

ALL EUROPE MAY BE SOON ENGAGED IN GREAT WAR

SEWARD ROUTE TO BE CHOSEN

SEATTLE, March 27.—An arrival here from Washington, "a man of prominence who has close administration connections," says the announcement of the location of the route for the Alaska railroad will be made some time next week—possibly Monday. He says the route will be from Seward taking the Alaska Northern line to Knik, thence through the Susitna valley and Broad pass to Nenana, with a 35 mile spur to the Matanuska coal fields, and ultimately with a branch from Mile 187 to the route to Nulato.

PLANS NEVER CHANGED.

The informant says that this has been the route the administration has favored all the time, and that the only thing that has held up the announcement has been the delay in arriving at a price for the Alaska Northern railroad. He says that the government has not had any idea of purchasing the Copper River and Northwestern railroads, and that the talk of it has been due solely to the desire to get a reasonable price from the Alaska Northern railroad, which was asking \$4,000,000 for its properties and rights.

PRESIDENT HAS AUTHORITY TO BUY

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Attorney-General Thomas W. Gregory has decided that the President has the authority to contract for the purchase of both Alaska railroads right now, or to enter into any sort of a contract for acquiring them and obligating the United States for the purchase price up to the full amount of \$35,000,000, the sum at which Congress limited the railroad cost.

Will Purchase Alaska Northern.

It is believed that this will result in the early purchase of the Alaska Northern railroad. It is known that the negotiations for the purchase of the Alaska Northern at the sum of \$1,150,000 has been practically closed. This is the valuation placed on the railroad by Eugene Underwood, brother of Senator O. W. Underwood of Alabama, who had charge of appropriations last year for Alaska railroad engineering board. The payment will be made one-half in cash and the remainder in two years.

VILISTAS ATTACK CARRANZISTAS

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., March 27.—A battle between forces of Gen. Villa and Gen. Carranza at Matamoros began at noon today. Both sides were armed by Col. Blockson, U. S. cavalry, against firing across the border.

Arranging McManus Indemnity.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The amount of the indemnity for killing John B. McManus is being arranged today at a conference between the Brazilian minister, in charge of American affairs at Mexico City, and Gen. Palafox, representing Gen. Villa.

Carranza Uses Characteristic Methods

BOSTON, Mass., March 27.—That the commander of Carranza forces threatened to have the British consul in Guadalajara shot because he refused to give up arms in the British consulate and did have him led before a firing squad; that the American and other consuls were threatened with imprisonment for insisting on retaining their arms; is a statement by Bishop Henry D. Aves, Episcopal bishop of Mexico, in a letter to a friend.

GOOD REPORTS CONTINUE COMING FROM TOLOVANA

FAIRBANKS, March 27.—Good reports continue to come from the Tolovana strike. The rush to the place is growing.

Two Tickets at Fairbanks.

Two full tickets are in the field for the municipal election here, and a third ticket is in process of formation.

WEATHER TODAY

Maximum—58. Minimum—33. CLEAR.

J. J. HILL URGES BANKS TO LEND MORE MONEY

NEW YORK, March 27.—James J. Hill says that, while the outlook for business this season is good and growing better as the money that has been centering in the agricultural states is finding its way into the channels of trade in payment for purchases, it would be booming if it were not for the untold policy of the big banks of New York and other Eastern cities to discourage loans for American development purposes. He says the bankers of the East are endeavoring to have a vast sum of money available in the banks of the country with which to handle the rehabilitation loans that will be placed by the Nations of Europe as soon as the war shall have terminated. Hill says that this policy has been decided upon by the bankers for two purposes—first, to make the United States the banking Nation of the world, and second, to get the big brokerage commissions that will be paid for placing the foreign loans.

Hill has protested against this policy, and is endeavoring to show the New York bankers that the American people will be better prepared to absorb foreign loans if they are permitted to develop their capacity to produce more of the products that will be required in Europe when peace shall have been reached. He contends that European purchases of raw material and manufactured articles in the United States will be limited only by American production for several years after the war ends and that good business would dictate that the production should be as large as it is possible to make it. In this way, he says, we would get the loans, hold the interest bearing security and retain here the money loaned.

PROSPERITY NEARLY HERE SAYS LANE

LOS ANGELES, March 27.—Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, speaking here today, said that a boom of American prosperity will be upon us within six months. He said that he stated it on the authority of the most extensive interests of the country. Within six months, he said, no man really seeking employment will be out of work.

Americans Lend to Europe.

