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LESS SEVERE FIGHTING AT VERDUN TODAY

MATERIAL DECREASE IN VOL-
UME OF ATTACK NOTICED
BY FRENCH REPORTS.

TRUE SITUATION FROM GERMAN VIEWPOINT SEEN

Attacking Forces Were Vastly In-
ferior in Number to the Defenders
Is Claim Made by Berlin—German
Warships and Submarine Encoun-
tered in the North Sea by Norse-
men.

Paris, May 10.—German bombard-
ment northwest of Verdun has slack-
ened, it is officially announced.
German Versions Given.

Berlin, May 10.—(Wireless to Say-
ville).—A semi-official war office state-
ment today said:

"Although it is generally considered
attacks on fortified positions must
be made with forces four times su-
perior to the defenders, Germans as-
saulting Verdun were really half as
numerous as the French army, which
has 800,000 men there. This is half
of the entire force France has at its
disposal for active fighting.

Ammunition Too Abundant.
"The second German attack on Ver-
dun was based on crushing effect of
heavy artillery. The French were un-
able to complete with German artil-
lery, and ammunition. The enormous
French losses were due partly to ef-
fect of artillery, and partly to the ten-
acity of Frenchmen who refused to
abandon their trenches."

Austrians Too, Praised.
Major Morant, reviewing the situ-
ation, said the German successes were
gained against armies numerically su-
perior. He said Austrians held Ital-
ians off twice their strength helpless.

German Estimates Out.
London, May 10.—Norwegian ships
sighted a large squadron of German
vessels with a submarine in the North
Sea, Copenhagen has reported. The
German airships examined Danish
merchants' papers, it is claimed.

German Estimates Out.
London, May 10.—More than 700-
000 Germans have been killed and a
million and three quarters wounded, a
press bureau has announced. The
estimates are based on German offi-
cial lists and the total number of
German prisoners. The missing are
334,000. The figures don't include
naval and colonial losses.

CROP REPORT FLATTERING.
Washington, D. C., May 8. A sum-
mary of the May crop report for the
State of Oregon and for the United
States, as compiled by the Bureau of
Crop Estimates (and transmitted
through the Weather Bureau), U. S.
Department of Agriculture, is as fol-
lows:

Winter Wheat.
State: May 1 forecast, 12,400,000
bushels; production last year (final
estimate), 16,200,000; two years ago,
13,684,000; 1909-13 average 12,955-
000 bushels.

United States: May 1 forecast,
499,000,000 bushels; production last
year (final estimate), 655,045,000;
two years ago, 684,990,000; 1909-13
average, 441,212,000 bushels.

Rye.
State: May 1 forecast, 436,000
bushels; production last year (final
estimate), 414,000; two years ago,
336,000 bushels.

United States: May 1 forecast,
44,300,000 bushels; production last
year (final estimate), 49,190,000; two
years ago, 42,779,000 bushels.

Meadows.
State: May 1 condition 93, com-
pared with the ten-year average of
96.

United States: May 1 condition
88.4, compared with the ten-year
average of 88.3.

Hay.
State: Old crop on farms May 1,
estimated 75,000 tons, compared with
120,000 a year ago and 173,000 two
years ago.

United States: Old crop on farms
May 1, estimated 11,000,000 tons,
compared with 8,468,000 a year ago
and 7,832,000 two years ago.

Prices.
The first price given below is the
average on May 1 this year, and the
second, the average on May 1 last
year.

State: Wheat, 87 and 116 per
bushel. Corn, 85 and 89. Oats, 39
and 51. Potatoes, 77 and 77. Hay,
\$13.10 and \$9.50 per ton. Eggs, 20
and 19 cents per dozen.

United States: Wheat 102.0 and
139.6 cents per bushel. Corn, 72.3
and 77.7 cents. Oats, 42.6 and 53.4
cents. Potatoes, 94.8 and 50.5 cents.
Hay, \$12.20 and \$11.72 per ton. Eggs
18.1 and 17.1 cents per dozen. Cot-
ton, 11.5 and 9.1 cents per pound.

TWO MAJORS AFTER VILLA



Major Alexander L. Dade 7th Cav-
alry.

