

FRENCH CAPTURE MORE TRENCHES NEAR SOISSONS

Comparative Quiet Prevails Along Both Battle Fronts and Conflicting Reports Place Results in Doubt—Bad Weather Hinders Operations—Lille in Possession of British.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—Official accounts of the fighting in the west from Berlin and Paris today show that comparative calm prevails except at a few points. Even in Upper Alsace and in the Argonne where there have been violent encounters recently, activity has slackened. Near Soissons and in the vicinity of Perthes, however, spirited engagements are in progress.

The German war office admits that the French have captured trenches north of Soissons, toward the western end of the battle line, but states that further onslaughts were repulsed. The French announcement says two more lines of trenches, covering 500 yards of the front, have been occupied. There is a similar disparity of statements concerning the progress of the fighting near Perthes, which has assumed importance because the prize at stake in control of railroads or high strategic value. The French communication states that 200 yards of German trenches were seized while the German authorities say that positions won by their opponents were retaken.

Bad Weather Checks
Although further progress is being made in the advance toward Warsaw from the west, according to the German announcement the movement is slow on account of bad weather. London suggests that the inactivity of the allies in both the east and the west is due to the fact that they are awaiting the entrance of new members into the combination against the Teuton nations. It is said that Rumania with 600,000 soldiers is virtually ready to enter the war.

Farther south simultaneously with the Russian progress in Bukovina, an advance on Craiova once more appears to be imminent.

Germans to Hungary
Doubt is expressed in some quarters whether the Germans who are reported to have gone south supposedly to assist Austria in the campaign against Serbia, are actually destined for that service. It is suggested that their object is Hungary, which is represented as much upset by the Russian advance against Transylvania and the activities of Rumania.

Hope is expressed on all sides here that Sir Edward Grey's reply to the American shipping note will prove acceptable to the United States. There is some disposition to regard the statistics in the reply as an indication that the British government has been derelict in its duty, in permitting large quantities of commodities required by the belligerents to reach hostile nations.

WHEAT TUMBLES DUE TO RUMORS

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Wheat came down today with a crash. Prices broke 5 1/2 cents a bushel under general selling due to rumors that one of the forts guarding the Dardanelles had been demolished by the warships of the allies.

POLLS TO OPEN 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M. AT CITY ELECTION

Polling Places, Sparta Building, Moore Hotel, City Hall—Three Freeholders Necessary to Swear Registration in at City Hall—Three Tickets in Field.

The polls for the city election tomorrow will be open from 7 o'clock a. m. to 7 o'clock p. m., and the polling places and officers of elections will be as follows:

First ward—Sparta building (rear room)—Judges, W. H. Humphrey, J. W. Shirley and W. E. Norris; clerk, one of the judges in each ward also acting as a clerk.

Second ward, Moore hotel—P. E. Wynkoop, H. N. Lofland, judges, and C. H. Murrey, clerk.

Third ward, city hall—John L. Demmer and C. W. Austin, judges; W. L. Miller, clerk.

The registration board, composed of W. T. York, I. H. Bradford and Mrs. T. A. Howells, will sit at the city hall for all wards. All non-registered voters, to secure election rights, must be sworn in, three freeholders being required as signatories.

Ticket to Be Voted On

The majority candidates are: C. E. Gates and V. J. Emerick, independent; councilman from the first ward, J. D. Skinner and J. C. Mann; second ward, Frank Amy and C. L. Schieffelin, and third ward, G. L. Schermerhorn and Dr. Hargreaves, incumbent. In each of the councilmen candidates above, the first named is running upon the independent or standstill ticket. The opponents, not classified, are all successful businessmen of the city.

The socialist ticket is: For mayor, J. C. Barnes; councilmen, first ward, E. J. Klein; second, G. R. Satchwell, and third, J. A. Smith.

The weather forecast for election day is cloudy, probable rain.

Little Outward Interest

Never before in the political history of Medford has so little interest been shown upon the eve of a city election, as far as the business district is concerned. Neither candidates nor proposed city charter are receiving more than passing attention. No bets have been made, opponents of the charter demanding prohibitive odds.

In the residence district among the rank and file of the voters interest is keen, and indications point to a heavy vote, particularly women, rain or shine. The city recorder's office was kept busy answering phone calls bearing questions upon the election. Sentiment in the residence district is strong for the charter, and against the standstill ticket. The last ten days there has been a decided switching of public approval for the charter, and prospects point to a substantial majority against its opponents.

The usual amount of pre-election gossip, appealing to prejudice, was sown this morning.

EDINBURGH CRAZY FROM GERMAN FEAR

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The inhabitants of Edinburgh "have gone crazy" through fear of a German attack, according to Gottfried Delitsch, one of fifteen British subjects of German birth who arrived here from England today. Delitsch's home was in Edinburgh.

