



CZAR PUSHES WAY TOWARD EAST PRUSSIA BORDER LINE

Westward Cavalry Dash Menaces Great German Stronghold Base at Thorn and Advances Russian Line to New Frontier Position. Slav Drive Develops in South Poland.

Kaiser's Forces Are Repulsed in Furious Battle for Possession of Bridge Over Yser — British Beaten Back by Turks in Arabian Battle.

A Cossack drive has advanced the Russian lines to a point 19 miles from Thorn, the great stronghold of East Prussia and chief German base of supplies on the border of East Prussia, which now is menaced in a new direction. This movement brings the Russian army to its nearest approach to German territory on the west.

captured several trenches in the La Grurie woods, but these were retaken by a counter-attack. The Germans have resumed the offensive in the La Pretre forest, northwest of Pont-a-Mousson, and the French drive toward Metz in that region has been halted.

COSSACK DASH ADVANCED CZAR'S LINE TOWARD THORN

New Drive Brings Russians 19 Miles From Prussian Stronghold. PETROGRAD, Jan. 20.—Another daring cavalry drive by the Cossacks has carried the advance lines of Grand Duke Nicholas' troops to the very border of East Prussia, only 19 miles from Thorn, the great military base upon which the Germans rely for their supplies in the roland campaign.

GERMAN INFANTRY CHARGE WINS TRENCHES IN ARGONNE

Fighting Resumed in Alsace, Where Berlin Claims Progress. BERLIN, Jan. 20.—By a brilliant infantry charge near Notre Dame de Laurette, in the Argonne region, the Germans advanced their lines 50 yards, the official War Office statement announced this afternoon. A few French trenches were taken and a desperate counter-attack by the French during the night was successfully repulsed.

TURKS FIGHT DESPERATELY TO CHECK RUSSIAN DASH

Ottoman Cavalry Balks Bold Move Near Tabriz. CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 20.—The Russian offensive, moving southward in the Caucasus, continues, it was officially admitted today, but the War Office declares the Turks are obstinately defending themselves against superior forces.

MINE SINKS ITALIAN SHIP

Austrian Explosive Sends Whole Crew to Bottom. ROME, Jan. 20.—The Italian freighter Varese was blown up and sunk off Pola, the Austrian naval base on the Adriatic, according to dispatches received here today.

JOFFRE TAKES COMMAND AT MENACED AISNE FRONT

Paris Confident Germans Have Shot Their Bolt. PARIS, Jan. 20.—It became known today for the first time since the outbreak of the war, as a result of the German assaults last week, that General Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French army, had taken command of the front.

WOMAN BURNED BY ACID WHILE LYING IN HER BED

Police Hold Girl Responsible for Spilling Flery Fluid. Police are investigating a peculiar accident that befell Mrs. Virginia Chandler, who was severely burned by carbolic acid as she lay in bed with her 4-month-old child at 2305 Alder street early this morning.

