

TEUTON ALLIES PUSH ADVANCE ON BOTH SIDES

German Offensive on Eastern Front Continues Successful — Bukovina Evacuated by Russians—Germans Occupy Polish Town of Plock—Ar- tillery Duels Along Western Front.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The general offensive of the Teutonic allies along the extended eastern front is continuing successfully on both flanks, judging from reports reaching London, but without any visible forward movement on the front toward Warsaw or in the Carpathians.

The Bucharest report that the Austrians have reoccupied Czernowitz, the capital of Bukovina, has not been received from any other source, but Petrograd admits officially that the Austrians still are advancing in Bukovina in considerable force and that desperate fighting marks the operations in the passes of the Carpathians, where the Russians are attaining minor successes resulting in the capture of men and munitions of war.

Artillery Engagements

In east Prussia the Russians have not yet regained their fortified lines and the German advance, while not checked, seems to British observers to be proceeding with less speed.

Paris reports from the western front that the sole activity consists in artillery engagements in which the guns of the allies have been successful in silencing batteries northeast of Ypres and destroying German trenches at Beaurains.

In diplomatic circles the replies of Germany to notes from neutral powers concerning Germany's proposed marine war zone are awaited with interest; Great Britain's reply concerning the use of neutral flags is given secondary importance. The German press is hinting that satisfactory assurances by Great Britain on the question of neutral flags would constitute the best safeguard to American shipping.

Capture Polish Town

German forces have captured the important Polish town of Plock, the Berlin war office, announced today. Plock lies on the Vistula northwest of Warsaw, and the Russians pushed their advance far beyond it in their movement against the west Prussian border, which apparently has now been ended. Not only Plock, but the town of Bielsk is said to have been lost by the Russians. In east Prussia the Berlin communication states the advance of the German forces continues, the Russians having been pursued across the border.

The Albanian force which invaded Serbia has been driven across the border, says a Nish dispatch. The raid is believed to have been incited by Mohammedans preaching a holy war.

ITALY TO MOBOLIZE ARMY IN FORTNIGHT

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The prophesy that Italy would mobilize her army within a fortnight was made here today by Ricciotti Garibaldi, the Italian patriot. He said that unless the Italian government decided to participate in the war there would be a revolution.

TURKS FREE FRENCH CONSUL AT HODEIDA

ROME, Feb. 16.—A telegram from Hodeida, Arabia, says that the Turkish authorities, acting on the request of the American ambassador at Constantinople Henry Morgenthau, have freed the French vice consul, who had been detained at Sana, 100 miles inland from Hodeida. The vice consul was permitted to return to the coast and was taken away by the French armored cruiser Duplex.

Mr. Morgenthau was assisted by the Italian representative at Hodeida, as the United States has no consular agent there and is unable directly to look after French interests.

DIPLOMATS AT BERLIN SILENT OVER WARNING

Ambassador Gerard Reports Officials Noncommittal Over American Note —Mentions No Conference With Kaiser—Newspapers Unfriendly in Tone—Unable to Ascertain Opinion

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Ambassador Gerard at Berlin today reported on his informal conferences with the German chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg and other high German officials, since the delivery of the American note warning Germany against submarine attacks on American vessels.

The ambassador made no mention of any conference with Emperor William and was unable to determine the trend of German official opinion. For the most part, those with whom he conferred were noncommittal and reserved, which is not unusual in advance of the framing of a diplomatic communication.

Friendly Feeling Shown.

Throughout the conferences, however, the ambassador reported to have observed a friendly feeling on the part of the officials in contrast to the rather antagonistic utterances of the German press. The ambassadors.

Officials here continue to decline to discuss the situation to any extent. No answer will be made to Count Bernstorff's note of yesterday until a reply has been received from Berlin to the American note sent through Ambassador Gerard. Both communications will be dealt with in another note from the United States, it was understood, taking up further the question of the war zones, and especially the proposal of Germany to strew mines in the new war areas.

Mine-Laying Question

Hitherto the United States has declared its inability to make protests against the strewing of mines in the North sea in contravention of international law, because the American government was unable to learn which belligerent was responsible for the act. The announcement of Germany's intention to strew mines, especially if they are floating and not anchored, may reopen the entire question, it was said by some officials.

The whole situation resulting from the diplomatic exchanges with Great Britain as well as Germany was taken up by President Wilson today with Secretary Bryan and later at a cabinet meeting.

CHICAGO'S TUBERCULOSIS SANITARIUM DEDICATED

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—The Chicago municipal tuberculosis sanitarium, termed by experts the largest, finest and most comprehensively equipped in the world, was dedicated today. Accommodations for 650 persons will be ready within a month, and eventually 950 beds will be installed.

The patients are to dwell in cottages. The buildings, which alone cost \$2,400,000, have been completed after four years of work.

Eaton bill for \$20,000 for employment bureaus was killed.

