

GERMANS RESUME OFFENSIVE NEAR MUESE, ARGONNE

BOTH ARMIES ACT IN THE NORTH THEATER

Miners and Sappers With Both Forces Are Getting Busy, Destroying Trenches and Caissons of the Other Army—Artillery Booming Continually Around the Belgian Coast—Germans Mass in Alsace.

United Press Service

PARIS, Jan. 2.—Meager advices from the front are to the effect that the Germans have resumed the offensive in the Argonne and Moselle districts and in the region of the Muese, and that they have been strongly reinforced.

This general offensive movement is evidently planned with the intention of forcing the French to withdraw from Alsace. The war office reports, however, that the enemy has been unable to make any material gains.

Mining operations have featured the movements of both the Germans and the Allies during the past 36 hours.

Sappers succeeded in demolishing the French caisson between Beaumont and Achfont, and the French demolished the German trenches at Parvillers and in the Selle forest.

It is admitted that the Germans attacked forcefully since Thursday, but it is insisted that they were everywhere repulsed. Violent artillery continues in the dunes around Neuport and Zennebeke and in the regions of Arras, Albert and Roye.

CAR MUST BE LOADED SOON

ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT IN WHICH TO GET OFF SHIPMENT OF FLOUR FOR THE STARVING BELGIANS

If the benevolently inclined citizens of Klamath Falls are to take advantage of the free transportation offered by the railroads for all goods destined for the relief of the starving Belgians they must get a move on, and have the car loaded by Tuesday afternoon.

The original offer for free transportation expired January 1, but the Southern Pacific Company has extended this time a trifle for Klamath's benefit.

The afternoon of Tuesday, January 5, however, is the extreme limit, and the car must be loaded by that time.

TAFT SAYS NOTE TO ENGLAND WAS THE PROPER WAY

PRAISES WILSON FOR HIS QUICK ACTION

"Tones are Admirable," Says Former President—Wilson Says His Patience Was Exhausted and That He Felt He Was Compelled to Make the Protest to See That Yankee Ships Are Molested No Further.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—In an interview with the United States Press today, former President Taft praised President Wilson's note of protest to England.

"The action was just what should have been done," said Taft. "The note was couched in admirable terms, and the tone was as it ought to be. I am unfamiliar as to the actual seizures leading to this position, but the tone of the note is admirable."

According to the White House, "exhausted patience" with England's attitude toward American shipping precipitated the sending of the protest. Wilson's forbearance reached the breaking point, and he reluctantly felt compelled to protest.

Up to that time, the British foreign office temporized or ignored complaints, verbal or written, so the only alternative was to protest vigorously, making it impossible to disregard it.

ARMOR FACTORY HIT BY PROBE

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE EXPECTED TO REPORT ADVERSELY ON THE PROSPECT FOR A GOVERNMENT-OWNED ARMOR PLATE WORKS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The congressional committee, appointed to investigate proposals for a Federal armor plate factory, is expected to make its report early next week. Senator Tillman is chairman.

It is understood that the committee will report adversely to the project at this session, because of the necessity for rigid congressional economy.

Gowen Gets the Coin
A total of \$316.17 was turned over to the county treasurer this morning by Justice of the Peace E. W. Gowen, as the earnings of his office for the week. Since then, he has taken in another \$25 fine.

The North Bend Manufacturing Co. has orders for dora from England.

Believed Formidable Blown Up by German Submarine



The above photograph of a portion of the crew of the Formidable, taken just before the warship started patrol duty in the fall.

United Press Service

LONDON, Jan. 2.—While all details are withheld, it is considered certain that the battleship Formidable was destroyed by a torpedo

from a German submarine. This is believed to have occurred off Portsmouth.

The latest reports are that only 150 of the crew were saved. Considerable criticism is expressed on the failure of the British submarines.

The admiralty has issued a list of 25 officers, headed by Captain Loxley, and says all perished.

WILSON SCORES HONEST RECORD

AFTER SHOOTING A SWAN AND LEARNING THAT THE BIRD IS PROTECTED, HE COMES TO TOWN AND PAYS A FINE

Mr. Diogenes need look no further, Klamath County has the Honest Man he seeks.

