

# MYSTERY VEILS GERMAN PLAN POLISH FRONT

### Progress of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's Latest Advance—Tensions Make New Effort to Relieve Przemysl—Warsaw Object of Invaders—Allies Active on West.

LONDON, March 15.—Mystery envelops the progress of Field Marshall von Hindenburg's latest advance into Poland, but it is evident that the last forces along the line from the Niemen to the Vistula can not much longer be kept from decisive contact unless the decision of the German offensive undergoes a radical change.

**May Attack Warsaw**  
At present the meagre information coming through of the operations in the eastern arena indicates that the Germans have been successful in the forest of Augustowo, whence the Russians have fallen back under the guns of Grodno. Further to the south, in the Miawa region, the German advance has been stayed, and the Russians are initiating an advance on the northern bank of the Vistula in the direction of Plock. So far as the Germans are concerned, however, all of these movements may be abandoned and Central Poland again become the scene of a determined attack on Warsaw. It is recalled that Field Marshal von Hindenburg never has been fond of moving far from his line of rail communication.

**Relieving Przemysl**  
A new phase of the campaign in the east has developed, in an attempt by Austro-German forces in Galicia to relieve Przemysl. For this purpose the center has been shifted westward following the recent ineffective movement in eastern Galicia, and troops have been concentrated to relieve the siege of the Galician fortress, whose resistance month after month to the investing Russian army has been one of the striking episodes of the campaign.

In the Carpathians the Russians apparently are not abandoning their offensive attitude, for they are making desperate counter attacks with the greatest success, according to official advices from Petrograd. The region of the principal Russian offensive is near Lupkow Pass. Here the Russians claim heavy captures of prisoners and guns. On the other hand, Vienna reports the failure of Russian counter attacks and the taking of many Russian prisoners as a result of bitter night fighting in the Carpathians.

**Along Western Front**  
Last night's Paris official announcement said the British success at Neuve Chapelle was more substantial than had been reported, that the French were making themselves secure in new trenches in the Champagne country, and that the aerial bombardment of Westende had been effective.

In France and Belgium offensive operations at present rest chiefly with the allies, whose activities are interpreted in London as preliminary to a general attack in the spring. In Belgium, Champagne and the Argonne separate movements are under way although apparently little ground has been gained except that won by the British near Neuve Chapelle.

# HIKERS VISIT OPP MINE, JACKSONVILLE

Despite the threatening weather of last week, a respectable number of mountain climbers were on hand Sunday afternoon to enjoy a trip to the Opp mine, 47 being present. The club now has a membership of 44 paid up members.

Coffee was served by the committee consisting of Miss G. Hinman, Mrs. R. A. Johnson, Messrs. Holmes, Cathcart and Goodrich and the usual refreshments were provided.

Some real up hill work was encountered when the party was lead to one of the upper mine shafts. Many followed the turns and twists of the shaft by candlelight for several hundred feet into the solid rock, the leader Mr. Wright, explaining the mine formations as they passed along.

Upon emerging, the walk continued along the side of the canyon and an ever-changing panorama of snowy peaks, and green fields and orchards lay stretched out before the climbers. Return was made via the reservoir and the stamp mill of the Opp mine. A special train carried the enthusiastic trampers back to Medford.

# EQUADOR, THE "PESTHOUSE OF THE CONTINENT," HAS STARTED TO CLEAN UP; ROBERT W. BABSON FINDS REPUBLIC AWAKE

### Government Adopts Colonel Gorgas' Plan for Sanitation; New Building Contracts Provide Opportunities for Engineers From the United States.

By Roger W. Babson

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, March 15.—Before the Spaniards came to the western coast of South America, Ecuador was inhabited by a Incas, in their civilization. But when Pizarro took nation called the Caras, a people similar to the possession of the great Inca empire and executed its king, he sent one of his lieutenants to capture the kingdom of Quito, which was accomplished with little difficulty.

Then according to their usual custom, the Spaniards proceeded to take possession of the estates of the inhabitants and partitioned the land out among themselves, and the province remained under the same rule as Peru for some years.

