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Bolsheviki Take Offensive Against Four Thin Columns in North

AMERICANS ESCAPE

U. S. and Loyal Russians Abandon Shenkursk in Face of Big Odds

By the Associated Press. Archangel, Jan. 28.—The Bolsheviki are now on the offensive with infantry or artillery or both against four of the seven thin columns of the Allies and Russians which have penetrated southward through the frozen forest swamps of the province of Archangel.

The Reds' enemy entered Shenkursk while the tired column of Americans, Russians and British, who have evacuated Shenkursk, marched in a detour over the open snow, evading a force of several hundred of the enemy, who waited on the main highway to trap the column in its retreat.

In good spirits, despite long marches in the cold and ten days of hard fighting, the Americans and the other troops of the Allied force were yesterday at Shegovay, approximately thirty miles north of Shenkursk, on the Vaga River. The enemy is sending out patrols to follow the retreating troops, but up to yesterday morning no new attacks had been made on this sector.

Saturday the Bolsheviki attacked the Allied positions at Tarosovo, a village about forty miles east of Shenkursk, in the sector between the Vaga River and the Volodga railroad. They were repulsed with heavy losses, the American, British and Russian troops fighting with superior tactics. The enemy column, which attacked on the left of Tarosovo, along the Ketchmans road, retired in considerable disorder, leaving twenty men dead in the snow cut down by the Allied machine-gun fire. On the right of the village an enemy column was spotted by the American aviators and retreated under a rain of shells.

Using Armored Train. On the Delna River no infantry attacks have yet developed, although the enemy artillery continues a heavy bombardment. At Padenoga, the enemy's armored train continues to shell the Allied positions and recently its patrol moving over frozen trails in the swamps, which were impassable in the summer, have attempted bombardments against American outposts.

The American forces include approximately four battalions, under command of Lieutenant Colonel Corley, Shenkursk, which is composed largely of black or wooden houses and includes a big convoy, is extremely vulnerable to artillery fire. In the fighting near Shenkursk, Russian troops fought side by side with the Americans, British and French with great bravery. Allied airplanes, notwithstanding the severe cold, flew over the ponds which are frozen for several miles, and the Bolsheviki's sled transports were seen, and bombs were dropped on them. The aviators also attacked the Bolsheviki with machine-gun fire.

Used 1000 Shells Daily. The Bolsheviki offensive began with small raids and a bombardment at Padenoga, which was the most southerly position held by the Allies on this front. The first attacks were repulsed, but the Americans and Russian attacking the town were subjected to a rain of approximately 1000 shells daily for a week.

With the tanks on the east and west threatened, the Allied position at Padenoga, which was rapidly becoming untenable owing to the Bolsheviki bombardment, became exposed to attacks on both flanks, and the Americans and Russians were ordered to withdraw to Shegovay, fifteen miles south of Shenkursk. This withdrawal was carried out without loss, except for several small guns, which were abandoned in the snow. The temperature in the last few days has been as low as twenty or thirty below zero.

London, Jan. 28.—A Russian Government wireless message received by the military reports dated January 27 and 28, according to which there has been considerable fighting on the Russian front.

The Red forces have occupied a series of villages about fifteen miles west of Shenkursk and captured, after stubborn fighting, positions at Padenoga Station, about eighty-five miles south of Shenkursk.

In the direction of Uryev, the message says, "Red detachments, under pressure of the enemy, retired five versts (three and one-third miles) to the line of Hleroni-Lapendine, thirty versts (about twenty miles) southwest of Uryev."

"In the Ufa direction a battle is progressing for the possession of Archangelok. Our army has the Turkestan soviet army have united at Ornskoy, where we captured many locomotives, 6000 wagons and a large quantity of military material."

Berlin, Jan. 28.—By A. P.—Bolsheviki forces marching on Leningrad, on the Baltic coast of Courland, have been halted by German volunteers to a small town, greatly outnumbered, forced the soviet army back across the Windau River by a bold counter-offensive, according to reports in the Zeitung am Mittag. It is said the Bolsheviki suffered heavy losses.

In the course of their reorganization of Estonia, the Bolsheviki are reported to have killed six hundred people in Dorpat and Reval. The German commissioner in Lithuania, who has arrived here, states that Kevno is being occupied by the Bolsheviki, who are still twenty-five miles east of that city. The line between the German and the Bolsheviki are said to be awaiting instructions from Moscow before resuming their advance. It is said the capture of Kovno would open the road to the German frontier.

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MISS EVELYN THORPE WHY. Of 212 East Highland avenue, has sailed for France to do Y. M. C. A. canteen work. She is a teacher at the Frankford High School and has been granted six months' leave of absence. Miss Why is a graduate of the Girls' High School and also of the University of Pennsylvania.

VERDUN TROPHIES COMING

Overbrook Captain's Gifts Go to Kingessing Center. War trophies captured by the Seventy-ninth Division, the greater part of which is composed of men from this city, are being sent here from Verdun by Captain Vincent A. Carroll, of Overbrook. The relics will be placed in the conversation hall of the Kingessing Recreation Center, Fifth street and Chester avenue.

They are being sent in care of Mayor Smith, who has been requested to initiate efforts to have them land safely in this city.

L. S. AVIATOR KILLED

L. O'Neill, of the American Air Service, was killed instantly yesterday afternoon near Charillon-sur-Seine, when his airplane collapsed at a height of about 500 feet. The cause of the accident has not been determined.