Major Francis H. Beach, 3rd Cavalry
Major Francis H. Beach of the 3rd
Cavalry and Alexander L. Dade of the
7th are among the American officers
who have stood great hardships in
Mexico in the pursuit of Villa.

SNOW GENERAL IN THE STATE

EASTERN OREGON COUNTIES HAVE SNOW AND COLD.

Nine Inches of Snow at the Intake
this Morning.

All eastern Oregon is undergoing
just such weather as La Grande ex-
perienced last night and today. Over
the entire La Grande division O.-W.
officials report blustering weather and
flurries of snow.

Mountains Well Drifted.
Caretaker Roger Deal reports nine
inches of snow at the intake this
morning and though the mercury has
raised today, it was 20 above last
night. It was down to freezing—and
below—in La Grande last night for a
time but by morning wasn't freezing.
About an inch of snow remained on
the ground in and about La Grande
for several hours this morning.

In Wallowa county the snowfall
was heavier than here, about three
inches being the average at Joseph
this morning. But it quickly melted.
At Kamela, and other summits cor-
responding volumes of snow are re-
ported.

The fruit situation was not hurt, it
is believed, last night, and to date it
is hard to determine what the extent
of the frost was Saturday night or
what the ill-effects really are.

Weather records show that the
amount of snow that fell last night is
a record breaker for this time of the
year.

Game Played in Cold.

Imbler, May 8.—(Special)—Imbler's
first scheduled game of amateur
league ball was played on the local
grounds and against Cove's team.
Despite the cold wind which made
fast ball difficult, the game was close
and both teams showed good form.
Bell set a high pitching record by
striking out 15 Cherry Pickers and
made several excellent field plays.
Cove used two pitchers but Bell re-
mained in the box during the entire
game. Score, Imbler 5, Cove 4.

Ten errors were credited to each
team. Following is the lineup and
batting order of the two teams:
Imbler—Oliver 2b, Andrews c, Ber-
ry lf, Bell p, Conklin 1b, Larsen rf,
Hardy 3b, Furman cf, Lamb ss; Cove
—Millman 2b, Myers 3b, Roy Alexan-
der c, Harris e, Motley 1b, Roy Alexan-
der p, Barzill lf, M. Alexander ss,
Orton rf. Umpire William Glenn.

German Social Postponed.

Owing to the weather and a con-
fusion as to the place of meeting the
German social has been postponed un-
til next week. While the exact date
has not been set it is the present plan
to hold the meeting at the Eagles'
hall on Monday, the 15th.

A committee is now working on
plans for regular meetings at one
place about twice a month.

MEXICAN AND U. S. TROOPS MAY JOINTLY GUARD BORDER

American Troops Now Numerically Greater
Than Defacto Forces

El Paso, May 10.—General Scott
has sent to Washington a suggestion
from Oregon that Americans and
Mexicans co-operate in patrolling the
border, each remaining on his own
side of the line. Both Scott and Gen-
eral Funston are optimistic, and ex-
pect peaceful ending of the confer-
ences. General Scott held the whip
hand in the Mexican situation today.
For the first time American troops
are numerically superior to Mexican
Gen. Scott remains obdurate against
fixing a time limit on the expedition.

Raid Leader Killed.
Marathon, May 10.—Demitrio Gar-
za, leader of the Glenn Springs raid-
ers, was killed in fighting with two

American cavalrymen at Deemera
yesterday, according to an American
arriving today. Mexicans are re-
ported to be massing southwest of
Boquillas.

Troops Go After Raiders.
Troops of the Eighth cavalry are
expected to cross the border this af-
ternoon in pursuit of the Glenn
Springs bandits. Troops have arrived
at Boquillas. Another squadron is
due tonight.

The signal corps has constructed 18
miles of field telegraph and a train-
load of motortrucks left Marathon
with supplies for the new expedition.
Colonel Sibley is en route to Boquillas
to command the expedition.

WASHINGTON COMMISSION ON INSURANCE OUT OF OFFICE

Olympia, May 10.—The governor
announced the appointment of an en-
tirely new board of Industrial Insur-
ance commissioners. They are E.
Wilson, labor commissioner; John M.
Wilson, assistant attorney general; F.
I. Gill, deputy bank examiner. They
assume duties June first. Other com-
missioners resigned at the governor's
request as the result of exposures in
the Gillies graft case.

