

EITEL PREPARES TO MAKE DASH TO GET AWAY

Signal Flags Hoisted, Whistles Are Blown and Steam Up—Pulls Away From Pier—Collector of Port Declares Internment of Raider Not Thought Of.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 7.—Shortly before 3 o'clock the Eitel hoisted a line of signal flags and blew her whistle. One shrill blast was sounded. Smoke was pouring from both of her funnels.

The Eitel's exact time limit was as closely guarded as ever today, but maritime circles had believed it rapidly drawing to a close.

Twenty-five merchant ships flying the flag of the allies were being held up here, refused clearance pending developments in the raider's case.

Mystery Veils Action

At 3:50 p. m. the Prinz Eitel Friedrich still was at her wharf and there was no apparent explanation for the activity on board.

The cruiser, however, pulled away from her pier a few feet and her launch, which had been lowered since her entry into port, was hoisted to the deck. Smoke from her funnels grew heavier.

"We are not even thinking about internment of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich now," declared Collector of Customs Hamilton today, after he had waited expectantly throughout the night for the German cruiser to leave this port. As the customs collector spoke he was preparing to again visit the ship on orders from Washington, although he had had farewell to Commander Thierichsen and members of his staff last night.

Merchant Ships Held Up

This declaration was the first authoritative admission concerning the mysterious negotiations relating to the ship in many days. Internment, the collector said, would be a simple proceeding when the occasion arises. One indication that the Eitel had not been interned early today was that the continuation of the ban on departure of merchant ships of the allies.

Customs officials here and at Norfolk were appealed by British ship captains for permission to leave. They were told they could not leave port until further notice.

GERMANS ASSERT AMERICA BACKS DOWN

BERLIN, April 7.—The Berlin newspapers today publish summaries of the American note to Great Britain on the order in council. With the exception of the Krenz Zeitung, they make no comment. This paper, however, says:

"If this summary is correct, the note means the far-reaching retreat of America, inasmuch as it permits Great Britain to carry out its 'blockade' measures against American ships even when they carry goods which are not contraband, but come from or go to ports of hostile lands. In this America surrenders the principle that every blockade must be effective."

MRS PANKHURST DOESN'T WANT PEACE

LONDON, April 7.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst announced today that the Women's Social Political Union and the other suffrage organizations in Great Britain and France had decided not to participate in the forthcoming women's conference at the Hague to consider the question of peace.

The British militant leader said: "This movement is well meaning, but mistaken. Those running this conference have no political influence. Pro-Germans are working hard in this direction here and in neutral countries and much German money has been circulated in America, but this is not the time to talk peace."

FURIOUS BATTLE IN PROGRESS ON WESTERN FRONT

Allies Renew Assault Upon German Lines, Which Latter Claim Are Repulsed—Russians Win One Pass in Carpathians But Are Repulsed at Another by Counter Offensive.

LONDON, April 7.—A furious assault on the German positions between the Meuse and the Moselle is being made by the French in continuation of their new offensive movement. The official communication from Berlin mentions attack after attack and says these onslaughts were repulsed with "extraordinarily heavy losses" for the French. On some of these battlefields, it is said, the ground is covered with bodies of the French. The official statement from Paris gives few details of the fighting, although it is claimed that ground was gained in some instances.

The Berlin statement says the Germans abandoned the village of Drei Grachten, which they had captured from the Belgians, on account of the fire from heavy artillery to which it was subjected.

Along Eastern Front

No further official information was given out concerning the campaign in the east, except a reference in the Berlin statement of the fighting along the east Prussian border. It is said that the Prussians were repulsed in battles southwest of Memel and near Augustowo, one Russian battalion being annihilated.

Attention is concentrated on the Carpathian passes, where the Russians are bringing up heavy reinforcements to push their attack, the success of which is expected only through weight of numbers. On the other hand, the Austrian and German commanders also are making strenuous efforts to strengthen their forces.

Uzok Pass Captured

Petrograd reports that the section near the Uzok Pass, of which Vienna admits retirement, extends for a distance of seventeen miles. To offset, Vienna claims a counter-offensive movement near Lupkow Pass, where the Austrians report the taking of several Russian positions with the capture of 7000 prisoners.

