

FRENCH REGAIN GROUND LOST AND START GREAT ATTACK IN THEIR TURN

Paris Confident of Outcome of Great Battle Which Is Expected to Continue For Another Two Weeks

UNPRECEDENTED MASSING OF GUNS

PARIS, February 27.—An official communique last night announced that the Verdun positions captured during the morning by the Germans are again in French hands, a heavy counter-attack by the French having thrown the Crown Prince back with tremendous losses, the French in places advancing against the Germans to points beyond those held by them at the beginning of the battle.

The German attempts to regain this lost ground have been fruitless, the French being firmly in place. DOUAMONT STILL HOLDS The claim sent out yesterday from Berlin that the fortress of Douamont had fallen are untrue, although the Teutons made desperate efforts to seize the position and sacrificed their troops heartlessly.

Desperate efforts were also made by the Germans to seize the strategically important positions of Champ Neuville and Cote de Coivre, but the advances against these points were shattered by the French artillery, which hailed shrapnel into the German ranks, killing entire companies at a time. Both east and west of the Meuse the French have gained the upper hand with their artillery, the German losses being great.

GERMANS BLASTED WAY AHEAD Correspondents at the front report that the German path down the valley of the Meuse, to the crest of their advance, has been blasted by the greatest concentration of artillery ever known in history. The Germans have brought guns from both the Serbian and Russian fronts for the great offensive, and have massed along a short front what they believed to be an irresistible number of great fieldpieces.

Following the blasting of the thousands of tons of high explosives discharged by their cannon, the Germans have gained the heights of Louvemont, southwest of the town of that name, bringing their front at this point to within four miles of the Verdun fortified lines. DROVE SIX SALIENTS The Germans in the Woevre district attacked from the east, forcing six salients and making two main efforts to push back the sides of the front protecting Verdun, efforts which the French have frustrated.

PARIS IS CONFIDENT Paris last night rested confident of the ability of General Joffre to defeat the plans of the Kaiser and the Crown Prince, and there is a popular expectation that when the time arrives the French will assume the aggressive and pound back the German lines in complete defeat. This impression is heightened by the tone of calmness which surrounds the war office and the various government bureaux.

Great crowds surround the newspaper offices, where bulletins from the front are being posted every few minutes. WHOLE WEST FRONT ALERT The entire western front, from the Belgian positions on the North Sea to the Swiss border, is on the alert, and there is a feeling that great things are in the air. It is generally recognized, in press comment and in the official utterances, that the greatest battle the world has ever known is only beginning. It is expected that there will be no general lull in the fighting for at least two weeks.

The French losses are known to be less than those being sustained by the Germans, although the casualty lists on both sides are appalling. GERMANS REPULSED IN CHAMPAGNE Reports from the Champagne front last night announced the repulse of a German advance south of St. Marie, the enemy retreating in disorder, leaving nine officers, thirty-five non-commissioned officers and two hundred and ninety-five privates as prisoners, besides several hundred of dead.

The French aeroplanes have also been active, and a squadron drove over the lines of the struggling armies before Verdun and bombarded the fortress of Metz, later bombarding the German positions at Chambley. German aeroplanes rising to the attack were met and driven to cover by the French airmen, Adjutant Navarre of the French aeroplanes following and battering to a wreck the two machines which faced him. These make five of the enemy's aeroplanes which Navarre has defeated and destroyed since the beginning of the war.

The German hangars and munition depots at Vigneulles were heavily bombarded by the French artillery. BERLIN'S OFFICIAL REPORT No reports of the general situation were received from Berlin last night. The reports made early in the day stated that it is officially reported in the German capital that "the German army fighting its way towards Verdun has stormed and captured the armored fort of Douamont, one of the fortifications of Verdun four miles north-east of the central city.

"The Germans now hold firmly the captured hills southwest of Louvemont, and the fortified positions to the east. Considerable advances have been made by them east of the Meuse. Here the presence of the Kaiser inspired the troops to brilliant and desperate deeds of bravery.

