

RUSSIANS DEFEAT 400,000 TEUTONS

Petrograd Says Desperate Resistance Is Broken and Position Secured

Petrograd, via London.—An official communication concerning the progress of the campaign as issued from general headquarters states:

"The enemy made a most desperate resistance to our offensive.

"They had brought up every available man on the front from the direction of Barfield as far as Usok Pass, including even German troops and numbers of cavalrymen fighting on foot. The enemy's effective on this front exceeded 400 battalions. (An Austrian or German battalion numbers 1000 men.) Moreover, our troops had to overcome great natural difficulties at every step.

"Nevertheless, 18 days after the opening of our offensive, the bravery of our troops enabled us to complete the task assigned and we had seized the principal chain of the Carpathians on a front between Reghetov and Volosk, of 110 versts (about 75 miles).

"To sum up, on the whole Carpathian front, the enemy has suffered enormous losses and has left in our hands in prisoners alone at least 70,000 men, including about 900 officers. Further, we have captured 30 guns and 200 machine guns.

"On April 16 the actions in the Carpathians were concentrated in the direction of Rostok.

"The enemy, despite the enormous losses suffered, delivered in the course of that day no less than 16 attacks in great strength. These attacks, all of which were absolutely barren of result, were made against the heights we have occupied farther to the east of Telepotch."

British Apology Offered Chile.

London.—The British government has offered a "full and ample apology" to the Chilean government for the sinking on March 14 in Chilean territorial waters of the German cruiser Dresden.

RUSSIAN LOSSES ARE HUGE

German Correspondent Thinks Campaign Cost Invaders Half Million.

Berlin, via London.—The war correspondents at the Austrian headquarters have taken advantage of the pause in the battle in the Carpathians to summarize the results of the Russian efforts to break through the mountain barrier, which have progressed as a continuous gigantic battle since the fall of Przemyel.

The Russians, who hurled massed troops first against one and then another part of the line, succeeded in advancing their own line slightly in the depression south of Dukla Pass, where they hold a considerable area of the southern slope of the mountains. They also impelled the Austrians to straighten out the big northern bulge in their line east of this point between Lupkow and Usok Passes, where it had pushed forward well into Galicia toward Przemyel.

Eugene Lennhoff, correspondent in the Carpathians for the Zeitung am Mittag, estimates that the Russian losses in killed, wounded, sick and prisoners in the attempt to force a way through the passes is at least 500,000.

Germany Will Make Amends to Dutch

The Hague.—Germany, according to reports reaching here, will disavow the torpedoing of the Dutch steamer Katwyk, and will make full reparation to her owners.

BRITISH SHIP SUNK BY TURKISH TORPEDO

London.—In the first naval battle of the war between Turkish and British war craft, 100 of the crew of the British transport Mantou were reported to have been drowned and a Turkish torpedo boat destroyed, in official dispatches to the admiralty.

The battle was fought off the island of Chios, near the Gulf of Smyrna and about 100 miles south of the entrance to the Dardanelles. It is believed here that the transport was torpedoed and sunk after she had landed British troops on the coast of Asia Minor.

Three torpedoes were shot at the British transport, according to dispatches to the admiralty. All missed. The light cruiser Minerva, which had participated in the bombardment of Smyrna, gave chase and forced the torpedo boat ashore in Kalamant Bay, Chios Island. The Turkish war craft was destroyed and her crew made prisoners.

80,000 Mules Ordered for British Army
Kansas City.—Orders for 80,000 mules for use in the British army have been placed with livestock dealers by agents of the British government, according to announcements made here.

WILSON ASKED TO INTERVENE IN CHINA

Trouble in Future for United States Is Predicted by Missionaries.

Pekin.—Intervention by the United States in the negotiations now proceeding between China and Japan is recommended to President Wilson in the appeal recently sent to him by American missionaries in this country. The message of 5000 words was cabled to Washington. It characterizes the Japanese demands on China as acts of aggression such as eventually will present a menace to the United States.

Recalling the fact that Japan has at present in this country doubled her usual quota of troops (amounting to 50,000 men), the missionaries urge that Japan be notified that the excess of troops should be removed.

The understanding here is that a Chinese official or several officials paid the cable charges, amounting to nearly \$6000, on the message to President Wilson. This communication was signed by Revs. E. W. Thwing, John Wherry, C. H. Fenn, and W. A. P. Martin, all connected with the American Presbyterian Mission at Pekin; Rev. Chauncey Goodrich, of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, who is stationed at Tien Tsin; Rev. H. H. Lowry, of the Methodist Episcopal Mission at Pekin, and Rev. C. F. Hubbard.

The petition asks President Wilson to demand of China and not of Japan American participation in the conference now under way. It is suggested that Great Britain and other nations be invited to participate.