A conservative interpretation of both the Russian and the Austrian reports leads to the belief that the Russian offensive at Lupkow has been checked while they have forced their way through the Rostok pass, capturing two villages on the southern side of the range.

PROBE OWNERSHIP OF HILL STEAMERS

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The interstate commerce commission today announced that it would investigate the ownership and operation of the Pacific steamship Great Northern by the Great Northern Pacific Steamship company, to discover whether the provision of the Panama canal act prohibiting ownership of steam lines by railroads is being violated.

A hearing will be held at a date to be announced later.

NEW ATTACK UPON DARDANELLES

LONDON, April 7.—Another attempt to force the Dardanelles apparently is under way. An official announcement from Constantinople states a cruiser and a torpedo boat were struck by shells during a bombardment of the outer forts on Monday. The bombardment, it is said, was without results, and no serious attack was attempted yesterday.

The Turkish war office also reports a resumption of hostilities in the Caucasian campaign. It announces that a Russian force advanced on the Turks near the frontier, but was driven back to Russian territory and that the Turks after eighteen hours of hard fighting occupied several Russian towns. The Rome correspondent of a Paris newspaper telegraphs today

KAISER IN BATTLE FRONT IN POLAND



Emperor William (to the left) sizing up a Russian prisoner who had been brought before him. The Kaiser is wearing an aviator's jersey cap under his helmet. He is always much interested in the common soldiers of the enemy.

MEDFORD HEN LAYS BIGGEST EGG AND 3 IN 1 DAY

The largest egg ever laid by a hen in southern Oregon and perhaps the largest ever laid in Oregon, is on exhibition in the Commercial club exhibit room. It is the size of a big goose egg, measures 10 1/4 inches around the largest way by 7 1/2 inches the other way, and weighs 7 1/2 ounces. It was laid April 5 by an Orpington hen belonging to Mrs. C. A. Laird of 1024 North Front street. This Orpington hen broke another record Wednesday when she laid three eggs in one day, one of them hard-shelled and two soft-shelled. The three are about the same weight as the record egg laid Monday, which is evidently three eggs in one. There is nothing unusual in appearance about this phenomenal egg-laying hen, but in laying the biggest egg and in laying three eggs in one day she has broken all records.

FORTY FIVE INSANE PATIENTS DEPORTED

SALEM, Or., April 7.—Forty-five insane patients, forty-four from the state asylum here and one from the Eastern Oregon asylum, were deported today. Europe is the destination of fifteen of them, Mexico four and the remainder are being transported to states of which they are residents. Physicians and attendants from the two asylums departed on special cars with the patients. An Oregon law requires the deportation of insane patients not residents of the state.

55 COUNTIES IN ILLINOIS GO DRY

CHICAGO, April 7.—A total of 55 out of 102 counties in Illinois are entirely dry today. Three new counties, Marion, Franklin and Jasper have been added to the dry column in yesterday's local option election. About 100 saloons were voted out of business, out of 350 involved in 95 townships. The chief dry victory was in Centuria, which has been wet for sixty years. Thirty eight saloons were voted out there. In Wisconsin cities, towns and villages which voted on the liquor question yesterday showed a gain for the dry forces in the number of towns gained, but the larger cities voting on the issue, Madison, Superior, Ashland and Beloit remained in the wet column.

RUSSIAN DELEGATES ARRIVE IN BULGARIA

SOFIA, Bulgaria, April 7, via London, 3:15 p. m.—Two Russian delegates arrive here today to conclude arrangements with Bulgarian railroads for the establishment of direct communication between Russia and Saloniki, Greece.