SPECULATION SENT WHEAT UP

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—George W. Perkins, chairman of the mayor's committee on food supply, testified today before Meyer Nussbaum, referee for the state conducting an inquiry into the increased cost of wheat, flour and bread, that the committee had reason to believe that the abnormal decrease in the visible supply of wheat was caused by European speculators buying in large quantities and storing against a continuation of the war. The visible supply showed a decrease of more than a half million bushels last week, as against a decrease of 150,000

CLOTURE RULE TO FORCE SHIP BILL FAVORED

President Advocates Rule to Stop Obstructive Tactics, But Permit Fair Debate—House Limited to Six Hours—Senate Works on Approp- riation Measure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—President Wilson's fight for his ship bill was launched in the house today with a special rule limiting debate to six hours. Democratic leaders were sure that holding their large majority firm, they would have a new measure bearing the approval of the administration and probably attractive to some republicans, ready for the senate before the end of today's session.

Meanwhile the senate marked time, committees showed great activity on the long-delayed appropriation bills, and the special committee appointed to investigate any "lobby" in connection with the ship bill held a preliminary organization meeting.

President Wilson, after conferences with leaders, came to no determination on the question of an extra session and only sent out word to press the fight in the fourteen days which remain to the sixty-third congress.

To Press Fight

President Wilson told callers today he favored a reasonable and a general cloture rule in the senate. He believes in a rule to stop obstructive tactics, but which would not cut off fair debate.

Discussing the shipping bill, the president said he believed the majority of the senate was for it, and that evidences of the need of its passage were accumulating. He told callers he did not expect the shipping bill nor the appropriation bills to fail, and therefore he had not finally considered calling an extra session.

Probing Lobby

The senate investigating committee decided as a start to summon two witnesses, Sigmund Albert of New York, representative of German-American steamship companies, and Bernard N. Baker of Baltimore, former manager of the Atlantic Transport line. The latter has been mentioned as a shipping authority from whom information as to available ships had been obtained by Secretary McAdoo and Redfield. No decision as to when the hearing would begin was reached. The committee will meet again tomorrow.

Senator Weeks asked to be excused from service on the ship bill inquiry committee. Senator Sutherland, another republican, was appointed in his place.

Gag Rule Charged

After a preliminary round of debate, in which the republicans hurled charges of "gag rule" and the democrats defended the measure, the special rule was finally adopted 186 to 139, and the house settled down to six hours of speech making which, under ordinary circumstances would permit a final vote about 8 o'clock tonight.

While the house was debating, the story of how the seven democratic bolters got together with the republicans and wrecked the administration's plans two weeks ago, was being told in the senate by Senator Clarke, who made the celebrated motion to recommit the bill.

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FIRST WOMAN TO FLY OVER STATUE OF LIBERTY.



MRS. R. C. SAUFLEY.

Mrs. R. C. Saufley, wife of Lieutenant Saufley, is the first woman to circle the Statue of Liberty in a flying machine. In the company of Lawrence R. Sperry, Mrs. Saufley manipulated a Curtiss flying boat equipped with the famous Sperry stabilizers. She went aloft from the Brooklyn navy yard, where her husband is at present stationed as a member of the naval aeronautical force. She soared over and dived under the three East River bridges, cut across Manhattan, and after circling the Statue of Liberty, flew around the lower bay.

GREEK MINISTER RECALLED FROM CONSTANTINOPLE

BERLIN, Feb. 16.—The recall of Greek Minister Panas from Turkey is not clearly understood in high political circles here. It is felt that the condition of Greek and Turkish affairs is not such as to justify the minister's recall, and the inclination is to believe that he asked to be relieved when he found his personal position difficult.

ROME, Feb. 15.—Private dispatches received here from Athens say the impression prevails there that Turkey will satisfy the demands made upon her by Greece following the alleged insult to an attaché of the Greek legation at Constantinople. It is argued that Turkey can not afford at the present time to add Greece to the number of her enemies, particularly in view of the fact that she knows Greece is ready to enter at once upon a campaign to redeem the lands inhabited by Greece still under Turkish control.

A dispatch received in London yesterday from Athens said the Greek minister at Constantinople had left the capital, leaving his secretary of legation in charge, because of the insult offered a Greek attaché. The porte had promised satisfaction but was slow in carrying out its agreement.

DEAF ENABLED TO PERCEIVE SOUNDS BY MEANS OF THE EYE

BOMBAY, India, Feb. 16.—It has been announced in Lahore that Professor Albe of that city has invented a "phonoscope," the use of which enabled the totally deaf to perceive sounds such as speech and music, by means of the eye.

MRS CARTER HARRISON'S STUMPS FOR HUSBAND

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Mrs. Carter H. Harrison, wife of Mayor Harrison, today took her husband's place on the stump and addressed several meetings of workers, urging them to vote for her husband and nominate him next Tuesday as the democratic candidate for mayor.

Mayor Harrison, because of illness, was unable to fill a number of his engagements to speak and Mrs. Harrison volunteered to take his place.

VAWTER TRIES ONCE MORE FOR HIGHWAY BILL

Two Bills for Half Mill Road Tax Being Defeated in House, Third Will be Presented—Siskiyou Bill Up To- day—Rogue River and Willamette Fish Bills Killed by Postponement.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 16.—That good roads advocates of Marion and Jackson counties are determined to get a bill through the present Oregon legislature, increasing the tax levy from 3/4 to 1/2 mill for building state roads, became known today when Representative W. I. Vawter announced in the house that he was going to introduce another bill levying such a tax with provisions that would make it acceptable to the majority.

