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MORE FIGHTING IN FRANCE

GERMAN OFFICIAL STATEMENT SAYS ACTIVE FIGHTING CONTINUES SOUTH OF SOMME.

LOST ONE SECTION

Germans Say Small Section of One Conquered Trench Was Lost to Allied Troops, But Later Recovered—Send Representative

London, Feb. 8.—The fighting on the French front south of Somme continues according to a German official statement. The Germans say they lost one small section of one of the conquered trenches, but regained it in a counter attack.

German airmen successfully attacked the British camps at Dixmude.

The Manchester guardian suggests that Viscount Bryce or Lord Balfour will be sent to the United States with full power to settle the blockade controversy.

The Weekly World hears that Lord Kitchener will be sent to Egypt and that Earl Derby, the recruiter, will be made secretary of war.

General Polivanoff says that the Russian munitions crisis has passed.

Have Many Prisoners.

Berlin, Feb. 8.—"A total of 1,429,171 enemy soldiers to date are prisoners of war in Germany," the Overseas News Agency announced today. This is not inclusive of prisoners made by German troops and left in Austria-Hungary in order to shorten the transport.

"In addition 19,700 cannon, 7,700 military carriages and 3,000 machine guns have been conveyed to Germany. These not including many cannon and machine guns destroyed by the enemy before capture and those used at once by German troops.

"The number of rifles taken which are still fit for use is 1,260,000."

THOUSAND MEN FIGHTING BIG OIL FIRE

PROPERTY LOSS OF THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS HAS BEEN SUSTAINED IN THE HUMBLE, TEXAS, FIELD.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 8.—Using steam through lead pipes from forty boilers, one thousand fire fighters combatted with oil flames in the Humble field this afternoon.

At 2 o'clock, two men had been seriously injured and property loss of \$30,000 sustained.

The bursting of an electric light globe on a derrick caused the fire.

R. L. Steiner left here yesterday on a business trip to Oklahoma City.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., Feb. 8.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is rain and warmer. Wednesday cloudy and colder in the western portion of southern Oklahoma.

Local Weather Data

Highest temperature yesterday 73
Lowest temperature last night 33
Highest temperature same date last year 73
Lowest temperature same date last year 31

OKLAHOMAN IN TRENCHES

Cherokee Indian Decorated for Distinguished Bravery.

Joplin, Mo., Feb. 7.—Frank Knight, a Cherokee Indian of Vinita, Okla., has been decorated for distinguished bravery in delivering dispatches to a general under heavy fire, according to a letter received by his mother, who recently moved here. Knight has been commissioned an officer in the 14th Light Queen's Guards, an English regiment with which he now is serving in Flanders.

HALF MILLION

PAID FOR OIL IN SALE TODAY

STEEL TANKS ARE PURCHASED BY McMAN AT \$1.25 A BARREL—SALE MADE BY ARDMORE COMPANIES.

When the McMan Oil company purchased over long distance telephone today 385,000 barrels of Halderton oil, the biggest oil deal so far consummated in this field was made. And when \$1.25 was paid for the oil, including the storage, the biggest price paid for oil since the early days, was paid. The deal in round numbers aggregates a half million dollars. To be exact, seven tanks of oil, each of 55,000-barrel capacity, at \$1.25 a barrel, amounts to \$481,250.

B. A. Simpson, who is president of the Gates, president of the Ardworth and vice-president of the Ardworth, made the sale. Two of the tanks belonged to the Gates Oil company, four belonged to the Ardworth and one belonged to the Ardworth Oil company. Nearly the entire sum will come to Ardmore parties, as the great majority of the stock is owned by local people in all three of the companies. Each company was organized by B. A. Simpson, and he has largely shaped their financial success. When oil was at 30c he stored the oil, and has been rewarded for his foresight, and his companies are clear of debt, and with good balances to their credit.

Mr. Simpson, accompanied by P. C. Dings, president of the Guaranty State bank, who is also secretary of the Ardworth Oil company and a director in the Gates company, left this afternoon for Corpus Christi, where they will stop a few days at the Nueces hotel and each will recover from an attack of grippe. Mr. Dings has been absent from the bank for a week on account of illness, and Mr. Simpson has been suffering from a siege of grippe for several weeks. Each of these men have well earned a holiday, and their Ardmore friends trust they will have a pleasant outing.

The Gates Oil company now has ten wells in section 10 and is drilling two more in that section. It has let the contract for four wells to be drilled in section 15 and the Frick-Reid Supply company has been awarded a contract to build a power plant in the latter section. This company has as many as one hundred locations yet to be drilled.

THREAT FROM STEEL MEN

Will Increase Price of Armor Plate if Congress Buys Factories.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—Private armor plate manufacturers notified the senate naval committee today that they would raise the price of armor plate two hundred dollars per ton, if congress decides to erect or purchase armor plate factories for the government. The committee, nevertheless, voted to recommend the government plan.

The committee orders favorably reported the bill authorizing an expenditure of half a million dollars to equip Mare Island navy yard for battleship construction and one hundred thousand dollars to enlarge the New York navy yard's facilities, and a bill to introduce three hundred midshipmen to the first class at Annapolis in July. Both these bills passed the house yesterday.