NEW YORK, March 27.—It was announced this afternoon that at a conference among bankers it has been decided to make loans, which will amount to extensions of credit, to Great Britain, France, Italy and other countries in addition to a loan of \$10,000,000 to Germany.

SMISER SAILS FOR JUNEAU TONIGHT

SEATTLE, March 27.—United States District Attorney James A. Smiser, accompanied by Mrs. Smiser, will sail on the Jefferson tonight for Juneau, where Mr. Smiser will assume the duties of his office.

Jefferson's List.

The Jefferson will sail at 9 o'clock with the following named passengers: For Juneau—F. H. Haller, F. P. Cook, E. W. Emerson, H. A. Bishop and wife, John J. Peterson and wife, Irma and M. Peterson, I. J. Macomber, L. O. Ossa, James A. Smiser and wife, Mrs. F. M. McLean, Miss Ada White and seven steerage.

For Douglas—Glen H. Hunter, C. J. Skillman and wife and three steerage.

The Jefferson will also have 30 passengers for Taku and Excursion Inlet canneries.

The City of Seattle's List.

The City of Seattle will also sail tonight with the following named passengers: For Juneau—T. H. Elwick, Clarence Anderson, S. T. Shaw, L. J. Blake, Mrs. G. M. Scott, F. N. Chovin, L. B. James, Victor Epstein and three steerage.

For Treadwell—J. H. Christie and wife and Mrs. A. E. Christos.

Paralao Tomorrow.

The Paralao will sail tomorrow with 70 passengers for Cape Edwards and Harben canneries.

JOHNSON-WILLARD FIGHT IS SET FOR APRIL 5

HAVANA, March 27.—The Johnson-Willard fight has been postponed until April 5.

HIGHWAYMEN ROB OKLAHOMA BANKS

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 27.—Two banks were robbed of \$5,000 at Stroud today, by bandits whom posses have surrounded in a grove of trees.

BOUNTY ON WOLVES IS PUT THRO'

The Sulzer bill, providing a bounty of \$10 on wolves, passed the House this morning with the understanding that the ways and means committee will appropriate \$20,000 to take care of its first two years of operation, as the maximum amount the Territory will expend for the purpose, during that period. The bill will now go to Governor Strong for his signature.

Representative Day of VBadez disapproved to the passage of the bill.

The Treasurer of Alaska will be disbursing agent of the bounties, and shall receive the bills, according to the provisions of the bill. The hides must have the head and left fore-arm. False statements in regard to the hides will be punished by fine or imprisonment, or both. Representative Heckman read a letter from Scott Simpson, Canadian Indian agent at Telegraph Creek, B. C., which declared that the Canadian law providing a \$15 bounty on wolves had "cleaned up those animals," and that few pelts were now coming in.

Grubstake Amendment Passed.

The Day grubstake contract amendment passed the House, Representative Moran voting in the negative. The bill nullifies all grubstake contracts affecting the title of mining claims "heretofore or hereafter entered into," except where both parties to the contract have absolute knowledge of the claims, and provides that all contracts must be duly subscribed to and recorded. Representative Moran said he had voted against the bill under the impression that there was no grubstake law on the statute books.

The House also passed the Senate memorial asking for wireless stations at Sulzer, Crank and Tokson, on the west coast of Prince of Wales Island.

The House and Senate rushed through a memorial resolution to convene at two o'clock today for the Bruner memorial service, and invitations to the Federal and Territorial officials were sent out.

A "Free School" Bill.

Senator O. P. Hubbard of Valdez introduced in the Senate this morning a bill providing for the creation of the office of superintendent of public instruction, at a salary of \$4,000 a year, and establishing a free school system for Alaska to be maintained by an appropriation of 25 per cent. of all forest reserve moneys "available and hereafter available." The bill would have the superintendent of instruction elected by the people. He would be president of the board of education, the two other members being the Governor and the Secretary of the Territory. The bill further provides that after the legislative session the Board shall inaugurate a school system providing compulsory education for children between the ages of six and eighteen years. No distinction or classification of pupils shall be made because of race, color or religion, the bill concludes. President Sutherland referred the bill to the education committee of the Senate.

Towns Want Mail Service.

Senate Memorial No. 7, by Mr. Sulzer, directed to the Postmaster-General, and asking for a weekly mail service for eleven towns on Prince of Wales Island, was read and referred to the committee on transportation, Commerce and navigation.

