

GERMAN FORCES IN PRUSSIA NOW UPON DEFENSIVE

BERLIN, via London and The Hague, Oct. 7, 4:52 p. m.—German forces on the frontier of East Prussia have assumed a strategic defensive movement. They abandoned the bombardment of Osowetz fortress in Russian Poland. After setting the city of Osowetz on fire, with shells, they were able to retire with their siege guns and a pontoon train. They destroyed the railroads to the frontier and are now holding in check superior Russian forces from heavily entrenched positions near Drostken. The fighting at Augustowo and Suwalki was most sanguinary. The machine guns finally turned the scale of battle in favor of the Germans, but the slaughter of the German artillerymen was terrific. One German battery lost all its men and cavalrymen had to be drafted to serve the guns. The cavalrymen held out until they had only three rounds of ammunition left. They then retired with the Russian infantry only a furlong away.

Hampered By Weather
Bad weather hampered the movements of the German troops and interfered with their aerial reconnaissances. The fact that the Russians were protected by a line of forts made the German offensive doubly hard. Their advance was over a country which is nothing more than a morass.

The Russians have gained in offensive strength. Their artillery inflicted heavy losses. General von Hindenburg, the German leader who has been operating in Poland, was obliged to make a number of forced marches in going to the relief of the Austrians, who were hard pressed. He reached Opawto, on the spurs of the Lysagory mountains, in time to be off help. At this point a great battle is thought to be in progress. The throwing of a large Russian force from Radom south of Warsaw, in the direction of Ivanograd, to the northeast, is an incident of this engagement.

Volunteers Fill Gaps
The 99th German Infantry, which became known through the Zabern incident, again has left abern for the front. Many volunteers fill the gaps. The men were given quantities of cigars and well supplied with winter clothing by the people of the town. M. Max, former burgomaster of Brussels, is now a prisoner of the Germans at Namur.

The 43rd German casualty list has been made public. It contains 10,600 names in dead, wounded and missing. It is headed by the name of Major General von Walter, who, while commanding a brigade of landwehr infantry, was wounded at Tarnowka, Russian Poland, September 9.

CORN CROP IS RECORD BREAKER

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Greater corn crop prospects by 78,000,000 bushels and great improvement in tobacco, increasing the prospects of that crop over the forecast in September by 92,000,000 pounds, were the features of the department of agriculture's crop report announced today.

An increase of 11,000,000 bushels in the potato crop, 21,000,000 bushels in the oats crop and 10,000,000 bushels in the apple crop also were forecast.

Spring wheat showed a slight decrease, being 4,000,000 bushels under the September forecast, yet the combined crop of winter wheat and spring wheat makes this year's harvest of that grain a record one.

ASIATIC CHOLERA RAGES IN GALACIA

LONDON, Oct. 7, 8:35 a. m.—A dispatch from Rome to the Exchange Telegraph company says:

"A message from Vienna announces the outbreak of Asiatic cholera in a most violent form at Tarnow, in Galicia. Forty cases, the message says, were reported Tuesday."

Tarnow, on the Danube river, is a town of about 35,000 people. It is 135 miles west of Lemberg and on the line which the Austrians and Russians are taking on their way to Cracow. Fighting between the Austrians and Russians near Tarnow has been reported several times recently.

HANLEY HONORED WITH RECEPTION HOTEL MEDFORD

A most successful public reception was tendered William Hanley of Burns, progressive nominee for United States senator, at the Medford hotel Tuesday evening by the Ladies' Hanley club, and the event signaled the entrance of Jackson county women into the realm of practical politics. Mr. Hanley, a native son of Jackson county, was welcomed home and introduced in a few well chosen words by Colonel Sargent, and responded in a brief speech stating why a man in sympathy with the development of the state and the utilization of its resources should be sent to Washington. His address was well received, after which many old friends seized the opportunity to shake hands with the candidate.

An enjoyable musical program was rendered, including a special song for the occasion, and delightful refreshments, consisting of punch and wafers, served. The lounging room of the hotel was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The ladies of the reception committee were most elaborately gowned, giving the affair the air of a society function in honor of the distinguished guest.

Among the many noticeable gowns were: Mrs. William Hanley, black and white moire; Mrs. Hopkins, Shogren creation of rose brocade, sable and gold lace; Mrs. Madden, stunning black charmeuse with jet trimmings; Mrs. Daggett, very stately, gray meteor.

Mrs. Charles Schieffelin, very effective chiffon, Dresden trimming and orchids; Mrs. J. F. Root, imported creation of black chiffon, crystal and jet; Mrs. Ed Andrews, white chiffon and jewels.

Mrs. Sargent, very stunning cream satin, gold lace and Oriental pearls; Mrs. Frank Owen, Louise gown, blue brocade and gold embroidery; Mrs. J. F. Reddy, very chic creation of yellow satin, Persian embroidery.

Mrs. Getchell, very effective in blue velvet and fur; Mrs. English, steel blue taffeta, very sweet; Mrs. Hutchison, black and white, very effective.

Mrs. J. F. Mundy, black moire, Louis hat of green and black; Mrs. Fred Lewis, imported creation of mauve corduroy; Mrs. Platt, autumn brown and flame color.

