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GERMAN AMMUNITION AT RHEIMS STATION BLOWN UP BY FRENCH GUNNERS

French Movement Against Metz, on the Other Hand, Is Repulsed

EXPLOSION AT RHEIMS HEARD MANY MILES AWAY

Paris, Jan. 21.—Destruction of a big German ammunition depot near Rheims is announced by an official war office statement. The explosion of the huge supplies of powder is reported to have resulted in the death of many German soldiers. A French aviator located the depot and signaled the range to the French gunners who dropped a shell on the roof. The explosion was felt for miles. French guns also demolished German field works in the same vicinity. The statement says that after the depot was exploded, the infantry charged and captured several of the enemy's trenches. Furious fighting is in progress between St. Mihiel and Metz, the advantage alternating. In the forest of Apremont the statement asserts Germans were driven back 150 yards and several trenches taken.

Berlin, Jan. 21.—French offensive against Metz has been halted and rolled back, according to a war office announcement. It is added that Germans are to open a strong offensive in the Northwest. Pont-A-Mousson has been recaptured and trenches lost earlier in the week retaken, the statement continues. The government admits that gains made yesterday at Notre-dame de Lorette were recaptured by the French after a series of furious attacks. Fighting continues along the Vistula river, being especially violent in the vicinity of Lipno where the Russians are attempting to drive a wedge into the German lines and reach Thorn fortress.

CLARK LIETER LOCATES.

Oregonian City Editor Comes to This City.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Lieter, formerly of Portland, have now established themselves in La Grande where Mr. Lieter will be connected with the Interstate Selling agency, a concern with headquarters here and doing a selling business in three or four Pacific Northwest states.

Mr. and Mrs. Lieter have leased the Lloyd Scribner home on West Main street.

Mr. Lieter was for many years city editor of the Portland Oregonian, and retired last fall.

Leffel Meets With Bakerites.

Game Warden W. E. Leffel went to Baker this morning upon invitation of the sportsmen's league of that city to address a meeting tonight at which the action of the legislature and pending bills of interest to the sportsmen of this section of the state will be discussed. Mr. Leffel states that quite a bit of dissension is heard among sportsmen on the proposed action of the legislature of placing the money from the hunting and fishing licenses in the general fund, as it is felt that such action will prove detrimental to the interests of the sportsmen of the state.

Rev. Close Improves.

Sunday morning Rev. R. E. Close experienced a nervous breakdown at the close of the service at the Baptist church. He was confined to his home for several days and was much improved after the rest. He was to have conducted the funeral services at the Baptist church today, but due to another breakdown last evening he was unable to do so. His physician states that he will be much better in after a few days of quiet. The regular services will be held at the Baptist church Sunday and Rev. Close will probably be in condition to take charge.

Ironside Snow Bound.

Ironside, Jan. 20.—A heavy snow which fell last week pleased the farmers for the outlook of the coming year. There is now 8 inches of snow but there is not good sleighing. On Thursday and Friday a heavy wind raged through the valley, piling snow in drifts from three to six feet, while other places are almost bare.

Earl Van Buren returned from Baker on Thursday with a load of freight for Walter Hinton. He reports the roads almost impassable between Bridgeport and Malheur City.

Adam Paul Married.

A recent issue of the San Francisco Examiner announced the marriage of Captain A. M. Paul, of this city. The item says: "Captain Adam M. Paul, a mining operator of La Grande, Ore., 74 years old, was married to Mrs. Kate Carothers at her home, 2417 Stuart St., Berkeley last evening. Mrs. Carothers is 67 years of age and a widow. Paul is a widower. They are old friends, and their marriage did not come as a surprise."

SQUATTERS FILE ON ENTERPRISE LANDS

THIRTY-ONE CLAIMS OPENED TO ENTRY AND TEN ARE TAKEN FIRST DAY.

SQUATTERS FIRST TO PRESENT APPLICATIONS

Good Land Near Enterprise, Held Up For Years, Now Open.

