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FIERCE BATTLE IS WAGED ON HILL NO. 304

SPIRITED ARTILLERY MARKS THE CONTINUANCE OF GREAT STRUGGLE

FRENCH CLAIM TO HAVE REGAINED LOST GROUND

Paris Believes Germans Were Attempting to Ascertain Whether French Were Preparing to Attack on West Bank of Meuse—Germans Claim French Attacks Collapsed.

Paris, Jan. 27.—(United Press)—It is announced that spirited artillery marking the continued struggle on Hill three hundred and four. French fire destroyed the German works.

Esparge was the scene of a heavy battle.

Five German aeroplanes were destroyed. Advice indicated the French had regained practically all the ground the Germans took Thursday night.

Paris believes the Germans were attempting to ascertain whether the French were preparing to attack on the west bank of the Meuse.

The attack cost the Germans thousands. It is estimated one hundred and twenty thousand Germans participated.

The German Version.

Berlin, via Sayville, Jan. 27.—(United Press)—It is announced that repeated French attacks on Hill three hundred and four collapsed. The statement described the battles on Combes Heights at Meuse Bend west of Saint Mihael.

Ten Belgians were captured southwest of Dixmude.

British attacks failed south of the Labaze Canal.

Allies Are Solid.

London, Jan. 27.—(United Press)—Officials believe Rome, Petrograd and Paris hold identical opinions of President Wilson's Senate address. This is fresh proof of the Allies' solidarity. Unitedly they declare the President's views are approximately the Allies' ideas.

Russia favors all nations having a sea outlet and an autonomous Poland. The Petrograd foreign office said the Allies do not wish to crush their enemies.

Roumanians Claim Victory.

London, Jan. 27.—(United Press)—The Roumanian official statement announced that German attacks in the Cashin valley were repulsed after an eleven-hour battle in the snow. Germans retreated southward.

Russia Reports Victory.

Petrograd, Jan. 27.—(United Press)—It is announced that German attacks were repulsed on the Riga front. Russian gas attacks caused a panic among the Germans around Mitau. The heaviest bombardment was on the Kanacev road toward Chiek, where the German attacks were repulsed. Their losses were heavy.

Pierce Re-elected as President.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 27.—(Special)—Walter M. Pierce, state senator from Union county, was today re-elected as president of the Oregon Taxpayers' league. George Miller of Cove is a member of the resolutions committee.

WORLD'S BIGGEST STEEL ARCH RAILROAD SPAN NEARLY FINISHED!



Holt Gate bridge, the largest and heaviest steel arch railroad span ever built, is nearly ready for use. The bridge connects Long Island and New York and carries four tracks. The steel span is 1017 feet long. Forty million pounds of steel were used in the massive span and 160,000 pounds in the immediate approaches. The winding steel and concrete approach is nearly a mile long.

BIG FIRE: LOSS TWO MILLIONS

Big Business Block Is Destroyed and Five Persons Are Injured.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 27.—(United Press)—The Grand theater, Douglas Shoe Company, Frank Soder Department store and many other establishments were burned today.

The eastern half of a downtown business block was destroyed. The loss is two million dollars. Five were injured.

This is one of Pittsburg's most disastrous fires.

CARRIERS HAVE FIVE DAYS GRACE

"Shipments" Ordered Before Proposed Bone-Dry Bill Goes Into Effect Can Be Lawfully Delivered Five Days Afterwards.

According to a provision of the bone-dry bill now being considered by the state legislature, five days of grace after the enactment of the law is given to common carriers to deliver intoxicating liquors imported under the original act, although an ardent fight was made for a 10-day period, which received bitter opposition from the radical bone-dry element. If the common carriers have any uncalled for packages after the five-day period, they will have to return them within a period of 30 days to the consigning firm.

Favor Universal Military Service

Washington, Jan. 27.—(United Press)—The National Security League unanimously voted in favor of universal military service for all male citizens at 19 years. It recommended the Pittsburg system.

Mrs. J. Gangloff Is 80 Years Old Today

Pioneers Are Celebrating With Her This Afternoon in the J. E. Foley Home.

Mrs. J. Gangloff, for 52 years a resident of La Grande, is celebrating her eightieth birthday in the J. E. Foley home on Fourth street this afternoon. All of the pioneers who were here when Mrs. Gangloff came have been invited. Mrs. Julius Roesch and Mrs. J. E. Foley, daughters of Mrs. Gangloff, have the party in charge and Mrs. P. A. Foley and Miss Henrietta Foley will entertain the old people. A huge birthday cake will be in the center of the table.

