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FRENCH HALT ADVANCE ON VERDUN LINE

PARIS CLAIMS INDICATE GERMAN GAINS RECENTLY HAVE BEEN STOPPED

AUSTRIANS PUSHING THE ITALIANS BACK RAPIDLY

Situation in the Terrific Conflict Less Bloody—French Awake to Seriousness of Saving Verdun—Paris Not Alarmed, Thinking Fall of Verdun Not Disastrous.

Paris, May 26.—French repulsed violent attacks Northwest of Verdun and made gains on the east bank, it is announced. They recaptured a trench near Thiamont with smashing grenades attack.

German gains on both banks of the Meuse aroused the French to a sense of the seriousness of the Verdun situation. No anxiety is felt, however. Even should Germans capture Verdun it would not alarm Paris. It is impossible to tabulate losses until artillery ceases. Possibly the casualties will never be known.

Austrian Advance Continues. Vienna, May 26.—Austrians stormed and captured Italian positions at Chies, twenty-one miles northwest of Vicenza after a three-day battle. This is a drive of the wedge into the Italian front which will compel the Italians left wing at the edge of the valley to retreat five miles. Ten guns were seized in the sudden plunge, the Austrian left wing meeting terrific opposition at every inch.

River Up Again. The rain and warmer weather has brought the Grande Ronde river up to a higher volume than at any previous time since the pier at Riverside bridge was undermined. It is considered to be too late in the season for anything like an overflow.

Petitions on Beer Manufacture. Petitions are being circulated to have placed before the voters in November the question of allowing breweries within the state to manufacture beer to be disposed of in original packages under the same limitations as now required on orders from the outside.

MR. HILL WORSE. Doctor Mayo Being Rushed to St. Paul to Diagnose Case.

St. Paul, May 26.—Lewis Hill started for Rochester, Minn., in a special train today to get one of the Mayo brothers to come to St. Paul to study the illness of James J. Hill.

MISS GIVEN HURT. Fall Out Of Park Swing Results in Bruises to Young Lady.

Miss Lois Given, daughter of Engineer and Mrs. Lou Given, was brought to town yesterday evening in an unconscious condition as the result of a fall from one of the swings in the park. She is much improved today but is badly bruised on the shoulder, the skull, and bears abrasions of the skin at various parts of her body as a result of the fall.

WOMAN IS DROWNED.

Oregon City, May 25.—Miss Emma Zoe Inglis, aged 30, and unmarried, was drowned at 8:30 o'clock last night by falling in a well on the farm of her brother-in-law, O. F. Frenness, with whom she lived, about a mile from Canby and near the cemetery. She went out with Frenness to help with the evening work and was drawing water from the well when she fell in. Frenness heard her scream and rushing to her aid started to climb down a ladder to the bottom of the well. He slipped and fell in six feet of water. Just as he started down the ladder he heard Miss Inglis say "I am all right," but when he fell he may have struck her.

Frenness fell about 30 feet and was nearly drowned. When he came to the surface a second time he seized Miss Inglis and held her up until his wife, who had heard his shout for help, arrived and he was rescued.

When she was brought to the top of the well the girl was dead.

Bandit Cervantes Killed in Brush With Yankee Troops

YUAN WILL RETIRE. London, May 26.—Yuan Shi Kai has definitely decided to retire, awaiting choice of suitable successor, according to a Peking dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph today.

Engine Off Track. Engine No. 3224 went off the track in the yards today noon when being "led out" for a trial spin after an overhauling.

DIPLOMAS ARE PRESENTED

GRADUATES OF 1916 RECEIVE THEIR PARCELS.

Large Attendance Present at Graduating Exercises Held Yesterday Evening.

All the available seating room in the high school auditorium was filled yesterday evening by attendants at the graduating exercises for the class of 1916. The program was not extensive but still sufficiently elaborate to meet the importance of the occasion. The musical part consisted of piano selection by Miss Caele Hindman, solos by Mrs. J. J. Carr and Miss Leila Deborah Smith and choruses by the Girls' Glee club and the Boys' Glee club.

