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AUSTRIANS HURLED BACK BY RUSSIANS THROUGH ICY PASSES

Invasions Overcome Great Obstacles But Sweep Enemy Before Them

GERMANS REPORT GAINS IN LEPETRE WOODS

French Blow Up German Trenches at Dompierre Says Dispatch

Petrograd, April 2.—Fighting their way through snow-choked passes and in the face of the most adverse weather conditions, the Russians between the Lapsow and the Isok passes have hurled the Austrian forces back several miles, according to dispatches reaching here.

The Slav forces, it is declared, have seized the railway leading southward into Hungary, and are now battling with extreme desperation to establish a complete line of communication into their objective territory.

The work of the Russian troops in regaining the obstacles facing them is described as almost superhuman. The Austrians occupied extremely strong positions and it was only after the most desperate struggle, attended by heavy losses, that they were thrown back and the railroad seized. Desperate fighting continued throughout the day with the Austrians offering stubborn resistance to the advance of the invading Russians.

The remnants of the Austrian force which attacked Bessieba have been hurled back upon the Romanian frontier. Blasts of the Russian force was announced today. A part of the Russian force was announced. The remainder, thrown back to full strength may be used to attack in the future.

Germany Report Gains. Berlin, via wireless to London, April 2.—After several days' fighting north of St. Mihiel, the French have been forced to evacuate their positions on the Lepetre passes, the war office announced today.

The enemy now holds only two positions on the advanced post line of the Germans, who vainly attempted to attack and then assumed the offensive, driving the French back up their main defenses.

The French forces, the statement asserts, suffered heavy casualties, and the German positions, each of these was shattered by the German artillery for which inflicted heavy losses. In shattering their counter-attacks, the Germans occupied several positions from which the French were driven.

Heavy artillery fighting is in progress between St. Mihiel and Verdun and along the Meuse heights. Hand-to-hand fighting between the French and the German forces is reported from the Meuse region. The French shelled the Germans there for thirty hours without effect, it is stated.

No important developments are reported from the East Prussian frontier from Poland.

Trenches Blown Up.

Paris, April 2.—The blowing up of several German trenches near Dompierre is reported in the official dispatches from the war office today. Dompierre is eight miles north of St. Mihiel and with the offensive of the French in this region have a wedge through the German line, including the enemy on the west bank of the Meuse, is expected.

Belgian aviators again dropped bombs upon the German aviation camps at Handzelm with apparent success, the war office stated. Sporadic attempts of the Germans to assume the offensive in the Argonne have been repulsed.

Police Investigating Los Angeles Conspiracy. Los Angeles, Calif., April 2.—Prior to receiving the investigation into the matter of Chief of Police Sebastian, the county grand jury began an inquiry today into charges that a conspiracy exists to injure Sebastian's mayoralty candidacy.

AMERICAN CHINESE RAISE FUND TO AID IN RESISTING JAPS

Will Seek to Overthrow Yuan Shai Kai If He Yields To Invaders

San Francisco, April 2.—A movement for the collection of a fund of millions to be used in defense of the oriental republics in case of difficulties with Japan was started among the Chinese here today following a secret meeting in Chinatown last night. Leaders of the local Chinese and representatives of the Chinese revolutionary party are said to have participated.

It is proposed to ask every Chinese in the United States to contribute \$20 towards the fund. The promoters feel that the present situation in the far east threatens the territorial integrity of China and that Yuan Shai Kai needs to be told in no uncertain terms that he must resist the encroachments of the Japanese. It is estimated that there are 800,000 Chinese in this country who would help swell the fund.

Reports were read at the meeting by Dr. Fong Do Yon, in charge of the headquarters of the Chinese revolutionary party, indicating that Japan is preparing to land or has landed 30,000 troops on Shantung peninsula. Fears were openly expressed that President Yuan Shai Kai might concede everything to the Japanese and the American Chinese are determined to overthrow him if he does. It is felt that should China yield now it would mean the beginning of the complete dismemberment of China and her destruction as an independent nation.

Another meeting will be held Sunday. Japan Observing Treaties. Washington, April 2.—Japan has asserted the United States through Ambassador Guthrie that she is scrupulously observing all existing treaties in her dealings with China, it was learned today.