FIRE LOSS IS \$300,000

Thirty Firemen Overcome by Smoke While Fighting Portland Blaze.

Portland.—Property worth \$300,000 was destroyed and 30 firemen were overcome by a fire which started in the Blake-McFall six-story building, Fourth and Ankeny streets, in the heart of the wholesale district, at 7 o'clock Sunday night. In a few minutes the building was turned into a raging furnace which no fireman could enter.

The loss was covered practically by insurance.

The heaviest loser is the Hughes estate, which owns the building, and the Blake-McFall company, which occupies three-fourths of the building. More than 40 other firms have offices in the building.

C. D. Bruun, president of the Blake-McFall company, estimated the company's probable stock loss at \$150,000.

Borah Not Presidential Candidate.

Washington.—Senator Borah, of Idaho, issued a statement here saying he "was not and would not be a candidate" for the republican nomination for president.

"If by any chance the party should nominate me," he said, "I, of course, should accept. To pretend or to intimate otherwise would be absurd; but I shall not seek the nomination nor strive in any way, directly or indirectly, to obtain it. Nor have I the slightest expectation of it coming my way."

ROOSEVELT MOTION TO DISMISS DENIED

Syracuse, N. Y.—The trial of the suit of William Barnes, Jr. against Theodore Roosevelt for \$50,000 damages for alleged libel began in the supreme court here Monday.

The jury which will try it is composed of seven republicans, three progressives and two democrats. Twenty-two talesmen were examined before both sides announced that they were satisfied with the 12 men in the box.

Immediately after the jury had been completed counsel for Colonel Roosevelt made a motion to dismiss the complaint against their client on the ground that such allegations as he made in the statement upon which the suit is based were privileged, and that in naming Mr. Barnes and Charles F. Murphy, of Tammany Hall, as the controllers of a "rotten government" in the state of New York he did not mean anything personal, or to imply that either of the two men named had in any way profited by the alleged "rottenness." The motion was denied by Justice William S. Andrews, presiding.

President Urges Calm in America.

Washington.—The need of self-possession, calmness and a judicial temperament on the part of the United States in the present world crisis was urged by President Wilson, in a speech before the opening session of the 24th continental congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Von Goetz to Lead Turks.

Constantinople.—Field Marshal Baron Kolmar von der Goetz has been appointed commander-in-chief of the first Turkish army.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Cut in Rates Is Sought.

Salem.—Negotiations were started by the state railroad commission with the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad company to obtain relief from what are termed excessive fares for residents of the section beyond Linton, on the line of the United Railways. Numerous protests have been received by the commission since the service over the United Railways from Portland to Linton was stopped as a result of the court compelling the company to move its tracks from the county thoroughfare.

As a result of that order, persons living beyond Linton travel over the steam railroad to that place and pay additional fares over the United Railways to their destination. Under the law joint rates must be reasonable.

West Wins in Copperfield Case.

Baker.—Ex-Governor West won in the suit brought in circuit court here against him by William Wiegand, Copperfield saloonkeeper, for damages alleged to have been caused by the removal of liquor and saloon fixtures from his saloon, when Governor West declared martial law in Copperfield, after Fern Hobbs' visit on January 2, 1914.

The result means that the other damage suits against the former governor, in which Stewart and Warner are suing for the same amount as Wiegand, will not be tried.

Children Burned to Death.

Hood River.—While their father worked in the barn nearby, Ruth and Violet Robertson, daughters of Robert Robertson, were burned to death by fire which destroyed their home, near this city.

Ruth was 7 years old and Violet was 14 years. Indications are that the children never left their bed, but were smothered and burned without a chance to save themselves. Their charred bodies were found within the twisted and blackened frame of their iron bed.

PLAN TO LOAN ROAD MONEY

Proposed Use of Forest Reserve Receipts Is Outlined.

Albany.—How Oregon counties may secure money for road building without issuance of bonds or the payment of interest has been explained to the Albany commercial club by representatives of the United States forest service. The Albany club is taking steps to interest other commercial clubs of the state and the county courts in the project.

Under present laws, 35 per cent of the amounts received from the sale of timber and lands in the forest reserves and also from rentals go to the counties in which the timber is situated for improvement of roads and schools. The new plan contemplates loans by the government to such counties for road building, the loans to be repaid from future sales. Thus the people would be receiving immediate benefits from the big timbered areas which may not be sold for years.

The plan was outlined to the Albany commercial club by Charles H. Flory, of Portland, assistant district forester. The club passed a resolution favoring the plan and has decided to inaugurate a campaign to interest the commercial clubs of the state and the county courts also in a movement favoring the enactment of the plan into law by congress. The Oregon delegation in congress especially will be appealed to in the matter.

Will Build New Wing at Asylum.

