

GERMAN INFANTRY ATTACK REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSS

Attempt to Carry French Positions Northeast of Maronville Fails

THOUSANDS OF KAISER'S TROOPS SLAIN IN POLAND

Numerous Engagements in Russia Developing into Extensive Battle

Paris, Feb. 10.—An attempt by the Germans to carry, by a general infantry assault, French positions northeast of Maronville, in Lorraine, has been repulsed with heavy loss.

From the Alsace to the Champagne district artillery duels dominated attention. The Germans are bringing up heavy reinforcements, evidently preparing for another smashing offensive as soon as the weather will permit.

Heavy German Losses. London, Feb. 10.—The Germans have sustained enormous losses in the fighting along the Forcherm line in Poland during the last week, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the London Star.

He estimates that not fewer than 50,000 Germans were killed and four times that number wounded as the result of this fighting.

Although reports from the eastern battle front are conflicting, it appeared certain today that the Austrians and Germans had been heavily reinforced in the Carpathians and Bukovina. In that event the Slavs also would have to abandon their proposed invasion of Transylvania and Hungary.

Hindered By Snow. Berlin, via London, Feb. 10.—The German war office admitted today that a series of separate engagements in Prussia were developing into an extensive general battle, but it was declared the fighting was still far from entering a decisive stage.

Damage By Aviators. London, Feb. 10.—Considerable damage was done Monday by allied aviators who dropped bombs on a military depot at Adrienne, according to reports received here today.

WORRY CAUSES SUICIDE

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 10.—A Paes, 60, wealthy Mexican, who came here eight days ago from El Paso, Texas, and who was driven to nervous prostration because of worry over the war situation in Mexico, committed suicide here today by shooting himself through the head with an automatic pistol.

MORS WILL TESTIFY. New York, Feb. 10.—Frederick Mors, who recently confessed here that he murdered eight inmates of the Old Fellows' home at Yonkers, N. Y., will be taken to Yonkers tomorrow to testify. Coroner Dunne declined to confirm a report that alienists had found Mors sane.

WILSON ANNOUNCES DECISION TO CALL SPECIAL SESSION

ve Congress On March 5 If Republican Filibuster Continues

WANTS SHIP PURCHASE BILL CONSIDERED AGAIN

Present Deadlock Continues With Record Broken For Continuous Session

Washington, Feb. 10.—President Wilson will call an extra session of congress to convene March 5 if the republican filibuster against the ship purchase bill continues.

This definite decision has been reached by the chief executive, it was learned today. The session will be instructed to consider any appropriation bills that fall during the regular session and at the same time another attempt will be made to pass the ship purchase measure.

President Wilson's decision to call an extra session was reached at a conference with Majority Leader Underhill of both houses of congress. The executive will not consent to drop the ship purchase bill either at this or the extra session.

The conference also considered the immediate discussion and passage by the house of the Gier substitute for the ship purchase bill, which includes the changes in the original administration measure which were favored by the progressive republicans. No decision was reached in this matter.

House democrats said there was at present a house majority of 25 to 30 in favor of the ship purchase measure, but they admitted that the prospect of passing the legislation in the next hour with a reduced democratic majority was doubtful.

President Wilson is also giving consideration to the proposition to tack the shipping bill on as an amendment to the "Keene" bill, which has already passed the senate.

At 3 o'clock the senate had been in continuous session for 51 hours, without any sign of the republican filibusters wearing out.

No Break in Filibuster. Washington, Feb. 10.—At 10 o'clock there was no sign of a break in the republican filibuster against the government ship purchase bill.

Senator Sherman of Illinois concluded his speech against the bill at 9:10, surrendering the floor to Senator Townsend of Michigan. Sherman began speaking at 1:27 a. m.

The senate, at 10 o'clock, had broken the record for a continuous session in congress, having gone 40 hours without a recess or adjournment. The previous record was 38 hours and 45 minutes, made during the filibuster against the repeal of the silver purchase act in 1893.

HORRORS OF GREAT ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE REVIVED IN THESE FIRST REAL PICTURES FROM AFFLICTED ZONE



1. SEARCHING EARTHQUAKE RUINS FOR VICTIMS 2. REFUGEES LIVING IN TENTS

Horror of the Italian earthquake is reflected in these first pictures to reach America from the zone of damage.

SENATE APPROVES 13 BILLS THIS MORNING

Upper House Sets Pace That Will Soon Clean Calendar

The business that remains to be taken care of by this session will be cleared up with ease if the record established by the senate this morning is maintained for the remainder of the session.

