



FRENCH REGAIN LOST TRENCHES IN CHAMPAGNE

Part of Positions Near Tature Recaptured—Foes Continue Offensive

WOULD CLEAR RAILWAY Teuton Artillery Pounds Path for Wedge—Follow Up Gains

PARIS, Feb. 15. The French War Office today announced the recapture of part of the trenches taken by the Germans in the Champagne on February 13.

LONDON, Feb. 15. The Germans are preparing for a still greater offensive blow in the Champagne, destined to hurl back the French on a 15-mile front from the Champagne.

Since early yesterday a steady roll of heavy German artillery has shaken the hills of the Champagne.

The bombardment was so vicious that French troops were under cover virtually all of yesterday, according to advices received here.

The Germans followed up their recent success in Champagne by the capture of several miles of French trenches.

To the north of Soissons, around Torny and along the River Aisne, the Germans started an infantry attack, but the French put it down with their guns and rifles.

The text of the French night communiqué is as follows: "In Belgium our artillery blew up a munition depot north of Boesinghe."

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BALDWIN'S ADD NEW PLANT War Orders Prompt \$500,000 Addition—Woodland Avenue Factory Is Leased

Property, brought about by huge war contracts, has caused the Baldwin Locomotive Works to contract for the erection of a \$500,000 factory addition to be located at 18th and Hamilton streets.

The company also has acquired the large factory building owned by the Croft & Allen Company, Inc., at 3233-3249 Woodland avenue.

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair weather and rising temperature tonight and Wednesday; moderate north winds becoming variable.

LOST AND FOUND PHILADELPHIA—Lost in Philadelphia, silk umbrella with gold handle.

CHILDREN PAY HONOR TO DR. R. H. CONWELL

Youthful admirers of the noted clergyman assembled at Temple University today to help him celebrate his 74th birthday by giving him a surprise party.



BRITISH SPIRIT STEADFAST, KING SAYS IN SPEECH

"Resolved on Reparation for Unprovoked Outrages and Aggression of Power"

WAR SESSION REOPENS

England's determination to fight the war to a victorious end was voiced from the throne today when King George's speech opening the Parliament was read.

LONDON, Feb. 15. Parliament reassembled this afternoon with several most vital issues affecting the progress of the war in the balance.

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PLOT TO DESTROY CATHOLIC CHURCH SEEN IN CHEF ACT

Trail of Poison Banquet Leads to Seat in Vatican's Shadow

WORLD-WIDE IN SCOPE

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—The trail of the "Destroyers," an anarchistic organization said to have sworn the destruction of the Church, particularly the Catholic Church, was traced by Chicago police today from Italy to New York.

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FIFTY RUSH FROM FLAMING ACID IN HARRISON PLANT

Building Destroyed at 35th Street and Gray's Ferry Road

THREE ALARMS SENT IN

A spectacular \$30,000 fire, which brought out nearly every piece of fire-fighting apparatus in South and West Philadelphia today, destroyed a large nitric acid building.

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WEAVERS GET \$2 A WEEK ADVANCE IN KENSINGTON

Ingrain Carpet Workers Win Raise in 21 Factories

AFFECTS 1500 TO 2000

Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars Added to Manufacturers' Payrolls

An increase of about \$2 a week has come to the ingrain carpet weavers in 21 Kensington mills as the result of a voluntary advance made by manufacturers in that section.

"This means a couple of dollars a week extra for each weaver."

It was considered one of the most momentous events in wage increasing that has taken place in the mills of Kensington for some time.

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QUICK NEWS

PENROSE FOR HIGH SCHOOL MILITARY TRAINING

A course of military training at the Central High School is favored by Senator Penrose in a letter received today by Henry R. Edmunds, president of the Board of Education.

TILLMAN ASKS PENROSE TO EXPLAIN ARMOR THREAT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Senator Tillman on the Senate floor today called upon Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania to explain his recent message from the armor plate manufacturers that they will charge the Government \$200 a ton for armor plate if Congress passes the Tillman Government armor plate plant bill.

ERZERUM AFLAME AS SLAVS ATTACK ON THREE SIDES

PETROGRAD, Feb. 15.—Several fires are raging in Erzerum, the Turkish city now being attacked from three sides by Russian troops, according to advices received at the War Office today.

FRENCH AND SLAV AIRMEN SHELL CZERNOWITZ

VIENNA, Feb. 15.—A squadron of enemy aviators dropped bombs upon Czernowitz, capital of Bukovina. The raiding airmen fled when Austrian aviators rose to attack them.

TWO CHINESE REPUBLICS PREDICTED

LONDON, Feb. 15.—That China will be split into two republics as the result of the revolution started in Yunnan Province was the prediction of well-informed Englishmen arriving here from Hong Kong today.