S. B. 29, designating Juneau as the place for the trial of actions brought by the Territory for the collection of revenue under Territorial acts, was favorably reported for passage by the judiciary committee.

The judiciary committee also recommended the passage of S. B. 17, making it a misdemeanor for any person to defraud inn-keepers. The bill was amended in committee, to exempt obligations for intoxicating liquors. May License Undertakers.

Correspondence between Governor Strong and Eugene R. Kelly, commissioner of the Washington State board of health, in regard to the shipment of the dead from Alaska to points in the United States, was read in the Senate. The letters are referred to the education, public health and sanitation committee.

It was recommended by Commissioner Kelly that undertakers in Alaska should be licensed, in order to avoid the delay and expense often involved at Seattle, by further embalming of bodies. Governor Strong recommended the passage of a law covering the subject.

GERMANY USING ECONOMIC TORPEDOES

AMSTERDAM, March 27.—Germany has invented a new torpedo to be used against transports and other smaller ships at short range. These smaller torpedoes will enable Germany to economize and maintain a warfare on merchant shipping without expending powerful and expensive long-range torpedoes.

ASSEMBLY, CLAD IN MOURNING HONORS BRUNER

With the "vacant chair" of Senator Elwood Bruner shrouded in mourning, but with sweetly perfumed blooming flowers burying his desk, the Territorial Legislature convened at 2 o'clock this afternoon, in the House chamber, as an assembly of sorrow. Eulogies to the late member were spoken by Speaker E. B. Collins, Senator Benjamin F. Millard, Representative Martin F. Moran, and the Rev. John B. Stevens, chaplain of the Senate, First and Second sessions. A letter from Lee V. Ray, of Seward, president of the First Senate, also paid high tribute to the memory of the absent member. During the memorial hour the flags on the government buildings hung at half-staff.

The joint session was called to order by Speaker Collins, who appropriately eulogized the late Senator, and after the roll call of the House President Sutherland, of the Senate, took the gavel. The roll call of the Senate was called, the name of the absent member being uttered three times. Prayer was offered by the Rev. G. E. Renison, chaplain of the House.

Senator Millard's oration was a beautiful memento of the sombre occasion and he was followed by Representative Moran, who eloquently told of the Senator Bruner that he knew. His description of the beautiful, kindly and generous character that had endeared Senator Bruner to his friends of the North came from a great depth, and the emotion he felt at recollections of his former friend was conspicuous during his address. He was followed by Rev. Stevens, who declared that his short acquaintance with Senator Bruner had taught him that the North man's daily greeting was one of the simplest, yet most precious, graces of his daily life.

In part, Senator Millard's tribute to Senator Bruner's memory, was as follows:

"In many ways our friend was a reasonably perfect man. In physique, poise and intellect he had reached an advanced degree of perfection. "He was a genial, kindly gentleman, and one meeting him could never forget the smile, the kindly eye, and the peculiar facial contortion and friendly expression when in conversation. "He was forceful in debate, thoughtful for himself, and stood strongly for just laws; laws that would insure to the best interests of his constituents. "There was no sham or deceit about him. He boldly advocated his opinions and inspired the pretentious great and the arrogant little. "In his death, the Alaska legislature and the people of Alaska lost a strong character and a sincere friend. "We, who knew him best, loved him for his many good qualities, and above all his kindly nature and interesting intelligence. "His mind to him a kingdom was. "We should try to understand in order to forget. The late Senator Bruner had his defects, and who never has none, let him cast the first stone. "Confession of fault is not weakness but strength. He realized and admitted his shortcomings. "It is human to err, but in all lives charity is due, and after death, it is Godlike to draw the veil over all but the good, and when we think of him, whom we mourn, remember only the sturdy oak he was. "Personally I was fond of the late Senator, and I looked forward with pleasure, as we all did, to the time we might meet again, and I was much grieved to learn of his death."

RUSSIAN ATROCITIES.

LONDON, March 27.—A Berlin special says that during the first Russian invasion of East Prussia, 10,000 houses were burned, 2,000 civilians murdered and 4,000 kidnapped. During the second invasion of the province up to November, 4,000 had been murdered or kidnapped by the Russians.

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PETROGRAD, March 27.—In addition to 115,000 prisoners, Russia secured more than 2,400 guns, 1,000 of which were heavy cannon, with the fall of Przemyśl. Many of the heavy cannon were of German manufacture and taken to Przemyśl by that country at the time of the first German movement to aid Austria withstand the Russian attack.

