

RUSSIANS SCORE MILE ADVANCE WEST OF RIGA

Czar's Offensive in North Making Progress as Mackensen Forces Back Lines in Rumania—British Capture Turkish Trenches in Mesopotamia—Russians Attacking.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—It was announced officially tonight that Turkish trenches on a front of 1000 yards northeast of Kut-el-Amara, on the Tigris front, had been captured.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 10.—Russian troops attacking the German lines in the region of Lake Babit, west of Riga, have scored an advance of more than a mile, capturing a position between the Tird marsh and the river Aa, the war office announced today. In the fighting in this region since Friday last the Russians have captured 21 heavy guns and 11 light guns.

Mackensen's Attack.

Field Marshal Von Mackensen is rapidly developing his attack north of Fokshani and already has succeeded in forcing a passage of the Putna, across which the Russians in southern Moldavia retreated after losing the Fokshani bridgehead position, protecting the Sereth line in this important central sector.

Von Mackensen's thrust here apparently has the railroad town of Pantzin for its objective, as Pantzin, which lies some thirteen miles north of Fokshani, is on the short railway line from Teruteh, linking the two north and south lines running through Moldavia behind the Russian front.

At last accounts the Teutonic forces were only some five miles from Pantzin, the capture of which interferes seriously with the movement of Russian troops and supplies to the railway running northwest through Oena and virtually paralleling the Moldavian frontier line.

Russians Retreating.

While the German headquarters statement today only claims the gaining of a footing on the opposite bank of the Putna immediately north of Fokshani, the Russians have been cleared entirely from the vicinity of that stream towards the southeast and have been forced to retreat back of the Sereth river itself, the last of their defensive positions along this line.

Nearer the Danube, Berlin indicates that stubborn counter attacks have been made by the Russians, but declares the Austro-German positions have been maintained against these thrusts.

In the battles of the past two days the Teutonic armies have added some 1450 prisoners to the 5500 they took in the previous operations around Fokshani.

BIDDLE PRESIDENT OF 'FRISCO SYSTEM

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—W. B. Biddle, who was the first vice-president of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad company, was today elected president by the board of directors here. He succeeds W. C. Nixon, who died recently.

E. D. Levy, who has been second vice-president and general manager, was chosen Mr. Biddle's successor. Mr. Levy's place is taken by N. M. Rice, who was third vice-president.

Mr. Biddle is well-known as a frequent visitor to Medford, having large orchard investments here. He is the father of W. F. Biddle.

UNFILLED STEEL ORDERS BREAK RECORDS

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—Unfilled orders of the United States Steel corporation for the month ending December 31, reached 11,547,286 tons, an increase of 488,744 over the previous month, again breaking all records.

STOCK TICKERS' TAPE SHOWS NO NEWS OF LEAK

Boiling Demands Apology From Wood—News Services Disclaim Knowledge of President's Note—Printers Did Not Give It Away—Likely to Report Against Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—After another brief session today the house rules committee suspended public hearings on Representative Wood's resolution to investigate whether there was a stock market leak on President Wilson's peace note. Many congressmen believe the committee will report against an investigation.

Whether to recommend specific investigation of Lawson's general charges of stock exchange operations by government officials or a broad inquiry into the stock exchange, is the question now being considered.

No formal action was taken by the committee at its executive session. Members stated, however, that the Wood resolution probably would be adversely reported to the house.

Boiling Ignorant.

R. W. Bolling, a member of the A. Connelly brokers, Washington, was the first witness at today's hearing. He denied he had anything to do with a "leak."

"I have nothing to say," he said, "except that whoever is responsible for bringing my name into this, Representative Wood, I believe, might send me an apology at the same time that he sends one to Secretary Tamm."

"When did you receive your first information regarding the president's note?" Representative Henry asked.

"When I read it in the newspapers."

Bolling said he had no knowledge of any official of the government or administration who had profited direct from the stock transactions.

Nothing on Tickers.

W. A. Crawford, head of the local bureau of Central News of America, which supplies news to Financial America, a Wall street paper, read a confidential message he said he sent to his New York office December 20 saying that a note was coming, but that, according to Secretary Lansing, it was not a peace note nor a move for mediation.

