

GERMANS CHECK FOE'S MENACING DRIVE IN ALSACE

aiser's Troops Recapture Trenches East of Thann, But Elsewhere French Resist Furious Cannonade.

Mihiel Menaced by Allies' Advance Along the Meuse—Teuton Assaults Along the Coast Repulsed.

The French advance into Alsace from Thann has suffered a check, according to admissions made in Paris. The Germans have succeeded in recapturing trenches on a hill outside Cernay, but their attacks upon other French positions in that region have been repulsed.

The French are continuing their enveloping movement upon St. Mihiel, and that position, so long held by the Germans, is seriously menaced. In the north the Germans have attempted winter attacks along the dunes of the West Flanders coast, but without appreciable gains.

Petrograd chronicles belief, based on Warsaw reports, that the Germans are preparing for a general withdrawal from the Pijica and Bzura Rivers.

From the Russian forward movement along the Carpathians, it is ascribed as the cause of the retreat, as von Hindenburg is said to fear a side turning movement.

Russian success is elsewhere apparent, the Czar's forces continuing the occupation of Bukovina and preparing to burst into the Austrian province of Transylvania.

Russian forces, in routing the Turkish invasion of Transcaucasia, captured 50,000 prisoners.

GERMANS CHECK FRENCH ADVANCE INTO ALSACE

counter Attacks Regain Trenches Lost East of Thann.

PARIS, Jan. 6. The French drive upon Muelhausen, in Alsace, has been halted. This is virtually admitted in today's official communique, which says that the Germans have succeeded in recapturing one of their old trenches on the eastern slope of hill No.

THE WEATHER

RAIN

The weather today has a grouch. No one explaining why. Just look out the window. And that is one of the meanest traits the weather has.

FORECAST

Observations at Philadelphia

Almanac of the Day

COLLAPSE OF TURKEY'S TRANSCAUCASIA RAID

The Turkish invasion of Transcaucasia has collapsed and Russian territory freed of Ottoman forces.

An entire Turkish army corps was captured, together with the German officers in command.

Approximately 50,000 Turkish prisoners were taken and the remnants are fleeing back into Armenia through mountain passes, where their destruction is almost certain.

The Turks are now beaten back over the route upon which they pressed the Russian invaders, following the latter's early sweep into Armenia, threatening Erzerum.

45, but the French hold the summit of this hill and are maintaining other positions in that region.

The German troops in Flanders are attempting to regain the ground taken by the Allies in the sand dunes along the coast and southeast of St. Georges, but two attacks have been repulsed, it was stated.

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BRITAIN SELLS GERMAN SHIPS CAPTURED IN WAR

£850,000 Proceeds to Be Divided Among Navy Men.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Great Britain yesterday sold at auction four German ships captured since the outbreak of the war and now lying at various English ports.

The total sum realized by the auction was £850,000. This sum will be divided by the Government among the men of the white navy. In wars before the present one prize money of this description was divided only among the crews making the captures.

TURKS SHELL ALLIES' SHIPS

Ports of Dardanelles Open on Bombarding Fleet.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—A wireless dispatch from Berlin says a report received in the German capital from Athens states that the Dardanelles forts have begun a bombardment of the blockading Anglo-French fleets and that one torpedo boat has been slightly damaged.

BRITISH SENT TO THE AISNE

Reported Taking Places of French Shifted to Alsace.

ROTTERDAM, Jan. 6. A number of French and British prisoners have just been taken through Liege from the district around Rheims, where they were captured.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN ASK PRESIDENT TO AID SUFFRAGE

Deputation Calls at White House to Urge Bristow-Mondell Resolution.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—There was another woman suffrage pilgrimage to the White House today. The President received a deputation of Democratic women who came to enlist his aid in supporting the passage of the Bristow-Mondell suffrage resolution.

Bonds to Pay German Levy

700 SUFFER IN MAD FIRE PANIC IN N. Y. SUBWAY

Packed in Train, Men and Women Struggle in Dark in Dense Smoke; Saved by Heroic Firemen.

