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ITALY'S DEATH-ROLL GROWS FAST

British Advance West; Germans At Soissons

TEUTONS SAY NORTH BANK OF AISNE CLEARED; CLAIM SIX NEW TOWNS CAPTURED

SIR JOHN FRENCH'S BRITISH SOLDIERS MAKE IMPETUOUS ATTACK AND WIN IMPORTANT GERMAN POSITIONS AT LA BASSEE, ADVANCING A MILE—FRENCH BULLETIN SAYS LITTLE CONCERNING CRITICAL SITUATION AT SOISSONS, BUT BERLIN STATEMENT DECLARES OPPOSITIONS HAVE LOST HEAVILY

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]
PARIS, France, Jan. 15.—A Stomer despatch to the Havas News Agency, dated January 10 but just getting through, tells of an important advance made by the British on the left wing of the Allies, toward the west. The despatch says:
"An impetuous British attack after vigorous shelling captured an important, strongly entrenched position held by the Germans near La Bassee. The British advanced a mile."

Berlin Bulletin Declares Teutons Drive Defeated French Steadily Back

BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 15.—The German bulletin today says that the whole northern bank of the river Aisne, northeast of Soissons, has been cleared of the French. The Germans took Ouffries, Crouy, Bucy le Long, Misay, Vauxrot and Valleries. The French suffered severely in retreating under a heavy artillery fire.

The French attacks elsewhere have been repulsed, declares the bulletin. Flanders and Northern Poland are reported quiet. The Russian attacks west of the Vistula have been repulsed with heavy loss, it declares.

The war office believes that the Germans are about to transfer their general offensive to points west and southwest of Warsaw, attempting to clear Northern Hungary and Bukovina of the Czar's forces.

French Bulletin Does Not Admit Losse

PARIS, France, Jan. 15.—The French official bulletin today mentions briefly the situation near Soissons. It says that the Germans took the village of St. Paul near by but that the French charged and promptly recaptured it. Elsewhere, the bulletin says, the situation is the same.

There have been the usual artillery exchanges and one spirited charge near Arras, in which the French Zouaves captured a position leading toward Lille. Comparative inactivity reigned today, asserts the communique.

Russian General Staff Confident

PETROGRAD, Russia, Jan. 15.—The Russian general staff is now confident that the German offensive drive into Poland has exhausted itself. The Russians are gaining along the Vistula river. Gen. von Hindenburg is strongly entrenched there, however, and his German soldiers are hard to dislodge.

Carranza Stopping Exports of Oil From Mexico for British Navy Use

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—The British ambassador has lodged an urgent protest against Gen. Carranza's embargo of oil exports from Tampico. Carranza has ordered the exports stopped on the ground of military necessity. England draws a large part of her navy fuel oil supplies from Mexico through this port.

May Solve "Detained Vessel" Problem

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—Secretary of State Bryan has been notified that Great Britain is willing to release the detained American vessels on bond, provided the judge of the prize court assents.

Turkey Talks of Evacuating Persia

TEHRAN, Persia, Jan. 15.—The Turkish Porte has notified the Shah of Persia that Turkey is willing to evacuate Persia if Russia will do the same.

WOULD SEND JAPAN'S ARMY

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.]
TOKIO, Japan, Jan. 15.—Promoters of a so-called army volunteer movement have issued a manifesto announcing their intention of sending an army corps to Europe. They are appealing both to foreigners and to natives for contributions to the fund.

SLAVS READJUST LINES IN PERSIA
PETROGRAD, Russia, Jan. 15.—In Persia the Russians have evacuated the Azerbaidjan district, but not the Petrograd official announcement explains, because of any pressure by the Turks. The plans for the Armenian campaign call for a readjustment of the lines, and the withdrawal from the Northern Persian points is in furtherance of the plans.

VIENNA, Austria, Jan. 15.—The advance of the Russians along the Nida has been repulsed and the offensive campaign has failed, says an official report.

GEN. WISSER IS NOW FORMALLY BRIGADE CHIEF

New Commander of 1st Hawaiian Given Salute of Eleven Guns

OFFICERS OF SCHOFIELD ASSEMBLED, MEET HIM

Important Road to Kole Kole Pass, Completed Under Col. Kennon's Administration

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]
SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Jan. 15.—Brig. Gen. John P. Wisser formally took command of the 1st Hawaiian brigade and of the big army post at Lilehua this morning.

