

TEUTON RAID UPON BRITISH NETS NOTHING

GREAT GERMAN LOSS MORE THAN COMPENSATES THE FEW YARDS OF TRENCHES WON

ITALIANS HOLDING LINES FIRM

German Aerial Bombs Result in Death of Several American Engineers Behind French Line

Today's war resume by the Associated Press said:
The British slightly improved their positions east of Bullecourt today by bomb raids.
The latest attack of the Germans, in the Cambrai region, between Bullecourt and Queant, was a complete failure when the Teuton losses in men killed and made prisoners are put in the balance with their small gain of ground against the British. Another attack by the German crown prince in the Caurelles wood, on the Verdun sector, which was delivered with large effectives, has met with the customary repulse.

Finding that the efforts of the Austrians to break through the Italian front and debouch upon the plain of Venetia were futile, the German troops under General von Buelow have reinforced their allies and with them have delivered another powerful assault between the Brenta and Piave rivers.

At only one point, however, were the combined Teutonic forces able to dent the line of the defenders, on Mont Spiononia, where they secured a temporary foothold. Here the Italians are striving valiantly to retake the lost positions.
Show and mist are hampering the operations in this region.

Aerial bombs dropped by the Germans on a town behind the British front have resulted in the death of a number of American railway engineers. In another town German aviators attempted to bombard marching American columns, but the men escaped unscathed, although the missile exploded dangerously near them.

Italian Headquarters, Dec. 14.—After three days of fighting, the Italian line holds fast.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—British troops which endeavored to regain the trenches lost on the Cambrai front, have been beaten back.

ONE DEAD, FIVE HURT IN FIRE AT ACID PLANT

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 14.—One dead and five injured is the casualty toll from a fire following an explosion at the acid plant of the Dupont Powder company's plant, 18 miles from here.

FOOD CHIEF SPEAKS HERE MONDAY NOON

N. K. Newell, assistant food administrator of Oregon, will be the speaker at Monday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Mr. Newell, besides being one of the leading men of the state, and a good speaker, comes with a vital message to any American and every member should hear him. Women who make reservations by phoning the Chamber of Commerce Saturday, will be welcome.

IMO HELMSMAN 'PROBABLY A SPY'

Norwegian Steering Ship Which Rammed Vessel at Halifax Detained as German Spy Suspect

Halifax, Dec. 14.—An official inquiry was commenced today to determine, if possible, the cause of the explosion which wrecked a large portion of this city.

John Johansen, helmsman on the Norwegian steamer Imo, the Belgian relief ship whose collision with the ammunition steamer Mont Blanc led to the disaster was detained as a German spy suspect today. He was turned over to the military authorities by officials of Massachusetts's relief hospital where he has been under treatment.

One of the nurses at the hospital, a young woman from New York, whose name was not revealed, yesterday noticed that her patient was acting queerly and that he did not seem to be wounded. Physicians examined the man and the conclusion was reached that he was shamming illness. Later, it was said, Johansen offered a nurse \$50 if she would go out and buy him a newspaper, the assumption being that he intended to escape in her absence.

After that incident a military guard was placed on duty by his bed. The provost guard was sent for today and Johansen was locked up.

PRESIDENT KERR TO REMAIN AT COLLEGE

Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 14.—President Kerr of the state agricultural college will remain at his post here in spite of offers from the agricultural college of Kansas. He announced his decision to remain Wednesday to J. K. Weatherford, president of the board of regents. President Kerr makes a considerable monetary sacrifice in remaining, the board of regents deciding that a salary of \$8,400 was all that it could offer him. Kansas had offered him \$9,000 to go there.

HINDUS WERE REALLY SLAVES OF GERMANS

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—A Hindu servant testified in the trial now in progress here against a number of defendants charged with undertaking to foment trouble in India, that Ram Chandra, a Hindu editor who is one of the defendants, sold five Hindu servants to the German government for \$14,000 who were forced to work for the Germans at \$2 a month.

FIRE ON NAVY TUG IS FATAL TO THREE

Washington, Dec. 14.—Three men were fatally, and a fourth seriously, injured in the fuel oil fire on the navy tug Natal at an Atlantic port today.

ASTORIA VISITED BY SEVERE RAIN STORM

Portland, Dec. 13.—A violent rain and wind storm which set in last night over the Oregon and southwest Washington coast section, was still raging today, and considerable property damage was reported at a few points.

At Astoria, Ore., a water-soaked hillside slid and brought down several tons of rock on a bunkhouse where a county road gang was sleeping. Although one end of the bunkhouse was badly wrecked, no one was injured.