This morning at 9 o'clock the 31 townships of overlapping claims near Enterprise in Wallawa county, were thrown open to entry and the local land office allowed ten applications for homesteads from settlers who had located on the land some time ago. This land had been withheld from entry 12 years because of an incorrect survey but the announcement was given out last month that this survey had been corrected and that the land would be thrown open for entry and settlement by the public. Nearly all of this land is good farming soil. Applications for homesteads in other parts of the district were filed this morning by David L. Johnson, Enoch Pearson and Joseph H. Ohman, of Wallula, Wash.; Geo. F. Bibee, Baker, and Hans P. Mikkleson, Durkee.

Daughter is Born.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. George M. Hibberd, at Seattle, Jan. 21, a daughter. Mother and daughter are doing nicely, according to a telegram received today by Mrs. Perry Oliver.

SENATE RESTS IN TRIBUTE TO ITS PRESIDENT

LAIR THOMPSON'S FATHER PASSES AWAY AT ALBANY LAST NIGHT.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATION PLAN MAY BE ABANDONED

Although Minority Report is Heard It is Not Likely That House Will Act on It—Matter Made Special Order of Business—All Continuing Appropriations May Vanish.

Salem, Jan. 21.—Opposing the sweeping policy of abandoning all continuing appropriations for state boards and those institutions not included under the millage tax, was voiced in the house when the Ways and Means committee reported favorable on the Schubel bill repealing all laws applying thereto. Smith of Klamath represented a minority report that the bill pass but not to become effective until January 1, 1917. The majority report was adopted and consideration of the merits of the bill will be made a special order of business.

The senate held no business session this morning. It met and immediately adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon out of respect for the president of the senate, Lair Thompson, whose father died last night at Albany.

CITY LIEN PRIORITY SUIT AGAINST CITY

VALIDITY OF CITY IMPROVEMENTS HANGS IN THE OUTCOME OF THE SUIT.

TRUSTEE FOR BEAVER CREEK FUND LIKELY

Need of Trustee Pointed Out by Auditor in His Report.

Priority of mortgages over city liens, and visa versa, will be threshed out in a foreclosure suit brought by attorneys for Mrs. Johanna Gangloff against the city. Upon the outcome will depend, largely, the validity of improvement liens held by the city against large sections of property. Mrs. Gangloff took a mortgage on some Sixth street property several years ago and the interest was paid to her regularly but none of the \$1,250 principal was paid. Last year the party who gave the mortgage, vacated and left the taxes unpaid. Now Mrs. Gangloff has paid the delinquent taxes and wants to foreclose but finds a city lien for street improvement against it. The city contends the improvement lien is prior to the first mortgage, and to test out this contention is the purpose of the suit. W. E. Sargent handles the interests of Mrs. Gangloff.

The procedure in this case occupied considerable attention at the weekly meeting of the city commission last evening.

Recommendations made by the audit report filed by C. M. Lockwood after he had experted the city books, to the effect that a trustee be appointed.

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RUSSIAN CAR ORDER GIVEN SEATTLE MEN

TEN MILLION TO BE SPENT IN BUYING RAILROAD COACHES.

RUSSIAN CONSUL ASSERTS; DEAL HAS BEEN COMPLETED

Employment for Large Number of Men Seen in Big Order Placed at Seattle for Cars to Be Used on Trans-Siberian Railroad—Fifteen Thousand Cars in the Order.

Seattle, Jan. 21.—N. Bogolavinsky, Russian consul to this city, issued an official statement today that an order for 15,000 railway cars had been placed by the Russian government with the Seattle Car & Foundry company.

Officers of the company would not confirm the statement entirely but admitted that there had been negotiations with the Russian government.

The rolling stock, it is said, will be designed for the Trans-Siberian line, and will cost more than \$10,000,000.

If true, it will mean the employment of a large force of men as it is reported that the order is to be rushed.

ANOTHER SOLONETTE

Roseburg Lady May become Member of the State Senate.

