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COURLAND AND LITHUANIA TO BE FREE; WON'T GIVE UP ALSACE, SAYS HERTLING

NEW YORK'S FIGHTING IRISH AT FRONT WELL AND HAPPY; ALL ARE READY FOR BATTLE

Only One Man Has Died Since They Left for France—Fine Spirit and Excellent Morale Revealed at Their Billets—Render Aid to French Farmers.

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SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, Feb. 10.

"Oh, you mean the Irish," said a soldier we encountered on a muddy road in France. "Yes, I know where them birds are. You go up this road till you come to the second crossroad, see? Then you turn to the right and keep on going, and when you hit the bottom of a steep hill you'll find the headquarters, see?"

It was 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and I had been trying since 8 o'clock in the morning to find New York's favorite fighting regiment. Miles and miles the car sped over the smooth roads, and up to the time we met this particular soldier I found that the "hiking Irish," as they are called because of their numerous movements since they have been in France, were not at the places I had been told they were.

Owing to the fact that the various units of the different regiments in our army are kept busy every day from before daylight until after dark, and most of them are quartered in villages with strange names, few soldiers know where the soldiers outside of their own particular billet are located.

Even officers in command of units from one State are in ignorance of the whereabouts of units from other States in their own divisions. They meet only when there are manoeuvres calling for the presence at a designated point of a large number of men.

But this time our information was correct. We followed the road and at the foot of a steep hill we came into a village, and on the main street we found a headquarters—not the headquarters of the regiment, but the headquarters of a unit of the regiment. The first person to greet me as I entered was a young man who was a reporter on The Evening World when the war broke out, joined the old Seventh, which is now at Spangenberg—or was the last I heard of it—and was among those transferred from the Seventh to fill up the ranks of the first New York regiment to cross the ocean. He is a non-com. attached to the Headquarters Staff.

ONLY ONE MAN IN REGIMENT HAS DIED.

Probably it would be best for me to give the readers of The Evening World right away the most important news of this regiment. The news is that only one man of the organization has died since the departure from New York. The man who succumbed was a private and the cause of death was blood poisoning resulting from a scratch on the foot which he neglected until too late. He was buried with military honors a few days before I reached the camp.

The general health of the men has been excellent; they are in good spirits, and while, as was pretty generally known before I left New York, there have been many changes among officers, the backbone of the old personnel is still intact.

In the limited time at my disposal I was able to visit only the unit I had stumbled onto. It is billeted in two villages, almost adjoining. The unit was in command of an old friend, a Kerry man—or perhaps he is in Clare—who was in the Spanish-American War. His friends at Clason Point will be pleased to know that he is well and has grown stout on army food and exercise. When I reached him he had returned only a week before from a term in a great French army school, where our officers are receiving the finishing touches in technical training. Since my visit to this unit I have received, through the proper channels an invitation to be the guest of the entire regiment.

In a later article I shall talk about the command as a whole, but this article deals only with the unit I looked over during the short winter afternoon and the long winter evening. As I said, the unit is billeted in

ALDERMAN URGES USE OF THE ROPE IN HOT SOCIALIST ROW

Keppel Would Make Lee Kiss the Flag—Clash Over Thrift Stamp Resolution.

A serious clash occurred this afternoon between the seven Socialist Aldermen and the other members of the board on the question of American patriotism. During the verbal battle the Socialist attitude was referred to as "cowardly and un-American." Alderman William P. Keppel, shaking his fist in the direction of the Socialists, said he "would willingly commit murder in the defense of Americanism and gladly go to the electric chair for it."

Alderman Keppel then offered to take Alderman Lee, leader of the Socialists, in a room and either make him kiss the American flag or be hung from a window.

The clash will likely result in the preferring of charges of disloyalty against Alderman Lee and those who are lined up with him. This would result in their removal by the courts, should the charges be sustained.

The trouble began when Alderman O'Rourke of Staten Island, a former recruit in both the army and navy, offered a resolution intended to form the Board into a society for the sale of war-saving stamps.

Alderman Lee announced that, while the Socialists would not oppose the plan, they would not take any part in it.

Alderman Lee explained that the war savings stamps were intended to make the poor man pay for the war—the mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters of the working men who are already in the trenches. Inasmuch as he believed this was a rich man's war, the Socialist argued, the rich man should pay for it.