This is not an answer to the representations made by the Washington government, seeking to leave Japan's intentions toward China. The American note is still being considered by the Japanese cabinet. As a result of the intimations, however, that Japan was striking at the "open door" policy, which the administration maintains must not be disturbed, the Tokio government decided voluntarily to present assurances as to the respecting of all treaties.

Reports reaching diplomats here that Japan and China have almost reached a compromise in their differences growing out of the demands made upon the Chinese government resulted in the negotiations being viewed with more hope than during the past few days.

PORTLAND COUNCIL PASSES JITNEY LAW

Operators of jitney Wagons, However, Threaten to Invoke Referendum

Portland, Ore., April 2.—An ordinance regulating jitneys and automobile buses was passed unanimously by the city council today. It will go into effect 30 days hence.

Jitney operators are already threatening to invoke the referendum, but no definite action will be decided upon until a meeting can be held.

Among the ordinance's provisions are the following: Drivers must secure a license. A license fee of \$2 per month for all machines carrying seven or less passengers and 25 cents per seat per month for larger machines must be paid.

Machines must follow routes designated in the license. Service must be maintained from 6 a. m. to 10 a. m. and 3:30 to 11 p. m. On Sunday service may be started at 7:30. The fare is arbitrarily fixed at 5 cents.

Machines carrying 14 passengers or more are to stop at all railroad crossings. The number of passengers is limited to the seating capacity of the machine. Drivers are to take examinations and machines are to be officially inspected monthly.

Drivers must be at least 15 years old. Routes are not to be changed except by permission of the commissioner of public utilities.

CRUCIFIED HIMSELF. Benham, Texas, April 2.—Hanging upon a cross which he had made out of railroad ties, the body of John Divoky, aged 44, was found near here today. He had crucified himself. Divoky mounted a cross, fastened his hands to spikes and drove in the cross he had made, placed a noose around his neck and then kicked the cross away. Divoky left a note asking that a lock of his divorced wife's hair be buried with him.

AUSTRIA MAY TRY TO MAKE SEPARATE PEACE WITH RUSSIA

Czar's Threatening Armies In Carpathians Help Diplomats To Work

RUSSIA WANTS ALLIES TO JOIN IN NEW TREATY

German Influence Still Felt In Austria May Block Peace Movement

London, April 2.—With Russian armies threatening to burst through the Carpathian passes and sweep over Hungary, Austrian diplomats are making overtures for a separate peace with Russia, according to reports from Petrograd today. The reports are utterly unconfirmed from official sources.

Swiss diplomats are acting as intermediaries for the Austrians, according to the Petrograd reports. The reports from Petrograd declare Swiss diplomats have carried queries as to the possibility of a separate peace from Austria government officials to the czar. They have been informed, it is stated, that Russia will not negotiate with Emperor Franz Josef unless the dual kingdom at the same time concludes peace with France and England. Russia is willing to halt her armies in the Carpathians and listen to the peace proposals, however, it is stated.

Correspondents of London papers in Petrograd today declared there were grounds for belief that the report of the negotiations might be true. The report was first printed by the Rusky Slovoe, in Petrograd, a usually well-informed paper.

Diplomats here are not generally inclined to place much credence in the report. It is admitted, however, that a concluding separate peace arrangement with the allies might not only save Franz Josef his empire from disintegration, but at the same time definitely remove the prospects of Italy attempting to shut Austria off from the Adriatic by forcing territorial concessions.

On the other hand, some diplomats declared that there were no indications that the Kaiser had lost his influence at Vienna, despite Austria's refusal to give up the territory demanded by Italy in return for her continued neutrality. So long as Italy remains neutral these negotiations cannot be said to have failed, however, diplomats pointed out, and German influence is therefore still to be reckoned with.

Peace Move Attempted.

London, April 2.—Reports that Germany's allies, Austria and Turkey, are making overtures for a separate peace, leaving the Kaiser to continue his fight alone overshadowed news from the battlefronts today.

Following reports from Petrograd that Austria had made advances to Russia through Swiss diplomats, dispatches from Geneva suggested that Turkey was about to take similar action.

The Turkish minister of finance was declared to be in Switzerland by these dispatches, which asserted that he probably intended to sue for peace through the Swiss diplomats.