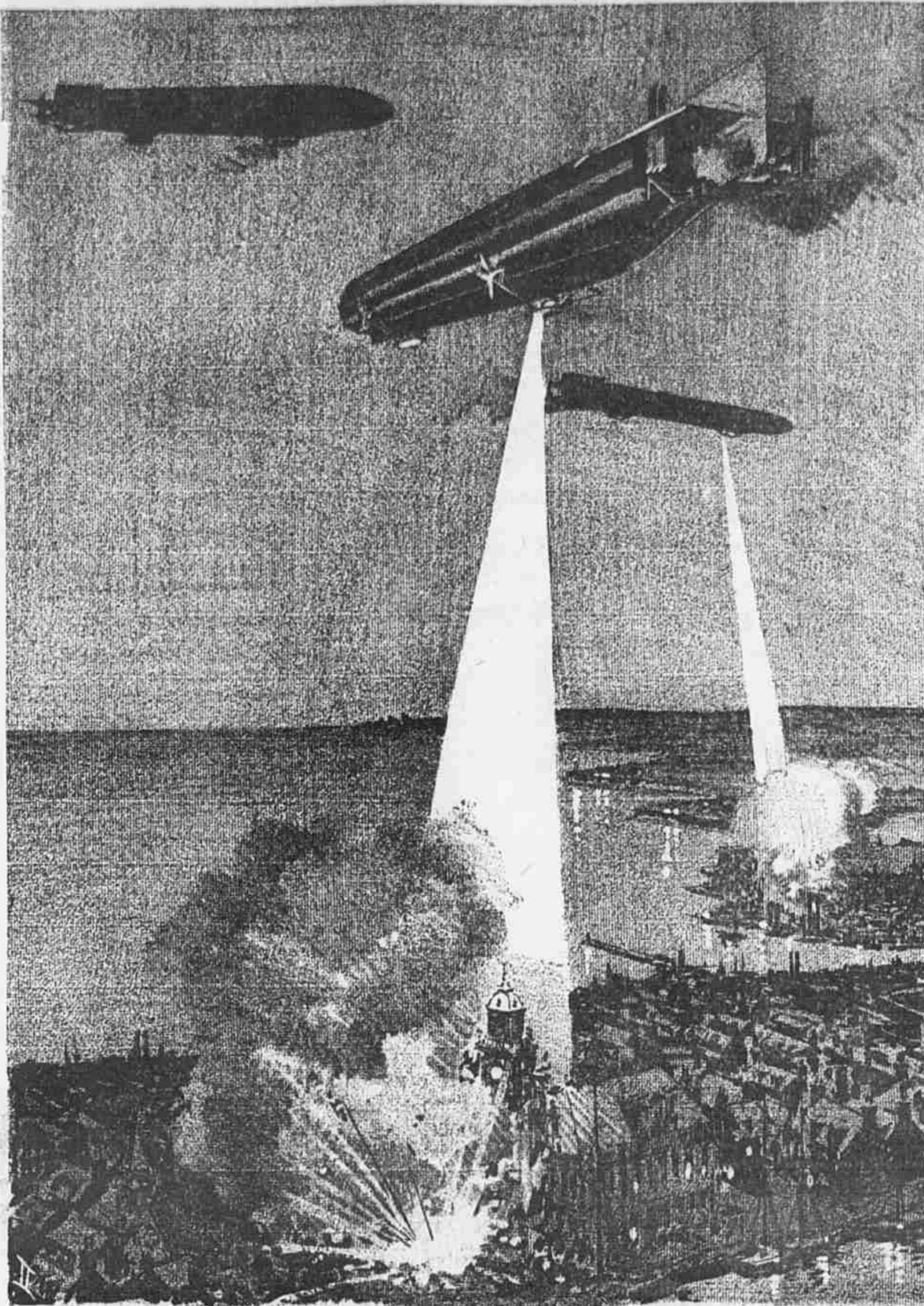
AVIATORS FALL TO DEATH

British Airman Burned; Frenchman Dies From Wounds. PARIS, Jan. 20.—An aeroplane carrying Lieutenant Laporte, of the French army, and Lieutenant Chagnery, of the British army, fell from a great height on the Aisne, near the town of the Grenelle Bridge today, and took fire immediately after the crash.

Delaware Schooner Wrecked

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 20.—The three-masted schooner George N. Reed, of Seaford, Delaware, laden with cement, which was on her way to Norfolk last night, was wrecked on the coast of Virginia.

AN AIRSHIP RAID BY NIGHT FROM A SPECTATOR'S VIEWPOINT



Sketched from news reports by an Evening Ledger staff artist.

SECOND BIG FAILURE FOLLOWS CLOSING OF THOMPSON BANK

Receivers Appointed for I. W. Semans, Associate of Financier — Creditors in Hopeful Mood. UNIONTOWN, Pa., Jan. 20.—Following closely upon the gigantic failure of the First National Bank of this place—the "honor bank" of Joseph V. Thompson—came a second one, that of I. W. Semans, an associate of Thompson.

QUESTIONS FOR RAILROAD

Mr. Bleakley then put a series of questions to F. H. Fell, chief statistician of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The first of these was: "Is it true that the capital stock of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has been increased from \$150,000,000 to \$500,000,000 within the last dozen years?"

TRADE COMMISSIONER CHOSEN

Selection of Will H. Farry, Progressive-Republican, Reported. WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Will H. Farry, of Seattle, Wash., has been chosen by President Wilson as one of the members of the Federal Trade Commission, according to authoritative information, this afternoon. He is said to be a Progressive Republican. He was formerly engaged in the publishing business, but is now retired.

