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TEUTONS AGAIN SMASH FRENCH IN CHAMPAGNE

Seven Hundred Yards of Trenches Near Tahure Taken by Storm ALSO GAIN IN ALSACE Paris Reports Capture of German Positions at Frise. Repulse Attacks

A German offensive of great magnitude and scope is under way on the west front. The most severe fighting since last September is reported by both Paris and Berlin. The chief efforts of the Germans seem to be directed at that portion of the French lines in the Tahure district of Champagne, where they lost ground last fall. More than a mile of French trenches in the Tahure section have been captured by assault and form the apex of a wedge which the Germans are trying to drive into the French lines there. Important gains in Alsace are reported by Berlin, but Paris asserts most of the lost positions were retaken. South of Arras, at Frise, Paris reports that counter attacks regained some positions. Against the British lines north of Ypres and in the extreme southern end of the battle line, close to the Swiss border, the Germans have made attacks without gaining any positions of importance. Losses on both sides have been heavy, but the Teutons, in their offensive role, have probably been the greatest sufferers.

BERLIN, Feb. 14. The gain of 700 yards more of French trenches in Champagne was announced today by the German War Office. Within 24 hours the Germans have captured French positions over a front nearly a mile wide in Champagne. In Artois the Allies are carrying out a violent campaign. In the Vosges 400 yards of French trenches have been captured after stubborn fighting. The text of the official German statement follows: "Lively artillery duels continued throughout the night over the greater part of the front. The enemy again shelled the line and the German positions on the Liers-Lens road. South of the Somme River stubborn fighting developed around an advanced sapshead of our position, com-

374 U-BOAT VICTIMS ON FRENCH CRUISER

Admiral Charner Sunk Off Coast of Syria—One Man Saved PARIS, Feb. 14. The French cruiser, Admiral Charner, has been sunk off the Syrian coast by a German submarine, with the loss of 374 men, it was definitely learned today. The vessel went down in two minutes after she had been struck by the torpedo. The French Ministry of Marine on Sunday issued an official statement, saying that the absence of news from the Admiral Charner had given rise to fears that she had been destroyed. The Admiral Charner was a vessel of 400 tons. She was laid down in 1893 and completed in 1895. Her armament consisted of two 7.6-inch guns, six 5.5-inch guns, four 2-pounders, four 3-pounders, six 1-pounders and five torpedo tubes. She carried a crew of 370 to 380 men.

Two Escaped Prisoners Captured

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 14.—Rodney H. Hart and Harry L. Smith, two of the four prisoners who escaped from the Lancaster County prison Friday night, have been captured at Oxford, Chester County, and will be returned to the prison here today.

THE WEATHER

The weather is getting warmer. Latest reports show an unalterable determination on the part of the mercury to arrive within halting distance of the freezing point. We make the following prediction: "Much warmer late this afternoon than it was at 7 o'clock this morning." Ahead of us is a cold front, and it is probable that the whole world did not get rich after the stock market had reached "the lowest point in years." Anybody can prophesy a change when the limit is reached; for what goes down has to come up. We live at the fulcrum of a pendulum and all we have to do is to measure the swings. If there is radicalism venting on revolution in the air, one can predict a period of conservatism. If the world has grown too conservative, one can predict a radical swing. The trouble with most of us is that we are reckless insects that go crawling out from the fulcrum to the end of the pendulum. We want to get "into the swing" of things. But when you are part of the motion, you fall to move; you fail to perceive what is happening or what will happen.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair tonight and Tuesday; continued cold tonight; warmer Tuesday; moderate northerly winds. For details see page 17.

LOST AND FOUND

OPERA BAG—Lost, small brown opera bag, containing opera glasses and a Puma B. H. shirt between St. Martin's and Chestnut Street stations, Saturday night. Reward if returned. St. Charles 3000. (Continued on page 17.)

GENERAL ELECTRIC WORKS SWEEP BY \$8000 BLAZE

Ammunition Plant at Schenectady Damaged by Fire SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Feb. 14.—While 200 watchmen, armed with rifles, patrolled the plant, fire early today attacked the ammunition works of the General Electric Company, causing damage estimated at between \$500,000 and \$800,000. The fire started in a section devoted to metal borings, which were soaked with oil, and spread to several metal caasks filled with oil. The explosion of the tanks led to the rupture of a bomb plant, but Manager George E. Emmons of the company scouted the theory. Spontaneous combustion, he said, caused the blaze. Four hundred employees were thrown out of work in the ammunition department. The shell boring room was among the sections destroyed.