The bills passed were as follows: S. B. No. 197, by Thompson, creating a new judicial district out of Lake county; S. B. No. 214, by Clarke, changing the boundary line between Douglas and Lane counties; S. B. No. 195, by Moser, providing that companies shall be refunded traveling expenses; S. B. No. 137, by Senator Moser, providing that there shall be no discrimination in the salary given male and female teachers equally qualified and doing the same kind of work; S. B. No. 71, by Langguth, relating to the manner of discharging debtors; H. B. No. 287, by Irwin, prohibiting commercial fishing in Beaver Creek; H. B. No. 105, repealing conflicting laws; H. B. 315, by Lane and Lane delegations, fixing the boundary between Lane and Lane counties; H. B. No. 144, by Hinkle, requiring that school superintendents have actual teaching experience; H. B. No. 189, by Jones, changing the term of licensing a notary public from two to five years; H. B. No. 208, by the Douglas and Lane delegations, changing boundary line between Lane and Douglas counties.

COTTON FOR GERMANY. Norfolk, Va., Feb. 10.—Captain McDonald, of the steamer Dacia, which has been held in port here for some time with a cargo of cotton destined for Germany, announced today that his ship would sail at 3 p. m.

The British government has announced that it will seize the Dacia as soon as she reaches German waters. The Dacia formerly was a Hamburg-American liner, but changed her registry.

KILLED IN DUEL OVER GIRLS. Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 10.—In a dagger duel over a girl, Pedro Zuniga, 19, was probably fatally stabbed here early today. The police are looking for Juan Mexico, who is suspected of doing the cutting. Both are Mexicans.

STEAMER WILHELMINA IS STILL AT FALMOUTH

Apparently There Is No Intention of British Admiralty to Seize Ship

Falmouth, Eng., Feb. 10.—The American steamer Wilhelmina, which sailed recently from New York with a cargo of food for Germany, was still anchored in the harbor here today, under charge of her own officers.

The British admiralty's intentions are still undetermined. It has been supposed that the officials would prevent the delivery of the food cargo to Germany.

NATHAN FOR NEW YORK. New York, Feb. 10.—Ernest Nathan, former mayor of Rome, and Italian representative to the Panama-Pacific exposition, arrived here today on the steamer America from Genoa en route to San Francisco.

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CANDIDATE ACCUSED OF FRAUDS. Brazil, Ind., Feb. 10.—Roy L. Shattuck, republican candidate for congress from the Fifth Indiana district at the November election, was arrested here today on charge of conspiracy in connection with the federal investigation of alleged election frauds, now in progress at Gre Haute.

CONSOLIDATION PLAN AGREED ON LAST NIGHT

Bills Will Be Introduced in Senate Carrying Out New Scheme

At a meeting of the senate committee on consolidation of the different departments, boards and commissions of the state, last night, a general plan of consolidation was reached and will be reported in to the senate either this afternoon or tomorrow morning which contemplates a complete reorganization of several of the departments as they now exist and the consequent cutting off of several salaried heads if the bills to be introduced in the senate are passed by both houses.

According to the report of the senate committee the state tax commission will be consolidated with the railroad commission, with one of the present members of the commission to remain as the head of the bureau; the corporation and insurance departments will be consolidated into one department, probably with Insurance Commissioner Wells at the head; the consolidation of the industrial accident commission, the labor commissioner and inspector of factories and workshops, the industrial welfare commission and the commission for the inspection of child labor into one department, under the title of department of public works, with the present labor commissioner at the head and one member to be appointed by the governor, which contemplates the abolishment of all of the other boards and commissions.

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STATE AID FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN JACKSON OPPOSED

Both Douglas and Josephine Representatives Want Hand In Pie

LAW AGAINST KILLING BEAVER IS REPEALED

Appropriation Bills Are Approved For State School For Deaf

If Representative Vawter had any idea that his bill, providing that 20 per cent of the revenue derived from the quarter-mile state road tax be expended annually in aid of Jackson county in the construction of a permanent road across the Siskiyou mountains would get through the house without serious protest he was treated to a mild surprise this morning when it met with such strenuous protest from his colleagues from Josephine and Douglas counties that it was sent back to the committee on roads and highways to be modified so as to allow the latter two counties a share in the apportionment.

Mr. Vawter's bill made it incumbent upon the state highway commission to set aside at least 20 per cent of the state highway fund each year, which would be equivalent to \$96,000 for the biennial period 1915-1916 to be expended exclusively upon the construction of the Pacific highway across the Siskiyou, and it was so worded that the county of Jackson need not spend any more money on the improvement until the state had contributed an amount equal to that already expended by the county upon the road, or about \$180,000 as stated by Mr. Vawter.

