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GENERAL FRENCH CONFIDENT OF ALLIES' ULTIMATE SUCCESS

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH FREDERICK PALMER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, BRITISH COMMANDER SAYS HE WAS NEVER SO CONFIDENT OF ALLIES' SUCCESS AS AT THE PRESENT TIME.

While Commending the Bravery of the Germans, British Officer Mentions Bad Conduct on Part of Some of Allies' Enemies —Official Berlin Statement Claims Repulse of Russians in Vicinity of Augustowo and Pazasnysz—Captain of German Steamer Carib, which was Sunk by Mine off German Coast, Arrives in New York and Tells of Sinking ing of German Cruiser Karlsruhe when Struck a Reef in the West Indies and Was Blown up by the Germans—Socialist Mustered into German Army.

British Headquarters in France, March 25.—Frederick Palmer for the Associated Press gives the following interview with General French:

"There is no doubt of the outcome. I never was so confident of victory as today. I am as confident as Grant was when he took command of the army of the Potomac. He kept at it, so shall I."

French said that the artillery is overestimated and that the infantryman and machine gun would decide the war.

Palmer asked the British commander if the Germans had consistently broken the rules of civilized war.

French replied: "Yes, in many instances their conduct has been bad, very bad. I know it has been, but it has varied. It seemed to depend upon the commanders. If the commander approves outrages, they occur."

French paid tribute to the Germans' bravery.

Claim Russians Are Checked.

Berlin, March 25.—An official statement says, excepting unimportant engagements on the Meuse, southeast of Verdun, which continue, only artillery duels took place on the western front yesterday.

In the east, the Russian attacks in the vicinity of Augustowo and Przasnysz have been repulsed.

Karlsrule Struck Reef

New York, March 25.—The captain of the American steamer Carib, which was sunk by a mine off the German coast, arrived here today bringing what he said was positive confirmation from friends in the German navy that the Karlsruhe struck a reef in the West Indies and was blown up by the Germans in December.

Socialist Into Army

Berlin, March 25.—Karl Liebknecht, the socialist member of the Reichstag, was mustered into the German army and assgined to service in Alsace. He had frequently protested against war, and on Saturday voted in the Reichstag against the adoption of the budget.

French Shoot Woman Spy

Lueville, France, March 25.—Marguerite Schmitt, a French woman, was court martialed and shot as a spy yesterday. She admitted that she had accepted money from the Germans to enter the French lines and obtain information.

Turks Suffer Heavily

London, March 25.—A Reuter correspondent asserts that the Turks suffered enormous losses in the Dardanelles bombardment on the 18th.

Germans Fight For Lives.

Petrograd, March 25.—The Germans north and south of Ossowetz are attacking strongly to stop the Russian attempt to surround the German besiegers of Ossowetz.

Germans Blocked Their Plan.

London, March 25.—The Chronicle here publishes a story from Roumania that the Turks had decided to surrender Constantinople and the Dardanelles, but the Germans blocked their plan.

German Charge Denied.

Washington, D. C., March 25.—The United States ordinance experts report that the investigations show that no dum-dum bullets have been shipped from the United States. This answer is made to the German embassy's charge.

Headed for Vienna.

Petrograd, March 25.—Already the Russians have begun to burst the southern barriers, where they have been on the defensive across the Carpathians, passes since December when the Germans launched their great scheme to help the Austrians and outflank the Russian left from Hungary.

The column which was defeated in the last Austro-German effort from the sources of the San, advanced to attempt the relief of Przemysl and again attacked with tremendous energy. After seventeen charges the Russians drove their enemy westward and themselves waded neck deep through the swift current of the San, flooded by the mountain snows. This initiative now extends westward farther east broke the position at the sources of the Stryl, near Koziomoka, which was held by the Germans, killing the last man holding the rocky shelters.

