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DOGGED TENACITY OF BRITISH IS CHIEF ASSET

Says Determination of Small Regular Army Saved Force When Hard Pressed by Germans in Retreat from Mons.

FRENCH SURE OF VICTORY. This is the outcome of the European war as seen by Field Marshal Sir John French.

By Frederick Palmer. BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Via London, March 25.—It was in the drawing room of the residence which he makes his office that Sir John French commander of the British expeditionary forces in France, received me today.

Looking younger than his photos make him appear, ruddy of face and alert of manner, he showed no trace of the strain of the past eight months as he stood before the open fire and talked of his campaign and the war.

Tenacity Marked Retreat. "What were the most important factors making your retreat from Mons secure against overwhelming odds?"

"The dogged tenacity of our little regular army which contested every foot of the ground as we fell back," replied the field marshal.

"Not once did our soldiers lose heart. They understood that we were not defeated, but were making a strategic retreat before heavy odds and all the punishment which they could inflict on the enemy by cool and stubborn resistance from point to point was not less valuable to the ultimate object than if they were advancing. Their confidence that their turn would come to take the offensive was not shaken. Our cavalry established a decided superiority over the enemy's which was of vital importance."

"And what was the most critical moment of all your campaign in France to you?" I asked.

"One would not have been surprised if he had said it was when his reserves were practically exhausted on the Ypres-Armentieres battles to save the English channel ports. His answer had characteristic promptness and decisiveness. He said:

"On the retreat from Mons at Leateau. We were in open country in a very dangerous position and German ambition for the annihilation of our little army might have been realized if it had not been for the tenacity of our steady, disciplined regulars."

Knows American Campaigns. Few Americans are probably as familiar with the campaigns of our civil war as Sir John, for he has made a thorough study of them and has drawn from them lessons which he has found helpful in France. In particular he mentioned "Stone- wall" Jackson to me, saying:

"Stone wall" Jackson was more like Cromwell than any other leader in history. He was an heroic martial figure whose wonderful career came to a happy close such as a soldier might desire in an hour of victory. He followed all his marches and battles with unflagging admiration. He had the religious exaltation of Cromwell—his dash, determination and ready strategy. He had the genius of inspiring his men with his own indomitable spirit of energy. But of all your commanders Robert E. Lee in his patience, his resource, his poise, his soundness of judgment and his possession of the qualities of high command in an emergency, is foremost in my opinion."

As a soldier speaking of his enemy Sir John was far from depreciating the fighting qualities of the Germans to whom he paid a soldier's chivalrous tribute.

Germans Well Trained. "But," he said, "they are no braver than the other soldiers in this war. I attribute their value and their well disciplined cohesion to the fact that from the cradle they are taught discipline and to worship their kaiser and fatherland and that their duty to die for the fatherland when their kaiser commands."

"And the result of the war?" I queried. This too, proved a happy question and was answered very promptly.

"There is no doubt of it," said the field marshal, his tones carrying evidence of his own strong conviction. "I was never so confident of victory as now. I am as confident as Grant when he took command of the army of the Potomac. He kept at it and so shall we."

STEAMER IS WRECKED. BASTIA, March 25.—The steamer Cossary was wrecked in a storm to-day at the mouth of the Tavignone river, nine miles south of Alstrognathouse.

Latest Bulletins From War Zone

LONDON, March 25.—A dispatch reaching the London Chronicle from Bucharest, Roumania, says the Turkish government recently decided to surrender Constantinople and the Dardanelles to the allied fleet. This intention was made known a few days after the battleships began hammering away at the forts at the entrance to the historic strait. The surrender was already arranged except for a few details, the dispatch stated, when Germany stepped in and blocked it. No confirmation of this report can be had from any source.

CETTINJE, Montenegro, March 25.—Two Austrian aviators attacked the Montenegrin towns of Antivara, Vitez, and Neugosha Wednesday morning and today in the day attempted to fly above Cetinje but were driven off by three Montenegrin aeroplanes.

ATHENS, March 25.—Two British torpedo boat destroyers penetrated the Dardanelles a distance of 12 miles on Wednesday, says a message received today from London.

This same dispatch disputes the claim of the Turks that the bombardment of the international fleet on March 18 did little damage and caused small loss of life.

BUCHAREST, Roumania, March 25.—Turkey's entire fleet has sailed into the Black sea to give battle to the Russian warships, according to a dispatch received here from Constantinople today.

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INDIANAPOLIS, March 25.—Having a hair to the Ohio farm valued at \$10,000, Eddie L. Harrington of Frankfort, through his crippled wife, appealed to the board of pardons for a chance to make a man of himself. The board of pardons if clemency were shown, Mrs. Harrington hobbled into the presence of the board on crutches, her foot having been amputated since her husband's incarceration in a state institution.