"The French resistance on the plain of the Woevre, from Marp-boville along the entire front, has been broken and the Germans are gaining the retreating enemy.

"In the Champagne section, south of St. Mariecap, the French have succeeded in penetrating 250 yards of the first German trenches.

WINTER ON THE ALLIES' LINERS GO SIDE OF FRANCE. QUIT WAR ZONE

Severe Storm Hampers Germans in Offensive and Adds to Misery of Troops

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, February 27.—A R. U. C. despatch from British headquarters in France states the opinion of the British generals in the field that the Germans made a most inopportune choice of a time for the launching of their great offensive. Just as the battle started the weather changed and the Germans are now obliged to face the French trenches in the midst of the most severe storm of the winter and in weather that is more rigorous than has been known in France for several years.

Heavy snow and bitter frost is hampering every German movement and adding greatly to the suffering of the German forces. London Not Worrying While London recognizes the gravity of the issues that hang upon the Verdun battle, few fears are expressed here that the outcome will be anything but favorable for the Allies.

It is now taken for granted that the German activities before Ypres during the past fortnight were being carried on as a diversion to the main preparations for the offensive in the Argonne and Woivre districts.

A Paris despatch quotes Le Temps yesterday as saying that "even should the Germans make good a foothold on the heights of Telyve Vanche it will kill them little as they will find it even stronger along the Froideterre-Douamont line, which they would have to face and where the real defenses of Verdun may properly be said to begin. Here we have strong works, with covered trenches and hundreds of batteries."

RUSSO-JAPANESE TREATY SIGNED Will Supply Each Other With Arms and Munitions for Needs of Next Three Years

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Ship.) TOKIO, February 26.—A Russo-Japanese Treaty, effective for three years, has been formally signed and ratified. Under the terms of this treaty, Japan and Russia mutually agree to furnish each other with whatever munitions and armament each may need during the life of the treaty.

There was a big patriotic mass meeting held here this afternoon, at which a number of petitions protesting against the Okuma ministry were circulated and signed. The meeting was called to discuss the Chinese question and developed into a strong anti-Yuan Shih-kai gathering, resolutions denouncing the Chinese President as "the disturber of the peace of the Orient" being passed.

The diet will close on the twenty-ninth, with the regular formal ceremonies, although the Emperor will not be present in person. His address to the members will be read by Count Okuma.

The new consular general for Japan in Hawaii, Hon. R. Mori, will sail for his new post on the Shinyo Maru, due at Honolulu on March 27.

DUAL NATIONALITY BILL PASSES IN DIET Measure Before Mikado Affects All Japanese Born Abroad

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.) TOKIO, February 26.—The double nationality bill passed the chamber of deputies today. It passed the peers yesterday. Now it will go to the Emperor. The diet will meet again tomorrow.

This bill would alter the attitude of the Japanese government toward its subjects and toward the children of Japanese subjects born abroad. The Japanese at no time have recognized foreign citizenship for their subjects, holding instead that "once a Japanese, always a Japanese."

The bill would give to children, born in foreign countries the right of becoming Japanese by electing that citizenship, whether Japanese or that of the country of birth. If they make no selection of Japanese citizenship by registering at the consulate they would be regarded as American citizens in the case of Hawaii, for example.

SUGAR TO BE SENT IN TWO STEAMERS HARMONY FILLS CALIFORNIAN AIR

American-Hawaiian Texan and Mexican Will Be Left On Island Run

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) SAN FRANCISCO, February 27.—Harmony is in the political air of California and the Republicans and Progressives have now become "Old Republicans" and "New Republicans," with every indication that the differentiating terms will soon be eliminated.

Yesterday the Old and the New met separately and each faction appointed a committee to confer with the committee of the other on terms of peace and future understanding.

These committees met, held a preliminary conference and adjourned to meet again tomorrow, when it is expected that an agreement will be reached whereby the Republicans of California will reunite and send one delegation to the Republican convention in Chicago in June.

