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## FRENCH ARE ROLLED BACK AT METZ SAYS BERLIN DISPATCH

### Kaiser's Forces Capture the Trenches Lost Earlier in the Week

## FRENCH GAINS AT NOTRE DAME DE LORETTE TRUE

### Fighting Along the Vistula Continues With No Im- portant Changes

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**THE WAR LINEUP.**  
 France—Big German ammunition depot near Rheims struck by French shells and exploded. Reported many killed. Furious fighting St. Mihiel to Metz, several German trenches captured. Germans started new assault at Soissons.  
 Turkey—Turks in Caucasus retreating in disorder towards Erzrum, Russians harassing. Russian torpedo boat sank 12 Turkish freighters in Black sea. Slavs captured Aradnutsch, Rumania—Reported Rumania ordered Rumanian students Swiss universities to return to colors, foreshadowing Rumanian participation in war.  
 Germany—Berlin asserts French offensive towards Metz checked and rolled back. German newspapers predict other aerial attacks on England soon.  
 Austria—Vienna announces Russians defeated along Danube river, several hundred captured. Reported 150 cases black smallpox at Vienna.  
 Poland—Fighting along Vistula river. Berlin declares 100 Russians captured in engagement near Lipno.  
 England—British officials ridicule reports Zeppelins participated Tuesday night's aerial raid.  
 Belgium and Alsace—No change reported.  
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Berlin, by wireless to Staville, L. I., Jan. 21.—The French offensive against Metz has been halted and rolled back. This was the announcement contained in the official statement issued by the war office today. It added that the Germans had opened a strong offensive northwest of Pont-A-Mousson and had recaptured the trenches lost earlier in the week. Four cannon were taken in this engagement.

The government admits that the ground gained yesterday at Notre Dame de Lorette was recaptured by the French after a series of furious attacks. French assaults on the German lines northeast of Acrez were repulsed, the statement declares, and southwest of Berry-Au-Bac the Germans captured two trenches.

Fighting continues along the Vistula river, being especially violent in the vicinity of Lipno, where the Russians are attempting to drive a wedge into the German lines and reach the fortresses of Thorn. The statement says 100 Russian prisoners were captured east of Lipno.

Every man knows of a lot of good things he might have invented if he had only thought of them before the other chap did.

## Complicated Operations Reported From Eastern Theatre of War

By J. W. T. Mason  
 (Former European Manager of the United Press)  
 New York, Jan. 21.—The renewal of the offensives and counter offensives developing in Poland is making the operations along the Vistula the most complicated of the war. The center of the maneuvers is between Thorn and Warsaw, measuring a stretch of 125 miles along the Vistula. The Russians are about 35 miles from Thorn on the north bank of the Vistula. The Germans are the same distance from Warsaw on the south bank.

The problem of each side is the same—to protect its own fortress by pushing the enemy back on one bank and at the same time to advance on the enemy's fortress along the other. Only half a mile separates these movements, but that is the width of the Vistula, which is the most formidable barrier in Poland. It flows too swiftly to permit an army to cross, and the few normally available bridges have been destroyed. Neither side has been able to construct pontoons.

The resultant condition of two belligerents moving away from each other on opposite banks of a river, each aiming at an objective on the same river, is probably unique in warfare.

## Railroad to Siletz Basin is Completed

Independence, Or., Jan. 21.—The Valley & Siletz Railroad, which was started about two years ago, now has its track completed from near Airfie, west into the timber belt owned by the Spauldings and the Cobb & Mitchell people. The Falls City Lumber Company, supposed to be the main movers in the railroad, and who took the initiative in securing a 20-acre tract of land in the city of Independence as a mill site and secured a franchise down Seventh street, have allowed the time to elapse in both instances. About two weeks ago the matter again came before the people here and a committee of 12 citizens has been selected to see what can be done to secure additional land for a mill site and a right-of-way through the town for the railroad. The committee is working on the matter and it is believed the railroad will be built from Airfie into Independence this year. If the mill is built at Independence it will employ at least 100 men and will be a big enterprise for this section of Polk county.

## SENATE HOLDS BRIEF SESSION THIS MORNING

Fortunate is the young man who gets badly defeated in a political contest. The chances are he will then get discouraged and go to work.

## Death of President Thompson's Father Causes Body to Adjourn

The shortest morning session yet held by the senate during this meeting of that body took place this morning when that body convened long enough to call the roll, listen to the opening prayer, pass one motion and adjourn.

## EDITOR ARRANGED TODAY.

St. Clairsville, Ohio, Jan. 21.—Joseph Editor, noted L. W. W. agitator, was arraigned here today on a charge of treason. He pleaded not guilty and was bound over for action by the grand jury. Later Editor signed a \$5000 bond and left for New York.

Too many sermons are aimed at pocketbooks instead of at hearts.

