



ALLIES FORCE FOE BACK FROM COAST; DUNKIRK GUARDED

Continuous Assaults Check German Flanking Move and Bend Back Lines From Coast—Paris Official Statement Reports Big Gains Near Arras.

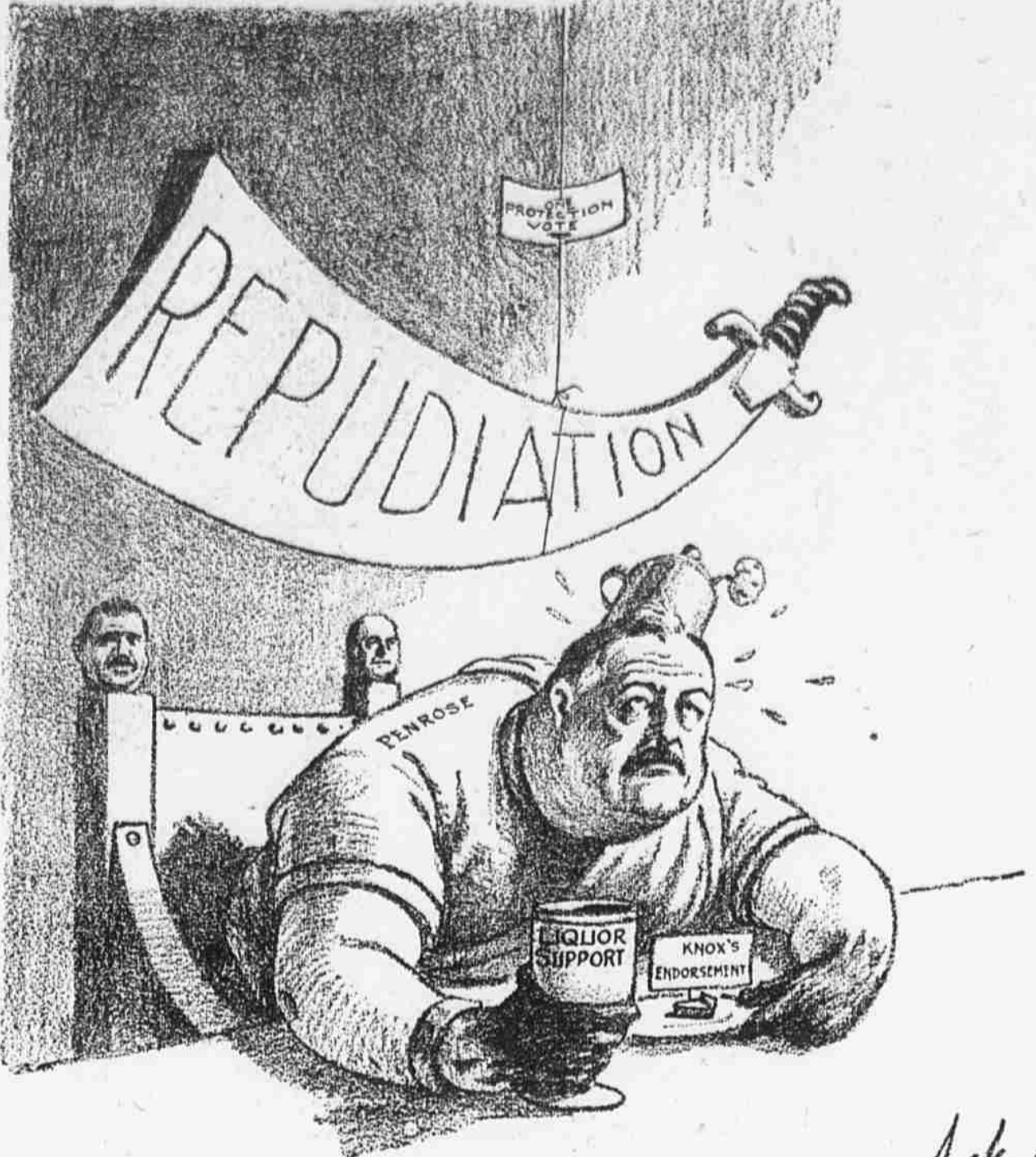
French Forces Reported Almost Within Cannon Range of Metz—British Warships Said to Have Shelled German Positions in Belgium.

A series of forced marches and sharp fighting has enabled the Allies to check the German advance into France from Belgium. The Allies' line has been extended until it blocks the path of the Kaiser's forces on Dunkirk.

The Japanese light cruiser Takachiho was sunk by a German mine off the coast of Kiao-Chau in China. Only 13 of her crew were rescued, 344 being reported lost. The Takachiho was of 3700-ton displacement.

GERMAN RUSH NEAR COAST HALTED BY ALLIES' CHARGE

PARIS, Oct. 19.—The German invasion of France by way of Southern Belgium has been checked, the official communique this afternoon declares. The Germans have been driven back from the seacoast as far as Roulers, and the line to Dunkirk, strongly held by a combined French-Belgian army, is intact.



DAMOCLES

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MINERS' UNION A MONOPOLY

Supreme Court Agrees to Review Decision by Judge Dayton. WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The Supreme Court today agreed to review a decision by Federal Judge Dayton, of West Virginia, since reversed by the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, holding that the United Mine Workers' Union is a monopoly in restraint of trade.

\$700,000 STEAMER BURNS

Vessel Destroyed and Firemen Lost After Ammunition Explodes. PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 19.—The steamship Santa Catalina, a 700,000 freighter owned by the Grace Steamship Company of New York, was burned to the water's edge in the Columbia River, 30 miles from Portland yesterday.

