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RUSSIANS MAY SLIP BY CRACOW ON BERLIN ROAD

Siege Like That of Przemysl Would Cost Too Much Delay; Battle in North Poland Likely to Change Many Plans; Kaiser Has Been Foiled Again in His Plan to Take Warsaw—Forty English Transports Land Troops in Egypt.

(By The Associated Press.) London, Dec. 4.—(10:30 p. m.)—Reliable news of the progress of the battle in Poland, which continues to monopolize interest, still is lacking. An unofficial dispatch from Petrograd says the battle of Lodz has ended in success for the Russians, but this statement contradicts the Berlin official report, which says the German offensive in Poland is taking its normal course.

Cracow May Be Isolated. Taking into consideration the case of Przemysl, which has held out so long against the Russian attacks, military men do not look for the early fall of Cracow and are inclined to believe armies of Emperor Nicholas will endeavor to keep the large Austrian force inside the fortress and enter Silesia from the southeast.

Alsatian Invasion Explained. Under the title "four months of war" the French Bulletin of the Armies is publishing a report of the entire operations of the war. The explanation is made in the report that the French were unable to take the offensive under the German army ready and that the advance into Alsace which has been criticized as bad strategy, was designed to draw the Germans from the Belgian front.

British Naval Triumph. The arrival of Australian and New Zealand contingents in Egypt on forty transports is quoted as another triumph for the British navy. The German cruiser Emden was not far from this fleet of transports when she was overtaken and destroyed by the Australian cruiser Sydney.

England Aids Russian Trade. London, Dec. 4.—(8:35 p. m.)—Great Britain has reached an agreement with Russia whereby England in consideration of a shipment of \$40,000,000 from Russia will arrange with the bank of England to discount under the auspices of the British government a further amount of \$60,000,000 in Russian treasury bills.

Austria Confiscates Oil. Venice, Via London, Dec. 4.—(8:45 p. m.)—The Austrian government has confiscated the entire output of oil in Austria-Hungary. Refiners have been forbidden to supply oil to the trade. Stocks in the hands of dealers will be exhausted in ten days, it is said.

BRITISH MARINES SAVED BELGIANS Could Not Prevent Antwerp From Capture But Allowed the Army to Retreat

(By The Associated Press.) London, Dec. 4.—(9:35 p. m.)—Field Marshal Sir John French, in a dispatch covering the report of General Archibald Grant, who commanded the British naval brigade at Antwerp, testifies to the good effect of the sending of that force to the assistance of the Belgians and to the allies campaign generally and thus further supports the action of Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, who has been criticized for sending it.

Rockingham Man Dies Shortly After Entering Rex Hospital. Following an automobile accident at Rockingham late Thursday afternoon Mr. Henry R. Young died yesterday morning about 3 o'clock in Rex Hospital. He was brought to this city on the 1:15 Seaboard train, dying about an hour and a half after entering the hospital. He was riding on the running board of an auto and fell in getting off the machine, it is said, striking his head against the head-pavement. He was about 26 years old and married. The body was sent to Rockingham yesterday for interment.

COBB INTERVIEW WAS IMAGINARY BRITISH SURPRISED AT ACTION OF AMERICAN WRITER ABOUT LORD KITCHENER

(By The Associated Press.) London, Dec. 4.—(10:20 p. m.)—The Press Association announced today that it had been informed officially with reference to an interview purporting to have been had by Irvin S. Cobb, with Lord Kitchener, which was printed in the United States, that the language is not that of Lord Kitchener and that his Lordship's official representative expresses surprise that it should have been regarded possible that Lord Kitchener used such expressions.

BRITISH SURPRISED AT ACTION OF AMERICAN WRITER ABOUT LORD KITCHENER. The official Press Bureau tonight issued the following statement on the subject: "With reference to a so-called interview with Mr. Cobb: 'Although Lord Kitchener saw Mr. Cobb a few minutes October 31, nothing in the nature of an official interview was granted and the remarks attributed to the Secretary of State for War are imaginary.'"

