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BATTLE AGAIN RAGING FURIOUSLY ON WESTERN FRONT

FRENCH AND BRITISH HOLD ALL SECTORS

Germans Battling Desperately to Gain Objective Point Near Amiens.

THREE MILES RAILROAD

Enemy Gains Some Ground But at Terrible Loss of Life—Hard Fighting Last Night and Today On the Front.

BIG BATTLE RENEWED.

Associated Press War Lead, April 5.—After a lull of a few days on the big battle front, presumably for the purpose of strengthening their positions, the Germans have again launched a terrific tirade against the allied forces, the present strike of the enemy being at positions south of the Somme river near the city of Amiens, and although their renewed offensive was made with heavy forces only slight gains were accomplished and these at isolated points, being repulsed at other sectors with great loss of life.

How well the allies withstood the enemy's onslaughts is shown by the fact that on a particular front nine miles north of Montdidier the Germans used over 100,000 of their men in launching the attack. The French troops contested the ground bitterly between the Avre and Luce rivers, mowing down the German troops in a frightful manner with artillery fire. In ten reckless assaults made by the Germans against the French in this assault the Hun came forward in massed infantry, only to be met by an incessant artillery fire from the French troops that had a telling effect.

Another sector of trenches have been taken over by American forces on the heights of Meuse, south of Verdun, but these have been comparatively inactive for some time.

FRENCH HOLD POSITIONS.

Paris, April 5.—The German army is continuing its attacks against the French troops today with all the fury at its command, desperate in its attempts to push through the allied lines, but despite the superiority of their effectiveness they have been unable to attain their objective point, that of reaching the railway leading from Amiens to Clearmont. On the contrary, the French troops have maintained the line in its entirety, as well as conquering a greater part of the Epinette wood, north of Oivillers and Sorel, and all efforts on the part of the Germans has been vain, the French troops stubbornly holding their positions and giving the enemy a good, warm reception on the battle front wherever an attempt was made to advance. The French have captured St. Aignan Farm, south of Grivesnes, and have held out against numerous assaults launched by the enemy, while in the north the French withdrew their troops to positions west of Castel, but the Germans were thrown back at Arriere, Cour wood, Went, Mailly and Rameval.

A London dispatch received this afternoon states that early this morning the Germans attacked the British troops on a wide front from Dernancourt, including the towns of Menin, Beaumont, Hamel, Briegury and Moyenneville, and at each one of these points the Germans were repulsed with a tremendous loss of life, except at Dernancourt, where a slight gain was made by the enemy. So far there has been no attacks south of the Somme river.

FRENCH LINES STILL HOLD.

Associated Press War Lead, April 5.—Afternoon reports from the war zone are to the effect that the French lines have been held intact below Amiens and that the Germans have been defeated with great loss of life in what probably constituted their most desperate effort heretofore made during the present drive to break in and cut off all French and British communications. This battle raged with all fury a part of yesterday and all of last night and great force was launched by the enemy's troops to break down the allied lines, but without avail, and as a whole the French lines are at this moment entirely maintained. In their desperate effort to gain their objective point the Germans gained about 2,000 yards opposite Castel, which still leaves them nearly three miles from the railroad, a point they are making a strong effort to place their troops.

GERMANS LAUNCH ATTACK.

London, April 5.—The British troops have been pressed back a

LACK OF FLAGS ON DISPLAY

Upon walking down Jackson and Cass streets, the principal business thoroughfares of the city there is a noticeable absence of American flags displayed in the front of the various establishments and the committee in charge of the third liberty loan parade tomorrow would like to see "Old Glory" placed in a conspicuous spot hereafter. It is now time to show the true feeling of patriotism and this may be done by unfurling the Stars and Stripes.

short distance on the front east of Amiens to a position east of Villers and Bretonneux. The enemy has launched a great attack between the Somme and Luce rivers and fighting is raging furiously in this sector. The Germans, however, have been thrown back in most places by the allied forces.

GERMANS CONCENTRATE.

London, April 5.—The Germans have concentrated their troops near the town of Albert and the British artillery has "taken them on" and they are now under their fire. There was active artillery fire during all of last night in the neighborhood of Buquoy and the Scarpe valley and there seems to be renewed energy on the part of both opposing forces to stage a battle of no small magnitude commencing with yesterday and today's activities.

