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GERMAN REBELS LOSE NEWSPAPER PLANTS IN FIGHT

Vorwaerts Building and Buxenstein Plants Are Captured

TRENCHES DESTROYED

Fortification Made of Rolls of Paper Is Quickly Crumbled

TWO SHOTS DID THE JOB

Courtyard Filled With Dead and Wounded; 300 Prisoners

Berlin, Jan. 13.—Loyal troops have carried by storm the Buxenstein printing plant where the Kreuz Zeitung is printed. Many citizens had been killed and wounded recently by Bolsheviks firing from the windows of this building.

The capture of the Vorwaerts building, near that of the Kreuz Zeitung, was carried out by approximately five hundred loyal troops. They first destroyed an entrenchment in front of the building consisting of rolls of printing paper behind which two machine guns had been installed. Two shots from a mine thrower swept away the whole fortification with the gun crew.

The Spartacans sent a white flag party forward but were told nothing but unconditional surrender would be considered.

Two mine throwers and two field guns then began a systematic bombardment and soldiers worked their way forward with machine guns and finally stormed the building. They met with little resistance inside, the defenders being mostly civilians, including some Russian soldiers.

The court yard was filled with dead and wounded and three hundred prisoners, including a number of Russians were taken. Among the buildings badly damaged and partly of the plant was wrecked but the presses were unhurt.

Three thousand loyal troops marched in to-day from Lichterfelde, a suburb southwest of the city. They were received by the citizens with rejoicing. They were mainly young troops from the front, wearing iron crosses and medals showing that many of them had been wounded from one to five times. They maintained their old discipline and sang as they marched. Many officers marched in the ranks as well as the rank and file.

To the Associated Press the soldiers expressed their indignation at the capture of the Vorwaerts building. "We could have done this days ago, but the government hesitated."

Plans Maturing For New Sanitary Hospital

After securing the united support of the physicians of the city and county, the Chamber of Commerce and city and county officials, plans for the proposed hospital are gaining much headway.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy and warmer to-night and Tuesday; light to moderate breeze; temperature to-night about 45; Tuesday a slight or about 45 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Tuesday morning.

Happy Skaters Throng Wildwood



6,000 SKATERS OUT IN WEEK, SAY OFFICIALS

Rest Room Facilities Crowded. Both Saturday and Sunday

It is estimated that 6,000 skaters have used Paxtang, Twelfth and Wildwood during the past week. It is a pity that many more have not availed themselves of this opportunity to fight off influenza and have a good time in the bargain, park authorities say.

Wildwood lake with its 122 acres of ice is the mecca now for old and young. The lake area was first flooded in January, 1909, and placed in custody of the Harrisburg Park Commission and almost immediately became frozen and was made useful.

There are many whose names are not known to the park authorities, but the most persistent and consistent regulars are:

The "two young old fellows," 60 years or more, who can outshine all comers of all ages, are Howard C. Townsend, clerk in the City Assessor's office, and H. H. Koons, of the United States mail service. These men recount with much pleasure the many delightful days and evenings on which good skating could be had since 1909.

Other skaters who are of the younger class but regulars are: Miss Mildred H. Conkling, music teacher in the public schools, Miss Bessie Bennett, schoolteacher; Miss Margaret Turner, playground instructor; Frank H. Stewart, of the P. R. R., and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Fitzgerald. All these mentioned are expert skaters and could give an exhibition that would get applause from the invincible Charles and her crew of New York Hippodrome fame.

Italian Park, not yet under the care of the Park Department, will be another fine spot for skating and a favorable point is its accessibility to the vast population of the West End.

Superintendent of Parks Forrer today said it should be a sense of relief to parents when they send their children out for this winter sport without fear of drowning. Park authorities, he said, are doing their best to keep down to a minimum the number of accidents, but he called up for prosecution if they persist in keeping up their practice.

Reed Bill Prohibits Carrying of Liquor Into "Dry" States

Washington, Jan. 13.—The Supreme Court held to-day that the Reed "bone-dry" prohibition amendment prohibits interstate transportation into dry states of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes, even when intended for use in the home.

John E. Dare Buys Bretz Hardware Store

It was announced to-day that Walter R. Sohn, attorney, purchased the hardware store and stock of Bretz Brothers, bankrupts, at a public sale in bankruptcy court a few weeks ago for John E. Dare, well known coal dealer on Allison Hill. Mr. Dare has not announced his plans. The sale will be confirmed on Friday.

