



CZAR NEARING GERMAN GOAL AS FRONTIER FIGHT RAGES

Column Driving West on Thorn Only 10 Miles From Prussia—Teutons Launch Counter Drive From Miawa on Russian Rear.

Turks Advance to Within 28 Miles of Suez Canal—St. Die, in Vosges, Bombarded by Invaders' Heavy Howitzers—Allies Gain Ground on Belgian Coast.

The Russian double offensive against Prussia has turned northwestern Poland into an extended battlefield, where some of the bloodiest fighting of the war is taking place.

St. Die, a French town in the Vosges, is under bombardment, the Germans having brought up their heaviest howitzers for the attack.

Fighting has resumed in Flanders. The Allies have gained a little ground east of Lombaertzyde, and to relieve this pressure the Germans are violently bombarding Neuport.

THE WEATHER



SNOW

Once upon a time there was a man who carried with him wherever he went a bag of gold-pieces. He kept it hidden away in a back pocket, and for many years it never saw the light, except when it changed from one suit of clothes to another.

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Snow tonight; Saturday snow or rain; increasing north and northeast winds.

Table with 2 columns: Observations at Philadelphia, S. A. M., and Almanac of the Day.

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from the Caucasus, were beaten back by the invaders with severe losses.

RUSSIANS WITHIN TEN MILES OF GERMAN GOAL

New Offensive Develops Into Bloody Battle Near Prussian Line.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 22.—Along a 40-mile front extending from one point to within 10 miles of the German border, Russian troops are being hurled against the Germans in the bloodiest engagement since the new Russian offensive against East Prussia developed.

Fighting along the Mulin River was most desperate today, with both sides suffering heavily. The Russian infantry captured Schempe in pressing westward along the Mulin with the Prussian city of Thorn as its objective.

TURKS IN SINAI SWEEP CLOSE UPON SUEZ CANAL

Large Forces Reach Posts 28 Miles From Goal.

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 22.—Turkish troops concentrated on the border of the Sinai Peninsula are beginning their advance on the Suez Canal. Ottoman forces with a contingent of Bedouin tribesmen have reached the El Katie District, 28 miles east of the canal.

PRESIDENT HEARS BOTH SIDES ARGUE ON LITERACY TEST

Halts Attack on Motives Behind Provision to Exclude the Uneducated in White House Hearing.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—An attack on the motives of certain supporters of the immigration bill was summarily halted by President Wilson in a hearing at the White House today.

The East Room of the Executive Mansion was crowded to the doors with hundreds of men and women interested in the bill, for and against it as it stands.

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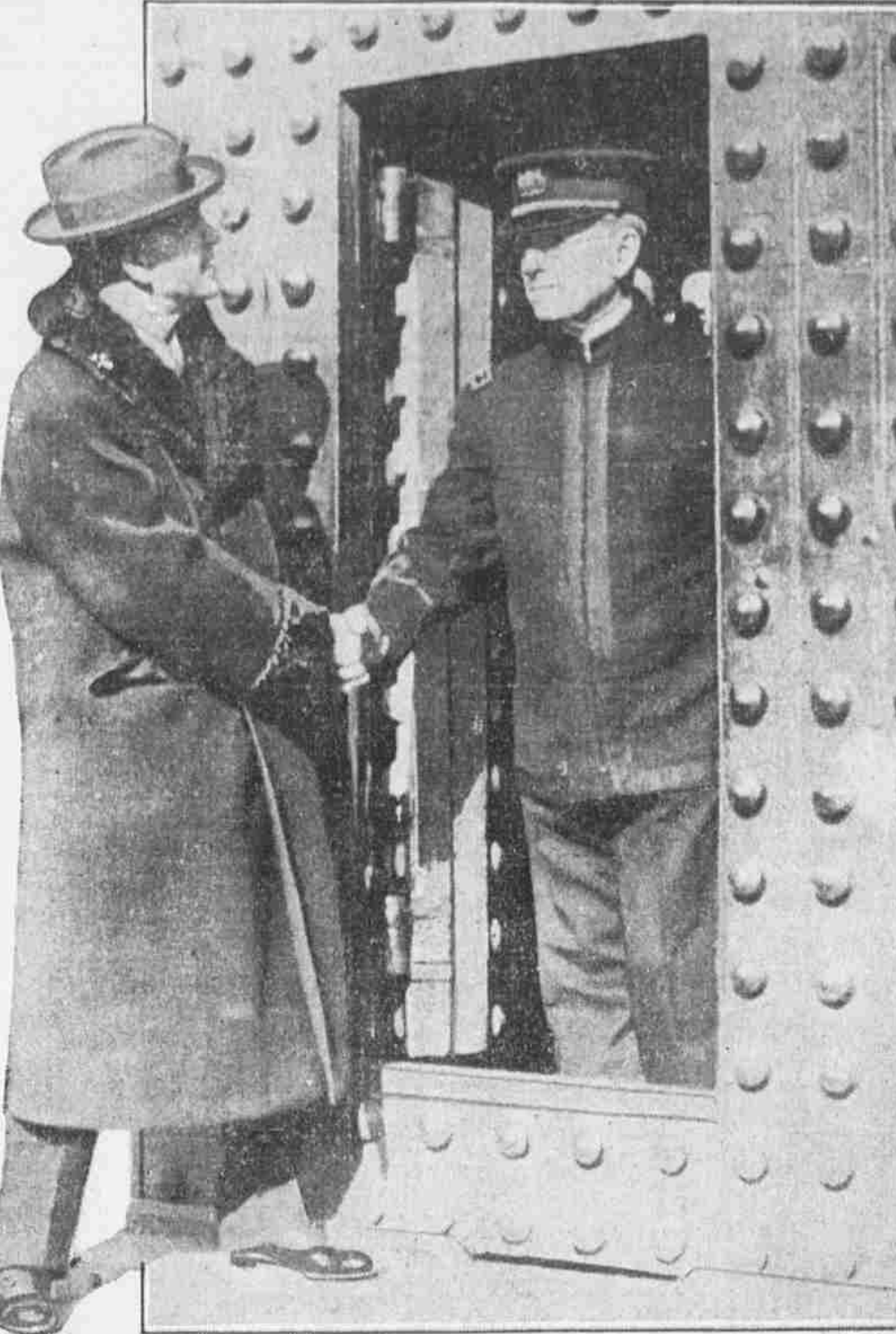
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Councilmen yesterday delayed the date of this special election by two weeks more, but there is still time to introduce and pass the bill, provide for the 30 days of advertising required by law and hold the election in March, a few days after the first spadeful of earth is turned for the sewer work.