This is Charles D. Willson, proprietor of the Rocky Point supper resort on Upper Klamath Lake. He is so conscientious about keeping law that he made the trip from the other end of the lake today to pay a fine.

A few days ago, Willson shot a swan. Afterwards he found out that this bird is protected, and that to shoot it is unlawful.

At once, Willson hurriedly telephoned Justice of the Peace Gowen, stating that he had violated the game laws, and would be in to pay a fine. This morning he appeared before Gowen to "take his medicine." But this could not be done until a complaint had been made against Willson.

Yet undaunted, Willson set forth and found Deputy Game Warden Stout. To Stout he told all of the facts, so the latter could swear to a complaint.

Willson then entered a plea of guilty. He was assessed \$25, the minimum fine, by Justice of the Peace Gowen.

"There are some people up there who are breaking the game laws right along, and I intend to see that they stop it," said Willson today. "In view of this, it would look a little bit queer if I was insisting on others keeping within the law, and breaking it myself."

Lytle's Mother Dies
Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Charlotte Wood, mother of Don J. Lytle, well known in this city. The demise occurred last week in Indiana, and Mr. Lytle was at the bedside of his parent. Mrs. Wood was long a respected resident of that section.

Jack Has his Gout
Genial Jack Kimball is about to make application for admission into the ranks of the Four Hundred. He produces as credentials an attack of rheumatic gout.

TO ORGANIZE TO ENFORCE STATUTE

UNION MEETING TO BE HELD AT METHODIST CHURCH TO PREPARE FOR KEEPING KLAMATH FALLS "DRY"

The bling pig, speak-easy and bootlegger are to be unknown in Klamath Falls after the state goes dry, or the efforts of local prohibitionists will count for naught. Tomorrow night a union platform meeting will be held at Grace M. E. Church, when organization will be effected to work for enforcement of the law.

Laymen will be the speakers. It is the intention not to interfere with the officers, but to aid them in their work.

HIGH SCHOOL IS DOWNED IN GAME

KEWPIES ARE TOO FLEET AND STRONG FOR LOCAL YOUTHS—MERRILL AN KENO TEAMS ARE HEREE TONIGHT

Forty-eight to thirteen was the final score when the game between Kieth Ambrose's Kewpies and the basketball team of the K. C. H. S. ended last night. It would be better to say "part of the K. C. H. S.," for Noel and Page, two of the mainstays, were out of the game. A preliminary game between the Blues and Blacks went to the last mentioned girls by a score of 6 to 4.

This evening the high school will play the Merrill high school team a return game at the rink. Preceding this will be a game between the teams of the Central and Keno schools. The lineup of the Central team will include Kerr at center, Moteschenbacher, Hilton and Dow as forwards, and Lawrence, Chamberlain and Summers as guards.

French and German fishermen can be compelled to serve in their respective navies.

GERMANY SAYS FRENCH DISPATCH SERVICE UNTRUE

SAY FRENCH REPULSED NEAR STEINBACH

They Also Claim That the French Are Destroying Villages and Killing Non-Combatants, for Which the Blame is Laid at the Door of Germany—Tide Is In Favor of Germans in Verdun, Say Berlin Wires.

United Press Service

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—The war office today asserts that the French claims of victories at Steinbach are baseless and without any foundation, as the French attacks they were repulsed with great loss.

It is also asserted that the French are systematically bombarding and destroying villages behind the German lines, killing many non-combatants. In one village 50 non-combatants were killed.

The war office also claims that substantial gains are being made in the Argonne region north of Verdun, and between Villy and Apremont. The French attacks have been repulsed, and at one point 33 officers and 199 men were captured. The Germans also claim to have captured the entire forest of Brules, and now hold the Allies trenches.