Geiser Brings in Gold Brick.
Baker, May 10.—It looked like good
old times Monday at the First Na-
tional bank when Manager Al Geiser
of the Connor creek mine brought in
a large gold brick, not that the re-
ceipt of gold is a rarity, but it has
been many years since one has been

received from the Connor creek.
While the value of the ingot was not
made public, it was "some brick," as
expressed by those who saw it.

The records show that in time
past the Connor creek has produced
around \$3,000,000, and the results of
the operation under the management
of Mr. Geiser fully justify his ex-
pectations and those associated with
him that the old property will per-
form a "come-back" stunt that will
put it among the best producers in
the country.

Funeral Announcements Out.
Mrs. Amanda J. Bryant's body lies
in state at the home, 1514 Jefferson
until 1 p. m. tomorrow. The funeral
will be held at the Christian church at
2 p. m.

TWO SOLDIERS WOUNDED BY VILLA BANDITS.



Two United States soldiers wounded by Villa's bandits in their attack on the Thirteenth Cavalry at Columbus, N. M. They were at the Colum- bus station to board a train for the army hospital at El Paso.

MEDAL FOR WEATHER SHARP



Professor Cleveland Abbe

The National Academy of Sciences
has just awarded Professor Cleveland
Abbe a medal for organization of the
United States Weather Service. The
award is made for "eminence in the
application of science to the public
welfare."

Wallowa Co. Case Affirmed.

In an opinion written by Justice
Burnett, the supreme court yesterday
affirmed the action of Circuit Judges
Knowles in Wallowa county, in grant-
ing a new trial in the case of C. R.
Fones, appellant, vs. C. Murdoch. The
action was brought to recover dam-
ages for malicious prosecution, the
defendant having had plaintiff ar-
rested for trespass. The jury gave
Fones, on a compromise, a small ver-
dict in the damage case, but Judge
Knowles afterwards set the verdict
aside, on the ground that Murdoch
was completely protected because the
jury in the justice court which tried
the trespass case found Fones guilty,
and this even though Fones was after-
wards acquitted in the circuit court.
The high court now affirms this ac-
tion.

Sawmill Increases Wage Rate.

Ridgefield, Wash., May 8.—The H.
J. Potter Lumber company sawmill
has increased the pay of its employes
25 cents a day, the increase taking ef-
fect Monday, May 1.

JONES WAIVES PRELIMINARY

FIVE HUNDRED IN BONDS MET
BY FRIENDS.

Hearing Before Justice Williams
Short and Technical.

John Jones yesterday evening
waived examination and preliminary
hearing before Justice A. C. Williams
when the formal charges of "assault
with intent to kill" on C. R. Hibberd
during the fight and cutting scrape
yesterday morning. D. W. Johnson
and A. V. Andrews went bail to the
amount of \$500 and Mr. Jones was re-
leased from custody.

Tourist Acquitted.

A jury which heard the evidence
against W. F. Rusk of Bliss, Idaho,
who was charged with "hogging the
road" with his automobile, returned a
verdict of not guilty. P. A. Charlton
was the complaining witness. The
jury consisted of Peter Biever, Har-
old Herron, G. M. Curtiss, Harris
French, J. A. Garity and B. A. Ben-
ham.

Oregon Stands in Prosperity's Path.

In a trade map received by the
Portland Chamber of Commerce from
Massachusetts the tidal wave of pros-
perity sweeping toward the Pacific
Northwest states is shown graphically
to have reached the eastern and
southern borders of Oregon. In
previous issues of these maps busi-
ness and industrial depression, indi-
cated by zones of blue, were shown to
exist on the Pacific coast, gradually,
in succeeding monthly issues, taking
on the color of green to indicate con-
ditions changing for the better. In
such zones as reports showed pros-
perity prevailed the colors were yellow.
The latest issue of the trade map
shows yellow over most of the United
States, indicating the existing pros-
perity. Except spots in the Southern
states and along the Mexican border,
the only area showing conditions
changing for the better, is a zone ex-
tending from Northern California to
and beyond the Canadian border. The
publishers believe the next issue of
the map will show further narrowing
of the green belt and an extension of
the yellow of wider prosperity into
the domain of Oregon and Washing-
ton.