American women in Berlin have sent out an appeal for funds to feed the interned aliens' families.

CONFER ABOUT THE LUSITANIA

LANSING AND PRESIDENT CONFERR—ANNOUNCED THAT CASE LOOKS "VERY HOPEFUL."

SEEMS SATISFACTORY

Indicated in Washington that President Considers Germany's Latest Offer Almost, if Not Entirely Acceptable to United States Government.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—Secretary Lansing went to the White House an hour before time for the cabinet meeting today to discuss the Lusitania case with the president.

The Lusitania case looks "very hopeful" according to a statement by a high official following the Wilson-Lansing conference today.

It is indicated that the president considered Germany's latest offer almost, if not entirely acceptable.

After the cabinet meeting, Lansing said, "no statements will be made at this time." He added that he might see Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador, later today.

SPECIAL MEETING OF BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOC'N

There will be a special meeting of the Business Men's Association at the Court House Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

Fashion Week and formal spring opening, railroad fare rebates, and collections are the subjects to be taken up. Every member of the association is requested to be present.

ADMIRAL BLUE DENIES FLEET SHORT OF MEN

CONTRADICTS ADMIRAL FLETCHER ON ATLANTIC SHIPS' PERSONNEL—ADVOCATES ADDING TO NAVAL ACADEMY.

Washington, Feb. 7.—When Rear Admiral Blue, chief of the bureau of navigation, told the house naval committee Monday that the Atlantic fleet went south for winter drills with an excess of nearly 200 men in its enlisted personnel, Representative Britten produced a radiogram from Admiral Fletcher stating that the fifteen battleships were short nearly 900 men. The message said the ships lacked 510 coal passers, 67 machinists' mates, 48 gunners' mates, 32 boatswain's mates, 62 electricians, 69 yeomen and 44 ships' cooks.

"The message says nothing of the excess of men in other ratings, however," replied Admiral Blue, reiterating his statement that the fleet had from 150 to 200 men in excess of its total allowed enlisted complement when it started.

"Admiral Fletcher has said the fleet was short 3,000 enlisted men last year."

"Have you ever commanded a battleship?" demanded Representative Britten.

"No," said Admiral Blue, "but I have been executive officer of an armored cruiser, and the executive officer deals directly with the assignment and employment of the men. The work is exactly the same on an armored cruiser as on a battleship."

The admiral, after stating that the navy on July 1, 1915, will be short 1,550 officers of the force necessary to man its ships for war, urged prompt passage of the bill submitted by Secretary Daniels for an immediate addition of 300 midshipmen to are still fit for use is 1,300,000."

VILLA SEEKS INTERVENTION

MEXICAN BANDIT LEADER DETERMINED TO BRING ABOUT INTERVENTION IN MEXICO BY U. S. A.

WILL TAKE ANY CHANCE

Villa Said to Have Announced That He Would Hold up an American Train if Intervention Could Not be Secured in Any Other Way.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 8.—The declaration that he would force intervention by the United States in Mexico within six weeks is attributed to Villa by Mexicans arriving from Madera. This was brought to the attention of American officials here, and the Mexican authorities at Juarez today.

Villa is reported to have said that he would hold up an American train if it could be brought about in no other way.

Train Fired Upon.

New York, Feb. 8.—Four American mining engineers arriving here today from Vera Cruz said that the train from Mexico City to the coast was under steady fire from bandits throughout the trip.

Call Constitutional Congress

Galveston, Tex., Feb. 8.—The first constitutional congress under the Carranza government in Mexico, will be assembled at Queretaro on September 16th this year, according to a decree telegraphed to the Mexican consul here.

CITY COUNCIL TO HOLD MEETING TONIGHT

SEVERAL MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE WILL BE UP FOR DISCUSSION AT REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS TONIGHT.

At the regular meeting of the board of city commissioners tonight there are several matters of importance to be considered by the board. One of the principal things to be discussed is the apparent abuse of the power granted to hack drivers and jitney bus owners. There is a law on the statute books of the city covering this question and fixing the charges that may be made for service within the corporate limits of the city, but from recent reports it has been learned that certain drivers are taking advantage of the fact that the general public is not wise to the proper charge and are shaking them down for all they think they will stand. The fare fixed by law is 25 cents for any distance under nine blocks, for any distance over this, or to the city limits drivers are allowed to collect fifty cents, but there is no law that will permit them to collect a dollar which is frequently done and in one or two instances much more than that amount for rides within the corporate limits of the city.

The mayor and commissioners will discuss this matter tonight and if they can secure proper evidence against these drivers who are too prone to exact extortionate prices, their license to do business in the city will be revoked altogether.

Since the number of jitney busses has increased to such proportion within the past year, it is necessary to keep in keen competition with each other in order to get along, but the mayor says he can see no reason why the public at large should be made to pay the freight.

GAVE JEWELS TO TRAMP

Fearing Burglars, Woman Hid Jewels in Old Shoe—Gave Shoe Away.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 8.—Fearing burglars, Mrs. C. L. Knapp a few weeks ago hid three hundred dollars worth of jewels in an old shoe. Shortly afterward a mendicant applied for clothing and aid.

