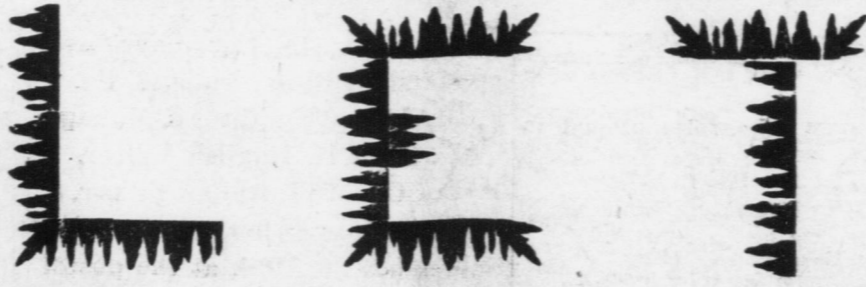


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CZAR'S TROOPS ARE REINFORCED

Powerful Army Rushes Back Germans In Poland

SUPERIOR NUMBERS COUNT

Slavs Are Reported to Be Over East Prussia Line For Third Time, With Kaiser's Men on the Defensive. Przemysl Said to Be Tottering When Whole Body of Russians Starts Pressure Will Be Enormous.

London, March 20.—Fresh reinforcements have reached the battle front for the czar's forces and the superior number of Slavs is showing its effect in the eastern theater of war.

Russia now has at the front more men ready for fighting than at any time during the war.

One thing is fairly certain to all military men. Field Marshal von Hindenburg will no longer be able to shift his army corps to the western front before the Russians can recover. The forces there will remain where they are or the Germans will pay dearly for it.

The Russians are once again over the East Prussian border at two points north of the Niemen. They have the Germans practically overwhelmed at Corzelle, near Poland, south of Przasnysz. They have strong forces advancing on Suwalki and they have other strong forces, passively allowing the Germans to exhaust themselves in a futile bombardment of Ossowiec. All that is in the territory north of the Vistula and west of the Narew.

On the left bank of the Vistula an effective force is holding off a direct drive on Warsaw along the Buza. Farther south another German force is against a stone wall to work northeast toward Warsaw.

Still farther south in east Galicia Przemysl is trembling toward a fall which may come at any hour. Also there is a great Russian reserve in the fortified towns along the Narew and the Vistula south around Warsaw all waiting for the moment when the grand duke will call upon them to initiate a drive. Whether this will go toward Koenigsberg or over the Carpathians into the plains of Hungary toward Budapest no one now knows, but its pressure will be enormous when it is exerted.

INVASION WILL BE DIFFICULT

Austria Satisfied That Italians Cannot Penetrate Far.

Rome, March 20.—A dispatch received from Vienna says that Emperor Francis Joseph received Baron von Burian, the foreign minister, the minister of war and the Archduke Eugene in audience and went over with them the measures adopted against a possible invasion from Italy.

The army destined to resume the offensive against Serbia will consist of lately trained troops while large numbers of experienced soldiers are being concentrated on the Italian-Austrian frontier. The fortifications nearest Italy have been strengthened and since the defense is facilitated by the snow covered mountains an invasion is considered a difficult proposition.

The dispatch says in conclusion that Francis Joseph approved the plan and urged a strenuous defense, especially of Trente, which he referred to as the door leading to Vienna.

It has just become known that German agents attempted to blow up the Giovi Montagnu tunnel, near Genoa, to interfere with Italian mobilization. The bombs were removed in time, however, and several Germans, disguised as workmen, were arrested.

Discussing the position of Italy with relation to the European war, the Gioenale d'Italia says that Greece, Roumania and Bulgaria will follow Italy's lead.

ASK FOR DACIA'S RELEASE

Ship's Owners May Succeed In Having French Return Vessel.

Washington, March 20.—The former German steamship Dacia now in custody of a French prize court because the French government challenges the validity of the vessel's transfer to the American flag may soon be on the high seas again under the American flag.

It was learned that a request for the release of the Dacia under bond is being made to the French government on behalf of the present owners of the vessel. The owners volunteer to produce the ship before the French authorities at any time in the future that her surrender may be demanded and also that while she is out on bond she will not engage in trade with Germany or in any European trade, but will be employed on routes entirely different from those used by her when she was under the German flag.

The Cutup.

"There goes the village cutup." "Is he a joker or a surgeon?"—Baltimore American.

Being Right.

You can't be sure you're right simply because you believe you are.—Albany Journal.

THE STATE OF FRANKLIN.

It Had a Short Life In What Is Now Eastern Tennessee.

In 1784 North Carolina, growing impatient of the burden that her western settlements had imposed upon her treasury and irritated by the complaints of the people of those sections, passed an act conveying to the federal government all the lands that now constitute the state of Tennessee.

