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LIGHT ON BIPARTISAN "DEALS" DUE TODAY IN PENROSE PROBE

Reorganization Democrats Point to Affiliations Between Old Guard and Liquor Ring of Machine.

Bipartisan deals between the Old Guard Democrats and the Republican Organization in Philadelphia through a communion of interests in the "liquor ring" are expected to be brought to light before the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections when that committee meets in Washington today to decide upon an investigation of Senator Penrose's primary campaign "slush fund."

Reorganizers point out that the Old Guard Democratic City Committee, which frequently has been identified with the "liquor ring," is bound to the Republican Organization and the liquor interests by financial and marriage ties through its chairman, E. Gordon Bromley.

RIDICULES PENROSE'S FAILURE TO MEET CHARGES

Palmer Shows Weakness of Attempted Answer to Indictment. COBBY, Pa., Sept. 25.—Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer, candidate for the United States Senate, stopped here just long enough this morning to ridicule the weak reply made by Senator Penrose to the indictment against his public record in Washington which Mr. Palmer has been making before the voters throughout the State.

BRUMBAUGH AT ALTOONA: HAS CORDIAL RECEPTION

Prominent Men Welcome Candidate and He Addresses School Children. ALTOONA, Pa., Sept. 25.—Dr. Martin C. Brumbaugh and Henry Houck, arrived here this morning for the Republican mass meeting tonight. A notable delegation met them at the station. It included George W. Creighton, general superintendent, and N. W. Smith, superintendent, Pennsylvania Railroad; Mayor R. H. Walker, ex-Congressman J. D. Hicks, County Chairman J. Lee Plummer and nearly all the local Republican leaders.

"SLUSH" INQUIRY PROBABLE BEFORE THE FALL ELECTION

Testimony in Sullivan Case to Open Door on Penrose Expenditures. FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Dr. Carl S. Vrooman, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, was the only witness who appeared today at the executive session of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, which has under consideration the Norris resolution providing for an investigation by the committee of the senatorial primaries in Pennsylvania and Illinois. Doctor Vrooman is from Illinois and his testimony related to the expenditures of Roger C. Sullivan.

1,500,000 RUSSIANS ROUT GERMANS ON PRUSSIAN BORDER

Great Battle Impends as Russians, Resuming Offensive, Advance From Polish Frontier Along 150-Mile Line. PETROGRAD, Sept. 25. General Rennenkampf has already resumed the offensive against the Germans and hold the entire East Prussia frontier line while he is driving the Germans who invaded Russian Poland in force back on their own bases.

The news of the war in the east indicates, after all reasonable allowances for exaggeration are made, that the immense forces of Russia are rapidly nearing the German frontier, on a line of advance 150 miles wide.

Within a few days is expected news of a pitched battle, as vast as that of the Aisne, between 1,000,000 Germans and 1,500,000 Russians, who are concentrating on this line to save the Kaiser's territory, and 1,500,000 Russians.

MARCONI WIRELESS STATION DEFIES ORDER TO CLOSE

Official Notices Manager to Do Business Until Force Is Used. NANTUCKET, Mass., Sept. 25.—The Marconi radio station at Nantucket, did not close at noon today, notwithstanding orders to that effect from Secretary of the Navy Daniels, because of an alleged violation of neutrality regulations.

SWISS WILL NOT ALLOW GERMANS TO CROSS BORDER

Washington Officials Skeptical About Report From Rome. ROME, Sept. 25. The Giornale d'Italia publishes a report from Basel that Switzerland has refused a request from the Germans for permission to send three army corps across Swiss territory.

NEW JERSEY REPUBLICANS State Chairman Calls Convention to Meet Next Tuesday

THRENTON, N. J., Sept. 25.—Newton A. K. Burgee, chairman of the Republican State Committee, today issued a call for the state convention of the party to be held next Tuesday beginning at 11 o'clock in the auditorium of the Republican Club, this city.

WILSON TURNS DOWN JERSEY DEMOCRATS' SECOND TERM BOOST

President Says Such Action Would Take Advantage of Present Extraordinary Situation for Personal Gain

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—President Wilson today declined to allow the Democrats of New Jersey to endorse him for a second term. He believed that such an endorsement might look as if he were "taking advantage of the extraordinary situation now existing to gain some personal advantage through such an expression of confidence by them."

