

FOES' GUNS THUNDER IN ARTILLERY DUELS ON TWO EAST FRONTS

Violent Battle Rages Along Narew River in Poland. Heavy Fighting on Nadworna-Stanislaw Line in Galicia.

Along the Narew River front in Poland the raging battle has developed into a great artillery duel. Petrograd reports halting the foe's offensive at Przasnysz, but admits that farther north the Germans are in possession of Simno and Augustowo.

Another great artillery duel has developed along the Nadworna-Stanislaw front in Galicia where Vienna chronicles heavy shelling of the strong entrenched invaders. The Austrian War Office adds that floods in Bukovina have forced a Russian retreatment from Czernowitz.

Lupkow and Smolnik in the Carpathians, have been captured by the Russians, who also report official advantages along the Dniester.

Eight hundred thousand British troops are being hurled against the German line in Northern France and Belgium in the greatest offensive movement in the west since the war began. The advance of the British and Indian troops has carried them to Aubers, where they are attacking the Germans, who have been heavily reinforced.

On the line between Armentieres and La Bassée the British are concentrating their main attack, with Lille as an objective point. Their terrific drive has now carried them within nine miles of that city.

French reservists are also being rushed to the support of the British. The Germans have also brought up three additional divisions in an effort to check the advance of the Allies.

The Belgian army has also taken the offensive, and near Lombaertwyde captured a strong German position.

KAISER'S GUNS POUND SLAV LINE IN NORTH POLAND. Petrograd Admits German Renewal of Offensive.

PETROGRAD, March 12.—The desperate battle along the Narew River front has developed into a sharp artillery duel. The German advance in this vicinity has received a check, official reports state, though the Germans are again within striking distance of Przasnysz. It was admitted at the War Office today that their outposts have advanced to within four miles of the city and artillery is being directed against the other from Czernowitz.

The idea of cutting the Warsaw-Petrograd railway has apparently been abandoned by the Germans. The campaign for the course of the Bobr and the Narew has narrowed down to two raids, one from the southern Mazurian lakes in the direction of the Orzev toward Polusk.

Defenders Take Offensive—Slavs Retire at Czernowitz. VIENNA, March 12.—Along the Stanislaw-Nadworna front a great artillery duel between the entrenched Russians and Austrian-German forces is in progress.

In Western Galicia all Russian attacks have been repulsed, and the Austrians are again taking the offensive. A sudden thaw in Eastern Galicia and Bukovina has caused a flood in the Pruth and Dniester Rivers, terminating all military operations in this region.

Russian forces that had crossed the Pruth and were threatening Czernowitz were forced to withdraw to the northern bank again.

BRITISH DRIVE ON LILLE WITH 800,000 MEN ON LINE. Full Strength of Allies Being Used in Great Offensive Move.

PARIS, March 12.—Two of the greatest armies ever gathered together in any war in the world's history now face each other in the western theater of war. The British are throwing their whole strength, estimated at 800,000 men, against the German lines of defense. They are conducting a strong offensive movement to force the Germans to evacuate Lille by extending vigorous pressure against the German lines near Armentieres and La Bassée.

Activity is increasing in Belgium, east of Lombaertwyde, on the north-east front, the Belgians have driven the Germans from a field fort. An artillery duel is in progress all along the line in Belgium. German infantrymen, supported by artillery, delivered a violent attack south of Dixmude. British success at Neuve Chapelle and L'Epipette, in France, has made it necessary for the Germans to rush reinforcements to the Franco-Belgian border. It is reported that three German divisions are being sent to the La Bassée region.

PROBE WOMAN'S DEATH. Hospital Head Demands Inquest, Suspecting Use of Drug.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., March 12.—The coroner is investigating the death of Mrs. Susan Childs, 70 years old, who died at the Rittersville Asylum last night. Henry I. Kloppe, superintendent of that institution, today sent for Coroner Johean of this city, and demanded an inquest. Mrs. Childs died less than a day after arriving at the hospital, apparently from an overdose of some powerful drug. The coroner empaneled a jury and will take testimony after a post mortem. There is as yet no clue as to how the patient came to take the drug.

Police Athlete Stops Runaway. Street Sergeant Emil Weitzel, who was sitting in his room in the station yesterday when he heard the cry of "Runaway" and saw a horse attached to a lumber wagon dash by the station, Weitzel threw up a window, leaped to the ground, jumped the fence surrounding the station and gave chase. He overtook the horse near 12th street and brought it to a stand. The runaway is an athlete and some years ago won first place in a marathon race.