FIVE ABOVE ZERO; COLDEST DAY OF WINTER IN CITY

Secret Service Unearths Evidence of Plot to Invade Dominion THE WORST "ICE STORM" Winter's Coldest Day So Far

Table with 2 columns: Time, Degrees. Midnight 13, 1 a.m. 12, 2 a.m. 11, 3 a.m. 10, 4 a.m. 9, 5 a.m. 8, 6 a.m. 7, 7 a.m. 6, 8 a.m. 6, 9 a.m. 7, 10 a.m. 8, 11 a.m. 11, Noon 12, 1 p.m. 13, 2 p.m. 15

U. S. FINDS ARMS HIDDEN CLOSE TO CANADIAN LINE

Secret Service Unearths Evidence of Plot to Invade Dominion STORED FOR SOME TIME WASHINGTON, Feb. 14. Agents of the Department of Justice this afternoon telegraphed officials here that they have located several secret stores of arms and ammunition along the Canadian border. They gave it as their belief that the stores had been established for a possible invasion of Canada. The reports show that no attempts have been made recently to move the supplies. Scores of Government agents are now watching each supply base. It was stated here that the supplies probably will not be molested at present. It was indicated that an attempt will be made to catch the owners through watching the stores. Every train going into Canada is now being thoroughly searched by Canadian and American officials, working together, it was stated here today.

WILLIAM J. NICOLLS FALLS DEAD AT CLUB

Author and Prominent Coal Operator Succumbs as He Goes to Breakfast

William Jasper Nicolls, author, clubman and for many years a prominent figure among the coal operators of this State, fell dead shortly before 9 o'clock this morning in the Art Club. Dr. Warren B. Davis, 133 South 18th street, pronounced the death due to apoplexy. Mr. Nicolls, though living temporarily at 1826 Spruce street, had been taking his meals at the Art Club for many weeks but for the last 19 days had complained of ill-health. He came to the club about 8:30 o'clock this morning, removed his coat and hat and started for the breakfast room, when he staggered and fell to the floor. Death is said to have been almost instantaneous. Mrs. Nicolls, who has been residing with her daughter Claire, at Bellafonte, Pa., for several months, recently came to this city to visit friends in Germantown. She knew nothing of her husband's death until Mr. Nicolls' sister-in-law, Mrs. Anne Nicolls, 404 South 4th street, reached her by automobile. Mr. Nicolls was born in Camden, N. J., in 1852. His father was chief engineer of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway. Through his father's acquaintance he became extensively interested in several mines and served as president of the Irwona Coal and Coke Company. Later he figured in other coal mining concerns. At the time of his death he was operating a company under his own name, with offices in the Lafayette Building.

Von Papen Wins Red Eagle

ROME, Feb. 14.—Swiss dispatches today reported that Kaiser Wilhelm has conferred the Order of the Red Eagle on Captain Franz von Papen, recalled German military attaché to the United States.

CRANK ATTEMPTS TO SHOOT JOHN MONAGHAN IN CAFE; COMMISSIONER STOPS HIM

Disarms a Man Who Cries Out, "I Am Going to Kill You!"

Assailant Presses Revolver Against Chest of Intended Victim, Who Grabs Him and Kicks Him Out of the Restaurant

Name of Would-Be Assassin Is Known and an Arrest Is Expected—Is Said to Have Asserted He "Had Been Done Out of a Job"

