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Several hundred French soldiers were burned by the flaming liquid sprinkled by the German bombs. Their clothing was set afire, and they ran screaming from the trenches in agony. The French second line immediately advanced to a counter-attack, and forced the Germans to abandon the ground they had taken by the bomb attack.

FRENCH GUNNERS AGAIN SUPERIOR.

French gunners again have demonstrated their superiority over the German artillerists. Near St. Hubert, in the Argonne, a German ammunition depot was blown up.

Along the heights of the Meuse French heavy artillery demolished a German battery, blew up twenty German ammunition wagons, and annihilated a detachment of the enemy concentrating for an infantry charge.

A French aviator flew over the German fortified city of Metz, dropping bombs upon the barracks and inflicting severe damage.

The Germans are again bombarding Arras and Meuse. The concentration in these cities, according to dispatches received in Paris today.

The big German mortars have done terrific havoc at Arras, and a great part of the city is in ruins.

Despite heavy foggy weather in west Flanders, artillery duels still are in progress there.

There has been no decisive result in the last few days' fighting in the Vosges and upper Alsace.

OGDEN MILLS DENIES GETTING GIFT STOCK

Rock Island Director Admits Learning From Inquiry Facts About Road He Didn't Know.

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head evidently found things different in the West. "I don't know," he replied, "I certainly should object if funds were given to me."

"Why didn't you investigate these matters?" asked Folk.

"The only one of which I had knowledge was that of Mr. Purdy. A considerable sum was paid to the settlement with Mr. Loree."

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"Yes." "As a director of the Rock Island, you have learned more in your office from this investigation than you knew before, have you not?"

"I have no certain things." "The witness declared he did not know the salaries paid to officials; that such matters were not brought before the board. He would not consider the executive committee had a right to make any donation of funds."

"Is it your opinion," asked Folk, "that other directors are as ignorant of the company's affairs as you are?"

"I do not consider myself ignorant." "You appreciate that your name is before the firm in connection with this confidence is given by it?"

In reply Mills said it was impossible for the firm to know the salaries of every fact concerning a railroad.

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TURKISH MINISTERS ESCAPE BULLETS

Would-Be Assassin Court-Martialed, Found Guilty, and Executed in Constantinople.

CONSTANTINOPE, (via Berlin and Amsterdam), Feb. 27.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to assassinate Talat Bey, minister of the interior, last night in Istanbul.

Three shots were fired by the assassin. One of the bullets narrowly missed Talat Bey and Djavid Bey, the minister of finance, but the other two were fired wildly as the assassin was being shot by a policeman.

The minister of the interior was tried by court martial this morning, found guilty, and executed.

As the result of the attempted assassination the officials have ordered all cafes and wine shops to close an hour after sunset.

The minister of the interior is on an important mission in connection with the war.

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Grand Jury May Probe Passport Case Threat

Mrs. Richard Stegler, Wife of German Prisoner in Alleged Fraud Conspiracy, Is Warned in Letter Not to Talk of Husband's Arrest.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A Federal grand jury probe is today expected to follow the sending of a threatening letter to Mrs. Richard Stegler, wife of the German prisoner here in the passport fraud case.

The letter, which warned Mrs. Stegler that if she talked any more concerning her husband's arrest, harm would befall her, was turned over to the Federal authorities by her husband's attorneys.

WARNED OVER PHONE ALSO. In addition to the letter, Mrs. Stegler declared she had received several telephone calls since her husband's arrest. Different persons, she said, warned her to "keep her mouth shut" concerning Stegler's arrest.

Captain Boy-Ed, the German naval attaché named by Stegler as the head of a German spy system in this country, refused to discuss the hurried flight of the passport fraud case.

"I was fired to go to Belfast, Ireland," he said, "and to inspect the ship yards there. A number of merchant vessels were reported being painted and rebuilt there to resemble British battleships and were to be used in a scheme to block the mouths of the Elbe and Weser river in Germany. It was to be a sort of Hobson-at-Santiago affair, and the approach of a Russian army from the north may cut off retreat."

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CHRISTIANA REPORTS SUBMARINE U-9 LOST

Wreckage Picked Up Indicates German Undersea Boat Has Met With Disaster.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—London papers today gave prominent display to a report from Christiania, indicating that the German submarine U-9 has met disaster.

The Christiania dispatch said that wreckage picked up near Christiania was from the U-9, the undersea vessel that sank the British cruisers Hogue, Aboukir, and Cressy in the North Sea on September 23, and the British cruiser Hawke on October 25.

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The wrangle started in the House soon after Congressman Page presented the conference report on the proposed appropriation bill, this being the second appearance of the conference report in the House.

All But One Item. Mr. Page said the conferees had agreed to let the Johnson amendment affecting the half and half arrangement. The House agreed without debate to the partial conference report and Congressman Ben Johnson then moved to instruct the House conferees to further insist upon his amendment. This amendment the Senate has steadfastly refused to accept.

Majority Leader Underwood then offered his preferential motion to concur in the Senate action eliminating the Johnson rider, and to insert a provision for the appointment of a joint committee to investigate the half and half controversy. The Underwood motion was the same as the Gallinger proposal in the Senate, and three Senators and three members of the House "whose duty it shall be to submit to Congress a study of the merits of the proposition of the expenses of the District of Columbia or any branch, including the interest on bonds, which shall be borne by the District and the United States Government."

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Does Not With Reading. Congressman Crisp went on with the reading of his bill, and the support of their capital.

"Do those countries undertake to make all the laws for their capitals as we do for the District?" he was asked.

"No, sir," Congressman Crisp replied, "and you will remember that the District had its own laws for a long time before it was made a part of the half and half plan."

Congressman Crisp then stated that he did not believe any man here is willing to go on record as favoring the bill, and that he was not prepared to sustain our own judgment.

This statement was applauded.

SENATE PLANS NO SPECIAL SESSION. There will be no special session of the Senate.

This was the word passed around in official circles today.

Confirmation of the trade commission appointments with the possible passage of a rural credits bill and one of the conservation measures, now are hoped for before the session ends.

President Wilson especially is confident that all real opposition to his trade commission appointments will disappear before the session ends.

It is not likely that the Colombian and Nicaraguan treaties will be ratified, but the administration now is ready to throw them aside until next December.

EX-CONVICTS HELD IN AURORA MURDER. CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Chief Nichols, of the Aurora police, and several detectives came here today to question Frank Ramsey, arrested last night by Detective DeMar. Ramsey has served time.

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