

10 AMERICANS CAPTURED IN FIERCE FIGHT

Germans Take Prisoners Near Chavignon, but Are Repulsed

ENEMY SUFFERS HEAVY LOSSES

Hand-to-Hand Battle Rages in Trenches on Aisne Front

OTHER ATTACKS FOILED

Intense Activity Reported Along French Lines—Rheims Hospital Bombed

PARIS, March 1.

Sharp fighting at several points on the French front, including a violent hand-to-hand encounter east of Chavignon, was reported by the War Office today.

"After a violent bombardment the enemy in the region east of Chavignon attacked at 8 o'clock last night," said the communique. "In hand-to-hand fighting the enemy was repulsed with heavy losses, leaving some prisoners."

(This is the fighting referred to by the German official statement in stating that ten Americans were made prisoners.)

"East of Chavignon the enemy made an extremely heavy attack with two columns. They were completely checked.

"The heaviest cannonading prevailed at various points over a wide front.

"In the region of Craonne, between Miette and the Aisne, and in the Rheims sector the artillery was violent during the night.

"The Rheims civil hospital was systematically bombed and set afire.

"In the Champagne sector the enemy violently bombed our first lines, notably in the region of Monte Suppe toward the Butte du Mesnil.

"Southeast of the Butte du Mesnil this morning a heavy attack was launched against new positions, but was beaten back, except in an advanced element. Simultaneously east of Monte Suppe a strong raid was defeated.

"In the Argonne region we raided the enemy's trenches and took some prisoners.

"In the Woerwe district artillery was very active during the night, especially in the sectors of Regneville and Remeriville."

Chavignon is a small town in the Aisne sector about ten miles northeast of Soissons. The German lines in this sector pass through extensive stone quarries, which have been strongly fortified.

BERLIN, March 1.—"Near Chavignon our storm troops captured ten American prisoners," the Berlin War Office announced today.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 1.

Preceded by a barrage of bursting shells, about 100 Germans attacked an American trench on the Chemin-des-Dames front (north of the Aisne) Wednesday morning, but were beaten off, suffering some losses.

There were no casualties among the Americans, although five Frenchmen who were fighting shoulder to shoulder with the Sammees were wounded.

The Americans who withstood the German attack on Wednesday morning acted with the coolness of veterans. While the shells were tearing up the soil of No Man's Land the doughboys manned the parapet with fixed bayonets, and the machine guns ground out bullets at the rate of 400 a minute.

A short spasm of intense and destructive fire from Krupp guns was the prelude to the attack. While the cannonade was in progress the Americans dug to their dugouts. When the German shells ceased, the Americans emerged.

"PEACH" OR BE EXPELLED Schoolboy Has Alternative Because Mates "Egged" Suspected Teacher

LANCASTER, Pa., March 1.—Harold Scheffer, president of the senior class of the Boys' High School, was put through the "third degree" late yesterday afternoon by the school officials in an endeavor to force him to disclose names of the boys who bombarded Prof. Bernard Hoffenstein with eggs while he was working at a blackboard. He was given an ultimatum and will be expelled unless he "peaches."

The students declare that because their instructor was accustomed to make statements which they believed savored of disloyalty to the Government they could not control themselves.

February Colnage at Mint The colnage at the Philadelphia Mint for February (in pieces) was: Half dollars, 261,000; quarters, 1,800,000; nickels, 2,765,000; and cents, 25,860,000. There were no dimes coined. For September, 1,000,000 centavos were coined, and for Ecuador and South America, \$109,000 centavos.

WARNERS OF ICE FAMINE; HOOVER ASKED TO ACT

Congressman John R. K. Scott Fears Result Would Be Worse Than Winter Coal Shortage

By a Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, March 1.—Immediate action on the part of the food commissioner to prevent an ice famine during the coming summer was urged today by Congressman John R. K. Scott, of Philadelphia, who points to the decreasing supply of ammonia, which is one of the chief products used in the manufacture of ice.

Scott asked that Mr. Hoover make an investigation into the question with a view of providing conservation measures at once.

"The consequences of an ice famine or even an ice shortage during the summer," said Congressman Scott, "are too fearful to contemplate. The coal shortage this winter was disastrous enough, but an ice famine would entail even more suffering and would be nothing short of a calamity to the whole of Pennsylvania in favor of the rest of the country. The transportation of food would be paralyzed and the preservation of a large portion of our food would be impossible. The effect of such a shortage on our milk supply alone can be readily realized. If such a condition of our affairs is within the realm of possibility, the time to take preventive action is now; not when we are face to face with the actual shortage."

