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GERMANS CAPTURE GUNS AND FORCE PASSAGE OF YSER

Teuton War Office Says Allies Have Lost Heavily In Fighting

FRENCH ADVANCE TO FOREMOST TRENCHES

Trawler Is Torpedoed By Germans In the North Sea Today

Berlin, via wireless to London, April 23.—Capturing several positions held by the French and British north and northeast of Ypres, the Germans have forced a passage of the Yser canal and established themselves on the western bank, and official statement issued from the war office this afternoon declared.

Positions about Langemarick, Steenstraate, Hetzas and Pilliken were taken, it was stated, and 1600 prisoners captured. In addition, 30 cannon were taken by the Germans.

The allied forces are declared to have suffered heavy losses in the fighting, which is in its region in which the most stubborn engagements have been in progress during the past week. The statement also admits the advance of the French to the foremost German trenches between Ailly and Apremont.

"Last evening our troops rushed the enemy's positions north and northeast of Ypres," the statement declared. "After stubborn fighting we forced a passage of the canal and established ourselves on the eastern bank.

"Positions at Langemarick, Steenstraate, Hetzas and Pilliken were occupied and 1600 prisoners and 300 cannon captured.

"Between Ailly and Apremont the French penetrated our foremost trenches but we have partly driven them out by a series of counter attacks. We have evacuated Imbremeuil, but remained the hills to the north and south."

Zeppelins Are Sighted.

London, April 23.—Two Zeppelins were sighted off the Northumberland coast this afternoon. No reports have yet been received of bombs being dropped, and it is believed the German air cruisers may be merely on another reconnoitering expedition.

Four British aeroplanes are reported to have ascended from their base on the Northumberland coast to determine whether the approach of the dirigibles means that a Zeppelin raid is about to be attempted, and possibly to attack the airships.

Should the Zeppelins continue their voyage and invade England, it will be the fourth German aerial raid attempted within a week. Two previous raids were made by Zeppelins and one by aeroplanes. One Zeppelin approached within 11 miles of London on the last

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BARNES IS SHOWN AS POLITICAL DR. JEKYL, MR. HYDE

Roosevelt Declares He Tried To Make Him a "Good Citizen"

"BAD SIDE" HOLDS HAND IN POLITICS

Colonel Required To Limit Speeches and Answer Questions of Lawyers

BY BOND GEDDES.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Syracuse, N. Y., April 23.—A political Dr. Jekyl and Mr. Hyde in the person of William Barnes, Jr., republican boss of New York, was pictured here today by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt.

On the stand from the time court opened for cross-examination by William Ivins, counsel for Barnes in the $50,000 libel suit brought against the former president, Roosevelt alternately made "speeches," engaged in spirited verbal passages with his questioner and then presented his opinion of the republican leader for the jury's consideration.

The colonel declared Barnes had both his good and his bad sides. For years, he said, he had tried to develop the good traits and make Barnes a "useful public citizen," but finally abandoned all hope of reforming him. Roosevelt said he gave up his efforts toward reform in 1911. He said Barnes had two moral standards—one for public and the other for his private life.

Without praising the republican boss, but in a straightforward matter of fact way, the colonel said Barnes would be a real potential power if he only could develop his "good side."

Attorney Ivins endeavored to show that Roosevelt "fell out" with Barnes only when they disagreed.

Roosevelt insisted, however, that the "bad side" of his enemy was uppermost insofar as politics was concerned.

The witness was led over the political history of his term as governor of New York, and declared that while he knew that a combination of the democrats and republicans had been agreed upon at that time, he could not prove it. At this point the colonel vigorously proclaimed:

"If they had done anything I would have made the same open fight against them that I made later."

A rather pointed objection from Ivins brought a reprimand for him from the bench, but Justice Andrews instructed the colonel that he must eliminate his speeches and confine his remarks to answering questions.

Returning to the period when Roosevelt was governor of New York, Attorney Ivins asked:

"Did you ever hear of a combination of democrats and republicans while you were governor?"

"Yes, I heard of it and knew of it," replied the colonel. "That is, I knew such a combination had been agreed to.

