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RUSSIANS ATTACKING ALONG ENTIRE FRONT

Northwest of Czernowitz and From Bessarabia to Volhynia Fighting Assaults Are Most Strenuous—On Western Front Germans Make Slight Gains and Hold Positions Despite Fierce Attacks by French—Peace Advocates at Berne Propose An Armistic, Several Neutral Nations Represented

London, Feb. 11.—Despite the drawbacks of winter, the war is flaring out anew on both the eastern and western fronts.

Fighting that began with local attacks in the Artois and south of Arras is spreading on the western line. At the same time, the Russians have dispelled the quiet of the last few weeks and are strongly attacking northwest of Czernowitz and on the entire front from Bessarabia to Volhynia.

The Berlin official statement today claimed that, though the French countered bravely northwest of Vimy and south of the Somme, they had not recaptured any more territory. The Paris communique did not claim any further gain last night, though previously it had been indicated the French won considerable of the ground they had lost.

"The French after several hours of artillery firing tried four times to regain their losses, but failed," said Berlin.

Though both the Germans and French attacked strongly, it was evident from the official statements today that no important results followed. Paris reported no important changes as a result of the night's struggle.

Peace Advocates Busy

Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 11.—Peace advocates sought here today to effect a move looking toward the ending of the war.

A permanent committee met to propose an armistice and to find some means for a lasting peace. Peace proponents from several neutral nations attended.

The delegates hope to obtain at least a fortnight's armistice before the spring season renews the mauling.

They believed that if the guns were silenced for that length of time the belligerents would not renew the fighting.

But, if the conference can gain no trace, it hopes at least to eliminate some of the more horrible features of the war, such as air raids upon cities behind the lines of forts.

Prince Von Buelow, Prince Hohenzollern and Baron Von Krafft at Lucerne are reported to be in close touch with the movement here.

SERVING WARRANTS ON BOMB PLOTTERS

United States Marshal Round- ing Up Indicted Neutrality Violators

San Francisco, Feb. 11.—With an enormous sheaf of warrants in his possession, United States Marshal Holoban began today a round-up of alleged bomb plotters, neutrality violators, and Chinese smugglers.

German Consul Bopp, German Vice Consul Von Schack, Attache Von Brucke, C. C. Crowley, Johannes Koolberger, Mrs. Margaret Cornell and Louis J. Smith, "informers" were the alleged bomb plotters sought.

Alleged neutrality violators, charged with participation in the so-called "Sacramento expedition" to supply a

German squadron included the German chancellor of the local consulate, Turkish Consul Hall, the German vice consul and men prominent in business and shipping circles here. Immigration heads, former steamer Mongolia officers and Chinese were named in the smuggling cases.

Indictments formally returned last night against these men were followed by issuance of warrants. Smith was the additional person indicted, but his name was included, it is understood so he may be available as a witness against Bopp and others.

The "bomb indictments" charge a conspiracy to blast tunnels in Canada and likewise plots against steamers.

The neutrality indictments charge that an expedition to supply German war vessels was put on foot, with the Sacramento and other ships used as supply vessels from this port.

Use of the local port as a "naval base" is one count; false swearing to manifest is another.

Bonds of \$1,000 in the neutrality cases and \$2,500 in the bomb cases was the anticipated amount. The consular officials, the first to be involved in such serious charges, will however, be accorded the diplomatic courtesy of going without bonds because of their positions.

No trouble was anticipated in making the round-up.

Abe Martin



The gter who dresses it' attract attention generally gets it. It seems like th' folks who never show up till nine or ten in th' mornin' make all th' money.

