

FRENCH VISIT GERMAN LINES

A Paris Report Has It That the Movement Was a Raid and Was Successful

BERLIN SAYS ATTACK WAS REPULSED

The Operations Were Conducted Near the Lorraine Border

Paris, Jan. 31.—A French detachment penetrated the first two lines of German trenches in Lorraine, south of Leintrey, last night, says today's official report.

Berlin (by wireless), Jan. 31.—The French made an attempt last night on German positions in the vicinity of Leintrey, near the Lorraine frontier.

RUSSIANS WON NEAR KIMPOLUNG; TONS NEAR THE AA

Petrograd and Berlin Official Statements are Very Nearly in Accord About Two Operations.

Berlin (by wireless), Jan. 31.—German troops yesterday stormed Russian positions on the east bank of the river Aa near the northern end of the Russian front and repulsed several Russian counter-attacks.

On the northern Rumanian front heavy fighting was resumed yesterday, the Russians making several attacks south of Valeputna road, southwest of Kimpolung.

Petrograd, via London, Jan. 31.—Russian troops have captured Austro-German fortifications east of Jacobenia southwest of Kimpolung.

German forces attacked the Russian lines southwest of Riga, the statement says.

TRANSPORT WAS SUNK AND 141 WERE LOST, THE BRITISH ADMIT

The Ship Admiral Magon, Bound for Saloniki and Accompanied By a Destroyer, Was Torpedoed on January 25.

Paris, Jan. 31.—An official announcement was made here last night that the transport Admiral Magon, taking 950 soldiers to Saloniki and escorted by the destroyer Arca, was torpedoed by a submarine Jan. 25.

A statement from the German admiralty Monday said a German submarine on Jan. 25, at a point 250 miles east of Malta, sank an armed British transport filled with troops.

BRITISH LOST 32,354 DURING JANUARY

Bringing Total Casualties Since Beginning of Somme Drive Up to 552,371.

London, Jan. 31.—The total of British casualties for January, as reported in published lists, are 960 officers and 31,394 men.

The January total brings the sum of British casualties since the beginning of the Somme offensive to 552,371.

ABOUT 260 MEN LOST. When the Steamer Laurentic Was Sent to the Bottom.

London, Jan. 31.—About 260 men were lost in the sinking of the auxiliary cruiser Laurentic, many of them having been killed by the explosion of the mine which sent the former White Star liner to the bottom last Thursday.

The dispatch says the Laurentic sank in about ten minutes. A big hole was blown in her side.

Several boats were quickly launched and, filled with men, were engulfed in the vortex of the sinking steamer.

TWO SHIPS SUNK. Danish Steamer Daisy and Spanish Vessel Puntateno.

London, Jan. 31.—Lloyds announces that the Danish steamer Daisy has been sunk. The crew was landed.

AMBASSADOR FLETCHER TO RETURN TO MEXICO

United States Government Will Take Up New Move to Settle Differences with Carranza—Full Diplomatic Relations to Be Resumed.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—Full diplomatic relations with Mexico are to be resumed immediately in an effort by the United States to solve through formal channels the troublesome questions pending with the Carranza de facto government.

There has been no American ambassador at Mexico City since Henry Lane Wilson was recalled after the killing of Madero and Huerta's assumption of power.

Ambassador Fletcher will carry with him complete instructions on questions now pending which President Wilson and Secretary Lansing desire taken up with the Carranza government.

Mr. Fletcher will go by steamer from New York to Vera Cruz and from there to Queretaro or to Mexico City if by that time General Carranza has re-established his capital there.

Although no official notification of the intention of General Carranza has been received, it is taken for granted that he will receive accreditation as ambassador.

While Mr. Fletcher is on his way to Mexico, the withdrawal of General Pershing's force will steadily proceed. Preparations for a further reduction of the state troops along the border have been made.

It was indicated that the sending of Ambassador Fletcher would be followed by an order for the return of many consuls to their posts.