Woman Struck by Trolley Car. Mrs. Theresa Decker, 33 years old, 139 Wilder street, suffered a fractured skull and a fractured arm today, when she was struck by a southbound car at 12th and Wilder streets. She is in serious condition at St. Agnes Hospital. James Pugh, 223 Somerset street, the motorist, was assigned at Central Station to the station.

LONELY GIRL AWAKENS FROM "DREAM" DREAM

Aspiring to Become Famous Playwright and Actress, She Runs Away to New York.

A lonely little Philadelphia girl, who aspired to be a famous playwright and a world-renowned actress, started on a beautiful adventure yesterday. With a few bits of clothing and a very precious motion picture scenario in her suit case, she made her way to New York to sell the play and become the leading woman in its production.

As she trudged up Broadway to a producing company's office, the world seemed exceedingly bright, for she was confident that she was going to sell her manuscript. "It's Never Too Late to Mend," and the fact that she had spent her last penny for carfare to the city did not worry her.

Italy in Suspense as Wild War Rumors Fly Thick and Fast. Negotiations Over Von Buelow's Proposal to Continue Next Week, But Peaceful Solution Is Not Expected.

ROME, March 12.—The diplomatic negotiations in regard to Italy's position in the war are continuing, and the wildest reports are afloat in the lobbies of the Chamber of Deputies, where the excitement and suspense are great.

Baron Sonnino, the Foreign Minister, held numerous conferences yesterday with Sir J. Rennell Rodd, the British Ambassador; Premier Salandra, Prince von Buelow, the German Ambassador; General Guppelli, the Minister of War; the Chief of Staff, the director of the Bank of Italy and the Director General of Police.

Despite the reticence of the Government, it is now understood that Prince von Buelow's proposal for the cessation of the Trentino and the rectification of the Italian-Austrian frontier and proposed that Italy begin mobilization with the object of hastening the conclusion of the negotiations.

Authoritative reports reaching The Hague from Berlin seem to indicate that Germany, with a view to obtaining Italy's neutrality, has induced Austria, despite vigorous opposition by Emperor Francis Joseph, to agree to make territorial concessions to Italy.

It is understood at The Hague, however, that although Italy has taken this tentative offer under consideration, no definite agreement has yet been reached. The negotiations are likely to be concluded on March 15. Further offers are expected, since Germany is determined to obtain the cessation of the necessary sacrifices to secure Italian neutrality.

Four Deputies questioned the Premier in the chamber as to the negotiations, which, they declared, were lessening the dignity and damaging the interests of Italy. The Premier made no reply.

CHINESE FIRE HEROES SAVE THREE CHILDREN. Mott Wing, Ling Ho and Sing Wo Carry Them From Burning House.

Fire has no terrors for Mott Wing or his brave business partners, Ling Ho and Sing Wo. They didn't think of themselves or their own lives this morning when they burst into the toy store of David Lee, 122 South 22d street, to rescue three little girls from the flames.

Several bystanders gazed at the smoke somewhat dazed, the three Chinese seized numerous buckets and tubs of soda and dumped the bubbles into the flames where they were the thickest.

The three children were huddled behind a counter terror-stricken. Each Chinese picked up a girl and carried her to the street. They were greeted heartily by the people who were attracted by the fire.

LINDEE SEEKS REDRESS. Colorado Judge Charges Conspiracy to Defame His Character.

DENVER, Col., March 12.—Judge Ben B. Lindsee, of the Juvenile Court, today asked District Attorney Bush for the arrest of three men and a woman on various charges of conspiracy to defame his character. Should the warrants be issued and the case brought to trial, it is stated Colonel Roosevelt will be a witness.

EX-SENATOR HINCHLiffe Dying. PATERSON, N. J., March 12.—Word came today from St. Augustine, Fla., that this city is dying. The minister of his family are at his bedside. The end is thought to be near.

Storers Would Free Captives. ROME, March 12.—Bellamy Storer, former American Ambassador to Austria-Hungary, and Mrs. Storer, have volunteered their services to the Vatican, and both are now engaged in attempting to negotiate the release of French prisoners of war in Germany.