One Woman Dies—Entire Underground System of City Tied Up When Cable Burns Out. Repairs May Take Week.

NEW YORK SUBWAY DISASTER RELATED IN BRIEF FORM

One dead, 13 in serious condition, 700 suffering from effects of injury, shock or smoke asphyxiation.

Dense smoke from fire in Broadway subway, between 55th and 59th streets, caused panic in which hundreds in "stalled" trains fought to escape.

Passengers packed in some trains had waited an hour and 10 minutes in darkness before fire started.

Twenty-five firemen in one squad overcame in subway. Two suffered broken ribs when trampled by passengers.

Meyer Gunz, passenger, reported to police that he had been compelled to knock down a subway guard before he was able to escape from his car.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Hundreds of men and women packed in a subway train fought in a mad panic to escape, when dense smoke filled the cars today.

Seven hundred persons are suffering from the effects of injuries, smoke, asphyxiation or shock, thousands were so unnerved by fright that they required medical attention, and that only one death resulted, instead of hundreds, was due to the heroism of the firemen, 25 of whom were overcome in rescuing the trapped passengers.

Of those who suffered, about 100 were overcome by smoke.

The train was caught far below the surface of the street and the injured passengers had to be lifted up by means of ropes or carried out by firemen in a roundabout way.

The worst transportation accident in New York's history started at 8:02 o'clock, when a "blowout" tied up the entire system from the Upper Bronx to Brooklyn. Between 14th street and 84th all "stalled" trains were shrouded in darkness. One hour and forty minutes later fire started in the block between 55th and 59th streets. Passengers declare trains were afire, but traction officials deny this.

Trapped under 5th street, a northbound express train and a southbound local were "stalled." Both were jammed with passengers. It was these who suffered most.

TRAPPED IN DARKNESS.

Trapped in the darkness with the tunnel filling with the choking smoke from burning insulation rubber many were rendered unconscious. Others, utterly panic stricken, tore loose from the clutches of the more cool-headed who would restrain them and attempted to find their way through the dark, smoke-filled tunnel to an exit. Some fell by the way, unconscious.

Others fought their companions in frenzied panic. That scene was not killed when due to the speedy arrival of the firemen who tore open manholes and ventilator gratings, lowered ladders and brought down lights so that the victims could see.

For nearly two hours Chief Kenyon and his men worked in relays, getting the passengers to safety. Hardly one who was brought out was conscious. All of the ambulances of the city and all of the pulmonary ambulances in the vicinity resembled a battlefield.

Unconscious forms were stretched out everywhere, while up and down the line the doctors hurried, administering first aid. Some were able to go home.

One woman, who was not identified, died shortly after being taken to the Polytechnic Hospital.

The situation around the 59th street station was the worst on the subway system, but under Central Park, where the tunnel is narrow and low, hundreds of women fainted and there were serious panics. There was no smoke panic there.

SYSTEM TIED UP FOR DAYS.

"MA" SUNDAY AND OLDEST SON GEORGE



George Marquis Sunday, who is 23 years old, arrived today to aid in executive affairs connected with his father's campaign. He came direct from the Sunday home at Winona Lake, Ind. He is in the automobile business.

ENGLAND MAY USE KNOX HAGUE PLAN AS SHIPPING REPLY

Washington Learns Former Secretary's Circular on Neutrals' Rights Will Be Cited by Sir Edward Grey

POINTS OF KNOX NOTE ON CARGO SEIZURES

The International Prize Court at The Hague shall be invested with arbitral powers.

This court shall be empowered to settle all cases that may arise.

The decisions of this court shall be final and there shall be no appeal.

This court shall be empowered to decide for all nations what is now and what ought to be absolute contraband.

Were the Knox proposal adopted in the present case the court would be composed of delegates representing the United States, Great Britain, France and Russia.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6. The State Department officials have good reason to believe, though so far not directly from Sir Edward Grey, that he will invoke in the present contraband and neutral ship controversy the famous circular to the Powers of Philander C. Knox, when Secretary of State, on these and similar subjects.