DEATH OF BOXER MAY MEAN AN END OF THE RING SPORT

Governor Whitman Expressed Himself Today as in Favor of Repealing the Law Permitting Boxing in New York.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 31.—Governor Whitman in a formal statement today announced himself in favor of repealing the law authorizing boxing in this state.

This announcement follows the death last night of Stephen McDonald, 22 years old, who was killed in the second minute of the first round of his professional prize fight, when Toddy Hicks landed a hard blow with his right hand under McDonald's heart.

McDonald, who weighed 153 pounds, was five pounds lighter than his opponent. Just before entering the ring the fighter had been examined by the physician for the National Sporting club.

The coroner ordered that an autopsy be performed on McDonald's body to determine exactly the cause of the fighter's death.

SIMPLER LIVING URGED. Could Double Wage-Earners' Wages Without Adding to Stipend.

New York, Jan. 31.—If the people of this country would reduce the cost of living, they must learn what to eat and how to live, according to Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale who addressed members of the Economic League club of New York at a dinner last night.

Henry Morgenthau, former ambassador to Turkey, acted as toastmaster at the dinner. Other speakers were Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, George W. Perkins, Louis F. Swift and John J. Dillon.

PLOT TO KILL LLOYD GEORGE

Four Persons Have Been Arrested for Being in Conspiracy

THREE DESCRIBED AS SUFFRAGETTES

Fourth as a "Conscientious Objector to Military Service"

London, Jan. 31.—A conspiracy to murder Premier Lloyd George is reported by The Daily Sketch, which says that arrests have been made in this connection.

The persons are described as three suffragettes and one man, a conscientious objector to military service.

The Sketch says the four are those whose arrest on a remarkable conspiracy charge was reported in this morning's newspapers.

The Daily Sketch says: "The police have unearthed what is believed to have been a plot to murder the premier, with the result that Mrs. Wheelton of Derby, Mrs. Hetty Wheldon and Mrs. Mason, her daughters, and Alf Mason, the latter's husband, have been arrested, charged with conspiring together to murder Lloyd George.

A despatch from London last night quoted The Daily Mail as saying that a man and two women were arrested at Derby and a third woman at Southampton, that all of them would be arraigned today at Derby, and that their trial probably would attract the widest attention.

ALL THE ACCUSED DENIED THE CHARGE

They Also Declined to Make Any Statement When Arraigned on the Charge of Conspiracy.

Derby, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Alice Wheelton, her two daughters and the husband of one of them, Alfred here today, were charged at Guildhall here today with conspiring to murder Premier Lloyd George and Arthur Henderson, a member of the House of Commons and of the war council.

Information has reached here that Germany and her allies are considering communicating to the state department a virtual warning that Americans should keep off of armed merchant ships of belligerent nations.

While awaiting developments, President Wilson is discouraging discussion of different steps which might be taken by the government in connection with his world peace league suggestions.

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The armed ship question, an unsolved problem throughout all the negotiations over submarine warfare is involved in practically all the cases now pending between the United States and Germany.

The war had not risen above \$12,000,000. "I was scared to death," said the witness, "the house therefore issued orders to its correspondents by certain checks only on 50 per cent margin, and certain others only for cash.

FUNERAL OF ROBERT SHEPARD.

Was Held From His Home on Plain Street Tuesday Afternoon.

The funeral of Robert Shepard, whose death occurred at his home on Plain street Saturday evening after a prolonged illness, was held at the house Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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DENIES INFORMATION CAME FROM BOLLING, WILSON'S RELATIVE

F. A. Connolly, Partner with Bolling in Brokerage Firm, Said It Was Gleaned From General Talk.

New York, Jan. 31.—Finding further examination to-day barren of result as far as showing the origin of information on which the stock brokerage firm of E. F. Hutton & Co. warned its customers that the president's peace note was to be issued, the congressional leak investigation committee decided to summon George A. Ellis, jr., a member of the firm, who wrote the warning telegram.