JURY SERVICE PATRIOTIC DUTY, SAYS KUNKEL

Public Business Must Come Before Private Enterprise, Is Court's View

NECESSARY AS SOLDIERS President Judge Likens Services as Important as Military Demands

Jurors who seek to evade their duty in the county courts, giving as an excuse that private business requires their attention, show little patriotism, declared President Judge George Kunkel at the opening session of the January criminal court. Fourteen of the petit jurors were excused, some of them subject to call.

Judge Kunkel explained he was referring to the instance, but said that he wanted the members of the bar to understand that in making motions to have jurors excused they are as much concerned as the court. He declared he would not encourage, nor should any attorney encourage, jurors to ask to be excused because of private business.

Patriotic Service "Some of them seem more concerned about their private affairs than in the administration of justice," Judge Kunkel continued. "They must yield to public business, but instead of knowing the law they have learned it backward and think public business does not come first. There are jurors who come here and serve, suffering much loss and inconvenience, but without making a murmur. They show their patriotism in doing this. To serve in times of peace on a jury is as important as military service in times of war. Both are necessary to the administration of government. It is their duty to serve as jurors when they are called just as much as it is their duty to serve in battle when called."

County Solicitor Decides Constables Earned Money During Influenza Epidemic

Whether constables should be paid for visiting saloons and hotels with licensed bars which were closed during October because of the influenza epidemic caused a lengthy discussion in county official circles between the commissioners, controller and solicitor.

County Controller Henry W. Gough had most of the constables make affidavits that they actually visited the bars during the month that liquor could be sold, and the majority of them did so. A few who did not make their usual visit during October took oath that they only called at the bars and saloons in November and December.

The county commissioners decided finally to pay the constables, asking Solicitor Philip S. Meyer for an opinion. He said in an oral statement that if the constables actually stopped at the hotels and saloons during October, even though the places were closed, they should be paid. In support of this decision, he said that the law which directs them to do this expressly states the constables shall visit all places where liquors are kept or sold.

The question was raised also about paying constables from Middletown, where a number of bars had been closed because they were within the half-mile zone of the Government demile. The officials decided to pay them, too.

BEER SELLS FOR \$20 A BARREL

St. Louis, Jan. 13.—The wholesale price of beer made a new high record here of \$20 a barrel, in March, 1917, it sold at \$7 a barrel, in June, 1918, \$12, and August, 1918, \$15. Prohibition of manufacture is given as the cause for increased price.

WAR BOARD TO FORCE DECISION ON N. Y. STRIKE

Will Make Finding in Harbor Controversy, Despite Action of Owners

New York, Jan. 13.—The National War Labor Board, convened by called request of President Wilson, decided to-day, over the objections of private harbor boat owners, to make a finding in the dispute between employers and crews which resulted last week in a strike of 15,000 marine workers and in a tieup of the port.

CHURCHES JOIN TO EVANGELIZE WHOLE STATE

Plans For State Federation to Embrace All Denominations Laid at Lunch

TO RAISE FUND OF \$10,000 Headquarters For Big Campaign May Be Located in Harrisburg

Plans for a State Federation of Churches to embrace all Protestant denominations were laid at a meeting of prominent ministers and laymen of Harrisburg held in the University Club rooms at noon to-day, following a luncheon. The objects of the Federation as set forth by officers of the local ministerial association, are briefly:

To unite on the basis of deeds rather than creeds, the forces of Protestantism. To further statewide uplift, by opposing evil and advancing good, through the committees on civility, evangelism and social service.

To promote a constructive program of simultaneous evangelism. The federation method of evangelism added 8,000 members to the churches of Cincinnati during the year just closed, and to the Indianapolis churches and 11,000 to the Cleveland churches. The cost of such a campaign is insignificant compared to that of a tabernacle campaign, and every church continues its own services and employs its own methods.

To enable the Christian forces to act unitedly in the effort to make Pennsylvania a mighty Christian Commonwealth.

Alfleck Heads Committee John A. Alfleck was made the chairman of a committee of businessmen which will raise funds to devote to the work of the federation. Harrisburg has been assigned \$3,000 of this grand total. A committee to assist Mr. Alfleck is being named this afternoon and full announcement of the personnel will probably be made to-morrow. Among the members now named are Arthur D. Bacon, E. Z. Gross, Prof. J. J. Brehm, E. A. Reigel, Mr. Clippinger, Mr. McCoy, E. C. Snyder. A meeting of the patriotic service mobilization of missionary forces, Christian committee, protecting roomers from immoral houses, rural evangelism, work among the theaters, religious publicity, evangelism in the homes, week-day religious education, remain boys, and other phases of the work.

Harrisburg will probably be made the state headquarters and an executive secretary will be appointed to oversee the entire work, with offices here.

