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THREE MONARCHS OF GREAT EUROPEAN NATIONS UPON BATTLE FRONT AT SCENE OF ACTION

GERMANS BREAK THROUGH CORDON OF ENCIRCLERS

Russian Success on a Large Scale Still Possible, But Claims of Great Victory Premature—Mackenzien Is Cut Off and Attacked Upon Three Sides, But May Still Escape.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 1.—Emperor William reached Insterburg, East Prussia, yesterday. He continued on the way to the front, traveling by motor car. Insterburg is 16 miles northwest of Gumbinnen, the capture of which by the Russians, was reported unofficially recently, although not subsequently confirmed. The German war office statement yesterday showed that the invading Russians had penetrated east Prussia to a point ten miles southwest of Gumbinnen.

Germans Break Through
LONDON, Dec. 1.—Though it seems clear now that the German army in Russian Poland or that part of it which the Russians surrounded near Lodz, narrowly missed annihilation, the Germans fought with such fury that the cordon encircling them was broken and as German reinforcements are coming up, the issue is not yet decided.

The British press, interpreting the news dispatches from Petrograd, contends that a Russian success on a colossal scale still is possible, but in all quarters it is admitted that the recent claims of a complete Russian victory were premature.

PARIS, Dec. 1, 5:25 a. m.—The situation in Poland, according to Ludovic Nadovec, special representative of the Journal de Paris, who is at the Russian headquarters in the field, is as follows:

Army Separated
General Mackenzien's eight German army is separated into three groups. The first, between Gombin to the north, and Brzeziny to the south, is being attacked on three sides. There remains an opening on the western road toward Kutno, which however, will be threatened by Russians advancing from Lodz. Part of this first group at Głowno and Strykow is almost entirely surrounded.

"The second group to the south, at Rzgow and Tuszyn, is trying to force its way through to the north, but is opposed by the Russians at Lodz and Brzeziny and the western road is closed to it by the same Russian army which recently beat two German corps at Wlclun.

"The third group to the west is in a critical, but not desperate position, for by a right flank at Zdzunka Wola on the Warta, it still holds the road to Kalisz, which could serve either for retreat or for reinforcements if General von Hindenburg thinks it still possible to try to save his eighth army."

ARBITERS HEAR TRAINMENS' SIDE

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Resumption of the hearing in the arbitration of differences between western railroads and their 55,000 enginemen was set for this afternoon.

It was stated that M. W. Cadlo, who was on his stand yesterday, when adjournment was taken, would resume the quotation of statistics bearing on the contention of the men that their demands, with only two exceptions have the sanction if proceed on one or the other of many railroads in the country.

The points to be taken up concern the hours and pay of the class of round house employees known as hostlers, the alleged cruelty of certain tests designed to keep engineers and firemen on the alert for signals; assistants for firemen on the heavier type of locomotives; cleaning of locomotives and other details.

SHARP FIGHTING AGAIN REPORTED AT YSER CANAL

Kaiser and Czar Inspect Armies in Poland and King George the Belgian Line—German Retirement From Dixmude Reported and Violent Battle Renewed.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The monarchs of three of the great European powers are now at the front. Emperor William has arrived at Insterburg, East Prussia, close to the scene of heavy fighting during the last few days with the invading Russians. Emperor Nicholas departed today for the scene of action. King George is making his first visit to the battle line in France.

Violent fighting is in progress today along the Yser canal, according to a telegram from Reuter's correspondent at Sluis. The roaring of heavy guns has been heard all day and houses as far away as Sluis are shaken. Inhabitants of all villages within one hour's march of the Yser battle front have been sent away.

Germans Retiring
A general retirement of the Germans before the Belgian town of Dixmude was reported unofficially today. The Germans recently captured from the allies this town, which lies in the heart of the contested section of Belgium, where uncounted thousands have died as the result of the German effort to force a way to the English channel. There was no official confirmation, however, of the reported withdrawal, which could not be reconciled with reports late last night that a great battle was in progress before the Yser canal and the river Lys. It was said that 120,000 Germans had been brought up before Ypres to make a "last effort" to capture the town.