The address was by John Girdler, the retiring superintendent. In view of his near departure from La Grande and the severance of his connections with the La Grande schools Mr. Girdler's remarks were naturally of a heart-to-heart nature—at least there was more of a confiding and appreciative attitude toward the graduating class than would have been or could have been given by any other person than Superintendent Girdler. The hackneyed theme of just beginning on life's responsibilities and having merely reached the threshold of scholastic accomplishment was reversed by the retiring superintendent who declared that his boys and girls had accomplished much and had accomplished well.

After the presentation of the diplomas a reception was announced for the parents and friends of the graduates and an hour or two was given over to felicitations and various social diversions.

A more complete review of the 1916 commencement of the La Grande high school is reserved for tomorrow's Observer.

Market Clam Diggers Need License.

Salem, Or., May 25.—It is not necessary to obtain a license to fish for clams, crabs, mussels and oysters, provided it is intended to use them for home consumption, according to an opinion rendered by Attorney General Brown. If, however, it is intended to use them for commercial purposes a license is necessary, regardless of the age of the person.

Cools Logging Camps to Open.

Marshfield, Or., May 25.—Hereafter the Phillip Buchner Lumber company intends to do all its own logging. From Portland has just arrived an extra large donkey engine and other equipment. This has been taken to Ten Mile lake where the first camp is to be established. It will employ nearly 75 men. Dan Eichen, formerly a logger on the Columbia river, is to be foreman. Capacity will be about 100,000 feet a day. For the first time the Willamette Pacific will be used to bring logs into Coos Bay. A second camp is to be established in the company's timber on Coos river.

Husband Wins Out Over Wife.

Umapine, May 25.—Umapine Democrats were much in evidence for important state and county offices last Friday at the primary election when votes were cast for the following well known citizens: Ed Hoon, public service commissioner; W. F. Gentry, United States senator; W. P. Leach, state food and dairy commissioner; Lou Hodgen, representative in congress; Wm. Case, Republican, received the endorsement of the Democrats for recorder; D. J. Kirk and John Allen, constable; Lane Hoon was nominated Democratic central committeeman and was opposed by his wife, whom he defeated by only three votes.

Largest Class at O. A. C.

Corvallis, Or., May 25.—The largest graduating class which has ever gone out from the Oregon Agricultural college will receive diplomas June 6, when 319 students will be given degrees. Of this number, 213 are men and 106 women. The candidates for bachelor of science degrees number 258, for master of science 22, and for vocational certificates 29.

Namiquipa, May 26.—(Wireless to Columbus)—American troops today killed Candelario Cervantes, the outlaw chieftain, south of Las Cruces.

Cervantes was leader of bandits who terrorized that section for months. He was killed when he attempted to rush a party of engineers repairing the road, six miles south of Las Cruces. It is estimated 20 bandits attacked.

Three Americans were wounded, one dying afterwards. News of the assault were flashed to the garrison at Las Cruces and two cavalry detachments went in pursuit.

The engineers returned the Mexicans' fire and the bandits fled in disorder toward Badora. Captain Cushman's detachment overtook them, killing two and wounding many. The mayor of Las Cruces identified Cervantes' body.

George Hullitt of the seventh infantry, killed both the Mexicans but was himself wounded. It is believed Cervantes encountered the engineers unexpectedly.

Funeral Held for Leigh Jack. Baker, May 25.—Funeral services were held this afternoon from the Welch chapel for Leigh Jack, killed Tuesday night when caught between the timbers of the shaft and the edge of the cage platform, at the Rainbow mine. Rev. Owen F. Jones, D. D., officiated and services were under the auspices of the Odd Fellows Lodge. Interment was made at Mt. Hope cemetery.

Leigh Jack was 25 years of age at the time of his death, having been born in Wilford, Idaho, January 29, 1891. He came to Baker seven years ago from Imbler and had been in this city, or in the vicinity ever since.

Besides his wife, eight brothers and sisters survive him: Clyde, of Ashton, Idaho; Will, of Elgin; Maroni and Nephi of Baker; Mrs. Violet Metcalf of Teocasset; Miss Ruth Jack of Baker, and Miss Martha Jack of Free-water.

He was a member of the L. D. S. church and of the Odd Fellows.