Medford's Society Vaudeville Attracts Metropolitan Attention



The recent society vaudeville presented for the benefit of the Medford Rose society has attracted so much attention throughout the state that the Portland Journal in last Sunday's issue printed this layout of pictures, which by courtesy is presented herewith.

SMITH NAMED ROAD MASTER BY COUNTY COURT

A change in the methods of road work over that of the past year was inaugurated Monday by the county court when Joe C. Smith, former county commissioner, was appointed county road master at a salary of \$125 per month, including expenses and transportation. During the past year the commissioners have districted the county, each member of the court taking a district. Under the new order, which is a return to former methods, the road master will have charge of all the supervisors.

All former supervisors were reappointed except W. C. Chapman in the Table Rock-Beagle district, who was not a candidate. Leo Vincent was named instead.

Fruit inspection, by arrangement with Horticultural Commissioner Allen, was cut down to three inspectors at \$3 per day, with two of them limited to \$2 a day and one at \$2.50 for the outlying districts.

SELLING ELECTED HOUSE SPEAKER ON FIRST BALLOT

SALEM, Or., Jan. 11.—W. Lair Thompson of Lakeview was elected president of the senate and Ben Selling of Portland was chosen speaker of the house at the opening of the twenty-eighth biennial session of the Oregon legislature here today. Both are republicans.

Interest centered in the contest for speakership between Selling and Allen Eaton of Eugene, both sides having waged a spirited campaign within the republican party. Selling received 37 votes to Eaton's 22.

Thompson had practically no opposition in the senate. W. D. Wood of Hillsboro receiving three votes to twenty-six.

Portland Livestock Market

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 11.—Cattle—Receipts 111; lower. Prime light steers, \$7.50@7.85; choice, \$7.25@7.50; prime cows, \$6@6.80; choice, \$5.85@6; prime heifers, \$6@6.50; prime bulls, \$4@4.50; prime stags, \$5.50@6; prime calves, \$7.50.

Hogs—Receipts 5978; steady. Prime light, \$7@7.15; choice light, \$6.50@6.75; light, \$6.25@6.50; rough, \$5.85@6.10.

Sheep—Receipts 2586; strong. Best yearling wethers, \$5.50@6.00; best ewes, \$5@5.50; mixed sheep, \$4.75@5; prime lambs, \$7.25@7.50.

VILLA VICTORIOUS AT SALTILLO BY BUGLERS TRICKERY

LAREDO, Tex., Jan. 11.—Tampico is reported here to be still in the hands of General Pablo Gonzales, a Carranza supporter, but is said to be seriously threatened. Railroad passengers repeat the report of last night that Victoria, capital of Tamaulipas, was captured by Villa troops early Sunday.

Villareal's forces today destroyed part of the railroad leading from Monterey to Matamoros. Refugees arriving here said it appeared that Villareal was preparing to retreat to Matamoros from Monterey, and was destroying the road to prevent rapid pursuit.

Details of the battle of Saltillo, which ended yesterday in defeat of 15,000 Carranza troops, who were attacking about 10,000 Villa troops, indicate the trick of one man was largely responsible for the Carranza retreat. He was a bugler, who, by prearrangement, deserted the Villa forces, joining the Carranza troops. At a signal after he had joined the besiegers, this bugler sounded calls indicating that the enemy was on all sides of the Carranza troops. Other buglers took up his call, believing it was ordered from headquarters. The Carranza troops retreated in disorder. Loss of life is reported to have been severe.

HALL'S NOMINATION FAVORABLY REPORTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—President Wilson's renomination of Henry Clay Hall of Colorado Springs, Colo., to the interstate commerce commission was ordered favorably reported today by the senate interstate commerce commission. It had been held up at the request of republican senators who wanted to inquire into the vote on which the commission recently approved higher freight rates.

Some of the participants in the recent society vaudeville given at Medford and Ashland. Top—The Yama Yama Girls, Mrs. Edgar Hafer, Miss Caroline Andrews, Miss Dorothy Conner, Miss Deneil, Miss Josephine Root. Bottom—Left, Miss Caroline Andrews in a Greek dance; right, Walter Merrick and Miss Eifert in the fox trot.