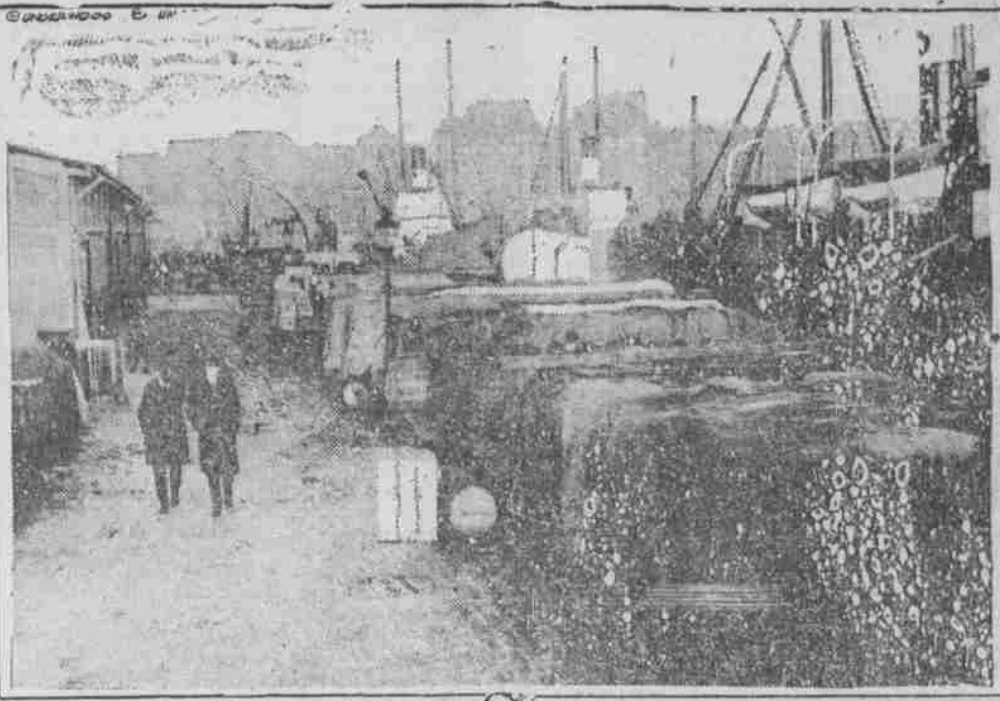
Ohio Gas Boom Dying and Investors Lose Cash

(By United Press.)
Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 11.—The gas boom in this vicinity is over. Too many persons wanted to get rich quick, and as a result investors have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Experts today placed the gas flow in Cuyahoga county fields at 35,000,000 cubic feet per day. A year ago it was 100,000,000, and the field was rated as the most active in the world. Hundreds of wells, driven at a cost of \$6,000 each, are being pulled, and the piping sold for \$600. Most of the gas being used here is piped from West Virginia.

WAR NEWS OF ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

The Kaiser was on the western front. The Germans forced the Russians from their positions and took 25,000 prisoners in the historic battle of the Marston lakes. The Russians admitted their retreat in East Prussia. Thirty-four British aircraft attacked German positions on the Belgian coast.

BRITISH SUBMARINE BLOCKADE PLAYS HAVOC IN SWEDEN



Waterfront of Stockholm, Sweden, glutted with goods.

The British submarine blockade of Germany in the Baltic is bringing disaster to those Swedish merchantmen who must depend for a living on their export business with the Germans. So stringent has the blockade become that goods are moved across the Baltic with great difficulty, and the waterfront at Stockholm is glutted with goods which are being held there until the British become a little less active.

DRASTIC DRY LAW FOR WASHINGTON CITY IS BEFORE THE SENATE

(By United Press.)
Washington, Feb. 11.—The Washington man who keeps his rum for his hair and the housewife who puts vanilla in the angel cake are both likely to be visited by the Metropolitan police if Senator Sheppard's prohibition bill for the District of Columbia becomes a law.

The bill now before the senate is regarded by dry authorities as the most thorough, comprehensive, iron bound, steel riveted lid ever devised. The residents of the District have no vote or say as to whether they wish to venture upon so complete a drought. It's all up to congress.

The bill not only prohibits the manufacture, sale or giving away of liquor, but it provides that the mere possession of liquor shall be deemed sufficient evidence to convict a person of selling it.

Search of any premises may be made upon an informal complaint. Discovery of liquor on the premises will void the lease and give the owner the right to eject the occupant. Common carriers are prohibited bringing alcohol beverages into the district. Any scheme or device to evade the law shall be regarded the same as the sale of liquor.

The keeper of liquor may be restrained as a common nuisance, according to the proposed regulation.

Five wholesale druggists only are to be allowed to sell weed, grain or denatured alcohol. Anyone buying it must make an affidavit that he is twenty-one, not of intemperate habits and not addicted to the use of narcotic drugs.

To obtain wine for sacramental purposes priests and ministers are required to make application to the district commissioners specifying for what sacramental purposes the wine is necessary, and how long the quantity applied for will last.

The commissioners, before granting a permit, which will cost 25 cents, must satisfy themselves that the facts are correct. Each wine will then be allowed to be imported, but must be delivered at the church between 6 in the morning and 5 in the evening.