Gen. Wisser, accompanied by his aide, Lieut. Lester D. Baker, infantry, arrived in an automobile at post headquarters at 8:50 a. m., where he was met by Col. L. W. V. Kennon, 25th Infantry, who has been in command of the post since the departure of Gen. Edwards.

Battery B, 1st Field Artillery, was lined up in front of the headquarters building, and as the general stepped from the car rendered a salute of 11 guns.

Lieut. Col. Carl Reichmann, 25th Infantry, will continue as adjutant of the post, with 1st Lieut. James A. Uilo, 1st Infantry, as assistant.

At 10 a. m., all the officers of the post were assembled by regiments at the 25th Infantry Club to meet the new commanding officer.

Gen. and Mrs. Wisser, with one of their two boys, arrived on the transport from Fort Riley, San Francisco, Wednesday morning and are at present guests of Lieut. Col. and Mrs. William W. Fogarty, 4th Cavalry.

Tonight at the 25th Infantry hall the officers and ladies of the garrison will give a reception and ball in honor of Gen. and Mrs. Wisser.

Important Road Contemplated.

One of the noteworthy accomplishments of Col. Kennon's administration as post commander was the completion of a road to Kole Kole pass, about two miles west of the post. Aside from its military value this road opens the way to some of the most beautiful scenery on the island. In many ways the view from Kole Kole pass is more impressive than that from the Paik. This road was built by 900 soldiers in nine working days, and required some tremendous cuts and fills, and the construction of a great many culverts. The road was laid out by Col. Kennon himself and the instrumental work performed by 1st Lieut. Charles L. Wyman, 25th Infantry. It required a great many twists and turns to keep the grade below 8 per cent. Several automobiles have made the trip to the top of the pass. It is rather a difficult climb and a bad road upon which to meet another car.

M'CLELLAN TO GO TO CAPITAL FOR HARBOR FIGHT

Cables Chamber of Commerce Agreeing to Aid in Having Appropriation Restored

A cablegram has been received by Secretary Raymond Brown of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce from George McClellan, former secretary to Delegate Kuhio, in which McClellan offers to assist in the efforts being made to have the Honolulu harbor appropriation restored to the rivers and harbors bill for \$700 a month salary, plus all expenses.

McClellan is in Seattle and the message was wired by the secretary of the Seattle chamber. As a result, the maritime affairs committee of the chamber held a special session today and forwarded a message to Delegate Kuhio at Washington. The message stated that McClellan had offered his services to assist Kuhio in making efforts to have an appropriation for the local harbor included in the bill now pending in the senate.

If Kuhio accepts McClellan's offer of assistance it is probable that the delegate's former secretary will be engaged at once, the Chamber of Commerce to bear all expenses.

John Evers and William Schreiner, coal miners of Pottsville, Pa., were rescued alive after having been imprisoned four days beneath a mass of coal.

CITY ENTERTAINS NOTABLES HERE ON MONGOLIA

Dr. Shailer Mathews and Dr. Sidney Gulick are Guests of Ministers and Educators

PRINCE OF SIAM AND WIFE WELCOMED BY GOVERNOR

Pacific Mail Liner Also Brings C. A. Severance, Prominent Attorney, and Engineers

Including in its passenger list Dr. Shailer Mathews and Dr. Sidney Gulick, delegates from federated Christian churches of America to carry American good-will to Japan, and Prince and Princess Kampengpetch of Siam, the Pacific Mail liner Mongolia brought into port today the most imposing group of notables that has visited Honolulu in months.

As a result there were at the pier when the vessel docked a large proportion of the leading citizens of Honolulu. There were Governor Pinkham's official representatives to welcome the Siamese royal couple. There were the leading churchmen and educators to greet Dr. Mathews and Dr. Gulick.

There were military men to meet Civil Engineer Charles W. Parks and Assistant Civil Engineer Glenn S. Burrell, U. S. N., who have come to supervise the construction of the drydock at Pearl Harbor. There were business men and lawyers to see C. A. Severance, a Minnesota attorney, who is the partner of Frank B. Kellogg, the "trust buster," who was here last year.

