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German Attack Fiercely Resisted

Both Sides Seek Advantage

Terrific Artillery Combats Are Waged In Northern France, Germans Say.

BRITISH TROOPS FAIL IN CHARGE

Germans Believed About to Attempt a Determined Offensive Thrust.

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 7.—(Via London, Eng., 9:55 p. m.)—Artillery engagements of terrific intensity have been in progress in the sector between La Bassée canal and Artois in northern France and south of the river Somme, German army headquarters announced today.

Sunday British troops attempted a general advance near Arras but were forced back with heavy losses. It is apparent the enemy is attempting an offensive movement.

War Famine Strikes Zoo; Budapest Breeds Rats to Feed to Lions and Tigers

Budapest, Hungary, Feb. 7.—Rats are being bred for the Budapest Zoo in order to save the scant ration of horse-flesh for the lions and tigers, whose constant roaring shown the extent they suffer from the recent shortage of food. Eagles and the wild birds are fed exclusively on rats. At times when horseflesh has been unobtainable goats and the least valuable animals have been sacrificed to save the lives of the beasts that once ruled the jungle.

BRITAIN WON'T ALLOW AID TO BE GIVEN POLAND

London, Eng., Feb. 7.—Sir Edward Grey, British foreign minister, has advised the cabinet that the government will not consent to the undertaking of relief work in Poland unless Germany will cease requisitioning supplies from the conquered territory. Mr. Hoover had written to the foreign minister pointing a picture of misery in Poland and declaring the German authorities guaranteeing that none of the food supplies shipped into Poland for relief work would be used by military forces.

LEOPOLD OF BAVARIA IS TO LEAD EGYPTIAN ATTACK

Geneva, Switzerland, Feb. 7.—The German-Turkish army which is to invade Egypt in attack on the Suez canal will be commanded by prince Leopold of Bavaria, who has studied Egypt thoroughly, according to the Bayerische Kurier of Munich. The paper says the army will be commanded by German officers who are now at Constantinople, preparing for the expedition.

CENTRAL POWERS ARE NOW MENACING RUMANIANS

London, Eng., Feb. 7.—Germany, Austria and Bulgaria are now demanding of Rumania to renounce neutrality and a demobilization of the Rumanian army, according to dispatches from Paris and Bucharest. It has been a sudden concentration of troops on the Bulgarian side of the Danube, while Rumanian troops are withdrawn from the western boundary within 50 yards of the Austro-Hungarian lines.

LARGE GERMAN WARSHIP REPORTED SUNK BY MINE

Copenhagen, Denmark, Feb. 7.—It is reported that a large German warship has been sunk in the Cattagat between the island of Anholt and the Swedish coast. The Anholt received here say it supposed the vessel struck a mine. Wireless calls for help were heard, but these ceased after a time.

The War At a Glance

WHILE recent reports of the actual opening of an offensive movement by the Teutonic front seem to appear to have been premature, the cables continue to bring accounts of various troop movements, indicating that such an offensive is probably not far distant. Athens dispatches today tell of continued concentration of German, Austrian and Bulgarian forces on the Greek frontier, together with the transfer of heavy artillery southward from Nish.

Rumanian Acts Warlike

Advices from allied sources declare that the friction between Rumania and the central powers has increased and that Rumania, apparently in view of the reported threatening attitude of Germany and Austria, has collected forces close to the Austro-Hungarian frontier.

New Offensive in West

It is believed that the entente allies appear to be impressed with the idea that an important offensive is about to be begun by the Germans in the west.

Turks Repel Russian Attacks

Although the Ottoman forces have not been successful in undertaking an offensive, they have been successful in repelling all the Russian attacks, they declare.

Arizona Prisoner Jumps From Train and Goes Home to See His Folks

Clifton, Ariz., Feb. 7.—While the influenza epidemic was raging in South Siding at a rate of 25 miles an hour, Jesse Phillips, who was being brought here in custody of cattle inspector Miller, jumped from the car window in the toilet compartment and temporarily made his escape. He is wanted in this county on a charge of stealing.

STATE PURCHASING AGENT BUYS 98 PERCENT IN TEXAS

Austin, Tex., Feb. 7.—Texas merchants, manufacturers and jobbers are in a state of excitement over the purchase of 98 percent of the total amount bought through contract was purchased in Texas. The purchase was made by the state purchasing agent, George Leavy, which has just been presented to the governor. This plan was suggested by Governor Ferguson to the state purchasing agent shortly after the present administration went into effect.

