

VALENCIENNES FALLS TO CANADIAN TROOPS

Advance Swings on East of Important City.

YANKS STIFFLY OPPOSED

Pacific Coast Unit Goes Through Hardest Fighting in Advancing South of Ghent, in Belgium.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—Further important gains were made by the British troops east of Valenciennes, Field Marshal Haig reports from headquarters tonight. The village of Marly was captured and British detachments entered St. Sauveur.

Field Marshal Haig also reports that Valenciennes was taken by Canadian troops under General Currie, who have passed through the town.

The village of Preseau, southeast of Valenciennes, was captured by the British this morning after they had seized the high ground in that region.

WITH THE ALLIED FORCES IN FLANDERS, Nov. 2.—(By the Associated Press.) The fighting which one American detachment encountered yesterday at Spitaalboschen wood, southeast of Wareghem, in Belgium, was probably the hardest it has experienced in the months it has been in France.

This unit of Westerners had come from a section of the line where it had seen some bitter engagements, but the Major who was leading the battalion which was attacking the wood on the north, and who was wounded, told the Associated Press that the early stages of the battle yesterday were heavier than anything his men had been through.

Boche Expects Attack.
This forest, which covers a considerable tract, was literally a network of barbed wire entanglements, among which there were great numbers of machine gun nests dominating the American line in front of it.

The Germans evidently had been expecting an attack, for as soon as the drive began many of the little houses along the line sprang into flame set by the Boche, and the whole district was lighted brilliantly.

The attack was begun in the darkest hour before dawn and by firing these homemade traps the Germans threw the advancing troops into bold relief, which enabled the machine gunners to operate freely. At the same time the German artillery put down a terrific barrage which continued for hours. Straight through this blizzard of shells the Americans charged and began the work of clearing out the machine-gun posts. No direct frontal attack was made on the wood, but an encircling operation was started on either side.

Machine Guns Cause Delay.
Into the advancing forces rapid fires poured a vicious fire from concealed positions in the woods. Every farmhouse and haystack along the way—and there were many—contained its machine gun, which was chattering rapidly. Each of these had to be surrounded and subdued in turn as the Americans moved forward.

Very few civilians had left this district. The farmers and their families were still living in houses which the Germans had seized for machine-gun posts, and while the graycoats were sending streams of bullets from the upper windows and loopholes in the lofts, the people were down below in terror, waiting for they knew not what. Every precaution was taken by the Americans to spare these unfortunate people. The houses were surrounded and the Germans taken prisoner or killed.

The woods were taken after several hours of fierce fighting and all the Germans cleaned out. As the day progressed the going became easier, but this American division will never forget the first hour of that battle.

YANKS ARE PURSUING FOE

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Troops in motor trucks had not been able to catch up with the enemy. The Americans were not slow in following the advantage on the left wing which had met with the most serious resistance, and began to press forward immediately in the Bois des Loges on the heels of the Germans, clearing up all who lagged behind. They pushed their line northward for nearly a mile. Champagneville, a strong point in the Freya defense line, had been taken earlier in the day and the troops who had rushed it pressed forward and swept through Verpel, after partly surrounding the town.

Slight Resistance Is Surprise.
Through rain and mud the Americans advanced toward Therognes, a mile and a half north of Verpel. The enemy had been expected to hold there, for it was a strong position, but very little resistance was met when the village was entered.

Troops farther to the right continued their victorious march and fought their way beyond Bazay to Freya, a strong point nearly seven miles beyond yesterday's starting point and two and a half miles north of Bazayville.

Bazayville is an important strategic point known as the heart of the Freya Stellung. With its capture the American troops had broken the Germans' last organized defense. The troops on the right who had been in advance only just past Clery-Le-Grand yesterday, caught the mysterious suggestion of the sudden giving way of the Germans and pressed forward and

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into and passed Clery-Le-Petit. They overcame the lingering machine-gun resistance in Barriquet wood and captured Villes-Devant-Dun. Here the enemy launched a counter attack which failed, then the Americans moved forward again and occupied Doulicon.

