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## TWO ARMIES ATTEMPT TO CRUSH AUSTRIANS

### Mighty Forces Battle to Compel Emperor Franz Josef To Sue For Peace—Russians Slowly Driving Austrians Back Through Passes—Death Grapple Now On Between Contending Hordes On Hungarian Borderland

By Ed L. Keen.

London, April 9.—Upon two great battlefields, seven hundred miles apart, the allied armies are co-operating in a mighty attempt to crush Austria and force the aged Emperor Franz Josef to sue for peace. All reports indicate that Hungary is in a state of terror.

The great forces of Russians and Austrians are now locked in a desperate battle along the San river. It is in this region, northeast of Vienna, that the heaviest fighting is reported. The Austrians, supported by German forces of considerable numbers, are massed fifteen miles east of the railway running from Perno to Ungar. Stubborn resistance is being offered the Russians endeavoring to advance by way of the Ussok pass. Pending the outcome of these operations there is a lull at other points along the battle line.

Official and unofficial dispatches today indicate that the allies are slowly pushing toward success. Through the snow and ice of the Carpathians the Russians are slowly but steadily advancing into Hungary. The Austro-German forces, defending the approaches to Hungary are in retreat at every point.

An Budapest came reports today indicating losses suffered by the "Toungues." It was estimated that 10,000 men were killed, wounded or captured during the great struggle of the mountains. After a third of this number are believed to have been captured. The remainder have perished or fallen maimed and are on the march in the passes which they sought to hold.

That is the story of the direct assault upon the territory of Austria. But in the west a great battle, almost as intense as that in the Carpathians, is being fought. It is the struggle of the sea and sky. Here the allied fleets are slowly but steadily driving the German submarines back toward their bases.

## Oregon City Locks Are Transferred to Government

Portland, Or., April 9.—The papers transferring the locks in the Willamette river in Oregon City to the United States government were approved today by Attorney General Gregory at Washington. Secretary of War Garrison is expected to sign them tomorrow.

The government will pay the Portland Railway, Light and Power Company \$375,000 for the locks. The company will be made so that a contract may be held at the same time that the locks, canal near the Dalles is officially opened on May 5.

With the official taking over of the locks a toll of fifty cents a ton on boats and ten cents per passenger, which has always been charged by the Portland Railway, Light and Power Company will be done away with and boats allowed to use the canal free.

## WHY DID CITY COUNCIL PASS UP PLAYGROUNDS?

### Charter Provides For Commission of Three and Annual Levy of One-Tenth Mill Not Provided For In Budget—Parent-Teachers' Committee To Investigate

The Salem city council is to be waited upon by a committee of three representatives of the parent-teachers' association of the different sections of the city, which will have an opportunity to explain why it was, in the face of a charter amendment authorizing and requiring that body to make annual provision for the establishment and maintenance of a municipal playground and to appropriate funds for the conduct of the same, that the matter has been allowed to languish by that body and why no provision was made for the support of the playground movement in this city's budget.

Pursuant to a call of City School Superintendent Hunter, a meeting of representatives of the parent-teachers' association of the city and the principals of the grade schools of the city will be held in the auditorium of the high school building yesterday afternoon to discuss the playground proposition and to devise ways and means of providing play grounds for the children of different parts of the city. There were 25 representatives of the association and principals at this meeting, and after the subject had been discussed at considerable length, a committee of three, composed of B. A. Harris, representing that part of the city lying north of North Mill creek; Mrs. C. H. Jones, representing South Salem; and Mrs. W. M. Smith, representing Central and East Salem, was named to wait upon the council to ascertain what provisions can be made and what help can be expected from that body in the continuation of the playgrounds movement.

Four or five years ago the playground movement was launched as a public proposition and funds to the amount of about \$500 were raised by public subscription with which a complete playground outfit was procured. For two successive seasons a public playground was maintained on the Willamette university campus and it proved very popular and successful.

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## GERMANY WILL PAY FOR SINKING OF FRYE

### Case Must Be First Submitted To Prize Court To Settle All Questions

Washington, April 9.—Germany will pay for the sinking of the American ship William P. Frye by the converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

With this assurance, received from Berlin almost at the same time that the Eitel was interned at Norfolk, the incidents surrounding the arrival of the cruiser in the American port and the subsequent disclosure of the sinking of the Frye were practically closed today.