Democrats Ready to Forget The Republican faction which includes the Johnsonites passed a resolution advocating the reestablishment of harmony in the party for the sake of the progress of California. The resolution also urged the sending of an unfractured delegation to Chicago for the purpose of backing the most likely "forward looking" candidate for the nomination.

The regular Republican central committee yesterday met and discussed the situation. Following the meeting F. V. Kressling, the chairman, announced that the outlook "indicates harmony."

Democrats For Wilson The Democratic central committee, at a meeting yesterday, endorsed President Wilson for reelection. A resolution urging that the question of women's suffrage be left to the individual States to decide was voted down and one passed which urged congress to enact the suffrage amendment to the Constitution and allow the States to vote on the ratification of this amendment.

SOLDIER SHOT BY PROVOST GUARD First Infantryman Attempted to Run Gauntlet at Iwilei and Now May Die

With a bullet wound in his neck, inflicted by Private Henderson, a member of the provost guard, Second Infantry, who failed to obey the order "halt" and ran while in the Iwilei district, restricted to soldiers, early yesterday morning, Private M. Labrooks, Company M, First Infantry, is lying at the Fort Shafter hospital in a critical condition. He is not expected to live.

Labrooks was opposite the pineapple cannery on the Iwilei road when the shooting occurred. He attempted to enter one of the gates leading into the district and was warned to leave. He walked away and in a few minutes came back again and attempted to enter the second time. Henderson, who was on duty, at one of the gates ordered Labrooks to halt, telling him he was under arrest. Instead of halting he ran. The order to halt was given three times before the provost guard fired.

The police ambulance was summoned and the man was taken to the emergency hospital where first aid was rendered. On examination it was found that the bullet had entered the back of the neck coming out through the mouth, carrying away most of his teeth and a portion of his tongue. When Labrooks was placed on the dressing table at the hospital, he was in a conscious condition and clutching to his breast a bottle of beer, which was under his khaki shirt, and not broken.

According to Doctor Ayers, emergency hospital physician, the man had evidently been drinking. After first aid was rendered the man was taken to Fort Shafter hospital.

Although the shooting by Henderson was in line of duty, it is thought at the army post that he will be tried by general court-martial as a matter of form, to verify any evidence that may raise beyond control of the military authorities. Labrooks was resting easy up to late last night.

YUAN DIDN'T WANT THE CROWN, ANYHOW

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.) TOKIO, February 26.—Yuan Shih-kai has declared officially that he will not pursue the coronation of himself as emperor, a Peking despatch states, and he has declared that he gave no permission for the petition from the people, asking him to ascend the throne, to be received. He is giving money and positions to his officials in an effort to hold them in line and prevent them joining the revolutionists.

Yuan will establish a Chinese bank in Manchuria. A recent despatch from Tokio said that the Japanese government would back a Mongolian-Manchurian bank, with branches in each of the two countries. Establishment of a Chinese bank in Manchuria will be the second government institution underway.

Owing to a fall which she sustained yesterday, Mrs. Stone, matron of the Honolulu School for Boys, Kaimuki, broke her left arm. The member was set and bound by a physician and Mrs. Stone is reported resting easily.

TWIN SHIPS LEAVE FOR THE MAINLAND WITH HEAVY LISTS

Great Northern Takes 454 and Northern Pacific 335. Total 789

(From Sunday Advertiser)

The Hill steamers Great Northern and Northern Pacific departed from Honolulu last night, the former at eleven o'clock for San Francisco, where she is due to arrive Thursday morning, and the Northern Pacific for Hilo, San Pedro and San Francisco. She will arrive at Hilo about nine o'clock this morning and will sail for San Pedro at midnight, after her passengers have had an opportunity of seeing Kilauea. She did not stop at Hilo on the down trip.

