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REDS BEATEN SEVERELY IN NORTH RUSSIA

ATTEMPT TO CUT COMMUNICATION LINE BUT ARE REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSSES

LETTS START WAR OF OWN

Launch Attack on Bolshevik Who Retire in Panic—German Commander Killed by Mob

Archangel, Mar. 17.—A futile attack by the Bolsheviks Friday on the allied-American forces comprised the first serious attempt to cut the line of communications of the Dvina-Vaga columns. The attack was frustrated and the Bolsheviks suffered a severe defeat with heavy losses.

Letts Start War

Copenhagen, Mar. 17.—The Lettish offensive in the Mitau region is developing successfully. The Letts have taken the towns of Kandau, Seabeln, Shagory, Grenzhoff, Welt-enfeld and Alautz and threaten to cut off the retreat of the Bolsheviks in northwestern Courland to Mitau and Riga. The Bolsheviks are reported to be retiring in a panic.

London, Mar. 17.—General Count Sixt Vonarin, commander of the German army in Flanders during the war, was beaten to death by peasants at Aech, Bohemial a dispatch states. He shot at peasants who were gathering firewood on his property. The mob killed him and pillaged his chateau.

KAISER BILL SAWS UP HIS THOUSANDTH TREE

Amerongen, Holland, Mar. 17.—Former Emperor William has completed sawing into logs his thousandth tree since taking his refuge here. Souvenirs will be made of a log for those who helped him.

CHAMPION SHORTHORN BULL BRINGS \$20,000

London, Mar. 17.—High prices for blooded bulls, particularly those for export, according to reports, ruled at the sale of shorthorn cattle in Perth recently. The top price was \$20,000 paid for the champion owned by Lady Cathcart. Other bulls brought from \$15,000 to \$7,500, the demand being greater than the supply.

DRING DEEP AT DEL NORTE FOR WEALTH

A three thousand foot well to sound out the strata underlying this district and as a prospect hole for oil and natural gas, and the possible section of works to remove coal from the bed of the ocean, in area off the coast north of Crescent City, are two of the momentous projects contemplated by A. C. Ross and his associates, according to a report from authoritative sources.

Geological experts at various times have declared that there were very favorable indications of oil here, and the coal croppings along the coast and visible on the surface indicates that a large bed of fuel lurks nearby, perhaps beneath the bed of the ocean.

In the early days a shaft was sunk a short distance above Pebble Beach to work this coal deposit. But owing to lack of proper equipment, small demand and unsurmountable transportation difficulties it was abandoned.—Del Norte Triplite.

MAMMOTH CAVE ZAPATA'S REFUGE

Carranza Forces Gain Upper Hand and End Long Reign of Terror. Whole Army Is Trapped

Mexico City, Mar. 17.—The state of Morelos, just south of this city, is completely under the control of government troops after being overrun for ten years by bands commanded by Emiliano Zapata. A campaign conducted by General Pablo Gonzalez, commander of the government forces, has been successful, Zapata and a few hundred followers being driven into the almost impassable mountain near Punta de Ixtla, on the boundary between Mexico and Guerrero. His capture, with that of his chief lieutenants, is expected almost any day.

An opportunity to confirm the government's announcement that Morelos has been pacified has been afforded the correspondent of the associated Press, who has just returned from a seven days' journey by railroad, mule-back and afoot through a large part of the state, including virtually all of Zapata's former strongholds. There is regular train service over the national railway of Mexico between this city and Cuernavaca, the capital of Morelos, and colonists and artisans are being taken there free of charge by the government. Cuernavaca, which has been held by government troops for several months, is rapidly approaching a normal condition.

Gustavo Elisondo, a former rough rider, who is in command at Cuernavaca, reports the discovery of a cave 10 miles in length in the mountains where Zapata had his headquarters. An average of 30 Zapatistas are surrendering to General Elisondo daily. If they care to serve in the government armies they are accepted and sent to the northern states.

GOLD HILL EXPECTS WATER IN CANAL SOON

All the contracts have been awarded on the Gold Hill irrigation canal, says the Gold Hill News. The board of directors have closed contracts with Toney Ross for completion of the canal from Stricker's to Miller's gulch, with L. W. Van Houten for the canal from Miller's gulch to Champlin's line and with A. K. Earhart of Rogue River, from Foots creek to the end of the canal. All these men are local except A. K. Earhart, who lives near Rogue River.

The contracts for the flumes have been awarded to F. S. Carter from the head gates to Rock Point and to Mr. McFarland of Grants Pass, from Rock Point to the end of the canal.

With the exception of small pieces of construction here and there, this will complete the whole canal. The water is expected to be flowing through the canal in time for the first irrigation this summer.

LOW PRICES MAY CLOSE DOWN MEXICAN MINES

Mexico City, Mar. 17.—Fearing that the mining crises now threatening Mexico will result in the closing of mines in various parts of the country, and idleness for thousands of miners, representatives for presentatives of the trade will meet soon in Mexico City to consider remedies for presentation to the government. The great decrease, since the ending of the war, of the price obtained for metals mined in Mexico, has, it is claimed, made it impossible for many companies in Mexico to operate at a profit and there is imminent danger that the workings will be closed until metal prices rise.

