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## PARIS IS BOMBARDED WITH LONG RANGE GUNS TODAY

### GREAT ONSLAUGHT OF THE GERMANS

Big Gains Being Made In All Sectors Along the Battle Front.

### NEW IMPLEMENT WAR

Brought Into Play That Has a Range of Sixty-two Miles—25,000 British Soldiers Are Taken.

(By Associated Press.)

### PIRING ON PARIS.

PARIS, March 23.—The Germans have been firing on Paris with long range guns. Ten persons have been killed and fifteen wounded.

**BOMBARDMENT CONFIRMED.** PARIS, March 23.—The bombardment of Paris has been officially announced and that shells are falling upon the city at intervals of one every 15 minutes. The shortest distance from Paris to the front is approximately 62 miles.

### GERMANS BREAK THROUGH.

LONDON, March 23.—The Germans have broken through the British defensive system west of St. Quentin, with the British troops retreating back in good order to positions further west. Fighting still continues heavily with the fresh enemy forces that have been brought up by the Germans. The British on the northern part of the battle ground are holding their positions.

PARIS, March 23.—There has been no explanation forthcoming so far in reference to the manner in which Paris has been bombarded by the Germans, but it is possibly being done through some new invention so far unheard of during the present war. Dispatches received this afternoon from Paris to the effect that shells of 240 millimeters are employed in this assault against the capital and suburbs at intervals of a quarter of an hour, and that some loss of life has resulted.

The shortest distance from Paris to the front is approximately 62 miles. The announcement of the bombardment of Paris has been officially made and measures are now being taken for a big counter attack by the British forces to dislodge the enemy's cannon that is carrying on the execution in today's long-distance bombardment on the capital.

### Official Washington Astounded.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—News that Paris had been bombarded with long range guns has astonished the American experts beyond belief, no such range accomplishment ever having been dreamed of by those close in touch with the war operations of the world. The Germans established a record of 22 miles some time ago at Dunkirk. The officials are calm today regarding the great offensive of the Germans and confident the British will ultimately stem the great drive now advancing.

### Strong Defense Zone Broken.

ASSOCIATED PRESS WAR LEAD. March 23.—For the first time since the trench systems were established on the western front the strong defensive zone has been broken through, a feat that many military officials thought was utterly impossible. It is the general opinion that this will necessitate the withdrawal of troops on a wide front of the battle area unless the British are able to restore the present situation by a strong counter attack. The violent artillery fire was a feature of the German drive all day yesterday and that it had a telling effect is the fact that the defensive zone was penetrated. The German soldiers, composing the divisions which lead out in this special assault, were entirely new uniforms, being groomed by the German military authorities for the special effort they were to carry out in the present big drive. The enemy is far superior to the British in numbers on the battle line where all attacks have occurred, their estimated number being placed at 600,000 men, but military authorities are still under the opinion that this great army has not placed the entire British defensive zone, but merely broken through the defensive system, repeating what the British did at the battle of Somme when they pierced the Hin-

denburg line. There are fifty German divisions in this great struggle for supremacy with half as many more in reserve.

### Germans Push Ahead.

BERLIN, March 23.—Between Fontaine Les Croiselles and the Woerres the Germans have penetrated into the second line positions capturing the two villages of Vaulx and Vraucourt and Norohies, a distance of from two and one-half to three and one-half miles behind the British lines. The British counter attack has failed, and with it the loss of twenty-five thousand British soldiers taken as prisoners by the Hun, along with 400 guns as well as 300 machine guns, thus far reported.

Between Gonnelleux and the Omignon stream the Germans have penetrated the first two lines of the enemy's positions, cross over Oise, west of Laferre which is twelve miles south of St. Quentin. Forces by the Jaeger battalions, south of Somme, the Germans broke through into the third positions driving the British over the Crozat Canal toward the west. The British have evacuated their positions in the bend south of Cambrai and were pursued through Denicourt, Flesquieres and Ribecourt.

### British Present Solid Front.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, March 23.—The British soldiers are putting up a gallant fight and still presenting a solid front to the fierce and unabating onslaught of the Germans today, although British troops have been withdrawn from the lines at certain points for strategic reasons. The Germans have forced their way into Mory, but a later report establishes the fact that they have been driven out.

### German Launch Gas Attack.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 23.—The Germans launched a heavy gas attack against a certain town in the American line northwest of Toul last night. The night was calm with no wind blowing and the fumes of the mustard gas hung low over the lines for several hours. Our artillery retaliated on the German batteries near Ribecourt.