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MILLS INCREASING FORCES

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RUSSIANS ANNIHILATE TWO BATTALIONS AND PUT THIRD TO ROUT

PETROGRAD, March 25.—Complete destruction of two German battalions in the fierce fighting north of the Narew river in Poland is announced in an official statement issued at the Russian war office today. In addition to annihilating these battalions the Russians put a third to flight and also captured 4,000 prisoners.

This Russian victory was won on Tuesday along the battle front extending from Mysznice, near the east Prussian frontier to Kasidlo, near the Russian fortress of Ostroleda on the Narew.

"The Germans are making desperate efforts to break through our front in the Narew region," says the official statement. "Their artillery subjects us to a perfect hurricane of fire, but these shells cause few losses because of the nature of our trenches. After bombarding our positions the enemy makes attacks in force. These are repulsed."

"In one of these assaults we entirely annihilated two German battalions and put a third to disorderly flight on Tuesday near Vankh on the road from Mysznice to Kasidlo. A little woods there changed hands several times but finally remained in our possession.

"The Germans operating in this direction counter attacked and subjected to our machine fire suffered extremely heavy losses on their flank.

"In the district between Kalvaria and Suwalki we captured a German convoy and a post car loaded with correspondence."

The war office stated that the Russian offensive in the Carpathians was proceeding successfully despite reinforcements received by the Austro-German forces there.

"In the Carpathians," it stated, "our troops are forcing back the enemy's soldiers though the Austro-German armies have been heavily reinforced with fresh troops. These have made some counter attacks, but they have been repulsed."

"In the fighting of the last three days we have captured more than 7,000 prisoners, numerous guns and large quantities of war material."

"In eastern Galicia our infantry scaled an icy height last night and captured it at the point of the bayonet."

It was admitted today that Memel, the German Baltic seaport, had been evacuated by the Russians.

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100,000 PEOPLE AT DEDICATION OF FRISCO FAIR

Vice Pres't Marshall Delivers Address in Which He Lauds Work of Pres't Wilson During Trials.

DESCRIBES HIM AS GREAT PEACEMAKER

Says Exposition Is the Crystallization of Thoughts and Dreams of Many Centuries and Many Men.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—More than 100,000 people were present Wednesday afternoon at the formal dedication of the Panama-Pacific exposition. Vice Pres't Thomas R. Marshall, special envoy of Pres't Wilson, delivered the dedicatory address.

When Vice Pres't Marshall appeared a fleet of warships assembled off the esplanade of the Marina, fired a salute of 100 guns. A great procession of army and navy forces over the grounds preceded the ceremonies.

Mr. Marshall's Address. The vice president spoke as follows: "I crave your sympathy and your charity while for a few brief moments I stand here commissioned to take, but not to fill, the place of the president of the United States. A consecration to duty helps to dull the edge of personal sorrow. In justice to the day, Woodrow Wilson should be here. The office and the man would each merit a more keenly than do I his absence and the lack of his words, which would move and thrill and satisfy you. But duty said to him that justice to all the people made him stay in Washington. You hope for continued peace. Do not forget that he is your greatest peacemaker. May he be the truth that he seeks your good, rather than his own or your pleasure, lighted the disappointments of this hour. Before the sun sets he shall proclaim the close of this marvel of the 20th century, the president hopes to meet you face to face. Meanwhile, I shall not long impose upon your patience.

The unfaithful are rapidly disappearing. The impossible is constantly succeeding. The agonist may survive this age, but the doubter dies with it. A dream is no longer a figment of the imagination. A thought has ceased to be mere vagary of gray matter. A deed is as much the unreal as it is the real. No longer do we laugh at dreams, sneer at thoughts and accept only completed work. The hour stands at so much as a signpost amazed. The wonderful has become the commonplace and the un hoped for hourly arrives.

This exposition is not an accomplished fact. It is a crystallized wish. Each building is made of much wood and steel and stone and bronze and gold. Each is a dream. For aye the world has been glad to doff its hat to those who in the realms of mind or matter have pointed out the way to a better world. The daughters of Adam have longed to walk and always the world has been ready with hammer and nail and path to crucify the hindlers of those paths wherein custom has not taught humanity to walk.

"Thus far, the ages have doubted the dreamer, have listed him among the incompetent, have smiled or sneered as fancy moved them, and have boldly declared that real worth to humanity comes from the fashionings of the hard-headed utilitarian. Today we see how false that view has been, and at last the dreamer comes into his own, the real vanishes, the vision becomes the substantial.

"No one despises the luxury here, everywhere apparent. No one sneers at the pomp and ceremonial of this occasion. Every one rejoices that the republic has such a state as California, and that California has always had citizenship which dared to follow its dreams and make of them imposing realities.

