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GERMANS NEARER VERDUN

BIG SQUEEZE MOVEMENT HAS HURT FRENCH

DEFENDERS FALL BACK ALONG CUMIRIES-BETHINCOURT ROAD 120 YARDS

FRENCH RETIRED UPON CHARITY RIDGE AGAIN

Entirely New Division Hurled Into the Fray by Germans Last Night and the Result is a Substantial Gain—French Now Back on Point Where Fate of Verdun Balances.

ITALIANS IN QUANDARY

Vienna, May 30.—Italians are preparing to evacuate Asiago, the largest Italian town threatened since the Austrian offensive began. Austrians have crossed Assa Valley near Roana and declare they threaten to surround the Italians.

PARIS, MAY 30.—Assaulting powerfully, Germans drove the French across the Bethincourt-Cumiries highway into defenses to the south last night, it is officially announced. The gains, however, were not more than 120 yards. The attacks were delivered between Deadman's Hill and Cumiries. Elsewhere, said the communique, all charges were defeated.

Germans are striking southward against the Cumiries-Esnes highway where they captured 300 yards of territory yesterday, affecting a squeeze movement, forcing a retirement upon Charity Ridge, which is the French main defense position—where the fate of Verdun hangs upon decisive action. Teutons hurled an entire new division into fray last night, but a withering French fire caused collapse of many charges in the region of Deadman's Hill.

COLD IN ILLINOIS

Backward Season for Farmers Writes a Grande Ronder

The Pacific coast country is not alone in the unpleasantness of a backward season. Ed Myersick, the Grande Ronder farmer who is with his family on a visit to the old "sucker" state, writes from Warsaw: "We are in old Illinois now and are enjoying ourselves although the weather isn't very favorable. It is raining nearly every day and farmers cannot get their crops in. None of them have plowed corn and there is not much auto riding, such as I am accustomed to. I think old Oregon suits me better than here."

PLEADS FOR FLAG

President Wilson Attaches Special Significance to June 14th

Washington, May 30.—President Wilson has issued a proclamation asking special significance be given to the observance of Flag Day, June 14.

PROFESSOR ENLISTS

Princeton English Instructor Joins Allied Army

Princeton, May 30.—Alfred Noyse, the British poet and professor of English at Princeton, sails for Europe this week to enlist in the British army. He probably will join an ambulance corps.

GUESTS AT ROSE SHOW

La Grande Young Ladies Among Those Invited by Pres. Farrell

President J. D. Farrell, of the O-W R. & N., has invited forty young women, daughters of the employes longest in the service of the company, to be his guests at the Portland Rose Show. These special guests will be in the railway section of the big parade. Young ladies of La Grande who have received this invitation are Miss Leckete King, Miss Roma Jacobson, and Miss Wilma Oesterling. Miss Mabel Folsom of Elgin, is also one of the invited guests. They will leave for Portland Thursday, June 8th.

COL. MOSBY OF WAR FAME HAS ANSWERED TAPS

DISTINGUISHED "OUTLAW" COLONEL OF SOUTHERN CAVALRY PASSES AWAY

LEADER OF "MOSBY MEN" OSTRACIZED YET REVERED

As Southern Leader Was Thorn in Grant's Side Yet When Pursued As An Outlaw in Virginia He Was Granted Pardon by Grant—Served as an Envoy for the North Later.

Washington, May 30.—Colonel John Mosby died this morning in Garfield hospital. He had been critically ill since Sunday with a complication of diseases.

Admiration Was Widespread
Colonel Mosby, the sponsor of "Mosby's Men" and one of the last of the dashing figures of the Civil war, was admired both by North and South.

WITHDRAWAL MOVE FADING

GEN. PERSHING ORDERS ROAD TO BE REPAIRED.

Preparation for Prolonged Stay in Mexico Made Today.

Columbus, May 30.—Army men today foresaw a lengthy stay of the American expedition in Mexico when Gen. Pershing urged engineers to begin work on the abandoned Melimon railroad bed, to Dublin. It will be repaired so motor trucks can use it during rains.