FORT WORTH AND GALVESTON BREWERIES PAY PENALTIES

Austin, Texas, Feb. 7.—Additional penalties from breweries penalized by the state for violation of the anti-trust laws, were received today by the attorney general's department. Today's remittances, amounting to \$40,272.34, were from the Texas Brewing company, of Fort Worth, which paid \$14,000 in penalties, and the Galveston Brewing company, which paid \$26,272.34 in penalties and \$12,272.34 in penalties for the execution of bonds guaranteeing cotton warehouse receipts.

CORPORATION EMPLOYEES HELD TO BE EMPLOYES

Austin, Texas, Feb. 7.—Answering a question submitted to the attorney general's department by commissioner of insurance and banking Patterson, it was held today by the department, in construing the meaning of the word "employee" as used in the Texas employment liability act, that the officers and employees of a corporation are entitled to workmen's compensation insurance, also to all privileges thereof and subject to its liabilities.

DAWSON COUNTY RANCHMAN IS KILLED AT LAMESA, TEX.

Big Springs, Tex., Feb. 7.—The funeral of Claude Wasson, a ranchman, Dawson county, who was shot and killed Saturday night at Lamesa, 50 miles north of here, occurred today. It is said Wasson and a restaurant keeper named Brown had quarreled and that the shooting followed.

BIG MESS OF STEEL EFFECTED

Corey's Midvale Company Buys Control of Cambria Company Deal.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 7.—Control of the Cambria steel company, one of the largest independent steel concerns has been purchased by the Midvale Steel and Ordnance company of Philadelphia. Announcement of this effect was made today by W. H. Donner, president of the Cambria company. The price is understood to be \$1 a share.

It was stated that Wm. E. Corey, chairman of the Midvale company, and his associates had taken over the operation of the Cambria company. The stock held by Wm. H. Donner, who represents a syndicate of which Henry C. Frick is a member.

Dead Totals About \$20,000,000

The total outstanding Cambria stock amounts to 450,000 shares, and it is believed that the deal involved in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000.

The Midvale Steel and Ordnance company was at the time of its organization several months ago second only to the United States steel company in point of size. The addition of the Cambria steel company gives it control of extensive works at Johnstown, Pa., and other properties in the Lake Superior district.

Women May Vote But Are Bared From Juries in Arizona, Says Opinion

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 7.—Women cannot qualify for jury service in Arizona, although they can vote and are supposed to have all the "privileges" of male citizens.

This was the reply of assistant attorney general George W. Harben to George O. Hillinger, county attorney of Pima county. It is the first time the question has been brought up since women were given the ballot in this state.

CHARGE EL PASOANS WITH FRAUDULENT USE OF MAIL

Douglas, Ariz., Feb. 7.—Charles Hoffeld, who came from El Paso, was placed under arrest here by an agent of the department of justice and taken to Tucson by United States marshal McDonald, on a charge of having used the United States mails to defraud.

LANSING QUIETS FEAR OF COLUMBIAN MINISTER

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—Secretary Lansing today told the Colombian minister, Julio Belandier, that president Wilson had not approved the proposed amendments to the Colombian treaty to out the indemnity the United States is to pay from \$15,000,000 to \$15,000,000 and to make the expression of regret for the partition of Panama mutual by the United States and Colombia.

APPOINTMENT OF PRAEGER IS CONFIRMED BY SENATE

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—The senate today confirmed the appointment of Otto Praeger, of Texas, to be second assistant postmaster general.

CHINESE TROOPS DEFEAT REBELS; CAPTURE TOWN

Peking, China, Feb. 7.—The government today announced that its troops had recaptured Finshan, northeast of Su-Fu, in the southern part of Szechuen province, and that a general attack upon the rebels at Su-Fu is imminent.

WILL WRECK AND REBUILD PRESENT STRUCTURE

Pure White Building On Mesa and San Antonio to Cost \$250,000.

WORK WILL START ON ANNEX MONDAY To Wreck Two Story Building and Build Department Store In Units.

THE Popular Dry Goods company will have a new, pure white, six-story building for its home within the year, to cost \$250,000. Announcement was made Monday morning by A. Schwartz, president of the company, that the entire building now occupied by the Popular store will be wrecked to make room for the store building, which will measure 120 by 120 feet and will have frontage on Mesa avenue and San Antonio street. It will be six stories high exclusive of the big basement.

The contract for construction of the new building was let Monday to Otto Kroeber and work will start on the wrecking of the two-story annex next Monday morning. The new annex will be erected first and will be six stories high exclusive of the big basement.

As soon as it is completed, which must be September 1, under the contract, the department store will occupy this annex as its temporary home until the present main building, which is three stories high, is wrecked and the remainder of the six-story building is erected. The contract also specifies that the first floor of the main part of the building must be completed by September 1. The remainder of the main building will then be completed and the department store will be moved to the new building.

