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GERMANS FIERCE IN ATTACKING FRENCH

Berlin Reports Capture of a Front of About 700 Yards in Champagne District

TEUTON ATTACKS FOLLOW IN QUICK SUCCESSION

In Artois Near Hill 140, Which Lies Southeast of Aimy, the Germans Succeeded in Entering One of the French First Line Trenches, But Were Unable to Hold It—All Around Soissons the German Artillery Was Busy, Preparatory to Infantry Attacks, Which Were Frustrated Owing to the French Use of Big Guns—German Gunboat Hedwig Von Wiseman Sunk in Lake Tanganyika, Africa.

The Germans are fiercely attacking the French positions in the Artois section as well as in Champagne. In the latter district Berlin reports the capture of a front of about 700 yards, while the French admit that the Germans have gained a footing in some of their advanced trenches near the Tahure-Somme-Py road.

In Artois, near Hill 140, which lies southwest of Vimy, the German attacks followed one another in quick succession, there being four during the course of the afternoon. Pushing forward in the face of a hail of shells and bullets, the Germans on their fourth attempt succeeded in entering one of the French first line trenches, which, however, they failed to hold, being almost immediately driven out, with considerable losses, dead and wounded, according to Paris.

Near Soissons, a German attack preceded by a bombardment resulted in the capture of French troops near Crouy road, but here also they were thrown out, leaving their dead on the field.

On the British end of the line there have been sapping operations and bombardments by both sides.

All around Soissons the German artillery was busy preparatory to infantry attacks, but the attacks did not develop owing to the French use of their guns in curtain fire.

Considerable damage has been done to German positions in the Argonne forest by the French. Artillery duels are in progress in Lorraine and in the Vosges.

The heavy guns are being actively employed on both sides in the northern sector of the front, but no important changes in positions have occurred.

In the Isonzo region the Austrians have taken from the Italians entrenched positions in the Romben zone, while the Italian artillery has bombarded Austrian positions at various points, especially in the Guria sector.

On the Black Sea Russian torpedo destroyers have sunk additional Turkish sailing vessels and have destroyed bridges and other installations.

The German gunboat Hedwig Von Wiseman has been sunk on Lake Tanganyika, Africa, by the Belgians.

FEARS FELT FOR A FRENCH CRUISER. Amiral Charner has been patrolling Austrian Coast.

Paris, Feb. 13, 2:55 p. m.—The following official statement was given out here today: "The ministry of marine fears for the fate of the cruiser Amiral Charner, which has been patrolling the Austrian coast."

No news has been received from the cruiser since February 8, when, according to a German telegram, a submarine sank a French warship.

The Amiral Charner, under normal circumstances carried a crew of 370. She was 347 feet long, 46 feet beam and displacement 7,600 tons. She was armed with two 7.6 inch guns in turrets forward and aft, six 5.5 inch guns, four pounders, four 3 pounders, six one-pounders and four torpedo tubes. She was laid down in 1889.

AUSTRIAN AEROPLANES RAID NORTHEASTERN ITALY. Fifteen Persons Killed and a Number of Others Wounded.

Paris, Feb. 13, 5:50 p. m.—Austrian aeroplanes made a raid yesterday over Ravenna and the neighboring towns of Codogno and Bottrighe, in northeastern Italy near the Adriatic. A Havas despatch from Rome says fifteen persons were killed and a number of others wounded.

Several women and children were injured. A hospital and the Basilica of Sant'Apollinare at Ravenna were damaged.

The Church at Sant'Apollinare was erected in the years 536 and 538 and was consecrated in 549 by St. Maximian. It was restored in 1779 and is the largest of the basilicas still existing at Ravenna.

GERMAN GUNBOAT SUNK IN BATTLE. Hedwig Von Wisemann Went Down Off Coast of Africa.

Havre, Feb. 13, 10:10 p. m.—A despatch received from the Belgian forces operating on Lake Tanganyika, Africa, says the German gunboat Hedwig Von Wisemann has been sunk in a naval combat off Albertville. Two of the German crew were killed. The remainder of the men on board the gunboat were made prisoners.