Many road machines were unloaded recently and are carrying supplies. Gen. Pershing today ordered severe punishment to those attempting to sell liquor near the American camp. It is reported Mexican authorities offered to send flowers to the grave of Corporal Markers, killed when Bandit Cervantes was shot.

Memorial day exercises were held at the grave of Sergeant McGehee, who died from wounds after the Parral fight. He is buried on a promontory south of army headquarters.

AUTO TOUR ENDED.

George Richardson and Party Back from Long, Muddy Drive.

Having experienced much mud and bad roads, Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson and Steve Richardson have returned from an extended auto tour of Idaho. They went to Council Meadows, Payette and Boise, and report a great deal of mud, and some snow.

LONG RUN USELESS.

Fire Department Called to Third and Y Last Evening.

A fire that was put out with a garden hose before the department could make the long run to Third and Y, broke out in a barn on the Price property last evening about 6 o'clock. The fire was the second for the afternoon but no hose was run out on the second trip.

MINER SWEENEY DEAD.

Wealthy Pioneer of Northwest Mining Dead at Portland.

Portland, May 30.—Chas. Sweeney, the millionaire miner, died this morning after a lingering illness. He was 67. As a pioneer coal mining man, he was associated with the Comstock mines in Nevada, later making a fortune in the Coeur d'Alene district. His son is fighting in the French foreign legion.

FIRE IN FRISCO

Many Automobiles, Mail and Buildings Swept In Flames

San Francisco, May 30.—Fire destroyed fifteen automobiles and swept three business blocks on Oak Street, near Marke this morning. Five mail trucks were burned.

MEMPHIS HIT BY TORNADO; DAMAGE HEAVY

DEATH LIST AND INJURED AMOUNT TO A LARGE TOTAL SAY REPORTS.

BOAT BLOWN COMPLETELY ACROSS RIVER BY GALE

Houses Tumble, Trees Fall and Hurt People, and General Destruction Runs Rife Within 100 Miles of Territory Is Fanned by Tornado for About 20 Minutes.

Memphis, May 30.—Three are reported killed and 53 injured today when a tornado swept 100 miles of territory around Memphis. Thousands of dollars worth of property was destroyed.

Many Memphis homes were unroofed, and damaged by falling trees. A towboat was blown from one side of the river to the other.

Sixteen coal barges were crushed. Other cities reported heavy damage to houses, stock and crops.

The winds were of the great velocity, 125 miles an hour. It ravaged the city for 20 minutes.

JORDAN PREDICTS PEACE.

Riverside, Cal., May 30.—David Starr Jordan, delivering a Memorial day address, predicted an early end of the European war and earnestly pleaded for an international peace agreement.

STRIKE AT CRISIS.

New York, May 30.—Federal Mediator McHaney today conferred with the executive board of Commercial Telegraphers union seeking to avert the threatened strike. Later he will talk to Western Union officials. President Koneknamp of the Telegraphers union, said a final decision would not be reached before tomorrow.

"BUD" HUGHES LOW

Telegram Avers Slight Hopes for Recovery Entertained

That Grant ("Bud") Hughes, well known blacksmith and ball player who lived in La Grande and Elgin a few years ago, is dying at Hot Springs is the contents of a telegram received this afternoon from Mrs. Jas. Christiansen. The Hughes family lived at Dolores, Colorado, but since he was seized with rheumatic attacks, he has visited various hot springs, seeking health, and on reaching Hot Springs his condition is so precarious that Mrs. Hughes has about lost hope of recovery.

