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WEATHER FORECAST. Uncertain tonight and tomorrow.

EL PASO, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 17, 1915.

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Kelly Carries But Four Precincts

ENTIRE LEA TICKET IS NAMED

LEA WINS IN EVERY PRECINCT EXCEPT FOUR OF THOSE BELOW SAN ANTONIO STREET.

McSAIN GETS IN BY SMALL MARGIN

Lea's Majority Is Over 1000—Crowds Celebrate Wildly Throughout the City.

Lea Kelly 4218
Lea's plurality 1060
(Tabulated Returns, Page 3.)

TOM LEA and the entire Lea ticket was nominated at the democratic primaries for the election of municipal officers Tuesday. Lea was elected in every precinct except four of those below San Antonio street.

By the time the polls closed, the ring leaders privately admitted their defeat, but publicly they did not concede it for some time. Mayor Kelly was the first of the ring candidates to publicly admit the election of the Lea ticket, although such astute politicians as W. H. Burges had privately admitted the loss of the election to Kelly even before the polls closed.

The vote was so heavy that it required most of the night to count the ballots in some precincts, but the anti-ring supervisors remained on hand throughout the evening and special deputies sworn in by Judge Dan Jackson watched outside the polls while the count went on.

Ring Headquarters Deserted. Few of the ring leaders dropped into headquarters after the polls closed. Joe Nealon, who had been on duty there all day, stayed for awhile awaiting returns, and Ballard Caldwell came in shortly after the polls closed. Nealon at first claimed the election of the ring ticket, then said 206 votes either way would change the result, but the mayor had already publicly announced his defeat. Ballard Caldwell early admitted defeat. Ben Levy, a Kelly candidate for alderman, came into the headquarters soon after the polls closed and admitted defeat. Few of the other candidates or ring leaders showed up and soon the ring headquarters were deserted, save for a few young fellows who were holding a post mortem.

Some of the ring leaders went to the city hall with Tom Newman, where the city democratic chairman received the official returns from the various voting precincts. There was little jollity or enthusiasm about the crowd. "If it hadn't been so pitiful, I would have laughed at the spectacle," said an anti, who was in the city hall for a short time during the evening. Certain representatives of the anti ring remained on duty on the streets of El Paso in recent political history.

Wild Enthusiasm. Wild enthusiasm was manifested by the British government on the legal questions involved.

England Denies Undue Interference With Ships

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—Great Britain's reply to the American note of December 16 protesting against interference with United States commerce, was being prepared at the state department today for publication. The full text of the document, containing approximately 7000 words will be given out simultaneously here and in London tonight.

The British note, in addition to giving statistics and neutral commerce and making a general denial of an unwarranted interference with legitimate shipping, points out that the recent government decree taking over the flour and grain supply in Germany required added precautions on the part of the allies that conditional contracts might not be permitted to reach the hands of the enemy. It also constitutes a further statement of the British government on the legal questions involved.

Progress of a Live City. From Houston (Tex.) Post.

THE EL PASO HERALD'S Annual Review Edition of the progress of the live city in which it is published and of the development of the territory that is naturally tributary thereto is a splendid example of newspaper enterprise. It summarizes the progress of El Paso during the last year and the recent past, evidencing a remarkable record of growth, prosperity and stability.

GERMANS TAKE 50,000 RUSSIANS; KAISER SEES NINE DAYS BATTLE

Germans Say Russians Who Invaded East Prussia Are Being Pursued in Russian Poland, and the Rout Is Complete; the French and English Renew Offensive Along Western Front.

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 17.—Fifty thousand prisoners, besides many cannon and machine guns, were captured by the Germans when the Russian tenth army was defeated in the Masurian lake district, east Prussia, according to a statement issued at the German general headquarters at Berlin today. The communication says:

"In the nine days' battle in the Masurian lake region, the Russian tenth army, consisting of at least 11 infantry and several cavalry and artillery divisions, not only was driven out of strongly entrenched positions east of the Masurian lake plateau, but was forced back across the frontier.

"Utterly defeated at almost every point, only the remnants of the army managed to reach the woods east of Suwalki and Augustowo, Russia, where they are being pursued. The number of prisoners taken has not yet been positively ascertained, but certainly exceeds 50,000. More than 50 cannon and 80 machine guns, besides an unknown quantity of war material, were captured.

"Emperor William was present during the decisive fighting in the center of our line. The victory was won by veteran east Prussian troops, assisted by other troops who were young for such work, but who proved their worth."

Belgians Shoot Effectively. The French war office at Paris this afternoon issued the following statement on the progress of the war:

"In spite of an active cannonade, the French and English aviators who threw bombs Tuesday in the region of Ghiesbeld and Ostend, have been able to reenter our lines unharmed.

"The Belgian artillery has carried out some effective shooting against gatherings of troops and shelters. In Champagne ten of the enemy's counter attacks were repulsed during the night.

French Destroy Block House. "In the Argonne there was considerable activity. Near Fontaine Aux Charnes we have destroyed a block house and 100 meters of trenches. A German attack, launched by at least three battalions between Four de Paris and Hill 258, west of Boussuilles, has been very severe. We have entirely repulsed it, inflicting on the enemy huge losses and taking some prisoners.

"More to the east, in the forest of Melancourt, we have captured 100 meters of trenches.

"From the Meuse to the Vosges nothing noteworthy has occurred."

Alien Take Offensive. Today's statement from the French war office at Paris is as follows:

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NIIPPON ASPIRES TO GAIN SOLID GRIP ON SHANTUNG PENINSULA OF CHINA.

PEKIN, China, Feb. 17.—If information from presumably well informed sources, both foreign and Chinese, are correct, the memorandum recently given by the Japanese legation to the diplomatic representatives here in the United States, Great Britain, France and Russia respecting the demands of the Tokio government on the Shantung peninsula, is significantly presented to Peking and deemed to virtually give Japan a part of the peninsula.

These negotiations which began late January had for their object the determination of the future status of Shantung relations with China and a division respecting certain questions of principle, the future development of which the Chinese republic. Their course has been guarded with great secrecy.

China Refuses Demands. The Peking government did not conceal its concern over the situation thus brought about, and on February 6, Sun Chih, the Chinese foreign secretary, conferred with the Japanese minister at Peking, rejected the proposals on the ground that they were incompatible with China's sovereignty and existing treaties between China and other countries. The minister then asked for an acceptance of the principle that the detailed negotiations could be conducted later, but the Peking government returned the same answer as to the principles involved. Twenty-two demands have been made of China.

Japan Wants Demands. The memorandum as handed to the legations of the United States, Great Britain, France and Russia is understood to contain only 11 demands, substantially as follows:

In relation to Shantung, Japan asks that China transfer to her all concessions previously enjoyed by Germany, and requires China to consult Japan on all matters previously agreed upon between Germany and China in the province of Shantung.

Can't Lease Coast. China is to agree not to alienate or lease Shantung or any part of the coast on any pretext to any foreign government and similarly no island near Shantung is to be leased to any foreign power.

China is asked to grant to Japan the right to construct a railroad from Kiao Chow to Chi Fu.

Requires Treaty Cities. That certain cities in the province of Shantung shall be opened as treaty ports.

In southern Manchuria and Mongolia, the extension is asked of the terms of the lease of the Kwang Tung (Port Arthur and Dairen), and the Manchurian and Mukden railroads.

Japanese Want Land. In southern Manchuria and Mongolia the acquisition by Japanese of the rights of residence and ownership of land and the grant of mining rights.

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Before granting railroad concessions (Continued on Page 9, Col. 1.)

FORTY AIRSHIPS ATTACK GERMANS