all of the schools, the public offices and banks have been closed all day, and many of the business windows of the downtown district have been decorated for the occasion. At the high school this afternoon a special assembly is being held. A program consisting of patriotic songs, the reading of Washington's farewell address and an address upon the life of the first president has been arranged. In most of the grade school rooms and in the St. Joseph's academy exercises calculated to impress upon the children the noble qualities of the "Father of His Country" are being given.

MOSER BILL PAVES WAY FOR STATEWIDE POLITICAL MACHINE

From a political standpoint the most important measure passed by the legislature Saturday night was the Moser bill regarding removal of state appointees which was forced upon the house as the price to be paid for leaving the workmen's compensation law unsettled. Under the law as passed, all appointees are subject to removal at any time by the appointive power. Officials, boards and commissions named by the governor may be replaced at any time by the official. This gives the governor complete sway over all state schools, including agricultural college, university and normal school, as he names the regents of those institutions. Those schools may now be dragged directly into politics. The governor will also have direct dictation of the game commission and of such boards as the livestock sanitary board, forestry board and similar bodies. It is charged the bill was drafted with a view to building up a statewide political machine. The senate tried to change the law so as to give the appointive power in all cases solely to the governor, thus doing away with power now held by the secretary of state and the state treasurer. This measure, however, appears to have failed in the house.

PIUTE INDIANS ON THE WAR-PATH STRONGLY ENTRENCHED IN CANYON

GRAYSON, Utah, Feb. 22.—After a sharp fight early today the Piute Indians who were engaged by a posse under Federal Marshal Nebeker, were driven from their rocky position near a bluff and withdrew in the Cottonwood canyon where they have entrenched. An attempt to capture them will mean heavy losses. The casualties since Saturday are three Indians and one white killed and one white injured. There is evidence the Piutes are led by Everett Hatch, his father and Old Polk, heavily reinforced. From some quarters it was reported there were three hundred Indians in the party. All the Indians living about Navajo Springs have disappeared. The authorities are concerned. There is little doubt the Indians will fight to the death. The posse now numbers 50.

NEW GAME COMMISSION TO BE APPOINTED IN 90 DAYS

SENATOR BURGESS SAYS BILL HAD NO EMERGENCY CLAUSE ATTACHED. Senator J. N. Burgess arrived home this morning from Salem where he had been almost continuously since the legislature opened. The remainder of the Umatilla county delegation are in Portland and Senator Burgess does not think they will arrive home for a day or two. The senator left for his ranch near Pilot Rock almost as soon as he reached Pendleton, but over the telephone this afternoon stated, in reply to a question as to when the new fish and game commission would be appointed, that it would probably be ninety days, inasmuch as the bill providing for the dismissal of the present board had no emergency clause attached. As for the Moser bill, which gives the appointive power the right to remove all appointees, he stated that he will become a law as soon as the governor signs it. Senator Burgess stated that he did not think that it was intended to include the regents of the state schools in the officers subject to this power but declared that it is possible they may be included. Senator Burgess was accompanied back by his private secretary W. C. E. Pruitt, who is said to be slated for the position of district game warden to succeed E. F. Averill who lost his scalp. SALEM, Feb. 22.—The governor was busy signing bills today passed by the legislature. He has not vetoed one thus far. O. D. Teel, prominent land holder of Echo, was a business visitor here Saturday.

NEWS SUMMARY

- General. Russians retreating after decisive defeat. British transport reported blown up by German submarine. Austria declares war zone in Adriatic. Local. J. V. Tallman said to have been agreed upon by Umatilla delegation as candidate for game commission. Improvement of high school grounds commenced. Senator Burgess returns from legislature. Washington's Birthday being observed. District convention of Odd Fellows to be at Weston Thursday. Tennis club will be reorganized.