

DETECTIVE IS MURDERED; AMERICAN BOYS IN ACTION

PERSHING'S TROOPS BATTLE WITH ENEMY ON FRENCH FRONT

Germans Raid American Sector and Inflict Small Loss; Teuton Casualties Reported Heavy; Artillery Barrage Preceded Attack; One Sammy Blown to Pieces By Exploding Shell.

(By Associated Press.)

With the American Army in France, Wednesday, Jan. 30.—An American position on a certain section of the French front was raided during the heavy fog shortly after daylight this morning.

The attack was preceded by a violent artillery barrage.

TWO SAMMIES KILLED.

Two Americans were killed and four wounded. One soldier is missing and is believed to have been captured by the enemy.

BUSY SECTOR.

Casualties have been occurring almost daily for several days in this sector.

It is now permitted to disclose that all the recent casualties given out from Washington occurred in this sector.

The deaths were caused by shell fire, mostly shrapnel.

Last night was fairly quiet throughout the American sector.

The usual number of shells came over, doing no damage, and there were the customary sporadic outbursts of machine gun fire from both sides at points where the opposing lines are near.

Heavy Fog in Morning.

At daybreak this morning the heavy fog which had been enveloping the whole position and the country for miles around for several days became still thicker, blotting out all except the nearest enemy positions.

At 7 o'clock three muffled reports sounded through the fog. These were three whistles, followed quickly by three shell-bursts.

The projectiles exploded on three sides of an American listening post just outside the wire, within 45 feet of an enemy listening post.

"Hell Broke Loose."

"Then hell broke loose," said one of the men there.

For 15 minutes the enemy broke hundreds of high explosive 77s around the post and the surrounding ground, cutting off the men there.

Two of them were killed in the first few minutes.

Another man who was at the post told the correspondents later, as he was lying on a cot in a field hospital, that he saw four Germans approaching out of the fog as the barrage lifted.

He brought his automatic rifle into play and saw two of the Germans fall.

He kept on firing until shell splinters hit him in head and arms.

"The last I remember in the time before I reached the hospital," said another wounded man, "is seeing something moving through the fog."

"I determined to get some Germans and put my rifle to my shoulder, but never pulled the trigger. There was a deafening explosion behind me. Frozen earth, ice, stones and shell splinters came my way."

Inspection of the scene of the raid (Continued on Page Five, Column Five).

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair; warmer. Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Table with 2 columns: Time, Temperature. Rows include 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m., 9 p.m., and Daily Range.

Comparative Local Record. 1915, 1917, 1916, 1916.

Table with 3 columns: Station, Temp., Wind. Lists various weather stations and their readings.

DISORDERS IN FINLAND ARE GROWING WORSE

Wealthy Russians Who Fled to Helsingfors for Safety Now Find Situation More Dangerous There.

London, Jan. 31.—The latest advice from Petrograd report continued fighting and disorders in Finland. It is believed that the Roumanian legation, who started for Stockholm, got no further than Terijoki, about 30 miles from Petrograd.

Many of the wealthier residents of Petrograd fled into Finland to escape the revolutionary troubles in the Russian capital, thinking to find a safe retreat.

Some took their entire fortunes with them. It now appears that they escaped from one evil only to encounter another equally as great.

Members of the Finnish senate are said to have taken refuge in Vasa. Most of the news of the puzzling situation is coming from Stockholm and Copenhagen.

It consists largely of reports of fighting in which General Mannerheim, commanding the "protection corps," which seems to be the national guard formed by the Finnish government, claims successes.

General Mannerheim is reported marching to attack Helsingfors, where the Red Guard and its adherents seem to be still in control.

Ohio River Five Feet Above the Danger Line

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 31.—With gorges at Carrollton, Ky., and Madison, Ind., holding, the Ohio river, rising here one foot an hour for the last 24 hours, had reached a stage of 55 feet at noon today, or five feet above the danger line.

The Central Union railway station was abandoned.