"There was absolutely no leak in our service nor from any of its clients," said he.

Representative Harrison said he had examined the Central News tapes for December 20 and found nothing indicating that the confidence of Secretary Lansing had been violated.

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ALLIES REPLY TO PRESIDENT'S NOTE MOST SENSATIONAL

PARIS, Jan. 10.—Marcel Hutin, who is well known as a journalist, is authority for the report that the reply of the entente to President Wilson's peace note, will be "ultra sensational," and that its delivery to the president is imminent. He asserts the note will be made public as soon as President Wilson has had an opportunity to examine it.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—The reply of the entente powers to President Wilson's note asking the belligerents to state the aims for which they are fighting now has received the approval of all the entente governments and its delivery is about to be made at Paris. Publication of the text of the note, however, will be deferred until forty-eight hours after it has been received by the American government.

As finally framed, the reply is considerably longer than was the answer to the German peace proposals and contains approximately 1200 to 1500 words. Its statements concerning the terms of the entente powers are more specific than were made in previous communications or official utterances, but they are still general and somewhat guarded in character.

SUFFRAGISTS BEGIN PICKETING WHITE HOUSE

Dozen Women of Congressional Union Appear at Two Main Gates of Presidential Residence Carrying Banners Asking "What Will You Do for Suffrage?"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Woman suffragists today began their "silent picketing" of the white house. Twelve women from the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage appeared at the two main gates of the white house carrying suffrage banners inscribed, "Mr. President, What Will You Do for Woman Suffrage?"

White house officials said nothing would be done about it so long as the women created no disturbance or attempted to enter the white house. The white house police stood smilingly by as the women took their poses on the sidewalk just outside the entrance.

Each of the women wore a white, purple and yellow sash across her shoulders. They stood at attention, three on a side of each of the two main gates. Their banners could be read for more than a block.

Silent Sentinels.

The suffrage leaders announced that the picketing would be maintained from 10 o'clock each morning until 6 o'clock in the evening. The "silent sentinels" will be relieved every three hours. The announced purpose of the picketing is to make it impossible for President Wilson to enter or leave the white house without being confronted with reminders of the suffrage cause.

Just before pickets appeared this morning the president went out to play golf. Although groups of men and women quickly gathered about the pickets, they refused to enter into any conversation.

President Wilson returned to the white house from the golf links and smiled as his automobile passed through a gate flanked by the "silent sentinels," who made no demonstration.

To Maintain Guard.

Tired feet caused some of the sentinels to leave their posts, but recruits took their vacant places promptly. As the day wore on they showed signs of fatigue, however. They held their banners high at first, but after a few hours all stood with the staffs upon the sidewalks and shifted from foot to foot.

At intervals officers from Congressional Union headquarters walked in front of the white house to inspect the pickets. The suffragists said that the guard would be maintained until before inauguration, when a suffrage parade is to be held here, and that the number of women on duty around the white house would be increased daily until that time. They estimated that by the time the president is inaugurated on March 5 several thousand suffragists will be patrolling the white house.

YOUTH CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER

OLNEY, Ill., Jan. 10.—Roy Hintershler, found guilty this morning of manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Elizabeth Ratcliffe last July, was sentenced by Judge Miller today to life imprisonment.

OLNEY, Ill., Jan. 10.—The jury in the case of Roy Hintershler, charged with the murder of his sweetheart, Miss Elizabeth Ratcliffe, brought in a verdict of manslaughter at 4:15 o'clock this morning, after having reported three times for instructions. The penalty for manslaughter is a sentence of 1,000 to 2,000 years.

Hintershler confessed on the witness stand that the girl's death occurred Jan. 10, 1916, during an attempt at an illegal operation while driving in a buggy with her, but asserted she had used the surgical instrument supplied by him while he was not with her. He claimed the girl employed the instrument while he went to unbind his horse tied about thirty feet away.