From Rome came dispatches stating that both the Russian and Turkish ambassadors denied that any attempt was being made by Turkey to negotiate a separate peace. In diplomatic circles in London there was also a disposition to discredit the reports from Petrograd, but the sudden preponderance of reports that Germany's allies were suing for peace for a separate peace aroused the greatest discussion.

Report Is Denied.

Rome, April 2.—The Giornale D'Italia today published interviews with the Turkish and Russian ambassadors here denying reports from Switzerland that Turkey is attempting a separate peace with Russia. The Turkish ambassador replied to the report by promising a surprise for England in Egypt.

About the only luxury some people have is imagining that they are sick.

APRIL TERM OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IS CALLED TO ORDER

Three Plead Guilty and Receive Sentences To the Penitentiary Today

GRAND JURY REPORTS SEVEN TRUE BILLS FOUND

Forenoon Spent In Setting Motions and Demurrers

The circuit court of Marion county opened for the April term in department No. 1 at 10 o'clock this morning and three prisoners held in the county jail against whom indictments were returned this morning, were arraigned at 1 o'clock this afternoon and upon their pleas of guilty were sentenced by Judge Kelly and will begin serving their sentences in the penitentiary this afternoon. Frank Undermeyer and James Grady each plead guilty to the charge of burglary, waived time for the imposition of sentence and Judge Kelly gave each of them from two to five years at the "House of Minors" to think it over.

Grady and Undermeyer were the two survivors from the burglary at St. Paul committed on the morning of February 22 when a resident of the city saw them emerge from the store with their loot and opened fire with his rifle. One man, whose name the others refused to divulge, dropped dead and the other two were captured the same day.

J. C. Douville, the young man who passed a number of bad checks in this city March 29 plead guilty to obtaining money under false pretenses and was sentenced to one to seven years in the penitentiary.

Doyle, who passed in all \$111.05 worth of worthless checks and obtained but one Winchester shotgun for his trouble. This gun, which was valued at about \$50, he sold to a second hand store for \$5. He was captured by the officers who lay in wait for him at one of the places where he ordered a package delivered.

The grand jury which has been in session for nearly a week returned seven indictments this morning. Beside the three named above James Le Grande was indicted for aiding an escape from legal confinement. It was charged in the indictment that he assisted Virginia Le Grande to escape from the state industrial school for girls on March 22. Cecil Sloan, who was recently fined \$50 for disorderly conduct by Justice of the Peace Hawkins at Mill City was indicted on a charge of giving intoxicating liquor to a minor, namely Dewey Flatman, aged 17 years, on March 17. Sloan is now serving out his fine in the county jail.

A true bill was found against Adrien Whorley and L. Lee, jointly, on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Whorley and Lee were arrested in a downtown rooming house on the night of January 29 in company with a 16 year old girl who was later placed in charge of Matron Hopkins of the girls' industrial school. Both men are out under bonds.

Charles Bennett was indicted on a charge of polygamy and it was alleged in the indictment that he had been living with Eva Smith, or Nelson, as his lawful wife, while he had a legal wife in Seattle. When his preliminary hearing was held in the justice court, Mrs. Bennett No. 1 came down from Seattle and promised to take her husband back if the charge against him would be dropped but the prosecution refused to let Bennett off.

A true bill was returned against Jack Robinson charged with the larceny of a gold ring on January 8. It is charged that Robinson seized the gold ring with felonious intent while the same was the property of A. M. Page, and others. Robinson was arrested by Sheriff Eech who traced the ownership of the ring back through a period of two months and about half a dozen owners.

The other cases on the criminal docket which were continued from last term of the circuit court were those of the state vs. Ross, which was set for Monday, state vs. Deed, dismissed, state vs. Fred Peterson, state vs. Lee Hung, and state vs. John Schultz, were continued to be set for trial later in the session. The afternoon was taken up with the setting of cases by consent and clearing up motions and demurrers in order that a number of cases might be brought to trial during this term of court. A number of the others indicted will be arraigned before Judge Kelly tomorrow morning.

AUSTRIAN STEAMER SUNK.