Czar Calls It "Permyl"

The Czar has issued an imperial edict changing the name of Przemyśl to "Permyl."

Foight in Deep Snow

LONDON, March 26.—Petrograd reports say that weather in the Carpathians is extremely cold, the thermometer registering from 14 to 40 degrees below zero. In some mountain valleys the snow is drifted 20 feet high. Battles fought in snow shoulder high are common.

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LIVERPOOL, March 27.—The story of a thrilling race through the Irish sea and escape from a German submarine is told by passengers on the White Star liner Arabic, arriving from New York. The raider made every effort to get close to launch torpedoes, but the great speed of the Arabic saved her. Soon after entering the Irish sea the outlook discovered the periscope of the submarine, and the race began immediately. Orders were given to put on full steam, and the Arabic dashed away for 20 miles. The submarine kept up the chase, but was unable to get close enough to launch the torpedo.

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Germans Drop Bombs.

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ALASKA GOLD.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Alaska Gold closed today at 24; Utah Copper at 55.

GERMANS WINNING IN BUKOWINA

LONDON, March 27.—The Russian at the eastern end of the Russo-Austrian line of battle in Galicia have suffered a reverse.

While two Russian armies were successfully pressing their way toward Hungary, Gen. Ivanoff's forces were beaten back from Czeronowitz, Bukowina, and driven several miles north of Pruth river.

Germans Come to Austria's Aid.

LONDON, March 27.—Germany is rushing vast reinforcements to the Austro-Hungarian lines in the vicinity of the Carpathian mountains, which the Russians are attacking with great fury.

It is feared at Berlin, according to Copenhagen dispatches, that a successful invasion of Hungary would result in the immediate entrance of the Balkan States, Greece and Italy in the war.

RUSSIA STARTED THE DEVASTATION WAR

BERLIN, March 27.—The war office says: "The Russian hordes East of Reichswald gained a cheap success by invading the most northeastern portion of East Prussia in the direction of Memel. They pillaged and burned villages and estates. As a retaliatory measure, for each village or estate burned down on German soil by these hordes in the future three villages or estates on Russian soil held by the Germans will be set on fire."

"Every bit of damage caused by fire in Memel will be answered by us in this way. We will burn down the Russian government buildings at Suwalki and such other Russian provincial capitals as may be in the hands of the Germans."

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RUSSIA WINS VICTORIES IN CARPATHIANS

GENEVA, March 27.—Dispatches received by Swiss newspapers continue to emphasize the success of the Russians in the battle which is still in progress in the Carpathian mountain region.

The struggles in Ujok and Lupkow passes are said to have been particularly desperate, with heavy losses for the Austrians.

Success in North Poland.

LONDON, March 27.—The Russian army in Northern Poland in the middle Nieman river district continues to meet with success, though the offensive movements of the Russians is contested by greatly reinforced German forces. The fighting is general in the vicinity of Osozewitz.

GERMANS PREPARING TO QUIT SIEGE

PETROGRAD, March 27.—The Germans are preparing to lift the siege of Osozewitz. This action it is believed forecasts their general retreat from the region of the Bzur river where they have been trying to advance into Poland. According to the Petrograd War Office the Russians hold the master hand because of their unequalled ability to reinforce their army.

Osozewitz Not Hurt

PETROGRAD, March 27.—Osozewitz, on the Bzur river, the German bombardment has done little damage. It is reported that 15,000 Germans have fallen in that region. The Germans have relied mainly on their heavy artillery to stem the Russian advance in Northern Poland, but even with their many big guns, have not checked the Russian drive. It is reported, but not confirmed, that at one point in Northern Poland, near the Marusian lakes, the Russians are on the threshold of another invasion of German soil.

FRENCH SAYS WAR WILL BE SHORT

PARIS, March 27.—Gen. French in an interview with the Havas News Agency says: "It will not be a long war. The Spring promises well for the Allies. We believe that definite and decisive victory awaits us at the end of these past hard months of the war. Ammunition is the pre-requisite of all progress and the Germans need it a great deal more than we do."

DARDANUS FORTS ARE POSITIVELY DESTROYED

PARIS, March 27.—It has been established beyond doubt that the forts at Dardanus on the Dardanelles have been destroyed, and those at Kild Bahr seriously damaged by the allied fleet.

CONCERTED ATTACK TO BEGIN ON DARDANELLES

ATHENS, March 27.—Telegrams received last night said that the land forces will begin an attack on the inner defenses of the Dardanelles in concert with the allied fleet on the arrival of further warships. The Peninsula Neck, three miles in width, is held effectively, which cuts the Turkish communications on the Peninsula.