King's Visit Featured
King George's visit to France seems greatly to appeal to the popular imagination. The newspapers are featuring his majesty's trip, pointing out that it is the first time a reigning British monarch has been with his army in the field for 171 years, George II being his last predecessor to do so.

STANDARD OIL TO INVADE SOUTH AMERICA

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Expansion on a large scale of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, to the South American fields is indicated, according to a story published today in the New York Times which gives details of a letter sent out to stockholders of the Imperial Oil company of Canada, calling a special meeting at Sarina, Ont., next Tuesday to ratify the purchase by the Imperial company of three oil companies of Peru. The Imperial Oil company, it is stated, is controlled by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey.

REAR ADMIRAL A. T. MAHAN DEAD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Rear Admiral Alfred Thayer Mahan, retired, the noted naval expert and writer, died here today.

Admiral Mahan had been a patient in the naval hospital. He was born at West Point, N. Y., 74 years ago, and after notable service in the navy, was retired in 1896. He was recognized as an international authority on naval warfare and his writings and criticisms of naval affairs attracted attention.

He was graduated from the naval academy at Annapolis and promoted through the various grades until as a captain in 1896 he was retired at his own request. Ten years later in 1906, he was advanced to the grade of rear admiral, retired. During the civil war he served on the ship Congress and later during the war served

VILLA AT HEAD 25,000 TROOPS ENTERS CAPITAL

Arrival of Gutierrez Awaited—Only Mission Is to Restore Order in Mexico, States General—Villa Acts Merely as Field Commander Under Provisional President.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 1, via El Paso.—General Villa entered the capital Monday at the head of about 25,000 troops. He arrived during the afternoon in the suburbs, where he remained during the evening receiving delegations and foreign consuls. Villa will not enter the capital part of the city until the arrival of Provisional President Gutierrez.

General Villa issued the following statement to the Associated Press: "My only mission is to restore order in Mexico and not to take personal revenge on any one. I promise that order will be restored at once. I am acting as the subordinate of Provisional President Gutierrez and the national convention.

President Supreme
"The provisional president is now the supreme power in Mexico and not merely acting as field commander of the armies. All foreigners and foreign property will be protected."

Villa left Tula this morning after receiving news of the capture of Palcazuc by the cavalry brigade of General Reol Madero. The Carranza troops retired after a skirmish between outposts.

"This is better than my last visit, when I came here as a friendly prisoner of Huerta's," remarked General Villa upon his arrival.

Has Narrow Escape

General Villa had a narrow escape from death just before his entry into the city. His train collided with the train of General Chao above Tula. Thirty-two persons were killed and forty wounded. One mile below the scene of the wreck six mines were found connected with a battery concealed in a ravine. The general's train passed over these mines, which were not discovered until the next morning.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 1.—General Zapata has appointed Camilo Arriaga as his diplomatic agent to the United States, said a message received today by the Carranza agency here. It was said Arriaga would arrive this week at Washington.

SHIPOAD OF FOOD FROM MISSOURI

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 1.—A shipload of food, clothing and toys will be sent by the residents of Missouri to the sufferers in the European war. This was decided here last night by a committee appointed by Governor Elliott W. Major to make plans for charity day.

The entire shipload will be turned over to the Red Cross for distribution.

BANKER HARRIMAN OF NEW YORK DEAD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—J. Borden Harriman of New York died here today after a lingering illness.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—J. Borden Harriman was a prominent New York banker. He was 51 years old and until two years ago he was a member of the local banking firm of Harriman & Company, retiring because of ill health. He was a member of a number of leading clubs of New York. The body will be brought here for burial.