Liner Arabic Brings Heavy Mail. NEW YORK, March 12.—The White Star liner Arabic, from Liverpool, docked at 4th street today, bringing an unusually heavy mail cargo. She carried 200 passengers and about the same number in the steerage.

MAYO WILLING TO SETTLE. Attorney for Scranton Woman Says Alleged Husband Is Conciliatory.

SCRANTON, Pa., March 12.—Frederick E. Scott, attorney for Mrs. Florence Mayo, returned early this morning from a trip to New Haven, where he conferred with Virginia J. Mayo in regard to Mrs. Mayo's claim that she is his wife and was deserted by him in 1913.

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English Battleship Triumph Damaged by Shell From Smyrna Forts. Turks Sink Transport and Mine Sweepers.

LONDON, March 12.—An Athens dispatch says Vice Admiral Carden, commander of the Anglo-French fleet, has stated that he expects to take through the Dardanelles by Easter day. He bases this upon the operation of the warships alone, without counting on the aid of land forces. There are 100 boats in the fleet of mine sweepers was at work in the Dardanelles Thursday.

Under the direction of the German gun fire of the Turks is getting better, many of the shells are of inferior quality, falling to explode when they strike.

The British battleship Triumph has been damaged by the Smyrna forts according to the head of the British fleet. The Allies' warships have destroyed a battery near Dardanelles, on the Dardanelles.

Three mine sweepers and a transport of the Allies have been sunk in the Dardanelles entrance. It is officially announced in a Constantinian bulletin that a determined effort to take Smyrna is being made. Six warships from the fleet at the Dardanelles have returned to the Aegean Sea. A squadron of British mine sweepers will be sent to the Dardanelles.

Official claims of the Turkish War Office that several mine sweepers and a transport attached to the international fleet were sunk by Turkish guns were denied today for Smyrna. It is admitted that the damage inflicted by British guns could be considered trivial when compared with the magnitude of the success achieved so far by the fleet.

POLICE RAID HOUSE. Proprietors and Three Alleged Immigrants Taken to City Hall.

The first raid in connection with the "vice quarantine" which was placed over suspected disorderly houses on Thursday, at the instance of Director Porter, was made early today and the proprietors of a place at 78 North 10th street and three alleged immigrants were taken to City Hall and arraigned before Magistrate Beaton. The prisoners are Jennie Snyder, 50 years old, Daisy Thomas, Carrie Carrigan and Ruby Handolph, each 21 years old.

There was much excitement in the house when the police descended on the place shortly after midnight and several men tried to leave by way of the rear stairs. The raiding party consisted of special detectives Barry, Clark and Haines, special policemen Ernst and Wechsner, and Rogers, a member of the vice squad. Houses which come under suspicion are being watched nightly by details under the direction of Captain Tenopet and any attempt on the part of the proprietors of the place to shift the ban will meet with arrest. Daily raids are expected.

N. G. P. Encampment Improbable. Owing to the increase in railroad rates, the members of the National Guard of Pennsylvania may not go to camp this summer. Announcement that the railroad companies would be unable to permit special rates for the transportation of troops to recent railings of the Interstate Commerce Commission, was made yesterday by Secretary of War B. Morris, who will confine their summer tours to brigade encampments or combat maneuvers with the regular army.

Hospital Fund Forwarded to Paris. The fund of \$15,000, contributed by Philadelphia for the maintenance of the American Ambulance Hospital at Paris, has been forwarded to the French capital by the banking firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. Word to this effect was received yesterday by Secretary B. Morris, treasurer of the committee.

Bogus Quarters in City. Counterfeit 25-cent pieces have made their appearance in Prospect Park. The bogus quarters are of fine workmanship and the only way they can be detected is by the weight. Federal officials are trying to find a clue to the counterfeiters.

Operated on for Appendicitis. Miss Marlon E. Smith, superintendent of the University Hospital, was operated upon today for appendicitis by Dr. J. G. Clark, at the hospital. Her condition is reported as satisfactory.

THE WEATHER. Official Forecast. For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Fair tonight and Sunday; gentle moderate northwest winds becoming variable.

Overcast area of high barometer, extending to the Rocky Mountains, the crest being over Ohio this morning. It has been very slightly and cloudiness has been in the central valleys. A moderate disturbance is indicated over southern Florida and has caused light rains along the eastern Gulf Coast. The temperature has risen slowly throughout the central half of the country except along the Middle Atlantic slope and the conditions are generally seasonable this morning.