Greeted by Committee.
Dr. Mathews, who is dean of the divinity school of the University of Chicago, and Dr. Gulick, who is well known here as a mission worker, were met at the dock by a large committee and taken on a sightseeing tour. On this committee were Dr. Doremus Souder, F. C. Atherton, Rev. A. A. Ebersole, W. R. Castle, Rev. Frank S.

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TERRITORY AGAIN SHORT OF FUNDS TO PAY TEACHERS

Once more the territory faces a shortage of money in the school fund for the payment of teachers' salaries—an annual occurrence for several years past—and Treasurer McCarthy again is arranging with the banks to cash the warrants issued by the auditor.

Arrangements already have been made with the Honolulu banks to handle these beginning with the end of the present month and continuing until the annual tax-gathering begins pouring into the depleted fund next May, and similar arrangements will be made at once with the banking houses on the other islands. The warrants, after they are issued to the teachers and registered by the treasurer's office, are taken to the banks, who pay their face value to the holders and

MONGOLIA FLAGS AT HALF MAST

The Pacific Mail liner Mongolia was sighted off Diamond Head shortly after 1:30 o'clock this afternoon with flags half masted. The vessel was due to come to a berth at Pier 7 before 3 o'clock. The cause of the half-masted flags was not known when she was sighted.

Mrs. Julian J. Lamson, 22 years old, wife of a prominent resident of Bethel, was found dead in bed. Death was caused by inhaling chloroform.

PEARL HARBOR WORK NEARING ITS COMPLETION

Construction of Shops and Coaling Plant Has Been Going Steadily On

DRYDOCK DISASTER DIDN'T STOP WORK

New Naval Hospital Is a Model Building That is Almost Ready for Occupancy

Some of these days a sea serpent will be discovered in Pearl Harbor, or a shot-up German cruiser will run in for refuge, or there will be some other free show to warrant the running of special trains to Uncle Sam's big Pacific naval base. Then the Honolulu populace will descend en masse on Puuloa, and find out for the first time that a great industrial colony is flourishing unnoticed within 20 minutes' train ride of the city.

For some years past with ever-increasing importance, the work of securing a strong naval outpost for the nation has been forging ahead. There have been setbacks, it is true, but delay and disaster has been almost exclusively confined to the drydock, and while for almost two years work on the big ship basin has been at a standstill, construction work on the yard proper has been going right along. The general public has come to think of the Pearl Harbor naval station and the drydock as one and the same thing, and the fact that the drydock is only one of the many great undertakings connected with the station has been lost sight of. It is true that the dock is the key to the entire mechanism of naval construction and repair, but while drydock work was stopped pending a settlement between government and contractors, the other works have been rushed to completion. When the dock is finally finished it will form the last link in the chain of shops, machinery and appliances that go to make up a highly efficient plant for the repair and maintenance of the modern floating fighter. No Longer a Project.

The Pearl Harbor naval station is no longer a project. It is to all intents and purposes an accomplished fact, and while it is estimated that the drydock will not be finished until 1918, it will only be a few months now before the yard will be ready to handle all ship repairs not requiring docking of a vessel. The huge floating crane can lift and place almost any weight of machinery that might have to be taken out of or placed in a ship, and the complicated machinery for repair and maintenance is now in the proper shops, in most cases assembled and ready for use.

Two big undertakings that are approaching completion are the naval hospital and the coaling plant. The former is 98 per cent finished, and while the latter may not be ready for another year, a great deal of the heavy construction work, including the concrete storage basin itself, and a concrete wharf, that any battleship can come alongside of, is finished.

The hospital location is about the choice of the entire yard. The original plans were framed to a considerable extent, for while money was appropriated and available for a much larger main building and several more sets of quarters and outbuildings the secretary of the navy formed the opinion that a smaller establishment would be sufficient, and refused to order the full expenditure. The extra funds can not be appropriated for any other purpose, and are tied up hard and fast at the present time, much to the disappointment of those who had counted on a model medical establishment for Pearl Harbor. However, the hospital as it now stands is a very fine building. It provides for about 100 beds, but broad lanais and extra space

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return them to the territory in May, collecting interest on them.