In the note to the state department Germany stands firm in the declaration that the Frye's cargo of wheat was contraband, inasmuch as it was consigned to a British port "on orders," but agrees to compensate the American owners of the cargo for their loss. It is understood that the cargo was not paid for by the British purchasers. Germany, however, stipulates that the case must be placed in prize court formally to settle all questions of ownership and to establish that the money paid for the loss of the cargo is not to be refunded to the British purchasers.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced today that the Prinz Eitel Friedrich would be interned at the Norfolk navy yard this afternoon. The delay in the actual internment of the vessel was due to the secretary complying with the request of Commander Thierichens that the Eitel be permitted to remain at Newport News until after the funeral of a member of the crew who was accidentally killed by a falling down a hatchway Wednesday night. The funeral of the sailor was held today with full honors.

As the Norfolk navy yard is crowded, it may be necessary to send the Eitel to Philadelphia or New York later. Daniels, however, ordered Rear Admiral Beatty, commandant at Norfolk, to receive the Eitel today and superintend the removal of the breech blocks from her guns and the essentials of the vessel's engines. "Call in the rest of the crew, the officers and men of the interned raider will be permitted to remain aboard. The parole of the officers will be accepted by Admiral Beatty but they will be prevented from participating further in the war.

## SIGNING OF ESTIMATES IS MERE FORMALITY

### Must Be Approved By Contractor Before Engineer's Signature Is Necessary

State Senator Arthur Langguth, of Portland, representing the Consolidated Contract Company, of Portland, which has the contract for Columbia highway construction work in Columbia county, was in Salem this morning interviewing the individual members of the state highway commission regarding the necessary steps of procedure for effecting a settlement of the dispute between the contracting company and the county court over the excess claimed by the former in the amount due over the original estimates of former Highway Engineer Bowley. No formal action was taken in the matter, the highway commission being of the opinion that these differences should be settled between the contractor and the county court with the assistance of the highway engineer.

Some little excitement seemed to have been stirred up over the reported discovery that the final estimates submitted by former Engineer Bowley to the county court and the contracting company, has not been signed by him but it develops that these estimates are not supposed to be signed by the highway engineer until the contracting company has accepted and signed them and it is but a mere formality which can be attended to by Engineer Cantine when the proper time comes. Mr. Cantine can either take the estimates furnished by Major Bowley or he can conduct an investigation of his own to establish the accuracy of Major Bowley's estimates before he attaches his signature of approval to them.

## Stock Market Stirred By Old Fashioned Boom

New York, April 9.—The stock market today felt the almost forgotten symptoms of an old fashioned boom. A very bullish market followed the recent upturn in prices, and the wide fluctuations of Bethlehem Steel during the past two days. The floor of the stock exchange was packed and intense excitement prevailed.

One official of the exchange, discussing the present financial conditions said: "A period of great speculation is now evident."

He denied that there were any evidences of manipulation of Bethlehem Steel stock with the intention of en-

## HUERTA MUST VISIT WILSON TO EXPLAIN HIS SIDE OF CASE

### Former Dictator May Have Hopes of Restoration to Power In Mexico

Washington, April 9.—General Victoriano Huerta may visit Washington soon after his arrival in this country.

It was reported today that the former dictator will seek to explain his side of the Mexican situation to President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan. Neither the president nor the secretary would discuss the possibility of such a visit from Huerta. It was pointed out in some circles, however, that inasmuch that peace had not been restored in Mexico since the elimination of Huerta (insisted upon by President Wilson) the former dictator might now request that he be permitted to tell his story.

Influential Mexicans here said today they did not believe General Huerta was on the steamer Lopez, which is nearing New York from Spain. They declared Havana would be the natural destination of the former dictator if he had left Spain. There he might confer with the exiled Carranzistas who fled from the country when Huerta was overthrown.

Preparing For Battle.

Brownsville, Texas, April 9.—American troops are encamped in the residence section of this city, which has been seared by Mexican bullets from across the border. Most of the inhabitants have fled.

The artillery duel at Matamoros, which threatened Brownsville with destruction has ceased, but volumes of dust on the southern horizon indicate that the Villistas are concentrating in large numbers, horse, foot and guns, encircling the small company of Carranzistas on three sides. As the Villistas outnumber the Carranzistas at least two to one, according to expert estimates, when the battle begins it is believed the defenders will either be annihilated in their trenches or driven across the border into Brownsville.