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 21.—Indications are this afternoon that Miss Kathryn Clarke of Glendale has been elected senator from Douglas county to fill the vacancy there. She is leading J. W. Perkins of Roseburg and the vote is about complete. She will be the second woman member of the senate this year.

BOUNTY BILL PASSES.

Increase for Eastern Oregon Coyote Bounty is Passed.

Salem, Jan. 21.—The house passed today a bill increasing the bounty on coyotes during this year from \$1.50 to \$3.00 and allowing a bounty of \$1.00 on seals and seal pups. Eastern Oregon delegations asked for the increase on coyotes because of the prevalence of rabies.

SELLS WHEAT LAND.

Mrs. Eva Andross Disposes of 200 Acres to Guy Glen.

A portion of a triangular deal in real estate and personal property recently consummated in this valley, interested Mrs. Eva Andross of Portland, who returned today to her home after spending two weeks here the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris. She sold 200 acres of her wheat ranch to Guy Glen, realizing \$100 per acre for it.

Judge Knowles Presides in Baker. Circuit Judge Knowles went to Baker this morning where today he presided at a session of the court of that county in a case in which Judge Anderson was not qualified to act. Judge Knowles will return tonight in order to be here for the first "motion" day which is effective tomorrow.

BLACK SMALL-POX LOCATED

MANY CASES FOUND IN VIENNA IS REPORT.

Precaution Taken to Keep it from Reaching the Army.

Rome, Jan. 21.—Vienna dispatches have brought the startling news that 150 cases of black small pox have been discovered in the Austrian capital.

Extreme precaution to prevent a spread of the disease to the army has been taken.

TOWNS AND CITIES IN ITALY WHERE EARTHQUAKE KILLED THOUSANDS, AND FAMOUS MARCUS AURELIUS COLUMN DAMAGED.



This map shows the area in Italy where thousands were killed in the earthquakes which radiated from Sora and Compubasso, January 13. A score or more towns were almost wiped out and in one, Avezzano, it is believed 9,000 were killed out of a population of 10,000.

The tower of Marcus Aurelius was damaged, but the Coliseum, St. Peter's and other landmarks were not injured. The circles indicate distances in miles from the centre of the disturbance.

The Marcus Aurelius column, is one of the famous points of interest in Rome. It is a doric column, extremely imposing, and was erected by Marcus Aurelius in 161-180 A. D. The statue is composed of twenty-eight blocks of marble, its base depicting the victory the emperor won in Germany. The top of the monument is reached by climbing 190 steps. On the summit is a mediæval statue of St. Paul, placed there by Pope Sixtus V. The total height of the monument is 137½ feet.

TELEPHONE COMPANIES CONNECT

At Elgin, Cove and Summerville there is again but one telephone exchange serving subscribers in the community, the connection of the long distance wires of the Home Independent Telephone Co. into the local switchboards of the Co-operative company at those places having been completed today. The Home company withdraws its exchanges there, effective immediately, and all persons having connection with a local exchange board there will have to become subscribers to the service of the Co-operative company.

As a result of this action, it is now possible for all subscribers of the Home Independent system, from their

own instruments, to call any person having a Co-operative telephone at Cove, Elgin or Summerville and for all telephone users at those places to reach all subscribers of the Home and Pacific systems that can be reached by telephone, by the payment of the usual prescribed toll rates in effect before the interchange of business in this manner. Calls are placed in the usual way.

The actual work of making the connections and looking after the many details incident to such an important item of telephone engineering fell to Mr. McCalister of the Co-operative company, and Fred G. Henning, wire chief of the Home Independent system.



OIL MAGNATES' WIFE IS SICK

RUMOR THAT DEATH IS NEAR DENIED.

Mrs. Rockefeller Has Been Ill Long—No Alarm Felt.

New York, Jan. 21.—Officials of the Rockefeller offices today refused to confirm the report that Mrs. Rockefeller Sr. was slowly dying of Anemia. "Mrs. Rockefeller" said the office attache "has been ill for many months but there is no cause for alarm." He also denied the rumor that the stork is expected at the home of Rockefeller Jr.