The government weather bureau explains that a break in the gorges will send the river stage here down faster than it raised today.

British Casualty List for Month Shows Decrease

London, Jan. 31.—British casualties reported during January totaled 73,017, divided as follows:

Killed or died of wounds: Officers, 358; men, 13,698.

Wounded or missing: Officers, 1,205; men, 57,756.

The January casualties show a slight falling off from those reported during December, which reached a total of 79,527.

The total for November was 129,089, reflecting the severe fighting on the Cambrai front in that month.



MRS. B. C. KIRKE One of the women arrested

GERMAN STRIKES ENDANGER AIR POWER OF KAISER

Spread of Unrest to Aldershof and Spandau Jeopardize Balloon and Munitions Plants Vital to War.

BULLETIN

Amsterdam, Jan. 31.—The military commander at Hamburg has ordered a cessation of the strike here, says the Cologne Gazette. The despatch adds that the commander also ordered that future strikes be avoided.

Clergymen vainly exhorted the strikers in Hamburg yesterday to continue their work, the Cologne Gazette says. The workers proceeded to the trades union headquarters and adopted a resolution opposing the pan-German fatherland-party and demanding immediate peace without annexations or indemnities, better labor conditions and improvement of the food supply.

A deputation waited on the general in command of the district and said the strikers would not resort to violence.

(By Associated Press.)

Amsterdam, Jan. 31.—(British Admiralty per Wireless Press.)—The strike has been extended in districts near Berlin, especially in Tegel, Aldershof, Spandau and Mariendorf, where 500,000 men have quit work.

A similar number of workmen are on strike in the remainder of the empire.

Evidence of the extent of the strike in Hamburg is found in the Cologne Gazette, which says that almost all the ship yard laborers of that city have quit work.

Strike Is Growing.

After the men in the vulcan yards walked out, the others struck yesterday, declaring their solidarity with the vulcan workers.

Germany's strike troubles are growing and more than 700,000 men are out in Berlin alone, according to press dispatches to neutral countries.

Affect Balloon Industry.

New York, Jan. 31.—A correspondent of the Associated Press who was stationed at Berlin until America entered the war, and who recently returned to the United States from Copenhagen, where he went after the outbreak of hostilities, has written the following statement of the effect strikes in German cities are likely to have upon the production of munitions.

"Strikes at Aldershof, the Berlin suburb mentioned in today's dispatches, will affect one of the important centers of the German military airplanes and balloon industry."

Members of the industrial army, specializing in the manufacture of constituents for munitions, also are located in the Berlin suburb.

Arsenal at Spandau.

"Spandau, where the strike also is reported spreading, is the site of one of Germany's big arsenals, and a center for the manufacture of ammunition, as well as electrical plants devoted to war work."

"Spandau and Aldershof differ from the usual German industrial centers in that large numbers of skilled service because of their greater value in war plants, are employed there rather than the women and youths who make up a high proportion of Germany's industrial army at war time. The men are largely enrolled in the ranks of the radical socialist party and have been restive and dissatisfied with the government for a long time."

Boosted Former Strike.

"The Spandau workmen formed the backbone of Germany's first political strike during the war, called as a protest against the conviction of Liebknecht, the radical socialist member of the Reichstag, and held out the longest of any during the April protest against the reduction of the bread ration."

FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGES FILED AGAINST ALL FIVE DIAMOND ROBBERS

Five of the Auto Bandits Captured By the Police



FRANK MARTIN, SAM STONE, B. C. KIRKE. THOMAS M'KAY, BANDIT, HARRY WILLIAMS, WHO SHOT THROUGH BODY LEAPED FROM ROOF



One of three desperadoes wounded in gun fight at robbers' den. Surgeons at St. Joseph's hospital say he will die.

LATE WAR BULLETINS

BRITISH TAKE PRISONERS. London, Jan. 31.—The official statement from British headquarters in France and Belgium issued today reads:

"Our patrol secured prisoners last night in the neighborhood of Ephey. Beyond some hostile artillery activity south and north of Lens and in the neighborhood of Passchendale there is nothing further to report."