Officers who watched the last moments of Przemysl, when, after the charge of the battalion which captured the inner forts, great clouds of dusty smoke arose from the explosions with which the Austrians attempted to destroy the remaining defenses, saw a white sheet rigged from the highest factory chimney in the town and white flags flying from telegraph poles. They found that the fortifications under the debris can be easily repaired.

Russian armies, doubtless inspired by the victory at Przemysl, are pressing the fighting both in Northern Poland and the Carpathians, where Germans and Austrians are giving desperate battle to stay the attempted advance of the Muscovites.

Probably the struggle in the Carpathians will prove to be the one that presently will attract the most attention, for even Vienna reports that strong Russian forces are now attacking with great violence along the front extending for some miles from Uzsok Pass and the firece fighting is taking place of the possession of the heights which dominate the important outlets from the north into Hungary.

KELLEY BROWN FOR SPEAKER.

Young Ardmore Representative Sang Swan Song to Fifth Legislature.

Oklahoma City, March 23.—"I have always feared God, I have always loved my fellow man, and I have always been a Democrat."

In these words Kelley Brown Carter, County's representative in the legislature sang his swan song to the fifth Oklahoma legislature today. It was in the last few moments of the closing session. Representative Tom Waldrep of Pottowatomie county had just called for some remarks from the gentlemen from Carter county. Cheers greeted the suggestion, Mr. Brown arose and there were mingled cries of "platform" and "next" speaker.

Already there is talk of Kelley Brown for speaker for the special session of the legislature which is to be held in the fall of 1916, or of the next regular session which will be held in the winter of 1917. Mr. Brown has made an enviable record during the present session. He has always been in his seat and has been identified in an important way with the leadership of the lower house.

COTTON AT HIGH POINT.

Eight Sixty-Nine Paid for Cotton at Little Rock Today.

Little Rock, Ark., March 25.—Cotton reached its highest price of the season today here, when sixty-five thousand dollars worth was sold, bringing 8.69 per pound.

TO ARREST VANDALS.

Police of City to Arrest Youths Destroying Young Trees.

The police of the city have been instructed to keep a sharp lookout for a set of bad boys, who have been tearing up young shade trees and committing other acts of vandalism throughout the city.

Especial complaint has been made by property owners along North Caddo street and Bob Rogers of the Ardmore Horse & Mule Market has offered a reward for the arrest and conviction of anyone committing these depredations.

VICE-PRES. LAUDS HUGE EXPOSITION

REPRESENTING THE PRESIDENT THOS. R. MARSHAL DEDICATES GREAT INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION.

San Francisco, March 24.—Vice President Thomas R. Marshall, representing the president of the United States, formerly dedicated Wednesday the Panama-Pacific international exposition.

Standing beneath the great arch of the tower of jewels, the vice president addressed a vast concourse of people who crowded the court of the universe.

Mr. Marshall spoke with solemnity and was constantly halted by applause. Especially was this the case when, referring to the Panama canal he voiced regret "that this altruistic work has a real or seeming defect in the charge of an injustice done a sister republic of the south."

"Let us not be too much dismayed at this day by reason of that fact," he said. "The American people are wise and they know he is not wise who is not just."

Charles C. Moore, president of the exposition, introduced the first three speakrs United States Senator James D. Phelan of California, Chester H. Rowell, representing Governor Johnson and Mayor James Rolph, Jr., the latter expressing the hope to the vice president that the message he would forward to the president would be "California has done well." President Moore called for three cheers when Mr. Marshall was introduced.

The impressiviness of the scene was added to by the scores of foreign representatives officers of the army and navy in full dress uniform.

SUICIDE AT FORT SILL

Soldier There Hanged Himself to a Fence Post with Handkerchief

Fort Sill, Okla., March 25.—Joseph Dorsch, a private in the fifth field artillery, hanged himself last night from a fence post with a handkerchief.