TAFT CONTRADICTS BRYAN

Washington, May 26.—An address to the first meeting of the Peace League today, W. H. Taft denied strongly there is any constitutional objection to its scheme for world peace. He denied Bryan's declaration that a constitutional amendment is necessary before the United States could agree to a treaty not to use its military power against signers of a general peace convention.

President Wilson completed, today, his speech which he will deliver before the league tomorrow. He will require 20 minutes to deliver the speech. It is believed the president should not await overwhelming victory on either side.

Mr. Taft said the league isn't trying to stop the present war but has a distinct purpose in preventing probable recurrence of such a conflict.

Preparedness Parades

Seattle, Wash., May 26.—Northwest cities are falling in behind New York City in raising their plea for preparedness by monster civilian parades. Seattle's preparedness parade, in which it is hoped to have 25,000 people in line, will be held June 10. Portland and Spokane have arranged similar parades to be held June 3, simultaneously with the big demonstrations in Chicago.

LARGER DEPOSITS TAKEN

Government Savings Bank Raises Limit to \$1000 From \$500

Postmaster E. E. Bragg is advised that larger postal savings deposits will now be accepted. This is made possible by an important amendment to the Postal Savings Act just approved by President Wilson. A postal savings depositor may now have an account amounting to \$1,000 upon which interest will be paid. Formerly \$500 was the maximum amount he could have to his credit.

Another feature of the amendment that will avoid further embarrassment to the public and to postal officials is the doing away with the limit on the amount that could be accepted from a depositor monthly. Under the old law only \$100 could be deposited in a calendar month. The amendment abolishes this restriction. More than half-a-million depositors have over eighty million dollars standing to their credit in this banking system.

PAUL COMES BACK.

Like Bad Penny, Mr. Rehwinkle Couldn't Stay Away. After 13 months spent with musical shows and big carnival companies, itineraries of which took him over the whole United States, Paul K. Rehwinkle is back in La Grande. He will resume his old position in the storehouse of the O.-W. and will also rejoin the Elks' band where his clarinet playing is well known. It was predicted for this purpose that Paul was able to quit his other position. He came direct from Dayton, Ohio, to La Grande.

OREGON HONORS BIRDS.

Salem, Ore., May 26.—Today is Oregon Bird day, proclaimed by Governor Withycombe at the petition of a large number of school children. Today every boy and girl in the state is supposed to try to become better acquainted with the feathered tribes and do something to promote their interests.

CONTRACT LET FOR 9 STALLS

SPOKANE MAN COMES TO BEGIN WORK.

Tools and Material Being Assembled for O.-W. Project.

Preparations are under way in a concerted manner for construction of a nine-stall addition to the roundhouse here. Assistant Engineer Taylor, for the company, is here to look after the work, and M. J. Hurson of Spokane has been awarded the contract. Tools, materials and men are being assembled. As soon as the company completes its preliminaries in the way of removing switching tracks and other obstructions on the building site work will begin. The stalls will be built at the West end of the present round-house toward the depot, and are so planned that a portion of the nine will abut the present building, and a portion will stand aside a slight distance, leaving a gap between the two sections.

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DUAL MURDER, FOLLOWED BY SUICIDE OBLITERATES FAMILY OF THREE.

Intervals Between the Two Murders Were Long

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Social This Evening. The Blues and the Reds of the Methodist Sunday School will meet tonight in a social in which will come the end of an interesting contest for members in that institution.

Mr. Graham in Vale.

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Loggers Contest on Fourth.

Centralia, Wash., May 25.—Local businessmen will leave no stone unturned toward making the contests for loggers, a feature of the July 4th celebration, a success. A committee will visit the camps in autos to extend personal invitations to the men to compete for the prizes.

Ask Albion Creek Water.

Salem, Or., May 25.—Officials of the city of Silverton have filed an application with State Engineer Lewis for permission to appropriate the waters of Albion creek. They intend to use the water as a supplemental supply for the municipal water source.

Oakview Parents Elect.

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Marion W. C. T. U. in Convention.

Stayton, Or., May 25.—The Marion county W. C. T. U. convention is in annual address this evening. The day meetings are being held in the Christian church and the evening sessions in the Methodist church. Stanley Starr, son of Dr. S. A. Starr of Portland, is in charge of the musical program.