RUSSIAN ADVANCE MAKING AUSTRIA FEEL ILL AT EASE

THEY CAPTURE PASSES IN THE CARPATHIANS

Petrograd Despatches Say That Russians Are Now Turning Their Whole Attention to Crushing the Country Ruled by Franz Josef—Severe Fighting Between Russian and German Forces in Vicinity of Miawa

United Press Service

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.—In the Miwa region the Germans vainly attempted the offensive, and severe fighting followed. It is admitted that the Germans made slight gains at some points, but it is stated that the main Russian strategic points are not threatened.

Russian steamers bearing heavy artillery bombarded the German position on the Island of Janyshow, opposite Vysogrod.

Between Lower Vistula and Pilica the Germans attacked in force under heavy artillery fire. They made slight gains, but were later repulsed.

United Press Service

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.—It was stated this morning that the Russians have captured four Carpathian passes, the Austrian forces retreated toward Hungary.

It is admitted that the Russian losses were very heavy. Russian officials admit that the present plan is to make a supreme effort to crush the main Austrian defenses in the Carpathians.

United Press Service

VIENNA, Jan. 2.—Undoubtedly the main Russian attack is directed toward Hungary, instead of Germany or Western Galicia.

Four enormous columns are driving through the Carpathians from Nyaykow, Turka and Gorlice, the crack Eighth Russian corps leading. Considerable nervousness is felt in this city.

HORSE-AUTO SWAP BEFORE JUSTICE

N. McTWEEDY, ACCUSED OF STEALING A HORSE, SAYS OTHER FELLOW DID NOT MAKE GOOD IN TRADE BARGAIN

The preliminary hearing of the charge of horse-stealing, preferred against N. McTweedy by G. A. Johnstone, began today before Justice of the Peace Gowen. District Attorney Irwin represents the state, and W. H. A. Renner is conducting the defense.

The testimony of Johnstone was that December 30, McTweedy went to Johnstone's ranch near Spring Lake, where Johnstone and others were engaged in breaking sage brush. He stated that McTweedy said he would take the gray gelding, and did so, leading it away.

There were three men present at the time, said Johnstone. He says McTweedy made a move as if to pull a gun, and they then did not attempt to interfere.

The cross examination developed that the horse was traded to Johnstone by McTweedy for an automobile. The auto was in Silver Lake over 100 miles away, and McTweedy maintains he was to give a bill of sale for the horse after he found the car as represented. This, it is stated, he did not, as the crank shaft was cracked, and there were other damages to it.

ORCHESTRA TO GIVE A SERIES

FIRST DANCE WILL BE HELD AT OPERA HOUSE THIS EVENING—ARE TO BE HELD EVERY WEEK HEREAFTER

The first of a series of weekly dances will be given this evening at Houston's opera house by the Metropolitan Orchestra, the splendid musical organization which plays at the Star theater.

The dances are to be given every Saturday night.

British India's wheat crop is estimated this year at 8,355,000 tons.

Fern Hobbs Begins Her New Job Today

United Press Service

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2.—After acting as private secretary to Governor Oswald West, who retires from office January 11, for several years, Miss Fern Hobbs today became a member of the State Industrial Accident Commission.

The position pays a salary of \$3,600 a year and is one of the best appointive offices in the State. Miss Hobbs will be the only woman member of the commission.

Miss Hobbs' tenure as private secretary to the chief executive was marked by activities that attracted nationwide attention. She conducted a number of investigations in connection with moral crusades in various towns of the State.

Her most spectacular performance was a year ago, when, accompanied by a squad of state militia, she invaded Copperfield, a town of the old "wild West" sort, closed all saloons and caused to be confiscated the stocks of liquors, gambling paraphernalia and firearms.

National Automobile Show Started Today

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Direct drive, center control, chassis, floating axle and similar technical terms are now on tap at the Grand Central Palace for the annual national automobile show, opened today. Nearly 300 exhibitors and manufacturers are exhibiting the newest in gasoline and electric cars and accessories.

New makes of self-starters, patent gear-shafts, speed indicators, lighting systems, horns and so on are on exhibition to indicate the progress of automobile manufacturing during the last year.

One of the features of the show this year will be Society Day when the admission fee will be doubled in order to keep out the mere curiosity seekers and attract the prospective purchasers.

The show will continue one week.