GERMAN IS EXECUTED.

Washington, April 5.—Attorney General Gregory has taken to the cabinet meeting a report of the lynching of Robert Prager, a German subject, at Collinsville, Ill., which occurred last night, for discussion with the president. It is expected that the government will denounce the act of the mob as lawless. It is reported that Prager, who was a coal miner, made remarks derogatory to the president of the United States. Before being hanged by the miners mob he prayed in the German language. He was taken from the jail by the mob and his execution accomplished soon thereafter.

TO MOBILIZE SECOND DRAFT.

Washington, April 5.—Orders for the mobilization of one first large number of the second draft will go forward very soon to the governor of each state, as a result of the decision of the department to assemble a large number of recruits for early service in France.

MILLION DOLLAR CHECK.

San Francisco, April 5.—The Union Oil Company has sent a million dollar check to the liberty loan headquarters. This is the first direct subscription so far made to the third liberty loan drive which starts Saturday.

GERMANS INVADE FINLAND.

Petrograd, April 5.—Two German war ships and several torpedo boats have landed troops in Finland and occupied the town of Eknes. Several Russian war ships were powerless to prevent the Germans entering the harbor, and three Russian ships were sunk by the sailors to prevent capture.

RAID ON I. W. W.

Spokane, April 5.—The police today raided the headquarters of the Lumber Workers and Agricultural Workers Union of Independent Workers, taking fifty men to police headquarters and seizing a lot of their literature.

TWO PRIVATES EXECUTED.

Houston, Texas, April 5.—Privates John Mann and Walter Matthews, two colored soldiers, were executed at Camp Logan today for murdering Private Ralph Foley.

Big Fire in Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 5.—Three blocks of the wholesale district were ruined by fire this morning. The estimated loss is placed at \$2,500,000, and was perhaps of incendiary origin.

HENEY IS AFTER THE GOVERNORSHIP

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, April 5.—Francis J. Heney has resigned as counsel for the federal trade commission during the packing investigation, the officials stating he had completed his work today. He will return to California to campaign the state for governor. Mrs. Heney already being on the ground and directing the women's movement in his behalf.

OPENING GUN BE FIRED TOMORROW

Every Loyal and Patriotic Citizen To Take Part In Demonstration.

BLIND EDITOR TO SPEAK

First Day of Liberty Loan Drive to Be Featured by Monster Gathering at Intersection of Cass and Jackson Streets.

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

SALEM, Or., April 4.—Governor Withycombe today issued the following proclamation regarding Liberty Day:
"To the people of Oregon: As loyal Americans and as residents of a state which has so patriotically held first rank in all patriotic matters, I earnestly appeal to you to exert every possible effort to make next Saturday Liberty Day, memorable as a red letter day for fervent patriotism, and urge upon every citizen the imperative necessity of supporting wholeheartedly, each demonstration celebrating the opening of the third liberty loan campaign, which marks the first anniversary of our declaration of war against imperialism."

Every loyal resident of Douglas county is invited to attend the Liberty Loan meeting to be held in Roseburg tomorrow afternoon. Every loyal resident of the city of Roseburg is expected to be present. Every business man of Roseburg who is in sympathy with the cause of the allies is expected to close his place of business from 1:30 to 3:00 o'clock p. m. and to urge all his employees to attend. Every member of the home guard is expected to take part in the parade.

In each community there are some, a very few, who for various good and honest reasons, cannot subscribe for Liberty bonds but there are none, except the sick and those in jail, who cannot attend this meeting. Saturday afternoon there is to be a declaration of faith demanded by the patriotic public.

Throughout the entire land April 6, the anniversary of our entrance into the war, is to be made a day when the evidence will be demanded. Patience has an ending and ceases to be a virtue when those who should support the land of their adoption, and in some cases the land of their nativity, fail in the discharge of their duty and show a lack of sympathy with the allied cause. There must sooner or later be a positive showing of hands.

