

WESTERN FRONT WITNESSES MOST ACTIVE FIGHTING

Germans Continue Their Desperate Assaults in the Vimy District.

RUSSIANS CLAIM SOME ADVANTAGE

Austrians, However, Deny Success is Gained by Their Adversaries.

The western front still is the central feature of military interest. Latest reports show no signs of lessening in the intensity of the violent struggle in the vicinity of Vimy and Neuville, near the Belgian border, while farther south along the line there are signs of activity on the part of both the Germans and French.

No Peace Offer Made Declares Belgian Legation

London, Feb. 11.—The Belgian legation today announced that rumors, which have been circulating that peace proposals recently were made by Germany to the Belgian government, are devoid of foundation.

Emperor Nicholas Goes to the Battle Front

London, Feb. 11.—A Petrograd dispatch to Reuters from the military company says that Emperor Nicholas yesterday left Petrograd for the front.

FIRST SESSION OF CONFERENCE

Gathering in Stockholm—Mayor Voices Hope for Results.

Stockholm, Feb. 11.—The neutral conference for the continuation of the regular meeting here today, Mayor Carl Lindhagen of Stockholm, in an address, voiced the hope of future accomplishments in the cause of peace.

PERMANENT INJUNCTION FOR THREE SALOON MEN

Men Opened Places to Test Law—All Agreed to Injunction and Hearing is Unnecessary.

Davenport, Ia., Feb. 11.—The three Davenport saloons which opened their places January 24 after the repeal of the Mulct law became effective as a test of the effectiveness of the prohibitions, yesterday agreed that a permanent injunction should be issued against them in the district court. This eliminated the necessity of a hearing in the lower court, which was set for today, and enabled the attorneys to carry the case at once before the state supreme court through an appeal.

TWO SHIPS IN BAD COLLISION AT SEA

Galveston, Tex., Feb. 11.—The British steamer Clematis, outward bound for Rotterdam with wheat for the Belgian relief commission, was rammed last night in the Galveston channel in a fog by the Morgan liner El Monte, also outward bound.

TWENTY MEN HELD IN ROOM BY FIRE

Fort Dodge, Iowa, Feb. 11.—Twenty members of the Elks club here were trapped in their clubrooms and were rescued with ladders by the fire department late yesterday when a gas explosion in the building caused damage amounting to \$25,000.

JENSEN NAMED PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION

Annual Convention of North Dakota Funeral Directors Closed Today.

DELEGATES ELECTED TO NATIONAL MEET

Examinations Held This Afternoon for Applicants For Licenses.

The twelfth annual convention of the North Dakota Funeral Directors' association closed today with the election of officers for the ensuing year, after one of the most successful meetings which has been held since the organization of the association.



G. C. Jensen, Edinburg, N. D., Newly Elected President of Funeral Directors Association of North Dakota.

Officers elected at the meeting today are: President—G. C. Jensen, Edinburg; First Vice President—J. W. Calnan, Edinburg; Second Vice President—B. A. ... Secretary—C. V. Ferguson, Glenburn.

THE WEATHER

North Dakota: Probably snow tonight and Saturday. Colder in south and east portions.

UNIVERSITY READINGS

7 a. m.—8: maximum —9; minimum 13; wind from the north; precipitation .05; barometer 30.45.

YOUNG LADS COMMIT BOLD ROBBERY TODAY

Three Boys, Oldest 10 Years of Age, Steal Pocketbook With \$75.

SAY THEY'RE SPORTS—REFUSE CHANGE

Checks Hidden Under Edge of Coal Shed Near Northern Pacific Bridge.

One of the most daring robberies committed in East Grand Forks for many years was staged this morning, shortly after 9 o'clock, by three boys, aged 8, 9 and 10, of this city.

MUD AND ROCK SLIDE INJURES WHOLE FAMILY

Landslide at Felida Delays Trains and Other Damage is Done in the West.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 11.—Mud and rocks slid from the bluff in West Seattle yesterday and struck the home of Thomas H. Stewart on Alki avenue.

DERANGED MOTHER CUTS CHILD'S THROAT; FATHER ARRIVES JUST IN TIME

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 11.—Temporarily deranged because of illness, Mrs. Joseph Downing of this city yesterday slashed her infant son's throat with a razor.

PRISONER ESCAPES IN HARD BLIZZARD

Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 11.—John Enright, a bootlegger prisoner, escaped yesterday during the blizzard. He was hauling ice at the capitol with a number of other prisoners when he disappeared.

FIRE, SUN, DAWN, TO MEET IN BAL DES DIEUX; HOTEL TO BECOME TEMPLE ON GRECIAN ISLAND; MRS. ASTOR GODDESS OF MARRIAGE

The costumes worn will represent those of characters in Hindu, Egyptian and Greek mythology.



Mrs. S. Hinman Bird's Costume (left); Baroness von Rottenthal as Goddess of Fire; Mrs. John Jacob Astor's Costume.

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