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KAISER HAS BROUGHT ON MORE VIGOR

TEUTON BLOWS AGAINST THE
DISTRICT LOST YESTERDAY
GRUESOMELY FIERCE

FRENCH ADMIT LOSS OF FORT CUMMERIES

French Describe Today's Battle as the
Most Savage in the History of the
World—Ten Thousand Men Killed
in Two Days of Fighting—Spiked
Helmets Keep on Coming.

Paris, May 24.—Germany penetrated
the village of Cummeries, nine
miles northwest of Verdun, after a
series of terrific onslaughts, it is of-
ficially admitted. The Teutons also
took a trench west of Cummeries and
gained foothold in new sections of
trenches east of Douaumont. At
other points the most violent attacks
were defeated. Several assaults at
Champagne were repulsed.

The most savage battle in the
world's history is raging today. Eight
thousand Germans were sent crash-
ing into French positions at Dead-
man's Hill. Two brigades repeatedly
rushed at Douaumont, but every as-
sault was a failure. All the French
trenches were subjected to steady
artillery fire and behind columns of
dust, gray German lines were swept
toward the French. Machine guns
sprayed the ranks; still the waves of
spiked helmets swarmed into the west-
ern edges of Douaumont.

No sooner was one assault defeated
than another was started.

The loss at Douaumont the first two
days of fighting is estimated at ten
thousand killed.

RINEHART ESTATE SUE.

Anna A. Smith Brings Action Involving
\$5600 in Circuit Court.

In a suit of foreclosure brought by
Anna A. Smith, against Jesse Brooks
and G. M. Brooks, his wife and Rus-
sell Chase, Harvey C. Rinehart, Wil-
lard S. Rinehart, Jackson Carl Rinehart
and Mary E. Rinehart, Harvey
Earle Rinehart, Nellie Rinehart, Virgil
C. Myers, Waitman T. Wade, guar-
dian for Virgil Myers, a minor, legal
proceedings were instituted in Circuit
court this morning. The sum in-
volved is \$5600 and interest at the
rate of six per cent since July 1914.

Heirs to the estate of the late J. H.
Rinehart, are, by the suit, made de-
fendants in the case.

The plaintiff also asks that H. C.
Rinehart, who is a nominal defendant
be named receiver, and Mr. Rinehart
today qualified for that office. The
first two named defendants are virtu-
ally the defendants in the case. H.
H. Northrup and George W. Gearhart
of Portland are the plaintiff's counsel.

Elgin Men Sued.

The Campbell-Frank Segar com-
pany, plaintiff, vs. Iver Simonson and
Edward Simonson, partners in the
firm Simonson brothers, at Elgin, is
the title of a suit filed in Circuit
court to collect one item of about \$28
and another of about \$48 from the
defendants. L. Denham of Elgin is
attorney for the plaintiffs.

MRS. CHURCHILL DEAD.

Wife of State Superintendent of In-
structions Passes Away.

Private advices received today by
Postmaster E. E. Bragg and others,
state that Mrs. J. A. Churchill, wife
of the state superintendent of pub-
lic instruction, died last night. She
has been ill since last November. The
deceased had many friends in Eastern
Oregon, especially Baker and La
Grande, who will receive the news
with deepest regret.

Visiting Grand Lodge.

H. E. Coolidge, past grand master,
and W. A. Worstell, M. Elledge and
James Moss, delegates from La
Grande Lodge No. 16, I. O. O. F.,
have gone to Roseburg to attend the
meeting of the state grand lodge of
Odd Fellows.

FISHER MAIDS' BRIGADE GOT TO THE FRONT.

Petrograd, May 24.—The
spirit that animates Russian
women to fight was shown
among the fisher-folk colony at
Norgorod recently when Pele-
geya Mandrin returned wound-
ed from her regiment after
fighting in seven actions. She
recruited seventy girl warriors
among the fisher-folk and when
General Kuropatkin arrived
from his estate at Pskoff she
fell on her knees before him
and implored him to allow the
fisher girls' brigade to go to the
front. Kuropatkin refused be-
cause women are "not allowed"
in the Russian army. So they
cut their long hair, dressed as
men and scattered themselves
among the troops over the thou-
sand mile front. These fisher-
girl warriors rely on the un-
written law of Russian regi-
ments for their protection.

TRANS-OCEAN U-BOAT BUILT

GERMANY AND AMERICA TO
HAVE COMMUNICATION.