The importance of the meeting is in its significance but aside from that it will be an interesting and impressive occasion. It will be held at the intersection of Jackson and Cass streets, the speakers stand to be erected in Cass just east of the side walk line, this affording the greatest space for the audience. No automobiles or other vehicles will be allowed to stand within one hundred feet of the intersection.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at two o'clock, but before that there will be a parade which will start from the armory at 1:30. The Honor Guard, Boy Scouts, high school cadets, Red Cross members, Home Guard and unattached citizens are either ordered or requested to meet at the armory and join in a short march through the business district to the meeting place. W. H. Bowden has again collected a band to lead the procession.

The space immediately in front and at the sides of the stand will be reserved for the marchers, and immediately upon their assembling the entire audience will sing "America," Prof. A. W. Shaffer conducting. Later on, between the addresses, every one will sing, "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," and the "Star Spangled Banner."

The speakers will be Frank Irvine, the blind editorial writer of the Portland Journal, and Lieutenant Toole, of Eugene. Both are excellent talkers and will deliver interesting addresses. Mr. Irvine is one of the finest orators in Oregon, but the purpose of the meeting is not so much that eloquence may be listened to, but that a patriotic spirit may be displayed by every loyal citizen, and not only displayed but intensified. If the speeches were to be made by a



talking machine there would be the same necessity for attendance. If the weather is unfavorable the meeting will be held in the armory but regardless of place, Saturday afternoon should bring to Roseburg a great outburst of that loyal spirit which should be with us not only the war ends but forever thereafter.

GAS COMPANY MAKE OFFER TO COUNCIL

At a special meeting of the city council late this afternoon, the gas company representatives put up a proposition that was deemed fair and equitable, and one in which all citizens concerned will doubtless concur. Mr. Eckhart, manager and treasurer of the Oregon Gas Co., stated that the corporation had presented their case to the public service commission, stating inability to sell gas at a loss, and asking that if the petition for increase in rate of price was denied that the company be allowed to close down the plant. This fact was stated to the council today, and it was said by Mr. Eckhart that if Roseburg would acquiesce in this position that the company felt sure the commission would allow the increase of fifty cents per 1000 cubic feet of gas that was asked. Then, under that order, the gas company will continue in business and take their chances with the public. In other words, the company takes the responsibility of showing to consumers and the city that its attitude is reasonable, while if the rate was denied and the company forced to close down, it might be said that Roseburg had forced a business concern to the wall. Those who feel they cannot pay the extra fifty cents per 1000 cubic feet are at perfect liberty to discontinue the service at their own option.

J. R. Browne, of Reedsport, is a business visitor in the city today. Mr. Browne is stopping at the Uniqua hotel.

JAPAN TAKES A STEP.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, April 5.—The landing of Japanese naval forces at Vladivostok, a Russian port, to protect life and property was today reported to the state department by the American consul. This action on the part of the Japanese government was made following an attack on a Japanese officer by a Russian recently. The landing force is small, according to the announcement.

HUN MUSICIAN INTERNED.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, April 5.—The department of justice has ordered Dr. Karl Muck, head of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, interned, recent disclosures proving him to be decidedly pro-German.

ROSEBURG'S QUOTA.

The state liberty loan committee notified Chairman J. O. Watson this afternoon that Roseburg's quota to the third liberty loan is placed at \$161,100.00, this amount being based on the total bank resources of this city on December 31, 1917.

NOT ENTITLED TO DIVORCE IS RULING

Principals In Action Tell of Family Troubles In Past Years.

OTHER WOMEN IN CASE

Had Temper Was Alleged by Both Plaintiff and Defendant—Also Jealousy a Factor in Causing Heart Ache.

Coming west from Iowa some years ago, finally locating in Roseburg, where they lived for some time, Jesse Prior and his wife Nellie E. Prior finally separated, the husband going to Idaho, taking along one son, Hugh, while the other children remained in Roseburg with their mother. All this was brought out during the hearing for divorce, Mrs. Prior having instituted proceedings for annulment of the marriage about a year ago, the case just coming up for settlement yesterday. According to the testimony adduced it appears that the Priors were married on November 28, 1894, or about 24 years ago, and began their married life in Iowa. Several children were born to them in the course of years following, one of whom is now married, although not living in Roseburg at present. But all did not go smoothly in the Prior household, according to the evidence. The wife alleged that her husband was quite a lady's man and frequently flirted with other women, whose names figured conspicuously at the hearing, among whom were a young woman or two in Roseburg. These flirtations were alleged to be a source of considerable grief and heart ache to the plaintiff. In addition to his proclivities as a successful charmer of the fair sex, Prior was charged by his wife with using much bad and profane language in her presence and in the presence of the children, and in attempting to get her committed to the hospital for insanity at Salem. Mrs. Prior also alleged that her husband failed to provide for the family. Some of the children were called upon to testify, and a young daughter substantiated more or less of the testimony offered by Mrs. Prior.