### Germans Repulsed.

PARIS, March 23.—The Germans launched an attack in the Woerwe district and were repulsed with heavy losses.

### Austrians Successful.

VIENNA, March 23.—The war office has announced that the Austrians have met with great success on the western front, where they are now engaged with the Germans for the first time during the period of the war.

### Germans Making Supreme Effort.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, March 23.—It is reported that the enemy infantry has pushed down across the anal de la Somme and has driven forward against the positions to which the British and the German cavalry is advancing behind the infantry and it is evident that a supreme effort is being made to rupture the British line there.

### Enemy Airplanes in Evidence.

PARIS, March 23.—The enemy airplanes bombed Copignac and a number of other towns last night. An alarm of the presence of the airplanes near Paris was given and the artillery forced the invaders back.

### Another Air Raid Alarm.

PARIS, March 23.—An air raid alarm was sounded in Paris today but the results accomplished, if carried into execution have not been announced.

### Emperor at Front.

LONDON, March 23.—It is reported that Emperor William is personally commanding his army on the western front.

### Out of the War Zone.

LONDON, March 23.—Secretary of War Baker has landed at a British port, it has been officially announced today.

### WILBUR BOARD ELECTS TEACHERS

At a meeting of the Wilbur school board held last night teachers were elected for the ensuing year. The election, or re-election rather, as all are re-elected teachers, is very gratifying indeed to an advance of better than 12 1/2 per cent in salary was made by the board, and is given in recognition of the splendid work that has been done by the teachers. The corps of teachers is as follows: Mrs. Inez Miller, principal; Miss Elsie Walker, assistant in the high school department; Mrs. Leah Adair Cole and Miss Mazie Walker, grammar grades. Mrs. Cole was not in the schools last year, as the board had granted her a leave of absence for the year.

### PLAY LAST NIGHT A GRAND SUCCESS

"Princess Chrysanthemum" Proves Hit of Season—Wins Approval.

### PARTS WELL TAKEN

Miss Kinser, Popular Instructor of Music, Deserves Much Credit—Chorus and Solo Work Excellent.

"Princess Chrysanthemum" the splendid Japanese operetta which was presented by the Roseburg high school last evening at the Antlers theatre was without question one of the most excellent home talent productions ever staged in this city and the universal opinion of all who were so fortunate as to attend, proclaimed it to have been tremendously worth while from beginning to end. Every detail of the entire evening's entertainment was arranged thoroughly and in a highly efficient manner and a great deal of praise is due Miss Bernice Kinser, the director of the operetta, who not only trained the cast, but who directed the high school orchestra which itself is worthy of special mention, the organization rendering numerous selections throughout the evening in a well trained manner. In the operetta the parts were excellently cast, each character being portrayed in a highly professional manner.

"Princess Chrysanthemum" as played by Miss Stella Krohn proved one of the biggest hits of the evening. Miss Krohn handling her difficult part with apparent ease and especially notable were the many beautiful notes rendered by the young star. Her voice, which is of clear lyric soprano, held the audience spell bound and she was the recipient of much applause.

Equally well handled were the parts taken by Clinton Cameron as "The Emperor Wha-Fo-Whi," the merciful (?) Japanese monarch. Mr. Cameron has a splendid singing and talking voice and he assumed the role of monarch with wonderful success. Prince So-Tru, as portrayed by Clifford Bemis, and Prince So-Sii, as played by Virgil Cameron, were worthy of unlimited praise, the two young men taking the parts of the princess' suitors in a pleasing manner. The villain, Saneer Eyes, the wizard cast proved one of the biggest hits of the entire play and Gerald Geddes, who assumed the heavy role, was a favorite from start to finish. Top Not, the court chamberlain, played by Miss Lois Geddes, was handled in a manner that won the approval of the entire audience. Miss Geddes was well fitted for her part and was one of the features of the evening. Her stage bearing was remarkable and that the audience heartily approved of Top Not was attested by the liberal applause and many phrases of admiration that was apparent.

Kahryn Powell, as Fairy Moonbeam, the princess' good mother, was a hit as were the princess' ladies in waiting, To-To, Ethel Watson; Yum Yum, Dorothy Veatch; Du-Du, Eva Rice, and Tu-Lip, Adele Bemis.

