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FIERGE FIGHTING RESULTS IN BRITISH VICTORY ON SOMME

Capture Strong Position and Group of Picked Men Defending It

BAGDAD CAPTURED BY GENERAL MANDES ARMY

Loss Blow to Turkish Pres- tige, and Shatters Ger- many's Dream of Asia

By William Philip Simms.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
The British armies of the Somme, which have been fighting for more than a year, have today captured a strong position and a group of picked men defending it. The capture of this position is a serious blow to the prestige of the Turkish army and shatters Germany's dream of Asia.

The once cozy village of Ipres sat almost at the top of a slope leading to the plateau on which is Loupart wood. There were quarries east and north of the village with sunken roads on all sides. It was this feature of the ground surrounding the town that made its defense by small units easy.

Here the Germans posted many defenders in groups of eight, in charge of non-commissioned officers. They were armed with machine guns. Each group had orders to stick until specifically told to retire.

After the hurricane of bombardment the British attacked from the west and south, converging their lines. They swept over the ground killing or taking prisoner every German in the pocket thus formed. The fighting was crisp and sharp while it lasted.

Bagdad Is Taken.

London, Mar. 12.—Musal is the next objective of General Mandes's victorious British forces in Mesopotamia. The details of the occupation of the ancient city of Bagdad were lacking today and the public was expectantly awaiting a full narrative which would show important captures of prisoners and war material from the Turks in the taking of the city. It was known the British forces do not intend to rest on their arms.

Mesopotamia is now encircled by three great forces of entente troops, whose lines are tightening and driving the Turks further toward the tip of Asia embraced in Anatolia.

These forces are first, General Mandes's victorious column, which has taken Kut-el-Amara and now Bagdad, and is still advancing; second, the British force advancing along the coast line of the Mediterranean toward Jerusalem; third, the Russian forces across Persia toward the Turkish flank and rear. A fourth force of Russians from which little has been heard recently, is around Mush still farther to the rear of the Turks.

Military experts hailed the fall of Bagdad as a tremendous blow to Turkish prestige and one likely to have far-reaching effect in the near east. The capture of the city likewise is the final blow inflicted on Berlin's ambitious plans for a Berlin-to-Bagdad railway which would connect Germany with Asia.

Stone Will Retain Place As Chairman

Washington, Mar. 12.—Senator William J. Stone, criticized as one of the "wild men" who succeeded in blocking the president's armed neutrality bill during the closing hours of the last session, succeeds himself as chairman of the foreign relations committee.

The list of new committee assignments, announced today, by the steering committee, shows Stone, as chairman of the foreign relations committee, a position of great importance. His reappointment, despite widespread criticism that another man should replace him owing to a failure to support the president's critical time, has been foreseen on both sides of the "senatorial courtesy" as "senatorial precedent" was too strong to be disregarded.

AMATEUR WIRELESS STATIONS MUST CLOSE

German Agents Busy Fomenting Trouble In South American Republics

Washington, March 12.—Every amateur wireless station in the United States will be dismantled by order of the president if war comes, according to authoritative announcement here today. This will be one of the moves to protect naval and military plans.

Officials admitted reports of hidden German wireless stations are causing them much more anxiety than the serious matter of bomb plots. Federal search for these stations has been redoubled, not only in the United States, but in Mexico and Central America.

The horn that could be done this government and the aid that could be afforded an enemy through outlaw wireless, officials said today, is immeasurable and obvious.

CARRANZA ELECTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Laredo, Texas, Mar. 12.—Passengers arriving here today from Torreon report that Villa has not captured Durango, as reported in border dispatches Saturday. The railroad between Torreon and Durango is intact, according to these passengers and the bandits had not been reported in that vicinity when they left Torreon.

General Luis Caballero, Carranza officer, has been jailed at Guadalupe by the first chief for having executed the bandit Carrero Torres at Victoria, against Carranza's orders, according to reports in Nuevo Laredo today. Caballero exhibited Torres at various places prior to the execution. Torres' mother has taken up arms against the de facto government to revenge her son's death.

All reports here early today say the election passed off quietly in northern Mexico yesterday. All these reports show Carranza received almost unanimous vote for president and that his followers have been chosen by the voters as deputies and senators in the north.

Washington, Mar. 12.—Edward Mayberry, Spokane murderer, who was 40, has been hanged at the federal building here but for a treasury department order, was today granted a respite of 30 days by the president.