Major Arthur Grenfell Wounded. London, Feb. 14, 2:20 a. m.—Major Arthur Grenfell, of the Royal Bucks Hussars, has been wounded in France.

He was a director of the Canadian Agency, Ltd., and Chaplain Milne Grenfell had the company banker which failed in June, 1914. Major Grenfell suffered severe losses in the failures,

Cabled Paragraphs

Claude Grahame-White Wounded. Hazebrook, France, Feb. 13.—Claude Grahame-White, the aviator, who has been wounded gravely. No details have been obtained. He was commissioned lieutenant last month.

Venezolo to Retire to Private Life. Paris, Feb. 13.—The Journal's Athens correspondent says that former Premier Venezolo of Greece has decided to return to active political life, becoming a candidate for a vacancy in the chamber of deputies from Mantinee.

British Steamship Cedarwood Sunk. London, Feb. 13, 7:59 p. m.—Lloyds reports that the British steamship Cedarwood has been sunk. Two members of her crew were saved.

The Cedarwood, 654 tons gross, was built in 1907 and owned in Middlesbrough, England.

THREE MEN AND THREE WOMEN AIDED IN ROBBERY. Of Vault of Collector of Customs at St. Paul on Jan. 6.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—Three men and three women are charged with the robbery of the vault of the United States collector at St. Paul, on January 6, and to have escaped with \$3,000 in money and negotiable revenue stamps valued at \$177,375, were arrested here. Papers found on one of the prisoners suggested connection with the robbery of the New Westminster branch of the Bank of Montreal.

The arrests today and the recovery of two trunks full of revenue stamps were said by Michael J. Igoe, of the United States district attorney's office here, to be the most important made by federal agents in years.

The prisoners, who live in Chicago, are Michael J. Flannigan, saloon keeper and wife; Edward Leonard, alleged ex-convict, and wife; John J. Zack and wife.

The St. Paul robbery engaged the attention of several secret service men, revenue agents, private and municipal detectives of a number of cities. The revenue, on which was levied an even wheel in the government machinery was set going for their recovery.

FIRE LOSS OF \$100,000. AT WINDSOR LOCKS. Factory of the Anchor Paper Company Destroyed.

Windsor Locks, Conn., Feb. 13.—Fire of uncertain origin tonight destroyed the factory of the Anchor Paper Company here, entailing an estimated loss of \$100,000. The mill, which was erected in 1834, was situated on the canal bank adjoining the city, and the firemen prevented a spread of the flames. The heavy snow storm and the lack of water pressure handicapped the firemen.

The blaze was discovered by the watchman while he was making his rounds. The first fire alarm was given near the elevator shaft and in a few moments the entire place was a mass of flames. One fireman was overcome by the smoke and another was injured slightly by falling slate from the roof.

About sixty persons were employed. The mill has been very busy for some time.

296,000 PAIRS OF SHOES SENT TO BELGIUM. Announcement Made by Belgian Relief Commission.

New York, Feb. 13.—The commission for relief in Belgium tonight announced that since the beginning of the campaign it had sent 296,000 pairs of shoes to the destitute in Belgium and northern France. Of this number, 100,000 pairs were for women, 60,000 for children, 48,000 for boys, 48,000 for girls and 40,000 for men.

To relieve the situation in our own country, the commission purchased 225,000 worth of leather to be cut up and tacked on wooden soles and to repair old shoes.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP STRUCK BY LIGHTNING BOLT. Officers at First Thought They Had Struck a Mine.

New York, Feb. 13.—The British steamship Dunclutha, which arrived here today from Manchester, England, reported that she was struck by lightning in a storm on January 15. The bolt struck the foremast and the officers at first thought the ship had swung out in position for such an emergency, but as she was so high to launch them, it was feared the ship was doomed until investigation disclosed what had happened.

COMMERCIAL PARTIES TO VISIT LATIN-AMERICA. Two Have Already Sailed—Five More Are to Follow.

New York, Feb. 13.—The organization of commercial parties to visit Latin-American countries was announced here tonight by the return visit committee in charge of the arrangements. It is being based essentially upon business consideration. Each party it is said, is being made up with a view to the particular business conditions existing in the country or countries covered. Two have already sailed. Five more are to follow.

