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TEUTONS COUNTER ATTACK RUSSIANS SOUTH OF LEMBERG

PETROGRAD SAYS THESE GERMAN ATTACKS ON RUSSIAN LINES WERE LAUNCHED AFTER HEAVY BOMBARDMENT FIVE MILES FROM HALICZ.

Slavs, However, Claim to Have Taken Fifty Prisoners and One Machine Gun During Fighting—French Report Capture of Another Group of Houses in Sailley-Saillisel on Somme Front, Which They are Gradually Gaining Possession of—Violent Artillery Fighting in Progress on the Macedonian Front in the Region of the Cerna River, where Serbians Have Checked the Bulgarian Counter Attack—Rumanians Claim to Have Checked the Enemy and Have Occupied Several Positions on the Alt River in Transylvania.

The Teutonic troops are heavily counter-attacking the Russian lines in the region south of Lemberg, Petrograd announces. The attacks were launched after bombardments of great intensity five miles north of Halicz. The Russians took fifty prisoners and one machine gun during the fighting.

Another group of houses in the village of Sailley-Saillisel, on the Somme front, was captured last night by the French who are slowly gaining possession of the town, Paris announces. A strong German counter attack there was repulsed by the French.

Violent artillery fighting is in progress on the Macedonian front in the region of the Cerna river, where the Serbians have checked the Bulgarian counter-attack.

The Rumanians in the vicinity of the Alt river have turned back the Austro-Germans and have occupied several positions formerly held by the enemy. On all sectors of the Transylvania front, except in the Burzen Valley, successes for the Rumanians are reported by Bucharest.

Berlin announces a heavy defeat for the Russians in Galicia, which presumably results from the counter-attack mentioned in the Petrograd statement. Trenches on a front of a mile and one-quarter were taken, the statement adds, as well as nineteen hundred prisoners. On the French front, Berlin contends that the allied attacks near Guedecourt broke down under the German fire.

INCREASES ON COTTON SEED CANCELLED

PROPOSED INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATE ON COTTON SEED MEAL AND HULLS FROM TEXAS POINTS NOT JUSTIFIED.

Washington, Oct. 17.—The proposed increases of about five cents per hundred pounds in freight rates on cottonseed cake meal and hulls in carload shipments from southern Texas points to Kansas City were held not justified and the schedules imposing the increases were ordered cancelled by the interstate commerce commission today.

Constantine is not the only man who has been forced to brave the wrath of his wife's relatives.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

WEATHER FORECAST
New Orleans, La., Oct. 17.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is unsettled with rain; Wednesday cloudy.

COUNTY JUDGE ACQUITTED OF GRAVE CHARGE

JURY OUT LESS THAN HALF MINUTE WHEN THEY RETURNED WITH THEIR VERDICT—JUDGE CONGRATULATED.

In less than thirty seconds after the jury had retired to consider its verdict this morning in the county court, it returned with a verdict of not guilty in the case of the state vs. Judge Thomas Champion, charged under indictment by the grand jury with having unlawful possession of intoxicating liquors at his home at the time of the fire which destroyed several residences in the southwest part of the city on the afternoon of August 19. The judge, after the indictment was reported by the grand jury, insisted upon an immediate trial, and as such cases come up in his court he called the bar association together and asked that a special judge be appointed to sit on the case. This was done this morning and Judge H. J. Potter was chosen.

The jury was composed of Dr. J. W. Potter, Marion Pierce, Morris Sass, J. H. Carlock, B. A. Simpson and Homer Hinkle.

Defendant waived arraignment and entered a plea of not guilty and the case was taken to trial.

R. A. Howard, Mrs. Julius Kahn, W. B. Johnson, N. B. Fagin, W. B. Moore, Kennett Hudson, W. A. Edwards and J. F. Williams were used as witnesses for the state and testified that they did not know of any intoxicating liquors being on the place from their own knowledge.