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WILLAMETTE HOLDS BIG ORATORICAL CONTEST

Orators Of Eight Colleges Try For Honors At M. E. Church

The State convention and oratorical contest of the intercollegiate prohibition association of Oregon will be held in Salem this year, beginning today and concluding tomorrow. The delegates from the six colleges will arrive this afternoon and meet at the Y. W. C. A. rooms at the university. Here the delegates will be assigned places to stay while attending the convention. A large number are expected and the entertainment committee have been kept busy providing places.

At 8:00 o'clock the state oratorical contest will be held in auditorium of the First Methodist church. A large crowd is expected as it is only once in eight years that the state contest is held here, there being eight colleges in the association and it goes from one to the other in succession. The quality of the orations for tonight's contest is equal and in several cases superior to those of former years; they are of a constructive nature, and suggest practical and plausible solutions to the liquor question.

The program as it will be rendered this evening is as follows:

Invocation, Dr. Avison.
Organ solo—Prof. F. S. Mendenhall.
"A New Plank"—Eric Bolt, Willamette University.
"The Demand of Industrialism"—Herbert Blatchford, Albany College.
"The Twentieth Century Vision"—R. L. Putnam, Eugene Bible University.
Vocal solo—Mr. A. A. Schramm.
"The Hour of Victory"—Lester T. Jones, Pacific University.
"Social Unrest and the Liquor Problem"—M. C. Smithson, McMinnville College.
"The Flood Tide"—Lisle Hubbard, Pacific College.
"All in a Garden Fair"—by the Ladies Glee Club.
Decision of judges, awarding of prizes.

The judges on delivery are: Frank H. Hilton, Portland; A. King Wilson, Portland; Mrs. Sean, Portland.

The judges on composition are: Prof. James L. Lardner, Evanston, Ill.; Prof. John R. Pelsna, Austin, Texas; Mr. I. N. McCash, Spokane, Washington.

The Willamette students are planning to be present in a body to sing songs and cheer for the local representative, Mr. Eric Bolt, who has taken an active part in oratory every year since he has been in school. He has a fine oration and those who have read it predict that he will rank high, if indeed not win honors.

Tomorrow the delegates will assemble at Waller Hall for the election of officers for the coming year, and to transact business which will come up for their consideration.

Miss Mildred McBride, of Willamette University, is the state president now and she deserves a large amount of credit for the consistent work which she has expended in preparing for the contest which will be held here tonight.

"War Stocks" Gain Millions In Value

New York, April 23.—"War stocks"—securities which have been benefited by the European conflict—are now worth $210,729,783 more than they were on January 1, it was estimated here today.

These issues represent only 10 per cent of the hundreds of stock listed on the New York stock exchange, and are evenly divided between automobile and steel securities.

The great gain by these stocks does not represent any mere "paper profit," it was declared in Wall Street. Exchange officials said that at least half of the money had been pocketed by fortunate operators, most of them outside of Wall Street.

60 LIVES PROBABLE TOLL OF TERRIFIC CYCLONE IN TEXAS

Million Dollars Is Estimated Property Loss Of Flood and Tornado

CARCASSES OF DEAD ANIMALS IN STREAMS

Wind Rips Ears of Corn Out Of Husks and Feathers From Chickens

Dallas, Texas, April 23.—Between 40 and 60 persons are dead in Austin, Texas, and the property loss there is more than half a million dollars, as the result of the flood and tornado which have swept Texas and Oklahoma.

Reports from other sections of the flood and storm district increase the death toll hourly.

Rivers are swollen, running in some places more than a mile wide. Big houses, some with people clinging to them, shouting for help, have been seen floating down the raging streams, it is reported. All the lowlands are inundated and scores of villages are partly under water. More losses are expected. Every creek and brook is out of its banks.

Tears Feathers From Chickens.

Everywhere the carcasses of dead animals float in the streams.

The fury of the cyclone which swept parts of Texas was terrific. It is reported that the wind ripped ears of corn out of the husk and tore all the feathers off a flock chickens at Childress, Texas.

Wynnewood, Okla., and Knox county, today reported terrific cyclone damage. Dallas and Fort Worth are without gas as a result of the storm. These cities are dependent almost entirely on natural gas for fuel and prospects for repairing the breaks in the mains are very indefinite. One bakery was forced to throw away 7,000 pounds of dough as there was no gas for the bake ovens.