The sale of any liquor containing more than 1.2 of 1 percent of alcohol is forbidden and subject to all the other restrictions of the bill. This is understood to include perfumery, flavoring extracts, proprietary medicines, prescriptions and similar preparations containing more than this amount of alcohol.

FLOODS THREATEN PORTLAND FROM GORGED RIVERS

Crest of Flood Has Not Reached City and Another Is On the Way

COULMBIA'S SWIFT RISE CAUSES APPREHENSION

Columbia Raising Eight Inches An Hour At The Dalles —River Full of Ice

Portland, Or., Feb. 11.—Floods threaten Portland on two sides today. The upper Columbia river was rising rapidly, the crest of the Willamette river flood had not yet arrived, and more high water was reported from the headwaters of the Willamette, where heavy rains have brought down some of the mountain snow.

The government weather bureau was not optimistic regarding the flood situation today. When the Columbia rises a few feet more the waters of the Willamette will be backed up. Rising water from the upper Willamette and its tributaries may put the water front streets of Portland under water.

Between Albany and Oregon City the river was falling rapidly. Above Albany new floods were reported, and the crest of the first flood had not reached Portland today.

Armed men patrolled a small dike in the southern section of the city last night because three Japanese threatened to dynamite the dam to remove the water from their gardens. If the dike was released the village of Leita would be covered with 7 feet of water.

Over three thousand acres of land in this section are flooded by backwater.

Portland Docks Covered.

Portland, Or., Feb. 11.—With water covering every lower dock along the waterfront and backing up into some sewers, the crest of the Willamette river flood was expected early today. A stage of 19 feet will be reached before the water begins to fall.

The Columbia river has risen only slightly. Because of this there has been little damage in Portland as a result of the high water. The flood last night carried away the gang plank and moorings of the cruiser Boston, naval militia training ship, but she was held by her anchors.

More rain was predicted today.

Tahoma May Be Crushed.

Portland, Or., Feb. 11.—In the midst of a mass of moving ice the stern wheel steambot Tahoma was buffeted about by the swift current in the Columbia river this afternoon and the lives of five men aboard her were imperiled.

Other steamboats were unable to shove their way through the ice and reach the Tahoma. Tugs were sent this afternoon to rescue the men. The boat probably will be left to its fate.

Since January second the Tahoma has been held hard and fast in the ice near the Oregon shore. Carrying a large cargo and a number of passengers, she was frozen in while en route from The Dalles to Portland.

IMMENSE SQUADRON OF ENGLISH WARSHIPS AWAIT GERMAN DASH

(By Wilbur S. Forrest.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
With The English Battle Cruiser Squadron, Somewhere In The North Sea, Feb. 11.—Huge British cruisers, fleet scout ships, and a host of mosquito craft, formed in constant battle line here, are headed out to sea, ready for instantaneous response when the wireless snaps:

"The German fleet is coming out of its refuge in the Kiel canal."

Through the courtesy of the admiralty, I was enabled to spend the day aboard the giant battle cruiser Tiger and the smaller cruiser New Zealand. The Tiger is not only larger than any dreadnought America has but she has the great speed of 30 knots.

The Germans still believe the Tiger is a leop of rusting iron at the bottom off Doger Banks. There over a year ago British and German craft clashed, and a Zeppelin reported home that the Tiger had perished. Now, it is thought the German airship mistook the sinking.

Heiber for the Tiger.

From the deck of the Tiger I could see scout cruisers in the distance. These have been thrown out at sea to guard against submarines which, like wolves of the sea, have tried to make their way into the fold where lie the ships of the grand fleet of England.

This fleet is ready for anything. Stories have circulated of late that German warcraft equipped with big new 17 inch guns, intend to steam out of the Kiel canal and give fight to the British. They will find the ships of England on guard—and eager for a test of strength in a good cause. From men of the fleet came the confident prediction that Germany would come out second best in such a venture.

Every day finds the fleet better prepared. Thousands of crew men are giving their leisure moments to the manufacture of munitions, so that if the blow does come, the ships will have a tremendous store of death to deal to the Teuton enemy.

HERMIT HAD \$5,000

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 11.—Search for the savings of James Mack, a hermit who died several weeks ago in his cabin near Nevada City, Cal., ended in Sacramento today when it was found he had \$5,000 in a safe deposit box at the D. O. Mills bank.

Mack, who worked for many years as a section hand, lived in seclusion. His sole amusement was listening to a phonograph. He left a crudely drawn will bequeathing his property to a man in Nevada City, although it is said he has a sister who is an actress.