Briefly summarized, Secretary Knox's note proposed that the prize court at The Hague "should be invested with arbitral powers" for the settlement of all disputed cases. This note was regarded at the time with great favor by several of the important powers, but when the present Administration came into power it was put aside and the Bryan peace treaties pushed to the front.

Yesterday there was an important conference between officials of the State Department and Dr. James Brown Scott, at one time the representative of the United States at The Hague tribunal and who has, it is learned, been appointed by President Wilson special agent of the Government in relation to controversies growing out of the European war.

It was learned that there has been a suggestion which amounts to a sounding of this Government to refer the questions of contraband and the subordinate question of the detention of ships to an organization like that proposed by Secretary Knox "in case there should be any dispute."

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PITTSBURGH INDUSTRIES FEEL PROSPERITY'S SPUR

Many Orders for Steel Cars and Large One for Halls Received.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 6.—An optimistic chord has been struck in industrial circles of the Pittsburgh district within the last few days in the form of substantial orders distributed among various plants for steel and wire plant.

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DR. HARTE RESIGNS AS HEALTH DIRECTOR AT MAYOR'S REQUEST

Blankenburg Asks Head of Health Department to Quit, Following Breach Over Hospital Contract.

Dr. S. Lewis Ziegler, of 1625 Walnut street, was appointed to succeed Doctor Harte as Director of the Department of Public Health and Charities by Mayor Blankenburg this afternoon, and was sworn in at 3:30 o'clock in the Mayor's office. He was for five years medical director of Wills Eye Hospital.

The Mayor also requested the resignation of Assistant Director Wilson, which was forthcoming immediately.

Dr. Richard H. Harte, Director of Public Health and Charities, resigned his post today at the request of Mayor Blankenburg. Doctor Harte said Mayor Blankenburg told him he would also ask for the resignation of Assistant Director Alexander M. Wilson.

Friction first apparent last June over the question of giving Architect Philip H. Johnson the contract for the reconstruction of the Philadelphia Hospital, with a 5 per cent fee that would amount to about \$300,000, brought about the resignation.

Assistant Director Wilson was unalterably opposed, with the Blankenburg Administration, to Johnson. Director Harte said the Mayor could have said more because he wanted things accomplished without any further hitch than for any personal reasons.

In favoring Johnson it was the feeling of the Board of Health, until it could communicate with Senator Penrose, who is out of town, and learn whether he wishes to appear before the committee.

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Upon the suggestion of Senator Oliver, of Pennsylvania, the committee deferred action on the resolution, until it could communicate with Senator Penrose, who is out of town, and learn whether he wishes to appear before the committee.

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WOULD AID UNEMPLOYED

Philadelphia Women's Clubs Seek State Legislation to Help Idle.

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SUNDAY DEPLORES LACK OF HARMONY AMONG CHURCHES

Striking Sundayisms From Today's Sermon

If the church is not doing the work of God, who is? The sermons are not. The politicians are not. The clubs are not. If the church isn't doing it, show me, I'll quit it.

You may not believe in God, but there isn't any old infidel who can run his own farm without following the Divine order.

The time spent in getting an education isn't wasted. Time spent eating and sleeping isn't wasted. It's horse sense to do these things. Let's have horse sense in the church.

Some churches have clocks screwed on the pulpits, and I believe the devil has his hand in that. If the minister happens to go five minutes overtime, tsk!

No doubt the disciples had just as pressing business as the men of Philadelphia today. They had no time for ice water at their meetings.

The average church pays more attention to the kitchen than to the Holy Spirit. Some people think they can't run a church without oyster soup.

I believe in oyster soup, but I do not believe in coating quarters out of men's pockets to pay the preacher.

I can experiment with religion as I can with water. Experience will do more than forty million theories.

There can be no wedding unless two parties are agreed. If the girl says "No," that ends it. Don't think you're with God because your name is on a church record.

Lots of you women haven't religion enough to go home and burn that pack of cards, take the beer out of the ice box, or take the dish you won at the card party, you block-legged gamblers, and bust it.

