

FIGHT SWINGS IN BRITISH FAVOR ON LA BASSEE FRONT

French Official Statement Says Terrific Engagement Ends With Tide Against Germans Who Abandon Trenches.

ARTILLERY BOMBARDS BELGIANS IN FLANDERS

Big Guns Direct Heavy Fire Against Points of Support Recently Captured by King Albert's Troops.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—The tide of battle on the LaBasse front, in northern France, has swung in favor of the British after a terrific engagement. The official statement issued by the war office this afternoon states that the Germans launched a fierce assault against the British lines at Guinchy, near LaBasse, but the British rallied and in counter attacks not only regained all the ground that they lost but took some German trenches in addition.

Heavy French artillery is bombarding the railway station at Noyon, where the Germans were carrying out commissary work.

In West Flanders German artillery has been carrying on a severe cannonade against Belgian works.

The official communique follows: "The day of Feb. 1 was marked by an increase of the intensity of the artillery duels on both sides.

It was also, after a series of German attacks of secondary importance which were all repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy in proportion to the forces engaged.

In Belgium the German heavy artillery has shown a great deal of activity upon the whole front occupied by the Belgian troops and especially against the several points of support which they (the Belgians) had captured some time ago.

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CHARITY WORKERS MEET TO DISCUSS MEANS OF RAISING EFFICIENCY

Representatives of the various associations of the city met Tuesday forenoon at the home of Trustee Klinger for the purpose of evolving some plan whereby the charity work in the county may be carried on with fewer losses. The meeting lasted until the middle forenoon and it was agreed among other things that a meeting should be held each week so that the work of each organization could be compared and checked.

FACTORY HEADS DENY LIQUOR BAN REPORT

Rumor That Discharge Will Follow Drinking Fails of Confirmation.

Contrary to denials and evasive answers the rumor persists that the factories of South Bend have gone on the trail of John Barleycorn. In fact, the rumor stage has been outgrown and flat statements have been made by employees of one corporation that beginning Feb. 1 the edict went forth that the ban was on liquor. It was stated by these men that barlets had been posted to the effect that if any man in the employ of that corporation were caught going into or coming out of a saloon he would be immediately discharged. It was further stated that similar bulletins would find themselves in all of the factories of the city.

A. R. Erskine, first vice president and treasurer of the Studebaker corporation flatly denied that such a move had been undertaken in the corporation he represented. It was from him that the rumor was first reported emanated.

That no such move had been contemplated at the Oliver chilled plow works was the statement given out there with the added comment that such tactics would not be fair, to "fire" a man just because he took a drink would work more hardship on the man's family than on him.

At the Studebaker underwear mills neither denial nor affirmation would be vouchered.

Ignorance of any such action as reported was the gist of the answer made at the South Bend woolen mills. B. A. Birdsall, president of the Birdsall Mfg. Co., said no action as reported had or would be undertaken at the wagon plant.

A. Q. Amersing, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who has been one of the local leaders in the anti-liquor fight, said that although he had not heard of anything definite along the lines reported, he believed some drastic steps were under way. "And it's the only way the thing can be stamped out," he said.

Rev. John S. Burns of Trinity Presbyterian church, who has been prominently connected with the anti-liquor forces, would not commit himself on the report either way.

WILL PUT ELECTION UP TO PEOPLE EFFECTED

Ralston Says He Will Follow Constituents' Desires in Fleming's Resignation.

SENTENCES SOSNOSKI TO THE REFORMATORY

Youth is Given Indeterminate Sentence for Grand Larceny—Common Law Decides Question.

BUREAU REPORT SHOWS NO DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED

Figures gathered from the Indiana free employment office show that there is no diminishing of the number of unemployed in the city. During the month of January there were 472 men who applied for jobs and of these there were 69 who were given places. There were 65 persons who made application for jobs in the city and there were 119 women who applied for work and of these there were 48 who were given work. There were 54 persons who wanted women to work for them.

GIVE LECTURES IN WELLS-FARGO OFFICES

Every office of the Wells Fargo Express Co. in the United States was closed to business at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when for a half hour employees listened to lectures on subjects pertaining to the transportation business. The lecture was delivered at the office in this city by C. D. Gardner, route agent from Chicago.