BUFFALO BILL IN HAPPY HUNTING GROUNDS



THAW SEARCHED FOR IN 3 CITIES FOR WHIPPING BOY

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—With the police of many cities searching for H. K. Thaw to arrest him upon an indictment charging him with assaulting and kidnaping Frederic Gump, Jr., of Kansas City, Mo., it developed today that the man whom the police of Philadelphia have arrested is not George F. O'Byrnes, Thaw's bodyguard, alleged to have been involved in the enticings of Gump to New York last Christmas.

Frank P. Walsh, counsel for the Gump family, consulted the district attorney upon his return here today from Philadelphia. He informed the prosecutor that the man in custody in that city is Oliver Brower of Utica, N. Y., an acquaintance of Thaw.

According to Mr. Walsh's story to the prosecutor today, Thaw apparently left in Brower's care in a Philadelphia hotel a number of letters and documents. One of these, according to the lawyer, is an agreement, drawn up, but not signed, whereby Gump set forth that he had no objection to being whipped. The charge against Thaw is that he lashed Gump with a whip on three occasions during Christmas night in Thaw's rooms in a New York hotel.

Brower is held in Philadelphia on a technical charge. He is not involved in the accusations mentioned in the indictment against Thaw and O'Byrnes, but, as Mr. Walsh alleges, as Thaw's emissary after Thaw left New York subsequent to the escape of Gump from the hotel here. Thaw is understood to have sent Brower to look for Gump in the hope of preventing the youth from telling of the alleged incidents of Christmas night.

VILLA TROOPS SENT TOWARD CHIHUAHUA

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 10.—Government agents here received a report today which was accepted as authentic, that Francisco Villa had sent 3000 of his troops north from Porral to operate between Chihuahua City and Juarez, with the intention of occupying the state capital and Juarez while General Murphree was in southwestern Chihuahua. This report was confirmed by foreign refugees arriving at the border today.

ONE INJURED TRYING TO SALVAGE SUBMARINE

EUREKA, Cal., Jan. 10.—One man was injured seriously and several sustained minor injuries today when a boat's crew from the cruiser Milwaukee upset in the surf near here today while attempting to salvage the submarine H-3.

COLONEL CODY, FAMED SCOUT, PASSES AWAY

Buffalo Bill, Soldier, Indian Fighter and Hunter, Idol of Juvenile America, Dies, Surrounded by Family at Denver—In Coma Since Morning—Fought Death Valiantly.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 10.—Colonel William Frederick Cody (Buffalo Bill), soldier, hunter and scout, the idol of juvenile America, died at 12:05 p. m. here today at the home of his sister.

With Colonel Cody when death came were his wife and daughter, who had hurried down from Cody, Wyo., the family home, last week to be at his bedside, and his sister, Mrs. L. E. Decker, of Denver.

In Coma Since Morning.
Colonel Cody had been in coma since this morning.

Colonel Cody fought death as he often had opposed it on the plains in the days when the west was young. "You can't kill the old scout," he would tell his physician whenever his condition would show improvement. And when the doctor told him his life was ebbing Colonel Cody accepted his fate like a stoic.

"Let the Elks and Masons take charge of the funeral," he said to his sister. Then he turned to his business affairs, making suggestions for their continuance.

Cheerful to Last.
"Let us have a game of 'high five,'" he said after he had talked with his family and everyone joined, the colonel laughing and joking because he was winning.

Since January 5, when he was hurried back to his sister's home in Denver, the colonel had surprised all who knew his real condition by great powers of resistance and recuperation. One day his physician would see the end "within thirty-six hours," and the colonel would rally and no one could predict the exact outcome. On January 8, however, his system broke down entirely and from then on it was a question merely of time.