Director Taylor already has started his fight for a March election. He has lined up business organizations of the city and individuals. The institutions of the city and individuals.

"BILLY" SUNDAY VISITS EASTERN PENITENTIARY



THE EVANGELIST IS SHAKING HANDS WITH WARDEN MCKENTY AT ONE OF THE GATES

ELECTION MARCH 23 ON TRANSIT LOAN IS DEMAND OF TAYLOR

Councils Can Facilitate Early Start on Subway Work if Action Is Prompt, Director Declares.

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GERMAN U-19 SINKS BRITISH MERCHANTMAN

Von Tirpitz's Threat to Wage War on Enemy's Commerce and Throttle Trade Is Recalled.

Germany apparently has launched its campaign to starve Great Britain by blockading its waters with submarines.

Dispatches today tell of the sinking of a merchant ship from Leith, Scotland, bound for Rotterdam, by the famous German submarine U-19. This is the first attack on a merchant vessel by the German U-boats.

Some weeks ago the U-19 was reported sunk off the Scottish coast by the British patrol. Either that report was an error or the U-9 or some other craft made the attack. Reports insist it was the U-19.

Admiral von Tirpitz, head of the German navy, in an interview, published exclusively in this city by the Evening Ledger, declared that Germany could not afford to let the British blockade of the North Sea to neutral shipping. What will America say if Germany declares submarine war on all the enemy's merchant ships?

"Why not? England wants to starve us. We can play the same game. We can bottle her up and torpedo every English or Allied ship which nears any harbor in Great Britain, thereby cutting off her large food supplies."

The fact that one submarine skirted the coast of Scotland and to the north coast of Ireland and sank the British dreadnought Audacious, appeared to have satisfied Germany on the powers of the submarine.

The sinking of the steamship Durward indicates that Germany now has begun its war on British commerce in home waters, with the aim of starving its enemy.

It has been estimated by experts that Great Britain has food supplies for 60 days only, and is by far the nearest nation of the world to starve into submission.

EXPLOSION ON U. S. CRUISER KILLS 4 MEN

Nine Hurt in Boiler Accident on San Diego, Off West Coast of Mexico—One of Worst in Navy for Years.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Four men were killed and nine were injured in a boiler explosion on the United States armored cruiser San Diego off Guaymas, Mexico, yesterday, as she was completing a power test off Lower California on the Mexican west coast.

News of the accident, one of the worst in the navy in recent years, was flashed by wireless to the Navy Department by Rear Admiral Howard, commander of the Pacific fleet, early this morning.

The accident happened just after the cruiser had completed her power trials, Admiral Howard reported. His message, which was dated at 6 o'clock last night, read:

U. S. S. San Diego completed four-hour full power trials, making 24.6. Just at completion of trials tube in fore boiler was ruptured, due to low water. No endurance run. Full investigation ordered. Complete list of dead and injured sent to Bureau of Navigation, San Diego proceeding to Guaymas.

The Dead The dead, all second-class firemen, are: WILLIAM F. ELLIOTT, enlisted at New York April 20, 1911; next of kin, father, Charles Elliott, 920 Grand street, Brooklyn; AMBROS L. HANDEE, enlisted at San Diego, Cal., September 22, 1914; next of kin, Miss Hande, 1014 E. 1st, San Diego, Cal.; CLIFFORD A. WESTON, enlisted at San Francisco December 23, 1912; next of kin, father, Thomas Weston, Davisport, Cal.; OSCAR J. WYATT, enlisted at San Diego January 4, 1915; next of kin, mother, Sadie Foster, 21 Centro, Cal.