Brownsville is in the direct line of fire of the Villista batteries, and army men declare that shells will surely fall on American soil when the battle starts.

## Chinese Situation Involves Some Critical Questions

Washington, April 9.—Although the note addressed to Japan by the United States and the reply of the Tokio government regarding the demands made upon China were made public in Peking last night, an official comment was forthcoming from the administration here today.

"All I can say is that we have the matter in mind," was the sole statement of Secretary of State Bryan.

It was the consensus of opinion in diplomatic circles that Japan had made material concessions to China in the reply to the American note. Those well informed on oriental affairs declared, however, that China is in no position to defy Japan, even if backed by the United States, owing to China's international position being too critical.

The American note, as made public in Peking, contained five questions directed to Japan as to the latter's demands for the domination of the Peking islands. It was declared in Peking that if the United States agrees not to construct a naval dock at Santiao, the Tokio government will waive the demand for special privileges in Peking with the possible exception of too building of railroads.

## Lone Robber Fights Duel With Officers

Sokane, Wash., April 9.—Discovered in the postoffice at Long Lake, Wash., trying to open the safe which contained several thousand dollars, a lone highwayman fought a bloodless duel today with three officers. He escaped.

The money in the safe is to be used in paying the salaries of employees of the Washington Water Power company.

## The Weather

Oregon: Fair to night and Saturday; light frost tonight; winds mostly easterly.



## HOT LEGAL BATTLE IS WON BY J. L. AHLERS

### Jury Returns Verdict In Favor of Plaintiff In Sum of \$4,000

One of the hottest legal battles that has been fought out during this term of the circuit court was ended at noon today when the case of J. L. Ahlers against S. S. East went to the jury. After a short time spent in deliberation the jury returned a verdict as soon as court convened at 1 o'clock this afternoon in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$4,000, the entire amount asked for with \$50 in addition as interest. The closing argument of Attorney Carson for the plaintiff was replete with caustic comments upon the methods of Attorney Winslow, who opened up this line of endeavor with an equally personal address.

The legal battle was almost an entirely technical one and only two witnesses, the parties in the suit, were called. The testimony of the two witnesses was contradictory and conflicting but the verdict of the jury indicates that this body agreed on the weight of the evidence.

The controversy arose over the ownership of 79 shares of stock in the Vancouver creamery valued at \$7900. The plaintiff charged that East converted the stock to his own use and refused to return it, while the defense declared in their answer that the recovery could not be made under the present suit. Attorneys S. M. Endicott and Walter Winslow appeared for the defendant and Carson & Brown for the plaintiff.

The jury, in the case were: C. T. Gilbert, P. C. Freese, C. F. Royal, Frank Lenn, J. B. Patton, John D. Fisher, Dell Needham, W. M. Colburn, C. E. Cummings, J. J. Ackerman, Thomas Noot and J. N. Skelife.

## BALANCE FAVORS U. S.

Washington, April 9.—The trade balance for the four months from December to April was approximately \$609,990,999 in favor of the United States, according to figures submitted today to President Wilson by Secretary of Commerce Redfield.

In making a report on the foreign trade situation during December, January, February and March, the secretary said there were no signs of this commerce falling off. For the week ended last Saturday alone the balance in favor of this country was \$21,821,152, it was stated.

"Undoubtedly our international position will be strengthened to the greatest extent as a result of our enormous exports, especially to Europe," Secretary Redfield declared.

When the war is over we will owe Europe less than we have owed in a generation, and Europe will owe us, which she has never done before."

## COMMITTED SUICIDE

San Francisco, April 8.—William Egard, 35, agent for the Pennsylvania Mutual Life Insurance company of Philadelphia, blew out his brains in his office in the Chronicle building here today. He left a note stating that he was taking his life because of financial and mental troubles.

Egard and his wife were only recently reconciled after a separation, but in the note the insurance agent praised her highly and said he alone was to blame for the tragedy.

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## TRENCHES FILLED WITH MANGLED BODIES OF DEAD AND DYING MEN

### Heaps of Dead Actually Hamper Operations of Troops—Neither Side Halts To Bury Victims Strwn In Ghastly Harvest In St. Mihiel Woods—Struggle Only Beginning Yet Teutonic Losses Are Placed At 300,000.