Another slide in Astoria carried out a trunk line water main. Astoria schools were closed today for lack of water.

REPORTS VARY ON CONDITIONS SLAV CONFLICT

BOTH SIDES CLAIM VICTORIES WHILE FACTS ARE OBSCURED TO OUTSIDERS

RADICALS RULE WITH IRON HAND

Extremists Order Arrest of All Members of Constitutional Assembly Not in Accord With Them

Petrograd, Dec. 14.—The Bolshevik staff report says that Korniloff's conscripts were defeated near Bielgorod and retreated to Vasil Ika. The evening papers report that the conscripts were victorious in a battle at Rostov and that the Bolsheviks retreated across the River Don.

London, Dec. 14.—Bolshevik troops occupied Tamanovka and Kaluga, according to a Reuter's dispatch. Leon Trotsky has announced that if an armistice for the eastern front is signed at Brest-Litovsk, the Russian delegates are empowered to enter into negotiations for peace.

London, Dec. 14.—The struggle for power in the interior of Russia is growing more bitter. Both sides claim advantages in the civil warfare.

The Bolshevik authorities have ordered the release of all civil prisoners in exchange for 4,000 Russian officers in German prisons. Reports as to the progress of the operations between the Bolsheviks and Kaledines' forces in Russia are belied by reason of variant statements of results.

Both sides are credited with victory in different versions of the operations. One report says Kaledines is besieging Rostov-on-the-Don and that fighting is in progress in the vicinity of that city, where men and guns from the Black sea fleet are aiding the Bolsheviks. Another dispatch asserts that General Korniloff has routed the Bolsheviks near Bielgorod, while still another says that Korniloff has been wounded and is in danger of capture and that attempts by Kaledines' followers to cut off food supplies to the Bolsheviks in Moscow and Petrograd and from Siberia have failed.

DR. STILL, FATHER OF OSTEOPATHY, DEAD

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—The father of osteopathy, Dr. Andrew Taylor Still, of Kirksville, Mo., died here Wednesday at the age of 89 years. He was known throughout the world as the discoverer of osteopathy and the last 50 years of his life was devoted to this cause.

CAMP MILLS WILL BE ABANDONED SOON

Salem, Dec. 14.—The war department had intended to abandon Camp Mills as training quarters for soldiers, even before protests were made by Oregon officials at alleged hardships endured there by troops from this state, according to a telegram received today by Governor Withycombe from Secretary of War Baker.

NAVAL AFFAIRS WILL NOW BE INVESTIGATED

Washington, Dec. 14.—The house subcommittee to investigate the conduct of the war so far as the navy is concerned was created today by the naval committee. Secretary Daniels, the bureau chiefs and officers are to be called.

CROZIER AND SENATORS IN SHARP CLASH

ORDNANCE CHIEF EXPLAINS SHORTAGE OF RAPID FIRE GUNS FOR ARMY

BAKER CHANGED TO NEW MODEL

Money Appropriated by Congress for Rifles Was Used by Department in Purchase of Revolvers

Washington, Dec. 14.—The examination of General Crozier at the executive session of the senate committee today went further into the details of the rifle and machine gun situations. Some heated exchanges between the senators and General Crozier took place which indicated that some members of the committee were inclined to blame him for a reduction of 50 per cent in the rifle production due to a change in type.

A failure of the department to use appropriations made for the purpose intended, was developed. Five millions of dollars that congress intended should be used for rifles were used for revolvers, some at high royalties from private contractors.

Responsibility for the machine gun situation was placed by the general squarely upon Secretary of War Baker, who, he said, had taken a personal interest in the matter, and ordered an investigation which resulted in the adoption of the "Browning type." This statement came when Chairman Chamberlain said he was not satisfied with the explanation that the delay had been caused by investigation.

"Neither am I satisfied," responded the witness, "but I am not personally responsible."

Nearly every member of the committee joined in the examination and questions were fired across the table as rapidly as the general could answer.

When told of General Crozier's testimony, Secretary Baker said the senate committee was properly seeking all information as to what was being done by the war department. He declined to comment on the statement as to machine guns.

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MEDIATORS LEAVE SEATTLE FOR EAST

Seattle, Dec. 14.—The members of President Wilson's mediation commission are expected to leave for Minnesota tonight. It will not announce its conclusions in the lumber situation until their law recommendations are before President Wilson.

SEPARATE WORK; ALIEN SOLDIERS

Men in American Armies of Teutonic Birth Given Special Details at Points in This Country

Washington, Dec. 14.—The first step to place the soldiers of German or Austro-Hungarian birth at duties apart from the actual fighting forces of the United States was taken today by the issuing of war department orders showing the transfer of nearly one hundred of the regulars or national army men to duty with the disciplinary forces at barracks and at Fort Leavenworth.

