

FRENCH RIGHT PUSHES FOES BACK IN BOLD ALSACE DRIVE

Advance Upon Strongholds of Mulhausen, Metz and Strassburg Gains Ground—Teuton Occupation of St. Mihiel Threatened.

Allies' Artillery Silences Invaders' Big Guns North of the Aisne and in the Argonne—Armies in Deadlock Along West Flanders Front.

The French right wing is pressing its advance in Upper Alsace, according to the official communique issued in Paris this afternoon, and at the same time the Allies' offensive in the Woëvre region is developing greater strength.

On the Flanders line, the fighting has developed no gains for either side, but north of the Aisne and in the Argonne the Allies claim the advantage in artillery combats.

Vigorous offensive both north and west of Warsaw has effectively blocked both German drives on the Polish capital, according to official Petrograd advices.

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OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

FRENCH. There is nothing important to report between the North Sea and the Oise.

On the heights of the Meuse there was a violent cannonade, the enemy's batteries seeming to have been forced to withdraw toward the north.

In the forest of Grurie we have advanced slightly by mining. There have been no air successes.

AUSTRIAN. In West Galicia the south wing of the Russian army was defeated at Limanovo and compelled to retreat.

RUSSIAN. In the Mlawa region we have brought our offensive to a successful conclusion on the whole of the front.

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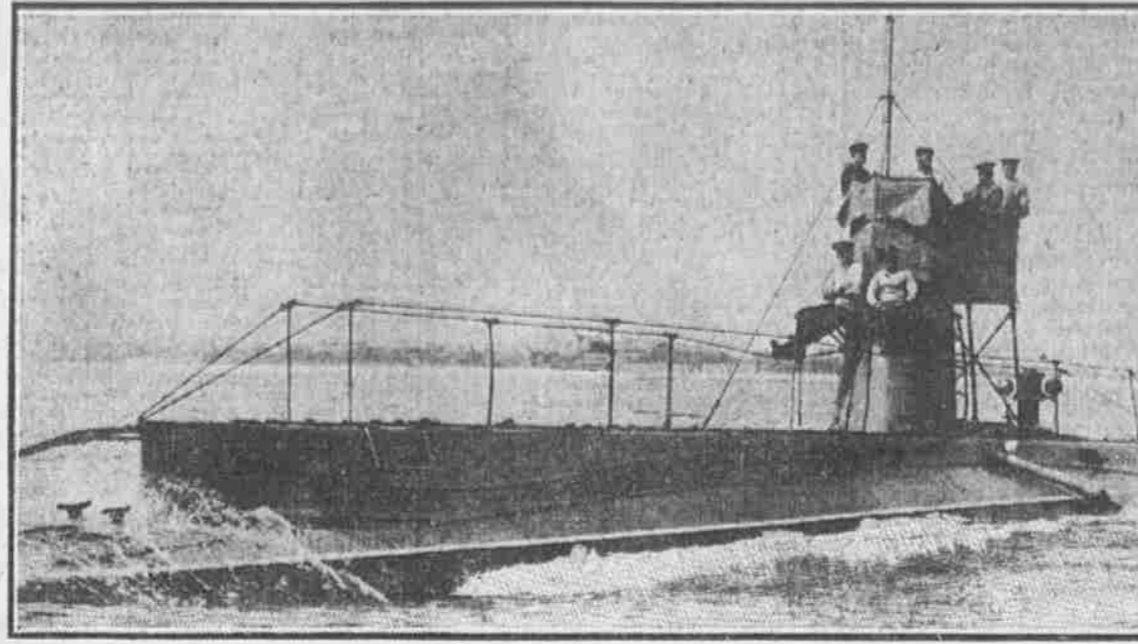
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BRITISH SUBMARINE THE CENTRE OF ATTENTION TODAY



The B-11 is 135 feet long, 313 tons displacement and carries 15 men. She can make 13 knots an hour submerged. This is the first conspicuous feat accomplished by a British submarine since the war began.

\$4,000,000 ORDER PLACED HERE FOR ALLIES' SHRAPNEL. Eveland Company to Supply Two Nations, Believed to Be England and France, With Steel Cases.

Orders for steel shrapnel cases for the allied armies, which will amount before the completion of the order to nearly \$4,000,000, have been received by the Eveland Engineering and Manufacturing Company, 222-26 Market street.

Work on the first part of the order, to cost approximately \$800,000, will be started within a few days.

The Eveland Company officials have no fear that the shipment of projectile supplies to European armies will violate the neutrality requested in the proclamation of President Wilson.

Already a substantial part of the first payment is in the hands of the Eveland Company. Twenty-five per cent of the total amount for the purchase of ordnance is on deposit with a New York banking house.

