



GERMANS BREAK LONG LULL WITH SPIRITED OFFENSIVE IN WOEVRE

Violent Bombardments Precede New Assault Which Lends Color to Prevailing Opinion That Drive on Verdun Had Merely Halted; Paris Reports Driving Teutons Out of Few Positions They Penetrated

COUNTRY OF MOIST CLAY AND HEIGHTS

Commentators Point Out That Heavy Soil Makes Movement of German Artillery Almost Impossible While Troops Have to Deploy on Open Ground Under Fire of French Guns From Heights

After a lull in infantry operations in the vicinity of Verdun since the early part of the week there has been a resumption of the German offensive in the Woevre region. A violent bombardment was followed by a spirited attack on the French at Fresnes, ten miles southeast of Verdun.

The offensive was reopened on the plain of the Woevre, east of Verdun, where the Germans have worked at several points to the base of the heights of the Meuse, passing before the strong French position that crown the ridge to the west of the plain.

In an apparent attempt to break the French line near the southern end of the 12-mile front along which their recent advance in this region was pressed, the Germans made a drive on the French at Fresnes, ten miles southwest of Verdun and succeeded in penetrating the French positions at some points. Paris, however, declares that they were promptly ejected in a counterattack.

The French themselves took the offensive at Douaumont, four miles northeast of Verdun, the outlying fort captured last week by the Crown Prince's Brandenburg troops and since reported to be held by several hundred Germans cut off through a subsequent French advance.

There is possible significance in the German announcement of intense activity by the British artillery in the Yser district of Belgium where military observers have forecast a possible diversion by the British in aid of the French further down the line.

The new attack gives color to what seems to be the prevailing military opinion in Paris that the German offensive at Verdun had merely halted. It also calls particular attention to the Woevre region, where the Teutons

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THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy to-night and Friday; slightly colder to-night, with lowest temperature about 25 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Snow this afternoon; partly overcast to-night and Friday; somewhat colder to-night; fresh east to north winds.

French Commander Holding Germans at Verdun



GENERAL HUMBERT

The youngest French general commanding an army in the field—General Humbert—is having the chance at Verdun of gambling for the highest stakes of military renown, an opportunity to be envied by all his fellow commanders.

He was appointed to take charge of the forces in the Argonne early last fall, succeeding General Sarrail, who had come into conflict with General Joffre and General Millerand, then secretary of war.

General Sarrail was sent to Salonici and Humbert was chosen to oppose the attacks which the German crown prince has been making against the fortress at Verdun at intervals for a year and a half.

General Humbert was only a major when the war began, and his rapid promotion has been due to his ability to carry out the plans of General Joffre, who is now at Verdun directing the defense.

STATE PURCHASES 2 BIG SLICES IN EXTENSION ZONE

Buy National Hotel and State Street Market From Mrs. Shellenberger

The National Hotel and State street market, the largest of the properties in the Capitol Park Extension zone unpurchased by the State of Pennsylvania, was bought to-day from Mrs. Annie Shellenberger, the owner, for \$67,000.

This property has been in negotiation for some time and this morning the papers were signed and the State will assume control without delay.

The markethouse was built in 1872 and was long the only afternoon and evening market in the city.

Acquisition of this property leaves a comparatively small number of tracts in the Park Extension zone to be bought by the State.

Congressman Kreider to Run For Third Term

Special to the Telegraph. Anville, Pa., March 2.—Congressman A. S. Kreider has lifted nomination papers as a candidate to succeed himself for a third term as representative of the Eighteenth Congressional district.

BATTLESHIP FUND MEETS APPROVAL OF YOUNGSTERS

Tide of Actual Contributions Has Begun to Rise by Leaps and Bounds

Marjorie Sterrett's letter to the New York Tribune, printed on the first page of this paper last evening, has already had its effect and the fund which Harrisburg and vicinity will contribute has been started. It is growing. Read this:

Dear Sir:—I have read Marjorie Sterrett's letter and will try to do all I can to help her build a battleship for our Beautiful America. I will try to get all my schoolmates to help us to make it a success.

Yours truly, ARTHUR BARD.

Scarcely had the ink dried on the front page of the Telegraph's first edition yesterday when the ball was started rolling for Marjorie's battleship.

Strikers at Auto War Order Plant Joined by Workers on Aeroplanes

Buffalo, N. Y., March 2.—Five hundred machinists of the Pierce Arrow Automobile Company went out on strike to-day in response to the strike vote taken at a mass meeting of the machinists' union. More than 1500 machinists remained at work.