News From Austin.

Austin, Texas, April 23.—From 40 to 60 persons are dead; several hundred families are homeless and property damage of $500,000 has been done by the flood which has enveloped Austin and vicinity during the past 12 hours, sending a high body of water rushing down the valleys.

With Shoal and Waller creeks and the Colorado river on a wild rampage, the highest water in years was predicted today by the weather bureau here. Hourly advices by telegraph and telephone bring reports that more bodies have been sighted floating in the swirling waters, and it is feared that the list of fatalities may be increased to 100 before night.

For 12 hours the firemen and policemen of Austin have been on constant duty in the inundated district. Scores of imperiled women and children, clinging for safety to the branches of trees or perched upon the roofs of houses, were rescued during the night. Firemen freely risked their own lives and a score narrowly escaped being swept to death. So far as known, Pipeman Thomas Quinn is the only fireman who perished, however. He had some women marooned on a housetop when he lost his hold and plunged into the flood.

Relief Committee Organized.

Relief committees have been organized in all parts of Austin and these are taking charge of the work of aiding the distressed.

Grave apprehension regarding the situation at San Antonio was felt by the authorities here. Communication is interrupted and the damage in that part of the state is not known. Basing their belief upon the experience of previous floods, however, the authorities this afternoon expressed alarm.

The rainfall in Austin reached the proportions of a cloudburst during the night. Nine inches of water fell during a period of 6 hours. It was still raining today and the weather bureau predicted continued unsettled weather.

Gangs of men were set at work in the debris of the flooded district this afternoon, looking for the bodies of victims. Many corpses have already been recovered, most of them being found in the wreckage of homes. Several, however, were taken from tree tops, the victims having perished when trees, upon which they sought safety, toppled over into the flood.

Several members of one family of eight are missing and are believed to have drowned when the rushing waters lifted their home from its foundations and swept it downstream.

"Pleased to meet you" is one thing a man never says to a sight draft.

ELKS COME HOME IN RAGS AND TATTERS

Nineteenth Anniversary Celebration Is Great Success ---Many Guests Here

The 19th anniversary home coming of the Salem Elks brought the boys all home, "Some in rags, some in tags and some in velvet gowns." But very few of the boys came in their velvet gowns, as the celebration last evening was emphatically a hobo affair and the home members as well as the brothers from Albany, McMinnville and Eugene were attired so true to the genuine hobo and the sons of rest that they were not recognized by their ordinary toiling friends of other days.

Accepting the invitation to appear as wandering Willies, the McMinnville lodge arrived here about 7:30 last evening with their band and two coaches loaded with poverty stricken Elks. Shortly after 8 o'clock Mayor Curl and his hard luck brothers arrived on the scene, announcing their arrival with fire works and tooting of horns.

Several hundred of Salem Elks attired beyond recognition in their efforts to out-do each other in their hard luck appearance, greeted the incoming trains.

The grand march was formed at the electric depot and parade was made through the principal business streets to the Elk home where the weary and forlorn, to the tune of five bands, each playing a different selection, were admitted to the lodge rooms.

The celebration of the evening was opened by a short welcoming address by Judge D'Arcy, attired for the occasion in overalls and flannel shirt.

"I am glad to say that I am a member of the Albany Elks," said Governor Withycombe. "You certainly are live men, the men who do things and help build up the commonwealth."

Following the governor's address, short speeches were made by John Knight of Portland, the first exhalted ruler of Salem lodge; Dr. Hill, of Albany, who said he was not in the habit of travelling with such a looking crowd, although he had done considerable travelling. Brother Collins of Albany had a bill he wanted introduced, from the pen of Senator Ed Cusick of Albany, J. C. MacCreay, of Newberg, county commissioner of Yamhill county, was arrested by a hard looking policeman and brought to the front for a speech. Mayor Curl was there, too, to stand for the good behavior of his crowd.

And thus the evening's celebration was passed with a final closing of "It's a Long Way to Tipperary."

The fun and frolic was not confined to the lodge rooms as many of the visitors attended the local theatres and proceeded to introduce themselves to the audiences.

And for being caught wandering on the streets, Judge Webster was arrested and put in the patrol wagon.