SAN DIEGO SAFE IN PORT SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 22.—The armored cruiser San Diego is now safe in port at Guaymas, according to naval reports received here early today. No details of the accident were given.

CANADIANS NOT AT FRONT LONDON, Jan. 22.—Official denial was made by the Government Press Bureau today of reports that all the Canadian troops had gone to the front. It stated that only a small portion had been sent to the front, the remainder still being at Balaclava.

AT THE TABERNACLE TODAY.

2 p. m.—Mr. Sunday delivers his sermon, "Motherhood." 7:30 p. m.—Mr. Sunday will meet her Bible class on the platform. 7:30 p. m.—Mr. Sunday will repeat the afternoon sermon. For other campaign information see another column.

Table with 2 columns: Attendance and Collections.

'MOTHER' PROVES A MAGIC THEME TO BIG AUDIENCE

Sunday Moves Multitude to Tears in Eloquent Sermon on Value of Parental Love.

The bravest battle that was ever fought—Shall I tell you where and when? On the maps of the world you find it not—'Tis fought by the mothers of men.

Poetic? Yes, "Billy" Sunday was poetic today in the tabernacle when he preached his famous sermon on "Motherhood." He was more poetic than he has been in any sermon he has preached in Philadelphia.

It was an appeal to sons to respect and love and always care for their mothers. It was an appeal for daughters to respect their mothers' love and to devote the best in them to making them happy and comfortable. It was even more than this.

It was an appeal for women to awaken to the great responsibility that God has given them in permitting them to start men and women on their journeys through life.

Announcement that this sermon was to be preached today brought so many to the tabernacle this afternoon that every seat was taken two hours before time for the services to start, and there was no standing room left when "Billy" began to preach.

AUDIENCE IN TEARS. "Billy" likes this sermon so much himself that he puts his whole soul into it when he gives it.

ADVISES MOTHERS. "If every boy and every girl today had a good mother the saloons and dispensaries would go out of business tomorrow," he said.

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40,000 FORDS IN WAR ORDER

Cars for Military Service to Be Shipped Immediately. NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—President Henry Ford, of the Ford Motor Company, announced this afternoon that a European nation had ordered 40,000 cars for immediate shipment.

ALL OCEAN RATES BROKEN

34 Cents Freight a Bushel Agreed to on Cargo to Malta. All records for transoceanic freight rates for grain were broken today when it was announced that the British steamship Katherine had been chartered to take out 160,000 bushels at 34 cents a bushel.

1490 CONVICTS GRASP SUNDAY'S HAND AS A 'PAL'

"Oh, God! Let These Men Say Good-by Mutton and Stew and Keepers," He Prays.

"A Little Soup, Some Dope! Snap! Boom! Then Ten Years," a Characteristic Saying to McKenty's "Boys."

"Billy" Sunday carried the message of Christ to 1490 "unfortunates" today when he addressed 1490 prisoners in the Eastern Penitentiary.

The theme of his address was expressed in "Billy's" first words to the men: "I want to help you."

"That he did want to help them every man in the three great corridors stretching away from the 'centre' where the evangelist stood believed. They leaned forward, open-mouthed, to catch every word that he might say."

"Doing right is the most profitable thing in the world," "Billy" continued, "and doing wrong is the most unprofitable thing in the world."

"What is right? You all know that. You don't have to go to church to learn that. If it was right and honorable to steal you might go up to a man and say 'You're a thief; and he grasp your hand and smile and say, 'Thanka for the compliment, old man.'"

At these words and the comical expression and gestures that accompanied the "boys" roared with laughter. "Billy" had won his audience. From that moment they responded to every word and facial expression of the evangelist's face.

WHAT LIES WILL DO. "It is wrong to lie," "Billy" thundered, "I'll bet my life that as some of you fellows who were sent up because some one lied about you."

Once more "Billy" had scored. The corridors echoed with applause, which died almost as instantly when he abruptly said: "It is wrong to swear! If it wasn't we'd teach swearing in our public schools. It's wrong to crack a safe. A little soup, some dope, Snap! Boom! Ten years. You men, you were wrong."

Again the prisoners rocked with laughter. And so it went. When "Billy" told of how he had succeeded in reducing the term of an "unfortunate" to five years and how much the man repented and repented.

J. V. THOMPSON'S NOTES BOUGHT UP

BY HENRY C. FRICK Friends Alleged Raid by Syndicate—U. S. Comptroller Condemns Large Loans to Uniontown Banker.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Jan. 22.—Following a statement issued in Washington last night by United States Comptroller of Currency John C. Weston, who is condemning the banking methods of Josiah V. Thompson, came a well-authenticated report here this morning that a representative of J. C. Frick had been in this city today to purchase the notes.

Comptroller Williams' statement was to the effect that direct and indirect loans to Thompson had been running at approximately \$1,000,000 or more. It states the bank's capital, including the \$100,000 paid in April, 1913, when an examination of the bank was conducted.

The Comptroller added that "such efforts, if any, as might have been made by the Comptroller's office to require him to obey the law and conform to the regulation of the office had been apparently fruitless."

That Thompson is being pushed to the limit by a syndicate composed of New York and Pittsburgh financiers is the charge being openly bruited about by Thompson's friends.