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GERMANS LAUNCH ANOTHER DRIVE AGAINST WARSAW

Great Battle Develops East of Lowicz in Poland Where Teutons Attempt to Divert Enemy From East Prussia.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 2.—Another great battle has developed east of Lowicz in Poland where furious attacks and counter attacks have been in progress for three days. In an official statement issued today, it was admitted that, on Sunday the Russians holding the front near Bolimow were driven back from their line trenches, but later they regained some of them.

The German losses are described as colossal. The forces of Field Marshal von Hindenburg drove their furious assaults against the Russian lines despite the pounding of the Russian artillery. The fighting in that region indicates that the Germans are trying to launch another drive against Warsaw to divert the Russians from their operations in East Prussia. The statement says:

"German prisoners report that the Germans last week lost over 6,000 killed and many prisoners. In the Carpathians the Russians captured 78 officers and 4,965 men and took 19 rapid-fire guns and 10 cannon."

"On Sunday the Germans concentrated a great force with artillery in the region of Sochaczew, Borlimow, and developed an offensive of great tenacity which compelled us to retire to our second line of trenches."

"Turn Germans Out of Trenches. Counter attacks by the Russians turned the Germans out of all the trenches they had occupied, causing them colossal losses. Simultaneously with the Borlimow attack the Germans carried out a series of determined assaults along a front from the village of Goutine to the hamlet of Mochel, these being supported by heavy artillery fire. We repulsed all these attacks partly by artillery and rifle fire and partly by the bayonet."

"Between noon and 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon the Germans, thanks to the activity of their artillery against our trenches, succeeded in carrying a part of them. At 2 o'clock we began a general counter attack with the result that toward evening on Sunday the enemy retained only a small part of the advanced trenches and a castle. Thus the German successes on Sunday in the vicinity of Borlimow was insignificant compared with the losses sustained by them through our fire and bayonet attacks. According to our military commanders our artillery inflicted immense damage upon the Germans dispersing great gatherings of the enemy and reducing to silence a number of German batteries. As a result of this we were able to withstand the withering fire of the enemy."

"Fighting continued in the Carpathians. We continue to advance with success along the Nijnia-Polanka Ludoviska front."

"After the fighting in the Lipnow Dobrzin front it required 60 carriages to remove the enemy's wounded."

"German prisoners taken in the Borlimow district say that the German attacks on this front over a distance of one and one-half kilometers east of the German batteries on Jan. 23 and Jan. 30, over 2,000 killed besides many wounded. In the Carpathians from Jan. 26 to Jan. 29 on the Nijnia-Polanka-Wysok front we captured 78 officers and 4,965 men and took 19 rapid-fire guns, and four cannon."

Appended to the official statement was the following note:

"The severe encounters on the Sochaczew-Bolimow front and on the Rawka and Buzur rivers indicate that the Germans are making another attempt to move on Warsaw. The scene of the fighting in this region is about 30 miles from Warsaw."

John Sosnoski, 33 years old, was sentenced to term from one to 14 years in the reformatory for a crime committed by him in the morning by Judge Ford. The defendant was also fined one dollar and the fine was suspended. Sosnoski had been found guilty of robbing the saloon of A. G. Schultz at New Carle and securing jewelry and \$47.69 in cash. The prosecution was conducted by Daniel Nye.

A sealed verdict was brought in Monday morning. Tuesday morning a motion was made by counsel for the defendant that the verdict be set aside on the grounds that the jury was not present when the verdict was read. Nye objected to this on the grounds that it had been agreed that the jury should disband after coming to a decision. The objection was sustained.

The case developed an interesting point in that there was doubt as to what should be done with the money which was claimed both by the defendant and the complaining witness. The contention was made that as property was involved civil action would need to be brought. The question was a rare one arising out of the circumstances of the alleged stolen property being found on the accused.

A decision was reached through a common law decision giving the judge in such a case the right to enter an order compelling the sheriff as to the disposition of the property. The property in this case was given to Schultz.

An appeal may be taken by J. B. Wypyszanski for the defendant, on the grounds that the only agreement was that the jury could disband after the verdict was read and that the absence of the jury makes the verdict void.

Latest Bulletins From War Zone

PETROGRAD, Feb. 2.—Seventy thousand Turks were killed, wounded or taken prisoners by the Russians in the decisive battle in the Caucasus, which ended with the route of Enver Pasha's army at Karaurian and Sary-Kamisch. These figures are given the Bourse Gazette. One hundred and sixty thousand residents of Persia and Turkey have been left homeless through the devastation of the country by the Turkish armies.