JAPANESE BOMBARD GERMAN FORTRESS WITH LAND FORCES

Tsing-Tao, on Chinese Peninsula, Besieged and Terrific Firing Meets Assault. Night Attack Expected. PEKIN, Sept. 25. The first Japanese attack against the German works at Tsing-Tao on the land side in which Allies have figured was begun today, according to information received in this city.

ALLIES' FLEET CAPTURES NAVAL BASE IN ADRIATIC

Austrian Warships May Attempt to Gain City. ROME, Sept. 25. The Anglo-French fleet has secured a base in the Adriatic through the occupation of the city of Lissa, the capital of the island of that name situated just off the Dalmatian coast. The fleet bombarded the city, which surrendered. The British and French marines were then landed and the Austrian garrison has been imprisoned.

CONFESS TO BIG THEFT Pittsburgh Bank Employees Enter Pleas of Guilty in Court

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 25.—Pleas of guilty were entered in Criminal Court here today by Herman F. Borchers and George E. Hoffmeister, who were charged with embezzlement, larceny and forgery in connection with the theft of \$8,000 from the Colonial Trust Company of this city.

REPORT ON RHEIMS DAMAGE American Consul From Switzerland to Investigate

BORDEAUX, Sept. 25.—The American Consul at Lausanne, in Switzerland, has gone to Rheims to prepare a report on the damage done the Cathedral by the German shells.

PEACE PRICE TOO HEAVY Germany's Position Must First Be Assured, Berlin Paper Says

BERLIN, Sept. 25.—The Berlin Tagblatt published the following statement, apparently inspired officially, today: "Peace after such enormous sacrifices is possible only when Germany's position is quite unassailable for a long future."

GARRISON ORDERS TROOPS TO REMAIN AT VERA CRUZ

Withdrawal of American Soldiers Impossible at This Time. WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Secretary of War Garrison today cabled General Funston at Vera Cruz that there was no possibility of the withdrawal of American troops within the next ten days. The departure of the troops may be indefinitely postponed under pretext of civil and diplomatic difficulties, pending the outcome of the new revolt.

VILLA PREPARING TO SEND HIS ARMY AGAINST CARRANZA

Concentrating Troops at Chihuahua and Torreon. EL PASO, TEX., Sept. 25.—The real situation south of the Rio Grande was hidden today behind the curtain of censorship, and by General Francisco Villa, who has taken up arms against his former chief, Provisional President Venustiano Carranza.

WILSON SIGNS "ALLEY BILL" Eyes Dimmed With Tears as He Approves Measure Urged by Dear Wife

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—President Wilson, his eyes dimmed with tears, signed today the so-called "alley" bill, which wipes out the slums of Washington.

GERMANS' ONSLAUGHTS HURL BACK DEFENDERS NEAR FORTS OF VERDUN

The War Today

Centres of the bitterest fighting in France today are Verdun and along the Oise and Aisne Rivers. German forces have captured Varennes, west of Verdun. The Allies claim slight gains in the enveloping movement against General von Kluk. English reinforcements are being rushed forward to strengthen the Allies' left. Terrific bombardment of the Verdun-Toul line of forts continues.

Belgian forces defeated the Germans in a sharp encounter near Antwerp, and forced them back toward Brussels. A troop train was captured with 500 prisoners. Alleged peace proposals from Germany again were refused.

Russians continue pursuit of the Austrians in Galicia, despite ceaseless rains and difficulty in traversing marshy land. Smaller fortified positions have been taken, opening the way to the capture of Chyrow, an important railway centre. The Austrian garrison at Przemysl made an ineffectual sortie and were driven back to the fortress with great loss.

The Indian Prince, a British steamer, is reported to have been sunk by the Kaiser Wilhelm off the South American coast. French warships are reported to have successfully bombarded three Austrian towns on the Dalmatian coast.

German War Office reports the Verdun-Toul line of forts is being battered to pieces by the German siege guns, and the sorties of the French have been repulsed. The official statement admits severe pressure against the right wing, but insists the Allies have made no progress. The capitulation of Verdun is predicted when the big siege guns arrive from Metz. The capture of Varennes, east of Argonne, is announced.

