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RUSSIANS DELIVER SURPRISE ATTACKS AGAINST GERMANS

Slavs Within Half a Mile of Bukovina After Forced Marches Through Country Deep in Snow.

ENEMY'S POSITIONS CARRIED

Grand Duke Nicholas Keeps Movements of His Troops Secret and Succeeds in Carrying Out Strategic Plan Which Takes Germans and Austrians by Surprise.

PETROGRAD, March 18.—By making forced marches through a country deep in snow, the Russians have been able to deliver surprise attacks against the Germans and Austrians along both ends of the eastern battle line, the war office announced today.

Officials also confirmed earlier reports that the German positions in the vicinity of Tilsit in northeast Prussia had been suddenly raided and that at the same time another large force had begun an advance in force against Czarnowitz, the capital of Bukovina. The Russian strength in the Tilsit region is not known.

Grand Duke Nicholas has kept this movement in mystery, not revealing it until a sudden Slav attack had been announced by the Berlin authorities. Russian officials say the czar's troops have succeeded in crossing the Jura river under cover of darkness and attacked the Germans inside the Prussian frontier.

To reach the approaches to Czarnowitz the Russians forced a crossing of the Pruth river. Their appearance in that vicinity was so sudden they caught the Austrians unprepared and were able to reach within a mile and a half of the Bukovina capital before they were checked.

Fighting for the possession of Przasnysz, Poland, has been temporarily interrupted by floods which prevent movements by either side.

Will Burn Villages.

BERLIN, March 18.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—It is officially reported that the Russian government buildings at Suwalki, Poland, and at other provincial capitals which have fallen into the hands of the Germans would be burned in retaliation for the ruthless destruction of property by the Russians in Prussia.

The decision to burn the buildings followed the receipt of reports of Slav outrages north of Tilsit. For each village and estate burned the Germans will burn three Russian villages and estates. Official dispatches charge that the Russians pillaged, burned and ravaged the country in a raid across the frontier. They are said to have fled, carrying their booty, before the advancing Germans. The war office admitted the Russians are on the offensive on the 60-mile front from Lomza to a point northeast of Przasnysz. All Slav attacks have been repulsed, the statement added.

• Even a coat of arms doesn't always hide the family skeleton.

EXTENSIVE REPAIRS MAY COMPEL EITEL TO INTERN

NEW BOILER TUBES NECESSARY BEFORE GERMAN CAN BE MADE SEAWORTHY.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Rear Admiral Fiske and Robert Lansing, Counselor of the state department, held three conferences in Lansing's office this afternoon, after which Fiske hurried to Secretary Daniels. It is believed they are preparing a 24-hour ultimatum to Captain Thierichens of the cruiser Eitel to repair his ship immediately or intern.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—That the German cruiser Eitel Friedrich will intern was made almost certain today when the naval board appointed to investigate her condition reported she would require new boiler tubes before she was made seaworthy. In face of this condition it is difficult to see how Captain Thierichens can avoid internment. Administration officials scouted an absurd suggestion that British war ships outside the Virginia capes might attempt to violate American neutrality to get at the Eitel.

Insurgents Again Defeated. WASHINGTON, March 18.—Anxiety for the fate of foreigners at Progreso and Marida, Mexico, was increased by the receipt of dispatches declaring the insurgents in Yucatan have been again defeated. Rear Admiral Caperton may be sent to take charge of the situation.

German Consul Says He Offered No Bribe to Obtain Secrets

OFFICIAL IS PLACED UNDER ARREST AT SEATTLE—BONDS ARRANGED.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Count Von Bernstorff officially called the attention of the state department to the arrest at Seattle of Consul Mueller on a charge of attempting to buy business secrets of the Seattle Construction and Dry Dock Company. It is understood he took the position the authorities violated international law by searching the consul's home.

SEATTLE, March 18.—Admitting that he had discussed the subject with John Murdoch, assistant shipping clerk of the Seattle Construction Drydock Company, Dr. Wilhelm Mueller, the German consul, denied that he had offered him money to steal records of the company that might show shipment of submarine parts to Canada.

Mueller and his secretary were served warrants of arrest Wednesday, charging him with an attempt to buy business secrets by corruptly influencing the employees of the company. Mueller immediately arranged bonds for his release. This is the first time that a foreign consul has ever been arrested in this state.

German Food Surplus Bg.

BERNE, March 18.—Germany has sufficient food to meet her needs for two years, according to W. D. Boyde, editor of the Chicago Ledger, and Horace Herr, editor of the Indianapolis Times, who have just returned from a trip through Germany.

Messrs. Boyce and Herr said that Germany was only "bluffing" about a food shortage.

WILLIAM H. BELL OF THIS CITY IS FOUND GUILTY

SUBORNATION OF PERJURY IS CHARGE AGAINST HIM AT PORTLAND.