BERLIN (Via Amsterdam.) Feb. 2.—French aeroplanes have bombarded Muelhausen and Reichweiler, in upper Alsace, doing heavy damage, says a dispatch to the Berliner Tageblatt from Strassburg. At Muelhausen the aviators concentrated their fire upon the railway station. Although chased by German airmen the French aviators escaped. Reichweiler is three miles northwest of Muelhausen.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 2.—Lieut. von Kluck, eldest son of Gen. von Kluck, commander of one of the German armies in France, was killed at Middle-Weck in Belgium, during a bombardment of that port by British warships, according to information received here today. Lieut. von Kluck was 28 years old and was attached to the naval marine service.

MAYOR HEARS EVIDENCE IN A. C. THATCHER CASE

Saloon Proprietor May Lose License as Result of Petition Filed by Chief Kerr—Officers Testify.

Mayor Keller heard the evidence Tuesday morning in the case of A. C. Thatcher, Michigan st. saloon proprietor, whose license may be revoked as a result of a petition to that effect filed by Chief of Police Kerr. Patrolman Cutting and Detective Diver, Lane and Shirk testified that the violations had occurred on Nov. 27, 1914, and that Thatcher had been fined on that occasion.

The complaints of the petition were corroborated, it was said by the mayor, by the officers. It was brought out that Thatcher had also violated the state liquor laws in July, 1914, as entered on the records.

Mayor Keller reserved his decision in the matter until Wednesday morning. City Atty. Seebirt was not present.

SUES J. H. QUILHOT FOR \$15,000 DAMAGES

John H. Quilhot, vice investigator, has been sued in the superior court for \$15,000 damages by Frank Lantz, Pointe-Claire manufacturer, 324 N. Notre Dame av. The plaintiff is represented by Jellison & Jellison. The charge is that Quilhot misrepresented the facts in a report made in the name of John Gillett and through his operations as a detective put the plaintiff and his business to ill repute.

AGED LIVESTOCK DEALER DIES WHEN HOME BURNS

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—John J. Lawler, livestock commission merchant at 1500 W. Madison st., died Tuesday night suffering from serious burns as the result of his attempt to rescue his father from flames which destroyed the Lawler home last night. Michael O. Lawler, his father, perished when the younger man's clothing became ignited and he fell down the flaming stairway while carrying his father. Lawler, senior, was 82 years old, and a pioneer livestock dealer here.

SENATE RECEIVES MRS. MILLER'S BILL FOR 9-HOUR DAY

Van Nuys Introduces Measure Drafted by South Bend Woman to Relieve Labor Conditions—Battle Over Rates.

ANTI "BLACKLIST" BILL IS ON THIRD READING

Measure Passes Second Reading When House Adopts Favorable Report of Committee—Refer Westfall Bill.

GET NO PROTESTS OVER PROPOSED SHIP PURCHASES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The ship purchase bill is not doomed to defeat, Prest Wilson indicated today. He stated that the bill had been the subject of various conversations between the state department and diplomats that no protest of any kind had been made by European nations against the prospective purchase of foreign ships. The president expressed the hope that the progressive republicans will support his measure when a few amendments are made to it that are inconsistent with the purpose of the bill. He told his callers that the bill ultimately will be passed. He made it clear that he was willing to have the ship purchase measure amended provided the amendments did not alter the general purpose of the bill. He would not commit the senate democrats as to the amendments.

WILSON SAYS CONFERENCES WITH DIPLOMATS HAVE REVEALED NO OBJECTIONS TO MEASURE NOW PENDING IN CONGRESS.

Under the new alignment of forces in the senate, the administration leaders admitted they were outnumbered by two votes and were beaten unless they could win over some of these ships and prohibit the purchase of vessels given to the government by making concessions in the form of amendments to the bill. Consequently the caucus was called to consider the overtures to be made. The bill, as amended, will be introduced in the senate, the administration leaders admitted they were outnumbered by two votes and were beaten unless they could win over some of these ships and prohibit the purchase of vessels given to the government by making concessions in the form of amendments to the bill. Consequently the caucus was called to consider the overtures to be made. 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