MORE THAN MILLION DOLLARS SPENT IN ELECTING PENROSE

Charge Made by Palmer and Rupley in Asking Senate Committee to Investigate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—That more than a million dollars was collected and spent for the election of Senator Penrose in Pennsylvania during the past year, and that the manner of the use of this money and failure of certain organizations to report their part in it had vitiated the election, was the charge made to the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee today by Representatives A. Mitchell Palmer, Democrat, and Rupley, Progressive, of Pennsylvania.

Palmer was Penrose's Democratic opponent at the last election.

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"Too Much Oyster Soup for Religion," He Declares, in Afternoon Sermon to Thousands.

Hundreds Wait Hours to Hear Evangelist Renew His Campaign Against Sin and Laud the Bible

"I like oyster soup, but the more of it you use in the church to raise your pastor's salary and to pay your church debts, the faster the church runs to the devil," declared "Billy" Sunday this afternoon.

The evangelist hurled scores of his blunt sentences at the thousands of men and women who crowded into the big tabernacle at 19th and Vine streets.

Sunday called for co-operation among the church members and the need of a baptism in the Holy Ghost. The audience cheered him through his discourse on "The Revival at Pentecost."

"You can never succeed in running your churches without the Holy Ghost," he said. "You can organize, prepare, get the best singers and preacher, but you can never get any place under the sun without the power of the Holy Ghost. You must be in one accord. If there is one crowd pulling one direction and another pulling another, you will stand still and the people will go to hell."

THE NEED OF HARMONY.

"You can't have a wedding unless two agree. If you propose to a girl and she says 'Not on your life,' that ends it. Two can't walk together unless they agree. It is just the same in the work of the Church. No man can do anything for the Church if he is pulling against some other man in his church. Stop your petty differences, get right with God, and help to save thousands in this great city from hell."

The big audience cheered and applauded "Billy" as he jumped through his sermon. It was somewhat shorter than he usually preaches. Because of the bad day, and the need of taking care of his voice for the big meeting tonight, he declined not to talk long this afternoon.

Drizzling rain and icy pavements could not keep the crowd away from the tabernacle today. Before noon hundreds of men and women had assembled at the big building. There they sat along the half-mile of sidewalk trails and sat down in desirable front seats to await the opening of the afternoon meeting.

After reading of his merciless hammering against the indifference of church members and clergy yesterday, through his hitherto unbroken record of his new his attack today.

Many of the arrivals came from towns and cities and rural sections. All of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware were represented. Not a few carried food with them, and while sitting in the tabernacle, had their Monday meal. At the same time thousands swarmed into the restaurant on the parkway and partook of "hot dogs" and the usual ready-to-serve menu that is to be found there at all hours.

FEELING LIKE A CRICKET.

Mr. Sunday said he was feeling as "live as a cricket" this morning when he kicked out of his blankets and was put through his morning exercises by Jack Cardiff, his trainer. After a light breakfast, he went to his room and read.

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SUNDAY'S SON GEORGE HERE TO ASSIST EVANGELIST

Young Man Surprises Family by Appearing at Breakfast Time.

Joy filled the "Billy" Sunday household at 1814 Spring Garden street when "Billy's" oldest son, George Marquis Sunday, walked into the dining room in time for ham and eggs at 8:30 this morning.

"Billy" had been expecting his son this morning, but as the train that was bringing him from Winona Lake, Ind., was reported late, the party that had been delegated to meet him at the station missed him, and they had already made report to his father that he was not on the train.

"Hello there, pop!" said the big broad-shouldered son, as "Billy" and "Ma" arose from their seats at the table.

"Hurray! Good for you, son! Glad you're here!" shouted the evangelist, as "Ma" threw her arms around her son's neck.

WIRELESS ACROSS CONTINENT

Messages Exchanged Between Arlington, Va., and San Diego, Cal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Acting Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt announced today that the Navy Department has succeeded in establishing constant and reliable radio communication between the stations at San Diego, Cal., and Arlington, Va.

Messages can be sent by day and night. Several days ago a 10-word message was transmitted with only three errors.

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