

TROOPS BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN EUROPEAN FIELD

GERMAN TROOPS CLOSE IN ON RUSSIANS

Attempt of Germans to Recapture Revere Has Been Thwarted by British Forces—British Preparing for Offensive, and German Moves Indicate a Checkmate Is Planned—The Shelling at Dardanelles Continues

United Press Service

LONDON, March 13.—A big battle which will really open the spring campaign, is now developing between Armentieres and La Bassée. There is indication of the Germans reinforcing heavily to check the British offensive.

United Press Service

PETROGRAD, March 13.—It is admitted that the German outposts are within four miles of Przasnysz. Artillery is being brought up for another engagement.

United Press Service

BERLIN, March 13.—It is officially admitted that the Germans have abandoned the attempt to recapture Revere and Chapelle. The attack had a successful beginning, but a superior British force turned the tide.

United Press Service

LONDON, March 13.—Admiral Pierce's Smyrna squadron has been reinforced by six warships from the Dardanelles. The city may fall soon. Athens dispatches declare that two British destroyers, two mine sweepers and two British battleships have been damaged in the Dardanelles bombardments.

WILL DECIDE MOTIONS SOON

IN ADDITION, JUDGE NOLAND WILL TUESDAY HEAR TWO CASES INVOLVING MERRILL'S CITY OFFICIALS

Tuesday Circuit Judge Noland will give his decisions in the several motions, demurrers, etc., argued before him. At this time he may also set some jury cases for trial during the latter part of the month.

Two other matters to be considered Tuesday affect the city of Merrill. One of these is the trial of the writ of review case, in which A. F. Clubine, a Merrill saloon keeper, is contesting the right of the city to fine him for having his saloon open after the polls closed election day. The other is the return of the mandamus issued in the petition to have the city treasurer make a report of all city money handled during the past year.

ANOTHER CAMP IS ESTABLISHED

A fourth camp is to be established by the reclamation service on the Griffith lateral enlargement work. This will be started tomorrow between the Lost River diversion dam and Stukel bridge.

For the work from this point, eighty head of horses are coming in tomorrow from Monague. This is the outfit of J. W. Sweeney, who has been engaged in work on the Pacific highway.

Work is now well started on the canal enlargement. About a hundred teams are employed at present, and it is expected that the number will be doubled during the coming week.

Hamburg-American Line Official Indicted



Karl Buecz, director and general American representative of the great American-Hamburg line, the greatest steamship company in the world, has with several other persons been indicted by a federal grand jury in New York for violation of the shipping laws of the United States in chartering ships to carry coal to the German warship marauders Karlsruhe and the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse.

The steamships Fram, Sommerstad, Lorenzo and Berwind were chartered through another company to carry coal to the cruisers off in the South Atlantic. The indictments charge the defendants with conspiring against the United States by making out false clearance papers and false manifests for the collection of customs.

It is alleged that the defendants by the false manifests they made out intended to conceal from the collectors of customs the names of the real owners, shippers and consigners of cargoes, and also the ports to which the cargoes were to be delivered. To carry out this conspiracy, it is alleged that on August 5th, George Koetter, superintendent of the line, had a conference with John G. Gans of the Gans Steamship line, and asked him to clear the Berwind and Lorenzo, promising that he would obtain clearance papers for them from the Berwind-White Coal company or from the firm of Wessels, Kulenkampf & Co.

LOCAL FIRM GETS A BIG CONTRACT

HYDRAULIC STONE AND BRICK COMPANY WILL FURNISH SAND AND GRAVEL FOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY WORK

The California highway commission has signed a four-year contract with the Hydraulic Brick and Stone company, owned by E. J. Murray and S. T. Summers of this city, for the delivery of sand and gravel to be used on the construction of the California highway.

The local company is to furnish all the sand and gravel from their pit at Hoey, used by the state of California in the construction of the highway from Redding north. It is estimated that this will take about 100,000 yards.

Mr. Murray is now at Hoey supervising the installation of an entire new plant for handling and loading the gravel. The new machinery includes a rock crusher, screens, drag line scraper, and new loading bins are also being erected.

With this equipment an average of 800 yards of material can be delivered and loaded on the cars each day. The contract calls for the delivery of the material on the cars at the pit.

Tests made by California engineers show that the material from this pit is the best on the coast for road and concrete construction.

THAW WINS, BUT IS STILL HELD IN N. Y. PRISON

JURY ACQUITS HIM OF CONSPIRACY CHARGE

Following the Verdict, Counsel for the Slayer of White Moved That Thaw Be Allowed to Go Back to New Hampshire and His Sanity Established—Case Will Be Argued Monday—Thaw Overjoyed

United Press Service

NEW YORK, March 13.—Harry Kendall Thaw was today acquitted of the conspiracy charge on which he was brought back to New York from New Hampshire.

His attorney immediately moved that he be allowed to go back to New Hampshire as a free man, and with his sanity established. The motion will be argued Monday, and Thaw, in the meantime, is confined in the Tombs.

