

'EYE WITNESS' IS OUT AGAIN
British Army in France Now Uses
Heavy Howitzers, According
to Official Observer.

USED IN SUCCESSFUL ATTACKS

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The British army in France is now using heavy howitzers, which, according to a report from the official "eye witness," with the expeditionary force, have gained ascendancy over the heavy German guns. These howitzers, he states, were used in successful attacks on the German position in the brick field south of La Bassa canal a week ago tonight.

"Our heavy howitzers took part in this bombardment, the fire being directed on the railway triangle," the "eye witness," says. "The boom of these pieces and the detonation of their shells were audible twenty miles away above the roar of the other artillery, while to those close at hand the shrieking of the great projectiles through the air was most impressive, as were the volumes of smoke and debris thrown up. The effect of the howitzer shells was truly terrific, one house being blown bodily into the air, and as they burst among the brick stacks they created great havoc among the enemy."

Rush Works.
The assault was launched against a strong position of "loop" among the stacks of bricks held by the Germans. Our storming columns reached the works from three sides at once and captured it with very little loss for, as prisoners afterward stated, the noise of the bursting shells was so great and the clouds of dust which with the defenders was surrounded were so thick that they did not observe our men advancing until too late.

At the same time trenches to the north of this point between it and the canal were stormed by another party. By means of these points we were enabled to occupy a continuous line southward from our forward posts on the canal which formed an advantage in front of the brick fields.

"We captured nineteen unarmored prisoners and many wounded, a trench mortar and machine gun. The Germans left seventy dead on the ground, while our casualties were slight."

Leaves Nervely.
The Germans, however, showed no inclination to accept this reverse, for in the early hours of February 7, a body of them advanced along the canal bank, shouting "Don't shoot we are engineers." This form of stratagem for our men held their fire until the supposed sharpshooters were only a few yards away and then opened with a machine gun with the result that the enemy fell back, leaving thirty bodies in front of our line. In the afternoon another attack was attempted, but it melted away under our heavy artillery fire and did not arrive at close quarters.

"A great feature of the recent fighting has been the accuracy of our artillery fire. On one occasion our guns achieved the feat of blowing the Germans out of trenches they were occupying on an embankment, although it was only forty yards from that which we were holding."

Due to Shell Piece.
On the sixth of February most of the enemy's casualties were due to our shell fire. The whole of the area, both behind and immediately in front of the trenches we now hold, was found to be littered with the bodies of hundreds of Germans killed in the various fights since the 15th of January. Our artillery fire has been of such proportions that on some days our troops were actually able to put up barbed wire entanglements in front of the German trenches in broad daylight without being fired at by the enemy's infantry. Prisoners captured here were despondent and much shaken.

"The Germans rely very much on the incendiary shell for damaging towns and in their recent bombardment of Arras they used projectiles of this type packed with candles and celluloid, phosphorus and wax, which material is so inflammable that it will ignite if placed in the sun."

"The 'eye witness' says that some of the prisoners captured lately have been of comparatively poor physique and tall of stature in the possession of a dead German. Two medical certificates stating that he was suffering from consumption. The certificates were accompanied by an application from the soldier's father asking that the son be relieved from the necessity of going into active service. The official observer also quotes letters which he said were received from soldiers from homes and which were found on bodies complaining of the increase in the cost of living and the scarcity of bread and stating that the young men were being called into the service."

Reverting to the attack on Culbourn on January 26, the "eye witness" says that the Germans pressed on in a warlike, being snowed down but yet in places reaching the British trenches and in others penetrating beyond them.

"But even when our line was broken," he continues, "portions of it continued to resist and our infantry holding them, when assaulted from the rear remained already facing about and met the enemy with rifle and bayonet."

"Some of those in the village who had been engaged in clearing the enemy out of the houses, had not somewhat scattered until of one party only fifteen remained together when they saw that some of the enemy were established in our trenches just outside. They at once charged the communication trench led by their officers and killed and captured all of the Germans, forty in number. The 'eye witness' tells of a German officer, who, holding a British soldier partially buried in a trench, stopped to dig him out and gave him, brandy despite the fact that he was under fire."

"This German afterwards was killed by a stray bullet."

Gulls from the Wire

Two cases of tubercular plague, characterized as such, have been discovered in Havana. These days ago there was one death from this disease. All of the cases are believed to have originated at the wharves loaded by European steamers. The carrier of the disease is believed to be a species of bird, which was released from the roof of Madison Square Garden by the New York health department. The necessary precautions to prevent the spread of the disease are being taken by the president's efforts to "sterilize" Havana with lime.