When Mrs. Knapp wanted to wear her rings today, she remembered having given the shoes away. The police are looking for the tramp.

DIST. COURT WILL CONVE

FEBRUARY 28

HEAVY DOCKET WILL BE READY FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE COURT, MANY CASES ADDED BY COURT OF INQUIRY.

District court will convene in this city February 28, according to a call issued by Judge Freeman today. A jury has been ordered drawn and the coming session promises to be one of the most interesting held since statehood. The regular January term which was to have convened the first of last month, was postponed on account of the desire of the court to probe certain conditions said to exist in the oil field towns. This investigation has resulted in many more names being added to the regular docket and some genuine surprises are looked for when the docket is called.

The court of inquiry is still in session and it is announced by the court that it will remain at work until the day before the district court convenes. A mass of evidence has been accumulated and many summonses and warrants have been issued by the county attorney.

It is officially reported that moral conditions in the oil field district have vastly improved since the court took it upon itself to investigate, many of the old timers who were constantly defying the law, have departed, and the rough-neck element generally has scattered to other places.

ALL SILENT ABOUT THAT BIG HOTEL

IF ONE IS TO BE BUILT BY LOCAL CAPITAL, THE PROMOTERS ARE SAYING VERY LITTLE ABOUT IT, HOTEL BADLY NEEDED.

There has not been a word said about the new hotel in over a week and it is beginning to look as if the promoters of the hotel plan recently advanced have given up hope of erecting it by local capital and are now waiting for some one from other places to come forward and invest their money here.

Ardmore needs another hotel, and needs it badly, but unless the local committee get busy, the chances are that another year will have passed before the doors of a modern hostelry are thrown open to the public. The local hotel committee appointed by the chamber of commerce, have not made a report since the last noonday luncheon, but it is reported that they will have something to say when the chamber of commerce next convenes. Captain Whittington has let it be definitely known that he would not rebuild a hotel, and if one is erected soon, either local capitalists or outsiders will have to take charge of it.

Clark's Will Probated.

Marlin, Tex., Feb. 8.—The will of the late B. N. C. Clark was probated today. Marlin churches and schools, the Elks Lodge and relatives all come in for large shares of this estate valued at one million dollars.

STILL WORKING ON THE LEVEES

LARGE FORCE OF MEN STILL REINFORCING MISSISSIPPI LEVEES AT ARKANSAS CITY TODAY.

CREST NEXT WEEK

Mississippi Expected to Reach Highest Point February Tenth—Will Hold Fifty-Seven Feet, Water is Now at Fifty-Six Foot Stage.

Arkansas City, Ark., Feb. 8.—Large forces of men are working here today reinforcing the Mississippi levees against the increasing flood waters.

The inhabitants are waiting for the crest which is expected February 10th, according to the weather bureau.

The levee is expected to hold fifty-seven feet, while the river is now fifty-six feet.

New Orleans Seems Safe.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—The war department's reports today indicated that the flood in the lower Mississippi will not exceed previous records for high stages at New Orleans.

MINISTER SHOT IN REVENGE BY FARMER'S WIFE

BAPTIST MINISTER IS FATALLY WOUNDED AT SHERMAN, TEXAS—WOMAN FIRED FIVE SHOTS INTO HIS BODY.

Sherman, Tex., Feb. 7.—Rev. H. M. Cagle, aged 49, prominent north Texas Baptist minister, was shot and probably fatally wounded while walking on the public square here late Monday by Mrs. Annie Faust, wife of Finis Faust, a prominent farmer who lives near Denison, Texas. Charles Parton, 15, a bystander, sustained a flesh wound in the left arm from one of the bullets. Mrs. Faust, who was arrested after the shooting, was later released on \$1,000 bond and returned home with her husband, who had been summoned after the shooting. Physicians Monday night said there was slight hope for the Rev. Mr. Cagle's recovery.

Mrs. Faust, who it is said came to Sherman with friends early Monday on a shopping trip, had just left a local store when she encountered the minister, and according to bystanders, pulled a revolver from her hand bag, firing five shots into his body. As the Rev. Mr. Cagle fell to the sidewalk, he said:

"Take me to my wife. I have but a few moments to live and do not want to die until I have talked with her." If any words were exchanged before the shooting occurred, apparently none of the persons nearby overheard them.

When arrested, Mrs. Faust said, according to deputy sheriffs, that the minister had slandered her and she had shot in revenge.

Minister Still Alive.

Sherman, Tex., Feb. 8.—Rev. H. M. Cagle, the Baptist preacher, shot yesterday by Mrs. Annie Faust, is still alive today, but there is no hope for his recovery. The woman declines to talk.

DEAF MUTES SING SILENT DIRGE AT TEACHER'S GRAVE

St. Louis, Feb. 7.—One hundred deaf mutes "sang" with their fingers "Nearer, My God, to Thee" at the funeral of Miss Ivey J. Myers here Sunday. Miss Myers died last Friday at Sulphur, Oklahoma, where she was an instructor in the school for the deaf and dumb.