Emotion prevented Thaw from speaking, as his lawyers and friends congratulated him. The jury left before Thaw could thank the members.

Chronology of Thaw Case

June 25, 1906—Thaw shot and killed Stanford White at the Madison Square Roof Garden.

January 22, 1907—Thaw placed on trial for murder.

March 20—District Attorney Jerome halted the trial, to prove Thaw insane.

April 5—Commission pronounced Thaw sane.

April 12—Jury before which Thaw was tried disagreed and was discharged.

February 1, 1908—Thaw acquitted at second trial, on ground of insanity. Committed to the Matteawan asylum for the criminal insane.

April 22—Thaw applied to Justice Morschauer for his first writ of habeas corpus.

May 6—Superintendent of Matteawan opposed Thaw's release.

May 25—Justice Morschauer dismissed the writ, asserting Thaw's release would be dangerous to the public.

June 13—Justice Morschauer denied Thaw's application to be transferred to Middletown State hospital.

June 29—Thaw demanded a jury trial to prove his sanity.

September 16—Justice Mills denied application.

January 4, 1909—Thaw appealed from Justice Mills' decision.

July 4—The appellate division denied Thaw's appeal.

July 14—Justice Mills heard Thaw's application for release on ground that he was sane.

August 12—Justice Mills dismissed the second writ.

August 26—Court of appeals sustains the appellate division decision that Justice Mills was justified in denying Thaw a jury trial.

December 30—United States supreme court refused to review the action of the New York courts.

April 15, 1912—Justice Stapleton issued third habeas corpus writ for Thaw.

July 27—Justice Keough dismissed the third Thaw writ.

November 22—J. N. Anhut accused of offering superintendent of Matteawan \$20,000 to aid in securing release of Thaw.

March 1, 1913—Thaw got fourth habeas corpus writ, in New York county. Withdrawn.

August 17—Thaw escaped from Matteawan in fast motor car.

August 19—Thaw arrested at Coaticook, Canada. Deported from Canada and arrested in New Hampshire.

October 24—Indicted with four of the men who, it was alleged, aided his escape.

November 9—Federal writ prevented Thaw's extradition from New Hampshire.

June 15, 1914—Application for bail denied by United States supreme

Gives Great Discoveries to the American People



DR. WALTER F. RITTMAN

Announcement has been made by Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, that Dr. Walter F. Rittman of the bureau of mines has just completed two epoch-making discoveries, which he desires patented for the free use of the people of the country.

The one, it is announced, will greatly increase the production of gasoline; the other will make the United States absolutely independent of the rest of the world in the production of materials necessary for the dye industry and the manufacture of high explosives.

In this time of war, when the available supply of material for the making of high explosives has been diminished to a degree alarming to military men, one of the processes is considered to be a tremendous boon to this government, and the discovery has caused elation among ordnance experts. It was in the chemical laboratories in Havemeyer hall at Columbia University that Dr. Rittman did the work resulting in the two discoveries. He has been busy there on his work with petroleum products since last summer. Previous to his entrance into this task he had done two years' work at Columbia for a doctor's degree.

Dr. Rittman was born in Sandusky, Ohio, in 1883—thus he is now only 32—and received his early education in Ohio. After being graduated from Ohio Northern College he came east and continued his studies in chemistry at Swarthmore College, where he later taught for some time. In 1910 and 1911 he was chief chemist of the United States Gas Improvement company of Philadelphia.

Baseball Talk Heard

New Grounds and Fast Team in Prospect, Say Fans

The baseball bug, after a hibernation of several months, has come forth, inoculating the fans to such an extent that a meeting of the board of directors of the Klamath Falls Baseball Club will be called in the near future. Already plans for the year are being discussed.

The club this year is going to start in work early in the season. By the time other teams are looking for games, Klamath Falls will have a snappy team working like clockwork, say those who ought to know.

The main difficulty with the team last year was the lack of a battery. This season will see a couple of good

court, which refused Thaw permission to visit Pittsburg.

December 22—United States supreme court ruled New Hampshire must surrender Thaw to New York on conspiracy charge.

March 8, 1915—Thaw arraigned in the criminal court in New York city to stand trial on conspiracy charge.

Meet at Pittsburg

United Press Service PITTSBURG, March 13.—A two mile relay race between the teams of Cornell, Princeton and University of Pennsylvania will be the feature of the annual indoor athletic meet of the Pittsburg Athletic Association at Duquesno Garden tonight.

River Steamer Record

United Press Service PORTLAND, March 13.—After playing on the Columbia River for thirty-seven years, it was estimated that the sternwheel steamer Lurline had traveled 1,550,000 miles, a record, perhaps, unequalled in the world for this class boat. The Lurline is still in excellent condition, making the regular trip to Astoria and return, a distance of 300 miles, every two days.

The menace of a "slim famine," which, because of the European war, threatened to hurt the American moving picture industry, has been banished. Moving picture film is being made out of skimmed milk.