CHICAGO ELECTS THOMPSON MAYOR 138,891 PLURALITY

CHICAGO, April 7.—Complete returns from yesterday's municipal election show that William Hale Thompson, republican, was elected mayor by a plurality of 138,891, the largest plurality ever given a candidate for that office in Chicago. His majority over all was 111,475. Out of a total registration of 769,917 there were cast for mayor 669,891 votes divided as follows: William Hale Thompson (republican) 390,683; Robert M. Sweitzer (democrat) 251,792; Seymour Steadman (socialist) 23,826; John J. Hill (prohibitionist) 3,590. Sixty-one percent of the women's vote was cast for Thompson, according to an estimate by election officials. It was the first time that women voted for mayor in Chicago. The total woman vote for Thompson was 144,564; for Sweitzer, 89,718. For the first time in the history of Chicago, a negro, Oscar De Priest was elected to serve in the city council. Michael (Hinky Dink) Kenna, who has served as alderman from the first ward for twenty years, was re-elected by a plurality of 4000. The next city council will be made up of thirty three democrats, thirty-one republicans, two progressives, three independents and one socialist.

HUME OF SPOILERS SHOT IN BACK BY PORTLAND BARBER

PORTLAND, Or., April 7.—Wilson T. Hume, a lawyer prominently known on the Pacific coast and in Alaska, was shot in the back in his office here today by F. A. Consentino, a barber. The bullet entered the back between the shoulder blades and his condition is critical. It is believed that the bullet was intended for A. C. Smith, another lawyer, occupying offices with Mr. Hume. According to the information obtained by the police, Consentino previously had had an argument with Smith and was ejected. He returned soon after and fired three bullets from the doorway at Hume, who sat with his back toward his assailant. Hume gained fame as a character in the "Spoilers" novel, dealing with the gold rush days in Alaska, where he played a prominent part.

OFFER PURSE FOR WILLARD VS MORAN

LONDON, April 7.—A London syndicate has offered a purse of 4000 pounds sterling (\$20,000) for a fight between Jess Willard, who won the heavyweight championship from Jack Johnson at Havana last Monday, and Frank Moran of Pittsburg. Willard will be offered 200 pounds sterling (\$1000) for his traveling expenses. Moran was defeated by Johnson on points in Paris on June 27 of last year and on March 29 of this year he knocked out Bombardier Wells at London in ten rounds.

ITALIAN FLEET READY FOR WAR WITH AUSTRIA

Finest Navy in Italy's History Leaves Mediterranean Ports to Concentrate Near Adriatic—Italy Concluding Agreement Consenting to Serbia's Securing Outlet on Adriatic.

ON THE ITALIAN FRONTIER, April 7.—The warships of the Italian fleet departed suddenly on Monday from the Mediterranean naval stations at Spezia, Gaeta and Maddalena island. They concentrated at Augusta, Sicily and at Taranto. They are thus within a few hours of the Adriatic.

The departure of these warships caused a profound impression, particularly at Spezia, where until last Sunday the harbor was crowded with dreadnaughts, cruisers and torpedo-boat destroyers, while the town was filled with officers and sailors.

Finest of Fleets

Italy has now the finest fleet in her history. It is headed by several new dreadnaughts, of which the most formidable is the Conte di Cavour, which corresponds in the Italian navy to England's Queen Elizabeth.

The future movements of the fleet are veiled with absolute secrecy. It is asserted that only the king and one or two of the highest government officials are acquainted with the plans decided upon.

PARIS, April 7.—Italy and Serbia are about to conclude an agreement, telegraphs the correspondent of Excelsior at Rome, on the following basis:

Italy and Serbia

"Italy will not oppose Serbia's occupation of territory giving her an outlet to the Adriatic on condition that this territory be not fortified. The question of Trieste and Isria has not been discussed, the allies having recognized the Italian character of these localities. The present visit of T. Tittoni, the Italian ambassador in Paris, to Rome is in connection with these negotiations.

"If this Italo-Serbian agreement is signed this week, as is expected," the correspondent of Excelsior says, "the entry of Italy into the European conflict may be considered imminent."

BURGLARS ENTER MARSHALL'S HOME

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 7.—The home here of Thomas R. Marshall, vice president of the United States, has been entered by burglars, it became known today. Vice President and Mrs. Marshall are visiting relatives of Mrs. Marshall in Scottsdale, Ariz., where they went after Mr. Marshall had represented President Wilson at the formal dedication of the Panama Pacific Exposition at San Francisco. It had not been learned today whether anything of value had been taken. The robbery was discovered by Mr. Marshall's neighbors, who found a window had been broken open.