An attempt was made today to shoot John Monaghan, Public Service Commissioner, in the dining room of the Little Wilmot Hotel, on South Penn Square, west of Broad street, opposite City Hall, where Mr. Monaghan went to lunch. The man who made the attempt was disarmed by Mr. Monaghan after a struggle. No shots were fired, so quickly did Mr. Monaghan act when he felt a revolver pressed against his chest. No arrest has been made, but the police are after the assailant, who is known to Mr. Monaghan, but whose name was not made public. The assailant is said to be a person who has written threatening letters to the Public Service Commissioner, under the delusion that he has been "done out of a job." Mr. Monaghan walked into the dining room shortly after 1:30 p. m. A man who had evidently been waiting for him stepped up to him a moment after he had entered the door. "Now, you did me out of a job. I'm going to kill you," he said. With that he pressed a revolver against Mr. Monaghan's chest. "No one else in the room except the two men knew what was going on. But Mr. Monaghan quickly seized the revolver and jerked the muzzle of the gun clear of his body. "Help me, somebody!" he shouted. Men sprang from the tables where they were sitting, and the assailant was disarmed after a short struggle. His "dander" aroused by the attempt to take his life, Mr. Monaghan seized his assailant and literally kicked him out of the cafe into the street. The man picked himself up and ran, disappearing after a short pursuit. The revolver remained in the dining room. Mr. Monaghan then notified the police, naming his assailant. He said he had "kicked this man," he said, but the name was not given out. It is understood that it will be kept secret until an arrest is made.



JOHN MONAGHAN

POISON BANQUET CHEF WAS FRIEND OF KING'S SLAYER

Crones, of Chicago, Sought World-Wide Anarchist Scheme BASE AT PATERSON, N. J.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Jean Crones, wanted on suspicion that he attempted to poison 285 guests at the Archbishop Mundelein banquet last Thursday night, has been identified as a member of an international band of anarchists and murderers, with headquarters in Paterson, N. J., according to letters which the police seized after Crones fled. The letters which were found in his room disclosed that Crones was a friend and comrade of Gaetano Bresci, the anarchist who killed King Humbert of Italy, July 29, 1900. Until recently Crones resided at the home of Bresci's widow, in Chicago. Her house was a meeting place for anarchists. The plot to kill King Humbert was hatched in Hackensack, N. J., by French and Italian anarchists. Messages seeking plot information were sent to numerous Eastern cities, including Paterson and Scranton, Pa. A letter found among Crones' effects made reference to a vest-pocket bomb, which he had nearly perfected after working on it nearly three years. This bomb, the letter said, "if placed behind a policeman, at Madison and State streets, would blow him over the top of a high building." Frequent references were found in the letters to John Allegretti, a close friend of Crones, who is already in custody. The police said that the letters show Allegretti to be a member of international anarchist bands. The police believe that in the letters they will find the solution of no fewer than a dozen murders and that the loss of the 400 men who have been hunting Crones stumbled upon information that is expected to result in a speedy arrest. "We know here he is hiding," said the agent. "There will be a raid today."

MILANO BOMBARDATA DA VELIVOLI AUSTRIACI

La Rumania E' Pronta ad Intervenire nella Guerra a Fianco degli Alleati

TRAMPS, AT NARBERTH, HUNTED IN STABLE FIRE

\$300,000 Property Menaced by Belmont Blaze—Convict Children Guarded

The Lower Merion police today are searching for a party of tramps who are suspected of having been responsible for a fire which destroyed 300 feet of training stables at the Belmont race track at Narberth, and for several hours threatened the convent of the Sisters of Mercy, which houses more than 400 children and young girls. The Belmont Driving Club, a big five-story frame structure valued at \$150,000, and the old Quaker Meeting House also were endangered by the blaze. Presence of mind was displayed by the sisters in the convent of the Sisters of Mercy when the fire started on Saturday night. When the glare of the blaze illuminated the country about there was a panic among the children of the convent. The training stables are only a little more than 100 feet from the convent, and showers of sparks fell upon the latter building. The sisters marshaled the children in single file and marched them to the first floor of the convent, where they were kept in readiness to flee the building should occasion demand such action. Fire companies of Wynand, Narberth and Ardmore had a strenuous fight to reach the fire, because of the slippery condition of the roads. The highways were strewn with trees which had become broken by their heavy burden of ice and snow. Frequent stops had to be made to remove these obstacles.