In January last Jesse Prior filed an answer to his wife's complaint, denying in toto all of the allegations made by her, and in turn asking that a decree of divorce be granted him, and praying for the custody of the minor children.

In his testimony yesterday Mr. Prior told of his wife's alleged bad and ungovernable temper, and how she became violent in her manner, during which occasions of fury she abused the children and made life a burden for him. He charged that she was insanely jealous of other women, for all of which there was no cause, according to the witness. In support of his contention several witnesses were examined who told substantially the same story, showing that he had provided for the family to the best of his ability.

Judge Hamilton patiently heard the charges and counter charges of wife and husband, listened to testimony showing that Mr. Prior had asked the district attorney at Twin Falls, Idaho, where he was when his wife instituted suit for divorce, to make inquiry of the authorities in Roseburg concerning Mrs. Prior's sanity. It developed in this connection that District Attorney Neuner had been asked to investigate the question of sanity, which he did and reported back that the lady was mentally sound. The judge also heard of Mr. Prior's attempt to get his wife committed to the hospital through the county court here, and this also failed, and listened to other and various allegations brought out in testimony and cross examinations of witnesses for both parties to the action. After the evidence was all in the matter was submitted to the court.

George Jones, assisted by John Long, who recently took a hand in the case, were conducting Mrs. Prior's interests. B. L. Eddy represented Mr. Prior. Attorney Long submitted the case in the brief statement that no decree should issue. Neither party was entitled to divorce. The court evidently viewed the situation from much the same angle, and after scathingly reminding the principals in the family tragedy of their duty to their children, they were admonished to forsake their antagonistic attitude and dwell at peace between themselves. The petition of the plaintiff was denied and the case dismissed.

PATRIOTIC ORDER.

Alpha Lodge No. 47 Knights of Pythias of Roseburg has the honor of making the first subscription to the third liberty loan in Roseburg, they having taken \$100 in bonds. One of the fundamental teachings of this order is patriotism, and the boys of Alpha lodge are putting into practice this important teaching. We compliment the knights on this splendid contribution towards making the world safe for humanity. —Liberty Loan Committee.

CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST VETERAN

SALEM, Or., April 4.—When charges preferred by Robert C. Markee, commandant of the soldiers' home at Roseburg, against William Beebe, one of the inmates of the home, were read in Beebe's presence before the state board of control yesterday, the board directed Secretary Goodin to investigate the terms of transfer of old soldiers to the national home in California. The charge accused Beebe of profanity and disorderliness and recommended that he be discharged and three of his close friends at the institution be transferred.

It was alleged in the charge that Beebe spoke in a profane manner of Governor Withycombe and Secretary Goodin because the governor had sent Goodin to Roseburg to investigate affairs, instead of going himself, and that the profanity had been uttered in the presence of Mrs. Markee and the matron of the home. He was also accused in an affidavit of H. C. Spangler of expressing with much profanity the hope that a son of Captain Markee who enlisted in the army, would go to France and "be shot all to pieces."

Beebe angrily denied the allegations and termed them "the biggest trumped-up pack of lies I ever heard." Beebe was seconded at the meeting by John Kelly, an aged man of Irish extraction, who spoke freely in defense of Beebe. The discussion in the board resolved itself into a clash between the governor and State Treasurer Kay, in which Secretary Olcott supported the governor. Kay took the stand that the commandant should be upheld in his authority and that the board should not take any action making it possible for inmates of the home to go over the head of the commandant to the board, declaring that such action would destroy discipline in the institution.

NEW IDEA CLUB MEETS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

The New Idea club, of Edenbowen, met at the home of Mrs. Norman Ashby yesterday afternoon, where they spent several hours indulging in relief work for the Red Cross. A room in the Ashby home has been fitted up for the ladies and three sewing machines, one of which was donated by Mr. Powell, of the second hand store in this city, are kept busy turning out the many articles accomplished by the ladies.