OLD SOLDIERS ARE REVERED

With impressive ceremonies, a shaft to "Known Soldiers Dead," which has been erected through efforts of the W. R. C. and G. A. R. via public subscription, was dedicated and unveiled at the cemetery this morning. Weather conditions were generally favorable and a large concourse of people was present at the ceremonial which began as soon as old soldiers and citizens in general had arrived at the graves from the bivouac at the K. of P. hall. Graves at the cemetery were strewn with flowers and the W. R. C. exemplified its tribute to Unknown Dead at the graves. After the exercises at the graves, the veterans returned to town at the noon hour and at 2:30 this afternoon will assemble at the Methodist church where the Memorial Day program will be carried out.

La Grande cemeteries were visited in large numbers during the day by those who have loved ones resting there. Great loads of flowers were taken to the graves. Flags and bunting waved in the breeze from many stores and residences.

It was a busy day for all concerned, and business shut down its wheels at 10:30 this the day might be the more fully devoted to the service. This afternoon, the church program is of course the chief event. Col. F. S. Ivanhoe, a soldier himself, was the main speaker at the dedication, and likewise this afternoon. The program at the church is as follows: Organ Prelude—Mrs. Winters. Prayer—G. A. R. Chaplain. G. A. R. Exercises at Gettysburg—

SCHOOLMATES STREW FLOWERS ON GRAVE



Eleanor Double placing flowers on the grave of her dead schoolmate, Marion Lambert. Marion Lambert's grave has been transformed into a sylvan shrine by her devoted schoolmates of Deerfield high school. The grassy mound in Lake Forest cemetery is mantled with violets, hepaticas and other spring flowers. Not only the school girls, but many others who knew the girl whose love for Will Orpel led to her death, and to his trial on a murder charge, pay tribute to her by piling her grave with flowers.

HOTELMEN IN ASSOCIATION CONVENTION PLANS RIPEN

UNION AND WALLOWA COUNTIES REPRESENTED. Splendid Social Event at Joseph Marks Opening of New Association.

Joseph, May 29.—As a culmination to the new Hotelmen's organization which began in this city last Friday night when hotel men from Wallowa and Union counties gathered at the opening of the new Jennings hotel in this city, the roads of this county are to be greatly improved.

Strange as it may seem the Hotel men not only talked hotel and what is best in their line of business but session after session was held to discuss other topics, and the final event of the greatest importance was the passing of resolutions to be filed with the Wallowa county court, asking that the roads from the Head of the Lake to the Union county line be put in good condition as soon as men and equipment can do the work in order that the summer automobile travel into

OLD SOLDIERS ARE REVERED

—Rev. J. W. Oliver.
Piano Solo, (Selected)—Mrs. Helena Williamson.
Recitation, "Barbara Fritchie"—Mrs. J. G. Holm.
Vocal Solo, (Selected)—Mrs. T. J. Seroggin.
Recitation, "My Flag and Your Flag"—Rosa Maier.
Recitation, "Memorial Day" Must Gora.
Recitation, "Decoration Day"—Betha Nelson.
Violin and Piano Solo—Donna and Floyd Smith.
Vocal Solo—An Original Ode—C. P. Ferrin.
Recitation, "A Patriotic Mother"—Irene Swauger.
Vocal Solo, "These Songs My Mother Used to Sing"—Mary Fitzgerald.
Recitation (Selected)—Wilma Gore.
Recitation, "The Soldier's Cradle Hymn"—Florence Nelson.
Violin Duet, (Selected)—Floyd Smith and Clark Fitzgerald.
Pantomime, "The Star Spangled Banner"—Ten young ladies; sung by Mrs. Helena Williamson.
Recitation, "Sweet Home"—Gertrude Braving.
Vocal Solo, "I must Leave You Mother Dear"—Wilma Wade.
Recitation, "The Women Who Went to the Field"—Miss Clara Gore.
Song, (Selected)—Mary Fitzgerald, Donna Smith, Lucille Walgarnood and Dorothy Casey.
Recitation, "Memorial Day"—Cecil Morgan.
Address—Col. F. S. Ivanhoe.
Song, "America"—Audience.

SPEEDERS FINED.

Three Lined Up Before Municipal Judge for Fast Riding.