William H. Bell of this city, was found guilty of attempted subornation of perjury before a federal jury in Portland and will be sentenced today, according to word received in this city. The testimony showed conclusively that he had given Irene Oliver, an Indian girl, \$24 last November to influence her testimony in the trial of Harry Redford, who was charged with introducing liquor on the reservation.

The Oliver girl and Harriet Eaton, another Indian girl, were the most important witnesses in the trial of Redford. It was they who saw Redford and his sister-in-law, Mrs. C. L. Swain, driving on to the reservation, saw Redford stop and bury something in the ground and who later investigated and found two bottles of beer.

The testimony showed that Bell had called for the Oliver girl a short time afterwards, taken her to where she had dug up the bottles and suggested that she and her companion had been too far away to recognize the man who buried them. He gave her a dollar then, she testified. A few days later in Pendleton, he gave her four dollars and on the train going down to Portland for the trial he gave her \$15 more. Bell admitted having given the money to her but declared it was a loan and was not given to corrupt her testimony. However, Col. J. H. Riley of this city and John Manning of Portland, attorneys for Redford, testified that Bell had told them that the Oliver girl's testimony wouldn't hurt Redford because she had accepted money from him. Questioned on this point by the government attorneys, Bell declared he couldn't remember whether he had made this statement or not.

The case was tried before Federal Judge Rudkin of Spokane, who is assisting the judges in Portland. Col. J. H. Riley, S. A. Newberry, Supt. E. L. Swartzlander and a number of Indians went down from Pendleton as witnesses.

CONTRACTS FOR 4 UNDERSEA BOATS FOR U. S. ARE LET

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Contracts for four submarines were signed by Secretary Daniels. The largest will be called the "Schley" and will be the first sea-going submarine built for the American navy. Its surface speed will be twenty knots and submerged speed ten and 12. On the surface it will be driven by oil engines and storage batteries under water. It will cost a million, three hundred and fifty thousand. Others are for coast and harbor defense.

"America First" Slogan. BERKELEY, Cal., March 18.—Plans for further popularizing America's scenery are being considered at the three days' conference of National Park superintendents and supervisors, which began here.

MONEY FAIRLY ROLLS IN FOR ROAD PROJECT

Farmers Quickly Volunteer Subscriptions Following Lead Set by Leon Cohen--Permanent Organization to be Formed Representing Farmers and Commercial Club--Success of Plan Predicted as Certain.

Voluntary subscriptions to \$100,000 Cold Springs Road Fund.

The Peoples Warehouse	1,000
William Kupers	1,000
A. F. May	1,000
Holdman Bros.	2,500
B. E. Anderson	1,000
William R. Meiners	1,000
J. E. Montgomery	1,000
W. W. Harrah	1,000
Total	\$9,500

If there is any truth in the old adage that "money talks" then the farmers between Pendleton and the Columbia spoke effectively today when without solicitation they began following the lead set yesterday by Leon Cohen and pledged themselves each to duplicate his offer of \$1,000 to the Cold Springs road fund. Holdman Bros. did better still with a \$2,500 subscription.

At noon today the sum of \$9,500 had been pledged to the road and not a man had been urged to give. Practically speaking it was a voluntary effort all around. What do you think of that? Do not such results show that people understand the importance of river freight rates and wish to take advantage of them?

Up to this time there is no formal organization handling the proposition of a river road and no particular set line of action has been adopted. But there is unbounded sentiment for the road and it is generally conceded that the plan outlined by R. O. Earnhart is a good one with which to start things moving. Within a short time the Cold Springs people intend to put the matter up to the Commercial Club with a view to forming a permanent working organization representing the farmers and local businessmen. It will be up to this committee or board to more definitely decide upon a

line of action and to put their program through.

With 10 per cent of \$100,000 pledged before a formal start has been made it is held the full amount can be raised without great difficulty. The farmers will be expected to bear the chief part of the burden but businessmen will also be asked to aid the enterprise.

Better Than Railroad. One of the most enthusiastic boosters for the road from Pendleton to Cold Springs landing is W. W. Harrah, prominent local farmer and director in the Tristate Terminal Company. Mr. Harrah has given much attention to the subject of handling grain by modern methods and is unqualifiedly for a hard surface road.

"Some people in the past have wanted a railroad at that section but a railroad would give no relief," says Mr. Harrah. "We must make sure of getting the competition from the river, and in my opinion the way to do this is through means of a public road and a public dock. The road to Cold Springs will be a great thing for freight and for passenger travel. We will have a good clean road to the river at all times and the river trip will be beautiful in the summer time. It will be possible for tourists to make an ideal trip from the Columbia to Blingham Springs.