Mrs. A. C. Marsters, of this city, presented Mrs. Hannan to the club members in the afternoon and the latter gave a most interesting lecture on the principal topics of the day. Election of officers occupied a time and Mrs. F. A. Stewart was elected president for the ensuing year; Miss Isabelle Curry, vice-president and Mrs. Howard Calkins, secretary and treasurer. Plans were completed for the New Idea club ball which is to be given at the armory on Friday evening April 12, and from every indication the event is to be one of much pleasure.

HARLEY WATSON TRANSFERRED, 2 PROMOTED

Sergeant Harley Watson, a former Roseburg boy, late of the 16th Columbia artillery company, has been transferred according to word received here today and is now stationed with the 19th company, an infantry division of the artillery. Sergeant Watson is highly pleased with his new position and is hoping to see active duty soon. Osmond Lenox and Wm. Trumbo, well known Roseburg boys, have been promoted to first sergeants with the 16th Columbia, and their many friends here will be tremendously pleased to hear of their good fortune.

SECRETARY OLCOTT CALLED ON MAT

Before Proceeding Further in Gubernatorial Campaign Explanations Are Due.

WAS WHIPPED INTO LINE

Tried to "Pass the Buck," But Was Tripped by Attorney General George M. Brown—Favoring the Big Corporations.

Before proceeding much further with his gubernatorial campaign, Secretary of State Olcott should explain to the electorate why it was necessary for Governor Withycombe and Attorney General Brown to whip him into line for the continuance of a suit brought by the state to recover from the Pacific Live-stock company, a wealthy California corporation, approximately 20,000 acres of land alleged to have obtained by fraud, says today's Portland Telegram. Incidentally Speaker Stanfield candidate for the republican nomination for U. S. senator, before inflicting on the public another circular, should explain to the people why during the closing night of the last legislature he harangued the house against Attorney General Brown's bill appropriating money for the prosecution of the case, and slaughtered it with his political machine.

Connected with the litigation is an interesting history of political intrigue, for from its commencement attorneys for the corporation have schemed, lobbied and fought before legislatures and the state land board for the dismissal of the suit. Instituted more than five years ago by former Attorney General Crawford, the case first encountered serious opposition before the state land board after the 1915 legislature had appropriated funds for its prosecution. Attorneys for the corporation asked for a dissolution, and Secretary Olcott favored the corporation, representing that Attorney General Brown regarded the litigation hopeless. Assuming this to be true, Governor Withycombe was agreeable, and the case was ordered discontinued. Learning of the board's action, Attorney General Brown rushed to the executive office. After a conference with Mr. Brown, Governor Withycombe announced that the attorney general favored prosecuting the case.

More funds were required by Attorney General Brown, who had introduced a bill in the last legislature appropriating \$5000 for the litigation. It passed the house. During the expiring hours of the closing night of the session the measure was suddenly recalled by the house from the senate, and following a speech by Speaker Stanfield from the chair, flaying the measure and eulogizing the promoters of the corporation, his organization killed the measure. After the session the corporation's lawyers renewed their battle for the dismissal of the suit, and, despite the fact that the land board is charged with jurisdiction over this class of litigation, Secretary Olcott refused to go on record either for or against dismissal, assuming the unique attitude that it was a question for the governor to decide. Governor Withycombe then asked Attorney General Brown for an opinion and recommendations. Mr. Brown held that the case came within the jurisdiction of the board, and asked for its moral co-operation and more funds. Confronted with this opinion, Secretary Olcott came into line, and the land board decided to ask the emergency board for funds. With Secretary Olcott, Speaker Stanfield is a member of the emergency board, and having in the meantime developed pronounced political ambitions, he reversed his former attitude, and with four other members of the board voted for a resolution pledging the attorney general money for continuing the case. Attorney General Brown is now pressing the litigation, with good prospect of recovering for the school fund the lands covered by the litigation.

LET EVERYBODY SING.

At the liberty loan meeting tomorrow, everyone is expected to join in the singing of "America," "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," and the "Star Spangled Banner." Prof. Shaffer, the singing evangelist, has consented to lead the audience in these appropriate songs. Let's make a good community "sing" out of this meeting. If you can't sing repeat the words. Join in in some way.