Dale to Minnehaha School.

Ridgefield, Wash., May 25.—George Dale, principal of the Felida school, has accepted a position for the next term at Minnehaha. He will be succeeded by Mr. Jacobs. Miss Anna McDougall and Miss Teresa Rechre are re-engaged.

Portrait Painted by Harrison Fisher.

New York, May 2.—Perhaps the most amazing thing about the Friars Club Frolic, which begins here tomorrow to mark the completion of the new clubhouse, is the fact that in the performance at the New Amsterdam theatre is a portrait of Abbot George M. Cohan painted by Friar Harrison Fisher. The amazement comes when you consider the fact that Fisher could get Cohan to sit still long enough to be painted. After its performance here tomorrow the Frolic will go to Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, Buffalo, Rochester, Boston and Providence.

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LANSING NOT TO RESIGN AS RUMOR CLAIMS

ANGRY WHEN ASKED AS TO VERACITY OF REPORT SENT TO BERLIN.

REPORT CALLED PART OF GERMAN PROPOGANDA

Although Report Had Been Wire-lessly to Berlin it Was Printed There—Lansing at Cabinet Meeting, but Shows Signs of Recent Illness—All Reports Denied.

Washington, May 26.—The State Department denied without qualification reports that Secretary Lansing intended to resign. It declared the rumor was part of a propaganda which has been progressing for months. It is intimated German sources are fostering the rumors.

Lansing attended cabinet meeting today and showed signs of his recent illness while talking about the resignation rumor.

He said persons circulating the story knew its falsity. He declared the story was wire-lessly to Berlin as a part of propaganda while international relations were delicate. It was never printed in Berlin.

Lansing was very angry when questioned about the report. "Of all absurd fakes, this is the worst," he declared.

PATTERSON HOME BURNED

Old Duo Suffer Severe Damage to Home and Furnishings.

Fire, originating probably from an explosion of some sort, did considerable damage to the interior of the Albert and Alpheus Patterson home near First and B streets this forenoon. The department made a long and splendid run, reaching the scene in time to save the frame work of the old house, but the interior furnishings were damaged badly from water and fire. The run is one of the longest made in several weeks, and was expeditiously handled. Two streams were used to check the flames.

Alpheus Patterson suffered severe singeing of his eyebrows, hair and whiskers when he attempted to fight the flames with a bucket of water.

Neighbors pulled him out of the burning building before he was overcome, and even now his face will likely blister. Albert Patterson was not at home. It is not believed the property was insured.

It was an unpainted building, one of the oldest landmarks in South La Grande, but for all that was the home of the aged brothers.

Looks for Sugar Beet Plant.

Mollala, Or., May 25.—If tests to be made this summer turn out as successful as expected, a sugar beet factory will be established at Mollala next fall, according to arrangements between farmers and businessmen with the Oregon-Utah Sugar company.

A large amount of beet seed is being distributed among the farmers over a wide extent of country, in order to make test plantings to determine the percentage of sugar in beets grown here. A factory has been assured if the beets test at least 12 per cent sugar and enough acreage can be secured.

Preliminary examination of growing conditions show they are practically the same as in localities where beets test as high as 17 per cent sugar. It is thought that the necessary 5000 acres to be devoted to beet culture can be obtained within a radius of 10 miles of Mollala, and it has been stated that beets can be contracted anywhere within a radius of 100 miles.

The Mollala Beet Growers' association has been organized by the businessmen of Mollala to see that no effort is spared to get the factory located here. Following are the officers of the association: L. W. Robbins, president; I. M. Toliver, secretary; Tom Worth, S. A. Knapp and Dr. E. R. Todd, directors. It is announced the industry will furnish employment to 1200 people.

MR. RUSSELL CANDIDATE.

Friends Obtain His Consent to Seek School Directorship.

After having been appealed to by taxpayers and parents in general for several days, ex-City President J. A. Russell today consented to become a candidate for school director to succeed C. T. Bacon, whose term is now expiring. Mr. Russell at first refused to seek the election but since consented, and will be advanced by his friends for the responsible office.