Dr. Smith, of Multnomah spoke in favor of the Vawter bill, saying that Jackson county had spent immense sums of money upon the Pacific highway and was entitled to some aid from the state, and Representative Blanehart of Josephine, took sides with Mr. Porter, of Douglas.

The house this morning, despite protest from Representative Gill and others, passed Representative Lafferty's bill, H. B. 229, repealing the game laws to the extent of exempting beavers from its restrictions in the Willamette valley and leaves these little animals of wonderful constructive (also destructive) genius without protection from extermination in the localities where they have wrought so much damage to crops and fruit orchards in the past, in procuring the material for and as a result of the construction of their dams across streams.

The house also passed the ways and means committee bill, H. B. 443, appropriating \$54,987 for the maintenance of the state school for the deaf for the ensuing biennium, and several measures (called to pass including H. B. 70, levying an annual tonnage tax on motor vehicles engaged in transportation of freight, express, passengers, etc., on the public highways outside of corporate limits of cities and towns; 273, requiring women applicants for marriage to present health certificates; and 277, requiring nurses and housewives to report appearance of disease infection in the eyes of infants to prevent blindness.

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JONES HELPS KILL BILL INTRODUCED BY HIM IN HOUSE

Measure Abolishing Office of County Recorder Buried By Big Vote

HE INTRODUCED BILL TO PLEASE FELLOW SOLONS

Bill Abolishing Office In His County Pleaded So He Tried It On Others

By an overwhelming vote the house this morning killed the Jones bill, H. B. 373, providing for the abolishment of the office of county recorder in all of the eight counties of the state in which such office exists and when it came to the "show down" Mr. Jones, the author of the bill, created a ripple of laughter when he voted to kill his own creation.

It developed, however, that Representative Jones sprung the bill as a test of the integrity of the members of the house who are clamoring so loudly for economy and retrenchment and, when it transpired that the principal and only opposition to the passage of the bill came from the delegation of those counties in which the office of county recorder exists, he feels that its purpose has been accomplished and those members placed daily on record regarding their attitude on the subject of economy as it affects their respective bailiwicks.

Mr. Jones secured the passage of a bill abolishing the office of recorder in Union county and he states that there was such a demand on the part of delegations from counties to have their counties included in his bill that he thought he was doing them a favor in introducing the blanket bill. However, when the bill came up for consideration it was strenuously objected to by the delegates from Yamhill, Benton, Lane, Clatsop, Marion and Umatilla counties, the two Browns from Marion, having voiced their protest against the abolishment of the office in this county, and failed to pass by an overwhelming vote. Representative Weeks voted aye on the passage of the bill and later changed his vote to "no."

WILL TAKE ACTION. Washington, Feb. 10.—Secretary of State Bryan intimated today to newspaper men here that this afternoon's definite action on the British and German war situations might be expected soon.

The action referred to by Secretary Bryan was in connection with Germany's war zone warning and Great Britain's attitude toward American shipping.

Horne's bill, 223, creating the office of state inspector of masonry at an annual salary of \$1,800 was referred to the committee on roads and highways for amendment.

Several other bills passed the house this morning, as follows: H. B. 350, by Smith, of Klamath, relating to duties of county school superintendents.

H. B. 298, by Jeffries, confirming sales under execution.

H. B. 402, by Littlefield, correcting law relating to regulation of practice of optometry.

H. B. 411, by Irvine, increasing salary of district attorney for Lincoln county from \$600 to \$900 per year.

Serious Defeat of Russians Now Impending Says Expert

By J. W. T. Mason (Former European Manager of the United Press.)

New York, Feb. 10.—One of the most serious Russian defeats of the war is in process of being inflicted on the Slavs in Bukovina.

The Austro-German movements are developing to this end. One is making way through the southern tip of Bukovina and the other is moving into Galicia, about 40 miles beyond the northern boundary of Bukovina province. A stretch of 200 miles of the southeastern Carpathians divides the two movements, but strong forces guard all the mountain passes so that the Russians cannot break through.

The Weather. Oregon: Fair to night and Thursday; colder to night northeast portion.

from crossing the Carpathians and the Austro-German army moving through southern Galicia will cut off the Russian retreat from the north. The Slavs there must face the alternative of fighting against strong odds in Bukovina or fleeing across the Rumanian border and lying down their arms for the rest of the war. The effect of such a Slavic catastrophe on Rumanian public opinion undoubtedly would make Rumania's entrance into the war more remote.

German leadership is now aiming at this double objective. To check the German plan the Slavs must prevent the development of the present drive through southern Galicia. There is still time, apparently for the Russians to withdraw from Bukovina into Galicia before the Germans close the door. It is obvious from Petrograd dispatches that this situation is regarded with disquiet.