In the Great Northern there were 294 first-cabin, eighty-two second-cabin and seventy-two steerage passengers, besides six infants, a total of 454, the largest list ever taken from Honolulu. The Northern Pacific had 335 passengers, of whom 317 were first-cabin and eighteen were steerage. Together they took 789 persons from Honolulu, the most that have left Honolulu in one day. The Great Northern brought 459 passengers and the Northern Pacific 335 from the Coast.

Have Good Cargoes Freight was 1583 tons for the Great Northern, including 12,856 cases of canned pineapples and 3915 bunches of bananas, and 1451 tons for the Northern Pacific, including 40,722 cases of canned pineapples and 218 bunches of bananas. Five or six thousand cases of pineapples were late in being delivered at the wharf, and could not be loaded. The Great Northern took 1704 tons out the voyage of February 4.

On former voyages the Great Northern took, by voyages, 101 passengers; 122; 318 and 195. This list last night was the largest she has had out.

Cal E. Stone, general traffic manager, departed in the Great Northern. Mr. Stone had nothing definite to say before his departure as to the prospects for keeping the Great Northern on the run. He will find his successor at San Francisco when he arrives and will turn over his office to him soon after March 1, going himself to St. Paul to become passenger traffic manager of the Great Northern railroad, which is a distinct possibility, the Great Northern being one of the great roads of the country.

Comes Twice More For this reason he probably said less than otherwise he might have said. He did state, however, that the question would be decided on his return to San Francisco. He said that he wished to look over the March and April bookings for "if the March and April business is not good we will know we cannot expect much of later months." It is assumed that the Great Northern will make two more voyages.

He found little encouragement here as to freight business, he said. Honolulu will not stir itself, but the catching up approaching a guarantee has been given; but, on the other hand, Fred L. Waldron of the agents, Fred L. Waldron Ltd., said that he believed the freight business could be built up satisfactorily.

There also is the business outlook on the North Coast run to be considered. Mr. Stone pointed out the continuing of the vessel on the Honolulu run must take cognizance of the conditions here and those on the coastwise trade between San Francisco and Flavel. In addition, there are the three railroads of Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington, to be considered, for the two vessels were built for their feeder, and they have a voice in their disposal.

No contract has been closed by the Royal Roarings of Portland for a voyage here in April, Mr. Stone said, despite announcement of schedule from Portland.

MAY BRING GUNNIES IN MATSON VESSEL

That one of the Matson steamers will be sent to California at the close of the sugar season to bring a full cargo of gunnies to Honolulu for the 1917 crop is the report in sugar circles here. It lacks verification, but it appears that the sugar planters are contemplating the move, at least.

A vessel certainly could not be spared, however, until the 1916 crop has been moved to San Francisco. Then, according to the reported plans, one of the liners, probably the Lorline, will be loaded at San Francisco with a full cargo of general cargo for the Orient, which would command high rates, and will return here with the gunnies.

All the agents except one have given up hope for this year, it is reported. Sending a Matson steamer to California is looking ahead to next season. There is severe congestion of freight in the Orient, which T. K. K. and O. S. K. steamers cannot handle, and it may be that the planters believe that the only assured method of getting their bags here is to send them here.

One cargo would not be sufficient, but it would reduce the number of bags to be brought by T. K. K. and O. S. K. steamers, which probably could bring the remainder without trouble. They now get the gunnies at Hongkong, where they are taken from India.

ITALY'S GREAT POET WOUNDED IN WAR

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) PARIS, February 26.—Gabriele d'Annunzio, the noted Italian author, who has been with the colors for a number of months, has been seriously injured in the eye in an aeroplane accident. His sight may possibly be saved.

Italian Passenger Ship Carrying Defense Guns Will Soon Leave New York (Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, February 27.—Although both Berlin and Vienna continue to remain silent on the American note challenging the legality of the Teuton position that the defensive arming of merchant liners subjects them to attack without warning, liners of the Allies continue to ply for Europe, apparently regardless of the Teuton threats. Yesterday the French liner Lafayette sailed for Bordeaux, carrying two hundred and twenty-eight passengers and an ordinary cargo. She will reach the war zone waters next Friday or Saturday, four or five days after the Teuton date for renewed fruitfulness has passed.

