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COSSACKS DENY REBEL VICTORY IN ENCOUNTER

General Korniloff Reported to Have Been Wounded; His Capture by the Bolsheviki Is Considered Possible; Reported Failure of Don Cossacks Due to Unwillingness of Railroaders to Move Reinforcements

London, Dec. 13.—A battle has occurred near Bielgorod, in southern Russia, between Bolsheviki forces and troops under General Korniloff but the outcome has not been established and Petrograd advices are conflicting.

The Post correspondent, who received his information from an unnamed source sends a detailed description of the battle. He says General Korniloff had about 3,000 men, making up what is known as the "wild division" of cavaliers of St. George "battalions of death" and some artillery.

When the Bolsheviki troops were encountered, General Korniloff divided his army and sent one part forward by train. This soon was followed up by the main force, who promptly trumpeted a great victory. General Korniloff, however, in the meantime maneuvered his main force near the Bolsheviki and attacked with artillery. Some of his opponents fled, and others surrendered or joined the red guard section of the Korniloff army.

ITALIANS HOLD LINE IN FIERCE HUN DRIVE

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Wednesday, Dec. 12.—General Von Bulow's German troops have joined the Austrians and Bohemians under Field Marshal Conrad Von Hotzendorf in a series of heavy assaults during the past five days between the Brenta and Piave rivers.

The fighting has been severe and has been attended with large losses but in the main the Italian line has been sustained with only slight indentation at Monte Spinozza, where the enemy secured a temporary foothold which is still being contested bitterly.

Artillery preparation early yesterday was followed by infantry rushes with the Austrians on the right and the Germans on the left. The fourth Austrian division, on the right had a number of Bohemian regiments in the front line. These were fresh from the Russo-Galician front.

A desperate struggle went on around Col. Beretta, where the Austrians were aided by emplaced fire from batteries on the west bank of the Brenta river in positions established when the lines were reformed last week. For some time the Beretta positions were in the hands of the enemy, but a brilliant counter-attack has restored nearly all the Italian possessions.

German reserve forces were engaged for the first time since they were used on the big Isonzo offensive. The fighting was given by Monte Spinozza and Col. Oso—"bear hill"—with the enemy gaining a foothold.

The result of the two days' fighting has not advanced tactically the enemy's positions leading toward the Venetian plains which is his real aim.

London Optimistic Over Submarine Situation; Large Losses Cause No Alarm

London, Dec. 13.—Despite the fairly large number of sinkings reported this week there is no decrease in optimism among those who know the submarine war situation who see no reason for modifying or altering Premier Lloyd George's statement of November 29 that the submarine war situation will decrease the confidence with which the premier spoke. The month of November was a red letter month in the anti-U-boat war for three reasons.

First, the loss of tonnage during the month was the lowest since the unrestricted submarine campaign began. Second, the sinkings of enemy submarines were at a record level.

Third, the launchings of new merchantmen from British yards came within measurable distance of equaling the loss of tonnage by submarine attack.

Jerusalem Will Remain Outside Fighting Area

Amsterdam, Dec. 13.—An indication that the Turks will not attempt to retake Jerusalem was given by General Steoger-Steiner, Austro-Hungarian war minister, in replying to a question raised in the Army committee of the Austrian delegation as quoted in a dispatch received here to-day from Vienna.

The general said Jerusalem was occupied without fighting, the Turks retreating eastward through the town when their positions to the west were subjected to a surprise attack by the British. Jerusalem suffered no damage he said, and the Ottoman supreme command has given assurances that wanton damage is out of the question.

Jerusalem will now remain outside the fighting zone, the general said.

"Dry" Amendment to Pass, Says Kiess

Congressman Edgar R. Kiess, of the Williamsport district, who was at the Capitol to-day, declared that the "dry" amendment was certain to pass Congress.

"I am firmly of the opinion that the prohibition amendment will go through this year," said he.

The Congressman was one of the early "drys" in legislative days and has consistently followed that line.

Yesterdays Weather

Highest temperature, 21.

Lowest temperature, 10.

Mean temperature, 16.

Normal temperature, 53.

CROZIER BLAMES BAKER FOR DELAY OF MACHINE GUNS

Members of Senate Military Affairs Committee Ask Pointed Questions

CHIEF GIVES DETAILS

Time Needed For Manufacture After Funds Are Authorized by Government

By Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 13.—Major General Crozier, chief of army ordnance, testifying to-day before the Senate Committee investigating war preparations, declared the responsibility for delay in getting machine guns lay personally with Secretary Baker, who took charge of the tests between the different types. Because of the machine gun shortage, General Crozier testified, foreign guns were furnished to the American troops abroad and to troops in training at home.

