

# SWEEPING DEFEAT OF RUSSIANS IN POLAND DENIED

PETROGRAD, Feb. 25.—The general staff of the Russian army has issued a statement concerning the recent occurrences in Russian Poland and the German claims to a sweeping victory, which reads as follows:

"Official announcements given out in Berlin to the effect that the tenth Russian army suffered severe reverses in its retreat to the rivers Niemen and Bobr are absolutely not correct. The German declaration that the tenth army had been completely annihilated can be categorically denied.

"As a matter of fact the component parts of two of our corps, the 26th and another, finding themselves in an untenable and dangerous situation as we already have announced, withdrew from the positions at Wierbaltow Russian Poland, with heavy losses.

"As to our other corps these troops, after having foiled an attempt of the enemy to surround them, are holding today the positions allotted to them and for several days past they have been engaging the enemy.

"Along the entire front our armies are fulfilling successfully the duties assigned them. During the past few days two regiments of the 29th division, belonging to the 20th corps, advanced from the Augustowo forest and rallied our men."

# PRESIDENT URGES MONTICELLO PURCHASE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—President Wilson sent a letter today to Senator Kern and Representative Underwood favoring passage of the resolution pending in congress for the purchase of Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson.

"I most earnestly hope," said the president, "there will be some interval in the business of congress which can be used for the passage of this most interesting piece of legislation, which I think will meet the approval of the whole nation."

# "BRINGING UP FATHER" AT THE PAGE FRIDAY.



Gas Hill, the daddy of all successful cartoon plays, has clinched another "money foundry" in George McManus' cartoon series, "Bringing Up Father." That this irrepressible wizard of stagecraft picked "Bringing Up Father" as a winner is enough to make the entire theatrical world waver that it will be a success. In summing up Mr. Hill's successes don't overlook the fact that the cartoon plays produced in the last thirty years have been under his management. The McManus cartoons have made a play that has, in the hands of Mr. Hill, proven the most remarkable play in the history of the musical comedy stage. It has simply cleaned up all previous records and established new ones that never will be broken, therefore you may rest assured that "Bringing Up Father" was designed for and will be the peer of all cartoon plays. At the Page Friday evening, February 26th.

# SMALL GAINS BY ALLIES' FORCES ON WESTERN FRONT

PARIS, via London, Feb. 25.—At the war office this afternoon the following statement was given out:

"Near Lombardzede our artillery demolished a blockhouse and some of the enemy's lookouts.

"In Champagne we have maintained the new positions which we won yesterday. All of the enemy's counter attacks were repulsed. Our aviators threw sixty bombs on railway stations, trains and concentrations of the enemy. This bombardment was very effective.

"In the Argonne, at Marie Therese, the enemy made an attack which immediately was checked.

"Between the Argonne and the Meuse in the Cheppy wood, we made further progress.

"Our heavy artillery destroyed armored shelters. The enemy was unable to retake trenches captured by us.

"In Lorraine near Parnoy there was a skirmish between patrols, and the Germans were put to flight."

# BUDDING EXPLAINED BY ROSE WIZARD

At the public library Thursday, February 4, Rev. George Schoener of Brooks, demonstrated the budding and hybridization of roses to a large and enthusiastic audience.

During the afternoon the proper methods of pruning, both for garden decoration and to produce show roses was demonstrated at 325 South Oakdale, and at St. Mary's Academy.

This evening Rev. Father Schoener will conclude his series of lectures with one on "How to Produce Show Roses," and "How to Conduct an Exhibit."

The Rose society plans to have all Father Schoener's lectures published for the benefit of the public.

The society is much gratified at the interest shown in the lectures, and hopes for a good attendance tonight.

# ANTI-RUSSIAN PERSIANS IN NEW PERSIAN CABINET

LONDON, Feb. 25.—A Central News dispatch from Constantinople by way of Amsterdam, says it is learned from Teheran that the positions of minister of the interior and minister of justice in the cabinet have been filled by Persians of anti-Russian sentiment and that another anti-Russian will become minister of foreign affairs.