\$300,000 MORTON TRUCK ORDER ON WAY TO RUSSIA

Shipping by Way of Seattle Because of Blockade on New York Lines

HELD WEEK IN YARDS

Finally Despairing of Shipment, Train Is Rushed by Route 5,000 Miles Further

The effect of the freight blockade at the New York terminal of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was shown last night, when a train of 61 cars, each car loaded with a Morton tractor, passed through Harrisburg en route to Seattle, Wash., from where they will be shipped to Russia.

Two weeks ago this shipment left Philadelphia for New York, and was tied up in the yards of the metropolis ever since.

The tractors are part of a war order held by the Morton Truck and Tractor Company of Harrisburg, and were built at the Baldwin Locomotive plant, Philadelphia, on a sub-contract. The total value of the shipment is \$300,000.

The Pennsylvania Railroad is handling this special train as preference freight with instructions to permit no delays at division terminals. The train reached the Enola yards last night at 6 o'clock and one hour later was en route West. Each truck is in a large box which takes up all the room on a gondola 60 feet long. The special train was due at Pittsburgh this afternoon.

JOHN FOX WEISS IS NO CANDIDATE FOR THE SENATE

Gives Out Statement Saying He Is Not in the Race For State Senatorship

John Fox Weiss, formerly district attorney and Republican county chairman, definitely announced this morning that he will not be a candidate for the Republican nomination for State senator at the May primaries.

During the last six months I have been persistently rumored that he would get into the race, but he put an end to the reports when he gave the following statement to the Telegraph:

"This practically leaves the field open for an unopposed renomination for Senator E. E. Biddleman. Senator Biddleman's petitions have been in circulation for some time and already contain the names of more than 16,500 voters in the city and county.

D. P. & S. Store Now Controls Extensive Property Frontage

The Dives, Pomeroy and Stewart Department store plans to construct its own light and heat plant, according to the announcement of William H. Bennett, Sr., manager of the store, but just when the work will be started is not known.

MERCER ELEVENTH COUNTY IN THIS STATE TO GO DRY

Sharon, Pa., March 2.—The eleventh county in Pennsylvania became dry when Judge J. A. McLaughrey, of Mercer county, refused all liquor licenses, 45 in number, including 26 retail and 19 wholesale places, located in Sharon, Farrell, Wheatland, Sharpsville and Greenville. The court handed down a lengthy opinion, citing Eric Trolls, formerly Swedish secretary of foreign affairs and later minister to Germany, discussing the country's policy.

LOSES HAND; LIFE MENACED

Reading, Pa., March 2.—Franklin Kline, a blacksmith, who made a can out of a piece of pipe, had his hand almost blown off when he discharged the piece at his home near Johnson. The wound is inches deep and Kline is in a hospital, with part of the hand amputated and facing a fatal case of blood poisoning.

RAIDER MOEWE REPORTED TAKEN IN SEA FIGHT

Steamer Intercepts Wireless That British Cruisers Capture German Boat

MAY BE ROON, TOO

Exact Identity Questioned; Many Ships Sunk by Germans

Buenos Aires, March 2.—Press dispatches from Montevideo say that a steamer arriving from Europe intercepted near the coast of Brazil a wireless message stating that British cruisers had captured the German auxiliary cruiser Moeve.

The Moeve, it is said, was taken by the British cruisers to the island of Trinidad. The American steamer Santa Barbara has arrived at Montevideo; her captain making the announcement that a French cruiser which put out from Dakar, on the west coast of Africa, encountered a German raider, name not given, and opened fire on her.

The Moeve first came into prominence several weeks ago of the British steamship Appam, in charge of a German prize crew. She brought word of a mysterious German commerce raider, the Moeve which was roaming the seas and had captured and sunk several British merchantmen and

CALL WINE ROOM SLEUTH IMPORTED SPY AND HIRELING

Counsel For Liquor License Applicants Attack Investigators in Court

DECRY METHODS USED

Judges Hear Argument on Legal Phase of Requests For Privilege

These are the pick of the epithets counsel for some of the liquor license applicants hurled this morning at the investigators in the campaign that had been waged by the combined action of the city churches and the Dauphin county Law and Order and No-Liquor Leagues when President Judge Kunkel and Additional Law Judge McCarrell heard argument on the remonstrances.

The hearings were resumed this afternoon and it is expected that by evening or early to-morrow morning the longest session of 1916 license court in many years will be finally concluded.

Missing Princeton Student Joined U. S. Army in This City

Princeton, N. J., March 2.—William West, the Princeton senior who disappeared last week has been found at Fort Slocum, New Rochelle, N. Y. Letters to President Hibben and his brother received to-day stated that he had enlisted in the army at Harrisburg, Pa., and was in training for the coast artillery.