SLAVS HOPE TO FORM NEW NATION AFTER WAR

SERVIAN LEADERS DEMAND PEACE FOR ALL TIME

Moral Force Behind Soldier Makes Him Invincible Against Mere Military Force---Men Fight Grimly and Desperately For Plot of Ground That Is Their Home---Losses Are Terrific But Courage Still Undaunted

(By Henry Wood, United Press staff correspondent.)
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Nish, Servia, April 10.—(Via Salonika and London.)—April 23.—A new Slavish nation to include Servia, Croatia, Slavonia, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Dalmatia, Istria and the ancient Servian empire beyond the Danube, is the hope and ambition of the Servian leaders. And when the present war is settled the Servian leaders will demand that the powers settle for all time the great Balkan question so that they can build up their devasted country and resume their place in the family of nations.

Prince Is Interviewer.

This was the plan and hope expressed today by the prince regent of Servia, Alexander, in his first public utterances since the war began. He received me in the five room cottage set apart for his convenience at Kragmyevats, the general headquarters of the Servian army, and recited for the United Press details of the great campaign the little Servian army has been able to wage against the might of Austria. For a time the prince was the interviewer asking anxiously regarding my observations in France and questioning as to the probability of Italy's entrance into the war.

When he discussed the work of his own troops the prince waxed enthusiastic. It was plain that he was proud of the manner in which his soldiers have twice thrown back the entire weight of the Austrian Army, and he was glad to tell of the fighting.

Moral Force Makes Invincible.

"The moral force behind the soldier fighting for home and country makes him invincible over the soldiers whose only force is that inspired by military discipline and organization," he said. "It is that which has enabled Servia twice to defeat Austria, and it is that which will enable her to continue victorious to the end. Soldiers of an agricultural country like Servia, where every citizen owns his own home or farm, are more to be reckoned with than the soldier who fights merely because he is ordered to do so. The poorest peasant in our army fights with grim determination and defies death to save the little patch that is his and his country's. Fighting like this he is invincible. I personally am an ardent admirer of military discipline and organization, but I cannot deny that the real source of strength of the Servian army is in its patriotism.

"While we have defeated the enemy twice, I do not believe that a third attempt to overwhelm us will be made at present. It was the plan of the Austro-German staff to send another great combined army through Servia, and, if victorious, to influence Bulgaria to join in the fighting and march to the relief of Turkey. Fortunately the success of our Russian allies has made it necessary for the enemy to withdraw this army from our northern boundaries. I do not believe that either Austria or Germany will now be able to mass another expedition against us.

Losses Are Terrific.

"But we wont remain idle. Although our losses have been terrific and our nation is now being swept by a fatel epidemic of typhus, our army still is intact. It is as courageous and determined as ever, and is ready to come to the assistance of our allies when they need us.

"We hope to contribute our full share toward the general struggle for the emancipation of the oppressed European peoples and for the reforming of the territorial limits of Europe along nationality lines."

"Is Servia especially interested in this latter phase of the war?" I asked.

"Yes, it is," the prince replied, with even greater emphasis than before. "This means more to us than any other thing. This war, which began for the maintenance of independence, has now become also a war for the liberation and unity of our brethren the Servians,

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Harry Thaw Granted Trial To Determine Sanity

New York, April 23.—Justice Hendricks of the state supreme court today granted Harry K. Thaw a trial by jury to determine his sanity.

Thaw again appeared in the role of a popular hero this afternoon, following the announcement of the court's decision. A score of fashionably dressed women who were in court attempted to embrace and kiss him. Thaw smiled and endeavored to dodge them, but was unable to escape all of the women. He finally fled into the corridor.

This is the first real victory gained by Thaw in the maze of legal procedure which has marked his case since he was captured after his escape from Matteawan. Although acquitted on a charge of conspiracy on which he was returned to New York state, it was held that the original order committing him to Matteawan was still in force and his release was refused. Habeas corpus proceedings then fell flat.

The appeal to Justice Hendricks for a trial by jury was the famous prisoner's last hope in the state courts. If this had been denied his appeal through the habeas corpus writ would have been carried to the United States supreme court.

Justice Hendricks set Thaw's trial for May 17.

