

NEW OFFENSIVE BY GERMANS ON WEST LINE FAILS

French Official Report Says Attack by Three German Divisions Was Complete Failure, Germans Being Driven Out of All Positions—Germans Claim Minor Success.

PARIS, Jan. 11.—The French official report of this afternoon states that the German offensive, undertaken on Sunday in Champagne by at least three German divisions, was a complete failure, the Germans being driven out of all the positions they had seized, with the exception of a small rectangle to the west of Malsons de Champagne.

The statement follows: "Between the Rivers Somme and Oise our artillery has been active. An enemy detachment attempted to carry one of our positions in the sector of Armancourt, in the region of Roye. It was repulsed by our fire. West of Soissons our trench guns destroyed a depot of rockets in the neighborhood of Autrechies.

Heavy Fighting Reported "The latest information received from Champagne confirms the fact that our artillery fire, our trench defenses and our counter attacks completely set at naught an important attack undertaken by the enemy in which at least three German divisions took part. Counter attacks and hand grenades fighting by our men during the past night drove the enemy from the outpost positions he had occupied, with the exception of a small rectangle west of Malsons de Champagne where his small forces are maintaining themselves with difficulty. Our general fire, and in particular our artillery fire, inflicted very heavy losses.

Three of our aeroplanes, equipped with guns, engaged yesterday in several fights above the German lines near Dixmude, with enemy scouting aeroplanes of the Fokker type. One of our machines attacked by a Fokker machine had to descend but an enemy aeroplane, attacked in turn by one of ours, which fired on it with a machine gun from a distance of 25 meters, was brought down. A third French machine also attacked another Fokker which fell in the forest of Touthust, southeast of Dixmude.

German Version BERLIN, Jan. 11, by wireless.—Today's war office statement says that the French troops in the Champagne were defeated in an effort to recapture the trenches northeast of Massiges, taken by the Germans in the offensive movement started yesterday. The number of prisoners taken has been increased to 330.

A French battle aeroplane armed with 33 centimeter guns was compelled by German fire to land near Woumen, south of Dixmude, in Belgium. The aeroplane, and its occupants, uninjured, are in German hands.

A British aeroplane was shot down in an aerial encounter near Tournai.

SUSTAIN LAW PERMITTING PORTS TO OWN VESSELS

SALEM, Or., Jan. 11.—The constitutionality of a law passed by the last legislature giving ports the power to acquire and operate steamboats and other water craft was upheld by the Oregon supreme court today in a test case brought by the Port of Astoria. Justice Henry J. Bean wrote a dissenting opinion.

The plaintiff contended that the port was a municipality, and that the law was unconstitutional, as it attempted to amend its charter by increasing the powers of the port. The court, in deciding against this contention, said: "Excluding cities and towns, all municipalities may be controlled, supervised and regulated by general laws passed by the legislature, provided such general laws do not impair the initiative and referendum powers concerning municipal legislation.

MEXICANS KILL 15 AMERICANS AND LOOT TRAIN

Bandits Under Rodriguez Hold Up Train West of Chihuahua, Murder, Rob and Strip of Clothing American Miners Enroute to Smelter Plants—Train of Provisions Looted

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 11.—Fifteen Americans were murdered, robbed and stripped of clothing and a trainload of provisions and money was looted by bandits under General Jose Rodriguez at Kilometer 68 of the Mexican Northwestern railroad, west of Chihuahua, according to one American on the train who escaped today.

He reached Madera and telegraphed the American Smelter & Refining company representatives here.

According to one report here, there were forty mining men on the train, of which fifteen Americans were taken off the train and shot. It is surmised that the shooting was done by troops of General Jose Rodriguez.

Names of Americans The names of Americans on the train compiled here follows:

C. L. Watson, W. J. Wallace, M. B. Romero, C. M. Evans, C. A. Bimble, M. A. Anderson, R. E. Machatton, E. L. Robinson, R. H. Seamons and the following whose initials were not known here: Coy, Hall, Watleigh, Newman, Hand, Blomb or Blum and Maurice Anderson.

C. L. Watson is the general manager and principal owner of the Cusihrachic Mining company, operating in the district of that name, which is in western Chihuahua, on the branch of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient line, connecting with the Mexico Northwestern at La Junta.

Censorship at Juarez Efforts to secure further information from the interior of Chihuahua officials of the American Smelting & Refining company said, were hampered by a censorship at Juarez.

Immediately after confirmation of the message reached this city a censorship on further information was imposed either at Juarez or Chihuahua City.

REGULAR PAY FOR NATIONAL GUARD PROPOSED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Plans to strengthen the National Guard instead of establishing a continental army as contemplated by the war department, were proposed to President Wilson today by Chairman Hay of the house military committee. Mr. Hay would not reveal how his suggestion was received by the president.

Under Mr. Hay's plan the National Guard would get regular pay and a provision would be included in the army bill for taking it into the regular army in time of war. He said that at first the plan would bring only about 130,000 men into the regular army but he felt that within two years there would be 400,000.

