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YANKS SUFFER LIGHT LOSSES AT ARCHANGEL

GENERAL MARCH RECEIVES OFFICIAL REPORT—CASUALTY LIST OF ONLY 85 MEN

AMERICANS ARE WELL EQUIPPED

Siberians Deplore Withdrawal of 24,000 Jap Troops—Intervention Spoken of as Failure

Washington, Jan. 4.—An official report received from the American military attaché with Ambassador Francis in Russia, announced by Gen. March, shows a total of deaths from all causes in the Archangel region up to November 25, to be 85.

Killed in action, 9.
Died from wounds, 7.
Drowned, 3.
Died from accidents, 2.
Died of disease, 64.

The troops are adequately clothed and fed and are well equipped for the winter campaign.

London, Jan. 4.—A Tokio dispatch says that 24,000 Japanese troops will be withdrawn from Siberia. The dispatch says public opinion deprecates the withdrawal, and states that allied observers, including the Americans, speak bitterly of the intervention as being relatively a failure, owing to the disunity among the allies, and mutual jealousy.

GERMANS WILL FIGHT THE POLISH FORCES

Basel, Jan. 4.—Several German army corps have been concentrated on the border between Posen and Prussia, according to the Nachrichten, of Frankfurt. Germany it is declared, has decided to defend her rights to the province of Posen.

London, Jan. 4.—Reports from German and Scandinavian sources of British naval and military activities in the Baltic provinces have created a demand by the British press for a clear statement of the government's policy regarding Russia.

According to the Deutsche Tages Zeitung, of Berlin, the British have presented an ultimatum to the German supreme command that the German troops must not only prevent a further advance by the Bolsheviks but must retake Valk and Viendin. If this order is not carried out, the German newspaper says, the entente will march into Germany.

There is no confirmation of these reports from any official source.

SPRUCE TROOPS BEING DEMOBILIZED RAPIDLY

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 4.—At the rate that the soldiers in the spruce production division here are being mustered out, practically all of them will be gone within six weeks or two months. The demobilization office force is running smoothly now and every effort is being made to return the men to their homes at the earliest possible moment.

RED FORCES MURDER AND ROB NEAR VILNA

Warsaw, Jan. 4.—The Bolshevik forces are on the outskirts of Vilna and have occupied the towns on the railway between Minsk and Brest-Litovsk. They are burning, robbing and murdering the peasants as they advance.

STATE ENGINEER TALKS IRRIGATION

Says Outlook Bright for Sale of Oregon Irrigation District Bonds. State Laws Excellent

Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, was in the city yesterday conferring with the directors of the Grants Pass Irrigation District, and some of the business men here, regarding the plans for the irrigation of the lands in that district.

Mr. Cupper stated that due to the excellent laws under which the Oregon irrigation districts are now organized, approximately \$2,000,000 worth of irrigation district bonds have been sold in the state during the past 18 months, while for the seven years previous none were sold. He further said that the market for Oregon irrigation district bonds was greatly improved and that there was an excellent prospect for the sale of the Grants Pass district bonds, provided a reclamation scheme suitable to the bond underwriters may be obtained.

The board of directors presented for his approval a new plan of reclamation, worked out by Engineer Dubuis, which plan was discussed at length. Mr. Cupper made several valuable suggestions to make the plans of the district more attractive, to the end of hastening the financing of the district. He suggested in general the features of the new plan which reduces the cost of reclamation on that first adopted. Government cooperation was discussed and it seemed to be the consensus of opinion that no possible source of financial aid would be overlooked.

Mr. Cupper's visit following close after that of Prof. Powers on December 31, has done much to improve the outlook for the sale of the bonds and the consequent irrigation of a large body of land adjoining this city.

SECRETARY LANE TRYING FOR DEMOCRATIC PLUM

Washington, Jan. 4.—It is reported here that Secretary Lane has been offered the director-generalship of railroads, and that to make the proposal attractive a salary of \$50,000 a year is offered.

RED CROSS WILL HELP RETURNING SOLDIERS

The Josephine county chapter of the American Red Cross desires to have a word with the returned soldier. In the absence of the enlisted man, the Red Cross was pledged in times of emergencies and anxiety, to meet such conditions with friendly interest and ample resources. Now that many soldiers are returning our greatest opportunity of service may come while the soldier is getting back to every day life. The first thing a discharged soldier should do upon returning home, is to consult his Home Service Section of the Red Cross in this city, where his problems can be stated and information can be given promptly and accurately. He wants to know and we are prepared to say how he can keep up his government insurance; how to file a claim for compensation if injured; what plans the government is perfecting to return discharged soldiers to industry; how to apply for arrears in pay; how long the government allowance to families should continue; how to secure unpaid allowances; why government insurance should be kept up; legal advice; what to do in case a judgment has been rendered against a soldier during his absence; what to do if mortgage payments on property are overdue; what to do if taxes are unpaid; what to do if payments on private insurance policies are overdue; training for disabled soldiers, and many other questions upon which the returned soldier may need information. Mrs. Jennie Moss is secretary of the Home Service Section, and will gladly furnish information concerning these matters.