20,000 "AMENS" GREET SUNDAY'S FLING AT BOOZE

"Billy" Rouses Huge Audience at Convention Hall Here

PREACHES NEW SERMON

Great Throng Shrieks and Yells as Evangelist Pounds Devil

Hot Shots From "Billy" Sunday's Afternoon Sermon

The Lord save us from off-handed, flabby-cheeked, brittle-boned, weak-kneed, thin-skinned, pliable, plastic, spineless, effeminate, sissified, three-carat Christianity. The road into the kingdom of God is not by the bathtub, nor by the university, nor by the gymnasium, but by the blood-red road of the cross. A church that is merely evangelical is a church on ice. A church that is evangelistic is a church on fire. The prophets all carried the big stick. A man without a temper is a man without force. Men of genius, without exception, have been fiery spirits. Many of our cities today are car-bombs on the neck of the body politic. The civilization of the future will centre more and more in the cities. I'm looking for a saint who will go on the warpath for purity, sobriety and for righteousness. We are hungry for a believer who will throw down the gauntlet and take up the cudgels for reforms in civic and social life. Doors for tonight's meeting open at 6:30 o'clock. Singing starts at 7. No seats held after 7:15, and, owing to the rush of persons without tickets, those entitled to admission are urged to be at Convention Hall as soon as the doors open. Mr. Sunday will preach a new sermon on "Samson and Delilah."

Bang! He's hit "Philly" again and the devil and all his imp have taken to cover. "Billy" Sunday, smiling, fopping his arms, smashing the pulpit with mighty blows, militant in every word of his gattling gun, baseball vernacular, struck at "booze" and sin with all his power and called upon all Christians to do likewise, at a great meeting in Convention Hall, Broad street and Allegheny avenue, this afternoon. It was one of the greatest meetings Sunday ever addressed. It was the same "Billy" who led thousands down the sawdust trail in his big tabernacle campaign here last winter, and he did not seem to have lost any of his old-time "pep" when he leaped to the platform before an audience of 20,000 screaming, shrieking, applauding admirers to fire the first gun in the greatest nation-wide temperance campaign that has ever been waged in the United States. He came here because of the importance of the meeting and because of his "love for dear old Philly," he said. He re-

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AUSTRIAN ARMEN SHELL MILAN AND RAVENNA, KILL 21

Famous Art Centres Raided—Women and Children Among Victims

ITALIANS LOSE TRENCHES

ROME, Feb. 14. Six persons were killed by Austrian aeroplanes in a raid on Milan last night, according to dispatches received here today. Milan in the third largest city in Italy, having a population of more than 500,000. It lies 70 miles from the Austrian lines in the Trentino region and is the capital of the province of Milan. Magnificent churches, museums and educational institutions are located there. Austrian aeroplanes made a raid yesterday over Ravenna and the neighborhood of Codogno and Bettrichio, in northeastern Italy near the Adriatic. Dispatches reaching here say 18 persons were killed and a number wounded. Several women and children were among the injured. A hospital and the basilica of Sant' Apollinare at Ravenna were damaged. Ravenna is, next to Rome, the most important city of Italy in connection with the history of early Christian art. There are two basilicas of Sant' Apollinare at Ravenna. Sant' Apollinare Nuovo and Sant' Apollinare in Classe. Both dating from the sixth century, and both rich in mosaics of that period. Sant' Apollinare in Classe situated just outside the walls of the city, is the older, and was restored in 1779. The following official communication was issued last night: "Our artillery action today was markedly effective against columns of wagons on the eastern slopes of Bracon, in the Largino Valley, against parties of enemy soldiers in the environs of Luserna, in the

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KAISER MAY FORM ARMY OF 900,000 POLES

LONDON, Feb. 14.—A dispatch to the Post from its Bern correspondent states that Germany is making strenuous efforts to induce the Poles to agree to accept autonomy under the suzerainty of Germany. In that event, Germany will form an additional army of 900,000 Poles. The dispatch adds that Polish leaders in Switzerland believe it is imperative for the Entente Allies to guarantee Polish autonomy, which was promised by the Russian Emperor, in order to prevent the Poles from accepting the German proposal.

RUSSIAN RAIDERS SINK EIGHT TURK SHIPS

PETROGRAD, Feb. 14.—Raids by Russian warships along the Turkish coast continue with satisfactory results. The latest official bulletin says: "On the Black Sea Friday our destroyers demolished by their shell fire bridges in the coast region and sank eight sailing ships."

QUICK NEWS

FIVE CAUGHT IN GAMBLERS' ROUND-UP

Captain Nicholas J. Kenny personally directed a squad of picked men this afternoon and arrested five alleged gamblers on the fringe of the Tenderloin. The men were arrested on the complaint of a West Philadelphian who said he lost \$10,000 "playing the ponies" in the places said to be conducted by those arrested.