THREE MEN HELD FOR WIRE TAPPING

Linder Includes Rice and Patton, Telegraph Manager and Sport Editor OPERATOR WAS HIRED Patton Released on Five Thousand Dollar Bond and Rice to Jail in Default; Operator Says Patton Stole Race Results and Then Defrauded Betting Men

(By The Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 4.—A grand jury today returned indictments against H. L. Linder, James Rice and William M. Patton for wrongfully obtaining possession of and wrongfully revealing the contents of telegraphic messages sent out by the Associated Press. Such acts constitute violations of Section 552 of the penal laws of New York.

Linder, telegraph operator, employed by the Postal Telegraph Company, and stationed in the office of the New York Globe, was released under bail of \$1,000. Rice, a telegraph manager of the New York News Bureau, was released under bail of \$5,000. Patton, who conducts a sporting news service known as the Tri-Daily Sporting Bulletin, was locked up in default of \$5,000 bail.

Judge Mulqueen in the Court of General Sessions, filed Monday as the time for the men to plead. Their cases probably will come before Judge Malone as Judge Mulqueen will move to another division next week.

Linder, who testified he was employed by Rice and Patton to "steal news" through an arrangement perfected by "jacking in" on the Associated Press wires in the Globe office, has been at liberty on \$5,000 bail since last Tuesday. He was a witness before the grand jury today. While his testimony was not made public, it is believed he repeated a former confession that he was receiving pay from Patton and Rice for stealing messages.

Prior to May 16 last, Patton was in charge of the Postal Telegraph Company's branch in the Globe office. When he resigned to start his sporting service he was succeeded by Linder. It was then according to Linder that he first learned of the secret wire which made the thefts possible and was employed to take the Associated Press dispatches.

The names of Rice and Patton were not revealed as among those indicted until after they had been arrested by a detective connected with the district attorney's office. At a criminal court building, Rice made strenuous but futile objection to his name and description being recorded along with those of the other men accused of the crime.

CAPITAL DEFIES LABOR. Curtis Says He Will See Who Is Boss

(By The Associated Press.) Denver, Col., Dec. 4.—"Theoretically, I am in favor of union labor, practically I have no use for it," Walter A. Curtis, president of the Rapson Coal Company, an employer of Federal employees on industrial relations today. "Just now I have a controversy with the pit committee of one of my mines. If the union does not stand back of me in disorganizing the committee by discharging it, I will get rid of union labor. I am going to see who is running our mines, the pit committee of the company."

J. E. Wellborn, president of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, said employees of his company before the present strike numbered "six thousand. About forty per cent struck in each case where they were intimidated," he said.

DATE OF MEETING LOAN COMMITTEES HAS BEEN CHANGED. Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—The cotton loan committee tonight announced that the conference here with chairmen of State committees will be held December 14, instead of December 12, as previously announced.

PANAMA SREW POSTPONED. Zone Republic Cannot Get Ready By January First.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—The National Exposition of Panama, which was to have been opened January 1, has been postponed until March 13. Inability to have everything in readiness by the first of the year, which the package they secured, was said to have caused the delay. The announcement was made to the State Department today by the American consul general at Panama City.

COMMISSIONS ISSUED. New Captain and New Second Lieutenant of 88th Infantry.

VILLA, THE ACTUAL RULER OF MEXICO.



The world waited to learn what General Pancho Villa, ex-banished, would do when he reached Mexico City at the head of an army sufficient to hold the capital. It was feared he might announce himself as president and immediately overthrow Acting President Gutierrez. But he did nothing of the kind. Instead he lived up to the character he has assumed for more than a year, the character of patriot and leader, when he issued this statement: "My only mission is to restore order in Mexico, and not to take personal revenge on any one. I promise that order will be restored at once. I am acting as the subordinate of Provisional President Gutierrez and the national convention."

MILLIONAIRE IS ALLEGED SLAYER CHICAGO LAWYER ADMITS IDENTITY

Colonel Alexander of Providence Faces Serious Charge; Girl Is Also Watched

(By The Associated Press.) Chicago, Ill., Nov. 4.—Col. Charles Alexander, Providence millionaire indicted here charged with violations of the Mann Act, has been arrested in Providence, according to an announcement here by Charles F. Clyne, district attorney. He is charged with transporting Miss Jessie Cope, of Los Angeles, Cal., from Los Angeles to Chicago.