The plan also proposes to increase the present regular regiments of infantry to war strength instead of adding ten new regiments as planned by the war department.

Mr. Hay thinks this would give the same increase in the regular army without adding to overhead charges.

WANTS RECOGNITION OF THE PHILIPPINES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Senator Clark, democrat, today introduced a resolution to direct the president to withdraw all American sovereignty over the Philippine islands and recognize an independent government to be set up there within two years. The resolution was referred to the Philippines committee.

BULL MOOSE CONVENTION? SURE! BUT WHO WILL BE THEIR CANDIDATE?



MOOSE TO WAIT ACTION OF OTHERS BEFORE ACTING

BY GILSON GARDNER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—A Bull Moose convention date will be fixed by the Progressive party national committee when it meets today in Chicago. That date will be after the republican convention has been held, and probably after the democrats have met June 14 at St. Louis and nominated Wilson.

The Bull Moose are likely to get together about June 21 in Chicago for the last work in ticket making.

Will the Bull Moose put a candidate into the field? After the other conventions have been held it will be easier to answer that question.

The Republicans by that time will have chosen between Roosevelt and Burton—or some candidate of the Burton stripe. Or the republicans may even have accepted the Roosevelt challenge to name a progressive like Cummins, in which case Roosevelt has promised to support him. Again, the republicans may have seen that Roosevelt can smash their basket of eggs, or can help to carry it, and in that case may have chosen to let him carry the basket himself; in other words, they may choose him as their candidate and let him make the platform in the hope that this step will heal the breach and carry the G. O. P. back into power.

What the Moose will do cannot be predicted until answers are at hand as to what the republican party convention has done.

What the Moose will do if the republicans name a Burton or a Weeks is perfectly well settled at this date. They will name a candidate and smash the republican candidate, or do their best to do so.

The nomination of Weeks or any colorless dark horse candidate on a reactionary program will see the progressive fighting with a strong candidate for the presidency—possibly Roosevelt himself.

T. R. would take the nomination if he considered it necessary to draw enough votes away from the G. O. P. candidate. If he did not consider it necessary, he would prefer to let Hiram Johnson (if the latter is willing) or Victor Murdock, who is willing, of Gifford Pinchot, who would accept the job, go to bat.

SUBMARINE SINKS BRITISH STEAMER

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The British steamer Clan MacFarlane, of 4823 tons, has been sunk in the Mediterranean. There are no details of the sinking.

The Clan MacFarlane was sent to the bottom December 30. Six officers and eighteen lascars were landed at Malta. Thirteen lascars died in lifeboats.

The Clan MacFarlane left Liverpool December 16 for Bombay. She was 400 feet long, 50 feet beam, built in Sunderland in 1898 and owned in Glasgow.

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GERMANY ASKS AMERICAN CONSUL BE SENT HOME

BERLIN, Jan. 11.—A Wolff bureau dispatch from Stuttgart announces that an official investigation has been begun of the case of Edward Higgins, American consul at Stuttgart.

Mr. Higgins was accused by the Staats Zeitung of New York of unneutral and anti-German declarations. The Staats Zeitung's article was reprinted last week by the Cologne Gazette.

BERLIN, Jan. 11.—The newspapers of Berlin, says the Overseas News agency, assert that the German government has taken up the case of Edward Higgins, American consul at Stuttgart, who is said to have made statements hostile to Germany and in violation of neutrality.

An English correspondent at Amsterdam reported on Saturday that German newspapers were demanding the immediate recall of Mr. Higgins on the ground that he had given expression to anti-German sentiments.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Ambassador Gerard at Berlin has been authorized by Secretary Lansing to investigate unofficial charges against American Consul Edward Higgins at Stuttgart, alleging that he is pro-British and objectionable to the German government. No official charge has been made against him.

NATIONALISTS DROP FIGHT WAGED ON COMPULSION BILL

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The debate on the second reading of the military service bill began in the house of commons this afternoon. The bill was generally expressed in the opinion that the vote in favor of the second reading would prove more than on the first reading, said the minority would dwindle to a negligible figure.

It is believed a small number of radical party will follow the leadership of Sir John Simon in rejecting the compulsion measure to the end. Some of these members have already been requested to resign by their constituents.

John E. Redmond, parliamentary leader of the Irish party, announced in the house of commons this afternoon that the nationalists would not further oppose the military service bill.

Mr. Redmond went direct to parliament from a meeting of the Irish party. He quickly ranged himself and his followers on the side of the government.

Mr. Redmond said the Irish nationalists having made their protest against the military service bill and recognizing that the measure had the support of an overwhelming majority of British representatives in the house, would cease no further vote in any form against it. Even the opponents of the bill, he said, admitted it was receiving the support of a large majority of the public of the United Kingdom.

Mr. Redmond admitted that the majority in favor of the bill in the vote of the first reading, excluding the Irish members, was ten to one. He said the bill would become law and he hoped it would be passed quickly.