It afterward was tossed back and forth between New Granada, now Colombia, and Peru, and early in the nineteenth century began to move toward independence. These efforts met with varying success but finally in 1830 the constitution of the republic of Ecuador was proclaimed, and has since continued with as little friction as could be expected in a South American country.

This constitution is quite liberal, with the same rights granted to foreigners as to citizens, and is progressive in its allowing to women the same rights as Ecuadorians, and the free administration of their property even when married.

Foreigners may acquire property, and may establish banks under the same conditions as the natives, and as funds set aside for the public debt cannot be diverted for other purposes, this must serve as a guarantee of public credit.

In addition to the usual departments of a republic, is the department of public instruction which has control of all public and private schools, and other educational institutions. Since the school of fine arts, conservatory of music, and national library and astronomical observatory are mentioned as included among these, one might conclude that Ecuador is a very highly cultured nation until reading in the president's message that these were founded within a very few years. The postal, telegraph and telephone systems are under the supervision of this department, as are also matters relating to agriculture, commerce and general industries.

At Guayaquil, the chief sea port, there are two telephone systems with 400 subscribers, and long distance service to Quito, the capital. The post office service is said to be quite efficient and well administered, and the postal money order system has been installed within a year or two.

Ecuador has an estimated area of 116,000 square miles, or equal to New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland combined. Its population of about a million and a half is almost wholly near the narrow coast on the steep western sides of the Andes. The eastern part, being a part of the great eastern plain, must be well watered and fertile, but is little explored. There are five sea ports.

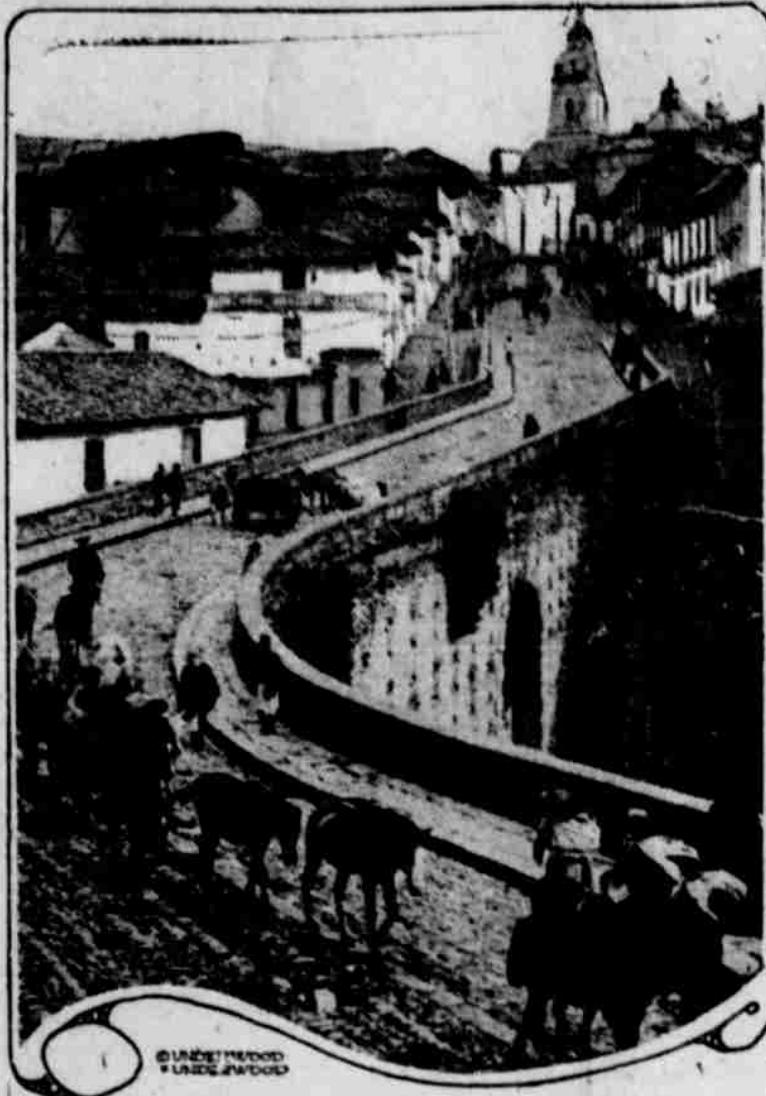
Travelers have given this city the unenviable reputation of being "the pesthouse of the continent," it having frequent and serious epidemics of malarial and yellow fevers.