FIGHTING IN FINLAND. Stockholm, Wednesday, Jan. 30.—All is quiet in Helsingfors, a dispatch from that city reports, but fighting is under way at other points in Finland between the red guard, which is supporting the revolution, and the white guard, which is upholding the Finnish government.

The white guard is fighting with enthusiasm and scoring successes everywhere, notably at Kemi, Uleaborg, Kajanaimola and St. Michel, disarming the red guard.

In fighting Tuesday near Kaesere station the red guard lost 87 killed and 127 injured, while the white guard lost only eight killed and one wounded.

HOUSEHOLDERS' DREAM OF ROUT OF H. C. L. DASHED BY INCREASED PRICES

Washington, Jan. 31.—Retail prices of food regained in December the 1 per cent decrease which in November caused householders to hope that the time of deliverance from the high cost of living was at hand.

Of 27 articles for which prices are received by the bureau of labor statistics, 16 were more costly in December than in the preceding month, three remained the same and eight dropped slightly.

Eggs showed the greatest increase, 9 per cent; butter and hens advancing 3 per cent each; rice, milk, lard and chuck roset following close after. Onions showed the greatest decrease, 14 per cent; bread, potatoes, sugar, pork chops, flour and prunes being other foods selling at lower prices. Cheese, cornmeal and coffee remained stationary.

In the year from December, 1916, to December, 1917, prices of food as a whole advanced 24 per cent. Potatoes and onions were the only articles showing a decline.

Interpreted in dollars, the food that cost \$1 in 1916 cost \$1.24 in 1917. The same food could be bought for 72 cents in 1907, 82 cents in 1910 and 90 cents in 1914. There was a decline to 88 cents in 1915, then a big jump to 11 cents to \$1 in 1916 and a still bigger increase last year.

Since the beginning of 1917 the retail prices have fluctuated at a relatively lower level than the wholesale prices.

Farm products and clothing reached their highest price in November, 39 per cent above the January price. Fuel, lighting and metals declined rapidly since June to levels below those of January, due to government regulation

OFFICERS AND GUNMEN WOUNDED IN BATTLE FEW HOURS AFTER BOLD RAID

Frank Rooney Dies in Hospital After Making Statement; Thomas McKay, One of Cornered Men, Gets Bullet in Back; Two Others Wounded; One Man Is Still At Large.

POLICE FIGHT GUN BATTLE IN ROBBER'S DEN

Reporter for The Bee Eye-Witness to Bloody Battle in North Fourteenth Avenue Thieves' Rendezvous.

By JOHN E. KENNEBECK.

Six hours after the sensational diamond robbery in Dodge street yesterday afternoon the Omaha police department had captured five auto bandits charged with the crime.

The arrests were made after a bloody battle fought in the dark between the desperadoes and a posse of plain clothes men at the robbers' den in North Fourteenth avenue.

Detective Frank Rooney was shot in the abdomen, Thomas McKay, one of the bandits, was wounded in the back, the bullet penetrating the abdomen; Sam Stone, another of the highwaymen, sustained a bullet wound in the head and Frank Martin was wounded by flying splinter torn from the woodwork of the bungalow.

While the battle raged in the bedroom on the second floor Harry Wil-

son today by proclamation ordered that all persons, firms, corporations and associations manufacturing bread in any form, cake, crackers, biscuits, pastry or other bakery products must procure license on or before February 4, excepting those already licensed and those whose consumption of flour and meal is less than three barrels a month.

The order includes hotels, restaurants, public eating places and clubs which serve bread or bakery products of their own baking.

The proclamation also orders that persons, firms, corporations and associations engaged in importing or distributing green coffee also must procure license on or before February 4.

All applications for license are to be made to the United States food administration.

Violations are punishable by a penalty prescribed by congress in the food conservation act.

Under existing regulations proclaimed by the president in November last, all bakers, clubs, hotels, etc., using 10 barrels of flour or more a month are licensed.