Henry Lane Wilson, former ambassador to Mexico, standing at Indianapolis, said "There will be no hope for Mexico until across the present administration reverses the policy in either or until a new administration committed to less 'spit' and more genuine practical advice and assistance in the way of intelligent evolution, comes into power."

Morgenthau Reports
On Sinking of Ship
Washington by Russ

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Ambassador Morgenthau reported from Constantinople today that the steamer Washington, partly American owned, had been sunk in the harbor of Trebizond, Turkey, during the Russian bombardment of that port. He said he would forward a full report of the incident later.

It is not known whether the steamer flew the Greek or American flag, though it was not under American registry. It was owned by the Greek Archipelago company, a concern incorporated in the state of Maine and in which a majority of the stock is understood to be held by Greeks who are naturalized Americans.

If no formal notice of bombardment was given, the State department probably will be asked to present a claim for damages to American property, although, if the vessel flew the Greek flag investigations probably will be conducted by Greece. Most officials of this country, it is understood tonight, usually sail under the Greek flag.

Noonday Club Not
Ready to Endorse
Light Plant Bill

That the electric light plant if one is to be established by the Metropolitan Water board, should not be subject to regulation by the State Railway commission, was the opinion recorded by the Noonday club at luncheon after hearing R. Beecher Howell's objections.

There is a bill in the senate providing that if the Saunders electric light bill passes and a publicly-owned plant is established, such plant shall be subject to rate and other regulation by the railway commission. Howell does not like this bill, so he told the Noonday club. He also told the club the merits of the electric light bill itself, but did not get an endorsement of that measure. It was moved that no action be taken until the other side of the question be heard. General George Harrier, president of the Omaha Electric Light and Power company is to be invited to address the meeting two weeks hence.

Forces of Villa Are
Completely Defeated

EL PARO, Tex., Feb. 12.—A complete defeat of the Villa forces, attacking Guadalupe, second largest city in Mexico, and metropolis of the west coast country, was reported in advices received tonight by Carranza agents here from Vera Cruz. It was learned that Villa had asked for reinforcements.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Representations have been sent by the United States government to General Carranza, pointing out that serious complications may follow interference with the rights of the diplomatic corps in Mexico City, in discharging their official functions.

Street Cars Stalled
By Sand Over Track

Dundee street cars were stalled at Forty-sixth and Dodge streets last night at midnight by the flood from adjacent hills that washed sand over the tracks to the depth of a foot or more. A car jumped the track, and a large number of people, many of whom had attended a dance and were in evening costume, were obliged to remain in the cars until 2 o'clock this morning before they could get out.

Some, braver than the rest, waded knee-deep in mud and water to get to their homes.

British Ship Again
Victim of Enemy

SCARBOROUGH, England (Via London), Feb. 13.—The new cargo steamer Torquay of Dartmouth was towed into Scarborough harbor tonight in a sinking condition, after either striking a mine or having been torpedoed eight miles east of this port. The damage sustained by the steamer was amidships, one boiler having been penetrated. One man was killed and two were injured.

Hampshire Hog Sells
At Record Price

LYONS, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The Hampshire brood sow sale of E. N. Mahley was attended by a big crowd of farmers and breeders. Forty-five sows were sold at an average of \$84.50, a record price for Hampshire sows this winter. A spring gilt brought \$68 going to Vern Patterson of Fairmont, Neb. This is the most money ever paid for a Hampshire sow under 1 year old at public auction. The hogs were sold by E. Z. Russell of Beason.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS
IN THEATRICALS

The Christian Endeavorers of the North Presbyterian church gave an entertainment at the church parlors Thursday evening, at which the Omaha High School Glee club was an attraction. The glee club gave the greater part of the program. It consisted of piano solos, vocal solos and the club work. Following the glee club some of the talent of the church presented a little play entitled "Dinner at 82." The coach for the play was Franklin P. Ramsey. The following was the cast:

Mrs. Amelia Lutz... Miss Virginia Wells... Gus Lutz... Paul Reynolds... Percy Marshall... Miss Ethel Hubbs... Mrs. Samuel Smiggins... Miss Helen Fales... The "Fighting" child... Helen Baker... The Maid... Miss Ruby Davidson

COMES LONG WAY ONLY
TO BE DISAPPOINTED

The meeting of Crook Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, which was scheduled for last evening, was postponed until next Friday owing to the bad weather. A number of members turned out, including one man living two miles north of Florence. Extreme disappointment was expressed in the elevator conductor at the court house by this latter individual.