V. E. Sudbrook and Roy Lewis, on motorcycles, and Nate Zweifel in an auto, speeded too fast and were brought face to face with the anti-speeding campaign. It cost all concerned \$5.00 each.

LEON ADAMS HERE.

Former La Grande Boy, Badly Hurt Last Winter, Now Recovered.

Leon (Piedmont) Adams who has been attending a dental college at Portland, and who was badly bruised and injured last winter in a coning accident, was in La Grande this morning on his way to Enterprise where his parents live. He is fully recovered.

MR. ROOSEVELT GIVES KEYNOTE AT KANSAS CITY

MERCILESS RAKING GIVEN TO UNPREPAREDNESS AND MORAL WEAKNESS.

BELGIUM'S FLIGHT CITED AS PRODUCT OF SITUATION

Vast Variety of Topics Boldly Flayed and Criticized by Colonel Roosevelt in His "Keynote" Speech at Kansas City Today—Administration and Ford Raked.

Kansas City, Mo., May 30.—In a speech, punctuated by typical Rooseveltian aphorisms, Colonel Roosevelt this afternoon laid before a Memorial day gathering here his platform of principles.

Great Ovation Extended. Three thousand spectators lined streets when Roosevelt brought his keynote speech here. The march from the station to the hotel was a continuous ovation. The Colonel stood in his automobile the entire distance waving his famous black slouch hat in response to the cheering. "Pig Tail" Denounced.

Early in his speech he bitterly denounced those who put a pig tail on Uncle Sam.

The address was concededly the colonel's "keynote" for the 1916 campaign. In it he had everything from preparedness to the tariff. Primarily, it was an appeal for preparedness—of the military, of the business world, of the spirit, of the heart, of the soul. It was a bitter indictment of American defenselessness, of Henry Ford (although not by name) by unmistakable inference, of the administration's "lofty words," and "mean actions," of social oppression. He begged his auditors to work for a navy "second to none in the world of armaments" regulars—with universal service and training among the citizenry; he urged leaders "absolutely national in spirit" at Washington; demanded a nation which stood "for the principles of social and industrial justice," approved a protective tariff; asked abolition of child labor; insisted upon regulation of both business and of labor, and urged social and economic justice.

The colonel minced no words in attacking the pacifists. One definition was: "Merely the tool of the sensual materialist who has no ideals, whose shriveled soul is wholly absorbed in automobiles, and the movies, and money-making, and in the policies of the cash register and the stock ticker and the 'false prophets'."

"The opponents of preparedness, and 'foolish apostles,' and their doctrines 'slothful, lazy optimism.' He vitriolically assailed the Wilson administration for not taking a stand, which he said was demanded by treaties to mitigate the horrors of war, and take action when Belgium was over-run.

"When we declined to take any action under these conventions and treaties, we ourselves treated them as 'scraps of paper,' he declared.

"If in our foreign policy we are weak, if we use lofty words at the same time that we commit mean or unworthy actions, and above all, if we fail to protect our own rights, we shall not secure the good will of anyone, and we shall incur the contempt of other nations; and contempt of that kind is easily turned into active international violence," he warned in another passage.

"This is one of the great years of decision in our national history. The way in which we now decide will largely determine whether we are to go forward in righteousness and power or backward in degradation and weakness. We are face to face with elemental facts of right and wrong, of force or feebleness. According to the spirit in which we face these facts and govern our actions, we shall determine whether in the future we shall enjoy a growing national life, or suffer a lingering national decay.

"First and foremost, friends, I ask you to beware of the false prophets, both the prophets of sordid materialism and of that still sentimentalism which refuses to look through this in the face of truths which are unpleasant."

The colonel scornfully referred to persons who two years ago maintained that a great war was impossible, and said it was to be expected after the present war, "their shrill pipings," would again rise. He held America might be attacked after the war by one of the nations fully prepared; or temporary exhaustion might lead any one of them falsely to proclaim they were "peaceful and harmless." In any event, he asserted, it was America's paramount duty to be

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