DECISIVE BATTLES IN OLD MEXICO

WASHINGTON, April 7.—A battle with 40,000 troops engaged, which may be a deciding action in the war between the Carranza and Villa factions in Mexico, is in progress or impending near Irapuato, in the state of Guanajuato. State department dispatches today, dated April 5, but delayed in transmission, sent by Special Agent Carothers with General Villa, said the fight would take place soon. That was construed to mean that Villa had assembled a force strong enough to meet General Obregon's army and was moving south from Torreon along the National railway. Obregon was last reported at Queretaro, and was said to have sent a column against San Luis Potosi, while he protected its march with a second column and a third division of his army under General Hill mov-

HILLIS OF IDAHO SUPERINTENDENT OF CITY SCHOOLS

New Head of Public Schools for Three Years Assistant to Meek of Boise, Who Recommends Him Highly—Is Graduate of Indiana and at Present Superintendent at Nampa.

V. Melde Hillis of Nampa, Idaho, was yesterday unanimously chosen by the school board as superintendent of the schools of Medford for the approaching year.

Mr. Hillis is a graduate of Indiana State University and Normal school, thirty eight years of age, and a man whose life has been devoted to education and whose life aims center in that profession.

Recommended by Meek

It is generally recognized the schools of Boise, Idaho, enjoy national distinction among four certain schools as of first rank in the country. Charles Meek, formerly of Indiana, six years ago took up the Boise schools with the above named results. His assistant in the work at Boise the first three years was none other than the superintendent-elect of the Medford city schools. The past three years Mr. Hillis has been duplicating the Boise system at Nampa as far as opportunity and conditions would permit under a five year contract. If the Nampa trustees will release Mr. Hillis to this larger field (and it is believed they will) the Medford will become his home and Medford schools his field. Mr. Hillis was put forward by Mr. Meek when applied to come himself and take charge of the Medford schools—an offer he could not accept for financial reasons.

Other Teachers Elected

- Mr. Hillis spent Sunday and Monday in Medford and will return to our city in the early summer and at once begin preparations for the pending school year. Other teachers elected were: Superintendent of schools, V. Melde Hillis. High school principal, C. R. Bowman. Principal Washington school, P. H. Dally. Principal Lincoln school, A. J. Hanby. Principal Jackson school, J. W. Kerns. Principal Roosevelt school, Mrs. I. T. Gallagar. High school teachers: Florence M. Carpenter, L. M. Gressly, Lucile Marshall, Ruth Merrick, C. Harlow Pratt, G. F. Moore, Ina Akins, Lucile Davis, Otto Klum. Special teachers: E. Ed Hull, Mabel Mears, Grace Mitchell, Ella Gaunyaw. Grade teachers: Emily DeVore, Maud Philbrook, Sara Van Meter, Ora Cox, Mabel I. Myers, Myrtle L. Clayville, Elizabeth Ferguson, Viola Pfeister, Anna Purucker, Amy Harding, Kate Stine, Fannie Haskins, Kathryn Dunham, Mae Mordoff, Anna S. Hansen, Bees Kentner, Julia Fielder, Blanche Neff Canode, Mrs. Jane Nevel Guernsey, Anna M. Jeffrey, Josephine Riley, Grace Pearce, Carrie Jacks, Theone Carlin, Genevieve Wortman, Agnes Robinson, Jennie Mae Suedcor, Inez Coffin.

TERRIFIC FIGHTING IN CARPATHIANS

VIENNA, April 7.—The official correspondence bureau has circulated the following: "The increased violence to be observed in the fighting in the Carpathians is coincident with the advent of fine weather. From both slopes of the Ondava valley to a point near the Uzok Pass tremendous fighting is going on. Against the local successes achieved by us must be reckoned the local successes of the enemy, and the former must be as little overestimated as the latter. "The Austro-German successes on the heights to the east of the Laborava valley have not weighed so heavily in the scale as to justify any expectation of a general decision."