TURKEY PREPARES TO RESIST THE ALLIES

ATHENS, March 27.—Eighty thousand Turkish soldiers have been concentrated near Smyrna, according to information from Tenedos. They are to oppose the advance of the Anglo-French forces if Smyrna falls.

CANADA IS RAISING ANOTHER ARMY CORPS

OTTAWA, March 27.—Canada has begun to raise the fourth army corps for the war. This would make 110,000 men to be furnished by Canada.

SCANDINAVIANS ALL KICK AT ALLIES

LONDON, March 27.—Denmark, Norway and Sweden have made an identical representation to the allied governments against the Anglo-French policy of reprisals on German commerce.

U. S. AFTER MORE RUSSIAN TRADE

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Steps have been taken by the Administration to negotiate a new treaty of trade and commerce with Russia to supplant the treaty abrogated on Jan. 1, 1914, as result of Russia's discrimination against American citizens on account of race or religious beliefs. Trade opportunities in Russia, officials believe, surpass those in South America.

SEATTLE FIREMAN KILLED.

SEATTLE, March 27.—Fire Capt. W. D. Thorne was thrown from a truck today and fatally injured.

ITALIANS NOW TAKE LAST STEP

ROME, March 27.—Every necessary measure is now being taken by the government for Italy's immediate declaration of war against Austria and Germany.

That Italy has definitely decided to join the war on the side of the Allies, and that the last steps leading to the inevitable invasion are being taken, is admitted by all.

BULGARIA AND ROUMANIA WILL ALSO ENTER WAR

ome, March 27.—Close observers here of the Balkan situation see indications of the gradual tendency on the part of Bulgaria to adopt a policy favorable to the Allies, and it is believed that that country hopes to be in position to act jointly with Italy and Roumania in that direction.

London Sees Early Peace.

LONDON, March 27.—That Italy and Roumania, certainly, and Bulgaria and Greece, probably, will enter the war in behalf of the Allies is the confident belief of the war office. It is hoped that an early movement by them will result in like action by the countries of Northern Europe, and the presentation of such a showing of strength that Germany and Austria will sue for peace.

ALL EUROPE WILL BE IN WAR YET

LONDON, March 27.—The Rome correspondent of the London Times says: "I am informed that Emperor Francis Joseph, who often writes to the Pope, assured him that it was his ardent wish to end the war, but that the defense of the Empire's territorial integrity was indispensable, therefore, peace was impossible until the army had been driven out of the invaded provinces. Territorial concessions on the Western frontier would imply the renunciation of sovereignty over the Eastern provinces now held by Russia. "The Austrian ambassador is understood to have remarked to members of his staff that the prospects of peace had diminished instead of increased, and that war threatened to extend until no European country would be left neutral."

Italians Dispose of German Credits

NEW YORK, March 27.—One of the interesting and significant developments in foreign exchange market in New York since Wednesday has been the eagerness played by Italian bankers, Italian merchants and others having business relations with Germany to dispose of their mark credits and turn them into dollars.

Austria Getting Ready

LONDON, March 27.—Rome advices say that a courier of the Austrian embassy has been making bi-weekly trips to Vienna carrying important, confidential archives which would be unsafe in Rome if war should be declared between Italy and Austria.

GREECE URGED TO ENTER WAR

ATHENS, March 27.—M. Venizelos, late Prime Minister and leader of the parliamentary majority, says he is convinced that the new Greek Cabinet will be forced to abandon Greece's neutrality policy and participate with the allies in the operations against Constantinople and Smyrna. He said: "The new government must, before it is too late, adopt a policy of action. If the government will embrace this policy, I give formal assurance, as the leader of the Parliamentary majority, that I will give them loyal support. In pursuance of this line of action, the quicker a decision is taken the greater will be the advantages to Greece's interests."

To a remark by one of his adherents that if such a policy is to be adopted it should be safer under a Venizelos Cabinet, Venizelos replied that the present moment was not one for a fresh Ministerial crisis. He said:

"Once Greece decides for war it will be her army, led by her King, that will have execution and in the King's military genius and the army's devotion the nation has unbounded confidence. In that case, therefore, it is unimportant whether Venizelos or Gounaris is in power."

Venizelos stated that once Greece joins the allies, Bulgaria will be followed, for example.

"Greece must assist in the dismemberment of Turkey," he said in concluding.

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