The Lafayette carries no armament, but the Italian liner Napoli, which reached New York yesterday and will sail within a week, came in armed with two three-inch guns, mounted on her poop deck. Her departure will be a reply challenge to the Central Powers and will test the weight of the American protests to Berlin and Vienna.

CONGRESS QUIETS DOWN The submarine crisis and the resulting congressional controversy over American travel on armed belligerent ships has apparently quieted down. Interest has switched to the negotiations between Secretary of State Lansing and Ambassador von Bernstorff. Administration leaders are holding the check on the congressional leaders to prevent as far as possible headway being made by those who wish congress to go on record as warning Americans against traveling on belligerent ships.

Secretary Lansing announced yesterday that one belligerent has replied 49 times to his suggestions concerning the arming of merchant vessels, which the United States asks in order to relieve the submarine crisis. He declined to give out any details, but it is known that the country referred to was Italy, whose note was argumentative instead of conclusive.

SLAVS HARRY THE MOSLEM TROOPS Victories Reported From Persia on Way South and Syria on Road to Trebizond (Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) PETROGRAD, February 27.—The Russians operating in Persia and advancing south to reach the British columns on the Tigris are winning their way against all opposition. Yesterday word was received that the Persian city of Kermanshah, only one hundred and fifty miles north of Kut el Amara, has been captured. The Turks and Persian sympathizers, being landlocked, are in their defense of the city and subsequent retreat.

Official figures of the prisoners taken in the fall of Erzerum have been received, these showing that the greater part of the Turkish army escaped. The report states that 235 officers, 12,727 men and 323 guns were taken in Erzerum and vicinity.

In the theater of the war the Russians are pressing on in the wake of the fleeing Turks and towards Trebizond. Yesterday the town of Jehir Azkala was occupied.

On the Gallician and Baltic fronts there have been no incidents of importance, although activity along the northern front is expected soon. This expectation comes from the announcement of the appointment of General Kuropatkin as commander of the Russian armies in the north.

PORTUGUESE READY FOR EVENTUALITIES (Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LISBON, February 26.—Premier Costa in the chamber of deputies today said that attempts have been made by someone to damage seven German and Austrian ships sailing along the northern coast, requisitioned, they being interned in Portuguese ports. He said that he now considers that it is to the best interests of Portugal that the existing treaty with Germany be allowed to lapse.

"We are prepared for all eventualities which may arise from the exercise of our rights," he expressed the government's position.

DMIRAL TOGO'S SON TO BE VISITOR HERE (Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.) SAN FRANCISCO, February 26.—Consul Yamashita invited members of the Chamber of Commerce, at luncheon at the Palace Hotel yesterday, to promote closer relations between Japan and America.

Admiral Togo's son, Takara Togo, has arrived here and will sail for Japan in the steamship Chiyu Maru. Reverend Mr. Kanamori called for Japan today in the steamship Seattle Maru. He made 2900 converts within his brief stay, and that the cost of bringing the same to maturity was reduced 42 per cent. This year will probably be the best in the history of the plantation, when the sugar yield will be more than 1000 tons, says the report.

SUSPECTED PLOTTERS AGAINST OKUMA SEIZED (Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.) TOKIO, February 26.—Tanaka, principal of the Toon (West Asia) girls' school, and a man named Hida have been arrested and charged with complicity in the attempt on the life of Count Okuma, premier, in which bombs were thrown at him.

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More Sugar At Less Cost Mr. Foster reports that the yield of sugar cane for the Oahu Sugar Company in 1915 showed a gain of 25 per cent over that of the same year in 1914, and that the cost of bringing the same to maturity was reduced 42 per cent. This year will probably be the best in the history of the plantation, when the sugar yield will be more than 1000 tons, says the report.