MORE LEGISLATION WANTED

President Desires Cotton Bonding Bill Catastrophed Through Congress. WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The President wants more legislation. He is anxious to have catapulted through the House and Senate the Lever bill, providing for the bonding of cotton warehouses so that the Federal Government may give its stamp of approval to the warehouse certificates on which emergency currency may legally be issued.

"THE HANDS OF ESAU" IS SUBJECT OF SEVENTH ARTICLE IN THE SERIES ON POLITICAL CONDITIONS IN THIS CITY NOW BEING PRINTED ON THE EDITORIAL PAGE OF THE EVENING LEDGER.

YOUR TAXES are juggled and the citizens of Philadelphia deceived by a system of chicanery never matched for grotesque humor in the history of American municipalities.

DIRECTOR NORRIS WOULD FIGHT HARD MOVE TO OUST HIM

Mayor Declares Ryan Opinion Errs in Holding Federal Appointment Invalidates Holding of Office in City.

George W. Norris will not relinquish his position in the Mayor's cabinet as Director of the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, despite the legal opinion of City Solicitor Ryan that the acceptance of a directorship on the Federal Reserve Bank Board had automatically removed him from his municipal office.

MAYOR SUPPORTS DIRECTOR

Mayor Blankenburg today said: "Common sense would consider Mr. Norris' non-salaried position as a director of the Federal Reserve Bank akin to a consultant."



THE WEATHER For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair tonight and Tuesday; slightly warmer Tuesday; gentle to moderate winds becoming south.

WILLARD, ON STAND, SAYS RATE ADVANCE IS VITALLY NEEDED

Tells Interstate Commission \$3,000,000,000 of American Securities Abroad Are Imperiled by War.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The Interstate Commerce Commission's rehearing of 12 eastern railroads' application for a 5 per cent advance in freight rates was opened today with statements by Daniel E. Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and George M. Shriver, vice president of the same road, tending to show that the world war has brought such a crisis in railroad affairs that immediate increased revenues are imperative.

LOSSES CAUSED BY WAR

"A war such as is now raging causes great and immediate disturbance of industry, commerce and finance," said Mr. Willard. "It causes contraction of credit and great restriction, if not the actual stoppage, of international trade, as well as serious disturbance to domestic commerce, and, as we have seen, it has thrown the security markets of the world first into panic and then into suspension."

THE SPECIFIC INCIDENTS ALLEGED

The specific alleged incidents on which the editorial charge is based, summed up, are as follows: That William S. Vore personally handed \$5000 cash to Mayor Reybourn. That Vore "bribe" the Mayor by purchasing a large block of the worthless bonds of a Southern railway in which the Mayor was interested.

PENROSE CHARGED WITH DEBAUCHERY OF MAYOR REYBURN

Senator is Declared By the North American to Have Shown Gross Treachery to the Vares and His Other Lieutenants In Secret Agreement.

His Own Alleged Conversation Is Quoted To Prove That He Contributed to \$198,000 Corruption Fund, Putting Up One-third of the Money.

Penrose Refuses to Answer Debauchery Charges

Senator Penrose called the North American editorial "only one of Van Valkenburg's lies" today at Doylestown, where he was seen by an EVENING LEDGER reporter. Asked if he had read the story, he replied in the affirmative, but said he had had time to give it only partial attention.

Boles Penrose, United States Senator from Pennsylvania, is charged today by the North American with having personally debauched former Mayor John E. Reybourn, with the co-operation of State Senator James P. McNichol and William S. Vore, through the payment to the then Mayor of \$198,000.

Penrose also is directly charged with having supplied this information to the newspaper to force Reybourn and his Director of Public Safety, Henry Clay, to withdraw their support of William H. Vore's mayoralty candidacy.

In political circles today the charges furnished the sole topic of conversation. The opinion was freely expressed that if Penrose fails to cause the arrest of the editor and city editor of the North American, the men who make the charge of debauchery, his inaction will be taken by the public as final indication that the charges are true.

Everything that had gone before was thrown into the discard by Penrose in a desperate attempt to crush the Vares, according to the editorial. The names of political associates were freely mentioned. It is charged:

Penrose, it is said, figured that publication of the charges would kill whatever chance Vore had to be elected Mayor. Further to embarrass the Vares, he is said to have used influence through government channels to force three local banks to demand payment on Reybourn's paper.

Clay was reached through Robert A. Balfour, who is said to have been forced by Penrose to demand the return of securities he had loaned the then Director of Public Safety, the editorial asserts.

"PLEADED WORD TO TESTIFY." According to the accusations made today, Penrose repeatedly pleaded his word to appear as a witness before the Catlin investigating committee in support of the charges made at that time by the North American.

These charges set forth that Reybourn and Clay were on the verge of bankruptcy and that they had received nearly \$1,000,000 in cash or financial assistance from contractors and bankers of this city.

It will be recalled that the Catlin committee was adjourned on the eve of the date scheduled for the hearing of these charges. Repeated conferences between Penrose and the editors of the newspaper preceded this, according to the North American; at each of these Penrose ruefully complaining that his appearance as a witness before the committee would be an unpleasant experience, but agreeing to stand by his "word of honor."

That Vore "bribe" the Mayor by purchasing a large block of the worthless bonds of a Southern railway in which the Mayor was interested. That State Senator Clarence Wolf has paid the Mayor approximately \$100,000 so he might be regarded as the "power behind the throne" in the administration.

That President Joseph B. McCall saved Director Clay from financial ruin by backing a Rapid Transit Company stock

gambling account in which Clay lost a half million dollars. That John B. Parsons and George D. Widener Indorsed Clay's notes and had to pay \$100,000. That Robert A. Balfour aided Clay with the loan of a large amount of securities.