CONTRACTED ANTHRAX IN LEATHER FACTORY. Resulted in Death of Niles Reynolds at Gloversville, N. Y.

Gloversville, N. Y., Feb. 13.—Niles Reynolds, 53, died today from anthrax, which he contracted last Wednesday while working in a leather manufacturing plant here on sheepskins imported from South America. The disease was communicated through a pimple on his neck. This was the second case among workmen of the same plant within a year. The other recovered.

Suffield Baptist Pastor Resigns. Suffield, Conn., Feb. 13.—Rev. William Abbot Smith, pastor of the Second Baptist church here for the last eight years, read his resignation today, to take effect April 1st. He has no immediate plans for the future.

Troops Join Chinese Rebels. London, Feb. 13, 12:30 p. m.—Tokio dispatches state that the Chinese rebels who advanced from Yunnan province into Szechuan and captured Lu-chow and Shung-king have been joined by government troops.

Kitchin to Remain Country-Wide Dem. House Leader Radio Message

SPEAKER CLARK SAYS THERE IS NO EFFORT TO OUST HIM TO BE HANDLED BY 25,000 AMATEUR LICENSED OPERATORS

DIFFERENCES MAGNIFIED AT MIDNIGHT, FEB. 21

Speaker of House Declares Busy-Strife—Calls for Exercise of Forcebearance.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Speaker Clark issued a statement tonight characterizing as nonsense talk of ousting Representative Kitchin from the majority leadership because of his opposition to the preparedness programme and other administration plans. He said he expected to leave the speaker's chair whenever he felt it necessary to oppose or support any measure, but would do so without any intent to supplant Representative Kitchin or any other committee chairman or leader.

Kitchin Has Right to Opinion. "It's a pity," said the speaker, "that all democrats do not agree about all things, but Mr. Kitchin has as much right to his opinion as the president has to his or I have to mine. I have faith that by the exercise of forcebearance, moderation and wisdom we will evolve plans for preparedness and other great questions, such as raising the revenue, on which we can all stand. That's my hope and expectation."

"No man can bull a proposition through the house by main strength. The entire philosophy of success in that able and courteous assembly is to take things by the smooth handle, to rub the hair the right way on the side, and to confer freely with members, persuading rather than attempting to drive, in yielding in non-essentials, firm as a rock on fundamentals."

Magnify Differences. "If the busybodies who are trying to stir up strife by magnifying national differences of opinion among democrats would help eliminate these differences they would constitute themselves patriots instead of marplots."

SECY M'ADDO WILLS NOT BE DELEGATE. To National Democratic Convention in St. Louis Next June.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Secretary McAdoo wrote Chester C. Platt of Batavia, N. Y., that under no circumstances would he permit of himself as delegate to the next democratic national convention in St. Louis next June. Mr. Platt asked the secretary about his attitude. Mr. McAdoo's letter said that he felt that delegates should be chosen from men who "have stood in the trenches and fought the battles of the party and have not received official positions."

STRIKE AT AMERICAN SUGAR PLANT SETTLED. 4,300 Men and Boys Employed There Granted Concessions.

New York, Feb. 13.—The state board of arbitration announced today that 4,300 men and boys employed at the plant of the American Sugar Refining company in Williamsburgh who have been on strike would return to work tomorrow morning. They have been granted concessions which will materially improve their working conditions, the working hours of all classes are to be reduced, and the wages are to be increased and their pay increases will range from four to ten cents an hour.

PEGOD'S BODY FOUND HANGING FROM A TREE. Depressed Over Brother's Death and Financial Difficulties.

Paris, Feb. 13.—The body of Francis Pegoud, brother of Adolphe Pegoud, the aviator, who was killed in action nearly six months ago, was found by a passerby yesterday hanging from a tree in the vicinity of Versailles. Pegoud, apparently a suicide, was 39 years old and had been employed in a munitions factory. He had been depressed owing to his brother's death and to financial difficulties, it was said.

PRESIDENT ON YACHT IN DRIVING SNOWSTORM. Mayflower is Expected to Dock in Washington About 8 a. m. Today.