Alderman Keppel jumped to his feet. "I charge," he declared, "that these Socialists who oppose the War Savings Stamp are directly openly and defiantly disloyal. We know where these Socialists stand. They are of the type that would betray this country as they have betrayed Russia. The sins of Socialism in Russia are the blackest in all history. They will remain the disgrace of the ages."

"Alderman Lee needn't tell us that he and his fellow-Socialists will not support the War Savings Stamp plan. We know that it is not good Socialism to help the country win the war against autocracy."

"What this city needs," said Alderman Keppel, who hails from Charles F. Murphy's district, "is a patriotic society that will not hesitate to use the rope when it is needed. We ought to use the rope on every traitor."

"I, for one, would not hesitate for a single moment to murder a man whom I believed disloyal to the flag we are fighting for. And, I want to add, that I would go to the gallows with a smile on my lips, knowing that I approached my Maker with a clear conscience. These men who have ruined Russia shall not bring pain to us. Their souls of poison shall not be scattered here. The rope shall hang."

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BERLIN REPORTS RUSSIANS MAKING STRONG RESISTANCE; PETROGRAD CLAIMS VICTORY

Bolsheviki Transfers Military Headquarters—Reds Respond to Call to Arms.

BERLIN, Feb. 26 (via London).—Gen. Linsingen's forces, operating in Volhynia, have captured the town of Kolenkowitz after a battle, the German General Staff announced to-day. "Yesterday morning," says the report, "four days after crossing Moon Sound, the troops, which had marched on festival with cyclists, cavalry, machine guns and sharpshooters at their head, under command of Lieut. Gen. Frelliner von Deckendorf, took the fortress after a battle."

"In Livonia stage were hung out in many towns when we marched in. A great many inhabitants who had been arrested by the Russians were set free."

"South of Pskov our regiments met with stubborn resistance. They defeated the enemy in a violent battle, and the town was captured."

Near Kolenkowitz enemy forces threw themselves against detachments which were pressing forward into Ukraine along the Pripiet. The enemy was thrown back by a sharp attack, and the town and railway station were taken by storm. Within a few days the troops of Gen. von Linsingen's army group have covered more than 300 kilometers (186 miles) on foot, by rail and in motor cars, under conditions of great strain and hardship.

In co-operation with Ukrainian troops, they have freed a great part of the country from parting bands. The Ukrainian Government was restored quiet and order in the regions which have been cleared of the enemy.

"Recently there have been reports on the Eastern front as prisoners three divisional staff officers, 19 other officers and 1,674 men. The number of prisoners and the amount of booty taken at Reval and Pskov cannot yet be estimated."

Russians Report the Recapture of Pskov.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Pskov, 125 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been recaptured from the Germans by the Bolsheviks and street fighting is going on there, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Petrograd dated Monday. The Red Guards are resisting the German advance everywhere.

The capture of Pskov by the Germans was announced in the official statement issued last night at Berlin.

The Bolshevik Headquarters have been transferred from the Smolensk Institute in Petrograd to a new city camp, according to a despatch from Petrograd. At this camp the members of the city are assembling in mass, carrying red banners and fighting detachments are being formed continually.

It is reported that the Bolsheviks are still in possession of the city.

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NAVY PAYMASTER CALLS THIS YOUNG WOMAN MOST VALUABLE IN SERVICE



MISS SUE DORSEY

"The most valuable woman in the Government service" is the way Rear Admiral Samuel McGowan, Navy Paymaster General, describes this young woman, Miss Sue Dorsey, Miss Dorsey, the only woman Rear Admiral McGowan ever recommended for a commission, keeps track of 1,500 navy pay officers and assists them in various ways.

NEW YORK FREIGHT SHIP SUNK BY A SUBMARINE

Leeward Liner Philadelphia Sunk About Feb. 21—No Details Are Given.

The British freight steamer Philadelphia, 3,129 gross tons, owned by the Leeward Line, has been sunk by a submarine. She left here with cargo for British ports Feb. 11 and was reported about Feb. 21.

News of the Philadelphia's loss was received today in marine insurance circles.

4-1-2 P. C. LOAN CALLED SURE

Representative Announces "Direct Information" on Liberty Issue.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The new Liberty loan will bear a 4-1-2 per cent interest, Representative Mowbray declared on the floor of the House today. "I have that information direct."

BIG RAILROAD FUND STANDS.

