

### FRENCH FIGHTING TO RETAKE HILL 304

Berlin Report Says the Crown Prince's Troops Are Repulsing All Attacks Made.

### NEW RUSHES FRUITLESS

(Associated Press War Summary.) The region of Hill 304, northwest of Verdun, was the only one in the European war field in which activity of note developed during the last twenty-four hours, so far as today's official reports from the German and French war offices reveal.

Berlin's statement indicates that the French are continuing their attempts to regain the ground recently lost there, which the German accounts declare have been fruitless. Last night's efforts were as unproductive as those preceding them, it is declared, the crown prince's troops repulsing all the attacks made.

Paris, in reporting the fighting in this region, mentions only a German hand grenade attack on a French trench which was stopped by gun fire.

"French airmen brought down three German aeroplanes in engagements yesterday," Paris announces.

### "STREET" FILES INDICATE "LEAK" ON PEACE NOTE

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ing on him five or six months ago, informing him that the firm of E. Connelly & Co. was to be organized, with Bolling as one of the partners, and asking if the Hutton firm would become its New York correspondent.

Hutton said the fact that Bolling was to be a member of the firm had made no impression upon him. He denied that Connelly had said anything of an expectation of getting "high class customers" through Bolling's relationship to the president.

The Connelly account, he said, however, had been "very attractive." Whipple then had put on produce messages which had gone over the firm's private wires during the "peace hearing period in the stock market and which he had been commanded to bring under subpoena. The first to be read was the Clement, Curtis & Co. telegram, marked "confidential," timed 12:48 o'clock eastern time, which was about an hour and a quarter after Secretary Lansing had told the newspaper men in Washington that a note was coming from the president.

Hears of Statement. "I hear that the State department will issue a statement today regarding economic conditions on the European war as affecting neutrals," the Clement message said. "Intended to promote peace prospects. What do you think of this, and how are you on stocks?"

The next was Hutton's reply to this, timed 1:14 p. m., which read: "Our Washington wire gave us similar message to yours. Others have the same information. We put it out as it was more or less generally known. Your message was marked confidential and we treated it so."

"E. F. H." Some time between the receipt of the Chicago message and Hutton's reply to it, the now missing message from Connelly was received, Hutton testified. This was the message on which Ellis based his message at 1:54 o'clock, which follows:

Important Message Coming. "We are confidentially informed a highly important message to all belligerents and neutrals has been issued from Washington. Interpreted not as pressure on belligerents in behalf of peace, but as one apparently to put American demands on record to be considered if there is peace and warning neutrals rights must not be further encroached upon. Full text to be given out tonight and will be looked on as a move of great moment."

Questioned on the lost message from Connelly, Hutton said it was of a class his firm seldom saved. Connelly had not kept a copy of it, he said, but added the Washington broker would testify fully before the committee tomorrow.

Hutton also produced other communications his firm had sent its correspondents, in which reference was made to various Washington situations. One of them said it was understood the president's message of last December 4, the opening day of congress, would be favorable to railroad investments. Another written by Hutton personally said that "Washington advices" were that increased freight rates probably would be granted the railroads.

Just General Impression. Replying to sharp questioning by Mr. Whipple, Hutton said he did not recall any particular advice he had in mind other than a general impression he had gained from the newspapers and the tickers. He volunteered the statement that he had learned nothing in this connection from Mr. Bolling or Mr. Connelly. He also asserted that his firm had no sources of information in Washington outside of the Connelly company.

While describing the nervous state of the financial district shortly prior to the issuance of the president's note, owing to the top-heavy speculative accounts amassed by the "public," Hutton gave the committee a shock by casually announcing that his firm's outstanding loans against margined accounts aggregated \$28,000,000. This condition, he said, was general, and was regarded by bankers as a dangerous over-extension that might result in a panic. The bankers had begun to call loans, he said, with the result

### To Move Into New Store Which Has Four Times the Space of Old

Negotiations have just been closed whereby Orkin Bros. move from their present location in United States National bank building to the former home of the Guarantee Clothing company at Sixteenth and Douglas, within the next few weeks.

J. L. Orkin has just returned from New York, where final arrangements were completed to increase the size of the present store fully four times.

Orkin Bros., after disposing of their interests to the Burgess-Nash company, took at that time the most acceptable room in the city to launch their present exclusive cloak store. So successful has the venture proven that selling space has been at a premium at all seasons of the year.

Larger quarters became a necessity to care for their ever-increasing trade, so when the Guarantee Clothing company decided to move, Orkin Bros. leased the building without even inspecting it, thereby not appreciating to the full extent the wonderful advantage this immense building held forth for a specialty apparel store.

The new store will be completely remodeled. The latest ideas in mahogany fixtures will be installed. Several new lines of merchandise will be carried in the enlarged store.

J. B. Orkin, head of their New York stores, will be in Omaha next week to take an active part in completing of arrangements to move into their new quarters.



J.L. Orkin

### SUIT FILED AGAINST THE SISAL COMBINE

Pan-American Commission Corporation and Others Are Charged With Conspiracy.

### PRICE BOOSTING ALLEGED

New York, Jan. 30.—The government today filed a suit in the federal court here against the Pan-American Commission corporation, Sol Wexler and others, charging conspiracy, under the anti-trust laws to restrain interstate and foreign trade in sisal and to increase the market price on sisal throughout the United States.