FORMER TAMMANY CHIEF, WHO IS 73, AND HIS INDIAN BRIDE OF 23



Herein is shown Miss Bula Benton Edmondson, who is now the wife of Richard Croker, the former chief of Tammany Hall and whose career as a politician is known all over the world. She is a singer and an author and a descendant of Chief Blue Jacket, one of the famous leaders of the Cherokees and is a woman of rare charm and beauty. She is twenty-three years old, and Mr. Croker, as shown by the marriage license, is fifty years her senior.

FROZEN HANDS AND FEET PORTION OF KAISER'S MEN

PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 1.—The condition of German prisoners captured in the vicinity of Lodz is said to resemble that of the French troops during Napoleon's retreat from Moscow. Many of them have frozen hands and feet. They were wrapped in blankets and shawls taken from the peasants.

One private wore a woman's fur wrap. The prisoners say that before their capture was kept up by statements that the quartermaster was bringing warm clothing which would be distributed in a few days.

The reported use by the Germans of monasteries, chapels and other public buildings in captured towns as barracks, stables and gun stations is explained by the prisoners as due to the belief that the private buildings had been mined.

Reports from the front are that reinforcements sent for the army of General Mackenzien near Lodz are taking up positions along the Vistula River where the German resistance seems to have been least effective. The apparent purpose of this move is to hinder the Russian enveloping movement until the main German column is extricated from the line which runs from Strykow through Gdzierz to Ezadek.

Semi-official reports from Galicia indicate that the Russian advance along the foothills of the Carpathian mountains has reached a point due south of Cracow, thus surrounding the city from the northeast and south.

FRENCH REPORT ATTACK RENEWED NORTH OF ARRAS

PARIS, Dec. 1, 2:50 p. m.—The French official communication given out in Paris this afternoon says that yesterday the enemy showed considerable activity north of Arras. In Belgium there was a lively exchange of artillery, but no infantry attack.

The text of the communication follows: "In Belgium there was a rather spirited artillery fire during the day of November 30, but no attack was made by the German infantry.

"The enemy continued to show considerable activity to the north of Arras.

"In the region of the Alsne there was intermittent artillery fire along all the front. In the Argonne the fighting continues, but without bringing any change in the situation.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—The annual report of the Chicago & Alton railroad company for the year ending June 30, made public here today, shows a decrease in operating income of \$482,000 and a decline in income from all sources of \$475,000. The deficit increased \$879,000. Operating expenses were \$12,141,353 which was \$698,719 less than the previous year. Total revenues were \$14,156,275, a decline of \$1,098,589.

ZAPATA KEEPS ORDER IN MEXICO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—President Wilson spoke a word of warning to the public today regarding reports on the situation in Mexico. At his weekly conference with the Washington correspondents, the president declared there were many prisons in Mexico as well as the United States, who found to their advantage to have trouble in the southern republic and were interested in giving out false reports of the situation.

Dispatches today from American Consul Silliman in Mexico City reported the arrival in person of General Zapata Sunday. The General at once restored the tram car properties, confiscated by the constitutionalists, to the owning corporation, and restored property of an American named Hill, which also had been taken.

General Angeles arrived the same day with the advance guard of Villa's army and later Zapata left for Puebla. The city was quiet and orderly. Mr. Silliman reported and the diplomatic corps was being consulted on measures of safety.

30 DAYS GRACE TO PAY WAR TAX ALLOWED

Medford Postoffice to Sell War Tax Stamps as Soon as Red Tape Formalities Are Completed—Meanwhile Time Is Extended by Revenue Officials to Secure Stamps.

The Medford postoffice will handle war tax stamps in a day or two. Postmaster Woodford reaching this decision this morning. It was presumed that the treasury department, through the collector of internal revenue at Portland, would provide the stamps for the local need. Instead notice was received this morning from Internal Revenue Collector Milton A. Miller that stamps would be furnished postoffices upon postmasters filing a bond to cover the amount of stamps furnished. Until this detail is arranged, and the tangle of red tape straightened, local citizens will have to get their war tax stamps whither they can.