"Freight will go both ways over the road and so the towns as well as the farmers will be benefited. Walla Walla has the right idea and will built a road from Walla Walla to Wallula. This county should do the same to Cold Springs.

WORK OF EXCAVATING FOR SWIMMING POOL UNDER WAY

SUPERINTENDENT IS NOW IN THE CITY SECURING NECESSARY LABORERS.

E. P. Matthews, who will superintend the construction of the public swimming pool, arrived in the city last night, and will probably commence the excavation of the pool this afternoon. He has been securing men for this work this morning, and if things can be managed the work will commence as soon as the implements can be secured at the place of construction. Mr. Matthews was recommended by J. O. Conville, superintendent of parks and boulevards in Portland.

The local swimming pool will be as large that of Portland, but it will be built in a more modern manner and with better equipment. There will be a concrete platform about the pool and the dressing rooms will also be equipped with concrete floors and necessary furniture. A lattice work will be constructed about the grounds and pool and if possible a grand stand for onlookers will be constructed. A specification of the bids will be made in a couple of days. The exact cost of the pool is not yet known, but it is estimated at \$8000.

Girl Kills Lover. MOUNT VERNON, Wash., March 18.—Following a lovers' quarrel at East Stanwood, Mae Agnesedp, killed Birden Peterson, an employe of the Buick company and afterward swallowed wood alcohol. She was removed to a hospital in a serious condition.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Russians make forced marches and deliver blow against Germans and Austrians.

United States is studying international problem closely before sending protest to allies against blockade of German coast.

German consul arrested in Seattle on charge of bribing to get business secrets of Seattle boat-building concern.

Chinese problem grows menacing. Japan has been warned by United States not to violate integrity of China.

Bombardment of Dardanelles suspended while awaiting arrival of expeditionary forces.

Local. Voluntary subscriptions for Cold Springs road reaches \$9500.

Mother and aunt fight in court over child.

W. H. Bell convicted of attempted subornation of perjury.

Michael Breithaupt passes away.

Work on excavation of swimming pool is started.

Pilot Rock--defeats Pendleton in first game of pre-season.

Must Serve Sentences. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 18.—The federal circuit court of appeals sustained the decision of the lower court sentencing Maury Diggs and Drew Caminetti to McNell's Island prison for violation of the white slave law. The case will be appealed to the supreme court of the United States.

Fight for Custody of Child Has Unusual Features

MOTHER AND AUNT ARE OPPOSED TO EACH OTHER IN LOCAL COURT CASE.

One of the most interesting cases brought in the local courts for some time, involving the custody of a 12 year old girl with the mother and aunt opposed to each other, was filed this morning. The circumstances resulting in the case are very peculiar, several unusual elements entering into it.

The mother of the child, Mrs. Jennie M. Farrens, and her husband, J. S. Farrens, this morning petitioned the court for a writ of habeas corpus to require John T. and Cora B. Dowell to produce the body of the child, literally speaking in court. Judge Phelps issued the order, requiring the child to be produced at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The Farrens in their petition allege that the child is being unlawfully imprisoned, detained, confined and restrained by the Dowells whom they allege, claim to be her legal guardian but who have no legal claim upon her.

However, the basis of the claim of the Dowells is found in two deeds of adoption filed with the county clerk a few days ago but not recorded for the reason that such instruments are not known in this state. The deeds were executed in Missouri which, it is said, is one of the two states in the union which provides for such instruments. By the first deed, executed in May, 1912, the father of the child, Thomas C. Charleston, gave to his brother, John L. Charleston and his wife, the care and custody of the child. The deed relates that in January, 1903 the father of the child secured a divorce from the mother and was given the custody of the child by the court.

The second deed, filed in Harrison county, Missouri, Nov. 23, 1914, records the transfer of the custody of the child from the Charltons to the Dowells who are residents of Milton. This the principal question becomes whether or not the deeds of adoption, as executed in Missouri, are legal here.

The mother of the child lives at Weston but formerly lived at Milton and is a sister of Mrs. Dowell. The child, it is said, never saw her mother from the time she was two years old until last fall and now refuses to live with her. Peterson and Bishop represent the Farrens and S. D. Peterson the Dowells.

German Hydroplane Wrecked. LONDON, March 16.—The wrecking of a German hydroplane off the Danish coast is reported in a telegram from Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph Company. It is said that the crew of the airship was rescued by Danish fishing boats.

Airman Jumps to Death. LOS ANGELES, March 18.—Frank Stiles, a Los Angeles aviator, aged 30 fell 300 feet in an "air well" at a motion picture city near here, jumped from the aeroplane when 20 feet from the ground and died from his injuries shortly afterward.