Ice Gorge Breaks

The Dalles, Or., Feb. 11.—The Columbia river rose 8 1/2 feet during the night and was still rising at an alarming rate this morning. The channel is filled with ice. An immense jam of ice at Big Ed's west cut.

HOUSTON OR LANE

Washington, Feb. 11.—That President Wilson favors either Secretary of Agriculture Houston or Secretary of Interior Lane for the post vacated by Secretary of War Garrison became known this afternoon.

He will probably choose the successor while on a cruise down the Potomac on which the president and Mrs. Wilson are leaving tonight. They plan to be back here Sunday.

Those Alaskan children who are going barefoot to school in January are missing a lot of fun snowballing.

GARRISON QUITS JOB AS SECRETARY OF WAR

General Scott, Chief of Staff, Designated by President to Act As Secretary Until Successor Is Named—Garrison Disgruntled Because Wilson Considered All Plans For Providing Army For Defense Instead of His Alone—Resignation Made Evidently In Fit of Pique—Breckenridge Also Quits

Washington, Feb. 11.—President Wilson today formally designated General Scott, chief of staff, acting secretary of war for a period not to exceed 30 days, or until his successor is appointed and qualified.

With Scott thus filling the place vacated by Secretary Garrison, who quit because his chief, President Wilson, was not "irrevocably" pledged to the Garrison continental army plan, the White House made it known that Garrison's successor will be a man of great ability.

This man will be appointed within a day; he is likely to be a "dark horse," the White House indicated, though a crop of "possibilities" were mentioned in official quarters.

Meantime, it is even more certain that congress will pass the militia plan in its preparedness program—the idea that caused Garrison's resignation. Chairman Hay of the house militia committee said so; and Chairman Chamberlain of the senate military committee indicated the same thing.

Washington, Feb. 11.—With General Scott, chief of the United States army staff acting as secretary of war, President Wilson today assigned success-ors for Secretary of War Lindsey M. Garrison and Assistant Secretary Breckenridge, who quit their posts as a result of disagreement with president on the preparedness question.

Speculation as to the successors, however, was buried in official quarters beneath consideration of the differences between the president and Garrison which brought the breach. The war secretary regarded these as differences in principle, not merely in methods of achieving adequate national defense.

Though there had been rumors that Garrison intended to quit because of the apparent failure of the continental army plan he advocated, the immediate cause of his resignation is believed to be the following note from the president, regarding the speech the secretary was scheduled to make last night before the chamber of commerce of the United States:

"I consider the principle embodied in the Clarke amendment an abandonment of the duty of this nation and a breach of trust toward the Filipinos; so believing I cannot accept it or acquiesce in its acceptance." At the same time, he wrote on the militia that he regarded it as an "unjustifiable imperiling of the nation's safety."

The following day, the president answered that personally he believed it "unwise" to extend further self government to the islands "at this time," but held it would be inadvisable for him to dissent if both houses concurred, though he suggested he must withhold judgment until the measure reached him.

Yesterday the secretary sent his resignation saying it was manifestly improper for him to continue when there was such a difference between him and the president on "fundamental principles."

The president expressed "very great surprise" when he accepted the resignation, but said he felt he would merely impose an additional burden on Garrison if he insisted on his remaining in the cabinet.

The two resignations were decided on suddenly, for an hour before Garrison was scheduled to speak before the chamber of commerce it was announced that advance copies of the speech stenographer transcribed the secretary's notes. The secretary, it was said, had tried to conform to the president's wishes in the matter of expressing his personal views. The resignation, however, was ordered, and Garrison and his wife left for New York after cancelling the speaking engagement.

Resigned in Fit of Pique.

The speech was being given to reporters when an employe was called into Garrison's office, and a moment afterward dashed out and held up the speech. During the hour's wait for the copy, Garrison and Breckenridge conferred and then it was announced that the secretary had suddenly been called out of town.

General Scott did not attend the cabinet session today in his capacity of secretary ad interim, however.

Until a successor is named, President Wilson will take personal charge of the administration preparedness program. General Scott, however, will have charge of the routine affairs of the war department.

Garrison has more keenly resented the attitude of Chairman Hay than that of any other person in congress. After the secretary had submitted a complete plan for a military system which he thought eliminated the two chief objections to the present militia system, he found them entrenched in Hay's

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THE WEATHER

GIRLS, I'M STILL SINGLE

Oregon: Tonight and Saturday occasional rain, and colder in the east portion tonight; variable winds, mostly southerly.