House Efforts to Reduce \$500,000,000 Provision in Bill Fails.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The \$500,000,000 revolving fund, provided in the Administration railroad bill, was set aside by the House today after a spirited effort to reduce it. An amendment by Representative Dillon of South Dakota, authorizing a revolving fund of \$200,000,000 and providing \$300,000,000 additional, but which could not be passed without authorization by Congress, was defeated.

Admiral Mowbray, before his departure, when they defeated a motion by Representative Leonard to reduce the power of the President to have railroad securities.

Wilson's Name Before French Association.

ATLANTA, Feb. 26.—The French Association of the South Atlantic, which is holding its annual meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria, today announced that it will present a petition to the French Government for the recognition of the United States as a belligerent power.

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BITTER ATTACK ON ALLIES, HIGH PRAISE FOR NEUTRALS, IN CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH

Hertling Accepts Four Basic Principles Laid Down by Wilson—Angles for Proposals From Belgian Government—Defends New War on Russia

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 26.—Chancellor Hertling in his Reichstag speech accepted the four fundamental principles laid down by President Wilson, but with this vital reservation which practically negates his assertion that he readily admits "that the Wilson message of Feb. 11 constitutes perhaps a small step toward a mutual rapprochement." He said:

"From the beginning the Entente has pursued aims of conquest. It is fighting for the delivery of Alsace-Lorraine to France. I can add nothing to what previously has been said—there is no Alsace-Lorraine question in the international sense."

"Concerning the general question of peace, he said: "The prospect of peace on the whole eastern front is now within practical reach. The world, especially the neutral world, is asking if the gate is not open to a general peace, but France, Great Britain and Italy still, it seems, are completely unwilling to listen to the voice of reason and humanity."

The Chancellor also made some statements of a surprising nature concerning the Russian situation—the future of the invaded country and the terms of peace. He said:

"Our war aims from the beginning were defense of the Fatherland, maintenance of our territorial integrity and freedom of our economic developments. Our warfare, even where it must be aggressive in action, is defensive in aim. I lay special stress upon that just now in order that no misunderstandings may arise in regard to our operations in the east. Their sole aim is to secure the fruits of our peace with the Ukraine."

The Central Powers intend to give self-government to the Provinces of Courland and Lithuania. NO INTENTION OF INTERFERING WITH NEUTRAL NATIONS.

"Regarding recent Swiss intrigues, I declare that we never have thought and we never will think of assailing Swiss neutrality," the Chancellor asserted. "We hold the greatest esteem and gratitude toward Switzerland, also Holland, Scandinavia, Spain and other neutrals, who have preserved their neutrality despite temptations and oppressions."

The Chancellor asserted the Central Powers had freed Poland with the intention of calling an independent state into existence. The constitutional problem involved was still being discussed in its narrower sense, he said, by the three countries involved.

SAYS ALL PEOPLES MUST RECOGNIZE WILSON PRINCIPLES.

In declaring he accepted the four principles laid down by President Wilson the Chancellor said these principles must not only be proposed by the President of the United States but must also actually be recognized by all states and peoples.

"But this goal has not yet been reached," he said. "There is still no court of arbitration established by all the nations for the preservation of peace in the name of Justice. When President Wilson incidentally says that the German Chancellor is speaking to the tribunal of the entire world, I must decline this tribunal as prejudiced, joyfully as I would greet it, if an impartial court of arbitration existed and gladly as I

Prize Vessel Followed the Wait Nine Months Until It Went Ashore.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 26.—The Spanish steamship Igois-Mendi, with a German prize crew from the Pacific Ocean on board, is ashore near the Skaw Lighthouse. Two of the prisoners are Americans.

The prisoners on the Igois-Mendi were taken from six ships which had been sunk. Several of the prisoners had been aboard the vessel for eight months while she cruised in the Pacific Ocean.

Twenty-two persons, including nine women, two children and two Americans, have been landed by a lifeboat from the skaw.

The Danish authorities have informed the German commander of the Igois-Mendi. The German prize crew was still to leave the ship.

There had been an epidemic of beriberi and scurvy on board the vessel.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The steamship Igois-Mendi, according to a despatch from Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph Company, was captured by the German auxiliary cruiser Wolf on the 21st inst. in the Gulf of India.

The German navigator, who was captured, stated that he was following the Wolf's course.

All 22 persons who had been on board the vessel had been landed ashore.

The Danish auxiliary cruiser Wolf was reported after a rather extensive search of the northern Indian Ocean.

As reported by the Exchange Telegraph Company, the Igois-Mendi was captured by the northern auxiliary cruiser Wolf.

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