Hickman Willis Appeals

Hickman Willis, convicted of the murder of Rena Davis near Provence, last year, and sentenced to serve 25 years in the state penitentiary, has appealed his case to the criminal court of appeals. It is complained in the assignment of error, that the trial court did not strike from the record statements made by the prosecuting attorney when the case was opened. The attorney sought to show by certain circumstances that Willis was in bad humor with the Davis woman several days before the killing took place. Willis is one of the wealthiest Indians in the southern portion of the state His allotment was situated in the heart of the oil fields and the family are getting from royalties several hundred dollars every day. He has been in trouble often and considered a dangerous man when under the influence of liquor.

REIGN OF TERROR IN ARMENIA

ALL MALE ARMENIANS TIED IN GROUPS OF FIVE AND SHOT—OLD WOMEN AND BABES ALSO.

ACTS OF BARBARISM

Reports Say that Twenty Thousand Assyrians are Dead and Missing—Fifteen Thousand Take Refuge in American Mission in Urumiah.

Tiflis, Russia, March 25.—Word received here from Urumiah, Persia, describes the situation of the American Presbyterian mission there as desperate.

Turkish regulars and Kurds are massacring Assyrians and Christians. Fifteen thousand Assyrians have taken refuge in American mission.

It is reported that Turkish soldiers hanged an Armenian bishop and four clergymen.

At Culpassen the Kurds tied all males in groups of five and killed them barbarously in a grave yard, to the last boy. Girl babies and older women were executed with great atrocity, and the younger women were taken slaves.

It is reported that twenty thousand Assyrians are dead and missing. Sixty refugees were dragged from the French mission at Urumiah and executed.

TWO BRAKEMEN KILLED BY TRAIN ROBBERS

BODIES OF TWO VICTIMS FOUND ON TOP OF BOX CAR WHEN THE TRAIN ARRIVED IN DENTON, TEXAS THIS MORNING.

Denton, Tex., March 25. The bodies of Joe Jackson and John Ryan, Katy brakemen, were found on top of a box car when their train arrived here this morning. They had been shot, beaten and robbed. Their homes were in Denison.

PLANT PEAS OR PEANUTS WITH CORN

SUCH IS THE ADVICE GIVEN BY FARM DEMONSTRATION AGENT. INCREASE THE YIELD OF CORN AND RAISE TWO CROPS.

R. L. Scott, farm demonstration agent for this county is urging the farmers to plant their corn in six to seven-foot rows and between plant peas or peanuts. Last year the United States department of agriculture had 100 farmers experimenting on this system in the cotton states and the report shows that the yield of corn per acre was increased two bushels to the acre besides having another valuable crop off the same acreage. Mr. Scott says that several farmers in this county have promised to follow this plan this year and he is confident of the success of the method. F. F. Ferguson, district agent of this district was in the city today and together with Mr. Scott visited Love county to inspect the work of Agent Graham there.

CARRANZA CLAIMS VICTORY.

Reinforcements Sent to Tampico Said to Have Routed Villa's Troops.

Washington, D. C., March 25.—Carranza telegraphs here that he has sent reinforcements to Tampico and had routed the Villa troops at Ebano, near there. It is reported that three hundred Villa troops were killed at Ebano.

A SURE EVIDENCE OF RETURNING PROSPERITY

Denison, Texas, March 25.—No better evidence of the return of prosperity than the announcement by the M. K. & T. Ry., that effective April 1, fifty men will be added to the Denison shop force by putting back to work employes who were laid off some time ago, and the working of the entire force six days each week instead of five days as at present. It is also authoritatively stated that by May 1, another fifty men will be necessary making an increase of 100 men in the Denison shops in thirty days.

COMPLAINANT NOW BECOMES A DEFENDANT

YOUNG WOMAN WHO FILED SUIT AGAINST FORMER DISTRICT ATTORNEY, HELD TO FEDERAL GRAND JURY.