London, April 2.—An Austrian steamer carrying war munitions has been sunk in the Danube, according to Nish dispatches received here today. The vessel was disabled by striking a mine, and Serbian artillery sent her to the bottom.

THE WAR LINE-UP.

England—Flotilla of German submarines menacing shipping in North sea. Three British trawlers and Norwegian sailing vessel torpedoed and sunk. Thousands voluntarily signing abstinence pledges.

Austria—Reports from Petrograd declare Austria negotiating with Russia through Swiss diplomats for separate peace. Austrian steamer sunk in Danube by Serbian mine and artillery.

France.—Several German trenches near Dompierre, eight miles from St. Mihiel, blown up by mines. Belgian aviators again attack German aviation station at Handzelmek.

Russia—Russians at Lapkov and Ozsk passes declared have seized railroad leading into Hungary after most desperate fighting. Battle continues.

SENSATIONAL DIVORCE SUIT SHOCKS SEATTLE

Wealthy Contractor Objects To Midnight Calls Made By His Wife

Seattle, Wash., April 2.—Robert W. Wilson, prominent building contractor of Hillman City, formerly of Renton, Wash., is defendant today in one of the most sensational trials in court annals of this county.

His wife, Mary J. Wilson, a Christian Science reader and leader of that cult at Renton; John Steele, a wealthy drayman, and Mrs. Florence Steele, are arrayed against him for the prosecution.

Wilson is charged with shooting twice at Steele on the night of February 9, when he went to the Steele place at Renton to ask the whereabouts of Mrs. Wilson, whom the Steele's had as their guest. Alleged intimacy between Steele and Mrs. Wilson threatened for a time to disrupt the Steele family, and resulted in Wilson seeking a divorce and starting a \$50,000 damage suit against Steele for alienation of Mrs. Wilson's affections.

The testimony shows the situation had created what was termed by witnesses as the "Renton scandal," which it is said has been the subject of constant conversation of the streets of that town for months.

Despite the stories, Mrs. Steele has remained at the side of her husband, disbelieving all she heard and keeping Mrs. Wilson constantly at her side.

Wilson declares Steele drew a gun first. He also says that after he had turned away Steele fired a shot after him.

"I and to shoot," Wilson said, "he came I was afraid Steele would shoot. I did not wish to hit him but only wanted to scare him so he would give up my wife."

"He had a strange power over her. He would send for her at night when Mrs. Steele was away from home and ask her to treat him."

GERMAN PRISONERS TO GUARD MERCHANTMEN IS ENGLISH SCHEME

German Submarines May Be Forced To Sacrifice Lives Of Captured Comrades If They Prey On British Commerce—Plan To Force Mercy In Undersea Warfare—Entire Flotilla Menaces English Shipping In Final Effort

By Ed L. Keen.

London, April 2.—"Place German prisoners aboard British merchant ships."

This is the startling proposal which British shippers are urging today upon the government. Petitions are being circulated demanding that the step be taken. With German military prisoners being carried by all merchantmen the submarines must either show mercy in their undersea warfare or send their own countrymen to the bottom, the shippers argue.

The torpedoing of three more merchantmen with the loss of 39 lives yesterday has aroused another storm of indignation throughout Great Britain. Fresh demands for reprisals are being made, with the shipping interests leading in the demands for protection.

An entire flotilla of German submarines is menacing British shipping in the North Sea. While destroyers sweep the channel in search of the undersea raiders, four vessels have been torpedoed and sunk in the North Sea within the past 24 hours. In addition to the thirty who perished with the sinking of the three steamers reported yesterday, it is feared that later notices will bring word of further loss of life.

Three small trawlers were sunk off the mouth of the Tyne by the submarine U-10, according to Newcastle dispatches received today. The Norwegian sailing vessel, Nor, was torpedoed off Holland yesterday while en route to England by the U-20. This report received from Amsterdam declares that the crew of twelve men from the Nor were rescued.

Later dispatches received from Newcastle today stated that the crews of the trawlers Gloriana and Nellie, two of the vessels sunk, had been rescued by fishing vessels and landed there. The crew of the Jason, the third trawler, is also believed to have been rescued.