CENTRAL WHISTERS COMPETE
Experts at the Game Engage in Annual Competition for Association Trophies.

ELECTION TAKES PLACE TODAY

About seventy-five members of the Central Whist association spent all of Friday and until nearly 11 o'clock last night at Council Bluffs intensely absorbed in the games they had come from half a dozen states to play.

At the opening session this morning the first hours will be devoted to election of the new officers for 1915. It was admitted last night that St. Joseph will be designated as a place for holding the next tournament. This makes it certain that the new secretary and treasurer will be St. Joseph men. There will be quite a contest for the presidency, and some difficulty is expected in filling it with a man who is as capable as Colonel McNutt of Kansas City, who announced last evening that he would not consent to reelection. He is an enthusiastic lover of whist and has devoted much time to bringing into the Central Whist association the best players to be found in half a dozen midwest states.

The following is the official score of yesterday's play:

Fair Play for St. Joseph Trophy.
NORTH AND SOUTH.
Hoberg and Hanson, Sioux City, Minn., 515
Lanfearner and Fetters, Prairie City, Mo., 475
Brownington and Stinson, Council Bluffs, 475
Benjamin and Benjamin, Council Bluffs, 475
Nelson and McNabb, Omaha, 475
Ross and Stebbins, Omaha, 475

EAST AND WEST.
Cook and Riegan, Omaha, 475
Berkeley and Libbe, St. Joseph, Mo., 475
Abbott and Lewis, Omaha, 475
Wickham and Wigton, Council Bluffs, 475
Price and Holland, Omaha, 475
Dye and Childers, Council Bluffs, 475

Team Play for Richards Cup.
A. Trefus, George McNutt, A. W. Scribner, A. H. Scribner, Omaha, plus 10 by winning two matches and losing one.

John Organ, James Mithin, Jerry Shea, H. Schurz, Council Bluffs, scored 3 by winning two matches and losing one.

Harry Silver, J. A. Deeman, John Cornelius, Fred Johns, Grand Island, scored 3 minus by winning one and a half matches and losing one.

Will Schatzel, Lawrence Authier, Olaf Johnson, James Walsh, Elk Point, S. D., scored 3 minus by losing one game and winning one and a half matches.

J. R. Keefe, Alonso Cunningham, Michael Waters and Maesterson, Sioux City, won one and lost two; score, 2.
Dr. Ellis, W. D. Stewart, C. W. Martin, M. L. Cook, Omaha, lost 2 minus by losing two and winning one.

Strait whist was the game played. This morning the annual election of officers will be held, and in the afternoon and evening the contestants will play the finals for the two trophies. The big event of the journey will come in the evening at 8 o'clock, when the first-of-all-pair contest for the Schmeiser cup will be played.

Jitney Bus Men
To Form Company

The majority of the independent jitney bus men operating in the city met in room 27-29 State Bank building last evening and took preliminary steps toward the organization of the Omaha Bus and Transfer Service company. The meeting was decidedly harmonious in an agreement to start the concern with a capitalized stock of \$100,000.

Joe Steinberg was elected trustee for the members of the organization until the corporation has been issued a permit to transport business. Attorney E. A. Conroy, Clyde Harris and E. F. Anderson were prime factors in the work accomplished. Stock subscriptions were received and members pledged their cars for use by the company. A complete list of the stockholders will be issued by the company in the near future.

FIRE CAUSES PANIC AT
LINCOLN DAY CELEBRATION

LONG BEACH, Cal., Feb. 13.—What the police believe was an attempt to set fire to the municipal auditorium today during the progress of the Lincoln day celebration of the Illinois society threw a throng of 2,500 men, women and children into a panic. Somebody shouted fire. There was a general rush for the doors, but excitement subsided quickly and most of the assemblage returned to complete the program, after the police had arrested one man as an arson suspect. A pile of smoking rags was found in a corner of the structure.

The auditorium was the scene of a disaster two years ago, in which nearly a score of men and women attending a British "Empire day" celebration were killed.

JAMES CREELMAN DIES;
NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—James Creelman, well known American newspaper correspondent, died in Berlin today after an illness of several weeks. The State department was notified by Ambassador Gerard, Mr. Creelman, whose home was in New York, was 55 years of age.

Omaha Real Estate
Is Going to Have
A Small Boom

With the loosening up of the money market this spring will undoubtedly come a brisk real estate season.

Hundreds of people have been waiting to buy since away last fall and now have very bright prospects of realizing their hopes.

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