It stands in an unusually bad location among swamps at the mouth of a river, but since Havana, Panama, and other such places have been made habitable, it seems not impossible that conditions may be improved here. Indeed, steps have already been taken in this direction.

The government of Peru in 1912 invited Col. Gorgas, whose wonderful work in the sanitation of the canal zone and of Havana has made him famous, to come and inspect the situation in Guayaquil and suggest plans for its improvement. His report caused the chamber of deputies to authorize a loan of \$10,000,000 in gold for the work of sanitation which is to include a new sewerage system and modern water works.

Quito is also planning for a complete sewerage system, under the direction of a German firm.

Among other recent improvements in Guayaquil are the erection of a two-story municipal building of reinforced concrete to cost \$240,000 and the placing of an order for the installation of electric lights in the city. The generating plant is to be 55 miles up the river Chimbo, the current is to be brought to the bank opposite the port of Guayaquil, whence in submerged cables under the river, one and a quarter miles wide, to Guayaquil.



Photographs showing the ancient highway of the Incas running through Quito, the capital of Ecuador. In the background in the penitentiary, into which an infuriated mob broke two years ago and lynched an ex-president of Ecuador and four of his generals, all leaders in a revolution.

The inland cities of Cuenca and Chone are also considering putting in electric light plants. So it would seem that there might be opportunities for engineers, builders, and those interested in other enterprises connected with the improvement of a country.

A wireless station has recently been installed also at this port of Guayaquil.

In 1912, there were 265 miles of railroad in all Ecuador, and 297 miles of this were included in the one road from Guayaquil to the capital, Quito. This road was completed in 1908, and regular trains make the distance in two days. A shorter line from the coast to the capital is now under construction opening up an exceedingly fertile country, which now yields immense quantities of cacao, although capable of further development.

Several other roads are also being built which will surely be a great factor in bringing to market many of the mineral and agricultural products in which Ecuador is so rich. An active river and coast service is carried on by the many small boats including steamers, sailing vessels and canoes.

Most of the rivers are navigable for a considerable distance inland, the Guayas, at whose mouth Guayaquil is situated, allowing the passage of steamers for 40 miles and of smaller vessels for 260 miles. The eastern part of Ecuador may be reached from Brazil by means of the Amazon and its tributaries; but it is very little developed.

# VOTED 20 TIMES AT ONE ELECTION

INDIANAPOLIS, March 15.—Chas. Miller, a member of the registration board, testifying today in the Terre Haute election conspiracy trial, said Mayor Donn M. Roberts of Terre Haute, one of the defendants, told him a man has a legal right to claim a voting residence wherever he desired. On Roberts' request, he said, he served on the registration board in a precinct other than his own.

Miller testified that he sent word to George Evans, Ben Murray and Frank Hess that they "were going too strong" in registering so many negroes from their saloons. It was brought out that while there were only about twenty legal negro voters in the precinct, more than 200 were registered. Theodore Oppoff testified that he was hired by Harry Montgomery, president of the board of works, and a defendant, to work at a cemetery, but was employed at the democratic headquarters, although he drew his pay from the city. Twenty times was the record for registrations made by Harry Nulton, he testified today. He said he registered three times at the place in the democratic squares. On election day, he testified, he voted three times in one precinct and three times in another.

# AUSTRIA DECLINES LAND CONCESSIONS ASKED BY ITALY?

ROME, Sunday, via Paris, March 15.—The report current in Rome today that Francis Joseph, emperor of Austria, had absolutely rejected the idea of any territorial concessions to Italy has been denied authoritatively. The situation in this regard seems to be that the little Austria is so reluctantly disposed to concede is so inadequate compared to what Italy would accept that an understanding seems hopeless.