Three of these soldiers came from the forces in France and the others were taken from recruits about to sail to join Pershing's troops.

KLAMATH FOLKS FORM AN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Klamath Falls, Ore., Dec. 14.—With a total opposition of five votes out of 169 cast at a recent election, Klamath water users have voted to change from a water users association to the Klamath Irrigation District, taking advantage of laws recently passed by the state legislature and following the example of many water users on other reclamation projects.

STATE EXPENSES TO TOTAL \$3,454,000

Salem, Dec. 14.—The total expense of administering the state government for 1918 will be \$3,454,252.09, and of this sum \$2,856,205 must be raised by taxation, according to the state levy made yesterday afternoon by the state tax commission. The balance will be derived from other receipts, and totals \$598,047.09.

GERMAN SPY WILL FACE RIFLE SQUAD

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 14.—Federal officers were believed today to be rapidly preparing to close in on the alleged German plotters who brought about the murder of Mrs. Emma Fritzen Beyer. On high authority, it was stated here this afternoon that the murderer of Mrs. Beyer will be the first German spy to face a firing squad in the United States since this country entered the war.

JAPAN MAKING LOANS TO ALLIED NATIONS

Tokio, Dec. 14.—The finance department has announced that the loans raised in Japan by foreign powers up to October 1 aggregate 568,000,000 yen. Of this sum 105,000,000 yen went to England; 77,000,000 to France; 379,000,000 to Russia and 5,000,000 China.

POLL OF SENATE IS AGAINST SUFFRAGE

Washington, Dec. 14.—An informal poll of the senate on the national woman suffrage amendment shows as follows:
For—Republicans 28, democrats 23, total 51.
Against—Republicans 12, democrats, total 37.
Doubtful 8.

Two-thirds of the senate—64 votes—are necessary. If the eight doubtful votes were added to those for the amendment there still would be five lacking for the majority.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Shield's bill for the development of water power projects on navigable rivers, passed the senate today.

TRAPPER SHOT FOR PANTHER BY LOCAL BOY

PORTLAND MAN MISTAKEN BY FLOYD FICK FOR COUGAR AND HURT

MIGHTY CARELESS GUN PLAY

Only Poor Marksmanship of Youth Saved Innocent Man From Death. Second Similar Stunt

C. A. Grossett, of Portland, was shot and painfully, but not seriously wounded by Floyd Fick who mistook him for a cougar.

The accident occurred just below the Leonard Orchard Company's farm at about 6:45 last evening. Fick, a boy of 18 and the son of Herman Fick, is employed on the farm of H. Schmidt. He goes to his own home each evening and was returning from his day's work, carrying a 30-30 rifle when he saw Grossett in the road about 100 feet ahead of him. Without calling or taking means of ascertaining who or what he was, but, as he tells the story "thinking he was a panther" he threw up his gun and fired three or four shots. Grossett jumped to one side of the road, shouting at the same time. One of the bullets from Fick's gun hit a rock in the road shattering the bullet into several pieces, three of which entered Grossett's right leg just below the knee.

He was hurried to the Good Samaritan hospital in this city and given prompt attention by Dr. Loughridge who extracted one piece of the bullet which had been imbedded just below the knee cap. Grossett had managed to dig out the other pieces with his jack knife. Barring complications, the injuries will not prove more serious than to confine Grossett for a few days.

Grossett is a trapper and was returning from a visit to his traps when the accident occurred. He states that the first knowledge he had of Fick's having any thought other than to pass him naturally in the road was when the first shot was fired. Neighbors tell of another occasion when young Fick reported his having fired into the bushes at the side of the road "at some wild animal" and not investigating afterwards as to what caused the noise which led him to shoot.

No complaint has been lodged against the boy with the county authorities, but the sheriff's office is investigating the matter with a view of acting on its own initiative.

CAMP LEWIS FIRES QUICKLY QUENCHED

Camp Lewis, Dec. 14.—Two small fires in the officer's quarters today were extinguished by the camp fire department companies. The loss was about \$250. The fires were caused by defective flues.

There have been 25 fires on the grounds since the camp was established all of which have been handled by the camp fire fighters.

BOMB IS FOUND ON NORWEGIAN SHIP

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 14.—The report that a bomb was found in the shaft alley of the Norwegian steamer Bergsdalen, which sailed from here last week, has been verified by a letter received today. It stated that the internal machine was discovered by the chief engineer.