"Wealth does not destroy a people. Luxury does not necessarily enervate. A people dies when it loses its vision, when it ceases to dream its dream and when from its loins there come forth no more pioneers and pathfinders. From the first to the present president of the United States, whenever thought has been voiced upon the subject, that thought has been that we exist for humanity's sake as much as for our own, that we have a duty to our relations with all people and that we are to be guided by the golden rule of the world."

"While half the world is in a rage indescribable and unutterable, seeking to build monuments out of clay, kneeling in prayer to the gods of the East, and while the goddess of our institutions seeks to hold out to a warring world the olive branch of peace. It has not been our mission to impress our laws, to build monuments, and our civilization upon the ruins of the world."

"When the angels of the republic are written, they will not be forgotten, and their children will thus learn that the conservation of their fathers made this dedication possible. Myself a dreamer, I hold it to be divinely true that their vision has not ended with this splendid work. The spirit of the republic's prophecy is upon them. They behold the good will of mankind and they see through this canal coming from all the ports of the earth to their own and going thence again, stately argosies bearing the comforts and luxuries of mankind."

WHO'LL GET THIS MONEY?

Beneficiary Named in Old Will Found, Is Now Dead.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 25.—The discovery of an old will executed by the late Dr. Calvin I. Fletcher in 1895 may result in legal controversy to estimate the rights of the \$100,000 estate left by Dr. Fletcher, who died more than a year ago supposedly leaving no will. The will just discovered leaves his entire estate to his mother, Mrs. Emily B. Fletcher, who died before Dr. Fletcher's death. The question if the will is proved before the court will be whether Dr. Fletcher's brothers and sisters as heirs of his mother or Dr. Fletcher's widow who was his second wife, shall be beneficiary.

SAY 72,500 SURRENDERED

Austrians Reported to Have Admitted This Loss at Przemysl.

GENEVA, Switzerland, March 25.—Dispatches to Geneva newspapers from the Austrian frontier state that the Austro-Hungarian government admits six general, 2,500 officers and 70,000 men fell into the hands of the Russians when Przemysl surrendered.

They assert, however, that every ounce of ammunition was saved, that the guns were destroyed and that practically all the guns there were rendered useless.

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MARSHALL TO BE A SIOUX INDIAN

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—Vice President Marshall was invited to become a member of the Sioux Indian tribe. He accepted and preparations for his initiation were started at once. The ceremonies will be elaborate.

The invitation to the vice president was extended on behalf of the Sioux nation by Chief Eagle Eye. Few white men have received this honor from the Sioux Indians.

"We - Caught - Be - Lootee," which means Big Star, is the Sioux name given Vice Pres't Marshall.

CAPTURE 250,000 MEN

Russians Claim That Number of Austrian and German Prisoners.

PETROGRAD, March 25.—The official Army Messenger announced today that 250,000 prisoners had been captured by the Russians in Galicia since Jan. 21. These include both Germans and Austrians.

According to previous official estimates published here the German armies had lost more than 600,000 men previous to Jan. 21.

Of the 230,000 taken since Jan. 21, says the Army Messenger, 120,000 became prisoners when the Przemysl fell. One hundred and ten thousand were captured in Carpathian battles.

The Army Messenger also states that the Russians have captured 30 guns and 24 machine guns in addition to those taken at Przemysl.

"Being unable to attempt the regaining of Galicia," it adds, "the Austrians probably will direct all their efforts to protecting Cracow."

SAY ALLIES LOST 1,200 MEN

Turkish Ministry of Marine Calls Victory Important.

CONSTANTINOPLE (via Berlin and Amsterdam) March 25.—The Turkish ministry of marine today issued a statement saying in their report in the Dardanelles on March 18 the allies suffered a loss of 1,200 men and 120 guns.

"Late reports," it added, "show our victory over the enemy's fleet was of even greater magnitude than had been supposed. More men would have been rescued had the enemy not fired upon our small boats when they attempted to pick up sailors in the water."

"After two of our boats had been sunk by shells the rescue work was abandoned."

REPULSE THREE ATTACKS

Berlin Report Says Russians Were Checked in Three Districts.

BERLIN, March 25.—(By Wireless)—Repulse of Russian attacks in three different districts of Poland is announced in today's official report from the German general staff. It says that there was no fighting of importance in the western theater Wednesday. The report follows:

"Western theater.—There were only artillery duels on the front yesterday with the exception of unimportant engagements on the Meuse heights southeast of Verdun, and at Hartmannsweiler Kopf, which still continue."

"Eastern theater.—Russian attacks east and southeast of Augustova, near Jedrozek and northeast of Przemysl were repulsed."

CLOSE SCHOOLS, NO FUNDS

Gary Board of Education Adopts Plan to Cut Expenses.