MISSISSIPPI LEVEE BREAKS; CITIZENS FLEE

NATCHEZ, Miss., Feb. 15.—The main Mississippi River levee about 25 miles above St. Joseph, Miss., broke early today. The flood waters are pouring through a huge crevasse, which has widened to a mile, and hundreds of persons are making their way to the highlands.

FLORIDA LIMITED WRECKED; ONE KILLED

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 15.—The Florida Limited, one of the "crack" trains of the Seaboard Air Line, was wrecked near here early today.

GERMAN FUTURE GLOOMY, HOUSE'S REPORTED VIEW

ROME, Feb. 15.—One of the men accompanying Colonel House on his mission to Berlin confided to a friend now staying at San Remo that Colonel House was convinced that financiers in charge of the financial affairs of the German Government fully realize that a catastrophe to the German Empire is inevitable.

BRITISH TO FORTIFY SAMOAN ISLAND

PAGO PAGO, Samoa, Feb. 1 (by mail to San Francisco, Feb. 15).—Apollima, the smallest of the Samoan Islands, is to be fortified by the British Administration now occupying German Samoa.

BRITAIN TO MOBILIZE 400,000 WOMEN ON FARMS

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The London Daily News announces the Government has decided to organize a recruiting campaign for women to work on land. It is proposed armlets be issued to women willing to undertake farm work.

PREMIER BRIAND BACK IN PARIS

PARIS, Feb. 15.—Aristide Briand, the French Premier, arrived in Paris last night from his visit to Italy. Later he received a number of the political leaders and told them how deeply he had been touched by the reception accorded him by King Victor Emmanuel and the Italian Government and people.

AMERICANS GIVE HOSPITAL TRAIN TO FRENCH ARMY

PARIS, Feb. 15.—A hospital train of 13 cars, the gift of two wealthy Americans, has been presented to the French Government. Laurence V. Bense, formerly member of the Chamber of Commerce in Paris, made the presentation address at the Chapelle railroad station.

ZAPATISTA STRONGHOLD CAPTURED

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Feb. 15.—After a severe engagement Government troops occupied the town of Ajusco, the last stronghold of the Zapatistas between Mexico City and Cuernavaca.

DEPUTY CHARGES INSULT TO HUNGARIAN FLAG

BUDAPEST, Feb. 15.—Count Karolyi, president of the Hungarian Independent party, in the Diet interpellated the Government concerning a major having ordered a company of Hungarians to remove the Hungarian flag during a march.

TURKISH AVIATORS ATTACK KUT

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The following report on the situation in Mesopotamia has been issued by the War Office: "General Aylmer reports that the situation is unchanged. General Townshend, at Kut-el-Amara, states that an aeroplane flew over the town and dropped two bombs. No damage was done."

HUNDREDS OF LEPERS AT LARGE IN COUNTRY, SENATORS ARE TOLD

Dr. Dyer Declares Only Three States Care for These Sufferers

DANGER OF CONTAGION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Hundreds of lepers are at liberty in the United States, exposing the public to contagion, according to leprosy experts who testified today before the Senate Public Health Committee.

Russia to Buy 2,000,000 Scythes

Russia is in the market for 2,000,000 scythes, according to Director W. P. Wilson, of the Commercial Museum, who has received inquiries from Rotterdam & Hamburgh, a general contracting firm of Copenhagen.

Jos. W. Potter, Camden, Hurt by Fall Former Councilman Joseph W. Potter, of Camden, is in a serious condition at his home, 306 Cooper street, today.

COLDEST FEB. 15 SINCE 1875 MARKS RECORD

City Still Icebound on Second Day of Frigid Wave. Warmer Tomorrow

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The city continues ice-bound today, with the lowest temperatures of the season reported from the northern Atlantic seaboard.

The lowest point the mercury has reached on February 15 since 1875, was recorded this morning at 7 o'clock, with a temperature of 4 degrees, only one degree warmer than the record-making low mark yesterday.

The entire street cleaning force and hundreds of extra men continue at work today on the task of removing the snow from streets in all sections of the city.

\$30,000 OIL PAINTING RUINED BY FLAMES IN J. H. M'FADDEN HOME

"Miss Nelthorpe," by Lawrence, Noted 19th Century Artist, Wrecked in Collector's Famous Gallery

OTHER WORKS ARE SAVED

A \$30,000 oil painting in the gallery of John H. McFadden, art connoisseur and cotton broker, was destroyed today in a fire in his town house, 19th and Walnut streets.

The fire is said to have been started from defective wiring in the drawing room on the 19th street side of the house.

Those in England during the latter half of the nineteenth century who neglected to have their pictures painted by Lawrence virtually threw themselves outside the social world. His list of pictures was the social barometer of the time.