GARIBALDI OFFERS FORCE FOR ALBANIA

ROME, Jan. 10.—General Ricciotti Garibaldi today denied a report that his son, Peppino, was organizing a Garibaldian expedition for Albania, but admitted that such a plan had once been contemplated. The scheme to have a body of 30,000 "red shirts," strengthened by the regular army, invade the Balkans through Albania last June, he said, was supported by the British and French governments subject to Italian approval, but it was opposed by Baron Sonnino, Italian minister of foreign affairs, who told him, "we cannot in any way accept or favor your proposal."

Such an expedition could still be organized, although not under the same favorable conditions, but the minister of foreign affairs maintains his unfavorable attitude.

TEDDY ADVISES BULL MOOSERS FOR MILITARISM

Progressive National Committee Meets at Chicago—Roosevelt Says Preparedness Is Issue of the Hour and Censures Administration for Foreign Policy.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—The progressive national convention will be held in Chicago, June 7, the week of the republican convention here. This was decided today by the progressive national committee in session here.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—When the progressive national committee was called to order today a telegram of greeting from Theodore Roosevelt, standard-bearer of the party in the 1912 election, was read. In it Colonel Roosevelt emphasized the need of preparedness not alone in material ways, but of the soul and spirit of the citizens of the nation.

The message was received with applause by the committeemen and was followed by the reading of messages from other leaders, including Hiram Johnson, governor of California, and Albert J. Beveridge, former senator from Indiana.

Message From T. R. The message from Colonel Roosevelt follows:

"I send you my hearty greetings. We as a country are facing a great world crisis in which for the last eighteen months this nation has fallen far short of its duty both to its own people and to the law-abiding and justice-loving citizens of mankind.

"There is a crying need that we shall set aside all purely partisan considerations and be understood that he was an Englishman, but that the vote in favor of the second reading would prove more than on the first reading, said the minority would dwindle to a negligible figure.

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PERSIA SUNK BY SHIP EXPLOSION?

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Information contained in affidavits taken from the Persia survivors has caused government experts here to consider the possibility that the ship might have been sunk by an internal explosion. Secretary Lansing when asked about that feature of the case after today's cabinet meeting, replied that no official conclusion had been made.

The cabinet was in session more than two hours today, and it was understood that the submarine question was discussed.

NORTHWEST IN GRIP OF COLDEST SPELL OF YEAR

Zero Weather Prevails—Havre, Mont., 34 Below, Spokane 2 Above, Seattle 14 Above, Portland 18 Above, Butte 22 Below, Walla Walla 2 Below—Snow Covers Entire Region.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 11.—The temperature in Seattle at 8 o'clock was 14 degrees above zero, the lowest mark since January, 1909. Minimum temperature of 19 above zero at Seattle is forecasted for tonight. The bright, cold weather will continue through Wednesday.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 11.—A temperature of 34 degrees below zero was reported to the weather bureau from Havre, Mont., today. The temperature in eastern Washington and northern Idaho was near zero or below. In Spokane 2 above was registered. Prince Albert, Alberta, reported a temperature of 43 degrees below zero.

Four Year's Record

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 11.—With the thermometer 2 degrees below zero, Walla Walla is experiencing the coldest weather in four years. Six inches of snow covers the ground and about twenty inches have fallen during the winter, which is one of the most severe in many years.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 11.—The coldest weather in seven years was experienced here today, the mercury dropping to 18 degrees above zero. At Baker, Or., a minimum of 2 degrees above zero was recorded.

The steamer Inulda, arriving here today from the lower Columbia, ran into ice three-quarters of an inch thick ten miles below the mouth of the Willamette. The ice had formed entirely across the Columbia.

Coldest in Fifteen Years

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 11.—With an official government record of 22 below zero, Butte today experienced the coldest weather it has seen in fifteen years. Some private thermometers registered as low as 32 during the night. The coldest weather in the state today is at Three Forks, where the mercury dropped to 40. The peculiar conditions of the cold wave are evidenced by the fact that at the Heben dam, on the Madison river, less than twenty-five miles from Three Forks, the thermometer read 8 above zero as the lowest for the night.

Transcontinental trains are running about six hours late.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 11.—Northwestern states and Canada shivered today under a cold blast from the north that sent temperatures down to record points of the season in many sections. The lowest temperature reported was 48 degrees below zero at Battledore, Sask. On the Minnesota Iron range the temperature varied from 10 to 20 below.

In Minneapolis it was 10 below.

BAR PRESIDENTS WANT TAFT NAMED

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—A letter signed by seven men who have been presidents of the American Bar association, four of whom are democrats and three republicans, has been sent to President Wilson urging him to appoint Former President Taft to succeed the late Justice Lamar on the United States supreme court bench.

Some of the signers are Former Secretary of War J. M. Dickinson; Former Ambassador to Great Britain Joseph B. Choate; Alton B. Parker and Former Senator Elihu Root.

HANS SCHMIDT LOSES FEDERAL COURT APPEAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Justice Hughes today denied an application for a writ of error through which it was sought to have the supreme court review the conviction of Hans Schmidt, under sentence to be electrocuted Friday at Sing Sing prison for the murder of Anna Amaller in New York.