GENERAL ARGUMENTO IS SHOT

El Paso, Tex., March 2.—General Benjamin Argumedo, leader of the opposition to the de facto government in Durango and the La Cuna districts, was executed after court martial at Durango City, yesterday.

AGED PAIR BURN TO DEATH

New Bloomfield, Pa., March 2.—Mr. and Mrs. David Stambaugh, aged 65 and 60, were burned to death early today when fire totally destroyed their home at Elliottsburg, five miles west of this place.

PROMINENT FRENCHMAN MISSING

Paris, March 2.—No news has been received of Lieutenant Colonel Driant, a son-in-law of the late General Boulanger and deputy for Nancy, since the beginning of the Verdun battle in which he commanded two battalions of light infantry.

DEFEAT FRENCH COUNTER ATTACK

Berlin, March 2, via London.—The official German statement of to-day says the French sacrificed men unsuccessfully in a counter attack on Fort Douaumont, one of the outlying defenses of Verdun, which was captured by the Germans.

WILL CONSIDER FREIGHT CONGESTION

Washington, March 2.—Freight congestion in Eastern terminals will be taken up by the Interstate Commerce Commission with representatives of all interests concerned at a public hearing here, March 6 and 7.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Earl Raymond Rhoads and Anna Ismay Stuck, Marysville. Earnest Daniel Remmer and G. eorgine Fisher Kluhne, etc. Joseph Austin Shimp and Dorothy Beila Hartz, etc.

WILL PUT ARMED PROBLEM BEFORE REPUBLICANS IN SUPPORT EFFORT

President Summons Leader Mann For Conference in Attempt to Get Backing For Confidence Vote on Warning Resolution

GORE CHARGES WILSON WITH FAVORING WAR

Repeats Report That President Said War Between U. S. and Germany Might Advance Civilization by Bringing European Conflict to End

Washington, March 2.—President Wilson and Republican Leader Mann of the House will discuss the attitude of Republicans on the armed ship issue at 5 o'clock this afternoon at the President's request. The President intends to place the issue squarely before the Republicans in an effort to gain their support.

The conference aroused much discussion over whether the administration forces had lost some ground in the House which they hoped to overcome with Republican votes. Whether the President, considering the question entirely a non-partisan one, wanted to inform the leaders of all sides. The latter view was predominant.

WOMAN HOLDS UP BANK

Muskogee, Okla., March 2.—Possessing a revolver, a woman who, with male companion, robbed a bank at Millerton, Oklahoma, yesterday was unable to find any trace of them to-day. The woman covered the cashier with a revolver, swept \$500 in bills into a bag and then she and her companion escaped to the mountains.

WANDALS DESTROY AND ROB PERDIX SUMMER HOMES

Steal Clothing and Supplies; Smash Catsup Bottles and Smear Furnishings

Thieves either late yesterday or Tuesday night robbed the summer homes of a number of people in this city in a raid in Perdix.

The city police have received complaints from Alderman John Nicholas and Edward C. Keller, each of whom place their loss at more than \$50. It is believed that two "bums" made the raids and at least five places have been entered, according to the police.

At each home windows were broken, bottles of catsup smashed and the contents smeared over furniture, carpets and the walls, fixtures torn down and the whole house turned topsy-turvy.

Clothing, hunting and fishing supplies, underwear and sweaters and other things were taken at the home of Alderman Nicholas. The thieves then went to the Keller residence and cooked a meal there, then exchanging some of the clothes they had taken from the Nicholas cottage for others which they found in the Keller home.

OUTLINE OF ENGLAND'S REPLY TO NOTE ARRIVES

Washington, D. C., March 2.—Secretary Lansing said to-day that Ambassador Page at London had cabled an outline of Great Britain's reply to the American protest against interference with mails, which is coming by post, but he declined to say what the outline indicated. Nothing would be heard, he said, until the note itself had been received.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Reading, Pa., March 2.—Thirty per cent of the marriages in Berks county are failures, according to reports filed at the court house. The proportion of divorces to marriages is unusually high. Forty-three divorce cases were heard in February, and 122 marriage licenses were issued. Leap year brought an increase in February licenses of 10.

SWEDEN TO STAY NEUTRAL

Stockholm, March 2.—Sweden is just as determined as she was 13 months ago not to interfere in the war, as long as she can maintain her national honor and dignity," said Eric Trolls, formerly Swedish secretary of foreign affairs and later minister to Germany, discussing the country's policy.

220 HOSPITAL TRAINS FROM VERDUN ARRIVE

Amsterdam, March 2.—Two hundred and twenty hospital trains with men wounded in the Verdun battles have arrived at Aix-La-Chapelle according to the Echo Belge.