Evening Mail at New York Authority
for Startling News.

New York, May 24.—Regular trans-
Atlantic submarine service between
Hamburg and New York will be start-
ed next month, the Evening Mail
asserted today, claiming good au-
thority for its information.

The first submarine will reach New
York June 1. It will be armed for
defense only and carry mail, parcels
and perhaps a few passengers. It
will make the trip in 10 days.

By August, the Mail said, Ger-
many is expected to have five sub-
mersibles working at regular sched-
ules. They will voyage north of
Scotland, or the English channel, ac-
cording to sea conditions and enter
New York via Long Island, taking ad-
vantage of the three-mile limit.

ODD FELLOWS MEET.

Biggest Attendance in Years Gathers
at Roseburg.

Roseburg, Or., May 23.—(Special)
—With the biggest attendance for
many years the annual sessions of
the grand encampment of Oddfellows
and the Rebekah assembly of Oregon
opened in Roseburg this morning.
The sessions of the encampment were
featured by the election of officers,
consideration of official reports cov-
ering the past year, and addresses by
several members of the order.

Officers elected for the ensuing
year follow: Earl A. Williams, Free-
water, grand prelate; Sol S. Walker,
Oregon City, grand high priest; A. H.
Knight, Canby, grand senior warden;
E. E. Sharon, Portland, grand scribe;
W. W. Francis, Albany, grand treas-
urer; P. A. Hantz, grand junior war-
den; Robert Andrews, Portland, grand
representative; R. F. Kirkpatrick,
Pendleton, grand marshal; S. A.
Brodehead, Tillamook, grand sentinel;
Gilbert Brown, Lakeview, grand out-
side sentinel.

Order's Condition Is Healthy.

Official reports submitted today
showed that the order was in a
healthy condition despite a slight
decrease in membership during the past
year. The falling off in the mem-
bership was attributed by the officers to
the unsatisfactory financial conditions
prevailing in Oregon.

Among the speakers at the encamp-
ment sessions were George Kellogg,
past grand master of the Washing-
ton Lodge of Odd Fellows; A. B.
Schamp, of Sutherlin, past grand
patriarch of the grand encampment
of Minnesota, and J. T. Apperson,
who has the distinction of being the
only person who has held the office of
grand master of the order in Oregon.

The Rebekah assembly met in the
Armory here at 9 o'clock this morn-
ing and conferred the assembly de-
gree on a big class of candidates. This
afternoon's session was devoted to
the transaction of general business,
consideration of officials reports and
addresses by Mrs. Rose Palmer, pres-
ident of the order, and other officers.

Degrees Are Conferred.

The reports showed that the Re-
bekahs assembly was gaining in mem-
bership and was in a sound financial
condition. Late today the Rebekah
assembly took a recess and witnessed
the conferring of the degree of chival-
ry by the patriarchs militant. This
was one of the feature events of to-
day's sessions.

Tonight the Rebekah degree was
conferred on a class of candidates by
Etna Lodge No. 49 of Grants Pass.
The patriarchs militant degree was
also conferred tonight.

The annual sessions of the grand
lodge of Odd Fellows will convene
here early tomorrow and will remain
in session until Friday noon. Officers
will be elected by the grand lodge. It
is estimated that there are 1400 visiting
Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in the city.
Accommodations have been provided for
all and thus far the sessions have been
unusually harmonious and enjoyable.
John F. Hall, grand master, will pre-
side over the grand lodge sessions.

THE OFFICIAL PRIMARY VOTE NOW FINISHED

BOARD COMPLETES TASK OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, BY 10-8
VERIFYING COUNT PREVI-
OUSLY ANNOUNCED.

HOWLAND NOMINEE FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR JOB

Arthur Curtiss Nominee on Demo-
cratic Ticket for Surveyor—Over
1100 Democratic Votes Were Cast—
Hughes Carried County Handsome-
ly Figures Show.

So far as Union county is con-
cerned, the 1916 primaries are mat-
ters of history. The canvassing board
has completed its task and the totals
have been rechecked and proof-read.
The only outright news contained in
the Republican count other than that
known yesterday is that L. D. How-
land is the party nominee for county
coroner.

The vote for each candidate in the
Republican primary, follows:

REPUBLICAN.

For State Delegates to the Republican
National Convention.