Gains Are Large.
The total advance averaged more than two and a half miles on a 14-mile front, but was considerably greater at points. Numerous prisoners and heavy guns were taken and the enemy left many ammunition dumps so hastily that they could not be destroyed. As far as the Americans are concerned, the elaborate preparations they had made to fight for their wounded proved to have been unnecessary. Considering the magnitude of the operation, the American losses in yesterday's fighting were small. On the other hand, the reports indicate that the German casualties were unusually heavy.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF YPRES, Nov. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—North of the river where the Americans who have broken through the Germans' strongest lines of resistance, including the Freya position, which was shattered Saturday, lies the so-called Meuse line, the enemy's last stronghold in this part of France.

The line in general follows the military crests and railroads eastward from Hiron to Meximes, Mouzon, Sedan, Monmedy and Longuyon and then south to Etain. The railroad junctions in the regions of Montmedy and Longuyon already are under the fire of the American big guns. It is not believed the Germans have an organized system of defenses between the American front and this Meuse line, as they had the greatest confidence that the Freya, Kriemhilde and other lines could hold in spite of any attacks designed to break them.

The so-called Meuse line has the advantage of important railroad junctions connecting it with the main lines direct from Germany by several routes.

FORMER LEGISLATOR DIES

W. AL JONES PASSES AFTER SIX MONTHS' ILLNESS.

As Member of State Fair Board Stockman Gained Wide Acquaintance in Oregon.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—W. Al Jones, expert stockman, legislator, politician and high type of citizen, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Jones, in this city this morning after an illness of six months. His death was due to paralysis.

Mr. Jones was born in Mission Bottom, this county, December 30, 1871. He was educated at the Mission Bottom school, later going to the Portland Business College, where he graduated. Returning to Mission Bottom, he farmed for eight years on the same ranch where he was born. He was married December 6, 1905, to Miss Jessie Crockett, of Salem, and had two children, Joseph, who he handled a 1000-acre farm in Wallowa County for four years, returning to Salem in 1915 as a member of the Board of Education, and Joseph, who was secretary of the State Fair Board and had charge of the fair that year.

He had been a member of the fair board for three years before becoming its secretary. In 1917 he was elected to the House of Representatives in the Legislature, from Marion County, having resumed farming in this county after severing his connection with the fair. He also was Republican nominee for State Senator from Marion County. He was a member of the Salem lodge of Elks, the Masonic lodge at Joseph and the Joseph chapter of the Eastern Star and of the Modern Woodmen at Woodburn. He was also for years a member of the Purebred Livestock Association.

He is survived by his parents, widow and two children, Rosalie and Edwinton; two brothers, Earl L. Joseph and Silas Ray, Salem, and one sister, Miss Alta Jones.

SCIENTISTS TO TEST LAW

Church Services to Be Held at Los Angeles Despite Ban.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 2.—Announcement that services would be held tomorrow in the Ninth Church of Christ, Scientist, here was made tonight after a series of conferences between representatives of various Christian Scientist churches of the city and city health and executive officials.

The announcement indicated that the action had been decided upon as a means of testing the constitutionality of a city ordinance under which the Los Angeles board of health forbade all public gatherings, including church services, during the prevalence of influenza in this city.

Chief of Police Butler said he would instruct his lieutenants to take such action as they deemed necessary to enforce the board of health regulations.

EASTERN TRIP IS OFF

Commissioner Buchtel Will Not Go to Washington, Funds Lacking.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Owing to the rapidly dwindling appropriations of the Public Service Commission, Commissioner Buchtel, who had considered attending the meeting of the National Association of Railway Commissioners at Washington, D. C., November 12, will not attend.

Word was received that the dwindling of Spanish influenza in the East had made it unnecessary to postpone the meeting of the commissioners, and Commissioner Buchtel had been designated by the commission to attend.

Big Mortgage Is Filed.