The building to be wrecked and replaced by white clay terra cotta and will be finished throughout the entire six floors in hardwood. It will have deep show windows on Mesa and San Antonio streets and will include a number of new departments not now included in the present store, as well as rest rooms for the employees, a restaurant for its patrons and other metropolitan department store features.

The annex is now being vacated. The department on the second floor is being moved into the annex on the second floor of the main building. The department on the first floor will be moved, at the end of the present week, into the building at 216-12 San Antonio street, across the street, and the department on the second floor will be moved into the building at that location next Monday morning.

SLEEPING MAN IS BURNED TO DEATH NEAR AMARILLO

Amarillo, Tex., Feb. 7.—When a bunk house in the Majenta pit near Zascosa caught fire in some unknown manner, W. P. Cherry, of Zascosa, and manager of the pit, was burned to death. Cherry was asleep in the bunk house. When the fire was discovered an effort was made to reach Cherry and to enter the house. It is believed he was overcome by the smoke and was unable to make an effort to escape. The fire was sent to Amarillo by long distance phone to the office of Wilmering & Mullen, owners of the pit.

"KID" WILLIAMS TO DEFEND HIS TITLE AGAINST HERMAN

New Orleans, La., Feb. 7.—"Kid" Williams of Baltimore, world's bantam weight champion, will defend his title against Pete Herman of New Orleans, in a 20 round bout here tonight. The weight will be 115 to 120 pounds. Williams is favorite in the betting.

FOUR STOCKMEN KILLED IN TRAIN COLLISION

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 7.—Four stockmen riding in the rear of an extra freight on the Chicago and Northwestern rail road, were killed today in a rear-end collision about two miles from Dunlap, Iowa.

WOMAN WITH A MASK CREATES STIR; IS PUZZLING THOSE WHO MEET HER

Arrives at Union Station With a Mask, Goes to Hotel in Mask, Appears at Stores and in the Hotel Lobbies, Eyes Everyone Curiously, But Refuses to Answer Any Questions Applied to Her.

A STRANGE woman oddly attired in a traveling suit and wearing a dark veil and a black mask came into El Paso Sunday night at the union station, and, without stopping to make an inquiry of the gate man, or the depot police, walked hurriedly through the station. As she reached the south entrance, Mrs. Lola Eighmy, the traveling aid secretary of the Y. W. C. A., went forward to see if there was anything that she might do, but the strange woman shook her head and replied: "I think there is nothing new—but I may need your assistance. I am traveling alone, and because of a private matter I am wearing this disguise."

The woman with the black mask then passed to a waiting cab and was driven to the Sheldon hotel. "I don't know what to make of that woman," said Mrs. Eighmy. "And there is a question in my mind if I should not have had her detained and looked into her history. She is looking better, and travels well and dresses well, so I suppose she is capable of taking care of herself."

G. W. Garrett, night clerk of the union station, shook his head when asked if he had noticed the woman. "She's a puzzle. Now, why does a woman want to travel about the country that way?" he asked. "When she came in I was sitting quiet and then I looked up and saw her coming across the depot. I thought at first perhaps she was a hold-up woman. Her eyes shined through that mask odd like. She is in cahoots with some one in this town and the banks better look out—because there was a cab waiting for her. Now if she wasn't in cahoots, why would a cab be waiting for her?"

At 5:30 o'clock, the woman with the black mask passed through the lobby of Hotel Sheldon and caused considerable comment among the men sitting in the lobby. "Who is she?" "What is she?" "Why does she wear that mask?" were general questions.

A few moments later she entered the lobby of the Paso del Norte, walked to the desk and said in low tones to the night clerk, E. L. Gay: "I am the countess Popponowksi, and I want breakfast and do not wish to be disturbed."

"I just couldn't figure her out," said Gay. "But I thought it best not to cause a rumpus, so I said 'alright'."

"What kind of style is this masquerade business?" asked Mrs. Nell Murden, who hands out the tea and coat check at the Paso del Norte dining room door. "It's either a new style or the woman is trying to hide something. If she has some face blemish, why doesn't she wear a light mask instead of a dark one; and if it is a style, then why spread it all over her face instead of making it nice and trim like the French do, just over the eyes?"

L. Olick, the head waiter of the Paso del Norte, said he didn't like "this kind of business." "If she is a countess," said he, "why did she eat buckwheat cakes and coffee—instead of French pastry? And furthermore if she is a countess—why did she eat grape fruit? It seems to me she would have ordered a mask mason or hot house grapes."