Salem.—Bids for the construction of a \$100,000 wing for the eastern Oregon insane asylum will be called for on April 30, and the state board of control will meet and award the contract on May 20, according to an announcement made by State Architect W. C. Knighton.

He also stated that the \$100,000 administration building for the University of Oregon would be completed by June 15, and that the \$82,000 armory under construction in that city would be finished some time in July.

Oregon Editor Delegates Named.

Oregon City.—The following delegates were appointed by E. E. Brodie, president of the Oregon State Editorial association, to represent the association in the International Press congress at San Francisco, July 5-10: Edgar McDaniel, Coos Bay Harbor, North Bend; George Palmer Putnam, Bend; Elbert Bede, Sentinel, Cottage Grove; G. A. Robbins, Pilot Rock; E. H. Woodward, Newberg; A. E. Voorheis, Corvallis; Grants Pass; Eric W. Allen, department of journalism, University of Oregon, Eugene, and M. E. Bain, Argus, Ontario.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The state will spend half a million dollars on new buildings this year.

E. F. Hendricks, a Lane county pioneer of 1845, died in Eugene, aged 78. The Oregon convention of the Congressional Union will be held in Portland in June.

Rev. Frank Throw of Wallowa, was elected moderator of the Grande Ronde Presbytery.

The Degree of Honor, Grand Lodge of Oregon, held its three-day annual session in Portland.

The Oregon Pioneers' association will hold its forty-third annual convention in Portland.

The people of Florence have decided to give their annual Rhododendron festival May 21 to 23.

A stallion show will be held in connection with Albany's next monthly public sales day, April 24.

The annual institute for the teachers of Lincoln county will be held at Newport April 28, 29 and 30.

To protect birds and dumb animals, a humane society has been formed by students of the Albany high school.

Coquille coal is to be added to the exhibit of Oregon's mineral resources in the new chamber of commerce at Portland.

A. C. Schmidt, president of the First National bank of Albany, was re-elected president of the Oregon-Idaho executive committee of the Y. M. C. A.

Bids for the removal of the old Josephine county courthouse and for the construction of the proposed new one at Grants Pass are being advertised.

Fuyuko Fukai, a Japanese pupil of the Sunnyside school near Clackamas, is the champion speller in the fourth and fifth grades in Clackamas county. She is 11 years old.

A jury at Astoria returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Sam Alakala, who was charged with the death of John Tule, drowned in Youngs Bay, following an altercation.

The industrial club enrollment is about three times as great as it was last year in Wasco county, according to a report from Field Worker Maris to State Superintendent Churchill.

Upon recommendation of Superintendent Minto, the state board of control has adopted a merit system for the penitentiary which is designed to improve the morals of the prisoners.

Ex-President Taft will come to Portland August 23 to address a joint meeting of the Oregon and Washington State Bar associations which will hold their annual conventions here simultaneously.

At a meeting of the Roseburg carnival committee it was decided to extend this year's strawberry festival over nearly an entire week instead of two days, as first anticipated. The festivities will begin May 18.

The new road through Cow Creek Canyon, in southern Douglas county, is completed. The new piece of the Pacific Highway is about 2 1/2 miles in length and eliminates some of the worst grades between Portland and San Francisco.

Governor Withycombe has reappointed Mrs. George T. Gerlinger of Dallas as a member of the board of regents of the University of Oregon, and also appointed C. C. Colt of Portland and H. B. McKinney of Baker members of the board.

Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, will give a series of three lectures during the session of the Oregon Agricultural college summer school, which opens June 14 and continues for six weeks. Dr. Claxton will speak on July 6, 6 and 7.

May 22 will be "Good Roads day" in Linn county. This date has been chosen by the Linn county court as the day on which all of the residents of the county, whether residing in city or country, will be asked to take a holiday from their usual vocations and labor upon the roads.

The last and longest of the big tunnels on the Willamette-Pacific has been broken through. This tunnel is the one just south of the Umpqua and is 4390 feet long. Excavation work on the other eight tunnels between the Sinalaw and Coos Bay is completed and all grading is finished.

Fifty-eight accidents, none fatal, were reported to Labor Commissioner Hoff during the week. The logging, shingle, box factory and sawmill activities caused a total of 20 accidents, while 18 mishaps occurred among those employed by railroads. Six were injured in paper mills. The other accidents included a wide range of occupations.

About 2,000,000 trout eggs have been taken at the Spencer Creek hatchery, near Klamath Falls, and it is hoped to get about 3,000,000 before the spawning season closes. About 500,000 eggs will be hatched at the Spencer Creek hatchery and the remainder will be shipped to the Bonneville hatchery as soon as they are eyed. It is expected that, after the eggs are hatched and the young fish reach the fingerling stage, a large number of them will be returned to Klamath county to be liberated in the streams there.

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