Premier Salandra spoke briefly in the chamber of deputies today on this subject. His remarks are interpreted as meaning that the efforts to induce Austria to make concessions to Italy are proceeding under the guidance of Prince von Buelow, the German ambassador to Italy.

Alexander, crown prince of Serbia, has arrived in Rome, where he will be a guest of King Victor Emmanuel. He is endeavoring to recover from the effects of his wound. It is the opinion of his doctors that the crown prince will not be able to resume his military duties for several months.

The chamber today approved by 334 votes against 34 a bill for the economic and military defense of the state. This measure enforces heavy penalties against espionage.

# ELEVEN EXECUTIONS SCHEDULED, ARKANSAS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 15.—Eleven prisoners, held under sentence of death at the state penitentiary, will be electrocuted, three of

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them this month, as a result of the failure of the legislature to pass a bill abolishing capital punishment. It was announced today.  
Four of the condemned men are white and seven are negroes. The first electrocution will be next Friday.

# ARANT STILL TALKING OF SUEING FOR JOB

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 15.—About two years ago while W. Frank Arant of this city was superintendent of Crater Lake National Park he was requested by the secretary of the interior to resign in favor of Will G. Steel. Mr. Arant, asserting he held office under the classified civil service, refused to resign, as no charges had been filed against him. The matter was then presented to the civil service commission and they ruled in Mr. Arant's favor.  
However, Attorney-General McReynolds held differently, and Mr. Arant was removed from office by a United States marshal. Since then Mr. Arant's attorneys have been busy in the matter, and it is said suit will be filed soon in the United States court of claims for Mr. Arant's reinstatement and for back pay.

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Muriel Barris	95	Brod Laurentz	70
Mrs. Wm. O'Hara	140	Mrs. A. Conro Piero, C. P.	60
Miss Anna Peterson	220	Gladye Bowles	55
J. W. Lawton	175	Miss M. A. Jones	70
Mrs. G. N. Birkland	140	Walter J. Sherid	80
Frances York	100	James Delaney	65
Mrs. Roger Bennett	205	Mabel Jones	55
Aileen Perl	170	Mollie Merriam	80
W. Van Dermark	135	Viola Pheister	140
Ralph Pierce	140	Mollie Towne, Phoenix	70
Lillian French	180	Mrs. Edgar Hafer	95
Grace Iredale	95	Marie Moore	55
Bob Boyle	90	Mrs. Marie Moore	75
Mrs. Gertrude Springer	140	Pearl Stewart	60
Mrs. Fred Colvig, Jville	155	C. Y. Tengwald	80
Eatha Payne	210	Mrs. B. E. Haney	105
Mrs. Harry Gray	110	Mrs. Mary Van Ness	80
Bess Kentner	90	Lloyd Ridgeway	85
Mrs. Ada Blakely	75	Marjory Dally	85
Mrs. Gault	55	Agnes Bennett	85
Mrs. Ed Lamport	80	Mrs. M. M. Childs	110
Mrs. Arthur Hazelrigg	55	David R. Wood	65
Grace Whitehead	75	E. T. Foss	85
Mae Pickens	60	Mrs. Gettie Jeter	135
Grace B. Dye	55	Richard Stockam	120
Mrs. S. E. Enyart	70	Mrs. Harry Helms	170
Mrs. Harry Porter	60	Joe Wilson, Talent	160
Miss Florence Johnson	130	Marie Eifert	95
Mrs. Lou D. Jones	85	Ruby Burke	75
Marie Seelye	55	Juanita Crawford	165
Claude Metz	60	Wm. Leo Geo. Carnahan	90
H. K. Tomlinson	75	Agnes Broad	70
Josephine Root	60	Mrs. H. E. Tucker	65
Carline Andrews	85	Carl Fichtner	105
Mrs. B. G. Worthington	70	Mrs. Cohorn Lewis	70
Mrs. Nellie King	55	J. A. Darron	95
Alfaretta Garretson	145	J. H. Harrison	100

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Today and tomorrow FREE ORDER BOOKS will be given to those who wish to get votes for themselves in the contest. The votes can be secured much faster and in larger quantities than with the ordinary admissions, and every one in this list should call at the Page theater and ask for one.

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