

MORE TEUTON TROOPS REACH WESTERN LINES

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ALLIES MAY BE FIRST TO MOVE IN BALKANS

Twenty Thousand French Troops Are Reported on Their Way to Reinforce Army Now in Greece.

International News Service: LONDON, Feb. 9.—Concentration of German reinforcements and guns in West Flanders is going forward without a pause.

The Germans now have at least three of their new 22-mile range guns on the west front. This is shown by the official announcement by the French war office that shells were thrown into Belfort.

MAY DECLARE WAR.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—Following the departure of Premier Briand for Rome today a sensational report became current that the French minister will urge the Italian government to declare war against Germany.

CHECK ADVANCE.

CORFU, Greece, Feb. 9.—The Austria-Hungarian advance upon Durazzo has been checked. It was officially announced today by the Serbian military authorities.

TEUTONS WIN 800 YDS. OF TRENCHES

BERLIN, Feb. 9.—German troops have captured by storm all the first line trenches over a front 800 yards long in the region immediately west of Vimy. It was officially announced today by the war office.

Another French aeroplane has been destroyed at Priestwaid (Bois Le Pretre).

ROBBED OF EIGHT CENTS

That's All John Price of N. Elmer St. Had on Him. Two hold-up men met a "bloomer" when they stopped John Price, 1418 N. Elmer st., Tuesday night as he was passing along Vista av.

CITY RECREATION BODY BANKRUPT

Spends \$10,000 During Past Year—Annual Report is Held Up. That the South Bend recreation committee is bankrupt, having spent approximately \$10,000 during the past year, its full appropriation, and is now borrowing money from the board of education to maintain the existence of the recreation department until the 2-cent tax levied for its support can be collected, leaked out Wednesday morning following the refusal of the recreation management to give out its annual report, which has been held up for several weeks.

About the first of the year there were rumblings that the recreation department had run amuck financially; in fact, that situation was admitted. A balance of something over \$700 was supposed to exist until the books had been audited, when it was found to be only \$200, or thereabouts, near sufficient to pay Director Barnes his salary for a month.

The soft-pedal was placed on the admission, however, and the details were unavailable. It is reported now that the recreation committee placed the situation before the board of school trustees and succeeded in negotiating what is virtually a loan, calculated to carry the work of the department along until the 2-cent tax can be realized. The loan means a hole equal to its size in the available funds of the department this year.

GRAVE CHARGES MADE AGAINST L. D. BRANDEIS

Clifford Thorne Accuses President's Choice For Place in Supreme Court of Breach of Faith. WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Grave charges against Louis D. Brandeis, nominated by President Wilson as supreme court justice, were made in a public hearing today before a subcommittee of the senate judiciary committee.

PUBLIC IS PERMITTED TO ATTEND HEARING

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TWO DEFENSE BILLS PASSED BY SENATE

Measures Will Now Go to President For His Signature. WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The first two defense bills, one appropriating \$500,000 for additional building ways at the Mare island navy yard and \$100,000 for a similar purpose at the Brooklyn navy yard and the other increasing the number of midshipmen at Annapolis, were passed by the senate this afternoon without objection.

TRAIN HIT BY SLIDE

Day Coach Swept Down Mountain Side in Colorado. LEADVILLE, Colo., Feb. 9.—A westbound Colorado and Southern passenger train had thrilling race with snowslide at Birdseye, four miles north of here last night and partially lost. The engineers of the train which was being pulled by two mogul engines, observed the slide starting down the mountain and pulled their throttles wide open.

CONDITION OF BRITISH KING STILL SERIOUS?

International News Service: LONDON, Feb. 9.—The official announcement that King George has not recovered sufficiently from his injuries to officiate at the opening of parliament next Tuesday, gave rise to anxiety and alarming reports today.

Belgium Turns Down Germany's Terms of Peace

International News Service: ROME, Feb. 9.—Acting through the vatican the kaiser has made offer of a separate peace to Belgium, says the Giornale d'Italia, but it was rejected by King Albert. The agent of the vatican was Mgr. Tacci, papal nuncio at Brussels. The terms offered by Germany are: 1.—Restoration of Belgian sovereignty. 2.—Recognition of Albert as the lawful monarch. 3.—Payment of an indemnity, the amount to be fixed later. 4.—Establishment of a commercial treaty, giving Belgium rights not enjoyed before the war. 5.—Ostend and Antwerp to be transformed into German ports.