Orders will go to other manufacturers in England, but the work of the Eveland Company will be chiefly the manufacture of steel shrapnel cases.

The shell cases have been ordered through purchasing agents in New York, supposed to be representing the allied nations.

Money was appropriated by the two nations who have placed the order, Mr. Eveland said, and the deal for the shell cases was then discussed with the British and French officials.

As soon as the first part of the order is completed word will be sent to begin the second, it is understood. The work will be continued in this fashion until shell cases to the value of nearly \$4,000,000 have been delivered, according to Mr. Eveland.

The manufacturer of munitions for warring nations by firms in the United States is supported by precedents of 190 years' standing.

Administration Policy Reduces Estimates About One-half. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The Administration's "economy policy" is maintained in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bills reported to the House today by the Appropriations Committee.

Including the allowances of \$2,300,000 for the census, the bill carries \$3,740,000, a cut of approximately \$1,400,000 from the estimate submitted.

The committee economized a bit at its own expense. It inserted a legislative fund providing that members of Congress shall receive only five cents per mile going to and returning from the sessions.

BRITISH B-11 WAR CRAFT IN DARDANELLES

Submarine Makes Bold Dash Into Enemies' Stronghold Past Five Rows of Mines and Rams Battleship Mes-sudiyeh, Patrol for Explosives.

10,000-ton Battleship Sent to Bottom in Ottoman Waters—Carried Complement of 600 Men—Shots From Forts Fail to Halt Raider, Under Water Nine Hours.

The British submarine B-11, attached to the international war fleet, which has been bombarding the Turkish forts at the western entrance of the Dardanelles, has forced a passage of that waterway by diving beneath the mine fields with which the Dardanelles is lined with powerful forts equipped with numerous batteries of heavy guns.

The Mesudiyeh, which was believed to have German officers on board, was detected in what the Turks thought was perfect security behind the mines and beneath the protecting guns of the forts.

Although pursued with gun fire and torpedoes, the B-11 was able to return to the fleet in safety. She had been submerged for nine hours.

When last seen the Mesudiyeh was sinking rapidly by the stern. The Mesudiyeh was a 15-knot ironclad of the old type, having been built in 1871. In 1905 she was remodeled, however, in the German shipyards and up-to-date alterations made.

The B-11 was built in 1906 and has been attached to the British naval depot at Malta. She is 135 feet long, 13 feet wide and displaces 313 tons under water.

She is equipped with two 12-inch guns, two 6-inch guns, 14 3-inch guns, 18-pounders and 2 3-pounders.

Love and Mystery are the keynotes of a thrilling tale of kidnapping which, under the title JOHN ERLEIGH, SCHOOLMASTER, is begun in this issue of the Evening Ledger.

ITALIAN WARSHIP SAILS TO DEMAND TURKISH APOLOGY

Release of British Consul, Seized in Italian Consulate, Insisted Upon—Force to Back Up Request.

An Italian warship is reported on its way to Hodeida, Arabia, to enforce Italy's demand for reparation by Turkey for the seizure of G. A. Richardson, British Consul in that region, who had taken refuge in the Italian consulate.

At the utmost endeavor are now being made by Germany to prevent Italy from joining the Allies, pressure is expected to bear upon Turkey to present a satisfactory explanation of the Hodeida incident.

Baron Sonnino, Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, has asked the Turkish Government to liberate G. A. Richardson, British Consul at Hodeida, Arabia, who, it is alleged, was forcibly removed by Turks from the Italian Consulate, where he had taken refuge, and was placed aboard a boat bound for an unknown destination.

Baron Sonnino, in answering an interpellation in the Chamber of Deputies Saturday regarding the Hodeida incident, gave the story of Consul Richardson's arrest, and added that Signor Cecchi, Italian Consul at Hodeida, came to the defense of his colleague, was obliged to remain in his own house, which was watched for several days, until the arrival of the Italian coast guardship Giuliani and the Italian armored cruiser Marco Polo, which had been ordered to Hodeida.

It is understood that Germany has advised the Constantinople Government to satisfy Italy's demand, and thus avoid complications.

Jack Frost's Mean Trick Sent Hopes Aglimmering. Unemployed Cheered Until Snow Turned to Rain.

Men out of work in this city and the surrounding suburbs are grumbling today at the mean trick played on them by Jack Frost yesterday in raising their hopes for a little "Christ-mas money" and then failing to make good.

When the light artillery of the north opened yesterday morning with snow that soon was falling in thick flakes and swirling into miniature drifts, thousands of the unemployed got out their shovels and prepared for a busy afternoon clearing sidewalks.

Blizzard Ties Up Railroads. Heavy Fall of Snow in Upper New York State.

Police Think Same Negro Committed Two Robberies. The police are searching today for a Negro who snatched two purses from pedestrians on Saturday night.