Petrograd reports reaching the outer fortifications of Cracow. Repulse is announced of a sortie by the Przemysl garrison and continued pursuit of the Austrians along the River San. The General Staff expects stiff resistance at Cracow, as its occupation would jeopardize the German positions in East Prussia and Silesia. The present Russian objective is Chyrow, an important railway centre. A winter march on Berlin is planned to follow occupation of Cracow.

Servian War Office announces repulse of Austrians, who shelled Belgrade six hours. Victory, after bloody fighting, is reported on the Save and Danube. Austrian forces being repulsed in an invading movement. China, chafing at Japan's proposal to build a narrow gauge railroad for carrying war supplies to Kiao-Chau, has mobilized troops in the northern coast provinces. The Government is anxious lest this become a permanent line, following the precedent of the Mukden-Antung line in the Russo-Japanese War. Movement of the combined British and Japanese forces in an assault on Tsing-Tao is expected this week.

Invaders Capture Varennes, Occupy Meuse Heights and Rush on St. Mihiel in Violent Effort to Break Through Long Line of Ramparts.

French Advance East of Rheims—Allies Continue Flanking Movement Against Teuton Right Wing and Attempt to Gain Possession of Railroad Centres.

PARIS, Sept. 25. German forces, in a determined assault on the Allies' right, have captured Varennes, west of Verdun, have occupied the heights of the Meuse River and are marching on St. Mihiel, 20 miles southeast of Verdun.

These advances by the invaders were admitted in the official statement issued at 3 o'clock this afternoon. It added that the French have occupied heights on the west side of the Meuse before Verdun.

The official report shows the Allies are making a great effort to capture the railroad centre at Tergnier. The complete official statement follows: On our left wing a general action of great violence is proceeding between that part of our forces which is operating between the Somme and the Oise and the army corps which the enemy has gathered in the region of Tergnier and St. Quentin.

On the right bank of the Meuse he has gained a foothold on the heights of the Meuse on the promontory of Hatton-Chattel, and is pressing on in the direction of St. Mihiel. He has bombarded the forts of Les-Pareches and Camp Des Romaines.

On the opposite bank, to the south of Verdun, we are masters of the heights of the Meuse and our troops, debouching from Toul, have advanced to the vicinity of Beaumont.

On our right wing (Lorraine and the Vosges) we have repulsed some important attacks on Nomeny. To the east of Lunéville the enemy has made some demonstrations on the line of La Vequeuse and La Blette.

The important railway junction town of Tergnier, on the Oise River, and commanding the railroad lines now so important to General von Kluk's army, which is entrenched in extremely strong positions in the triangle of the Aise and Oise, was today the scene of a general French attack.

On this new development of the battle, already in progress for 12 days, much depends. If the Allies are successful they will force a speedy retreat of the Germans that must carry them back to the lines of the Meuse and north into eastern Belgium.

Meanwhile the French centre is again active. It was announced that the German bombardment of Rheims and its noted Cathedral has been resumed. Shortly afterward it also was stated that the French centre was advancing east of Rheims, indicating that the real cause for the renewal of the bombardment has been the assumption of the offensive by the French.

The German army commanded by the Crown Prince is reported to have succeeded in occupying Varennes on the Aire River, almost directly west of Verdun. This movement, it is believed here, was to prevent the French forces relieving Verdun, which has now been under siege more than a week.

It was emphatically denied at headquarters, however, that by this movement the French centre has been broken. Instead, it is declared as solid as ever, and it is asserted that another movement, details of which are suppressed, is already in progress which will have important results in the near future.

Fresh British troops have been landed in France and are being rushed to the front to support the exhausted soldiers who have been under fire continuously for more than a month.

It is reported the British reinforcements are being placed along the Oise and the Aisne to support both the left flank and the centre of the Allies.

Fighting with the fury of demons, the French of General d'Amade's army are pressing northward and eastward, never ceasing their pounding against the German lines. With Peronne in their hands, they resumed the offensive at dawn today, only to be met with a fierce bombardment from the German guns around Roisel.