RATE CHARGES AIRED.

Railroads Accused by Washington Of-
ficial with Breaking Laws.

Seattle, May 10.—Chairman Reyn-
olds of the Washington railroad com-
mission has inferentially charged rail-
roads have continuously and openly
been violating the anti-trust laws.
He cited by-laws of the transconti-
ental Passenger Traffic association,
which admitted the evidence. The
tourist rate hearing was lively today.

GERMANS TAKE BLAME IN THE SUSSEX ISSUE

ADMISSION OF GUILTY IS OF-
FICIALLY ON WAY TO
AMERICA TODAY.

NO CRISIS EXPECTED IN CYMRIC AFFAIR

Full Reparation To Be Made and
Punishment of Commander Given in
Sussex Case—Cymric Was Not
Warned, It Is Said, and Neither
Was She Fleeing—Precedent Pre-
cludes Issue.

Washington, May 10.—Ambassador
Gerard at Berlin has informed Secre-
tary of State Lansing that German
admission of guilt in the Sussex case
Cymric Data Received.

London, May 10.—American Con-
sul Frost, at Queenstown, has wired
the American embassy here confirm-
ing the report that the Cymric
which sank yesterday was not warned
before being attacked. He confirmed
the statements that there were no
Americans on board, and that the
Cymric was unarmed. The dis-
patches agree the liner did not try to
escape, and it is authoritatively stated
she wasn't in admiralty service. She
carried a million dollars worth of mu-
nitions. As an ordinary merchant-
men she was entitled to immunities
Germany pledged America.

Gerard's message has not said
whether the note contained anything
except acceptance of responsibility.
The German embassy has stated
full disavowal, ample reparation and
satisfactory punishment of the sub-
marine commander will be made.

No Action by U. S. Likely

Washington, May 10.—It is strong-
ly indicated America will not take ac-
tion in the Cymric case. Secretary
Lansing's policy heretofore has been
to not protest in cases where Ameri-
cans are unjeopardized and it is stat-
ed on high authority there is no
change in the situation yet. It is ex-
plained however, the administration
will continue to consider unwarranted
submarine attacks illegal, according
to the government's interpretation of
the law. Such attacks will be con-
sidered cumulative evidence of the
German attitude toward her subma-
rine activity.

Will Survey New Highway.

Salem, Or., May 9.—State Engineer
Lewis announced today that the for-
est service would in all probability in
the near future make a reconnais-
sance survey across Whitman National
forest from Prairie City, Grant
county, to Unity, in Baker county.

"This is a connecting link in a
proposed route branching from the
Columbia River highway and running
through the John Day country by way
of Fossil, Canyon City and Unity, and
to the Idaho line at Ontario," said
Lewis. "Senator Stewart has been the
moving spirit in promoting the
adoption of this road, and has inter-
ested the counties of Gilliam, Grant,
Baker and Malheur in a survey defi-
nitely locating the route. Grant county
has already set aside \$300 for this
purpose, and it is expected the other
counties mentioned will assist in a
substantial manner."

According to a report received by
the state engineer from the district
engineer in Jackson county, 368 ve-
hicles passed over the Siskiyou grade
of the Pacific highway during April.

8 COYOTE PUPS CAUGHT

Frank Conklin Raids Den Near Imbler
and Makes Big Haul.

The poultry south of Alice will be
a little more secure from coyotes this
summer since Frank Conklin made a
raid last week and captured eight
pups in one den. He brought two
alive to Imbler and put them in a
window at the Larsen confectionery,
where they were a curiosity to the
little folks and likewise to some older
folks, many of whom had never seen
a live coyote.

DESERTER WOULD ENLIST

Fugitive Wants To Join Regiment In
Chase After Villa

Chicago, April 23.—Howard Watts
was a hunted man, a deserter from the
United States Army.

The dread of arrest and a term of
imprisonment had pursued him for
months in Chicago. He quit jobs, he
changed his abode, again and again,
in the fear of detection and harsh
military justice.

A few days ago he noticed a large
blue poster on an elevated railroad
platform. It said, "Come Help Catch
Villa." Then he read in a newspaper
that his old regiment, the Fourth In-
fantry, was following General Persh-
ing into Mexico.