CZERNIN DEMANDS KING OF RUMANIA ABDICATE

Austrian Orders Ferdinand to Give Throne to Brother or People's Choice

AMSTERDAM, March 1.—Count Czernin, Austrian Foreign Minister, has demanded abdication of King Ferdinand of Rumania in favor of his brother, William, or a successor picked by the people, according to a Berlin dispatch today.

Ferdinand's brother William is the head of the nonreigning branch of the Hohenzollern family. He was born March 7, 1864, the son of Prince Leopold of Hohenzollern.

William married Princess Maria Theresa, of 1883, the daughter of the Emperor of Austria. He renounced his succession to the throne December 29, 1886, and took his father's place as a hereditary member of the Prussian House of Lords.

GEN. KUHN IS FIRM ON BALTIMORE VICE

Only Interest Is to End Work of Scoundrels Preying on Men in His Command

CAMP MEADE, Md., March 1.—Although declining to engage in any controversy with Baltimore officials concerning vice conditions in that city, Major General Joseph E. Kuhn, commander of Little Penn, today asserted that he would not give his approval to Mayor Preston's plan to allow the sale of beer.

"My only interest concerns the soldiers," said the general. "And I have no intention or desire to regulate the life of the city other than putting an end to the work of scoundrels who prey upon the men in my command."

MEXICANS TOLD TO FIRE ON U. S. TROOPS, REPORT

Border Guards Endeavoring to Avoid Clash—Cavalry, Attacked, Shoots Several

EL PASO, Tex., March 1.—United States troops in the border today are taking every precaution to avoid clashes with Mexican troops, which are said to have assumed a hostile attitude toward the Americans. Reports that General Francisco Mirvalta, commanding the district of El Paso, ordered his men to fire on United States soldiers at the slightest provocation, are causing border commanders uneasiness.

EGGS ON TOBOGGAN, NOW 3 1/2 CENTS DOZEN

Drop of 29 Cents in Wholesale Price Since Last Week Brings Them Within Reach

A further drop of six and one-half cents in the price of eggs was made today, bringing the price to thirty-two and one-half cents a dozen, wholesale, from yesterday's forty cents. This is a drop of twenty-nine cents in exactly one week.

Eggs which sold at seventy-five cents retail last week are now forty-five, while the latest drop that has been known.

HUNS WON'T HALT SLAY DRIVE TILL PACT

Kaiser's Delegates Tell Russians Fight Will Continue Until Treaty Is Signed

LONDON, March 1.—German delegates informed the Russian representatives arriving at Brest-Litovsk that hostilities would not be suspended until peace is signed, according to a wireless dispatch from Petrograd today.

DU PONT INCREASES SALARIES

Advances of 20 to 35 Per Cent on Bonuses

E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. today announced an increase in salaries. Hereafter all salaried employees have been receiving a bonus of 20 per cent payable monthly. Beginning today this bonus on salaries will be increased. The new rate is 25 per cent on the second 20 per cent, on the third 25 per cent and all above that 25 per cent.

ROTAN AFTER AUTO THIEVES

District Attorney Promises Vigorous Warfare Against Them

District Attorney Samuel P. Rotan announced today that he proposes to wage a vigorous warfare against automobile thieves convicted in Philadelphia. He will ask for the maximum sentence in all cases where such thefts are shown to have been premeditated.

ASK SCOUTS TO AID GARDENS

Boys Are Told to Guide and Boost Backyard Farm Work

GERMANS TAKE SLAV FLOTILLA; REACH DNEPER

Capture 47 Russian Craft at Mozyr, Berlin Announces

HUNS MASS NEAR ORSHA Workmen From Moscow Throw Up Trenches—Cities Demand Holy War

BERLIN (via London), March 1.—"At Mozyr, 146 miles southeast of Minsk, we captured the Tripet flotilla of six armored boats, thirty-five motorboats and six hospital boats," the German War Office announced today.

The statement added: "Southwest of Staro-Konstantinoff German troops hurried to the assistance of Polish legionaries, who were fighting superior enemy forces. We defeated them.

"We have reached the Dnieper on the northern Ukraine frontier. "Near Rjeshiza (sixty miles east of Mozyr) we encountered a strongly fortified bridgehead. We took the town and railway station by storm, capturing a few hundred prisoners."

LONDON, March 1.—"Pskoff is in German hands, despite contrary rumors, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Petrograd declared today.

PETROGRAD, March 1.—The enemy yesterday threw large forces against the Orsha front (325 miles south of Petrograd), it was reported here. Thousands of armed workmen arriving from Moscow dug several miles of trenches beyond Orsha.