"WON'T BE MISTREATED BY MERE MAN," SAYS BRIDE

"I'm a New Woman," Declares Philadelphia Girl as She Sees Her Recreant Bridegroom Taken to Jail After Capture in New York

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger. New York, Jan. 28.—Armed with her marriage certificate and a warrant of arrest, Mrs. Frances Berg, eighteen years old, a bride of six months, came to New York yesterday so that she could see her twenty-year-old husband, Benjamin Berg, arrested. The black-eyed snappy, little girl trotted along home as if she were a soldier, and she was arrested at 22 Chester street, and gently taunted the prisoner.

"I guess this will fix you. Maybe the sweet little boy won't hang on to his mama's apron strings now," said Mrs. Berg, who was present when Berg was arraigned before Magistrate Dale in New Jersey avenue court in Brooklyn, and testified that he had failed and refused to support her and had run away. He was employed as a telegrapher and she in a nearby shoestore in Philadelphia, last July when they eloped to Elkhart, Ind., and got married by a Christian minister, she told Magistrate Dale. When they returned to the home of Berg's father, a well-to-do mattress manufacturer, the family started to make trouble, and to conciliate them the couple went through another marriage ceremony performed by a Jewish rabbi, according to Frances.

She said further that after Berg had left her, having found out his whereabouts a few weeks ago, she came to New York to see him, and he then promised to make a home here for her. She went back to Philadelphia to get their belongings together, and the elusive bridegroom again disappeared, she said. It was through mail directed to his father, that she found him this time at the Chester street address.

Berg was remanded to jail for thirty days as a fugitive from justice, pending extradition proceedings for return to Philadelphia. "I am a new woman," said Frances, "and I won't be mistreated by any mere man on earth."

Under the new orders, monthly commutation tickets would have had to be bought at the first of each month to entitle the holder to a full month's commute. A ticket bought after that would be good only until the end of the month.

As a result of the railroad administration action yesterday, the State Public Service Commission has postponed indefinitely the hearing requested by the commuters to fight against the government's action.

EXCESS PROFITS TAX INCREASED

Basis for Agreement on War-Revenue Bill Has Been Reached

POSTAL ZONE RATE KEPT

Provision Designed to Stimulate Oil Production in Measure

By the Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 28.—The war-revenue bill, which Congress has been working on since last July, passed its final form today, the Conference Committee of the two houses last night having agreed on the principal schedules in dispute.

Important differences yet to be adjusted include the Senate amendments to make the District of Columbia "dime dry," providing for a tax of 100 per cent on political campaign contributions of more than \$500 and for a bonus of one month's pay and uniform to men discharged from military service.

Members of the Conference Committee today said that the amendment relating to importation of liquor into the District of Columbia probably would be accepted. Action on the two other amendments was said to be in doubt.

The agreement reached by the conferees yesterday was on the war-excess profits taxes for the current year, exemptions from tax on sales of oil and mineral lands and mines, and the Senate proposal to repeal existing second-class mail rates under the zone system.

The conferees are understood to have rejected the amendment for repeal of the postal rates, agreed to the Senate amendment for a tax exemption of 20 per cent in the oil and mineral land rate tax, and increased the Senate war-excess profits rate. Announcement of the decision will be made later.

The conference report is expected to be presented to the Senate and House late this week, and the conferees hope it will be adopted by both bodies next week.

MRS. LAWSON-JOHNSTON DIES

Woman Prominent in N. Y. Society Succumbs After Operation

New York, Jan. 28.—Mrs. Fannie D. Lawson-Johnston, wife of Mr. John O. Lawson-Johnston, of London, England, died yesterday at the home of her mother, No. 42 Fifth avenue, Manhattan. She had undergone an operation on her throat a year ago and never fully recovered.

Mrs. Lawson-Johnston was a daughter of the late Mr. Robert Lushington, the hat manufacturer. Her marriage, on April 18, 1906, at St. Thomas' Church, was one of the social events of that season.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Johnston was one of the most popular debutantes of the younger set and was a horsewoman and whist player, her riding recently causing her parents anxiety because of her daring.

Talented and beautiful, she became a singer of distinction among her friends, and although she never received one of the many professional offers tendered her, it was always said that she would have achieved a noteworthy success on the operatic stage.

Just before her marriage her future husband paid a visit to America, his father also coming over on board the White Star yacht which he had just chartered from Lily Langtry, and which was one of the most modern craft of the day.

Mrs. Lawson-Johnston was thirty-eight years old. She leaves her husband, who is a stock broker in London, their son, John Lawson-Johnston, a student at Eton, a yacht which he had just chartered from Lily Langtry, and which was one of the most modern craft of the day.

Her father, Mr. Robert Lushington, died in 1906, and her mother, Mrs. F. A. Haber, and Mrs. Jefferson Astor Thompson.

VATICAN PRELATE VISITS CITY

Papal Secretary of Extraordinary Affairs Guest of Archbishop

Archbishop Bonaventura Cerretti, Under Secretary of State at the Vatican and Papal Secretary for Extraordinary Affairs, probably the highest official of the Vatican to visit this country, has gone back to New York after a short visit with Archbishop Dougherty at the latter's residence, Eighteenth and Race streets.

While Archbishop Cerretti arrived in this country ostensibly to congratulate Cardinal Gibbons on his golden jubilee, his coming has aroused considerable speculation. It is said he will aid in the selection of the next Archbishop of New York to fill the vacancy caused by Cardinal Farley's death.

Before sailing for America Archbishop Cerretti delivered a message expressing admiration of the Pope for the United States' principles to President Wilson at Paris.

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