The people of the country that is now eastern Tennessee, feeling themselves left without a government, made haste to organize themselves into an independent commonwealth, which they called, as a tribute to the illustrious philosopher, the state of Franklin. These people applied for admission into the Union; but, the federal government being slow and unwilling to act and North Carolina having repealed the act of cession of her western province to the Union, the state of Franklin came into very troubled waters for some years.

Some efforts were made to persuade the Kentuckians to join themselves to the state of Franklin, a provision having been made for such co-operation in the constitution of the experiment, but they came to nothing. The new state gradually fell to pieces, and in 1787 its brilliant and able governor, John Sevier, was put on trial for high treason. He was released by a daring rescue and subsequently pardoned and restored in name to the leadership, which he never lost in the affections of his people. In 1787 the last legislature of the state of Franklin held its session at Greenville.—Philadelphia Press.

Napoleon's Confidence.

Just before his marriage Napoleon received the appointment of commander in chief of the army of Italy. He was then twenty-six. "You are rather young," said one of the directors, "to assume responsibility so weighty and to take command over veteran generals."

"In one year," Napoleon replied, "I shall be old or dead." "We can place you in command of men only," said Carnot, "for the troops are in need of everything, and we can furnish you with no money to provide supplies." "Give me only men enough," Napoleon answered, "and I ask for nothing more; I will be answerable for the result."—Table Talk and Opinions of Napoleon Buonaparte.

Disaster Blamed on Dust.

Charleston, W. Va., March 20.—That the cause of the explosion in the Layland mine of the New River and Pocahontas Consolidated Coal company, March 2 was due to a "dust explosion caused by a blow-out shot in the third left of main tunnel heading in No. 3 mine" was the verdict of the coroner's jury.

THE ILL FATED WILLIAM P. FRYE.



Photos by American Press Association.

The American ship sunk by Captain Thierichens (at top) of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, the German auxiliary cruiser and sea raider.

Pure Bred Arab Horses.

In Cairo there is a society for preserving the pure bred Arab horse. It is said that recent changes in the lives and habits of the Bedouins have resulted in the deterioration of these horses. A practical horseman of wide experience says that as a rule the Arab horse is now no better treated than our own horses, whatever may have been true of the old days when such poems as "The Arab to His Steed" were written.

Consistent.

She—This wait between the acts seems to me to be dreadfully long. He—Yes. You see, twenty years are supposed to elapse, and the management is simply trying to make the effect as realistic as possible.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Ownership of the Air.

Our ancestors must have foreseen the aeroplane or they would not have embodied in the law the principle that he who owns the land owns the column of air above "usque ad coelum," or up to the skies. This can be traced back as far as the reign of Edward I. and from this time every authority to the present court of appeal has emphasized the right of every citizen not only to be king of his own castle, but of the sky above it.—London Chronicle.

Too Deep For Him.

A Britisher was announcing his views on things in general and summed up his own position by the statement, "Well, I've seen life." "But," said his American friend, "one of your own bright poets has said, 'Life's a joke.'" The Britisher is still exploring the remark.—New York Times.

Odd Bits of War News

Georges Carpentier, Frenchman and champion heavyweight pugilist of Europe, has been wounded and is now a German prisoner of war.

The latest craze in millinery—Belgian soldiers' caps—attained such great popularity in Brussels that the German authorities had to confiscate the new style of headgear from hundreds of women and to forbid their further use.

The short man makes the better fighter, says Dr. M. S. Pembrey, lecturer on physiology in London. This statement he bases on a careful study of the fighting capacity of tall and short races and also of the tall men and short men of the same race.

The Saxon minister of the interior has issued a warning against writing useless letters to General von Hindenburg. The minister declares that Von Hindenburg and his staff are compelled daily to attack a mountain of letters which reaches to the ceiling.

The war is teaching a great deal about dentistry, reports from the front say, and many new devices have been invented to fit emergencies, mostly by American dentists. When one man had his lower jawbone shot away a new one was made from a piece of rib.

Parisians daily make a close study of weather conditions to anticipate Zeppelin raids, and the favorite salutation is, "Is this Zeppelin weather?" A low wind and steady barometer are favorable for airship raids, and on such a day bets are made on whether the Germans will come.

DOCTOR FINDS MEANS OF FIGHTING LOCKJAW GERM

Expected to Save Thousands of European Soldiers' Lives.

A method of decreasing the great total of losses in the European war through the treatment of tetanus victims has been discovered by Dr. S. J. Meltzer of the Rockefeller Institute of New York. Twenty-five instruments for use in bestowing the treatment have been manufactured. These will be presented to the foremost surgeons of the nations at war. Patents for the instruments have been thrown open to the world.

Lithium.

Pure lithium, which is the lightest metal known, has at present no practical use.