FAMOUS 91ST COMING HOME WITH OTHERS

CONTAINS SOLDIERS FROM THE NORTHWEST STATES WHO WERE IN HEAVY FIGHTS

ARE WAITING FOR TRANSPORTS

The Three Divisions, With 2nd Corps Headquarters, Comprise About 83,000 Soldiers

Washington, Jan. 4.—Three combat divisions, the 30th, 37th and 91st, have been designated by General Pershing for early return home from France, General March has announced.

The 30th division includes national guard troops from Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina. The 37th includes Ohio and West Virginia guardsmen, and the 91st troops from Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming and Alaska.

These troops will all be returned as soon as shipping is available.

The three divisions ordered home, with the second corps headquarters which has also been ordered home, comprise about 83,000 men.

SAYS OLYMPIC CARRIED OVER 300,000 PEOPLE

London, Dec. 5.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Dodging German submarines in the Mediterranean, trying to save sinking warships in the North Atlantic, and fighting off vicious U-boat attacks while carrying American troops are some of the achievements credited to the White Star line Olympic during her adventurous career of the war-time. These were only incidents of her experience, because, on account of her great passenger capacity, she was steadily and faithfully keeping to the task of transporting men and material for the armies in Europe. First it was Chinese coolies for road building, then farmer boys from Canada to replace the losses of Vimy Ridge, and finally many thousands of Americans to face the German on the western front.

"Her work during the Gallipoli campaign," writes a member of the crew to the Daily News, "when she carried about 8,000 troops—at that time the greatest number ever carried by any ship—following upon her gallant attempt off the north of Ireland to tow the water-logged dreadnaught Audacious, was sufficient to put her in the first rank of transports, but her subsequent work in bringing Canadian troops and Chinese labor battalions, and then her wonderful career since Christmas, 1917, when she arrived in New York for her first load of American troops must put her in a class by herself as a 'trooper.'"

She has carried well over 300,000 people while on war service.

RUSSIANS CLASS WOMEN ONLY AS LIVE STOCK

London, Jan. 4.—The Petrograd town council, according to a Copenhagen dispatch, has decided that all unmarried women between the ages of 18 and 45 shall be provided with husbands selected by the council.

The children of these unions are not to be allowed to remain with their parents, but will be educated and under the control of the Soviet government.

WILSON CLINKS GLASSES WITH KING AND QUEEN

"BECOMES CITIZEN OF HOME" AND MAKES WINNING SPEECH TO ITALIANS

RECEIVED BY POPE BENEDICT

In Message President Asks Congress for \$100,000,000 for Immediate Relief of Starving in Europe

Rome, Jan. 4.—President Wilson today became a citizen of Rome. The king and queen participated in the ceremony, after which the president made a speech. Later he was the guest of honor at an official dinner at the Quirinal.

Rome, Jan. 4.—President Wilson was received at the Vatican by Pope Benedict, who was robed in white. Two gilded chairs had been placed in the throne room.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Congress was asked by President Wilson today, in a message through the state department, to appropriate \$100,000,000 for the relief of famine sufferers in Europe.

It is understood that this money is wanted chiefly to send food into sections of Western Russia, Poland and Austria-Hungary.

The president leaves tonight for Paris, stopping en route at Geneva, Milan and Turin.

BRITISH AVIATOR BREAKS WORLD'S ALTITUDE RECORD

London, Jan. 4.—Flying a British airplane at Ipswich yesterday, Captain Long, established a new altitude record, reaching a height of 30,500 feet. Observer Blowers, who accompanied Captain Long, collapsed when his oxygen bottle broke, but recovered. Both men were frost bitten during the flight.

M'ADOO STATES REASON FOR FIVE YEAR CONTROL

Washington, Jan. 4.—Director McAdoo, testifying before the senate interstate commerce commission, says in support of his contention for a five year government control of the railroads:

"I believe that under the handicaps of war conditions a sufficient showing has been made to indicate that all the reforms I have mentioned are desirable as permanent peace measures. Yet it is clear that the general public has not had an opportunity to weigh the real value of what has been accomplished. The public is entitled to have, before the present federal control shall be terminated, a reasonably fair test under peace conditions of the advantages to be derived from these reforms.

"It will be impossible to review the results of even one year of federal control under peace conditions until the spring of 1920, and it will then be too late for congress to legislate before the end of the 21 months period after the declaration of peace, provided in the present law for government control. Operations under peace conditions with a tenure so short as the 21 months cannot possibly constitute a fair test.

"Indeed the difficulties with operation during the 21 months' period will be so serious that I do not see how the government can be fairly asked to encounter them."

Another reason for a longer test period, said the director general is the advisability of having adequate information on valuation of railroad property, now being gathered by the interstate commerce commission to guide congress in legislation.