# BANKER'S IS MOURNED BY STATE HE ADOPTED

Addison Bennett Recounts Life of C. C. Beckman, Who Rose From Jacksonville Pony Rider to Position of Trust—Passing of Redskin Seen.

(By Addison Bennett in the Portland Oregonian.)

In the passing of C. C. Beckman of Jacksonville, in Jackson county, Oregon loses one of her most successful, most honorable and most picturesque citizens. Mr. Beckman died Monday night at the advanced age of 87 years in the town where he had resided since he was a young man of 24 years of age. His death will cause as much sorrow as has the loss of any of the great men of Oregon during the last generation.

The life of Cornelius C. Beckman, taken as a whole, if written entire, would read more like a dream than a reality, for the sixty-five years he lived in Oregon, always in the one little town, remember, covered the time from the era of pack horses to the era of the automobile and electricity, from the days when he and his neighbors lived in fear of the redskins to the day when Oregon had become a great state.

Not only this in every forward movement for the most of this time, Mr. Beckman was a leading, usually a guiding, spirit. He was always a doer, and usually of things that look big in perspective. He was a carpenter by trade and a native of New Jersey. When 22 years of age, a year after the great exodus of 1849, he crossed the isthmus and landed in San Francisco. After remaining there a short time he was sent to Jacksonville to take charge of the express business of the Cran-Rogers company, a branch of the Adams Express company. For four years, until 1856, he had charge of their Jacksonville business and assisted in carrying the gold dust and mail between Jacksonville and Redding, a distance of 65 miles.

**Mining Towns Surpass Portland**

It should be remembered that when young Beckman went to Jacksonville there was a great amount of mining going on thereabouts, so Jacksonville and Scottsburg were larger places, or at least as large and of greater business importance, than Portland.

From the day of Mr. Beckman's advent into the life of the west he began to accumulate money. He was frugal and saving, but never small, mean or penurious. Indeed, he was quite the reverse, save that as a banker he was cautious with the money of his depositors. After four years with the express company it failed. Then Mr. Beckman took up

the business on his own account and ran the business himself, being his own manager, bookkeeper, route agent and express rider. It was called a pony express, but he usually had one or two and sometimes three or four packhorses, and he the only rider.

His route took him across the Siskiyou mountains, then overrun with Indians, who were constantly committing depredations. So he usually crossed over the mountain trail at night and by good management never had any trouble with the redskins. As early as 1856 he really started his bank, for he then had the large vault erected for storing the gold dust and other valuables and began to take dust for storage, charging 1 per cent a month for keeping it. For carrying it to Redding, on the way to the mint, he received 5 per cent.

When the through stage line began to run the Wells-Fargo line, Mr. Beckman was made the Jacksonville agent of the company and served them faithfully from 1863 until 1906, a period of 43 years. In the eleven years that he carried the pony express it is said that he packed more than \$15,000,000 worth of dust without the loss of a single dollar to any of his patrons.

**Banking Business Is Begun**

In 1859 he went into the banking business, there being at that time only his bank and that of Ladd & Tilton in the territory now comprising Oregon and Washington. In the building he then started in he did business up to the day of his death. It is true he retired from active business about four years ago and would take no new business. He endeavored to have his customers draw out their deposits, but something like \$100,000 was still on deposit, most of it in the bank vaults, the last time I visited the quaint old place.

Then the same old sign swung over the door that hung there more than half a century ago. The same old notices were in the windows. Within, the place had the appearance of an old bookstore, as it was, and a number of the old school books were still left on the shelves, out of date for fifty years. There was hanging on the walls notices of sailing days from New York to Liverpool and Havre, the quotations of foreign exchange, the time tables of the pony express and Wells-Fargo lines, and various notices to customers and public.