British Steamship Wrecked. The Isle of Iowa Ashore Off Cape Hatteras Inlet.

TAYLOR VICTORY IN TRANSIT POLL OF COUNCILMEN

Table with 2 columns: Councilmanic Poll on Taylor Transit Plan, Common Council. Rows include Total membership, For Taylor plan, Opposed, Noncommittal, Majority for Taylor plan.

MACHINE "TURNED OUT" \$10 NOTES FIRST PUT INTO IT

Owners of "Money Maker" Held After Trying to Promote Scheme. A machine that will turn out \$10 notes, if they are first put into it, has been confiscated by the Government and taken off the market.

Sokoloff and Efferman, according to Chief Griffin, of the United States Secret Service Office in this city, made four impressions of \$10 notes.

The machine is 14 inches high and seven wide. Inside, according to the Secret Service men, who examined it, there is a vacant space for the good bills.

Sokoloff and Efferman wanted \$25,000 from him to promote the machine, Brier said. When everything was ready one of the two took a piece of yellow-backed paper the size of a \$10 bill and carefully thrust it into a slot in the machine.

Goethals Tells Garrison Why Warcraft Are Needed. Canal Zone's Governor Says Misuse of Wireless Requires Ships.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Secretary of War Garrison today received a dispatch from Colonel G. W. Goethals, Governor of the Panama Canal zone, in reply to a message of inquiry sent him concerning his request for destroyers to prevent violations of neutrality in the canal zone.

Germany Capture 11,000 Prisoners in North Poland. Forty-three Machine Guns Also Taken in Mlawa Operation.

Berlin, Dec. 14. The official communication, issued by the German army headquarters announces that several Russian positions in North Poland were stormed and 11,000 prisoners taken, and that an attack made by the French troops over a wide area in France Sunday was repulsed by the Germans.

Denial from White House. Has No Advance Knowledge of Rate Decision. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Reports that President Wilson had been informed of the probable granting of a 2 per cent rate increase to the Eastern railroads by the Interstate Commerce Commission today were denied emphatically at the White House.

Purse Snatcher Active. Police Think Same Negro Committed Two Robberies. The police are searching today for a Negro who snatched two purses from pedestrians on Saturday night.

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British Steamship Wrecked. The Isle of Iowa Ashore Off Cape Hatteras Inlet. NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 14.—The British steamship Isle of Iowa is wrecked off Cape Hatteras Inlet, she went ashore early today and it is doubtful if she can be saved.

Majority in Both Select and Common for the Director's High Speed System of Subways and 'L's.'

Only Two Come Out Against Plan in Addition to Costello, Whose Anti-speed Scheme Is Condemned.

A majority of Councilmen want Taylor high-speed transit. The comprehensive development plan, therefore, seems assured to Philadelphia. A majority in each chamber has gone on record to support the Director of City Transit.

The demand from every section of Philadelphia by the people who ride, backed up by the action taken by every business men's organization, determined the attitude of the city legislators. In face of the overwhelming request for real rapid transit, only two Councilmen of the city's 122 had the temerity to announce their opposition to the Director's plan.

They are John J. McKinley, Jr., Select Councilman, of the 33d Ward, and Frederick Schwarz, Jr., Common Councilman of the 4th Ward.

The attitude of every member of Council on the Taylor plan was obtained by the Evening Ledger. The summary shows that a total of 79 in both chambers favor and will work for the adoption of the Director's proposed high-speed system, while 43 are non-committal.

Taylor Sure of Majority. One member of Select Council, George W. Kucker, of the 29th Ward, could not be found. Even assuming that all those in the non-committal class would oppose the Director's plan, he would still have a majority in each chamber.

Of the 45 members of Select Council 22 inform Mr. Taylor's plan, one is opposed and 23 are non-committal. In the lower chamber 51 inform the Director's plan, two are opposed, including Mr. Costello, and 47 are non-committal.

A large number of those in the non-committal list are opposed to the Costello ordinance, and did not declare themselves because they "had not looked into Mr. Taylor's plans."

Advocates of the Taylor plan say they cannot understand how any Councilman in the city had the slightest excuse for unfamiliarity with the plans of the proposed high-speed transit system, for the reason that Mr. Taylor has gone to every section of the city and thoroughly explained the plans with maps and charts at public meetings.

Director's Tour Clinched Victory. That Mr. Taylor's tour of the city bore fruit is evidenced by the fact that every business and improvement organization in every section approved his plans, pledged their support and decided to participate in the transit parade on January 14, which will be followed by a mass-meeting at the Academy of Music.

Pulmotor After 26 Hours Brings Child Back to Life. Eleven-day-old Infant Apparently Dead From Drugs.

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