Chas. W. Ackerson, Multnomah. 411
Daniel Boyd, Wallawa. 1136
Mrs. G. L. Buland, Multnomah. 448
Geo. J. Cameron, Multnomah. 908
Charles H. Carey, Multnomah. 711
F. H. Case, Benton. 525

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BRANDEIS IS VICTOR WHEN VOTE IS CAST

EFFORTS OF TAFT, ROOT AND OTHERS TO
FORESTALL BRANDEIS' CONFIRMATION
FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, FAIL WHEN
COMMITTEE AFTER LONG STRUGGLE
VOTES IN HIS FAVOR.

NATION-WIDE FIGHT IS NOW UP TO SENATORS

Washington, May 24.—The senate
judiciary committee today brought to
an end the prolonged nation-wide dis-
pute over the confirmation of Attor-
ney Brandeis to be justice of the su-
preme court of the United States.
The vote stood 10 to eight, the vote
being cast on straight party lines.

The vote was expected today, and,
furthermore, it was generally be-
lieved during the last few days, that
the vote would be favorable. The
confirmation will now be acted on in
the senate and the party fight against
the administration's candidate, who
has been opposed before the judiciary
committee hearings by such men as
Root, Taft and other nationally-
known men who claimed him unfit,
will reach its climax.

The Socialistic party, laboring men
and most of the Democrats deem the

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30,000 WOMEN AT HAMMOND LUNCH

FEDERATED CLUBWOMEN EN-
JOY RARE TREAT.

Hostess Is Herself Not a Club Woman
—One of Biggest on Record.

New York, May 24.—Perhaps the
most striking feature on today's pro-
gram of the biennial conference of
the Federated Women's clubs of
America here is the luncheon, served
in the mammoth Seventh Regiment
armory, at which Mrs. John Hays
Hammond is hostess to 30,000 Amer-
ican clubwomen and a group of
Washington society women. Mrs.
Hammond is not a clubwoman, but be-
cause of her work as chairman of the
executive council of the National
Welfare Department of the Woman's
Civil Federation, she was made chair-
man of the Advisory Committee of
the Federation. "We are not here to

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COREY NOW IN SAFE POSITION

PLURALITY OVER WRIGHT THUS
FAIR ABOUT 700.

Returns From Lake County Boosted
Corey's Standing.

Salem, May 24.—Almost complete
totals in the Public Service commis-
sion race today give Corey 4837,
Wright 4180. Lake county returns
were received this morning and gave
Corey 228, Wright 39. McCulloch got
121, Rusk 27, Service 36, Kyle 27.

Political figures issued at Portland
this morning show that three dele-
gates to the Democratic convention
are certain of places. They are
Judge A. S. Bennett, of The Dalles,
who leads the ticket with 12,716 votes
on the incomplete returns from 28 of
the 35 counties of the state; Thomas
H. Crawford, of Union county, who is
second with 11,945 votes, and Frank
L. Asmitage, of Lane county, who is
third, with 10,748.

As soon as Mr. Corey's nomination
is confirmed, it is probable that he
will be appointed by Governor Withy-
combe as a member of the Commis-
sion to succeed Clyde B. Aitchison,
whose resignation becomes effective
June 1. Mr. Aitchison has gone to
Washington, D. C., to become solicitor
for the Association of State Railroad
Commissioners in the valuation work
now being done by the Interstate
Commerce Commission.

Mr. Corey is the present secretary
of the Commission, and has been serv-
ing in that capacity for the last 10
years.

ONE FACTORY AT A TIME.

President Nibley Discredits Reports
and Says He'll Resign.

An announcement published in a
Salt Lake paper, to the effect that
Salt Lake capitalists would build
two sugar factories in Oregon, in ad-
dition to the one now being erected
at Grants Pass, by the Oregon-Utah
Sugar company, created some sur-
prise in local sugar circles. C. W.
Nibley, president of the Oregon-Utah
Sugar company, who was asked re-
sponding the item by the Salt Lake
Deseret News, said:

"It was a decided surprise to me,
and I very much doubt its accuracy.
Certainly until the result of the first
year's run is known of the plant now
being constructed, it would be in-
judicious to launch other enterprises.
Not only that, but to my mind it is
an extremely doubtful proposition to
talk of new factories in view of the
trouble the United States sugar fac-
tories are having to obtain an ade-
quate supply of beet seed for plant-
ing next spring. Besides, operations
in Oregon are at present only in the
experimental stage.