Unless the woman is an extremely good actor, she is a stranger in El Paso. Some people say that she is a society girl of town just playing a prank; others say that she is carrying out a wager that was made between two army men two weeks ago at the Country club.

The Mystery Deepens. She is about five feet, eight inches tall, and weighs about 120 to 140 pounds. She will not talk to anyone, and though a few got up enough courage to speak to her, she ignored them completely.

Some thought she was looking Monday morning for another woman, as she was seen to enter a number of places where women are known to hang out. She herself to such places. She went to the picture shows and looked at the advertising matter, looked into offices and business houses, and returned every group of men who stood on the street corners.

FEDERAL LEAGUE SUIT DISMISSED

Judge Landis Explains Why He Postponed Action for More Than a Year.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 7.—The suit of the Federal league against organized baseball, filed a year ago under the anti-trust law, was dismissed today by Judge E. L. Landis in the United States district court.

After directing that the suit be dismissed Judge Landis said: "The motion for a preliminary injunction was presented to this court a little more than a year ago. The whole structure of organized baseball was immediately plunged into litigation. Aside from the interest of baseball fans there were two sides to the controversy, organized baseball and so-called outlaw baseball."

"The court's expert knowledge of baseball, obtained by more than 30 years of observation of the game as a spectator, convinced me that if an order had been entered it would have been of no constructive, at least vitally injurious to the game of baseball."

"No matter what decision had been made, neither side would have emerged from court victorious. After taking counsel with my own judgment I decided that the court had the right, or at least the discretion, to postpone decision in the case and this was done."

"The slightest evidence was presented to cause the most suspicious person to impugn the honor of the game or of any of the individual players."

MAROONED IN MINE FOR 29 DAYS BY HEAVY SNOW

Prescott, Ariz., Feb. 7.—For exactly 29 days, J. A. Furber was marooned alone at the independence mine, in the Hassayampa district. In that time he did not see a single human being, and he had made it impossible for him to reach the cabin of his nearest neighbor, three miles away. Fortunately he was well supplied with food and wood and did not suffer.

ARKANSAS FLOOD REFUGEES ARE IN NEED OF FOOD

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 7.—Water from four to six feet of floods the town of Clarendon, and 1500 people are in immediate need of food, according to a telephone message received here at noon today.

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Offer To Restrict Reprisals To Enemy Subjects Is Handed to U. S.

IS SUBSTITUTE FOR "ILLEGAL"

United States Will Allow No Single Phrase to Cause Trouble, Is Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Germany has agreed that reprisals must not be directed against any other than enemy subjects. This expression is offered by Germany to take the place of the phrase containing the word "illegal," which was incorporated in the draft of the Lusitania agreement now under consideration.

This statement is taken in high diplomatic circles to imply that the Berlin government sees no occasion to waver in the construction of the word "illegal," which was incorporated in the draft of the Lusitania agreement now under consideration.

Furthermore, the German government refers to the British blockade of Germany as being inhumane, calls attention to the fact that neutral vessels have been affected by the efforts of the British government to starve Germany, and points out the contention that the German retaliation in the war zone around the British Isles is justified by the actions of Great Britain. Claims that the reprisals are legal are not mentioned.

The sinking of the Lusitania was at the time considered an act of reprisal against Great Britain, because of British orders in council shutting off Germany's food imports. In the Lusitania case, however, the German and other neutrals were made to suffer the effect of the reprisal.

Secretary of State Lansing today denied that new demands had been made in the Lusitania case at a time when the negotiations were practically over. He was speaking of the Berlin dispatches regarding the Lusitania case, which were made by Dr. Zimmermann, German under secretary of foreign affairs, to "new demands."

Disavowal in Arabic Case

It is explained that a direct disavowal was given by the German government in the Arabic case, but that act was a violation of the instructions given the commanders of the submarines. In the case of the Lusitania, however, the commander acted in accordance with orders. The general instructions not to sink liners without warning was given, it is disclosed by high authority, on the day after the Lusitania went down. The instructions, but that the government cannot disavow an act which was committed in accordance with its instructions and for which it is responsible.

No Denial of Responsibility

In the latest proposal there is an attempt to deny responsibility for the sinking of the Lusitania. But Germany assumes liability for the American lives lost in the Lusitania case, and the United States and assures the American people that the killing of Americans was not the result of a mistake. The tentative communication also states that the method of conducting submarine warfare in the Lusitania case was not justified because of friendship for the United States and because of the fact that American lives were lost.

Secretary Lansing indicated that some announcement might be given out for publication within the next few days. There was no indication today whether the president had definitely decided whether Germany's latest proposal was satisfactory. Administration officials let it be known that a mere choice of words would not be permitted to stand in the way of a settlement. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)