SOLDIERS AT FIRE ISLAND ALL SAFE

Last 200 Removed Today—Wrecking Barges Begin Task of Raising Ship From Sands

Fire Island, Jan. 4.—With the decks cleared of army personnel at noon today and orders issued for the trans-shipment of half the crew, the wrecking barges and lighters closed in on the transport Northern Pacific to begin their efforts to free her from the sands.

Fire Island, Jan. 4.—The removal of 200 wounded, the last of the transport's soldier passenger list, was begun early today under clearing skies and an even sea. It is expected that the operations will be completed by noon. A snow storm swept over this vicinity last night.

The last of the soldiers taken off the transport were 20 who were seriously wounded. Their stretchers were taken down a stairway along over the transport's side. Twenty five hundred were removed without any loss of life. Three hundred were already badly wounded.

WILL ASK MONTANA TO ISSUE \$20,000,000 ROAD BONDS

Great Falls, Mont., Jan. 4.—Louis Newman, representative-elect from this county, has announced his intention of proposing, at the next session of the Montana legislature, which convenes next Monday, that the state issue bonds of \$20,000,000 for the construction of highways in the state.

PROF. POWERS VIEWS IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Prof. W. L. Powers, head of the irrigation and drainage department of the O. A. C., who came to Grants Pass a few days ago at the request of County Agent C. D. Thompson and Engineer Dubuis to examine the soil and agricultural conditions in the Grants Pass Irrigation District, was taken over these lands for the purpose of collecting additional data, especially regarding the soil.

It seems that the information they obtained shows a better condition than was found a year ago when they first reported on the project and on the excellence of this more complete data the proposition will be looked upon with more favor by possible bond purchasers.

The new plan of reclamation was outlined to Prof. Powers and met with his approval, as it not only eliminates engineering difficulties, but reduces the cost of reclamation to the district as compared with the former plan.

A determined and vigorous effort is now being put forth by the directors of the district to effect a sale of the bonds and to begin the construction of a gravity system at the earliest possible moment.

COEUR D'ALENE LEADS IN DIVIDENDS DECLARED

Spoke, Wash., Jan. 4.—Dividends paid by mines of the Coeur d'Alenes, Washington and British Columbia in 1918 amounted to \$10,945,532. The Coeur d'Alenes led with a total of \$7,989,130.

The total for each of the three districts is less than last year, in spite of high metal prices, and the grand total for this year is nearly \$2,000,000 less than in 1917.

SUMPTER VALLEY R. R. TO CHARGE FIVE CENTS

Salem, Ore., Jan. 4.—The Sumpter Valley Railway company has filed with the Oregon public service commission a new passenger tariff, increasing the rate from four to five cents per mile.

TURKS DEAL FINAL BLOW AT ARMENIANS

PERSIST IN THEIR OLD ORGY OF MURDER AS THEY WITHDRAW FROM ARMENIA

DISREGARD ARMISTICE TERMS

London Believes Ottomans Are Bent On Exterminating Their Old Enemies Despite Agreement

London, Jan. 4.—It is authoritatively announced here that evidence has been received to the effect that the Turkish army withdrawing from invaded territory in Caucasus has committed outrages on the Armenians, despite the armistice terms. It is believed that it is the intention of the Turks to deal a final blow at the Armenians to consummate the Turkish policy of exterminating that race.

KANSAS' WHEAT CROP IS WORTH MILLIONS

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 4.—A report by Edward C. Paxton, field agent for the federal department of agriculture, declares that Kansas, with 11,184,000 acres, has 22.8 per cent of all the winter wheat area of the United States.

A full crop on this enormous acreage, which is 13 per cent larger than the record acreage of last year, would total 200,000 bushels, or more than one-third of the 509,304,000 bushels for the average annual consumption in the United States, the report says.

Such a production, with a guaranteed price of \$2 a bushel, would bring Kansas \$400,000,000. The December report states that the average condition is 98 per cent.

MINNESOTA HOLDS THE COLD WEATHER RECORD

Washington, Jan. 4.—The western cold wave spread southward today to the Gulf coast and northwest Florida and eastward over the Appalachian mountains, with indications that it would reach all parts of the east tonight and tomorrow. Its duration will be brief.

Moorhead, Minn., with a minimum reading of 34 degrees below zero, held the cold weather record in the northwest.

The cold extended generally to the south, Jackson, Miss., reporting a foot of snow, the heaviest in 20 years.

"TANKER TOMCATS" FORM ORGANIZATION

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 4.—The "Tank Cats," an organization of Chicago Tank Corps men, was formally launched at a meeting held recently at Camp Greene near this city. The movement to organize members of the Tank Corps into a permanent body is expected to spread over the whole country, as almost every large city is represented in its personnel. Qualification for membership is based on service in the Tank Corps during time of war. The purpose of the organization is to promote and maintain public interest in the tanks as an arm of the service and to form a bond between its members by means of social and fraternal activities.