The spirits of the night, couriers, and fairies composing the chorus included many of the best talent in the high school and the costumes were especially beautiful, as were the settings of the three scenes. A special artistic dance, which was portrayed by Miss Florence Devaney and Miss Maybelle Miller, was a charming feature of the affair and was the inspiration for much applause.

Other special features were equally successful and indeed every incident of the evening is well worth the highest of praise. The singing throughout was handled in an excellent manner as were the lines. Miss Kinser and Miss Willett deserving of a great deal of credit. Four minute talks were delivered in between the acts by Rev. Warrington and Rev. Spencer, of this city, the former speaking on the income tax and the latter on the Armenian and Syrian relief drive, both gentlemen receiving the earnest attention of the large audience.

That "Princess Chrysanthemum" was a huge success from start to finish is the general opinion today and the high school is to be congratulated upon the splendid talent in its ranks. As was predicted several days ago a S. R. O. house greeted the players and over two hundred dollars was realized by the students from their efforts.

### HON. JOHN S. COKE FOR SUPREME JUDGE

A wire was received this afternoon from Portland by The Evening News saying that Judge John S. Coke, of Marshfield, had formally announced himself as a republican candidate at the coming primary election for justice of the Oregon supreme court. It has been known for some time that Mr. Coke was contemplating this step, but not until today did it become known as a fact. Mr. Coke is widely known throughout the state and is in every way qualified for the office to which he aspires. He is now beginning his tenth year as circuit judge in the second judicial district and his home is at Marshfield where he has been reared since boyhood. That he will receive the undivided support of the entire southern part of the state where he is so well known there is no question, as well as a mighty big support from all parts of Oregon. The News is pleased to inform its readers that the foregoing gentleman has decided to seek the exalted position of supreme judge, knowing that he is wholly fitted in every particular for the office.

### GERMAN RAIDER WAS ARMED FOR BUSINESS

A PACIFIC COAST PORT, March 23.—The auxiliary schooner Agassiz, seized off coast of Mazatlan by the American gunboat yesterday as a Mexican raider, is being brought to this port. The crew were interned as Germans and it is believed it was the hope of the boat to capture a large vessel to be used as a German raider.

### NEWS TO FURNISH WAR BULLETINS TOMORROW

The Evening News has arranged with the Associated Press to furnish all important details of the big drive tomorrow, Sunday, beginning at 9:30 in the morning and bulletins containing developments as they are flashed over the wire will be posted in the window during the day.

### BOYS AND GIRLS HELP U. S.

Miss Nancy E. Watson, of school district No. 62, near Dixonville, reports that her little school of 13 pupils has invested the splendid sum of \$300 in war saving stamps. The children have shown a splendid patriotism and seem very anxious to do their "bit" for Uncle Sam. This should serve as a fine example to others who have not yet taken the final step toward serving their country.

### GREAT INTEREST SHOWN.

The Roseburg high school is proud of the fact that so many of the students are enrolling themselves in the industrial club work, and at a late hour yesterday each class in the different departments of work had their schedule, and next Monday they will hold their first meeting and at that particular time officers will be elected and the industrial team work will begin.

### GOES HOME TOMORROW.

Mrs. C. S. Hennings, a prominent music instructor, of this city, who was recently operated on at Mercy hospital, is much improved and will be taken home tomorrow. Her many friends in the city will be greatly pleased to hear of her recovery.

### OFFICIAL VISIT TO ELKS LODGE

Walter E. Newcombe, district deputy grand exalted ruler of the Elks lodge will arrive in Roseburg on Thursday evening, March 28, and pay an official visit to the local lodge.

T. F. Heard and son, Corvin, were attending to business matters in this city today.

### ROSEBURG GIRL DIES IN PORTLAND

Mrs. Clarence Tebault, Daughter of Attorney and Mrs. B. L. Eddy of This City.

### FUNERAL HERE MONDAY

Deceased Resided Here From 1905 Until Her Marriage to C. M. Tebault in 1910—Has a Host of Friends Throughout State.

Coming as a terrible shock to her many friends in this city was the death of Mrs. Clarence M. Tebault, of Portland, whose demise occurred at 7 o'clock last evening at the Emmanuel hospital in Portland after a life and death battle of several days. Mrs. Tebault was formerly Miss Ruth Eddy, daughter of Attorney and Mrs. B. L. Eddy, of this city, and until her marriage to Clarence M. Tebault, which occurred at the home of her parents on February 8, 1916, resided here, where she attended the public and high schools. Born in Portland on April 17, 1895, the young lady moved with her parents to this city in 1905 where during her school days she made many friends who will be deeply grieved to learn of her untimely demise. Mrs. Tebault possessed a charming personality and one that won for her the love of all. During her college career at Albany she was universally popular and it was at that institution that her romance started which terminated in marriage.