## FLAX MILLS MAY BE INSTALLED AT PEN

Governor's Idea Is to Have  
Plant at Penitentiary and  
Employ Idle Convicts

A plan to install mills for the preparation of raw flax at the state penitentiary, to utilize the labor of the convicts and to provide the cheap labor which is necessary to make the production of this crop profitable, was discussed at the regular monthly meeting of the Commercial club last night. It was stated that Governor Withycombe was heartily in accord with the scheme and that it was probable that some legislation toward this end would be effected before the present session of the legislature closed.

## BEGGAR WHO USED "BUSINESS METHODS"

Man Who Had Pathetic Story Down  
Pat Serving a Twenty-Day Sentence  
in the City Jail

For one businesslike method failed to insure the prosperity of J. Romanith, Romanith had copyrighted a pathetic story about the loss of his small installment plan bungalow by fire, the serious illness of his wife now in the hospital in Eugene, and his illness from which he had just recovered. He had the yarn put together with a fine ear for effect and when he sprung the anticlimax that he wanted money to get Eugene it usually brought out a shower of small change from the sympathetic housewives at whose back doors he told his story.

He usually added that he needed but 60 cents to get him to Eugene and at one place he was given the entire 60 cents; at other places he received smaller amounts, generally 25 cents. Romanith kept them all listed, taking their names and address to prevent his making the mistake of working the same place twice. He had a complete list of his donors on his person when he was picked up by the police yesterday afternoon.

On January 2 a resident of the city "phoned in to police headquarters that a man of this description was working the sympathetic game in the neighborhood. An officer was sent to the scene but failed to locate the man, and no more was heard from him until yesterday, when he was located. Judge Elgin gave the man 20 days, the limit on a vagrancy charge. Romanith had \$5.95 when arrested.

Rolph Conway showed his ingratitude for the hospitality of the city yesterday when he logged it up the alley after being given a steady job of piling wood in the fire department. He also showed that he considered his liberty a more precious boon than the material things because he left his hat, coat, a dollar watch and a nickel locked up in the police station. Conway was serving five days for vagrancy.

Mr. Bell, of Sublimity, wanted all the gophers in the country killed and asked the co-operation of the Salem Commercial club in having legislation enacted placing a bounty upon the scales of the rodents.

Thomas B. Kay stated as his opinion that the state needed more manufactures instead of more fruit farmers and other agriculturalists.

It is easier for a girl to throw a young man over than it is for her to hit what she throws at.

## JURY SELECTED IN GRASSER MURDER CASE THIS MORNING

Court Room Crowded to  
Doors and Throng Waits  
in Hall

## JURY VIEWING SCENE OF KILLING THIS AFTERNOON

Panel Exhausted and Several  
Venires Required to Com-  
plete Jury

The selection of the jury in the case of Blasius Grasser charged with the murder of Elmer Bacon, was completed at noon today. District Attorney Ringo and Attorney John A. Carson for the defendant each made their statement of the case to the jury and the district attorney moved at this time that the jury be taken to the scene of the alleged crime to look over the ground that they might better understand the directions and distances. Attorney Carson did not oppose this motion and Judge Kelly granted the request. The jurors left the sheriff's office in automobiles for the scene of the killing at one o'clock this afternoon.

The jurors finally selected to serve in the case were Lee Acheson, L. W. Lee, H. A. Johnson, Sr., C. L. Johnson, J. W. Apple, A. Potter, P. C. Ferris, Benjamin Bowden, H. N. Barrett, J. P. Humphries, Amos Long and John Gantenbein. In all 45 jurors were examined before the 12 were selected. Since the accused man is a native of Austria Hungary, Attorney Carson was particularly to inquire into the political feelings of the jurors with regard to the struggle now involving Europe.

In the opening statement made to the jury by Attorney Fred Lampart, who is appearing as a special assistant prosecuting attorney, stated to the jury that the state expected to prove that Elmer Bacon came to his death by a gunshot wound caused by Blasius Grasser, that the deed was the result of malice and wholly unprovoked. Attorney Carson in his opening statement told the jury that the defense expected to show that the prisoner was the victim of a conspiracy on the part of others living in that vicinity and that he had been brow beaten and his property rights had not been respected. He said that they would show that the shooting was only the last resort of his client after all other means of protecting his rights had failed.

After the regular panel was exhausted a special venire of 12 more were chosen. The special venire was as follows: H. M. Barrett, E. A. Bell, Henry Robertson, P. E. Peterson, D. McHenry, T. G. Chestnut, George Norris, Ben Bowden, C. L. Johnson, P. C. Ferris, E. C. Armstrong, A. Potter. The next special venire contained six names as follows: John Siegmund, Frank Garland, J. P. Humphries, A. T. Haln, Edward Keene, David Yantis. The third special venire contained the names of Amos Long, W. F. Purvino, E. Kurz, and H. P. Cleveland. When this special venire was exhausted eleven jurors had been accepted and John Gantenbein was selected from the last special venire drawn by Judge Kelly. Thomas Little and Harmon Snook, also chosen on this special venire were not examined and were excused by the judge.

