

BAITLE OF SOMME AT CLOSE QUARTERS

British and Germans Fighting Hand to Hand for Possession of Pozieres.

RUSSIANS NEAR ERZINGAN

Grand Duke's Armies in Caucasus Reach Dominating Heights and Fall of Turkish Stronghold Is Early Expected.

LONDON, July 25.—The battle on the Somme front, which began Saturday at midnight and has continued since with brief lulls, is still being engaged in by British and Germans with the utmost stubbornness.

RUSSIANS CLOSE TO ERZINGAN. Advances from the eastern front today are meager, but the Russian Grand Duke's troops gradually are closing in on Erzincan.

ADVANCE MADE FROM THREE POINTS. The Russians, after having steadily withstood most energetic counter-offensives without weakening, now are pressing forward in three directions.

NEW POINTS MENTIONED AS HAVING BEEN OCCUPIED BY THE RUSSIANS. The new points mentioned as having been occupied by the Russians are:

COUNTY TREASURERS ELECT

W. J. Hauser, of Ephrata, Is Head of Washington Association.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., July 25.—(Special.)—The 11th annual convention of County Treasurers of Washington closed its business sessions today with the election of officers and the selection of Tacoma as the next meeting place.

George A. Lee, candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, addressed the closing day of the business session was given almost entirely to discussion and adoption of the report of the legislative committee.

BAKER AGREES ON LIGHTS

Combination of Cluster and Single Unit Types to Be Used.

BAKER, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—Compromising on the question of whether single unit or cluster lights should be used for the ornamental illumination of the principal business streets of the city, the merchants' committee of the Baker Commercial Club decided today on a lighting system combining the best features of the two types.

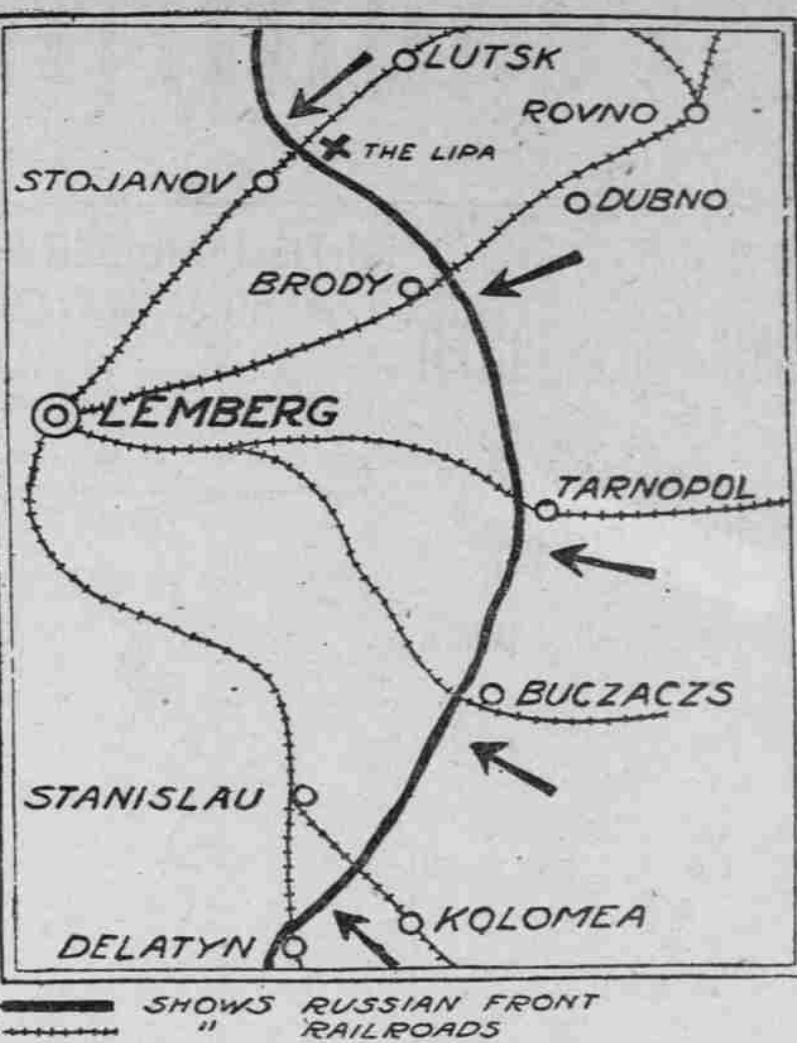
PETITION DELUGE COMES

Powder River Land Owners Protest Water Board's Ruling.

BAKER, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—With only a few days remaining in which may be filed objections and exceptions to the decision of the State Water Board concerning the water rights of the owners of thousands of acres in Powder River Valley, the County Clerk's office is being literally swamped with petitions of the kind.

The greatest number since the adjudication was made public this Spring was filed today, 25 landowners in the Lower Powder region objecting on the grounds that less than half the water necessary for irrigation purposes is allowed them, that they are the owners of previously vested rights, and that divesting of these rights would be unconstitutional.

MAP SHOWING SITUATION OF CONTENDING ARMIES IN VICINITY OF LEMBERG.



SHOWS RUSSIAN FRONT "RAILROADS" RUSSIAN REPORTS ASSERT RECENT SUCCESSES IN NORTH.