NATIONS NOTIFIED AMERICA WILL ARM MERCHANT SHIPS

The "Armed Guard" Will Be Be Composed of Gunners from American Navy

MUNITION STEAMERS WILL ALSO CARRY GUNS

American Inventors Engaged In Providing Defenses for Vessels

By Carl D. Grant
(United Press staff correspondent.)
Washington, March 12.—An "armed guard" for the protection of vessels and lives of persons aboard will be placed on all American merchant ships sailing through Germany's barred area, the state department today notified all foreign diplomats in this city.

The following statement was presented to the foreign diplomats "for their information":
"In view of the announcement of the Imperial German government on January 31, 1917, that all ships, those of neutrals included, met within certain zones of the high seas would be sunk without any precautions being taken for the safety of the persons on board and without the exercise of visit and search, the government of the United States has determined to place upon all American merchant vessels sailing through the barred areas an armed guard for the protection of the vessels and the lives of the persons on board."

The state department gave out the copy of this statement shortly after Secretary Lansing had conferred at the white house with President Wilson.

The official notice will serve to warn submariners of the allied powers as to America's intentions.

Gunners from the Navy British undersea boats, however, are understood to be operated only in convoy, since there is little likelihood that the armed ships will make mistakes as to recognizing the nationality of submarines.

The "armed guard" will be American navy gunners. The official statement shows, too, that it is the intention of the government to arm not only passenger steamers but also to provide guns and navy gunners for munition ships.

The statement to the foreign diplomats cleared up definitely the question of whether navy gunners would be used.

The state department holds that the presence of these men aboard will not give the vessels the status of warships. The vessel becomes a warship only when used definitely for that purpose, the department rules.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO ARRIVE HOME TODAY



Ambassador JAMES W. GERARD

GERARD TO REACH UNITED STATES SOMETIME TODAY

Members of Party Tell of Attempt to Force Him to Sign Treaty

WILL SAY NOTHING UNTIL HE TALKS TO PRESIDENT

Has Ready for Submission to Wilson a Story of Amazing Details

Washington, March 12.—Announcement was made Saturday night by the federal farm loan board of the following appointments of officers and directors for the Federal Land bank of Spokane, Wash.:

President and director, D. G. O'Shea, Red Lodge, Mont.
Vice president and director, C. E. B. Roberts, Rupert, Idaho.
Secretary and director, George C. Jewett, Palouse, Wash.
Treasurer and director, George M. Dreher, Spokane, Wash.
Director, A. W. Cuthorn, Portland, Or.
Registrar and attorney, Turner Oliver, La Grande, Or.

Treasury department statement regarding appointments says in part: O'Shea, by sheer ability, has built up a large banking institution at Red Lodge; has devoted efforts to building the great northwest, and has gained extensive knowledge of problems of agriculture. He is owner of farms, interested in merchandising, a large stock raiser and member of the Montana senate.

By Fred S. Ferguson.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
Havana, Cuba, Mar. 12.—By nightfall James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Berlin, will devoutly rejoice in once more treading United States soil. It has been a long, long way from Berlin to Washington—nearly 6,000 miles in the route traversed by the former envoy—and until the very last moment it was a journey filled with apprehension; a journey that came after wearing days of long drawn out tension in Berlin.

Attempt Made to Plat Fortification Sites

Los Angeles, Cal., Mar. 12.—Federal officers today began an investigation of what they believe may have been an unsuccessful plot to map the possible fortification sites of southern California for a foreign government. This followed the receipt from Chief of Police Cole of military sketches, a diary, a German book and a number of personal effects found beside a skeleton discovered by a Long Beach hiking party near Glendora Sunday.

The Long Beach authorities believe the skeleton is that of a young German officer, and hint that Teuton activities in this country were under way six years ago, according to the diary, whose last entry was dated April 6, 1911. The maps are said to be the work of a trained military man and all lettering is in code.

The last entry in the diary read: "It is raining now. From this mountain, I want to leave the earth and go back to Mr. God where I was from the beginning. God forgive me, for I know not what I am doing."