A bill introduced by Representative Sam H. Brown, increasing the levy for state roads was killed by the house last night by 41 to 17, objection being centered mainly against the plan for co-operation between state, county and road districts. Good roads advocates were hopeful of introducing a new bill that would be generally acceptable in its provisions for co-operative work.

Representative Vawter said today: "I have prepared a bill amending the one-fourth millage tax and increasing it to one-half mill and providing an advisory commission of three members to serve without pay. This is my last stand. The hearing will be before the ways and means committee tonight. The Siskiyou bill will come up today and be definitely disposed of. So many members are non-committal that I am not sure of the outcome."

The senate late Monday postponed for one week the Rogue river fishing bill and Gill's bill closing the Willamette river for a short distance below the falls at Oregon City.

This is a polite way of killing the bills, as the present session of the legislature closes this week.

DEGREE PROHIBITING FOOD SHIPMENTS

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The prohibition against foodstuffs designed for Germany will be formally proclaimed by Great Britain either tonight or tomorrow, according to present expectations, and the governments retaliatory measures against the threatened German submarine "blockade" will go into immediate effect.

IRON CROSS FOR OFFICER OF EMDEN

BERLIN, via Amsterdam to London, Feb. 16.—Lieutenant Commander von Muecke, commander of the detail from the cruiser Emden, which landed at Cocos Island, has been awarded the iron cross, first class, while every member of the landing party has received the iron cross, second class.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The trial of Harry K. Thaw, on an indictment charging him with conspiracy, was set today for March 1. It had been set for February 23.

VILLA CONTINUES VICTORIOUS WAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—American attaches of the United States embassy in Mexico City, lately attached to the Brazilian legation will leave Mexico City, if all other diplomatic representatives depart.

The state department has informed the Brazilian minister, who has been in charge of American diplomatic interests that it presumes he will be guided by instructions from his own government, with respect to leaving but asks him to advise the American attaches that they may leave if others do. All the diplomatic representa-

CAMPAIGN FOR SUGAR FACTORY FOR 1916 BEGUN

Bramwell States That But 2100 Acres of Land Signed Accepted, But Will Hold Project Open for Next Year and Committees Will Begin Work to Secure Needed Acreage.

At a meeting of the beet sugar committee at the Medford Hotel Monday afternoon, a special committee composed of W. H. Gore, J. A. Perry, George B. Carpenter, Bert Anderson, C. E. Gates, John C. Mann and John H. Carkins were appointed to arrange details for the continuation of the campaign for acreage for the factory in this valley, and to secure from the beet sugar interests a definite statement as to what steps they would take towards the having in operation for the 1916 crop of a beet sugar factory.

A letter from F. S. Bramwell, explaining the situation was read, and is as follows:

Bramwell's Letter
Portland, Ore., Feb. 13, 1915.
Mr. W. H. Gore,
Medford, Oregon.
Dear Mr. Gore:

I was very much surprised and disappointed indeed on yesterday, when Mr. Storey stepped into the lobby of the hotel and presented a report of the results of his work in Rogue river valley.

I immediately went over his list of acreage and I find that he has a total of about 2100 acres; and when he boils this list down to where it should be, he has but about 1500 acres that are in condition to plant to beets this year. The 600 out of the 2100 acres he tells me is excellent land, but very foul with wild oats and other noxious weeds, and to attempt to grow beets on land that is improperly prepared, would be ruinous to the enterprise, would tend to discourage the farmer and would be against us in getting the results that should be obtained. Thus the whole enterprise would be so belated that I am of the opinion that it would be useless to proceed any further this year, unless we can have better assurance that the proper acreage can be had, which seems at this time, a physical impossibility.

Plan for Next Year
We are expecting word from our people at any moment, authorizing us to proceed. But since we are unable to report the signing up of the proper acreage, of course, they will not consider it any further.

I am very much surprised, Mr. Gore, at the outcome of your campaign. I know you have worked very faithfully. I know that the people generally, are very much enthused. I know you need this enterprise there, and I say, I am very much surprised at the small acreage that has been signed up.

At the same time, I realize this, that very much of your best land is already seeded into other crops, and while it could not be had for this year, doubtless could be had for next and succeeding years, but as you will readily see, it would be unwise and unbusiness-like on our part to make an effort with such a small acreage as 1500 acres. In fact, as I have said, our people would not consider it at all.

Now the question come to me: Is it not better for us to notify our people that we can not go ahead this year, but ask them to renew their agreements, and make them applicable for next year, and if our asso-

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KING OF BELGIUM UNDER GERMAN FIRE

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 16.—King Albert of Belgium made an aerial reconnaissance of the German lines last Saturday, according to a report reaching here from the Belgium front. The king occupied the observer's seat in a Belgian military biplane and spent about one hour in the air. Several times he was under German fire, but he returned safely to headquarters.