Col. Alexander met Miss Cope at a hotel in Los Angeles, it was reported in a letter of December 13, 1913. He explained he would procure a divorce and marry her. Then he proceeded to make violent love to Miss Cope. "The evidence of the girl shows she relied on his promise to marry her. At his suggestion Miss Cope met him in Chicago February 13, 1913. They occupied connecting rooms at a downtown hotel. Later they went to New Orleans and from there to California."

WAR HELPS INCOME TAX. List of the Dodgers in Europe May Now Be Found.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—One effect of the European war is the opportunity afforded the Treasury Department officials to gather accurate lists of Americans living in Europe who are subject to the income tax. With the beginning of hostilities Americans began to register at American consulates.

WHO KILLED JEFFRIES? Coroner's Jury Says Gullit Lies Between Two Missing Negroes.

London, Dec. 4.—(9:10 p. m.)—In a casually listed made public tonight, Captain The Hon. Arthur Annesley, of the Teuch House, is reported killed and Lieutenant Lord Charles Sackville Polham Worsey missing.

MEMBERS OPPOSE AN INVESTIGATION

Fitzgerald and Sherry Say Fireworks Display Is Not Necessary GARDNER MAKES REPLY

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—Opposition to Representative Gardner's resolution for an investigation by a commission into the preparedness of the United States for war was expressed to President Wilson today by Representatives Fitzgerald and Sherry, ranking members of the House appropriations committee. Both told Mr. Fitzgerald they were preparing to speak on the subject in the House.

Mr. Sherry told the President that statements attributed to Mr. Gardner that the defenses of New York were antiquated were incorrect. He charged the fortifications of the United States were in excellent shape and added that army officers had informed him that the defenses at New York could destroy any attacking fleet. The President will go into the question further Monday when he will see Mr. Gardner and Senator Tillman, chairman of the Senate naval committee.

Gardner Replies to Daniels. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 4.—Augustus P. Gardner, congressman from Massachusetts, in an address before the Contemporary Club here today replied to Secretary Daniels' statement regarding recent assertions of Mr. Gardner as to the inadequacy of American naval and military preparations.

"I state without fear of successful contradiction," he said, "that the big guns on the latest dreadnaughts of Great Britain are of the 14-inch type, such long range that the half-mile range of the guns on the fortifications of New York and demoralize those forts."

"Secretary Daniels," said Mr. Gardner, "has given out a special report from Admiral Strauss to prove misleading my declaration 'that of long range torpedoes there are only six in the navy.'"

"I reiterate my statement that there are 511 torpedo tubes on the ships of the navy and there are 550 long range torpedoes built, building or appropriated for."

"If this statement is incorrect it is not my fault. I obtained the information from Admiral Strauss himself. There is not a single figure given in my speech of October 16 or in my great statement of October 22 not verified by consultation with high army and navy officials or else taken direct from the official publications. 'Many of my figures were prepared by the Secretary of the House department.'"

"I observe that Admiral Strauss is quoted as instancing the torpedoing of three British cruisers of 500 yards range, showing that long range torpedoes neither are required nor needed for submarines. I cannot give any opinion on Admiral Strauss' views, but his argument will not stand inspection."

"Gardner said a congressional inquiry into the national defense would reveal many absurdities, notably that there is no coordination in the preparation of military and naval appropriations. 'One committee looks after the fortifications, another the army, a third the navy,' he said. 'The fortifications committee provides for the regular and volunteer army; the army committee provides the guns for the militia. Can anything be more absurd?'"

HIGHER RATES ON TRUCK HELD UP. Growers of Carolina and Virginia Saved Themselves by an Eleventh-hour Appeal

(W. E. YELVERTON.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—An eleventh hour appeal to the Interstate Commerce Commission this afternoon resulted in the suspension for three months of that body of an attempted advance in rates on berries and truck from all points on the Norfolk Southern railroad in North Carolina and Virginia to New York and other eastern cities. Shippers declare the increase would have meant an advance of about 40 per cent.

Colorado Voted Dry. Denver, Col., Dec. 4.—Statewide prohibition carried in Colorado by a majority of 11,572, according to the official canvass compiled today. The vote for the measure was 123,122, against 111,611.