The deceased is survived by a heartbroken husband, a mother and a father, a son, Alfred Lee, two sisters, Mrs. Frank Graham, of Portland, and Miss Dorothy Eddy, of this city, and a brother, Ben Eddy, who is now enroute to France with an engineering corps. B. L. Eddy, father of the deceased, and C. M. Tebault, husband, will arrive here Sunday evening with the body and the funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at two o'clock from the Presbyterian church, with Rev. E. W. Warrington officiating. Interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

### BASE HOSPITAL UNIT NO. 46 MOBILIZES

Physical examination of men in base hospital unit No. 46 has begun at mobilization headquarters in the old Portland academy buildings by Major R. J. Yonney, director of the unit, says the Oregonian. Following medical examination the man will be vaccinated and during the three weeks they will remain in Portland will be given light drill and police duty. Intensive training will not be started until after they are sent to Camp Lewis. Many of the members are now outside the state awaiting transportation to Portland, and their arrival will be somewhat delayed on that account.

Carl Steinmetz, a former Roseburg boy, is a member of base hospital unit No. 46 and recently visited in this city with his sister, Mrs. Geo. Wharton, of North Roseburg.

### COAN LECTURE AT HIGH SCHOOL MONDAY EVE

Dr. Frederick G. Coan, of New York City will deliver a splendid lecture Monday evening in the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock on the "Tragedy of the Near East," under the auspices of the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief. Dr. Coan was an eye witness of the Turkish atrocities during the past 32 years and his lecture deals with personal experiences during the two massacres, and with America's position in regard to them. January 2, 1915, Dr. Coan saw the Kurds and Turks break through the Russian lines in the northwest of Persia, sweep down to the south and west, devastating the plain of Urumia and the eastern side of the lake, destroying the towns that lay in their wake, exacting ransoms even from the city of Tabriz, the blow falling heaviest of all upon those who had no relation of power, the helpless mother, the frail baby and the innocent child.

Few men living today can interpret the peoples of the east to the people of the west as understandingly as Dr. Coan. He is a man with a political vision for the near east, fired by the earnest conviction that the west should do its part to solve the eastern problem. Dr. Coan will do his utmost to convince the people of Roseburg that their co-operation and aid is earnestly needed in the Armenian and Syrian relief drive that is to start throughout the United States beginning Tuesday of next week.

### CLAUDE THOMPSON NOW IN ENGLAND

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Thompson, of this city today received the letter published below, from their son, Claude, who is located at an aviation camp in England. Claude is a Douglas county boy and has a host of friends here who will be glad to hear from him.

"At last we are settled at least for a time. We are building up an aviation camp here and no doubt we will be here for quite a while. I certainly hope so for it is such a pretty country here, and as soon as spring opens it will be much more beautiful.

"Do not expect to hear from me too often, for there is very little to write about and mail deliveries are somewhat uncertain. We have no Y. M. C. A. here at present, but no doubt one will be established later. We are situated about 1 1/2 miles from a small town which we are permitted to visit each evening after supper if we wish.

"Most of our work will be concrete and brick work, which you know is very hard work, but we work only 7 1/2 hours per day and no one tries to kill himself. We can buy nearly anything we want here, so do not trouble yourself to send the things which I asked you to before leaving the states. Those socks you knit me are sure nice now. I have just begun to wear them since I have been here. I can't think of any more to write now only that all the boys as well as myself are in the best of health and spirits and all glad they had the opportunity to come over here.

"Will try to write once per week, but do not worry if you should not hear from me very often for there is so little to write about, but will have plenty to tell you when I get back. Keep all the kids posted as I probably won't write to them very often. We have received no mail yet since leaving the states."