POPE PROTESTS AGAINST SHELLING OF CHURCH

ROME, Feb. 14.—Pope Benedict XV is reported to have telegraphed to the Papal Nuncio at Vienna protesting against the bombardment of the Church of St. Apollinare in Ravenna by Austrian airman.

ARETHUSIA, DAREDEVIL OF ENGLISH FLEET, SUNK

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The British light cruiser Arethusia has been wrecked by striking a mine and probably will be a total loss, it was announced today by the Admiralty. Ten sailors on the cruiser lost their lives. The Arethusia's displacement is 3520 tons, and she has been used for patrol duty in the North Sea. She was armed with two six-inch and six four-inch guns and four torpedo tubes. The Arethusia was put in commission in 1912. She was 450 feet long. The Arethusia had several encounters with German torpedo-boats and other warships early in the war, and became known as the daredevil of the English fleet. Her exploits inspired several English poets to create rhymes in her honor and the Arethusia's crew were popular heroes in England.

TWENTY HURT IN SILK STRIKERS' RIOT

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Feb. 14.—Twenty men were cut and clubbed in a riot among operatives at the Royal Weaving Company's silk mill today, caused by the refusal of some of the operatives to go out on a second strike. The rioters broke machinery before they were dispersed by the police. The 900 operatives had been back working a week after striking. The discharge today of two of the members of the Strike Committee caused some of the operatives to walk out.

LONDON MEETING DEMANDS STRICTER BLOCKADE

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Severe criticism was launched against the British Foreign Office today at a mass-meeting which was called to protest against the inadequacy of the blockade against Germany. It was charged that the Foreign Office is hampering the navy and is allowing goods to reach Germany through neutral ports by means of an agreement with Scandinavian merchants. The Government was urged to give the navy fuller powers in enforcing the blockade.

SLAV BLACK SEA FLEET SHELLS TURKS NEAR VITZE

PETROGRAD, Feb. 14.—The Russian Black Sea fleet silenced a portion of the Turkish shore batteries near Vitzé during a heavy bombardment, it was officially announced today.

SHELLS FALL NEAR BELGIAN KING'S HOME

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Shells fell within a few yards of the royal villa at La Panne, Belgium, during the German air attack there on Sunday, according to information received in London today. King Albert of Belgium and Queen Elizabeth have been living at La Panne since the early days of the war and have had a number of narrow escapes from death.

MANY HURT IN NEW YORK ELEVATED CRASH

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Many persons were injured today in a rear-end collision of two trains on the 3d avenue elevated line at 183d street. An express train crowded with men and women was stalled at the station when another train crashed into it from behind. The rear car of the stalled train and the front car of the second were smashed. Ambulances were summoned and the injured carried over slippery track to receive medical attention.

BRITISH SENTENCE GLOVEMAKERS

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Members of the Fownes Company, gloves makers, indicted for trading with the enemy, today withdrew their plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty. Gardiner Rigden, a member of the firm, was fined \$2500; William F. Rigden, another member, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, and a third member, Stanley F. Rigden, was sentenced to four months. The defendants must pay the costs of the prosecution.

ZEPPELIN FALLS INTO NORTH SEA; SLOWLY SINKING

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 14.—Zeppelin L-26, the German airship which was reported to be helpless above the North Sea yesterday, fell into the water today, according to a dispatch from Esbjerg. It was said to be slowly sinking, with the crew clinging to the superstructure.

GRAHAME-WHITE NOT WOUNDED

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Reports that Claude Grahame-White had been seriously injured in France were denied by the famous British aviator today, who is now in London. The report that he had been wounded was received here as a news agency dispatch from Hazebrouck, France.

TURKS RUSH TROOPS TO TWO MENACED FRONTS

SALONICA, Feb. 14.—Great Turkish forces are being dispatched from Gallipoli Peninsula and Thrace to Mesopotamia and the Caucasus to withstand the attacks being made by British and Russian troops on those fronts, according to advices received from Constantinople. The reports also state that Enver Pasha, the Turkish dictator, has split with the Germans with reference to this action, the Teuton leaders having demanded Ottoman forces be held where they could co-operate with the Bulgars.

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