Old Point Comfort, Va., Feb. 13.—The presidential yacht Mayflower, with President Wilson and his wife aboard, left Old Point Comfort at 2 o'clock this afternoon and steamed up Chesapeake bay in the face of a driving snowstorm. She is expected to dock at the Washington navy yard about 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The president did not come ashore during the day, declining an invitation to play golf at the Hampton Roads club.

OBITUARY. G. Henry Whitcomb. Worcester, Mass., Feb. 13.—G. Henry Whitcomb, a capitalist who was one of the pioneer envelope manufacturers of the country, died after a long illness. He was trustee of Amherst college, Mount Holyoke college and Worcester Polytechnic institute. At one time he was chairman of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Movements of Steamships. New York, Feb. 13.—Arrived: steamer Kroonland, London. New York, Feb. 13.—Arrived: steamer Bergensfjord, Bergen.

Speeches on Lincoln's life were made, and Lincoln's Gettysburg address was read in the house Saturday.

Condensed Telegrams

Senate lands committee continued oil lands hearing.

Debate on postoffice appropriation bill was continued in the house.

Emperor William has announced his decision that the marriage of Prince Joachim is to take place at Potsdam on March 11.

A severe cold wave was being felt throughout Aroostook, Me., county and the mercury was dropping fast along the St. John river.

A despatch to the Morning Post from Bern says "German agents, especially women, are buying large quantities of wool in Switzerland."

The opening of the New Brunswick legislature, set for Feb. 24, may be postponed on account of the serious illness of Premier George J. Clark.

Cleveland Baptists announced Sunday they have completed their campaign for \$500,000 for permanent relief for aged pastors begun May 1915.

Dillwyn Wistar, head of one of Philadelphia's oldest and most distinguished families, died today after an illness of two years. He was 72 years old.

The suggestion that he should become minister of aviation has not been favorably received by Lord Northcliffe.

The first call to the married men who attend the Derby scheme, the London Daily Mail says, will be issued a month hence.

The public execution of Sergeant Manuel Rojas an da villan, which was to have taken place at Juarez yesterday, was deferred.

President Fuenes has requested that the post of Chilean ambassador at Washington be again offered to Juan Riesco, former president of Chile.

John Mitchell, chairman of the New York State industrial commission, in an address at New York, outlined the programme of organizer labor.

Investigation of alleged activity on the part of British agents on the recruiting soldiers within the borders of the United States was started in Chicago.

Mayor Costello called a meeting of the Calgary, Alberta, city council to take steps to prevent a recurrence of the rioting by mobs of soldiers and citizens.

Nearly all public and business buildings in Springfield, Ill., were closed in honor of the 107th birthday of Abraham Lincoln, Springfield's greatest citizen.

The ball in King's chapel, cast by Paul Revere, and which has long been under repair, was run for the first time in ten years in honor of Lincoln's birthday.

More than 150 boy athletes from four or five outside the state competed at the fourth annual Bowdoin inter-collegiate track meet.

Mayor Louis J. Brann is no longer judge of the Lewiston, Me., municipal court, having failed to qualify since he was reappointed by Governor Curtis for a new term beginning Feb. 5.

A meeting of 45 Danish men and women was held in Copenhagen on Thursday for the purpose of choosing delegates to the neutral peace conference to be held in Stockholm.

The British government has decided to grant facilities to shipbuilders to complete half a million tons of mercantile shipping, which is nearing the launching and fitting out stages.

Iowa equal suffrage headquarters announced today that R. O. Geyer, a former newspaper writer, has been appointed executive secretary of the Iowa Men's League for Equal Suffrage.

Harold Craft, 16 years old, of Boston, was indicted for murder in connection with the death of his cousin, Eileen T. Kern, 2 years old, who had been left in his care during the mother's absence.

The case of Mrs. Hattie E. Oakley, Woonsocket, R. I., charged with the murder of Almond Vadenhoeuer and the attempted murder of Henry Cassavant by poison, was continued until Feb. 26.

Sixteen members of the Norwegian ship Alabama, which was sunk by a mine or a torpedo in the North Sea Thursday night, have been landed at Hartlepool, England. Two of the men are injured.

Eastern States Covered with Snow

IN BOSTON THE SNOWFALL WAS THIRTEEN INCHES

WAS EASILY HANDLED

Transportation Companies Generally Were Able to Maintain Their Schedules—Coastwise Shipping Remained in the Harbor.