Banks Get Stamps

Most of the banks of the city received consignments of stamps this morning from the internal revenue department, and are sticking them on per law. There was a decided inclination on the part of Medford business houses to obey the law, but the lack of stamps hampered these good intentions. The Southern Pacific freight house received its supply this morning for placing on bills of lading.

The first tangle will be unscrambled by the end of the week. The new law added to the details of county and public offices. Notices have been received by banks, pool halls, etc., of the tax on capital stock and pool tables.

An official announcement has been made by the Washington revenue office that thirty days of grace will be allowed for the payment of the war tax.

Riots in Eastern Cities

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—A throng of more than 10,000 persons stormed the United States internal revenue offices in this city today, endeavoring to buy the new war tax stamps that have to be affixed to many documents and proprietary articles. Thousands who had to wait in line became so demonstrative that extra police were called to keep them quiet.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—So great was the rush here today to buy war tax stamps that twenty policemen were called to the federal building to restore order. Two women fainted; the press of the crowd loosened the door of the office of the internal revenue collector from its hinges and several windows along the corridors were broken by shoulders forced against them by pressure of the crowd.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The French embassy today received dispatches from its foreign office denying an alleged revolt against conscription in Morocco and Algeria.

FRUIT MEN OF OREGON TO HOLD SESSION HERE

Annual Meeting of State Horticultural Society Opens at Natatorium Tomorrow Morning—Henderson and Reimers Among First-Day Speakers—Roberts to Make Speech

The opening sessions of the annual State Horticultural society convention will open at the Natatorium at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, and close Friday of this week. The opening program has not been definitely arranged. Mayor Purdin will deliver the opening address. The response will be made by some one not yet decided upon. County Pathologist M. P. Henderson at the morning session will deliver a lecture on the "Effect and Cure of Pear Blight." In the afternoon Prof. F. C. Reimer of the Southern Oregon Experiment Station at Talent, will talk on "Necessary Changes in Pear Culture." Both these lectures will be followed by a general discussion.

During the remainder of the session lectures will be given by north-west authorities on Irrigation and Canning—two vital subjects at this time to the future of the Rogue river valley. Delegates from the leading fruit districts of the northwest are expected to be in attendance. On Thursday the delegates will be taken on a tour of inspection of the orchards of the valley when Prof. V. R. Gardner of the Oregon Agriculture College will give a practical demonstration of pruning.

The program for tomorrow, subject to minor changes is as follows: **Wednesday 10 O'Clock**

Address of Welcome—Mahlon Purdin, mayor.

Response.

Greetings from the State Board of Horticulture—E. C. Roberts, president of the Oregon State Board of Horticulture.

Apple and Pear Scab—Prof. M. P. Henderson, Medford, Jackson county pathologist.

General discussion.

Informal reception of new members and visitors.

At 2 P. M.—

Necessary Changes in Pear Culture—Prof. F. C. Reimers, in charge of Southern Oregon Experiment Station, Talent.

General discussion.

By-Products—Report on Spokane By-Products convention, J. F. Bat-chelder, Hood River. Discussion led by H. C. Atwell, manager Forest Grove cannery, Forest Grove.

A. Rupert, manager Pacific Coast Products Co., Portland.

Frank W. Power of Orenco, Ore., secretary of the Oregon State Horticultural Society, came today to assist the local committee and give the convention an enthusiastic start tomorrow.

Dr. F. C. Page has asked the committee on entertainment for the horticultural convention, to advise him of the number of delegates and visitors from outside cities, and invites

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VILLA FORCES AT TIA JUANA

TIA JUANA, Cal., Dec. 1.—Three hundred Villa soldiers landed last night on the coast of Lower California by the Mexican steamship Manual Herrerias, appeared today before Tia Juana, the Mexican town just across the border from here, and gave the garrison until 3 o'clock this afternoon to surrender. The garrison, numbering 125 men, prepared to fight, while all the civil officials fled across the line to Tia Juana. Three troops of United States cavalry are on patrol duty on the American side of the line.

The Tia Juana garrison formerly owed allegiance to Huerta. Just where its sympathies are placed at present is not clear.