WILSON TO INSIST

Increased Naval Programme to Be Pressed on Congress.

OUTCOME STILL UNCERTAIN

Reference of Measure to Conference Committee Is Blocked in House—Site of Laboratory Causes Discussion.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—President Wilson has determined to stand squarely behind the increased Senate naval building programme. Official word of his desire that the Senate provisions be accepted by the House in conference was sent from the White House today to Administration leaders at the Capitol, where conferees will begin consideration of the naval bill within a few days.

INFERIORITY IS REALIZED

HUNGARY ADMITS RUSSIAN ARTILLERY CANNOT BE EQUALED.

Infantry Cannot Be Protected by Available Big Guns, Says Semi-Official Statement.

BUDAPEST, via London, July 25.—Overwhelming artillery power is the secret of the Russian successes, according to a semi-official statement published here. The article says: "What is the reason for the Russian successes? Briefly, the answer is—nothing but overwhelming artillery. The war is developing more and more into a war of mechanics and industries. What Russia cannot provide in this respect is being given her by her allies. She has received munitions in enormous quantities.

PUTER AND SONS INDICTED

Officials to Have Been Collected by Puter and Those Associated with Him.

As against the men previously indicted, it is asserted by the Government that Puter and the others committed an offense against the United States in promising men and women that for a filling fee ranging from \$25 to \$150 the applicants could be located on land in Oregon in litigation between the Southern Pacific Company and the

ARMY BILL IS INTACT

TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$290,000,000 NOW INDICATED.

Senate Retains Provision Against Efficiency Tests—Guardmen's Families Not Provided For.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—All efforts to reduce items of the Army appropriation bill below the figures recommended by the military committee failed in the Senate today and indications tonight were that the total appropriation for that branch of the National defense would approximate \$290,000,000 when the measure was completed.

TEN PERISH IN RESCUE

Attempt to Get at 12 Men Still Imprisoned until the Gas Had Been Forced Out.

From what they could learn of the conditions in the tunnel Parker and Jones declared that the dozen tunnel workers' bodies are entombed in seven or eight feet of debris and that it will be the work of at least two days to dig them out. According to the Federal investigators, the electric wiring in the tunnel was faulty.

DRILL CONTEST ARRANGED

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GRANGE TO HEAR CANDIDATES

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 25.—(Special.)—La Center will be a Mecca for candidates Thursday, July 27, when La Center Grange will meet. All candidates have been invited to be present to give a few minutes' talk.

EXPLOSION OF BOMB PERHAPS ACCIDENT

Expert Finds No Timing Device, but Police Continue Hunt for Assassins.

ORDER CAMPAIGN OPENED

Part of Fund Raised to Promote Open Shop to Be Used to Put Down Lawlessness—Money to Aid Victims Subscribed.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—Possibility that the bomb explosion in which seven men died and more than 40 were injured at San Francisco's preparedness parade Saturday night was brought out today by Arthur Crane, explosive expert for the Hercules Powder Company, who examined the bomb fragments and reported to the police bomb bureau. Nevertheless, the police, acting on the theory that it was the work of an assassin, continued their hunt for assassins.

LAW AND ORDER CAMPAIGN BEGUN

The Chamber of Commerce perfected its plans today for the mass meeting to be held Wednesday night in the Exposition Auditorium to consider means of keeping law and order. The committee of ten appointed by the Chamber of Commerce held a preliminary meeting, which was addressed by President Roosevelt.

NO TIMING DEVICE FOUND

He could find no timing device or any means of exploding the bomb, said the expert. The bomb resembled accurately the "go-devil" used by oil drillers and quarry men.

It was the work of a deliberate assassin, said Crane, "he was an ignorant bomb maker. The cartridges in the bomb were made by hand and were not of the type used in the preparedness parade."

PICNIC IS BIG SUCCESS

1600 ATTEND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OUTING.

McMinnville, Mount Angel and Cherry City Councils United to Provide Day of Real Sport.

SPEYER RETAINS PLACE

BRITISH COURT UPHOLDS CITIZENSHIP OF GERMAN BIRTH.

RIGHT TO REMAIN ON PRIVY COUNCIL SUSTAINED—SUIT BROUGHT BY ANTI-GERMAN LEAGUE IS LOST.

LONDON, July 25.—The court of appeals decided today that there is no question of the right of Sir Edgar Speyer to remain on the roll of the Privy Council. This ruling upholds the decision of the lower court in favor of Sir Edgar.

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Let Us Remind You—This Store Will Close Thursday at 1 P. M. During July and August

Advertisement for Roberts Bros. Store, Third & Morrison. Includes store hours and phone numbers.

Underpriced Offerings for Wednesday Shoppers

Advertisement for Embroideries and Underpriced Notion Items. Lists various items and prices.

Advertisement for Annual July Clearance of Dainty Well-Made Undermuslin. Lists various items and prices.

Advertisement for Greater Portland Association. Includes logo and text.

Advertisement for Which Means The Most? Includes logo and text.

Advertisement for Spread the Dollars Around. Includes text about buying luxuries.

Advertisement for Greater Portland Association. Includes logo and text.

Advertisement for BELL-ANS. Includes text about indigestion.