HOG PRODUCTION RECORDS BROKEN

THREE SOWS BELONGING TO A FARMER ON KENO ROAD HAVE THIRTY-NINE PIGS THIS WEEK. SECOND LITTER IN YEAR.

California is making a great holler about the McKnight quadruplets. In this, they must follow Klamath county for three years ago Mr. and Mrs. Bunnell, on the Merrill road, were the proud parents of four youngsters born the same day.

A hog production record has just been set here also, that will stand for quite a while.

Thirty-nine little pigs were born to three O. J. C. sows at the George Shell ranch on the Keno ranch this week, according to D. W. George, a well known Klamath county rancher, who is here for the day. One litter contained seventeen, another twelve, and the third ten pigs.

These are the second broods for these sows within the year. Last fall they all had large litters, and the one that had seventeen pigs this time had sixteen at that time.

CRATER LAKE TO SEE LODGE MEET

WIZARD ISLAND IS TO BE THE SCENE OF UNIQUE INITIATORY CEREMONIES IN THE MIDDLE OF AUGUST

The following letter, received from the Keeper of Records and Seals of Medford Lodge, Knights of Pythias, explains the fraternal ceremonies, etc., to be held at Crater Lake next summer, in which the local K. of P. lodge will take part:

"In reply to yours of recent date, we will say we have just decided on a date for our Crater Lake convalescence. We leave here early Tuesday morning, August 17th, and aim to get there in good time for preparation for the night. We will be preceded a day or two by a committee with a truck load of supplies, paraphernalia, etc. That evening around a big camp fire, we expect to have a program, probably including the "Lesson of Friendship," put on by the Uniform Rank boys of our lodge.

The next day we go to Wizard Island, and in the old crater initiate a large class in the rank of Knight. We would like to have your lodge with your own team put part of the class through, and Talsman Lodge will handle part of the class. Bring as many candidates as you can. We invite all lodges to send candidates for the occasion.

The grand lodge officials are preparing cuts, from pictures we have sent them of the lake, to use on special certificates to be issued to each one who takes the rank of Knight there. It will bear the signature of the grand lodge officials and they are working to get the supreme officers here on that auspicious occasion, and if we succeed, these certificates will also bear their signatures. These certificates will be treasured mementos for all who appreciate anything of that kind. This is one good argument to use on prospective candidates.

We expect to serve meals at a minimum price to all members and immediate friends who may attend. We expect to stay over the second night and return Thursday. We plan having fresh venison and fish as part of the bill of fare. We already have assurance of attendance from many prominent men.

Women's Votes Keep Heads Off Street

United Press Service TEXAS CITY, Tex., March 13.—Taking a stand for cleanliness and sanitary measures, the women of this city outvoted the men in a special election on the question of permitting livestock to traverse the streets. There was 913 to 663 in favor of keeping the hogs off the streets.

MAY VOTE UPON KEEPING COUNTY AGRICULTURIST

PETITION FOR RETENTION TO BE CIRCULATED

Whether or not the co-operative agricultural extension work being carried on in Klamath county is to continue depends to a big extent upon the attitude of the farmers in the matter. The question may be submitted to them for a referendum vote.

The \$1,000 warrant issued by the county court in December for the agricultural work in the county is one of the warrants that has been temporarily enjoined by the federal district court. For this reason, it is impossible at present to realize the value of the warrant, and the work is in danger of being hampered. If there is assurance that the warrant will be paid in time, there is hope of selling the warrant to someone as an investment.

Kay Kendall & Ferguson, who represent the plaintiffs in the injunction suit, state that although there was a special fund for the agricultural work, the warrant was drawn on the general fund, and for that reason was held up. They suggested a referendum vote, and say they will be assisted by the way the farmers express themselves.

The following petition is to be circulated through the Chamber of Commerce:

"To the Honorable County Court of Klamath County, Oregon: We, the undersigned citizens and farmers of Klamath county, knowing that the position of the county agriculturist here is in a perilous situation, owing to the fact that a county warrant to the amount of \$1,000 in payment of 1915 salary, has been enjoined, and believing that the further maintenance of this office is of inestimable value to the agricultural development of the county, hereby petition your honorable body to take any possible steps toward devising means for the continuance of this office, having said warrant now in jeopardy released."

"MARTHA" MAY BE HERE MARCH 22D

ADVANCE MAN IS EXPECTED HERE TOMORROW NIGHT TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS—COMPANY TO TOUR CALIFORNIA

According to Mrs. Don J. Szwawitz, a member of the Andrews opera company, who is here from Medford for a rest between performances of "Martha," the Broadway production the company is featuring, the opera may be played in Klamath Falls Monday, March 22.

The advance agent for the company will be in Klamath Falls tomorrow night to make arrangements for the appearance here.

The company for the present has abandoned its northern trip, and will tour California, playing all the big towns and cities. Later the trip may be taken.

Rogue River Valley women are busy in their praise of the production, and speak favorably of the work of Mrs. Szwawitz.

The ballet company, though it is not bordering on the Pacific yet, there is a report of 100 to 150 to 200 to 400 fans.