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## BULWARK DISASTER AN ACCIDENT

### Destruction Of British Battleship Is Explained By Admiralty

#### FRENCH STATEMENT ADMITS GERMANS CUT WAY SOUTH OF ST. MIHIEL; ADVANCE SLOW

BRITISH EXPERTS SEE INDICATIONS OF ACKNOWLEDGED GERMAN GAINS IN FRENCH OFFICIAL BULLETIN TODAY—SHARP FIGHTING RESUMED IN NORTHERN FRANCE—ALLIES HERE CLAIM PROGRESS—BERLIN SAYS FRENCH STORIES "PURE INVENTIONS"—GERMAN ATTACK WEST OF WARSAW REPULSED, CLAIMS PETROGRAD

LONDON, England, Dec. 15.—The British admiralty announces that accidental ignition of the ammunition destroyed the big 15,000-ton British battleship Bulwark at Sheerness a few days ago. The admiralty declares that the explosion that destroyed the fighting-machine was not a hostile act nor due to treachery.

LONDON, England, Dec. 15.—Military experts following the course of the hostile armies in the battling along the western line see in the French official statement today an acknowledgment of gains made by the Germans.

It is pointed out that Commercy, the railway station of which has been bombarded by the Germans, is ten miles south of St. Mihiel, and St. Mihiel has hitherto been supposed to mark the tip of the German wedge driven into the French center. St. Leonard lies somewhat south of the points previously mentioned in Vosges as marking the battle-front.

#### Vienna Admits Quitting Belgrade; Says Due to Change in Situation

VIENNA, Austria, Dec. 15.—The evacuation of Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, by the Austrian forces which have been occupying it is now officially acknowledged by Austria.

Army headquarters admit the evacuation with the following explanation:

"A change in the military situation has made it advisable to abandon Belgrade, which has been evacuated without fighting. Our troops have fought long and fatiguing battles, but are in the best of spirits."

#### Berlin Declares French Report of Artillery Triumph "Pure Invention"

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 15.—Official—Recent reported French gains have been so numerous that military headquarters has seen fit to issue a denial. Today headquarters announced that the French bulletin of last Thursday, declaring that French batteries had destroyed batteries and wrecked a block-house and that the French had captured some German trenches, is "pure invention."

#### Paris Says Progress Everywhere Except Near St. Mihiel and Vosges

PARIS, France, Dec. 15.—Official—"Between the sea and the river Lys the English, after an offensive movement, have occupied a small forest west of Wytshchaete.

"We have retained the ground we won yesterday along the Yser canal and west of Hollenbecke, despite a vigorous counter-attack made by the Germans.

"Elsewhere there is little but intermittent cannonading.

"We have everywhere retained the ground we have won except at Steinbach, where the Germans have made an infantry attack and gained a foothold.

"In the Vosges the Germans have bombarded railway stations at St. Leonard and Commercy from great distances."

#### Petrograd Reports German Attacks West of Warsaw Repulsed Russians

PETROGRAD, Russia, Dec. 15.—A series of German frontal attacks against the Russian lines west of Warsaw have been successfully repulsed. The Russians have captured many isolated German positions.