"The uncertainty attending the first
year's planting of a beet crop, and
the first year's operation of a factory,
are well illustrated by our own expe-
rience at Grants Pass. We were
pledged that 5,700 acres of beets
would be planted by the farmers and
other interests there, but at this date
we find the acreage has fallen to only
a little over 3,000 and if we get 30,000
tons of beets we shall be fortunate,
instead of the 50,000 or 60,000 tons
we had looked for."

Bishop Nibley further said: "I have
declined that owing to the numerous
calls upon my time, to sever my con-
nection with the company at the next
meeting of the board, my resignation
to take effect June 1. I accepted
the office in the beginning, with the
understanding that I would only need
to act in an advisory capacity, but in-
stead, I find that I am called upon
constantly for services which it is im-
possible for me to render."

MILK ORDERS PILE UP.

Oregon Condenseries Unable to Meet
Demands From Europe.

Portland, May 24.—Orders from
European governments for five mil-
lion cases of condensed milk were re-
ceived today by several condenseries.
They declare they are unable to fill
the order because of shortage of milk.

VON BUELOW MAY BE MADE ENVOY TO U.S.

EUROPE'S FOREMOST DIPLOMAT
RUMORED DUE TO COME
TO AMERICA

PEACE ELEMENT GLAD WHEN RUMOR COMES OUT

Recent Rumors of Recall Bernstorff
Gives Credence to Report that Kai-
ser Intends to Re-arrange His Dip-
lomatic Corps—Von Buelow Was
Once Chancellor.

London, Eng., May 24.—Baron von
Buelow, former German chancellor of
the empire, will become ambassador
to Washington, an Exchange Tele-
graph stated this afternoon on what
it calls good authority.

It is reported the German diplo-
matic corps will be re-arranged. Other
sources fail to corroborate the re-
port, although the recall of Ambassa-
dor von Bernstorff has been repeated-
ly rumored. If the report is true, it
is taken here to mean that Germany
expects early peace.

Von Buelow has been connected with
the peace move, especially in Switzer-
land, recently. A year ago he tried
to prevent Italy joining the allies and
he is considered the foremost Euro-
pean diplomat.

ALLEGED THIEF CAPTURED.

Horse, Saddle and Chaps Stolen from
Three Different Men.

If the officers have the right party,
which seems not unlikely, Jasper Mc-
Dermott relieved three men in this
vicinity of different requisites to a
well-equipped mount. McDermott
had been working for Mr. Courtney
for a month. It is charged that
young man stole a horse from Geo.
Chapman, put a saddle on him t
from the Courtney stable, and of
chaps said to have been stolen
Jesse Fitzgerald. Thus equippe
Dermott moved North and wa
tured by Sheriff Hug in W
county and has been brought
the county jail here. He wait
liminary examination.

Engineer Gardner Here.

Engineer John Gardner, city
commissioner, and his son "ny"
arrived this morning from
land and will remain for toda
on business affairs.

Here From Elgin.

Dwight A. Barnes is among
rivals from Elgin in La Grande
on a business trip.

Mr. Rinehart in Town.

H. C. Rinehart, long-time
of Summerville, then a residen
Grande, and now located in Po
is in the city today in company
Attorney George W. Gearhart, l
ing after legal business. Mr. Ri
hart will visit Summerville before re-
turning home.

MANY PROMOTIONS MADE.

Eighth Grade Examinations Passed
by 186 Pupils This Time.

Figures compiled by the county
superintendent's office, Mrs. A. E.
Ivanhoe announces, show that 186
eighth grade pupils successfully
passed the promotion examinations in
this county. In June those who failed
in a stipulated degree, will have an-
other opportunity to apply their
wisdom.

North Powder Case Decided.

Salem, May 24.—Yesterday the
supreme court in the case of O. P.
Dahlstrom vs. W. A. Hudelson, ap-
pellant; Union county; action for
money received; opinion by Justice
Bean; Circuit Judge Knowles af-
firmed.

R. A. Wilkerson Elected as Teacher.

The La Grande school board has
elected R. A. Wilkerson as a teacher
for the coming year. Mr. Wilkerson
has lately been in charge of the school
at Menham and is well known as a
teacher throughout the county.



Yesterday Winston Churchill, former
lord of the admiralty in the British
cabinet, here shown in the bomb
proof helmet he wore in the trenches
in France, declared it was un-
reasonable to expect the Allies to win
decisively except by slow degrees.