CHICAGO COP IS SHOT

Revolver Fails to Work in Battle With Thugs. International News Service: CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Because his revolver failed to work properly Policeman William C. Kelly today occupied a hospital bed, seriously wounded. Three thugs whom he attempted to arrest last night attacked him. One of the men shot the policeman twice, while the officer pulled the trigger of his police revolver four times without result.

MUST PAY THE PENALTY

Writ of Error is Denied by North Carolina Court. INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE: RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 9.—Chief Justice Walter Clark of the state supreme court today denied a writ of error to the United States supreme court in the case of Samuel P. Christy and Ida Bell Warren, under sentence to die in the electric chair March 3 for the murder of the woman's husband, G. J. Warren. The crime was the famous "Muddy creek murder mystery," of Winston-Salem.

NEED AMMUNITION.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Lack of ammunition is hampering the Italian campaign against Austria and is also held to be the chief reason for Italian inactivity in the Balkans.

FOR COAST DEFENSE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Appropriation of nearly a million dollars for the construction of radio controlled torpedoes for coast defenses has been incorporated in the fortifications bill, which is now nearly completed. There is no recommendation that it be adopted by the senate as yet, although this will follow the new engine of destruction is the work of John Haye Hammond, jr.

SHIP FIRED ON.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The steamship Canadian which arrived today from the West Indies reported that she was fired upon five times by the French cruiser Des Cartes, when entering the harbor at Port De France, Martinique. Two shells struck the pilot house.

MAILS HELD UP.

BERLIN, Feb. 9 (via Sayville wireless).—All the mails on the Dutch steamer Hollandia have been seized by the British naval authorities, says an Amsterdam dispatch to the Overseas News agency. The Hollandia was bound from South American ports to Amsterdam.

"VIVE ANARCHY."

LISBON, Feb. 9.—A bomb thrown by an anarchist killed one person and injured six others today. Three unexploded bombs were found by the police and to each was a card bearing the words: "Vive anarchy."

ALLOWS SHIPMENT.

International News Service: CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 9.—The military government of Egypt has issued a proclamation allowing the shipment of raw cotton to Switzerland on the condition that it is consigned to a certain firm which has given guarantees to the allies that it will not reach Germany.

TARIFF BOARD BILL BROUGHT BEFORE HOUSE

Provides For Commission of Five Members Who Would Devote All Their Time to Investigations. MEMBERS WOULD BE PICKED BY PRESIDENT. No More Than Three From Any Political Party—Measure Said to Meet With Administration's Approval. WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The administration's views and plans for a tariff commission were today laid before congress. A new bill differing materially from the measures already introduced and creating a commission with broad powers—extending far beyond the tariff—was introduced in the house of representatives by Rev. Doremus of Michigan, chairman of the democratic congressional committee. Doremus, one of the original tariff commission democrats, has been in close touch with Sec'y of the Treas. McAdoo and other administration officials since the president announced himself in favor of the scheme.

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Latest in the News World

HAS 874,626 VOTERS. INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE: CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Chicago today easily leads the cities of the world in the number of registered voters. Following yesterday's registration when 165,226 names were added to the poll books, the total of men and women voters in this city was 874,626. New York city boasts less than 800,000 voters. The women of the Empire state do not have the ballot.

FLOOD CONDITIONS REPORTED IMPROVED

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 9.—While flood conditions in southern Arkansas and north Louisiana were improved today, calls for help were received from many towns in Arkansas. A barge with a tent on it was caught today in the backwater near Arkansas City, Ark. A woman was found on board. She said she was postmistress of White River, Ark., and the barge and tent was all that was left of the postoffice there.

QUARANTINE STICKS.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 9.—Reports by Illinois stockmen and Dr. O. F. Dyson, state veterinarian of Illinois, that the Iowa embargo placed on Illinois cattle because of the foot and mouth disease, be raised have been refused by the Iowa animal health commission.

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WANTS AMERICAS TO JOIN FORCES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—An appeal for Pan-Americanism to combat the efforts of European powers to capture the world's markets after the war was made to the thousand-odd business men attending the Chambers of Commerce convention here today by Edward A. Filene, of Boston. "The European war will be followed by a race among the world powers to capture markets that will take the form of the most destructive competition the world has ever seen," declared Mr. Filene. "The reaction on American commerce will be sudden and menacing." Mr. Filene proposed that the United States take the initiative in the formation of an international court, supported by a league of nations, agreeing to use concerted force and, if necessary, military force, against any nation refusing to submit controversies to the tribunal for arbitration. He declared that chambers of commerce all over the country have declared in favor of this plan.