F. A. Connolly, head of the Washington brokerage firm who furnished Hutton with the information, is expected to take the stand later to-day.

The inquiry developed the fact that Mr. Hutton's firm received its first "tip" on the peace note from Chicago at 12:58 noon, Dec. 20, about four hours before copies of the note were handed to newspapermen by Sec. Lansing.

At the hour mentioned E. F. Hutton & Co. received over its private wire, from Clement, Curtis & Co., its Chicago correspondent, and he put it out, as it is more or less generally known.

At 1:14 E. F. Hutton & Co. sent this answer to Clement, Curtis & Co.: "Our Washington wire gives us similar information and we put it out, as it is more or less generally known.

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By Mr. Smalley of Morris-town, an act to enable the town of Morris-town to issue bonds or notes for the purpose of raising money to build a new school-house and acquiring land for the same.

By Mr. Gill of Springfield, an act relating to headlights and spotlights on vehicles. (Limits lights to four candle-power, light to be arranged so that no portion of reflected light at 75 feet ahead of the lamps shall rise 42 inches from the level surface on which the vehicle stands.)

By Mr. Barrett of Cabot, an act to amend Sec. 5268 of the public statutes, relating to the appointment of county and deputy fish and game wardens.

By Mr. Hunt of Danville (by request), an act to amend Sec. 4992 of the public statutes, relating to fines for violations of the laws regulating the operation of motor vehicles, providing for a moiety for complainants.

By Mr. Perrin of Hartford, an act to provide that cattle sold within the state be tested with tuberculin.

By Mr. Osgood of Rockingham, an act to amend Sec. 1, 3 and 5 of No. 108 of the acts of 1915, relating to the prevention of venereal diseases, and to authorize.

GRAHAM'S PLAN HAS EASY TIME

Three Administration Measures Were Passed by the House

ATTEMPT TO AMEND QUICKLY SQUELCHED

Three Bills Now Go to Senate, Where Opposition May Be Stronger

The lower branch of the legislature has accepted the program of Gov. Graham insofar as it relates to the consolidation of offices, for the House this forenoon with debate passed House bills 30, 77 and 112.

Haven to start a discussion on the first-named measure, the consolidation bill which creates a commissioner of agriculture and forestry, failed of its purpose, the members almost unanimously refusing to allow him to introduce an amendment.

The other bills, H. 77, creating a commissioner of industries to supplant the present industrial accident board and state factory inspector, and H. 112, creating the office of insurance commissioner, were also passed without discussion.

The insurance bill was amended, that the commissioner must devote all his time to the duties of the office to which he is appointed.

Coincident with the appearance this morning of a circular letter written by T. N. Vail of Lyndon in which he says that he has learned that there is a possibility of the Vail Agricultural school being given up that state aid may be devoted entirely to the Randolph high school and says in substance that the Lyndon school property in that event might be turned back to the donor, namely, Mr. Vail.

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FOUND DEAD ON FLOOR.

Miss Bridget Armstrong of 60 Berlin Street Had Been in Poor Health.

An autopsy was held to determine the cause of death in the case of Miss Bridget Armstrong, aged 56, who was found on the kitchen floor of her home, 60 Berlin street, yesterday afternoon.

The discovery of Miss Armstrong's body came about through the decision of her sister, Mrs. James Sullivan of Brooklyn street, to visit the woman, who had been in declining health some time.

Mr. Sullivan thinks that the woman's heart was beating feebly when he picked her up and laid her on a couch.

She was alive as the couple entered the house, death came a few moments afterward for Dr. J. W. Stewart, the city health officer, who was called, found life extinct when he arrived.

Miss Armstrong had failed physically since she sustained an accident on the Central Vermont railroad track last March, when she was struck by a yard locomotive.