From Attorney Carson's line of questioning it was apparent that Grasser would testify in German

## HOUSE HAS LONG DEBATE ON COMMITTEE REPORT

"Continuing Appropriations"  
Question Calls Forth a  
Lengthy Debate

While there seems to be a unanimity of opinion among the members of the lower branch of the legislature that most of the annual or continuing appropriations be repealed, there is, nevertheless, a pronounced sentiment and determination on the part of the majority that no appropriation is to be cut off which will in any way cripple or impair the efficiency of any institution or department, and particularly the educational institutions of the state.

The temper of the house membership was preliminarily tried out upon this question this morning when the majority report of the ways and means committee was submitted recommending the adoption of the Schuebel bill, wiping out all continuing appropriations indiscriminately and without qualification and the motion to substitute the minority report of Representative Smith, of Crook, Grant, Klamath and Lake, providing that the repealing bill will not go into effect until January 1, 1917, for the majority. The amendment was finally voted down and the majority report was adopted with the understanding that the bill come up on its merits for final consideration.

Strenuous protest was raised by Representative Smith, in support of his amendment to the majority report, for the reason that many of the educational institutions, the national guard and other departments of state which depend upon these appropriations to plan ahead for their year's work and urged that time be allowed sufficient for such institutions to adjust their affairs to meet the new conditions. Representative Davey strongly opposed the repeal of the appropriations for the support of the branch agricultural experiment stations, established in different parts of the state, and Representative Harrow entered a vigorous protest against the repeal of the continuing appropriations for the state educational institutions and placing them back before each session of the legislature be buffeted about and used for political log-rolling purposes.

The house this morning passed the bill introduced by the Clatsop county delegation, extending the provisions of the present scalp bounty law to include a bounty of \$1 upon seals and seal cubs.

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## Miss Kathryn Clarke Elected To Senate From Douglas

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 21.—Miss Kathryn Clarke, of Ghendale, was elected state senator yesterday to succeed George Neuner, resigned, to become district attorney.

Miss Clarke had a plurality in nearly all the county precincts. She carried her home precinct by a vote of more than three to one. The vote cast, with the exception of the three precincts not yet heard from, is as follows:

Miss Clarke, 1129; J. W. Perkins, 1067; George Glynz, 820.

Miss Clarke will be the second woman member of the state legislature. Miss Marian Towne was elected to the house from Jackson county last November.

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though he confessed in his crime to the prosecuting attorney and Deputy Sheriff W. L. Seasham in English and to Sheriff Each both in German and in English, according to that officer. The court room was jammed full of spectators but Judge Kelly would permit none to stand up in the rear and a crowd was waiting constantly in the corridor outside the court room.

## MANY KILLED WHEN FRENCH DESTROY BIG AMMUNITION DEPOT

German Supply Base For  
Forces at Rheims Laid  
Waste

## AEROPLANES LOCATE SHED—SIGNAL GUNNERS

Following Terrific Explosion  
French Charge Capturing  
Many Trenches

By William Philip Sims  
 (United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
 Paris, Jan. 21.—Destruction of a big German ammunition depot supplying the forces of the kaiser near Rheims was announced in the official statement by the war office this afternoon. Unofficial advices say the explosion of huge supplies of powder resulted in the death of many German soldiers. French aviators flying over the German lines located the depot and signaled the range to French gunners who dropped a shell on the roof and exploded the powder. The shock was felt for miles.

French guns also demolished several German field works in the same vicinity. The statement says that after the explosion of the depot French infantry charged and captured several of the enemy's trenches.

Furious fighting is in progress between St. Mihiel and Metz, the advantage alternating between the contending armies. In the forest of Apremont, the statement announces, the Germans have been driven back 150 yards and several lines of trenches have been taken. This result was accomplished by a brilliant infantry charge, the statement asserts, after the German positions had been shelled for hours. The Germans attempted to retake the positions by a counter attack but were repulsed with heavy loss.

The war office admits the Germans captured several French trenches northwest of Pont-A-Mousson, where they continue their offensive. Along most of the battle line in northern France heavy artillery firing is announced. Northwest of Beaumont the French captured three German positions. In lower Alsace the French are reported to be advancing in force.

The statement does not comment on the renewal of German assaults on Soissons.

A Russian note says the European war will influence the style of ladies' dress this winter. Does that mean kilts, too?

**The Weather**  
 THIS IS OUR LATEST HERBY  
 Oregon: Fair tonight and Friday; northerly winds.

## Multnomah Delegation Greets Representative Towne