#### Berlin Says Attacks Failed

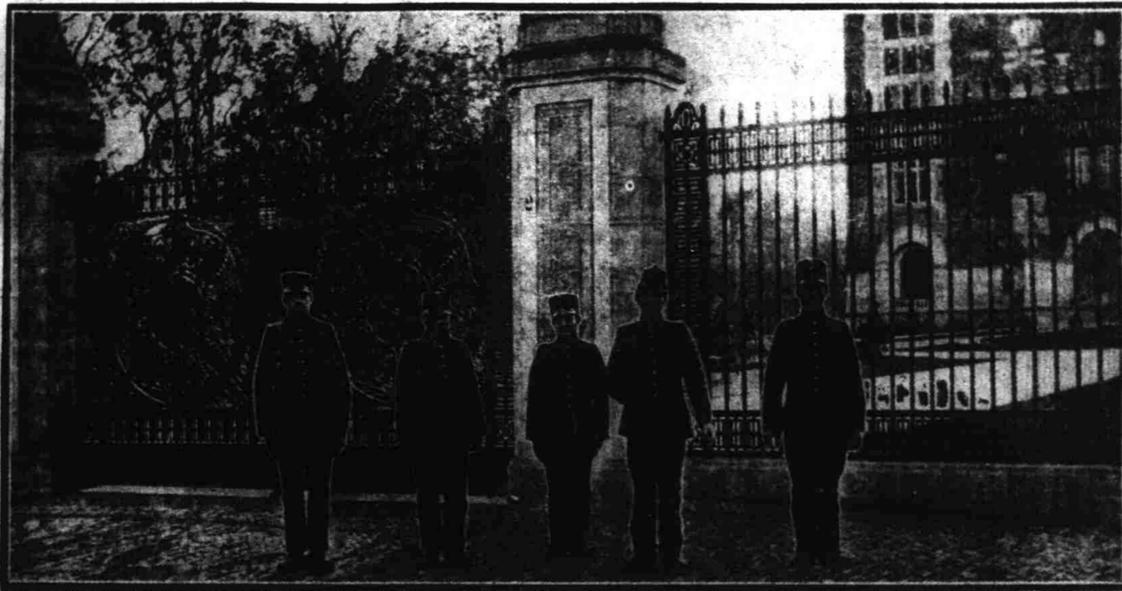
BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 15.—Official—"There is nothing new in East Prussia.

"The French attacks against our positions south of Ypres have failed with heavy losses to the attacking forces. Other disastrous attacks were attempted northeast of Suippes, south of Verdun, near Ailly and Apremont, south of St. Mihiel and near Flirey.

"In the Vosges we have recaptured Steinbach."

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#### GRIM HUMOR, THE DEVELOPMENT OF WARFARE



The Peace Palace at The Hague, with gates closed and locked and a guard of Dutch soldiers in charge.

#### DARING CLIMB THROUGH SNOW TO LIVE CRATER

Party Gains Top of Mokuawewe and Sees Brilliant Spectacle

#### TWO HAWAIIAN MINISTERS TRY DIFFICULT ASCENT

Rev. A. C. Bowdish of Maui Reaches Summit With Guide—Dr. Baker of Kona Once Within 50 Feet of Rim, Then Forced to Stay Below Snow-line by Sickness

[The first personal detailed account of the ascent of Mauna Loa and the view of Mokuawewe since the crater burst into its recent activity was reached the Star-Bulletin from a member of the successful climbing party.

The ascent was made last week by Dr. A. S. Baker, pastor of Central Kona church, Kealahou, Hawaii, and Rev. A. C. Bowdish, pastor of Makawala Union church, Paia, Maui. The party took three and a half days for the climb and return, getting back on Saturday at noon. One of the members of the party has written for the Star-Bulletin the following vivid descriptive story of a feat which stands as one of the best in Hawaiian mountain-climbing. It is interesting to note that this story is the first news of the party's achievement.]

Dr. A. S. Baker of Kealahou and Rev. A. C. Bowdish of Paia have just made a successful ascent of Mauna Loa. In spite of the light and smoke which proclaimed the fact that the volcano was home again after an absence of seven years, it was a decidedly chilly and forbidding reception which awaited them as they came to the top of the once more active mountain. The snow is abundant and a half mile down the sides from the crater and the wind is saturated with a cold and dampness which penetrates even heavy clothing.

The second day of the party came within 50 feet of the crater immediately after sundown, struggling along through the heavy snow, but they were forced to descend at once before the snow line to find a camping place. Even though they hastened back down on the same trail, it was intensely dark before they could pause. Here during the night the thermometer registered 21 degrees, a temperature which was made much worse by the strong north wind that swept across the unbroken lava field.

Mr. Bowdish Goes Up.

During the night Dr. Baker was quite sick and incapable of further effort. But it was determined that an early start for the top be made by Mr. Bowdish and the younger guide. The mules were quite exhausted with their two days of work, closing with the supreme effort of the night before and were scarcely rested for another effort when it was by no means sure that they could get through to the rim of the crater. It is a constant rise to the very edge of the great cavity.