New York, March 25.—Charging that she mis-used the mails, the federal authorities today held to the grand jury, Miss Rae Tanzer, the young woman who filed a $50,000 breach of promise suit against former assistant district attorney James W. Osborne, here. She burst into tears when advised that the charge had been made against her.

SUBMIT BIDS FOR OSAGE OIL LANDS LEASE

ONLY THE PRESENT LESSEE AND SUB-LESSES ARE BIDDERS — SELLS ANNOUNCED LATER BIDS WILL SHOW.

Washington, March 24.—The only bids for leasing the 680,000 acres of Osage oil and gas lands placed before the Interior Department are from the Indian Territory Illuminating company, which is offering one-eight royalty on the entire acreage, and from the 170 sublessees who are offering one-sixth royalty on the acreage they now hold. After opening hearings for seven days no other offers were made. Cato Sells, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, who met the oil operators today for the purpose of receiving additional bids, announced that other bids were not barred.

Commissioner Sells said he did not know how soon the matter would be terminated, but nothing would be done until Secretary Lane returned to Washington early in April.

Sublesees who are holding their acreage from the Indian Territory company, the present lessee, announced through William Davis of Bartlesville, chairman of their committee, that they regarded the matter as closed, and informed the Commissioner that experienced oil men would volunteer to assist the department in drawing up the new lease and arranging the conditions. The only question remaining, he said, was whether the department would recognize the sublessees' rights.

Charles Owen of Caney, Kan., representing himself and the Ramsey Oil company, in a letter to the Secretary, urged that in case new leases were made to the Indian Territory company and the sub-lessees, they be restricted to the acreage they have developed.

NEARLY ALL OF THE COTTON CROP IS SOLD

BANKS HAVE DISPOSED OF THEIR HOLDINGS AND BUT FEW SCATTERING BALES ARE BEING HELD BY FARMERS.

One of the local banks disposed of what cotton they were holding yesterday at 8 cents, the banks here have as a rule disposed of what cotton they were holding and well informed cotton men state that there are but few scattering bales being held by the farmers in the country. The compress has on hand approximately 3,500 bales, but this is cotton in transit, sent here to be compressed. The compress will remain ready for business all the year as it did last, this is done in order that all Oklahoma cotton may be compressed in the state instead of being shipped farther south. Cotton men predict that the price of cotton will reach 10 cents by the first of June.

M., O. & G. WILL IMPROVE LINE.

To Work From 300 to 500 Men During Summer.

Muskogee, Okla., March 24.—Announcement was made today by H. C. Ferris, receiver for the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf Railroad company, that a half million dollars will be spent in Muskogee this spring completing the general shops, roundhouse and trackage here, and that work will begin next Monday ballasting the road from here to Denison, Texas.

"We expect to improve a mile of track a day," said Mr. Ferris. "This work should give employment to from three to five hundred men this summer."

LOCK DOORS TO PREVENT TROUBLE

POLICE DEPARTMENT HAVE TO CALL SOME MERCHANT OF THE CITY NEARLY EVERY NIGHT TO COME AND BOLT DOORS.

The police department has been having a strenuous time recently calling merchants from their fireside to come back to town and lock their stores that they neglected to do before going away.

The department complain that the merchants on the west end beats are the most careless and scarcely a night passes but what some door is found unbarred. Last night a furniture house was open and the proprietor summoned, he stated that he thought that he barred the door before leaving but as nothing in the store was disturbed he was evidently mistaken. Chief Booker stated that he wished to warn all merchants in the city to bar their doors before leaving, the police force is small and it is impossible to cover every portion of the city every few moments, in the meantime a thief with doors practically thrown open to him might get away with valuable goods.

Fire at Italy, Texas

Italy, Texas, March 25.—Fire this morning caused fifty thousand dollars damage. The only brick block here was destroyed.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., Mar. 25.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is unsettled and colder, with freezing temperature of 24 to 28 degrees; Friday unsettled.