SPRECKLES' MANAGER SHOT AT SAN DIEGO

Lorenze Bellomo Who Shot Him Says He Came to City for Purpose

San Diego, Cal., Mar. 12.—William Clayton, vice-president and general manager of the Spreckles companies, owning the street car system and other big public utilities of the San Diego bay district, was shot shortly after noon today by Lorenze Bellomo. The extent of his injuries or the cause of the attack is not yet known.

Clayton was stepping into his automobile when the man walked up and fired twice. Clayton fell into the arms of Horton Titus, an attorney. The assassin handed his revolver to a policeman as Clayton was rushed to a hospital.

Washington Has Big Street Car Strike

Washington, Mar. 12.—Washington is today in the throes of its long threatened street car strike. The men were to have acted March 5, but on a patriotic appeal postponed their action until after the inauguration.

Polk Will Resist New Bridge Order

Dallas, Ore., Mar. 12.—The Polk county court has decided to fight the action for a writ of mandamus to compel the county court of Polk and Marion counties to start the building of the Salem bridge across the Williams river. The members of the two courts were this week served with copies of the writ, signed by Chief Justice McBride of the supreme court, to which D. A. White and Pinckney Brothers, Polk county taxpayers, are petitioners.

The Polk county court has employed Oscar Hayer, of this city, as special counsel to assist County Attorney Pinckney in fighting the case in the supreme court.

The Polk county court yesterday granted a license to the Salem Ferry company to operate a ferry across the Williams river during the time that bridge traffic is closed.

TWISTER STRIKES MUNICE, INDIANA DEATH TOLL HEAVY

Twenty Known Dead, Many Missing, Property Loss a Million

CAME WITHOUT WARNING LASTED ONLY A MINUTE

Did Much Damage On Farms —Torrential Rains Followed

TOLL OF TORNADO

New Castle, Ind., and vicinity, 20 known dead; many missing; 150 injured; property loss \$1,000,000.
Cincinnati, three dead, 50 injured; \$500,000 loss.
Trotwood, Ohio, two injured; \$4,000 damage.
Brookville, Ohio, one injured; \$50,000 damage.
Johnsville, Ohio, one injured.
Dayton, Ohio, property loss \$15,000.

(By a United Press staff correspondent.)
New Castle, Ind., March 12.—Steps for the relief of victims of the cyclone which struck this city yesterday, killing at least twenty persons, were well under way today and all immediate wants of the homeless were cared for.

Temporary lodgings were found for all whose homes had been destroyed and work was started on clearing up the debris and replacing the \$1,000,000 worth of property demolished.

Funds were received from many larger cities in the state to be applied to take care of the destitute.

Revision of the death lists at noon showed several duplications in former lists and brought the total number of dead in the city and vicinity to twenty. Russell McLean, aged 5, was the only additional death reported today. He succumbed to injuries. Many are still missing, however, and it is believed the death list will grow as the ruins are cleared up. The dead include the two children of Ernest Gray, a farmer living about eight miles south of New Castle, who were crushed to death when their home was demolished.

The Death List
The revised death list follows:
Everett Dunlap
Mrs. John Davis
Gray Davis
Orville Davis
Razor
Newton
Mrs. Azza Williamson
Mrs. Vera Higgins
William Lowry
John Neils
Mrs. Archie Fletcher
Bernice Day
June Day
Ethel Day
Ernest Waterman
Price Shelton
Russell McLean
Two small children of Ernest Gray
Unidentified boy about 10.
Relief is rushed.
With twenty bodies already recovered search continued today for further dead in the wake of the cyclone which swept down on this city late yesterday, destroying 500 homes and causing property damage of more than a million dollars.

Manufacturing plants were closed while the workmen aided three companies of militia and 100 special policemen in keeping guard and cleaning up the debris strewn over a district two and a half miles wide and fifteen miles long. The cyclone swept through the residence district of the city and on into a prosperous farming country.

Fifty physicians and nurses from neighboring towns are caring for the wounded in improvised hospitals. Fifty are seriously injured and more, slightly hurt, crutch emergency hospitals have been established at the Elks home and at a fire station. Martial law exists in the stricken district. No one is permitted to pass.
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THE WEATHER

WISHLHAD MY BIG COAT
Oregon: Tonight and Tuesday rain west, rain or snow east portion; warmer east portion tonight; southerly winds strong near the coast.



Th' day's comin' when a feller with a quart 'll have more friends than th' feller with a seven passenger car. As summa th' air o' prosperity without th' prosperity is one o' th' fine arts these times.