Mr. Bowdish and the guide felt well repaid for their daring attempt to cross that barrier of snow, for they saw one cone still active, throwing lava up 150 feet or more, while near by was a "howl" that was boiling, splashing lava to the height of 50 feet or more. Just beyond these to the south was a narrow line of fire where a stream of lava had not fully cooled on the surface. There was smoke issuing at a dozen or more places in comparatively small volumes, but no fire was visible or other cones in sight. The whole floor was a vast black surface with practically no unevenness, barring the chilled walls of lava streams apparently no longer active.

Spectacle is Splendid.

The active cone was from 50 to 150 feet high and the display of white hot lava was like the illumination of a gigantic "flower pot" in fireworks. The lava was thrown up three times the distance of the height of the cone above its crest. The lava lost its color before it reached the highest point and became black against the blanket of snow which was on the slope of the farther side of the crater. Except for this relatively small slope all that the party could see from their location was perpendicular walls on all sides.

Without question the volcano is far

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#### GERMAN CRUISER CORMORAN NOW INTERNS AT GUAM

Fled From Tsingtau at Outbreak of War and Now Gives Up Hopeless Fight

[Associated Press Cable] WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—It is announced here that the German cruiser Cormoran, which fled from Tsingtau before the Japanese blockade was established, has interned at Guam with 22 officers and 355 men.

#### CHILD WELFARE IS TOPIC WOMEN DISCUSS TODAY

The meeting of women interested in the child welfare problems of this city, which convenes this afternoon in the parish house of Central Union church, arose from the addresses made by Miss Sadie Sterritt, superintendent of the Girls' industrial school, and Miss Margaret Bergen of the Associated Charities at the meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions held Tuesday, December 1.

Many at that gathering expressed the desire to get into closer touch with the civic child welfare institutions and to be of some definite service and at this meeting the advisability of any action looking towards a more effective connection between such institutions and women interested in their work will be discussed. Mrs. B. F. Dillingham, as president of the board, will preside at the meeting, and Miss Mabel E. Boshier, principal of Kawaiahae Seminary, will conduct the discussion. No formal program has been framed up, as it is hoped the meeting will result in frank and full expression of opinion from those present and that any action resulting therefrom will be the genuine and spontaneous desire of the women present.

#### 800 MINERS OF JAPAN PRISONED IN COAL SHAFTS

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.] TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 15.—Eight hundred laborers have been imprisoned by a coal mine explosion at Fukuoka. Strenuous efforts are being made to free the imprisoned miners.

#### URGE RUSH WORK ON KUHIO BAY'S DAMAGED WHARF

Harbor Commissioners Apply for Special Appropriation—Forbes Urges Concrete

The board of harbor commissioners today made formal application to Governor Pinkham for a special appropriation of \$10,000 from his contingent fund to be used in the immediate repair of the new Kuhio bay wharf at Hilo, which received serious damage from the big storm a month ago. The commissioners made a minute inspection of the damaged pier during their tour of the Big Island ten days ago, and in a detailed report to the governor Chairman C. R. Forbes estimates that the repairs will cost approximately \$15,000.

The repairs, says Chairman Forbes, are urgently needed, before another tempest such as the last one visits Hilo, for in its present weakened condition the new pier probably would suffer further damage that the eventual expense would amount well toward the \$100,000 mark.

Chairman Forbes' report, the gist of which is given below, says that more than \$60,000 is available at once for this work, coming from the fund set aside for wharf and harbor improvement and repair on Hawaii. The business of strengthening Kuhio bay wharf is to begin immediately, with the \$60,000 at hand. When additional money is received by the commission from the loan fund the \$10,000 taken from the governor's contingent fund can be repaid. The governor will take this subject up at once with Auditor J. H. Fisher, to ascertain how much it will be possible to take from his contingent fund.

Urges Reinforced Concrete.