MILITARY LEADERS ARE HANDLING PRES. EBERT

Former Strong Man Said to be Mere Puppet—Germany Warns Allies About Wilson's 14 Points—Will Act "Honestly" With Belgium in Reparation

London, Mar. 17.—Berlin dispatches say the military and monarchist reaction is growing and is overshadowing the new government. Members of the military cast have reappeared as organizers of a new republican army to overcome the Spartacans, and President Ebert and Scheidemann are becoming mere puppets.

Copenhagen, Mar. 17.—If the allies lead the peace treaty with conditions going beyond President Wilson's 14 points, the German national assembly would have to refuse to assent to the terms, Erzberger told a Berlin meeting, in favoring the formation of a league of nations. He said the matter would then be left to a referendum of the German nation.

Erzberger disclaimed Germany's obligation to compensate for acts she committed after the first peace offer in December, 1918, and said the German people have confidence in Wilson and that there was no moral obligation upon Germany regarding compensation aside from the case of Belgium. In that case Germany would act honestly.

MORGAN'S PICTURES COSTS HIM MILLIONS

London, Mar. 17.—Art treasures in London, purchased by the late J. Pierpont Morgan, have been valued, for fire insurance purposes, at more than \$2,000,000, according to testimony given by an art dealer in a court action here. Some of the pictures, china and other treasures are in the Morgan residence at Wall Hall, Watford, and others across the residence of the late banker in Grosvenor Square.

The art dealer, who was suing another art expert for a commission for appraising the pictures, declared that Mr. Morgan secured the pictures at a price less than if they were being bought today they would bring higher prices than he paid for them, not only because of Mr. Morgan's care in making his selections, but also "on account of the halo round Mr. Morgan's name."

Among the pictures described are a Troyon, valued at \$75,000, a Crome, placed at \$100,000, two pictures by Franz Hals, valued at \$125,000 each, a Van Hoffema placed at \$75,000, a Greuze, two Constables and a Breton. In the Watford house the dealer said, was a picture by Velasquez valued at \$100,000, a "magnificent picture by John Russell, and a fine picture by Abbott of Lord Nelson."

The china, the witness said, included "a magnificent Sevres dessert service." There are also fine Italian embroideries. The Grosvenor Square treasures were appraised, the witness testified, at \$1,339,000 and those of Wall Hall at \$785,000.

SHAW TAKES CHARGE OF OLD SOLDIERS' HOME

Salem, Ore., Mar. 17.—Captain James P. Shaw, the new commandant of the Old Soldiers Home at Roseburg, has left for that city to take charge of the institution.

FORECAST FOR PERIOD OF MARCH 17 TO MARCH 22

Washington, Mar. 17.—Pacific Coast States: Frequent rains, with temperature below normal.

FALLS DEAD WHILE EXERCISING AT GYM

Portland, Ore., Mar. 17.—Edward W. Rumble, general manager of the Columbia Basin Wool Warehouse company here, fell dead today while exercising in the gymnasium. He was formerly in business at Elgin and in the Wallowa country. His parents live at Joseph, Ore.

400 SUPERVISORS FOR THE DECENNIAL CENSUS

Washington, Mar. 17.—The act providing for the fourteenth and subsequent decennial censuses was signed by the president on March 3. The enumeration, which will be made in January, 1920, is now less than ten months distant, and the census bureau already has under consideration the selection and appointment of not to exceed 400 supervisors who will have charge of the 90,000 enumerators. The supervisors' districts will, in most cases, except in the large cities, have the same boundaries as the congressional districts. The supervisors, under the law, are to be appointed by the secretary of commerce upon the recommendation of the director of the census.

The following instructions have been given by the secretary of commerce to the director of the census in regard to the procedure to be followed in making selections and appointments of census supervisors:

"Conforming to the assurances given the president in my letter to him of March 3rd, you will please be guided by the following instructions respecting appointments to the post of supervisor in connection with the taking of the 14th census of the United States:

"A test examination, of which a record will be kept, is to be required for appointment to the post of supervisor. In addition to this, a careful personal inquiry is to be separately made respecting the qualifications of each candidate. Of this inquiry, also, a record will be kept."

The supervisors' duties will occupy their time for the greater part of a year, beginning about July 1, 1919. Their compensation will be \$1,500, plus \$1 for each thousand or major fraction of a thousand of population enumerated. The total compensation in an average-sized district, outside a large city, will therefore be between \$1,700 and \$1,800. Clerk hire and other necessary expenses will be paid by the government.

All candidates for supervisorships should address their applications to the director of the census, Washington, D. C.

CHINESE FEAR REDS WILL GET FOOTHOLD

Peking, Mar. 17.—China is alarmed over the reported formation of a Chinese workingmen's organization at Petrograd, with 60,000 members, to carry revolutionary propaganda and establish soviets in China. Measures are being taken to check the movement.