California Senator Wants Yankee Troops Taken From Russia

Washington, Jan. 13.—A resolution to record the Senate as favoring withdrawal of American troops from Russia "as soon as practicable" was introduced to-day by Senator Johnson, of California, with an assertion that the United States government evidently had no real policy and was inviting disaster.

Silesian R. R. Station in Loyalists' Hands

Berlin, Jan. 13.—The Silesian railway station, which was the last important Spartacan stronghold in Greater Berlin, now is in possession of the government forces.

COMMERCIAL MAN WILL GO TO ROME

Washington, Jan. 13.—Appointment of A. P. Dennis, of Princeton, N. J., as the first commercial attaché at the American embassy in Rome, was announced to-day by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. Mr. Dennis, a graduate of Princeton, is a wholesale lumber dealer and has written extensively on economic subjects.

WORLD PEACE BOARD GETS DOWN TO REAL WORK ON FIRST DAY

Wilson Chooses Five Experts to Present a Tentative Plan For League of Nations to Prevent Conflict

BRYAN PLAN HINTED AT IN THE FORMATION OF PARIS TREATIES

Paris, Jan. 13.—The first actual session of the peace congress is being held to-day, although it is officially designated as one of the series of conversations for laying the ground-work for the structure which will later be presented to the formal assembly of the delegates of all the nations. To-day's meeting probably will deal with the important question of the organizations by which the peace congress will function. It is also expected to make a start toward a decision on the question of whether the sessions will be open or secret.

Reports that the American delegation has agreed on a working plan for a league of nations, and that it will be one of the first things to be laid before the congress, have been current in Paris. All outward evidences in official quarters point in the other direction. As late as President Wilson's return from Italy he was not prepared to lay down a working plan, desiring to have other plans originating among the Entente delegates offered first.

Paris, Jan. 13.—The Supreme Council of the peace congress, consisting of President Wilson and the Premiers and Foreign Ministers of the four great powers, Great Britain, France, the United States and Italy, met at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the French foreign office for the first formal exchange of views and to make arrangements for the procedure of the conference to-day, at which the full delegation is to be present.

Yesterday's meeting was chiefly interesting in its personal aspects—the bringing together for the first time in contact of the world's best known statesmen, who now are the guiding figures of the congress. The scene as they assembled was one of unusual activity.

The day was dark and raw, and the statesmen arrived at the meeting place in heavy wraps. The usual Sunday calm across the Seine was interrupted by the great crowds which lined the Quai d'Orsay, anxious to pay tribute to the notable figures concerned in the world's most dramatic function. Batteries of photographers and of moving picture experts were drawn up flanking the entrances of the foreign ministry. Lines of soldiers and other guards preserved order.

Marshal Foch was first of the high plenipotentiaries to arrive. Soon [Continued on Page 7.]

Harrisburg—A further extension of time within which 1918 motor vehicles license plates may be used was granted to-day by Highway Commissioner O'Neil, who notified the various police authorities throughout the state to recognize 1918 tags until February 1. It has been found physically impossible to meet the overwhelming volume of applications, but by February 1 it is expected the division will be up to date with its work.

SPARTACANS LOSE COURAGE

Berlin—Spartacan defenders lost courage yesterday when troops began preparations to attack the police station and fled without attempting a defense. Scattered Spartacan groups still were fighting in different points near the station last evening, but were being rapidly dispersed.

Atlanta, Ga.—Charles F. Banning, wealthy Pittsburgh manufacturer, interned at Fort Oglethorpe as an enemy alien, was ordered released to-day Federal Judge Newman, who granted a writ of habeas corpus.

MOTHER KILLS TO SAVE CHILD

Mineola, N. Y.—Counsel for Mrs. Jacques Lebaudy declared a mother's determination to protect her 15-year-old daughter from an insane father was the reason the mother killed her husband and millionaire "emperor of Sahara" in their home at Westbury, L. I., last Saturday.

WILL RAISE \$10,000 FOR HOMES

Harrisburg—The Harrisburg Rotary Club to-day undertook to lead a campaign for the raising of \$10,000 to meet the urgent needs of the Children's Industrial Home and the Nurse Home, both of which were reported by the club to be in sore distress. The plan is to raise the money in two weeks by popular subscription. The club gave \$100 to the Industrial Home to meet immediate needs for underclothing and bedclothing. Frank B. Musser, chairman, J. William Bowman, E. C. Herman, Dr. C. E. L. Keene and Wallace G. Stary were appointed a committee to take charge of the work. The homes are both in great distress.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Emmons P. Hess, Camp Hill, and Sarah E. Updegrave, Harrisburg.