Contrary to the methods of the U-28 in sinking her victims without warning, the U-10 showed the crews of the trawlers every consideration, the men declared when they arrived at Newcastle. They were given ample time to gather their belongings together and leave the trawlers. The Germans served them with coffee and cigars and then sent their craft to the bottom.

The commander of the U-10 declared he had orders to "sink everything afloat," the sailors said. There is no doubt that the activity of the German submarines has greatly increased within the past week. English officials express the belief that it is an indication that Germany has been driven to desperation and is striking blindly. That a complete submarine line is being maintained in the North Sea, however, was indicated today by dispatches from Rotterdam. These reports stated that several submarines had been sighted within a few miles of each other, maintaining a strict patrol of the waters traversed by British merchant vessels.

While shippers were demanding that some action be taken to protect their interests, the admiralty, precisely admitted that even greater activity may be expected from the submarines. The belief was expressed that the Germans are planning simultaneous attacks upon all coasts of Great Britain in the hope of frightening the English. No military advantage can possibly be gained, the officials maintain, by such tactics.

Liners Take on Coal. New York, April 2.—Seven German liners today began taking on coal in large quantities and rumors were rife that they were preparing to make a dash to the open sea.

It is reported that the British warships which were patrolling the Atlantic outside New York for so many weeks are no longer guarding Sandy Hook and it is believed most of them have gone to a point off the Virginia capes to await the expected dash from Newport News by the German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

Two United States destroyers are guarding the waters hereabouts to prevent any attempt by the German ships to leave port without obtaining clearance papers.

It is suggested in some quarters that the activity of the German ships may be merely a blind to draw the British warships from the vicinity of Newport News and give the Eitel a chance to flee.

If a man has a wife he always knows what to do with his money.

GERMAN CRUISER EITEL STILL SHORT OF FOOD

Washington, April 2.—The German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich today continued to demand serious attention from government officials. Fears that the Eitel might attempt a sudden dash to sea in violation of this country's neutrality were somewhat allayed when officials were informed that although the vessel was now supplied with coal she was not yet sufficiently provisioned for a voyage.

A heavy guard is still maintained along the coast to prevent any act of violence against the vessel, as letters to Captain Thierriehaus have threatened.

Liners Take on Coal. New York, April 2.—Seven German

England Not Yet Prepared For Compulsory Prohibition

(By J. W. T. Mason, Former European Manager of the United Press.)

New York, April 2.—It seems as if the British government is not prepared for legislative extremes to overcome drink. Instead of compulsory measures a voluntary blue ribbon movement appears to have been accepted as a compromise worth trying. It is hoped that the examples of abstinence announced by King George, Lord Kitchener and other members of the cabinet will cause workmen to forego liquor and thus supply the ammunition so badly needed by more efficient work.

There is reason to believe that the temperamental enthusiasm of the chancellor of the exchequer led him to regard the effects of a sudden prohibition campaign too optimistically. It is apparent that Lloyd George was vastly impressed by reports as to the results of the enforcement of prohibition in Russia. As the Slavs' ally, Lloyd George was bound, as an official, to believe tales from Petrograd. Since prohibition in Russia, however, was the result of spontaneous act of the czar, it was incumbent upon his loyal subjects to emulate the effect, whatever the facts happened to be.

If Russia has been regenerated, it is amazing that Great Britain and France

should have to finance the Slavs to prevent national bankruptcy. It is equally inexplicable why, under the regeneration, Russia has failed to keep up her own supply of munitions and called upon England for help and why Russian armies still cannot make progress in the field.

Unquestionably Petrograd's optimism as to Russia's new industrial efficiency is on a par with the frequent statements that the Slavs are at least about to overwhelm the Germans and sweep across Poland into east Prussia.

In addition to the influence exerted by the reports from Petrograd, it was necessary for Lloyd George to discover some reason for England's failure to supply an army with sufficient arms and ammunition, and intemperance was the most plausible. If the government would regard the matter impersonally, it would probably discover that the failure of the British workman to produce sufficient war munitions is due, not to too much beer, but too little beef. They are trying to get American results in a British standard of living. This is an impossibility. Drink or no drink, British workmen cannot respond physically to a speeding-up process unless the standard of living is improved.

The Weather

Oregon: Rain to night and Saturday; southerly winds; moderate southerly gale along coast.