POLES PREPARE TO DRIVE BOCHE BACK

Declare Armistice With Enemy No Longer in Effect—Eighty Violations Charged

Berlin, Mar. 17.—Dispatches from Berlin newspapers from Mrauden allege that the Poles are preparing for a general advance against the Germans, and have notified the German outposts that the armistice is no longer in effect.

The dispatches say the Poles are charged with 80 violations of the armistice terms.

ALLIES ADVANCE LIMITS OF THEIR OUTPOSTS

Berlin, Mar. 17.—The British and French forces report that they have advanced their outposts from the limits of their present bridgeheads at Cologne and Mainz, respectively. The French penetrated into the corporate limits of Frankfurt.

RATE CASE TO SUPREME COURT

Washington, Mar. 17.—Postmaster General Burleson's authority to increase the telephone rates will be determined by the supreme court which granted the state of Kansas permission to institute proceedings against the postmaster general, questioning the validity of his order. The court ordered that a return be made at its next term in October.

DEER CREEK GIRL SHOT AND KILLED LAST NIGHT

Myrtle Smith was shot on Deer Creek last night and died a few hours later, according to reports received here today. She is the 16 year old daughter of Mrs. Welling, who, with her husband, moved to Deer creek from California about a year ago.

No accurate details of the shooting could be learned today, nor could it be determined whether the shooting was intentional or accidental. Sheriff George Lewis, accompanied by Deputy Ernest Lister and District Attorney Miller, left for the scene of the shooting early this morning.

TWO PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM STATE LIME PLANT

Chief of McLane received a telegram this morning from Gold Hill informing him of the fact that two convicts, Jack Harding and C. J. Reupert, had escaped from the state lime plant at that place last evening. No particulars were given as to how the men made their escape and up to the present time they have not been apprehended. One of the men is a cripple and walks with a slight limp.

TIENTSIN QUIET AFTER YANK-JAP STREET FIGHT

Washington, Mar. 17.—Minister Reinsch at Peking advises the state department that all is quiet at Tientsin, where there has been trouble between American soldiers and the Japanese. He said he was sending a full report of the incident by mail, but the department instructed him to report all important facts by cable immediately.

ALBERS GIVEN THREE YEARS AT McNEIL'S ISLAND

Portland, Ore., Mar. 17.—J. Henry Albers, convicted of disloyalty and violating the espionage act, was today sentenced to three years at McNeil's Island and given a fine of \$10,000.

NO LAW FOUND TO PUNISH THE FORMER KAISER

COMMISSION SAYS WAR RECOGNIZED AS LEGAL METHOD OF SETTLING DISPUTES

MERELY ACTED AS SOVEREIGN

Suggest an International Tribunal for Trial of Criminals Regardless of Their Rank

Paris, Mar. 17.—The preliminary report of the commission on responsibilities show that an important question has developed respecting the personal legal responsibility of the ex-kaiser from the point of view of the British and American law, says Jas. M. Twohy in the New York World. Both maintain that the ex-kaiser cannot be made penally responsible for acts done in his capacity as a sovereign, such as provoking the war or violating Belgium, for in effect, as already stated in these dispatches, was recognized as a legal method for settling differences.

To bring the former kaiser to justice it will be necessary to quote some criminal act, such as inciting to the murder of prisoners or, for instance, if he decorated the captain who sank the Lusitania, that would make him in British law an accessory to the murder after the fact. The commission proposed also to set up an international tribunal for the trial of criminals without regard to their rank.

The French make it no secret their position is that to punish the former kaiser is a matter of sentiment with them, with the 1,400,000 dead, and that legal niceties should not stand in the way. The question also arises whether the procedure proposed would be in accord with the American constitution as involving retroactive legislation. The whole matter goes to the council of ten for a decision.

BONAR LAW SAYS THERE WAS NO HITCH WITH HUNS

London, Mar. 17.—Andrew Bonar Law told the house of commons today that there was no foundation for the report that a hitch occurred in the presentation to Germany of the draft of the peace terms, due to divergencies of opinion on the subject of the league of nations.

YANKS HAVE BIG JOB DESTROYING OLD BOMBS

Treves, Germany, Mar. 17.—Zeppelin bombs of uncertain age and manufacture have been destroyed by the hundreds recently by American soldiers engaged in "cleaning up" after the withdrawal of the enemy. These bombs, of no practical use, owing to long exposure to the weather, were found near a hangar in the region of Treves when the American army of occupation crossed into Rhenish Prussia from the Luxemburg border.

The task of destroying thousands of tons of old, and in many instances worthless, German shells began several weeks ago, the explosives being placed in great bits and covered with steel rails and wood and piles of earth and fired by electricity.

Thousands of anti-aircraft shells also have been destroyed on the summit of a ridge of hills skirting the Moselle in this vicinity and ordnance experts in charge of the work expect to finish their work here soon and then move on to other German ammunition dumps awaiting their attention along the Rhine and other parts of the occupied territory.