Story of His Life.
Colonel Cody was born in Scott county, Ia., February 26, 1846. His father was killed in the "border war" in Kansas. He became a pony express rider in 1860-1; government scout and guide and member 7th Kansas Cavalry, 1861-5. He married Louisa Frederick, March 6, 1856. Contracted to furnish Kansas Pacific Railway with all the buffalo meat required to feed the laborers engaged in construction, and in 18 months (1867-8) killed 1,200 buffaloes earning the name of "Buffalo Bill," by which he is best known. Government scout and guide, 1868-72, serving in operations against Sioux and Cheyenne. Member Nebraska legislature, 1872; joined 5th cavalry as scout, 1876. In battle of Indian creek killed Yellow Hand, Cheyenne chief, in hand-to-hand fight; 1894-1, general Nebraska national guard, Sioux (Ojibwa) headquarters Pine Ridge Agency. Participated in battle of Wounded Knee; has participated in more Indian battles than any man of his generation. Since 1883 he has been at the head of the "Wild West Show."

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BRITISH CRUISER SHANNON SUNK

BERLIN, Jan. 10.—According to the Basler Anzeiger, says an Overseas News Agency announcement today, "the British armored cruiser Shannon of 14,800 tons, was sunk in November last, through a mine explosion."

BOOTLEGGERS AFTER GILL'S SCALP

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 10.—Mayor Hiram C. Gill said last night that he expected the United States grand jury, now in session here, to indict him as a result of its investigation of alleged violations of the federal liquor laws.

"I fully expect to be indicted," he said, "but I am not worried. At first I considered an indictment against me impossible; now I think it very probable."

"This bunch of fellows—lawbreakers put out of business by me—are now telling the federal authorities a lot of rot that is reported to implicate me. They may tell connected enough stories to convince the grand jury of something, but no court will ever hold their evidence good, even if it is true and the motive revealed. The whole gang is running to cover."

GATES ELECTED MAYOR; HANSON PLAN ADOPTED

Citizens' Council Ticket Defeats Non-Partisan—Gates Given Majority of 124 Over Both Opponents—Hanson Plan Wins by 613 Majority—Gaddis, Carkin and Hargrave Council.

C. E. Gates was swept into office by yesterday's vote by a majority of 124 over both candidates, a plurality of 450 over Medynski and 628 over Nordwick. With him on the wave rode the citizens' candidates for councilmen and the Hanson plan. Buried beneath the wave are F. V. Medynski and his plan, the non-partisan candidates for council and H. O. Nordwick. Eighteen hundred and two votes were cast in the three wards. Mr. Gates received 954 votes against 504 received by Medynski and 326 by Nordwick.

The largest vote polled in the election by candidate or measure was given the Hanson plan, which received a majority of 613. This measure received a vote of 1079. The vote against the measure was 466.

The vote against the Medynski charter amendment was 951. The vote for the amendment was 555, a majority against of 396. The Medynski ordinance was given 555 votes, while 938 were registered against it; majority against, 383.

In the first ward, E. C. Gaddis was elected by a majority of 94 as councilman, polling 320 against H. C. Glascock's 226. John H. Carkin in the Second ward received 379 votes, and Ben J. Trowbridge 249, a majority of 130. Dr. H. P. Hargrave was re-elected in the third ward with 267 votes, as against E. S. Hitzler's 247, a majority of 20.

First Ward Vote.
Gates 300
Medynski 138
Nordwick 145
For councilman:
E. C. Gaddis 320
H. C. Glascock 226
Medynski amendment:
Yes 178
No 303
Medynski ordinance:
Yes 178
No 303
Hanson plan:
Yes 355
No 151

Second Ward Vote.
Gates 381
Medynski 192
Nordwick 85
For councilman:
J. H. Carkin 379
Ben J. Trowbridge 249
Medynski amendment:
Yes 193
No 379
Medynski ordinance:
Yes 194
No 373
Hanson plan:
Yes 414
No 100

Third Ward Vote.
Gates 273
Medynski 174
Nordwick 96
For councilman:
Dr. Hargrave 267
E. S. Hitzler 247
Medynski amendment:
Yes 184
No 269
Medynski ordinance:
Yes 187
No 262
Hanson plan:
Yes 310
No 155

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STEAMER ALEXANDRIAN SUNK BY SUBMARINE

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 10.—The Leland steamer Alexandrian has been torpedoed and sunk, presumably near the English coast, according to a telegram received by the local officials today. The Alexandrian sailed from New England December 27 for Liverpool with cotton and miscellaneous cargo.