John B. Stanchfield, counsel for Thaw, was immensely pleased by the decision of the court. He declared that such a trial was just what his client had been wanting ever since he killed Stanford White nine years ago. He said he was confident Thaw could convince any jury that he was sane.

Thaw was elated with Justice Hendrick's ruling. He was in high spirits in his cell in the Tombs, and emphatically denied reports that he had planned to attempt to escape from the prison.

FRENCH BULL DOG SHOW.

New York, April 23.—For the first time in the history of the breed, noted European champions will compete at the annual show of the French Bulldog club of America, which opened here today. It was a roof garden show, on the top of a fashionable hotel.

The world seems all the brighter to lovers when the gas is turned low.

BIG CONCENTRATION MEETING AT MARION

Centralization and enlargement of the work of civic organizations and co-operation with the greatest results at the minimum of expense will be the keynote of the monster "booster" meeting to be held at the Marion hotel this evening under the auspices of the board of governors of the Salem Commercial club. Secretary Moores, of the commercial club, is receiving assurances of attendance from all quarters and the indications are that it will be the biggest get-together meeting that has ever been held in Salem. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 and a nominal charge of 40 cents per plate will be made.

The purpose of the meeting, which will embrace every civic organization of a business character of the city, is to promote the spirit of harmony and co-operation among the several commercial and business bodies of the city, such as the Commercial club, Illihee club, Business Men's league, Salem Commercial club, Taxpayers' league, etc., so that instead of working separately for the attainment of the same object all bodies can operate together under one head and central committee or executive board, instead of the business men of the city being called upon indiscriminately to subscribe for every enterprise or improvement that is inaugurated by the separate organizations, as is now the practice, it is intended that they affiliate in one central organization and subscribe to but one fund in the nature of monthly dues to the elimination of all special subscriptions as the occasions arise.

The plan has been put into practice in Portland with astounding success, through the consolidation of all commercial and business men's bodies, and C. C. Colt, manager of the Union Meat company; E. L. Thompson, of the banking firm of Hartman-Thompson, and Fred Larsen, of the Umbdenstock & Larsen Investment company, who took a prominent part in bringing about the organization of the new chamber of commerce of Portland, as the new consolidation is called, will be in attendance, and will deliver the principal addresses of the evening, devoting the most of their time to a detailed explanation of what has been accomplished in Portland and what they hope to accomplish as a result of the consolidation scheme. Every one who is interested in the upbuilding and future progress of the city of Salem and the surrounding territory should not fail to be in attendance at the meeting, which will not consume more than a couple of hours' time, and take an active interest and part in the objects of the meeting.

Ladies Urged to Attend.

President W. M. Hamilton, of the Commercial club, desires to extend a special invitation to the ladies to attend the meeting tonight. They are urged to come to the supper and to hear the plan explained by the Portland speakers.

Portland Speakers at Marion Hotel Tonight

FRED LARSEN

E. L. THOMPSON

C. C. COLT

Prominent workers in the re-organization movement successfully accomplished by the civic organizations of the metropolis. They will give the business men of Salem practical talks along the same line.

Mason Says Allies Would Probably Attack Turks on South

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

New York, April 23.—It is reported from Athens, Berlin and London that the allies are landing troops at Enos. If this is true the allies have abandoned hope of being able to subdue the Dardanelles by a land campaign on the Gallipoli peninsula. Instead of trying to reach Constantinople from the south, the reports indicate an indication to land in European Turkey near Bulgaria, and then move on Constantinople from the west.

A campaign of this nature would duplicate the incidents of the Bulgarian operations in the Balkan war. The difference would be that the Bulgarians attacked Adrianople from the north, while the allies, after landing on the shore of the Gulf of Saros, must approach the stronghold from the south.

Adrianople is the first objective of the allies. After enveloping that city, they would turn east and proceed toward Constantinople. The distance to be covered by such a campaign would be nearly 200 miles.

The meager gains which have heretofore been made in the present war suggests great difficulty in advancing such a distance, but the Bulgarians did it. In 1912 the Turks were not led by Germans, and this difference may be felt now. But probably the greatest factors in a campaign across European Turkey would prove to be the shortage of Turkish munitions, and the size of the allied army.

The Weather

Oregon: Probably fair tonight and Saturday; winds mostly westerly.