Although most of the cities in Japan have good sidewalks, modern street paving is practically unknown in the empire.

FARMERS OF UNION COUNTY FORM LOAN ASSOCIATION

Features of the Federal Farm Loan Act Are Explained by Various Speakers. Eight Farmers Sign Up for Loans Amounting to \$40,000. Only Borrowers Can Join and They Must Subscribe Five Per Cent of Their Loans as Stock

Farmers of Union county will form the Union County National Farm Loan association.

That was determined at the mass meeting of over fifty farmers held at the city hall this morning at 10 o'clock.

The farmers approached the proposition with conservatism, at the same time realizing that the association would secure for them great benefits in the way of long time loans at low rates of interest.

Only borrowers can join. To organize an association requires ten borrowers who will mortgage their farms for a total of \$20,000. This morning eight men signed up to borrow approximately \$40,000.

Senator Walter M. Pierce sent word that he would join the association and

sign up for the amount of stock allotted to him.

P. H. Spillman, county agriculturist, presided. Farmers from all over Union county were present who listened attentively to the speakers.

Mr. Spillman called upon Clarke Leiter, editor of The Observer, who explained briefly the operations of the act.

The first step is the association of ten farmers, each of whom wishes to be a borrower. He also becomes a stockholder up to 5 per cent of the face of the loan he wishes to make. He can borrow 50 per cent of the value of his property and 20 per cent of the insurable value of his improvements. The farmers then elect a

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VILLA'S ARMY IS DEFEATED

Hundreds of Villistas Are Killed—Villa's Lieutenant Deserts—Citizens Flee to the Border.

El Paso, Jan. 27.—(United Press)—Carranzistas defeated Villa in a two-day battle at La Junta, Chihuahua, Thursday.

They captured trains used by Villa and yesterday Villa rallied and recaptured them, according to information received this afternoon. Hundreds of villistas were killed.

Before the battle Inez Salazare, Villa's chief lieutenant, deserted with fifteen hundred followers.

Following the battle, it is reported that Villa marched north planning to massacre all the Mormons aiding General Pershing's expedition.

While General Pershing is evacuating his field base, four hundred residents of Colonia Dublan are fleeing borderward. Forty wagons are carrying refugees en route to Columbus.

GENERAL PERSHING HAS BEGUN MOVING HIS TROOPS FROM MEXICO

Carranza Commander Reports American General Has Left His Headquarters at Colonia Dublan and Is Marching Leisurely Toward Ojo Frederico.

Juarez, Jan. 27.—(United Press)—The Carranza commander at Casas Grandes reported that General Pershing's headquarters at Colonia Dublan had been evacuated at daybreak. Troops are marching leisurely northward. The next base is Ojo Frederico.

Skirmish Is Reported.

Arivaca, Ariz., Jan. 27.—(United Press)—No word has been received from the Stonehouse skirmish between cowboys, the Utah Cavalry and Mexicans yesterday. A small detachment of troops is en route from Tucson. Nogales cavalry is held in readiness.

Nogales, Jan. 27.—(United Press)—Headquarters' advices said fighting between American cowboys and the Utah Cavalry and Mexicans continued today. Reinforcements were rushed. The commanding officer has started an investigation.

Two Men Killed in Alaska Snow Slide

Juneau, Alaska, Jan. 27.—(United Press)—Rescuers are hunting for the corpse of Maurice Rasmussen, following three snowslides in the mountains surrounding the city. Benjamin Grout of La Grande, Oregon, a linesman, was also killed.

The avalanche cut the power lines, leaving Douglas, Treadwell and Juneau in total darkness. The weather is bitter cold.

WILL OF ABE EATON LEAVES BIG BEQUESTS

UNION COUNTY PIONEER'S ESTATE IS OVER \$200,000—WIDOW GETS \$100,000.

TWENTY-TWO NEPHEWS AND NIECES RECEIVE \$2500 EACH

Dan Baird of La Grande Is Left \$1000, David Baird of Baker \$1000, Deaconess Home and Methodist Church at Union Are Remembered—Willamette Gets the Residue.

The will of Dr. Abe Eaton, admitted to probate in Multnomah county, disposes of an estate in Union county, Portland and Boston, Mass., estimated at over \$200,000. Abe Eaton, pioneer of Union county, died in Portland last week and was buried in Union.