CUBA FLORIDA SAVANNAH AIRLINES

Atlantic Coast Line. Officially announced at Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 20, 1915.

P. R. R. CONTROL OF STEEL INTIMATED IN JERSEY HEARING

Company Directly Accused by Commuters of Raising Rates to Hide Errors of Business Judgment. A hearing before the New Jersey Public Utilities Commission on the passenger rate increases, held at Camden today, developed into a searching inquiry of the finances of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

CHARMING DENTIST COULD HARDLY HELP HAVING AFFINITIES

Dr. William Horter, Wood and Won by Three, Made Them Sign Love Contracts. A former Philadelphia dentist, whose manner was so charming that three of his women patients became infatuated with him in the last six years, vanishing him to desert his wife and seven children on two different occasions, is charged, was released on bail today pending a hearing tomorrow before Judge Brown in the Domestic Relations division of the Municipal Court.

OWNERS CAMBRIA STOCK

"Does the Pennsylvania Railroad Company own the Cambria Steel Company?" Mr. Fell explained, in reply to this query, that the Pennsylvania Railroad owned some of the stock and that the Cambria Steel Company owned a majority of the balance.

JERSEY PHONE RATE LOWER

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 20.—The New Jersey Telephone Company has announced a reduction from \$2 to \$1.85 in the yearly charge for individual line measured service limited to 60 calls a year in its New Jersey division.

PRESIDENT'S GRANDSON NAMED "FRANCIS SAYRE"

Grandfather Wishes That Child's Individuality Be Preserved. WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—President Wilson's grandson will be named just plain Francis Sayre. His father and mother decided today not to give him any middle name, and to follow the President's desire to preserve the child's individuality by not giving him either the title of Woodrow or Wilson.

RICH WHO FAIL TO SERVE GOD ROUSE SUNDAY

"He Can Make a Carnegie Look Like a Plugged Counterfeit Cent," Cries Evangelist. Busy Housewives Knit, Crochet and Darn Socks in Tabernacle for Several Hours Before Afternoon Meeting.

"God can make a Carnegie or a Rockefeller look like a plugged counterfeit cent," asserted "Billy" Sunday this afternoon, when preaching on "The Secret of Failure" before a capacity audience in the tabernacle.

COUNCILS TO MAKE FIGHT ON HOUSING REFORMS ORDER

City Fathers Ask City Solicitor Ryan to Appeal Against Decision of Judge Ralston. An appeal to the Supreme Court will be made by Councils to introduce a delay and nullify for a time the order of Judge Ralston, of Common Pleas Court, that Councils establish the Division of Housing and Sanitation in the Health Department within 30 days.

WIFE, INTOXICATED, HID IN CHEST, DIED, CORONER SAYS

New Theory Advanced in Strange Case of Mrs. Hunter. PITTSBURGH, Jan. 20.—Coroner Jamison said today that Mrs. Minnie Hunter, who was found dead by her husband in a cedar chest yesterday, had probably crawled into the chest while under the influence of liquor to hide her condition from Mr. Hunter, and died of suffocation superinduced by a weak heart.

LOST AND FOUND

ALL "LOST AND FOUND" ARTICLES appearing in the Evening Ledger are held for 30 days. If not claimed, they will be sent to the City and County of Philadelphia, to be disposed of as the Board of Public Health may direct.

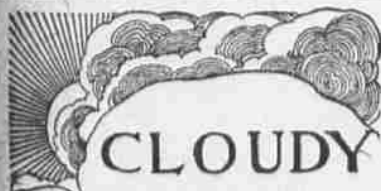
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THE WEATHER



CLOUDY

The weather these days teaches a little moral all its own. We might consider it as a justification of "the doctrine of the fitness of things." You remember perhaps the one or two or more times last summer when, with your collar wilted and your whole body melting away as the thermometer was competing with the sky for a limit, you dreamed of freezing temperatures and maybe even a blizzard as a state of affairs bordering on climatic heaven.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Uncle Sam tonight with probably snow flurries; Thursday partly cloudy and slightly colder; moderate westerly winds.

Observations at Philadelphia

Table with weather data for Philadelphia, including temperature, wind, and humidity.