NATIONAL SHORT BALLOT LEAGUE FAVORS CHARTER

One of the national organizations devoted to improving municipal and civic condition in American cities, of which Woodrow Wilson is president and numbers on its board such men as Lawrence F. Abbott, Winston Churchill, Judge Ben Lindsay, William Allen White and others of like standing, is the National Short Ballot League. The following letter from its executive secretary should be of interest to Medford people:

"New York, Jan. 5, 1915.
"Mr. Benjamin C. Sheldon, Medford, Ore.
"Dear Mr. Sheldon:

"I have gone over the charter which has just been prepared for Medford, and I congratulate you upon it. There is no question in my mind but that the plan of government which it proposes, providing for a small board and city manager, will before long be practically the universal type in this country. Your charter will be one of the very best of its kind on the Pacific coast, and I have no doubt its influence will be very effective. I sincerely hope that it will be adopted at the coming election. Yours very truly,
"H. S. GILBERTSON,
"Executive secretary."

LA FOLLETTE ASKS RATE INCREASES BE SUSPENDED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Senator La Follette introduced a resolution to prohibit the eastern railroads from putting into effect the increased freight rates recently authorized by the inter-state commerce commission.

In a long preamble to the resolution Senator La Follette set forth that no showing was made, or attempted by the carriers to show that the old rates were unreasonable and that the commission in granting increases, did not, in accord with the law, consider their unreasonableness, but granted them on the ground the railroads needed money to meet extraordinary conditions due to the European war.

Senator La Follette asked that the resolution lie on the table and await further action.

Provision was made in the resolution, however, that roads affected, desiring to advance rates, may file new tariffs with the commission for hearings at which the burden of proof to show that increases are just and reasonable shall be upon the railroads.

Marshfield—The Noble estate will erect a business building 50 by 100.

GOLD STRIKE AT JACKSONVILLE IN OLD CHANNEL

What is Believed to Be Long Lost and Much Sought Original Gold-Bearing Channel Located 43 Feet Under Surface East of Jacksonville—Pans \$30 to Pan and \$35 Nugget.

What is believed to be the long-sought-for lost channel of Jacksonville creek has been located, after years of fruitless tunneling and prospecting by A. R. Eneyart of Jacksonville, a placer miner, engaged in prospect work upon the Humer place, a quarter of a mile east of Jacksonville, and adjoining the right of way of the Barnum railroad. Saturday afternoon he struck the old creek bed at a depth of 43 feet, and it is thought to be the lost channel that yielded forty millions in gold in pioneer days. A nugget worth \$35 was taken from the pan Saturday, and according to report the other pans washed netted \$30 each in gold. If early expectations increase, a gold strike can be expected.

In his development work Eneyart progressed upon the theory that the original bed, or one of the forks of Jackson creek, was to the south of its present location. He also believed that a landslide a century or so ago buried this channel and rich gold-bearing earth. The developments of the last week justify in a measure this theory.

Saturday Eneyart cut through the stone capping covering the channel and found bedrock, and is now preparing to pierce this section. Yellow stone was first found under the recent (geologically speaking) soil covering. Then came streaks of blue gravel, similar to the pay dirt at Yreka, that has for years yielded a golden revenue every month. For years prospectors have worked upon the theory that the lost channel was to the west. It was this channel that in early times made Jacksonville one of the world's greatest gold camps. The trend of the Eneyart finding is in a northeasterly direction.

When interviewed this morning, Mr. Eneyart refused to divulge any information on his discovery, saying that he was not ready to give any details. Before beginning work on the present dump he sank a shaft on the north side of the Barnum road. This morning he was engaged in putting in a casing and has installed a gasoline engine. Three men are at work.

The report of the find created but little excitement in the county seat. A half dozen old miners were out this morning surveying the ground adjacent to the Eneyart work. Eneyart has a contract for the mineral rights to the land he is working.

JOHN BULL'S REPLY NOT SATISFACTORY TO UNCLE SAM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The United States government, it became known today, is not altogether satisfied with the note of Sir Edward Grey, giving Great Britain's preliminary reply to President Wilson's protest concerning the treatment of American commerce by the British fleet.

While gratified that Great Britain admits the justice of practically all the principles of international law cited in the American note, officially reiterated today that the chief difficulty had been England's neglect to make her actual practice square with the previously accepted rules of international law.

It is realized by officials here that a long diplomatic correspondence conceding the principles of the American case, but not actually carrying them into practice, will not meet the complaints of American exporters and shippers and although England's supplementary answer is expected to give a more detailed statement of her position, officials plan to take up vigorously all individual cases which may meanwhile arise.

Governor West Commends Charter

To the Editor:
Some one sent me a copy of the proposed Medford charter, which, as one who is grateful to the city for its support in times past, I am much interested in. I trust I will not be accused of "bitting in" by expressing my approval of the many excellent provisions the new charter contains.

The new charter, in my opinion, gives Medford an opportunity to lead the state in municipal government, as it has led it in municipal improvements and good highways. It should



place Medford in the front rank of best governed cities. Sincerely,
OSWALD WEST.
Salem, Jan. 9, 1915.