Soviet commissaries, arriving from many of the larger Russian cities, demanded that a "holy war" be proclaimed against the German invaders. They advocated arming the entire population of the country.

The district commissary who represented Kazan, Kostroma, Yaroslavl, Taurin, Ufa, Ural, Malon, Voronezh, Pensa, Sivka, Rylovgrad, Tver, Sebastopol, Irkutsk and other large cities protested against signing the German peace terms.

Some of the smaller cities and villages favor the peace pact.

COPENHAGEN, March 1.—The German advance against Petrograd has apparently been checked, according to information from that city today. The German War Office claimed that operations on the eastern front were taking their normal course, although no claims of gains were made.

So far has become the Russian resistance in the districts of Luga, Pskov and Vitkebsk that the Germans are moving heavy bodies of reinforcements to their front, it was reported today.

A dispatch from Zurich says: "Austria-Hungary, declaring it is acting on the request of Ukraine, is intervening militarily in that country. It was reported that the operations are said to have begun yesterday."

Along the northern frontier of Ukraine detachments of armed working men, Poles and Bolshevik troops are battling up a sturdy resistance, and it is expected that they will hold out.

TWO HELD IN MAN'S DEATH

Motorman and Truck Driver Denied Bail in Fatal Accident

Gustave Hess, 1231 North Myrtlewood street, and Myner Saxe, thirty-five years old, 2422 South Warrneck street, driver and motorman, respectively, of a motortruck and trolley car, which collided yesterday morning at the intersection of the street, were held this morning without bail for court by Magistrate Baker, in the Thirty-fourth district station, following the death yesterday morning of Scott McArmer, thirty-three years old, 929 McKean street, who was brushed from the rear step of the trolley car and suffered a fracture of the skull.

Both the truck and the trolley car, it is said, were traveling westward at the time of the accident, the motortruck running against the side of the trolley.

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"MOUSE TEST" FOR NURSES

Physician Urges Candidates Be Forced to Show Nerve

NEW YORK, March 1.—Dr. William H. Park, director of the New York health laboratory, advocates the "mouse test" for Vassar students who want to join the nursing training camp of the Council of National Defense this summer.

He would have a flock of white mice placed in the room where the applicants are examined.

If the girls displayed hysterics—and according to his story, they would be pronounced temperamentally unfit.

ASK SCOUTS TO AID GARDENS

Boys Are Told to Guide and Boost Backyard Farm Work

Asking Boy Scout leaders to back up help supervise and encourage boys and girls in cultivating their backyards, Miss Carol Miller, chief supervisor of the Back Yard Garden Movement, addressed Scout executives at a meeting at the Grant School, Seventeenth and Pine streets, this afternoon.

"The lack of sufficient supervision was the cause of last year's failure of the movement," said Mrs. Miller. "Unless the spring campaign is encouraged and heartily backed by Scout leaders, we may as well not start it."

MRS. LILY BUSCH MUST PROVE LOYALTY TO U. S.

Her Brewery Interests Are Held by Custodian Until She Returns From Europe

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 1.—That Mrs. Lily Busch's one-eight interest in the estate of the late Adolphus Busch, the brewer, has been placed in charge of a depositary named by A. Mitchell Palmer, United States custodian of alien enemy property, was revealed today by Charles Nagel, one of the three trustees of the Busch estate.

Control of Mrs. Busch's property and income will be retained by the custodian pending her return from Europe, when her exact status will be determined by the United States government.

Nagel is confident that Mrs. Busch will have no trouble in proving that she is a loyal American citizen. He has legal right to exercise control of her own property and income. Mrs. Busch made \$1,630,156 in December, 1916, \$1,142,105 in January, 1917, and \$1,142,105 in February, 1917.

BUCKS COUNTY LAD KILLED BY HUN GAS

Private Schumacher, Not Yet Eighteen, Reported Victim of Attack of February 26

The death of Private Joseph A. Schumacher, Newportville road, Bensalem, Pa., who died of gas poisoning in the German gas attack, February 26, has been reported in cable dispatches to the War Department from Berlin today.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schumacher and would have been eighteen years old at the time of his death. No official notification of his death has been received by members of the family.

The young man enlisted in the regular army two years ago, leaving his home on July 4, 1916. He was attached to the War Department's first line trenches, having reached France with the first American contingent, according to letters received from him several weeks ago.

CIGARETTE PRICES HIGHER

Increase of Three Cents on Eight Popular Imported Brands

Smokers of imported cigarettes will have to pay an extra three cents on every package of ten, according to a new scale of prices going into effect on eight popular brands today. On a package of twenty the jump will be six cents.