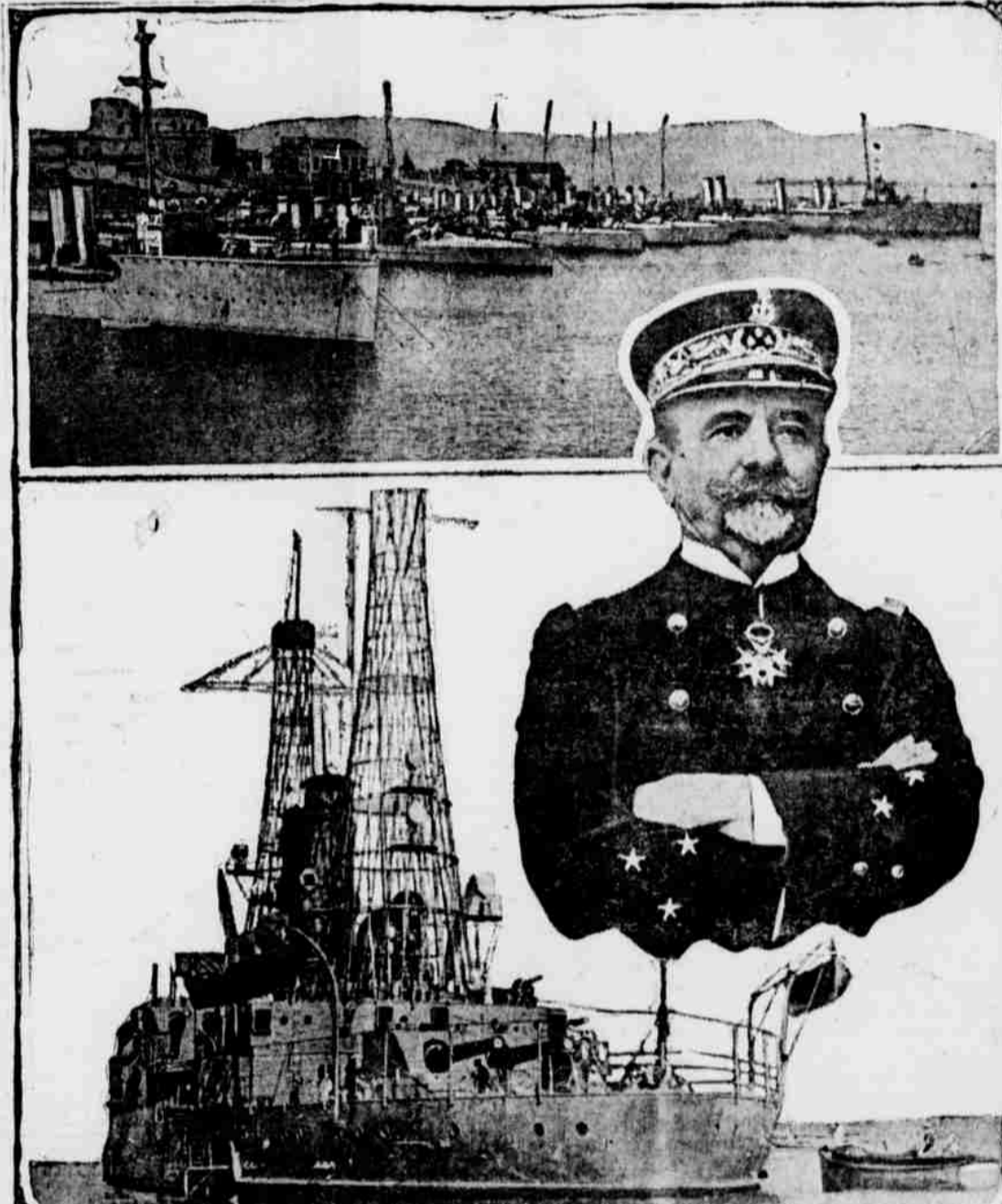
The state rested its case with the conclusion of this testimony. The defense called the defendant to the stand, and he testified that he and his family were at Sulphur at the time of the fire, had been there for a week, and intended to remain ten days longer, that he knew nothing of any intoxicants being in his home; that it was not there when the family left, and he never saw any of it after their return. He heard that two barrels were seen to have been unloaded from a wagon at the yard the Saturday afternoon of the fire, had made an effort, together with the county attorney and the sheriff, to locate the parties who left it there, but all had failed.

Sheriff Garrett testified that the statement of Judge Champion relative to making an investigation, but their efforts had been unsuccessful. The attorneys for the defendant and the state waived arguments and the case was submitted to the jury by the judge upon the charge of the law in the statutes in such cases. The jury retired and in 28 seconds were back in the jury box with their verdict.

The defendant was represented by H. H. Brown and W. F. Bowman, while County Attorney Hardy and Assistant Attorney Bass appeared for the state. Judge Champion was the recipient of many congratulations from the members of the bar and friends at the conclusion of the case.

Nobody cares enough to ask Fairbanks what he would have done if he had been in Marshall's place.—Philadelphia North American.

STRIPPED OF GUNS, TWO FORMER AMERICAN SHIPS ARE TAKEN AWAY FROM GREEK KING



GREEK TORPEDO BOATS AT PIRAEUS—THE LEMNOS, FORMERLY U.S.S. MISSISSIPPI—VICE ADMIRAL FOURNET.

POLISH RELIEF IMPOSSIBLE

PRESIDENT WILSON TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT HIS PLANS FOR RELIEF OF POLAND FAIL.

REPLIES ARE RECEIVED

Wilson Says He Received Replies from England, France, Russia, Germany and Austria to Letter Sent by Him in July.

Long Branch, N. J., Oct. 17.—President Wilson announced today that his efforts to bring about an agreement among the belligerents to allow relief supplies to be sent from this country to Poland had failed.

The president gave out a statement saying that he had received replies from the rulers of Great Britain, France, Russia, Germany and Austria-Hungary to the letter he sent in July, suggesting that those nations combine to assist in Polish relief work.