### BARBARA CLARK IS HOSTESS AT PARTY

Miss Barbara Clark, charming little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark, of this city, was honored this afternoon with a delightful festive affair, the occasion being the 5th anniversary of her birth and sixteen young guests were bidden in to spend the afternoon and celebrate with the hostess. A pleasing color scheme of pink and green was used in the decorations about the rooms, beautiful pink carnations and spring greenery being selected to add this pretty touch. During the afternoon games were indulged, and last but not least a delicious luncheon was prepared and served by the hostess' mother. Those enjoying the hospitality of Miss Barbara were Trols Church, Margaret Coe, Harriet Wisnatine, Mary Burgoyne, Barbara Ott, Mildred Miller, Dorothy Robertson, Iris Taylor, Kathleen Worthington, Hazel Oeland, Lois Highland, Jimmy Judd, Ross Bates, Jimmy Darby, Geo. Wm. Neuner, and Garland lies.

### OSWALD WEST PASSES THROUGH ROSEBURG

Ex-Governor Oswald West passed through this city today enroute to his home at Portland after spending some time in Washington, D. C., conferring with authorities at the capital in the interest of the ship-building industry in the west. Governor West was met at the local station by District Attorney George Neuner, who conferred with Mr. West briefly on matters of importance locally.

Superintendent O. C. Brown today sent to the state school superintendent's office the name of Lucille Fortin, of Coles Valley, as a member of the second Rainbow regiment of Oregon.

### PORTLANDER FINDS BOYHOOD FRIEND

Engineer Fred Rasch Visits Little Farm of Howard Wilson.

### LIVES NEAR MELROSE

Unlabeled and Handicapped With Blindness, But Filled With Indomitable Courage, Home Is Hewed Out of the Forest.

Fred A. Rasch, utilities engineer for the Oregon public service commission, was in Roseburg a part of this week delving into the affairs of the Oregon Gas Co., in connection with an investigation to be held soon, at which time the gas concern will attempt to show why they should be allowed to raise their prices. But this story does not pertain to what gas is worth. Rather, it has to do with the industry of a blind man who lives on the Melrose road, and whom Mr. Rasch discovered was a boyhood friend of his more than 30 years ago. While here the Portland man took occasion to motor out to the little farm, some seven or eight miles from the city, where he enjoyed a few hours' visit with his boyhood friend, Howard Wilson. In speaking of the really remarkable achievements of this blind man, Mr. Rasch said:

"I came to Portland in 1885—33 years ago—and one of the first boys I met on the east side was Howard Wilson, and the friendship that sprung up between us at that time has continued, although I practically lost sight of him for quite a while. When Howard was sent to the state school for the blind at Salem, I kept up a correspondence with him, and learned to write the point system, so he could read it by running his fingers over the raised letters. We used to go in the river a good deal, and Howard was a good swimmer. He was very musical, and entertained us boys on the harmonica, and later acquired considerable proficiency as a violinist, and also played the guitar. His sister, Dalay, was the first real beau I had—the only reason I was so considered was the privilege I enjoyed of carrying her books home from school."

Here Mr. Rasch broke away from reminiscences of his boyhood, and lauded the enterprise and thrift of a man who has nearly all his life been handicapped with the great affliction which deprived him of sight. "The little 30-acre farm, about seven miles from the city, is really a most interesting place," said Mr. Rasch.

"When Howard Wilson settled on the land it was covered with oak, laurel and other wild growth. But he went to work clearing a place for garden. He secured a few goats to help in the work, and those thrifty fellows browsed around the stumps and prevented the trees cut down from starting again. His mother and sister lived with him for a long time, but a year or two ago the mother died, and the sister, having a home of her own, Howard lives alone. During the years he was clearing off the land an getting it ready for cultivation this industrious blind man played for neighborhood dances and other entertainments, and in this way earned a little ready cash which helped wonderfully in meeting expenses.

"At the present time the place is practically all cleared, although it has taken years to accomplish the work. In going over the farm with Mr. Wilson, who led the way around as easily as though he could see, he pointed out each familiar object of interest, and never became confused as to directions. The river to the north the boundary lines and corners of the property, the strawberry patch, the thriving young orchard, were all shown me, and the wonder of it is that this blind man has done it all. Not only did he support himself, but he cared for his mother up until the time of her death a couple of years ago. But Howard Wilson never says a word about the hard times he had, but is satisfied with his success. At present a part of the farm is rented out to other people, who are engaged in strawberry culture, and this fact relieves the owner of much hard work. He keeps well posted in current events, knows all about the war, and takes great interest in following its developments each day.

"When I called at his home, although I had not met him for several years, the moment I spoke he knew me, and while I tried to speak rather unnaturally in order to test his memory, it was of no avail, and he immediately called my name and was overjoyed to meet me again."