Beer drinkers are hard hit, too. Light and dark beer advance ten cents a case and twenty-five to thirty-five cents, and ale and porter, sixty cents a case. The high cost of malt, hops, barley and labor is given as a reason for the increase.

FALLS THROUGH SKYLIGHT

Woman Cleaning Windows Injured by 16-Foot Drop

Mrs. Katie Snyder, fifty-one years old, 482 North Broad street, fell through a skylight while cleaning windows today and is in the Jewish Hospital suffering from severe cuts about the arms and hands. She fell about sixteen feet into an empty storeroom.

Her condition is said to be serious. An X-ray will be taken this afternoon to see if any bones were broken by the fall.

SHOOTS CUSTOMER; ENDS LIFE IN FEAR

Tragedy Is Sequel to Woman's Effort to Collect Bill for Husband

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A drizzling rain this afternoon added to the gloominess, which was unannounced by the Federal fuel authority, was intermittent. It followed the rule of Einstein, who was "off again" that day. The electric lightness affected the central section of the city, the daylight hours, the whole town.

To make matters worse, the center of low barometric pressure for the country soured down near Philadelphia, the West coast, and he says Mrs. Weinberg was closed the door in her face.

Evidently Mrs. Weinberg went to the store where he usually was busily waiting on customers, and reported the affront of Lutz, for in a few minutes the door bell was pulled again and Weinberg was confronted by Lutz. Weinberg was confronted by Lutz. Weinberg was confronted by Lutz.

TWO HELD FOR DEATHS

Men Involved in Stabbing Affray and Trolley Accident Held

Almer C. Pollard, 1640 South Twelfth street, and Frank Palmer, 628 1/2 Second street, were held today by Chief Deputy Coroner Sellers to await the action of the Grand Jury in the case of the death of Clarence C. Trussell, 2118 Ludlow street.

Trussell, who was twenty-one years old, was stabbed during a fight at Vine and Twelfth streets, February 24. He was taken to the city hospital, where he died. He was twenty-five years old, but his story, told to Magistrate Carson at the Woman's Homeopathic Hospital, he told Mrs. Weinberg that Mrs. Weinberg had no money, but that as soon as he could get little money together, he will hold it.

Mrs. Weinberg insisted on seeing Mrs. Connelly personally. This Lutz refused to do and he says Mrs. Weinberg became very abusive, whereupon he closed the door in her face.

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MINOTTO NOT TO BE DEPORTED

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Count James Minotto, son-in-law of Louis F. Swift, the Chicago millionaire, who was charged with German intrigue, will not be deported. Whether or not he will be interned for the period of the war is now in the hands of Attorney General Gregory. This afternoon the case was referred to the War Department by Assistant Secretary of Labor Frank P. Taylor, who ruled that the evidence is now being given to him because of urgent export needs.

HOME GUARDS' CIVILIAN CHIEF TELLS OF LIFE

Arno P. Mowitz Recounts Tale of Youth and Manhood

HAD MILITARY TRAINING Won Lottery Prize, Shoveled Coal, Made Cabinets, Became Lawyer

While the Philadelphia Home Defense Reserve is declared to have a nominal membership of about 5000, and while plans are under way to recruit within the reserve a uniformed and armed regiment of 1500 men, nobody can be found to explain upon whose shoulders now rests ultimate responsibility for the organization. In no individual, apparently, is authority vested to call the organization into action—should emergency arise—or is it definitely fixed on to who would determine whether an emergency had or had not arisen.

It is true that a recently issued circular, which states that members of the reserve "can be summoned for emergency duty only by the Mayor of Philadelphia through their duly constituted officers," but in an interview Arno P. Mowitz, civilian director, emphatically said that, while the Mayor might issue the call for the reserve, they would not respond until he (Mowitz) gave the order. On the other hand, Mowitz said it was in his power to veto the Mayor's call.

Then, again, Captain of Police Mills who is acting colonel of the reserve, said that he is in supreme command and that all orders must emanate from him.

CORRECTION BY MOWITZ Later Mr. Mowitz qualified or corrected his original assumption of authority. He explained:

"I did not say that I was supreme in calling out the reserve. What I did say was that the Mayor would issue the call to me; that I would submit the call to the executive committee, and that executive committee would then pass upon the emergency, and, if approved, the reserve would be called out."

Mr. Mowitz was asked what would result if the emergency were so great or considered so great that time would be lost in calling the executive committee together. Mr. Mowitz asserted that a sky-light cleaning window today and is in the Jewish Hospital suffering from severe cuts about the arms and hands. She fell about sixteen feet into an empty storeroom.