The deceased was a native of County Sligo, Ireland, although she had resided in Barre many years.

She was married to Patrick Armstrong and Peter Armstrong, a brick maker employed by steam and traction railroads in Barre and Montpelier.

Following the autopsy it was announced to-day that death proceeded from natural causes and the body of Miss Armstrong was removed to the home of Mrs. Sullivan.

MISS MARY A. CROWLEY. Died Yesterday After Many Months of Poor Health.

Miss Mary A. Crowley, aged 43 years, died at Heaton hospital Montpelier, Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock of a tumor.

Miss Crowley was born in North Fayston, but for 15 years had lived with her brother, William Crowley, in East Barre.

She is survived by four brothers, William Crowley of East Barre, John Crowley of Essex Junction, Patrick Crowley of Maine and Peter Crowley of Connecticut.

200 SUIT STARTED. Hakkanen Wants That Amount from Jacobson.

Differences between John Hakkanen and Jacob Jacobson—differences which culminated in a beer glass fracas between the two men on the night of Jan. 6—are to be settled by a jury trial, which was started before Magistrate H. W. Scott in city court this forenoon.

Hakkanen alleges that the defendant struck him in the face with a beer glass and soke damages of \$200. He is represented by J. W. Carver and William Wisbart.

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\$17,000 SURPLUS IN WATER DEPT.

Total Income for the Year Was \$31,322.22; Expenditures, \$14,254.89

THERE ARE 35.7 MILES OF WATER MAINS

Annual Report Submitted Along with Reports to City Council

A surplus of more than \$17,000 is claimed by the aldermanic water committee in its yearly report supplementing the annual statement of the superintendent of the water department.

Water rentals in 1916 aggregated \$31,322.22, which, with real estate rentals, amounted to an income of \$31,427.22.

Over against this total was the list of expenditures, aggregating \$14,254.89, the largest item being the sum of \$8,062.00 expended on interest payments.

Reports from the water department along with the annual reports of the city engineer, overseer of the poor, the park commission and the lighting committee, were received at the regular meeting of the city council last evening.

Plant Jan. 1, 1916 ..... \$339,719.55 New connections ..... 314.14 New hydrants ..... 1,650.42 New extensions ..... 12,055.99 Meter installations ..... 553.31

Maintenance main line, renewals ..... 175.00

Assets. \$533,518.41

Plant Jan. 1, 1917 ..... \$353,518.41 Auto inventory ..... 125.00 Supply inventory ..... 8,126.92 Tool inventory ..... 1,500.35 Team inventory ..... 20.00

Office furniture inventory ..... 654.76 Pumping station ..... 679.35 Accounts receivable ..... 794.38 Bills receivable ..... 201.75 City treasurer ..... 20,982.61 Cash ..... 98.25 Uncollected water rentals ..... 769.54

Liabilities. \$385,471.12

Bonds payable ..... \$210,000.00 Surplus ..... 175,471.12

Profit and Loss Account From Jan. 1, 1916, to Dec. 31, 1916.

Water rental income ..... \$31,322.22 Real estate rentals ..... 105.00

Auto ..... \$534.00 Maintenance Bolster reservoir ..... 61.93 Maintenance old connections ..... 128.09

General expense ..... 969.14 Maintenance hydrants ..... 114.13 Insurance and taxes ..... 794.38 Interest ..... \$962.80 Maintenance of main line ..... 1,573.35

Maintenance Martin brook ..... 55.19 Maintenance of Orange reservoir ..... 104.13 Printing and stationery ..... 133.27

Salaries, law and engineering ..... 1,330.56 Supplies ..... 30.03 Team ..... 350.50 Tools ..... 343.50

Water rentals not collectable ..... 14.37 \$14,254.89

Twenty-five new connections were made in 1916, according to Supt. F. O. Lee, and with eight services discontinued, the total number of connections in use for domestic and commercial purposes at the present time is 1,367.