(By William Philip Simms.)

Paris, April 9.—Captured trenches so filled with the bodies of mangled Germans that the French are unable to occupy them and woods filled with dead and dying men are described today in official dispatches telling of the terrible fighting about Saint Mihiel. So furious has the battle become that neither side has time to gather up the wounded or bury the dead. Along the slopes and in the valleys, soggy from recent rains, piles of bodies are declared to be actually hampering operations. Advances must be made over ground littered with dead and maimed and dying. The sides of the Combes plateau and the Eparges region, north of St. Mihiel, are strewn with the ghastly harvest of the French and German guns.

The havoc wrought by the French artillery and shrapnel fire is evident in every German trench which the French have reached. The trenches have simply become the graves of their defenders. Wounded and dead are piled together, filling the ditches.

The communique from the war office today threw no light upon the general progress of the French offensive in the great battle region. Some progress is reported at Eparges. Counter attacks of the Germans were repulsed in the Ailly woods, where six machine guns and two mortars were captured. There was no information to indicate that the offensive was approaching the end. Despite the tremendous losses of both sides, the conflict was renewed today with the utmost ferocity at all points.

Official recognition of the bravery displayed by the British in repelling a determined night attack by the Germans was given by the war office today.

Portuguese Boat Sunk.

London, April 9.—The Portuguese bark Doure was torpedoed and sunk March 31, according to a dispatch received here tonight from Swansea. The captain and crew escaped and took refuge in the lighthouse off Swansea. They were rescued by a steamer today.

letter made public here today by Allison Ede, brother of the dead naval officer. The letter was written three days before the last fatal trip of the submarine.

"I just came back from Pearl Harbor where we were for ten days, having a new motor installed," wrote Lieutenant Ede. "Previous to that time we had blowouts and other troubles. Take a little thing like that down at a depth of 50 feet and no bottom below and water trickling in! I expect the whole thing to go up in smoke any time."

Even more startling statements, it is believed, are contained in the letter. Allison Ede refused to allow a representative of the United Press to read it, but had a friend read marked excerpts from it to the newspaper man.

"Perhaps once in about 1000 years there is a woman so much in love with a man that she never outgrows it."

## F-4 WAS A LEAKY TRAP WROTE HER COMMANDER

### Chief Officer Foretold Fate Of Ill Fated Submarine At Pearl Harbor

Los Angeles, Cal., April 9.—That the United States submarine F-4 was "a leaky trap" was the statement of Lieutenant Alfred L. Ede, commander of the ill-fated craft, which lies at the bottom of the entrance to Honolulu harbor with 22 dead men aboard, in a

## WOMAN PLAY HEROIC PARTS IN WORLD WAR

### French and German Women May Gain Right of Equal Suffrage After Great Struggle Is Ended—Wife of French Prime Minister Organizes and Directs a Nursery—Women's Assistance In War Will Be Rewarded

Note:—Women are playing heroic parts in the world war no less than the men of the belligerent nations. Something of their spirit of sacrifice and patriotism is shown in the following two interviews obtained by the United Press correspondents from the two women who have led the work in Germany and France. American suffrage workers have predicted that equal suffrage would be accorded French and German women for the part they are playing in the present titanic struggle, but just now the suffrage cause has been forgotten abroad in the fight for national freedom.

By William Philip Simms.

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Paris, April 9.—Burying private grief, every woman of France is laboring in her own way toward the victory. French women of France are laboring in her own way toward the victory. French women of France are laboring in her own way toward the victory. French women of France are laboring in her own way toward the victory.

When I interviewed Madame Viviani, I found her overseeing the nurseries and the school canteen located in the famous hotel Biran in the middle of a green park in the heart of Paris.

"You must excuse me if I don't answer questions just as you might wish them answered," she said. "Put like other women of France, I have given myself over completely to my

"However much our hearts bleed at the sight of so much suffering, we will remain resolute until the end."

The wife of the man at the head of the French cabinet is one of the hardest workers in France. Each day she directs a nursery she organized for the children of the soldiers at the front. She visits the hospitals, directs the work rooms for women, busies herself with countless other activities in addition to presiding over her own household. She is indefatigable. No task seems too great for her if it aids toward "the final victory."

"The women of France are doing all in their power," said Madame Viviani.

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