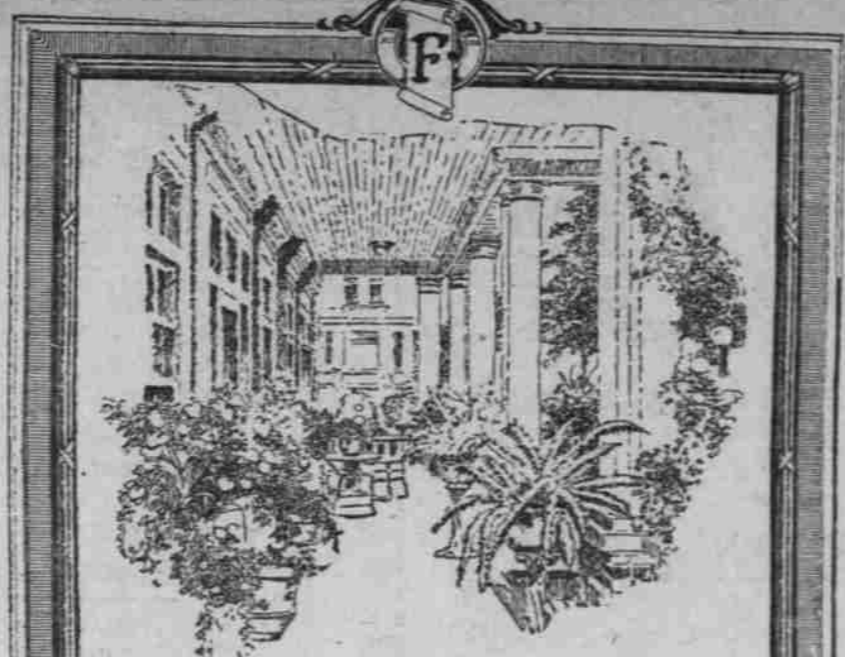
VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—The mortgage for \$1,000,000 given by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company to the Guaranty Trust Company, of New York, to secure a 6 per cent bond issue, has been filed in this county, where the company also does business. The mortgage contained 46 printed pages and cost \$22.70 in fees to have it recorded.

Persimmon Tree Bearing.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Mrs. J. E. Williams of this city has a persimmon tree in her yard in this city that is laden with ripe fruit, and they have the same "pucker" taste as those of the south. Those who have tasted the fruit do not appreciate the flavor or the "pucker" qualities.

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SALEM, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—The re-election of Senator McNary is of vital importance to one of the greatest, if not the greatest, industry in the Willamette Valley, was the declaration incorporated in a statement issued today by the Pheasant Northwest Fruit Products Company, which has given Oregon an international reputation as a fruit juice center.

In his statement Mr. Schmidt says: "Senator McNary is looking out for the interests of the state of Oregon, not only for the period of the war, but also after the war in aiding us to save the fruit juice industry. He has made it possible for us to establish here in Salem one of the largest preserving plants in the United States, where we manufacture jellies, jams and preserves of high quality from this won-

derful Willamette Valley fruit, and we cannot state too strongly that not only has Senator McNary done work of this nature for us, but he has done it for the state of Oregon, and every voter should cast his ballot to get a good man, a hard worker and loyal servant in office."

ISLANDS SPAR FOR TRADE

Copra Industry Booms as Result of European War.

PAPEETE, Tahiti.—The cold, calculating hand of commercialism has gripped these South Sea Islands. Various trading companies are located here, sending their schooners through the islands buying copra and distributing such merchandise as is in request among the inhabitants. According to residents here, these trading companies are amassing money and, as there is no excess profit tax or red-tape commissions, are said to be profiteering "for all the traffic will bear."

By way of reprisal the natives are said to have raised the price of all domestic foodstuffs and the innocent bystander complains that he is being torn to shreds by this economic rip-saw. Says one resident: "To the east of us is an archipelago of about 50 coral atolls called the Faumo tu Group, whence come both copra and pearl shell, and as it is

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most exclusively in the hands of the Chinese. Papeete is so filled with their shops that it has the appearance of a Chinese town with all the accompanying smells associated with the Orient.

SALT LAKE CITY.—Mrs. Harriet E. Phillips, of this city, 81 years old, has 42 relatives in the fighting forces of the United States. The majority of them are in France and only one, so far, has been injured. One grand-son, a French American transport, Mrs. Phillips, besides being in a position to wear service pins with numerous stars, is an ardent knitter.

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