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ALL LIGHT IS PALE AS MARCH WE HAIL

Lightless Daylight, making it a daylightless Friday. Electric lights also added in Nature's light confusion. This is Friday, March 1, March came in lamely.

A lightless Friday, with the accent on the last syllable, introduced March, which entered like a sick, blind, dingy-black sheep today (and therefore should depart a month hence like a virile, violent lion of dazzling hue).

Both lights failed, natural and artificial. The sun tried in vain to penetrate the thick clouds that veiled the city, and electric bulbs turned dark as the voltage of the Philadelphia Electric Company slumped again, as it did about a fortnight ago.

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OREGON IS IN THE WAR

Portland Man Tells City Club of State's Activities

"The dominating spirit of patriotism in Oregon is so intense that the State was accepted from the last draft quota, due to its large number of enlistments," said Frank Branch, lawyer and author of the Oregon bill, who spoke today at the luncheon of the City Club, 212 South Broad street.

In his talk on "The International Northwest," Mr. Riley explained how the great Northwest is doing her bit to help win this war. He said that shipbuilders of Oregon turn out a wooden vessel every four days and a steamboat every ten days. Through the weather for the nation's weather, was said to be wandering about the meadows of New Jersey.

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700 KILLED AT RACES

HONGKONG (via London), March 1.—There were 1000 casualties in the collapse of the public stand at the Hongkong Jockey Club races on Tuesday, of which 700 are dead.

Fifteen foreigners were killed, including one American.

OPERATION ON REDMOND

Irish Leader Making Satisfactory Progress After Ordeal, Is Reported

LONDON, March 1.—John Redmond, the noted Irish leader, has just submitted to a serious operation, it was announced here today.

The patient was said to be making satisfactory progress.

Traffic Jam Ties Up Oats

CHICAGO, March 1.—It is estimated that there are about 3,000,000 bushels of oats in the Chicago district, which cannot be moved because of the Eastern congestion and the fact that preference is now being given to corn because of urgent export needs.

RACING RESULTS

First Havana race, 5 1-2 furlongs—Fickle Fancy, 109, Gaugel, 11 to 10, 1 to 4, out, won; Confiscation, 107, Crump, 4 to 5, 2 to 5, second; Tom Tit, 111, Gargan, 3 to 1, third. Time, 1.08.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

GERMANTON FR. 18 — FACULTY 18

GRAND JURY FINDS INSTITUTIONS IN GOOD CONDITION

The February Grand Jury, which made its final presentation today, has no fault to find with the conduct of city institutions. Hospitals and prisons are all in good condition, the jurors say although some are overcrowded.

ANCHOR LINE TIBERIA SUNK BY U-BOAT

NEW YORK, March 1.—The Anchor liner Tiberia was sunk by a German submarine on February 27, according to information received today. (The Tiberia was a British vessel of 4880 tons gross and was built in Glasgow in 1913.)

FIRST PROSECUTION FOR BREAD VIOLATION

Baker Charged With Ignoring 20 Per Cent Substitute Order May Lose License

HEARING HELD TODAY

Our Backs to Wall: Must Save Bread

"THE bread ration of every person in Philadelphia must be cut immediately to two pounds a week.

"Our backs are to the wall and we have got to do it. "The Victory loaf alone cannot effect a sufficient saving. "We must get 75,000,000 bushels of wheat to our Allies within four months. "The success of the war depends on it."—JAY COOKE, Food Administrator.

The first prosecution for failure to observe the Federal bread rationing was announced today by Jay Cooke, Federal food administrator for Philadelphia, following a cut in the city's bread ration of from three to two loaves a week.

The offender, whose name was not revealed, is a baker who, it is charged, baked all-wheat bread in defiance of the order that at least 20 per cent of wheat substitute must be used for the new Victory bread.

If the charges are substantiated at a hearing this afternoon, in the food administration office his license will be revoked.

Mr. Cooke also announced that the grocery store of Anthony Marano, 744 South Seventh street, had been closed for thirty days for boosting the wholesale price of sugar to ten cents a pound.

APPLIES TO VICTORY BREAD

The cut in Philadelphia's weekly bread allowance under the volunteer ration plan applies to Victory bread.

"This new ration, it is announced, is immediately necessary if a bread famine is to be averted in a few days or four months. The wheat situation is so serious, Mr. Cooke said, that all persons must make further sacrifice if Philadelphia is to do its share in the national wheat saving campaign.

It was pointed out that the wheat supply should have been spread over a period of six months, but now is crowded into six weeks.

The two loaves represent two pounds of bread. They can be eaten only if ten meals a day are eaten. Meals must be absolutely wheatless, one of the substitutes, such as corn

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