There on the counter were the huge gold scales in which I was told more than \$15,000,000 had been weighed. As much as \$75,000 worth of dust and nuggets had been weighed on them at once, but so delicate were they that a bit of dust scarce visible to the naked eye could be weighed accurately.

**Many Panics Are Weathered**

The Beckman bank weathered many panics, notably those of '73, '93 and 1907. These disturbances affected the Beckman bank not at all—save that it always had a few thousand or a few hundred thousand to help out less fortunate fellow bankers. The money of the depositors always was ready for them. Other bankers said that he was not a shrewd banker. Perhaps not, according to some standards. But he always had sufficient money to lend to his customers and plenty to pay every honest demand that could be made upon him.

Mr. Beckman always was a staunch republican and in 1878 was made the candidate of his party for governor. He was defeated by the narrow margin of 41 votes. He had held many minor offices of honor and dignity, always having been a leader in everything for the betterment of his section of the state. But his race for governor was the only office of importance he ever ran for.

Just what Mr. Beckman's estate will amount to will soon be known, and that will set to rest a great many theories and a great many guesses among his friends and acquaintances. It must be true that he was quite a wealthy man—whether a millionaire or not has been a subject of argument among his neighbors for several years.

But one thing is sure; every dollar he had was honestly made, and it is not believed that any man living can say that Mr. Beckman ever did a little, mean or dishonorable action in his life.

He lived to a good old age, but there are many, many younger men in Oregon whose passing would have been a far less loss to Oregon than the loss of Cornelius C. Beckman.

# THOSE ACTOR FOLK DONNED STARTLING GARB FOR GAY PARTY



Dorothy Dickson and Carl Heisen

Most of the stars who now gleam on the stage in Chicago held a little midnight party the other day for the benefit of the actors' fund.

It was to be a costume affair.

"Well, if there are to be some costumes there, why not make our some costume?" meditated Dorothy Dickson and Carl Heisen, the famous dancers.

And they did, much to the amazement of the others present. The above picture shows the striking garb in which the two dancers enlivened the doings of the evening.

Others of the guests were Blanche Bates, Mabel Taliferro, Amelia Bingham, Henry Kolker, Ernest Glendening and Thomas Ross. Altogether they produced one of the most brilliant little affairs of the kind in recent years.

**SENATE BEGINS PROBE OF TRADE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Inquiry into the qualifications of President Wilson's nominees for the new federal trade commission was begun today by a substitute committee of the senate interstate commerce committee. It is planned to present a report to the full committee the day after tomorrow.

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# TORPEDOING OF TROOP SHIP IS GERMAN CLAIM

BERLIN, Feb. 25.—Nothing has been known up to the present time of the conference of German statesmen last night to discuss the American identical notes on marine warfare and the feeding of civilian populations sent by the United States government to both Great Britain and Germany. This meeting was held in the residence of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor. Among the statesmen present was Gottlieb von Jagow, the foreign minister.

No further details have been given out in Berlin of the reported sinking of a British transport by a German submarine. It is being explained here that the undersea boat in question sent only a brief wireless announcement and that details of the occurrence were not even known to her crew because of the limited field of observation of submarine periscopes. Furthermore the submarine may have had no other opportunity to use its wireless apparatus.

The German announcement that a British troops transport had been sunk by a submarine has not been borne out from London where it has been said that this report doubtless referred to the torpedoing of the British steamer Branksome Chine, a government collier, which was attacked February 23 in the English channel south of Beachy Head.

# EMBARGO OF COAL HAMPERING VILLA

EL PASO, Feb. 25.—The American railroads embargo on coal and oil into Northern Mexico, which seriously has hampered Villa's military operations, was raised today. It had been installed as a result of a dispute between the American roads and the Villa railroads managers over the re-delivery of American-owner equipment.

It was announced that General Jose D. Rodriguez, a Villa military leader, had been named executive president of the Villa railroads.

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