Boston, Feb. 13.—A storm of three days' duration ended tonight, leaving behind a snowfall of 13 inches, the largest since December, 1909. There was little wind except on the exposed sections of the southern New England coast, and as the snow was light and fine, it was easily handled by street and railroad workmen. Transportation companies generally were able to maintain their schedules with comparatively short delays.

Most of the coastwise shipping remained in harbor on account of the thick weather.

FOUR INCHES OF SNOW IN NEW YORK CITY

Hospitals Kept Busy Treating Persons Suffering from Broken Limbs.

New York, Feb. 13.—Four inches of snow fell here today and coupled with rain, sleet and increasing cold, make walking difficult and seriously impeded traffic. Hospitals in years busy treating persons suffering from broken limbs, sprained ankles and wrists, although no fatalities were reported. Elevated train and surface car schedules were interrupted.

Incoming trains on the New York Central, New Haven and other railroads were delayed from 10 to 40 minutes. Many wires are down along some of the railroad lines, but no serious property damage has been caused, as far as can be learned.

An army of 30,000 men was put to work clearing the city's streets of snow and sleet.

The Western Union Telegraph company reported forty wires down between Philadelphia and Baltimore and 25 down between Harrisburg and Pittsburgh. Little trouble, however, was experienced with the wires in this vicinity, it was said.

PHILADELPHIA STREETS LIKE FROZEN CANALS. Possible to Traverse from One End to the Other on Skates.

Philadelphia, Feb. 13.—Philadelphia's streets for several hours today resembled a vast network of frozen canals. The snow was so deep that it was possible to traverse the city from end to end on ice skates. A great throng of skaters took advantage of the rare opportunity while the few pedestrians who ventured out struggled to maintain their equilibrium. Scores of persons were injured by falling on the ice, but no one was seriously hurt. A blinding snow storm which set in about noon spoiled the rare sport.

A sleet storm which started early last night and continued until daybreak today was responsible for the ice on the streets. The sleet, which fell in heavy sheets, formed a blanket of ice on telegraph and telephone wires. Wire communication was badly crippled, while some points in the state were entirely cut off.

At nightfall the snow ceased falling and traffic conditions again became normal.

BLANKET OF SNOW IN EASTERN STATES. About Four Inches of Snow Fell at Washington.

Washington, Feb. 13.—A wintry wave which came out of the Ohio valley last night swept into the Atlantic today, leaving in its wake a blanket of snow over most of the eastern states north of Virginia. The mercury was falling tonight and the government forecasters predicted a colder weather tomorrow, with fair skies virtually all over the east. Rising temperatures are promised for Tuesday. About four inches of snow fell here during the day.

CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOL GIRL WAS POISONED. Body Was Found in the Snow Near Lake Forest Thursday.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—The poison which caused the death of Marina Frances Lambert, the high school girl whose body was found in the snow near Lake Forest last Thursday, remained untraced today. Investigations to determine where and by whom the poison was secured were continued at Madison, Wis., Chicago and North Shore, near Lake Forest.

William Orpel, University of Wisconsin student and former sweetheart of Miss Lambert, who was charged with murder in connection with her death, remained in jail today. State Attorney Dady of Lake county decided that although he had lodged the charge of murder against Orpel, he had not yet formed a conclusion as to whether the death was due to murder or suicide.

FORMER CONVICT FATALLY INJURED. While Working at the Scovill Manufacturing Plant, Waterbury.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 13.—Joseph Cemesky of this city, pardoned from the state prison at Wethersfield Dec. 14 last after serving eleven years for second degree murder, died this afternoon at St. Mary's hospital as the result of frightful injuries to his throat and chin, received while working at the Scovill Manufacturing company.

Serbia Grateful to French. Paris, Feb. 13, 10:45 p. m.—President Poincare today received a telegram from a number of Serbian deputies who recently arrived at Nice, expressing their gratitude for the friendship of France and their faith, despite the grave situation in which Serbia finds herself, in a final victory for France and her allies.

Speeches on Lincoln's life were made, and Lincoln's Gettysburg address was read in the house Saturday.