The new proclamation extends the food administration's control so as to take in thousands of small establishments heretofore unregulated.

"Who lives here, lady? We're officers," Dolan said.

While the house was being surrounded by police officers, Detectives Dolan, Rooney and Danbaum were met at the front door by Mrs. Kirke.

"Who lives here, lady? We're officers," Dolan said.

Another of the bandits escaped to the roof. Searchlights were played upon him and he was made the target for a battery of police revolvers. Caught like a rat in a trap, the desperado attempted to slide down a wire and fell to the ground. He suffered a broken back.

Frank Stone, bandit, was shot by detectives as he attempted to escape through a window. The bullet entered his head. He will live.

ESCAPE WITH LOOT. The battle occurred about five hours after six unmasked bandits swooped down upon a jewelry store in Dodge street, cowed the proprietor and clerks with threats of death and escaped with \$15,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry.

The daring daylight robbery and the gun fight which followed when detectives surrounded the rendezvous of the bandits were the most sensational in the history of Omaha crime.

Five Gun Men Captured. Hundreds of shots were exchanged by detectives and bandits. Detective Rooney fell mortally wounded early in the fight. The battle came to a close when five of the gun men were captured.

Two women were arrested in the same house with the bandits.

Two other robbers besides McKay were injured. The sixth gunman escaped from the bullet-riddled house.

Early Thursday morning detectives found about \$5,000 worth of the missing diamonds in a crevice of the roof of the bandits' retreat, between \$8,000 and \$10,000 worth of gems and jewelry still are missing.

Recover Missing Diamonds. Investigation by Detective Dolan led to the discovery of the fugitives in the house owned by Mrs. Pessie Daisy, formerly Mrs. E. R. Tarry, at 3207 North Fourteenth avenue. After a two-hour watch the detectives

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CHARGES OF MURDER WERE FILED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AGAINST ALL FIVE OF THE DIAMOND BANDITS CAPTURED WEDNESDAY NIGHT AFTER A BLOODY BATTLE IN A DODGE STREET HOUSE.

Detective Frank Rooney died at St. Joseph's hospital at 2 o'clock on the afternoon and police immediately changed the charge against the desperadoes to murder.

BANDIT NEAR DEATH. B. C. Kirke, Sam Stone, Frank Martin, Harry Williams and Thomas McKay are the five bandits charged with murder.

McKay lies at St. Joseph's hospital at the point of death.

Stone was shot through the head. Martin was also injured, as was Williams, who leaped from the roof.

A sixth gun man escaped in his underwear.

HUNT SIXTH MAN. Police late yesterday left for East Omaha in automobiles following a report the bandit was hiding in a house, but found no one.

The officers were armed with sawed-off shotguns and rifles. They said they would take no chances with the desperado, who was reported to be heavily armed.

Rooney, detective, who gamely fought the robbers until two bullets penetrated his abdomen, made a des'habed statement.

The detective, one of the most popular men on the police force, was surrounded by his relatives when he died.

"One of the best-hearted and gamest men who ever wore a star on the Omaha police force," was the unanimous tribute to the murdered detective, when his fellow officers at central police station received word that he had died.

ROONEY SHOT TWICE. Police Detective Frank Rooney and Thomas McKay, alleged diamond robber, were shot in a pitched battle between officers and bandits in a house at 3207 North Fourteenth avenue Wednesday night.

Rooney, shot twice through the abdomen, gamely attempted to continue the fight, McKay, most seriously injured of the gun men, fell with a bullet which penetrated his abdomen.

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EATING PLACES MUST OBTAIN U. S. LICENSE

President's Proclamation Provides That All Restaurants, Clubs, Bakeries and Hotels Must Get Permits.

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RAIL EMPLOYEES ASK 40 PER CENT WAGE INCREASE

Washington, Jan. 31.—Demands for wage increases pending before the railroad wage commission are for an aggregate average of 40 per cent, it was disclosed today.