The bequests are: To Mary L. Eaton, widow, \$100,000; to each of 22 nephews and nieces, \$2500; to Dan Baird, La Grande, \$1000; to David Baird, Baker, \$1000; to Belle Elaine Long, \$1; to Maria Beard Deaconess Home, Spokane, income from \$5000; Methodist Episcopal church, Union, income from \$5000; Willamette University of Salem, Oregon, the remainder of the estate, or approximately \$33,000.

Mrs. Mary L. Eaton, widow, is named executrix and Amadeo M. Smith of Portland, administrator. M. A. Zollinger, attorney of Portland, has been in Union this week in connection with the business of the estate. The trustees of Willamette university are named as trustees of the bequests made to the Spokane home and the Union church.

The will, dated April 20, 1916, provides that any contestant of the will is to receive but \$1.

Abe Eaton, known academically as Dr. A. E. Eaton, was not only a successful, self-made pioneer of this section but a philanthropist even before his death. He, Willamette university, was made possible by a recent gift of \$50,000 and Mr. Eaton's minor gifts were numerous. In recognition of his help Willamette university made Abe Eaton a "doctor."

18 Boys Leave Tonight For Spokane

Young Men From This Section to Attend Holt "Caterpillar" Sessions.

In charge of C. W. Bunting, representative in this territory of the Holt Manufacturing company, 17 young men from this section leave tonight for Spokane to attend the annual "caterpillar school" of the Holt Manufacturing company. The classes begin Monday and continue to February 10. The following from this section plan to attend: Elton Heryford, W. T. Conley, Charles Buesing, Herbert Speckhart and Clyde Bunting, of La Grande; L. B. Carter, Ray Eyres, Darrell Fulp, Charles Johnson and Tom Conklin, of Cove; Sam Harris, of Union; Clyde Bloom and Earl Heryford, of Alice; Herbert Brockman, of Weiler, Idaho; Paul Riggs, of Baker, G. W. Dunham, of Cambridge, Idaho, and F. S. Heard, of Haines.

Woman Dies at Cove; Formerly of Halfway

Mrs. William Foreman Leaves Two Small Sons and Husband.

Halfway, Ore., Jan. 27.—(Special)—Mrs. William Foreman of Cove died Friday afternoon after a brief illness. Mr. Foreman is the forest ranger at Cove. Mrs. Foreman leaves besides her husband two sons, aged about 4 and 5 years. She was the daughter of Martin Bloom of Halfway, and is a niece of J. McFadden of Baker. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

BOISE DEFEATS LA GRANDE

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 27.—(Special)—The Boise basketball team defeated the La Grande M. I. A. team here last night 47 to 34.

Did you ever notice how many smiling faces there are in La Grande?

American Schooner Fires on Mexican Boat

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 27.—(United Press)—The American fishing schooner Maryland exchanged shots with a Mexican patrol boat at San Ramon point, in Lower California. The patrol boat approached the Maryland going south through Mexican fishing water. The Maryland opened rifle fire.

Mrs. Ethel Byrne Is Forcibly Fed

First Case in United States History Reported—Condition Is Reported Better and No Ill Effects From Food.

New York, Jan. 27.—(United Press)—Mrs. Ethel Byrne was forcibly fed after a five-day hunger strike. She collapsed shortly after midnight. This is the first case of forcible feeding in United States history. Physicians inserted a tube in her throat and poured in liquid food. Blackwell's Island Hospital reported her condition better and no ill effects.

Ad Men Meet To Diagnose Themselves

Cleveland, O., Jan. 27.—(United Press)—Problems of the advertising man were to be met and disposed of at the convention of the Advertising Affiliation opening here today in the Hotel Statler. Three meetings are scheduled. Salesmanship will be discussed this afternoon; tomorrow the advertising man will be diagnosed, and tomorrow night they will dine and listen to Secretary of the Navy Daniels, John Kendrick Banks and Chas. M. Schwab.

Although not associated with the Associated Advertising clubs of the World, this affiliation serves as a "district meeting" of that gathering. Member clubs are the Adcraft club of Canton, O.; Cleveland Advertising club, Buffalo Ad club, Rochester Ad club and the Syracuse Advertising Men's club. Clubs from London, Ont.; Toronto, Alliance, O.; Toledo, Youngstown, Akron, Erie and Lorain, Ohio, were represented.

Sold Votes for One Dollar.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 27.—(United Press)—Fifteen, including eight negroes, pleaded guilty to a charge of selling their presidential votes. They told Federal Judge Hollister that the purchasers paid a dollar apiece.