Chairman Forbes strongly urges the

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#### SAY GERMAN WAS BEHIND CHARTER OF COAST VESSEL

Department of Justice Agents Report to Attorney-general on Olson & Mahoney Cargo

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.] SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 15.—Agents of the department of justice, after an investigation of the circumstances surrounding the chartering of the vessel Olson & Mahoney, have informed the attorney-general that Baron von Schack, acting German consul, supplied the funds with which the Olson & Mahoney's \$150,000 cargo was bought. Clearance for the vessel has been refused and the cargo has been unloaded.

#### MAYOR-ELECT SUBMITS LIST OF COMMITTEES

Each Member of Supervisors Is Chairman of One and Member of Three Departments

At a caucus of the incoming mayor and board of supervisors held last night the five supervisors now in the territory being present, Mayor-elect Lane submitted a list of standing committees he proposed to appoint. After some changes the list was left as follows:

Ways and Means—Logan, chairman; Hollinger, Horner.

Roads, Bridges, Parks, etc.—Quinn, chairman; Arnold, Ahia.

Water Works and Sewers—Larsen, chairman; Horner, Arnold.

Sanitation—Ahia, chairman; Quinn, Logan.

Police—Horner, chairman; Ahia, Larsen.

Electric Light and Fire Alarm—Arnold, chairman; Hollinger, Larsen.

Public Expenditures—Hollinger, chairman; Logan, Quinn.

Each member is chairman of one committee besides being a member of three committees.

Horner and Hollinger are absent on the Coast.

#### MORE MEN AND GUNS ARE SENT TO THE BORDER

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—At the request of Brig.-gen. Bliss, Secretary of War Garrison has sent to Naco, Arizona, three regiments of infantry from Galveston, one battery of 4.7 guns, one battery of 4.7 howitzers, the field guns being sent from Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

#### NAT C. STRONG WILL ADDRESS THE AD CLUB

Nat C. Strong, the promoter who has made the All-Chinese baseball team a success on its mainland tours, will deliver an address at the Ad Club's weekly meeting tomorrow on the topic nearest and dearest his heart—"Baseball."

Appropriate music will be furnished by the "San Diego quintette," the Hawaiian music boys who will represent Hawaii at the Southern California exposition next year.

Owing to the absence of Acting Chairman J. N. S. Williams, a meeting of the Public Utilities Commission, scheduled for 2 o'clock this afternoon, has been postponed until next Tuesday afternoon.

#### ARMSTRONG MAY GO BACK WITH EXPENSES PAID

Territory Possibly Will Be Compelled to Return Man to State of California

The territory may yet be forced to ship William F. Armstrong back to California and free him there. This possibility appeared as a real one this afternoon when Attorney George A. Davis entered a plea in bar asking that the charge of embezzling three Olan bonds be dismissed, for the reason that if brought to trial now Armstrong will be placed twice in jeopardy for the same offense. This is strictly prohibited by law.

It will be remembered by those who have followed the Armstrong case closely that the indictment upon which Armstrong was arrested in California and extradited to Honolulu was found faulty by Special Prosecutor E. C. Peters, when the case was dismissed on Attorney Peters' motion and a new indictment drawn. On this second charge they are about to bring the defendant to trial.

The error in the original indictment was only a technical one, but sufficiently important to have won acquittal. It did not give the full, true legal name of the Moose lodge, from which Armstrong is alleged, to have taken the bonds.

It is said by old-time court attaches that in a somewhat similar instance years ago a prisoner brought to Hawaii from China on a defective indictment was not only released, but taken back to the city from which he was extradited, all at the territory's expense.

Circuit Judge Ashford, before whom Attorney Davis' motion was presented today, declared the motion insufficient for argument and gave counsel further time to make it complete. At the same time the court admitted that there appeared to be considerable plausible argument on both sides of the question. The subject eventually may be taken to the supreme court before it is settled.

#### NEW YORK STOCK MARKET SHOWS STRONG DEMAND

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.] NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The New York Stock Exchange began "open trading" today for the first time since it closed down several months ago on account of chaotic conditions caused by the European war. The trading today showed further conspicuous advances in securities, due to the strong buoyancy. Later foreign liquidations operated to neutralize the early gains.

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