### Fourth Case of Dreaded Disease is Found in Omaha

The 2-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reumping, 4121 South Twenty-eighth street, is stricken with cerebro-spinal meningitis. This was the fourth case of this nature reported to the health department this month. The other cases were in the north side of Omaha and proved fatal.

### Presbyterian Synod Will Meet at Aurora

Aurora, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The Presbyterian synod meets in Aurora Thursday, February 1. There will be an afternoon session, a banquet for men in the evening and an evening meeting. Dr. W. F. Weir of Wooster, O., will be the principal speaker. Eleven churches will send delegates.

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### CIGARETTES PUT UNDER BAN BY BILL

Measure to Prohibit Smoking by Minors Again to Be Pushed.

### WILSON POLICY ENDORSED

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Jan. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—It was hurry and scurry, jump and run, this afternoon when the house was called to order and the time came for the introduction of bills. The poor pages fairly had their tongues running out when the halt was called and summing up of the work showed that 124 bills had been shoved into the hopper.

This runs the number up to 528 and the worst is yet to come, for there is one more day left and when the time comes to adjourn tomorrow it is likely that an evening session may be resorted to if any are shut out. In the senate forty-six were put across, running the total up to 129.

In the house one of the important bills was the cigarette bill, which two years ago was defeated. The bill provides that no person under 18 years of age can buy, smoke or have in his possession any cigar and any dealer selling to a minor is subject to a heavy fine. The present law makes it unlawful to sell to minors, but does not prohibit the smoking, so that there is little chance of conviction. The present bill will make it easy to get the evidence.

Endorsement by President Wilson's peace address, as provided for in a resolution introduced last week by Lloyd Thomas, democrat, was the only matter of the afternoon, which gave the members of the house a chance to talk. Mr. Lamar, an old-time populist, opposed it, while Peterson, republican floor leader, became just a trifle sarcastic and remarked that he did not believe the action of the Nebraska legislature would make much difference to President Wilson. The resolution was, however, adopted by a vote of 55 to 35, six democrats, Dafoe, Dau, Fleetwood, Lamar, Mysenberg and Shaffer voting against it, while six republicans, Harris (Buffalo), Hostetter, Mears, Rencker, Richard and Tracewell voted for it.

### Bank and Trust Company At Seattle is Closed

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 30.—The Northern Bank and Trust company did not open for business today and a notice posted on the door said the institution was in the hands of the state bank examiner.

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### DUNDEE NURSES A WORRY

When the time shall come for the city council to approve the design of the structures the Missouri Pacific Railway company some day will place over Dodge, Douglas and Farnam streets at the Belt line, the City Planning commission would like to be taken into the confidence of the great fathers who preside over the municipal government.

In a communication to the council the planners state that the proposed track elevation structures over streets should be of aesthetic design and should stand as evidence for future generations that Omaha in 1917 was aesthetic.

Plans for the Belt line track elevation, prepared by the City Planning commission and agreed to by the railroad and municipal engineers, contemplate filling in beneath the tracks at points between and beyond Dodge, Douglas and Farnam streets. The slopes of the roadbed will be parked. Dundee people and others of the west end were apprehensive lest the

track elevation would include trestle-work, which sends forth disturbing sounds during the night when trains are passing.

The city planners assure the residents of fair Dundee that their rights will not be violated by the rumbling of trains over shaky trestles. Actual work of protecting these grade crossings has not been started. The city legal department has been advised that Judge Hook of the federal court at St. Louis authorized the receiver of the Missouri Pacific to expend the money. The city engineer has been advised that the company will send him final draft of the plans for approval.

Many notes are being written back and forth and the city officials aver they will not let the matter slip their minds.

A Hint to the Aged. If people past sixty years of age could be persuaded to go to bed as soon as they take cold and remain in bed for one or two days, they would recover much more quickly, especially if they take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There would also be less danger of the cold being followed by any of the more serious diseases.—Adv.

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### FIVE DEATHS DUE TO POISON IN CAKES

Kankakee Housewife Accidentally Uses Arsenical Preparation in Baking.

### FOUR VICTIMS HER SONS

Kankakee, Ill., Jan. 30.—Pancakes in which an arsenical preparation had been accidentally used are believed to have caused the death of five members of the Meints family on a farm near here yesterday morning.

The pancakes were made by Mrs. O. K. Meints, mother of four of the victims and grandmother of the fifth. Mrs. Meints is believed to have mixed a poison preparation used by her husband in taxidermy with a prepared pancake flour, thinking the powder was pancake flour also.

The dead were: FRED, 26 years old; THEODORE, 26 years old; IRVIN, 21 years old; MENDO, 24 years old; CLARENCE MEINTS, the grandson, 7 years old.

### Major is Suspended for Criticism of Guards

Washington, D. C., Jan. 30.—Major Henry S. Barrett, Fourth infantry Maryland National Guard, has been suspended from rank and command for one year by order of President Wilson for alleged criticism of the National Guard service and officers.

Purchases Charged Wednesday, Appear On Statement Dated March 1st.

### Dress Trimmings

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