Chinese Situation Overshadows Other Diplomatic Tangles

UNITED STATES SOUNDS WARNING TO JAPAN AGAINST DOMINATING CHINA.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The Chinese situation loomed more menacing today than America's relations with the European belligerents. China is looking to America as her "next friend." As China has applied to the United States to force Japan to relinquish her designs on China's territorial integrity, America has unofficially explained to Japan that any attempt to dominate China will be considered unfriendly. Whether the United States will be joined by England and Russia in formal protests to Japan could not be learned.

All Bryan would say was "we are watching developments." Other officials also were non-committal. Officials of the Japanese embassy insist that much of the present trouble is being stirred up by German agents in China. The general opinion in diplomatic circles is that while America, Russia and England have notified Tokio that China's integrity must be respected, no official report has yet been given out.

"Stop Watch" System Excluded. WASHINGTON, March 4.—Agreeing to the conference report on the naval appropriation bill the senate excluded the Taylor "stop watch" efficiency system from any navy department work. The senate also agreed to the conference reports on diplomatic, legislative, judicial and executive appropriation bills.

DARDANELLES OPERATIONS AWAIT COMING OF TROOPS. BOMBARDMENT IS SUSPENDED UNTIL EXPEDITIONARY FORCES ARRIVE. LONDON, March 18.—The Anglo-French bombardment of the Dardanelles and Smyrna forts has been suspended pending the arrival of the French and British expeditionary forces, according to dispatches from Athens. Mine sweepers continue to operate inside the strait under protection of the warships. The Queen Elizabeth and other ships which have been bombarding Gallipoli are reported anchored at the entrance of the strait.

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Joffre, Genius of the French Army



This is one of the rarest photographs taken in the war. It shows General Joffre, commander in chief of the French, giving an order on the battlefield. General Joffre does not often pose for photographers and he did not in this case. The photographer here got near him and at an opportune moment snapped him.

UNITED STATES IS MARKING TIME AS FACTS ARE SOUGHT

America to go Slowly in the Matter of Protesting Against Blockade of the German Coast.

PROBLEM COMPLICATED ONE

Allies Take Position They Have Established Long Range Blockade Which Neutral Countries Are Bound to Respect--Exact Nature of Protest Not Yet Decided Upon.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—While legal experts of the state department examined law and precedents, the administration marked time in the international situation growing from the allied blockade of Germany. The allies took the position they have established a long range blockade of the Kaiser's country and neutral countries are bound to respect it as an "air-tight" blockade which the law makes proper. This raises a new point which Wilson desires to clear up before he takes further steps in the negotiations with Great Britain.

The president and his advisers have decided to send a protest to England and France, based on the claim of these countries that they have a right to stop any German-owned or German-manufactured cargoes wherever encountered. The exact nature of the protest, however, may not be decided before the end of the week. It was admitted the declaration of France and England that they will confine their operations to the European theater of war is a concession to the United States but administration officials say that does not go far enough.

"We are moving through an uncharted sea," said a Wilson adviser, "how far we may go with our protests must be thought out carefully before a vital step is taken. There is no real cause for haste at the present. No goods, except cotton, are on the way to Germany, and this already has been assured an uninterrupted passage. It is not believed that Britain will offer interference with American shipments now at sea or being loaded."

H. SCHOOL GIRLS ORGANIZE TO KEEP BUILDING CLEAN. YOUNG WOMEN ELECT OFFICERS--CALL THEMSELVES H. S. CIVIC CLUB. Pendleton high school has a new club, this time of girls instead of boys. The girls organized yesterday for the purpose of keeping the school building clean, and to eliminate writing and scratching on the walls and woodwork of the building, under the name of the Civic Club of Pendleton high school. The election for officers of the club was held yesterday afternoon, resulting in the choice of the following officers, who will serve for the remainder of the school year: Hester Proctor, president; Ida Anderson, vice president; Merle Best, secretary, and Madeline Burgess, treasurer.

H'BERNIANS OF HEPPNER KEEP ST. PATRICK'S DAY. The semi-annual social gathering of the Hibernians of Heppner yesterday was an occasion which all of the inhabitants of the town and countryside, regardless of nationality, celebrated, according to the Pendletonians who were present. The hospitality of the order and of the city was manifest at every turn and the local people declare they had one of the best times in years. C. P. A. Lonergan, Frank Downey and Jack Sullivan represented the local Knights of Columbus at the fête while Mrs. W. D. Humphrey, Joseph Payant, Robert Barney, S. Whipple, Frank Hayes and R. W. Fletcher, members of the United Orchestra, were present to furnish the music.

Credit is all well enough until the bill collector begins to come around. Persian Cabinet Quits. TEHRAN, March 15.—The Persian cabinet has resigned. This action was said to be due to controversies in the policy of the government in regard to the recent invasion of Persia by British, Turkish and Russian troops.