Senators of the committee pressed General Crozier vigorously for explanations of what he had been doing when it was almost certain that war would be declared and after it actually was declared. The Senators declared they wanted specific information and not generalities on the reported shortages of rifles. General Crozier explained that there was a delay in changing the type, but contended it had been a beneficial one and declared that any troops the government was prepared to send to France could be equipped with rifles immediately.

Soldier Is Lonesome; Newspapers Help to Make His Lot Easier

By Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 13.—As a warning to the syndicate set of newspaper publishers the story about a soldier's lonesome life and how newspapers help to make his lot easier, was published in a letter from Postmaster Wolfe, at Chillicothe, Ohio, dealing with a specific case.

"Last week," wrote Postmaster Wolfe, "I had been a beneficial one and declared that any troops the government was prepared to send to France could be equipped with rifles immediately."

Wildwood Lake Opens For City Skaters

Wildwood Lake will be open for skating late to-day, Assistant Park Commissioner V. Grant Forrer announced to-day.

During the morning and afternoon a force of eight men were busy clearing the snow from a large area at the upper end of the lake. The ice is from five to six inches thick and is safe, but Mr. Forrer said the flag will not be raised until to-morrow because of the uncertain weather conditions.

For the youngsters, the Twelfth street pond has been cleaned and is now open. At the Paxtang Lake pond four machines participating in a British raid over Esch, Luxemburg, was manned by an American, that no aviator attached to the American army was participating.

American Birdman in Raid, Berlin Report

By Associated Press

With the American Army in France, Wednesday, Dec. 12.—It is learned in connection with a report sent out by the official Wolff Telegram Bureau, of Berlin, stating that one of four machines participating in a British raid over Esch, Luxemburg, was manned by an American, that no aviator attached to the American army was participating.

Word was received at Red Cross campaign headquarters this morning that Johnstown and Allentown Red Cross campaign committees have informed their workers that every effort must be made during the Christmas drive for a steady meal has surpassed the showing made by Harrisburg.

Harrisburg's record in one previous Red Cross and two Liberty Loan campaigns.

QUARANTINE LIFTED

After being under quarantine for several weeks because of three cases of smallpox developing at the house, health officers to-day lifted the restrictions placed on 121 North Seventh street, permitting the fourteen colored persons housed there to leave the premises which have been thoroughly fumigated. The other two houses in the city are still under quarantine.

THINK! THINK HARD, FRITZ!



BIG MASSES ATTACK BY TUTONS REPULSED IN CAMBRAI REGION

Drive Made on Front of One Mile East of Bullecourt; German Losses Heavy; Enemy Bombardment Continues

Field Marshal Haig's troops have met and repulsed the first massed attacks on the western front in several days and have inflicted heavy losses on the Germans. The attack was made on a front of one mile east of Bullecourt and between that town and Quant, and had it succeeded might have had tactical effect upon the shortened salient before Cambrai.

After a heavy bombardment, British troops went forward in massed formation. The British line held, except on the right, and the Germans were driven back with heavy loss.

Settlement of the first of the Hardscrabble appeal cases listed for jury trial in court was announced to-day when a verdict of \$22,000 was awarded to Mrs. Elizabeth S. Hiester and Caroline S. Baldwin, owners of the properties, 1100 to 1106 North Front street.

It was stated that offers have been made by the city to all the other property owners who have appealed with the result that all or the majority of the cases may be settled late this afternoon in court by a verdict of agreement.

Representatives of the city in explaining the litigation stated that in fairness to all the owners involved three of whom they regarded as best qualified real estate men were procured to estimate the amount which they thought the city should pay for the properties to be acquired.

Should all the appealed cases be settled on the basis outlined, the question of payment by the city for improvements since 1871 will remain. This may be argued before the county court or an appeal taken to a higher court, with the result that there may be a slight delay until all litigation in the Hardscrabble cases is over.

If it is decided that the city must pay for these improvements it will mean an additional cost in acquiring the properties.

Members of City Council would not state definitely what action may be taken toward acquiring and razing the properties, intimating that they intend to wait until all legal procedure is over. It was said unofficially that Council could authorize a loan to pay the assessments awarded the owners, and could provide interest in next year's budget to meet the first payment of the loan.

THE LEAN GARBAGE PAIL MAKES ITS APPEARANCE HERE

These are the days of the lean garbage pail. No general alarm of a city fire department ever had such instantaneous response as the food scare has administered to the households of the whole nation, that is if Harrisburg is any criterion. Even the wandering canine which has been accustomed to haunt the "isolated garbage pail for a steady meal has given up the job in disgust.