Mrs. Brackenreed, brown, Persian tunic, marten trimming; Mrs. Porter J. Neff, blue creation, black picture hat; Mrs. Horace Pelton, rose pink charmeuse.

Mrs. George Andrews, pink crepe; Mrs. Ed Hanley, lavender and gold lace; Miss Josephine Root, very demure, white chiffon; Miss Duell, white chiffon, Chantilly lace; Miss Babe Cochran, American Beauty charmeuse.

Miss Dorothy Daggett, pale blue silk and lace; Miss Caroline Andrews, pale blue satin, princess lace.

FIREMEN MUST PAY FOR SOAP

An economical stroke hit the city council again Tuesday night, and hereafter the city firemen will have to pay for their own soap and towels. The city has been footing this bill for years, but no more will it pay for keeping the face and hands of its servants clean. The saving effected insures a lower tax levy.

The reaction from the above spasm of thriftiness found a vent in the proposition of Fire Chief Lawton to purchase a small fire auto to save the wear and tear on the big truck, in going to inconsequential fires. The fire chief said it would add to the days of the big truck and be highly profitable to the city in the long run. The proposition found a responsive chord, and will be definitely decided upon at the special meeting of the council Friday evening.

A bill for \$140 for overtime was presented to the city council last night by Water Superintendent Tranna, as a final chapter in the "freeze out" tactics adopted by that honorable body to dispense with his services. The bill according to City Attorney McCabe is legal, and collectable under the state law, that provides for double pay for overtime, only Mr. Tranna did not ask for double time, just extra time. Unless the city sees fit to pay the bill, a lawsuit will be filed for its collection. City Attorney McCabe advised its payment, upon these grounds. The matter will be finally decided upon at a special meeting of the council to be held next Friday night.

BRITISH MINE SINKS A BRITISH STEAMER

LONDON, Oct. 7, 12:45 p. m.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company from Ostend says that the survivors from the sunken British steamer Ardmount, on arriving at the Belgian port today, declared that their vessel was struck by English mines. The Ardmount, they say, did not sink until she had struck a third mine. At the first explosion a lifeboat took off the crew of thirty-five. The Ardmount, 24,248 tons, left Galveston September 19, arriving at Falmouth, October 4. She was then ordered to Antwerp, but soon after sailing she ran into a mine field in the North sea and was sunk.

Why Not
Get the best smoke, Gov. Johnson, and also patronize home.

A Correction.
In yesterday's news items in the Mail Tribune you mentioned that an old Klamath Indian (Hitsuwawa) had greeted me as an old time acquaintance, so as some old time friends have allowed unworthy thoughts to enter their minds please state that said Indian friend was a fack of the male persuasion. There now. J. S. HOWARD.

KLAMATH INDIAN ON TRIAL PLEADS SELF DEFENSE

The defense of Thomas G. Smith, a Klamath Indian on trial in the federal court, accused of the murder of a fellow tribesman, Link River Beall, will be self defense, and that death was furthered by lack of medical treatment, according to the opening statements of his attorneys this morning. The government will contend that the crime was premeditated.

The taking of testimony began this morning, the wife and son of the murdered man testifying. The evidence of the wife, Isabella Beall, was given through the interpreter, Thos. Barkdull. She testified regarding the quarrel, and the landing of the fatal blow with the horseshoe. The son, Thomas Beall, corroborated the testimony of his mother.

It developed from the testimony that Smith, the defendant, with a number of Indians had been stopping at the Beall home for a month or so, and that the argument that resulted in the fatal row, was born of the accusation that Smith had been drinking. Beall, the witnesses said, was admonishing Smith for his use of intoxicants. Then the hot words flew.

Beall, though an old man over 60 years of age, was of powerful physique and over six feet tall, and when he grasped Smith by the shoulder, the defense maintains the defendant believed his life to be in danger, and picked up the first handy weapon—a horseshoe. They also allege that Link River Beall was possessed of an ungovernable temper. The defense will maintain that the act of Smith was justifiable.

The defendant, a young man, educated in the Indian training schools showed no emotion, and seems to view as a matter of fact his fight for life. The government expects to close its case tomorrow when the defense will begin.

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OBITUARY.

M'DONOUGH—Died at her home, 207 East Sixth street, at 8:30 p. m. October 6th, Etta M. McDonough, of pneumonia, aged 51 years, ten months five days. Native of New York state, and a resident of Medford eight and a half years. She leaves her husband, Martin McDonough and two daughters, Mrs. Jessie Gould, Riveria, Cal., Mrs. Addie Graham Gardina, Cal.

She was a member of the Methodist church, Fraternal Brotherhood, Olive Rebecca Lodge and Chrysanthemum Circle No. 84. Funeral arrangements announced later, burial in Jacksonville cemetery.

LOWDEN—James A., died at his home on Big Applegate, October 5th, of old age. Funeral services will be held at the grave, Wednesday, 2 p. m. Burial in Jacksonville cemetery.

CHILD'S TONGUE BECOMES COATED IF CONSTIPATED

Children love this "fruit laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely.

A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is, they become tightly clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour, then your little one becomes cross, half-sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally, breath is bad, system full of cold, has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhoea. Listen, Mother! See if tongue is coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system, and you have a well playful child again.

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