The high price of cotton coupled with continued good weather has caused a congestion of traffic on all lines of railroads in the cotton states. Today's price of 17.37 1/2 cents is the highest price paid for the staple in many years. There are four thousand bales of cotton in the city in cars awaiting discharge at the local compress. The yards and platforms are full and the men are working night and day to take care of the cotton. Farmers have taken advantage of the weather and prices in the cotton belt to put their crop on the market with the result that the railroads are put to the severest test to handle it.

It would seem that an American gun, like an American artist, requires a debut in Europe.—Philadelphia Ledger.

ALLIES SEIZE GREEK WARSHIPS

COMMANDER OF ANGLO-FRENCH FLEET SAID TO HAVE HANDED GREEKS GRAVE NOTE.

HURRIES TO ATHENS

King Constantine Hurries to Capital Following Presentation of a Note From Vice Admiral Fournet, the Allied Commander.

London, Oct. 17.—Vice Admiral Fournet, commander of the Anglo-French fleet in the Mediterranean, has handed the Greek government a note of extremely grave character, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Athens.

Following the presentation of the note, King Constantine came to the capital in haste from the royal residence at Tatoi.

The entente allies have taken over the Greek battleships Kilkis and Lemnos, which were formerly the United States battleships Idaho and Mississippi, respectively, and also the battleship Averoff, says another Reuter dispatch.

TEXAS PLANS TO WORK ROADS

Bill Creating Highway Department is Prepared.

Austin, Tex., Oct. 17.—A bill creating a state highway department to conduct a campaign for good roads in Texas and providing for a state highway engineer with authority to prosecute the work, was perfected here today by the legislative committee of the Texas Good Roads association.

One of the British tanks was named Creme de Menthe. The Germans, however, did not give it a cordial greeting.—Detroit Free Press.

STEPS TAKEN TO SECURE RAILROAD

COMMITTEE WILL GO TO CHICAGO TO CONFER WITH PRESIDENT RIPLEY AND COMPEL A SHOW DOWN OF THEIR INTENTIONS.

Resolved, that it is the sense of the Chamber of Commerce of Ardmore, Oklahoma and the citizens of Ardmore and Carter county in mass meeting assembled at Ardmore on this October 16, 1916, that there is an imperative necessity for the construction of railway from Ardmore to the Fox oil field and that we should at once take steps to get orders to build such a road and failing to get other to do so, that we should take steps to build such a road ourselves.

The above resolution was passed at the mass meeting yesterday afternoon and contains the sentiment prevailing that the city should take immediate steps toward securing a railroad to the Fox field.

That a railroad will be built from Ardmore to the Fox field. That was evident from the outpouring of prominent citizens who met at the court house yesterday afternoon in response to the call to discuss the railroad situation.

The Santa Fe is to be appealed to to construct the line and a committee will leave today to interview President Ripley to get yes or no from him. In the event that railroad not building, Ardmore will build it and there will be no delay.

President Apple presided and briefly stated that the meeting was not called in the interest of any railroad but for a full and free discussion of the situation. He called for speakers to express themselves. Secretary Gilbert was called on to make a statement which he did, showing a map which it was demonstrated that with the Santa Fe building from Lindsay the oil fields would be 112 miles from Oklahoma City. He also pointed out that by another extension north of Lindsay of twenty-two miles, the distance would be only seventy-five miles.

"No power on earth can keep railroads from the oil fields from any point" he said, "and I take it that Ardmore's only interest is to take care of itself, not by foolishly thinking it can stop railroad development from other sections, but to see that it is not left out in the cold. The only thing as I take it which is before the meeting is a railroad from Ardmore. Let any build it who will but if no one else does it, Ardmore must do it herself."

W. B. Johnson stated that he believed the Santa Fe would build the road. He points out the importance of the asphalt deposits and said capitalists were ready to develop those fields immediately transportation was afforded. He suggested a committee immediately waiting on President Ripley to find out if that road would construct and "ought an immediate answer would be given."

Col. Sidney Suggs, who in years past has served on committees of various kinds with Mr. Johnson, endorsed every word he said. Mr. Suggs stated that it was most essential that a railroad be built from Ardmore to the great oil field to the northwest and most particularly for the reason that it would furnish transportation for the finest deposit of asphalt in unlimited quantities in the known world today. The great asphalt deposits about Woodford and cement beds in that vicinity are laying dormant today because there is no means of transporting the product. The tests of this asphalt has been made by some of the most eminent chemists in the world who pronounce it second to none in the world. Col. Suggs urged that a committee as suggested be appointed and take the matter up immediately with

ATTORNEYS ATTACK VENIRE.
Denied a Change of Venue, Attorneys Make Attack on Venire.
Waco, Tex., Oct. 17.—Denied a change of venue yesterday, attorneys for T. R. Watson, charged with the murder of former State Banking Commissioner Patterson, today made a vigorous attack on the special venire summoned for the jury. It was alleged that the venire had not been summoned according to law.
EIGHTEEN CENTS OFFERED.
South Carolina Mills Offer Eighteen Cents for Cotton.
Rockhill, S. C., Oct. 17.—Cotton mills here today are offering eighteen cents for good middling cotton, with but little being marketed. Seed is selling for ninety cents.

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