Wise and efficient cooks are following the French plan of utilizing meat bones and vegetables to make tasty soups and the "warmed over" needs now a common repast. There is no question but that the continued and multiple publicity of the press is educating the whole populace, and an economy is being developed which will not be discontinued even when this war is a part of history.

INQUIRY INTO HALIFAX BLAST IS UNDER WAY

Official Action Begun by Canadian Government to Fix Responsibility

NO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Attorneys Represent Municipality, Owners of Colliding Vessels and Others

Halifax, Dec. 13.—Official inquiry was begun by the Canadian government to-day to determine if possible, responsibility for the ship collision in Halifax harbor with its resultant explosion and fire and the loss of nearly 1,300 lives a week ago to-day. Justice Drysdale, judge in admiralty, presided.

Attorneys present represent the Canadian and Nova Scotia governments, owners of the two colliding vessels, the French munitions ship, Mont Blanc and the Norwegian relief ship Imo; the City of Halifax and the Halifax Pilotage Commission.

Citizens of Halifax were still so occupied to-day with the rehabilitation of their city that there was no public attendance when the taking of testimony began.

Among the first witnesses to be called were Pilot McKay and Captain...

Faces Murder Trial but Aids Red Cross Fund

Among the contributions received at Red Cross headquarters in the Fager building for the Halifax relief fund was a Canadian half-dollar, given by John Wright, who is awaiting trial in the Dauphin county jail for murder. Wright, who is colored, lived in Steeltown, and is counted to have killed a man there some months ago.

Other contributions to the fund totaled \$93. A grand total of \$294.85 has been received to date at Red Cross headquarters.

TEACHERS CAN HELP

Harrisburg.—The Rotary Club, which will give a dinner to boys and girls during Christmas week, requests school and Sunday school teachers to send to J. H. Nixon, 25 S. Second street, by Saturday noon the names and addresses of children whose circumstances are such as to entitle them to invitations.

It is desired to keep knowledge from the children to be included until the list is completed.

GERMANS CONTINUE ATTACK

Rome, Dec. 13.—Attacks in force were renewed yesterday by the enemy upon the Italian lines east of the Brenta, the war office announced to-day. The attacks continued the entire afternoon but because of his heavy losses the enemy at night abandoned his effort.

MADRID PARLIAMENT TO BE DISSOLVED

Madrid, Dec. 13.—The cabinet has decided on the immediate dissolution of parliament and the calling of new elections.

PEACE CONDITIONS NOT SUBMITTED

Amsterdam, Dec. 12.—No German peace conditions have been submitted to the Russian delegates, according to an official telegram received here from Berlin. Up to this time nothing has been discussed except the armistice.

U-BOAT TOLL SLIGHT

Paris, Dec. 13.—In the week ending December 8 only one French steamship of more than 1,600 tons was sunk by German submarines. None under that tonnage was lost. Three French vessels were attacked but none of them was destroyed. No fishing vessels were sunk.

HELD FOR SLASHING WOMAN

Harrisburg.—William Wagner, 521 State Road, West Marysville, is being held under \$500 bail to await the ascertaining of the extent of the injuries he is said to have inflicted on Sarah Louise Scholl, 316 Sayford street, with a six-inch clasp knife this afternoon, when he found her with another man.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Edgar A. Walton and Lily R. Arnold, Harrisburg; Reuben R. Welser and Catherine Klehman, Fenbrook; William White and Katherine Taylor, Harrisburg.

COAL DEALERS CALL ON MAYOR TO HELP THEM

Gates and Dare Say Yards Are Empty and No Means of Supplying Customers

POLICE HEAR COMPLAINT

Chief Wetzel Tells Callers People Are Seeking Relief Though Him

John H. Gates, of the John H. Gates Coal Company, and J. E. Dare, of the Dare Coal Company, called at the mayor's office this morning to ask Mayor Keister to take some action looking toward the obtaining of an adequate coal supply for Harrisburg. They found Mayor Keister had not returned from Wilkes-Barre and told Chief of Police Wetzel that they would call again to-morrow. Chief Wetzel told them that the police are finding the fuel situation here none too good. "I have had at least a dozen complaints over the telephone," the chief told them, "coming from people who have said they are out of coal—not a bucketful in the house—and unable to get any. When their own dealers were not supplying them they went elsewhere, but were unable

Engineer, Unarmed and Alone, Carries \$2,000,000 Worth of Platinum

A Pacific Port, Dec. 13.—In boxes, carried as luggage, F. W. Draper, an American engineer, brought from Petrograd to-day this morning to ask Mayor Keister to take some action looking toward the obtaining of an adequate coal supply for Harrisburg.

Draper, in relating to-day the story of his trip said he traveled alone and unarmed across Siberia to Vladivostok, where he took a steam-