GARY, Ind., March 25.—The board of education in pursuance of the recommendation of Supt. William Wirt, has ordered the Gary public schools to be closed a month to save money. Lack of funds was given as the reason for this action. School salaries will cease May 28. The rapid growth of the city since 1906 has resulted in a deficit in the school fund of \$50,000.

PRICKS PIMPLE WITH PIN, GIRL OF 17 DIES

Melviana Himmelright Succumbs to Blood Poisoning at Epworth Hospital.

Blood poisoning resulting from pricking a pimple with a pin, caused the death Thursday morning at Epworth hospital of Melviana Himmelright, a 17-year-old high school girl. Miss Himmelright pricked a small pimple on her forehead with a pin about ten days ago. A few days later an infection developed and she was taken to Epworth hospital.

Miss Himmelright's home is in Pence, Ind. She came to South Bend last September to attend the local high school. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Himmelright. A sister, Verna Mae, also survives her. The body was removed from Epworth hospital to the home of R. C. Rallsback, 621 S. Fellows st. It may be viewed by friends Thursday night. Funeral services and burial will be at Pence. The body will be sent via the C. & N. Saturday morning at 6:30 o'clock.

ROBERTS FREED ON NEW \$5,000 BOND

JUSTICE GIVES

John E. Beggs, Associate of Crawford Fairbanks, Goes on Bail for Terre Haute Mayor Charged with Intimidating.

THREE OTHERS FAIL TO OBTAIN NEW SURETIES

Sheriff Shea and Associates Remain in Custody—More Witnesses Tell of Schemes to Vote Repeaters.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 25.—John E. Beggs, president of the Commercial Distilling Co. of Terre Haute, and a stockholder in the Terre Haute Brewing Co., and business associate of Crawford W. Fairbanks, a democratic politician, indemnified the \$5,000 surety bond offered Mayor Donn M. Roberts in federal court today and Roberts was released after having spent a night in the Marion county jail, following charges of intimidating and tampering with witnesses.

It also was revealed for the first time that Thomas Taggart indemnified Roberts' original bond of \$5,000. The bond was presented by L. C. Breunig, local manager of the National Surety Co., who named Beggs and Taggart as the indemnitors.

Sheriff Dennis Shea, Police Judge Thomas Smith and Alex Azel have not yet succeeded in procuring bonds. A number of witnesses were called who are named in the indictment as having been deprived of their right to vote for congressman and senator at the November election.

Harry Hicks, former Terre Haute city employe, testified that Roberts asked him to serve on the registration board as the progressive member in precinct B of the second ward. He also talked to Judge Eli Redman.

"I told Redman I thought I had a better plan," said Hicks. "I would get to be progressive committee man, and appoint my own board. On cross examination he said Roberts told him when he asked what to do as a progressive member of the board: 'He'll give it to the democrat.'"

"Did any body hand you a list of inspectors for the county?" Dist. Atty. Dailey asked William Altkeruzo, county commissioner of Vigo county, the next witness.

"Who?"

"Eli Redman."

Redman was then county attorney. "Did you read the list?" asked Dailey.

"I just glanced at it."

"Were there any township trustees on the board?"

"No." Then Dailey, addressing Judge Anderson, explained that the law requires their appointment on the board.

One of the trustees was Howard Greiner, who, Dailey stated, was disqualified by Roberts' one-man ticket for constable.

Wanted Polls Changed. "Did Denny Shea talk to you about changing any election polls any place?"

"Yes," he answered. The polls changed from Shirkville." Dailey charged that Shea wanted it changed to the other side of the township so voters on one side would have to travel eight to 14 miles to the other side to vote.

Following a wordy altercation between Dailey and Atty. Stanley for the defense, resulting from Stanley's objection to the testimony showing that Judge Anderson had been disqualified, Judge Anderson said that the supreme court of the United States had decided that a man deprived of his vote had a right to sue in the United States court. He said the defendants had been misled in believing that the federal court had no jurisdiction in the case. He cited decisions of the supreme court showing that the case was not a matter of his vote being matters for the United States courts. He reviewed the law in the indictment and finally overruled the objection.

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Need More for Redman. Holler told of being at democratic headquarters election day when H. J. Redman, just before polls closed, said it was "looking bad for Ed" (his father) and for me to go down to precinct B, sixth ward, and ask Sylvester Jordan how much it would cost to get another 100 or 200 votes. "I went there," continued Holler, "and told Jordan we might want that many more votes from that precinct because Redman was running low."

Holler did not obtain the extra votes by I learned afterwards that they were not used as Redman won by 19 votes. Holler also related details of a conspiracy between Roberts, Hess and others to spirit Wesley Godfrey, chief government witness, out of the country.