The amount of the shortage is less this year than before and is gradually growing less, due to economy standards established by the board of education, and in another year or two the fund is expected to be sufficiently large to cover expenses from one tax-gathering period to the next one.

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REPORTS CONSTANTLY INCREASE MAGNITUDE OF GREAT DISASTER

Many Buried Alive In Ruins of Broken Cities

Towns of Avezzano and Sora Wiped Out—Estimates of Loss of Life Shift Constantly With Late Reports Always Adding to List of Known Dead—King Superintends Rescues—Pope Active in Relief Work.

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]
ROME, Italy, Jan. 14.—With estimates of the dead and injured in Italy's earthquake constantly shifting, it seems certain now that the total casualties will exceed 100,000.

The reports vary very widely. The best available estimate of the dead so far as known makes the number 20,000 and the injured more than 36,000.

Ambassador Page, who has been following closely the reports sent out from the stricken districts, says that these semi-official reports indicate that between 12,000 and 15,000 are dead and twice as many injured.

CASUALTIES REACHING 100,000
The London Chronicle's correspondent estimates the total casualties between 90,000 and 100,000.

The Exchange Telegraph Agency's correspondent says that the latest news is constantly increasing the magnitude of the disaster.

Hundreds and perhaps thousands are still buried alive in the ruins of houses and larger buildings and the tremendous efforts of the rescuers are constantly uncovering victims in time to save them.

KING SUPERINTENDS RESCUES
The king, who left for Avezzano as soon as the extent of the disaster became apparent, is personally superintending the searching parties and his efforts have resulted in effecting several rescues.

The principal loss of life and property occurred in Avezzano and Sora, which are 15 miles apart. Both were destroyed, the population being virtually annihilated.

Pope Benedict has visited the Santa Marta hospital without touching Italian soil. He traversed the Apostolic Palace inside St. Peter's. His predecessor did this also at the time of the Messina earthquake. The pope later offered the mayor of Rome 300 beds in St. Marta's which offer the mayor has accepted.

FIGHT MAY BE MADE AGAINST JOB FOR AYLETT

Some of Supervisors Talk of Reconsidering Action in Approving Appointment

That a movement is under way among the new supervisors to force a reconsideration of the appointment of R. W. Aylett as superintendent of the city and county garbage system with the view of securing another, is the rumor current in city hall circles today.

It is reported that Supervisors Horner, Quinn, Logan and Larsen are planning to bring the matter up before the end of the month. They assign the reasons that Aylett was appointed for political reasons without regard to efficiency, it is stated.

Linked with the same rumor comes the report that Mayor Lane's appointment of L. M. Whitehouse as successor to City Engineer Wall, which was confirmed by the board at a recent meeting, may yet meet with strong opposition. It is stated that the appointment of city engineer may be brought up for reconsideration and that Wall may not be displaced on January 31.

"City Engineer Wall has saved the city thousands of dollars in the few months he has been in office," declared Horner to the Star-Bulletin today, "and he has worked the city and county's mules instead of allowing them to remain idle and grow thin and hiring contractors' animals instead, as was the previous practice. Also he has made the rock quarry pay expenses, instead of allowing the cost

of maintenance to climb so high that it appeared necessary to buy rock from contractors, as also was the previous practice.

"There is no logical reason why Wall should be discharged. He has many things to his credit and the only thing they can possibly throw up against his reputation is that molasses road affair. When the facts are known it will be ascertained that Wall was forced to put on molasses against his better judgment. The only logical excuse for removing Wall is because he happens to vote the Democratic ticket.

"One man who ought to go, however," he continued, "is this man Aylett. He knows nothing about conducting the garbage plants and has no system about him at all. He can pull a few votes, but when we were campaigning we promised the people of Honolulu good government and efficiency. Can Aylett assist in carrying out that promise? Certainly not."

NOTED HYDROGRAPHIC EXPERT WILL COME TO SEE LOCAL CONDITIONS

Hawaii will be visited within a few months by one of the country's noted hydrographic experts. He is N. C. Grover, chief hydraulic engineer of the water resources branch of the U. S. geological survey, with headquarters in Washington, D. C. He will come here in March and will remain several weeks looking over hydrographic conditions and interviewing territorial officials and others to promote future work. The water resources branch of the U. S. G. S. is now maintained jointly by the federal government and the territory.

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