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GERMAN DESTROYERS FLEE FROM BRITISH

LONG RANGE BATTLE BETWEEN CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS

ELEVEN GERMAN WARSHIPS FLEE BEFORE ATTACK OF THEIR OPPONENTS

CHASED BY THE BRITISH FOR EIGHT MINUTES

British Lose One Man Slightly Wounded—Four Destroyers Maintain Pursuit Until Within Range of Zeebrugge Ports—German Destroyers Hit.

London, May 10.—(United Press)—Eleven German destroyers fled before four British destroyers in a long range running fight, the admiralty stated.

"Eight cruisers and destroyers on scouting duty from Earwisch were cruising this morning between the British and Dutch coasts," the official statement read, "when they sighted eleven enemy vessels to the south pursuing a parallel course.

"The enemy made off at full speed to the south. Under the cover of dense smoke, the chase was continued eight minutes, the enemy being engaged at long range. We lost one man, slightly wounded."

Four destroyers, which apparently outdistanced the slower moving cruisers, did not halt their hot pursuit until within range of Zeebrugge batteries. The admiralty added that hits were obtained on the German destroyers.

Russia Again Opens Fire On Germany

ARTILLERY FIRE IS ESPECIALLY HOT IN THE DVINA REGION—RUSSIAN SOCIALISTS AGAINST PLOTS

Petrograd, May 10.—(United Press)—Resumption of artillery firing over nearly the entire Russian front was officially announced.

Firing was especially hot in the Dvina region.

Near Zlotchoff the German attack failed with heavy losses to the enemy.

Petrograd, May 10.—(United Press)—The extreme wing of the Russian Socialists will not be represented at the Stockholm peace conference.

The extreme wing at a conference here branded Borjberg and others as pro-German, Imperialist Agents.

BIG PASSENGER STEAMER SUNK 75 ARE LOST

LONDON CHRONICLE MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT AND ACCUSES ADMIRALTY OF CONCEALING FACTS

London, May 10.—(United Press)—The loss of a big passenger steamer with seventy-five persons was editorially announced today by the London Chronicle.

The editorial insistently demanded that the House of Commons explain why the admiralty "pursues the inconsistent policy" of concealing the facts. The news of the sinking has not been announced by the admiralty.

Death of Mrs. Hattie Wingo.

Mrs. Ida French received word today of the death of Mrs. Hattie Wingo in Salt Lake City on May 7. Mrs. Wingo formerly taught in the Greenwood school. She was the widow of a Christian minister. Her last teaching was in Enterprise.

BRITISH HOSPITAL SHIPS ARE SUNK

London, May 10.—(United Press)—Chancellor Exchequer Law announced two more British hospital ships sunk.

Mrs. C.W. Noyes Receives High Honor

The General Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star has awarded to Mrs. C. W. Noyes the appointment to represent the state of Mississippi in the State Grand Chapter and in the General Grand Chapter which holds its meetings every three years. The last being held in Louisiana, it being the custom of the general Grand Chapter to select a member to represent certain states in this convention. This is a well deserved honor and Mrs. Noyes is to be congratulated upon it.

BRITISH AND GERMANS IN BIG STRUGGLE

FORCES DEADLOCKED AROUND FRESNOY AND BULLECOURT—GAINS MADE SOUTH OF LENS

London, May 10.—(United Press)—The British offensive is temporarily deadlocked around Fresnoy and Bullecourt.

General Haig struck a blow in a new direction, and captured a portion of the German front south of the Souchez river and south of Lens.

It is officially reported many prisoners were taken. Tremendous German counter attacks near Bullecourt were repulsed.

The German losses were heavy. East of Greecourt Gen. Haig reported a further advance.

FRENCH REPULSE GERMAN COUNTER ATTACKS

Paris, May 10.—(United Press)—More gains by General Nivelle in repulsing the attack near Chevreux, and widening the French wedge across the northern slope of the plateau Vauclere were officially announced. The German counter attacks of great force were repulsed.

Logan Billingsley Gives Himself Up

Seattle, May 10.—(United Press)—Logan Billingsley, the fugitive "Bootlegger King," who escaped from the federal detention station several weeks ago, surrendered himself in federal court at ten forty-five o'clock this morning.

Chicago May Wheat Sells At \$3.15 A Bu

JULY WHEAT SELLS AT \$2.48 1-4 AT CHICAGO—BLUESTEM IS \$2.97 AND CLUB \$2.95 AT PORTLAND.

Chicago, May 10.—(United Press)—The wheat market: May—Open \$3.10; high \$3.15; low \$3.08; close \$3.15. July—Open \$2.46; high \$2.48 1-4; low \$2.40 1-2; close \$2.48.

Portland, May 10.—(United Press)—The wheat market: Club \$2.95; Bluestem \$2.97.

The Weather. Portland, May 10.—(United Press)—The U. S. weather forecast: "Fair and westerly winds."

C. Miller, formerly employed in the Gilbert laundry of this city, returned today after spending some part of the winter in Los Angeles.

Knights Of Pythias Give Farewell Banquet To Andrew R. Marker

Many Speakers Pay Tributes to La Grande Lawyer Who Goes to Join the Officers Reserve Corps at San Francisco—Sergeant Wygant Is Also a Guest At the Banquet.

Last evening the Knights of Pythias tendered to Andrew R. Marker, brother Knight, upon his departure to join the Officers' Reserve Corps in San Francisco a splendid banquet. After grace, pronounced by Rev. Chas. E. Edwards, a delicious repast was served by the Foley grill. Following the banquet Chairman E. E. Bragg opened the program by calling upon R. J. Green who gave a stirring patriotic address in honor and farewell to their fellow citizen and fraternity brother. H. E. Dixon paid tribute to Mr. Marker as a man, Earnest Vehrs gave in honor of the K. of P.'s the farewell address and stating that he was sure that Mr. Marker would go into the service as a representative of the fraternity.

Colonel Ivanhoe told of his experiences with Mr. Marker as a partner, of Mr. Marker's earlier military experiences, and when at the outbreak of the Philippines how he could picture a lad of 16 years walking out of

Idaho to the recruiting office and the time he had convincing the recruiting officer that he was 21. He gave a brief synopsis of Mr. Marker's experiences in the Philippines and of his ability to command as an officer.

Chairman Bragg then arose and in his words introduced "one of the fine well behaved young men of Company M," who joined Mr. Marker last night going to San Francisco to enter the cavalry as an officer. This well appearing young man was Sergeant R. C. Wygant of Company M, 3rd Oregon Inf., who delivered a splendid address in which he told of the material that men born and trained to command were made of and of the pleasure of being present at the banquet and of meeting Mr. Marker.

Then the two men to whom last evening was a grave disappointment, Norman Fries and J. J. Broughton, gave short addresses telling of their

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SOLDIERS ALSO FARM IN FRANCE; FARMING ARMY BRANCH NOW

Agriculture Is Now An Integral Part of the French Military Machine—While War Is Destructive, It Has Its Constructive Branches—Farming Is One—Object Is To Keep Territory in War Zone Productive—Recaptured Ground Is Restored to Fertility and Planted.

ENGLISH AND BELGIANS FARM INTENSIVELY

BY HENRY WOOD. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) With the French Armies, April 10.—(By Mail)—The service of Agriculture is now one of the regular branches of the French Army.

It is just as much an integral part of the French military machine as a whole as is the infantry, the cavalry, the artillery, the engineers or the aviation.

Military agriculture is one of the latest developments of modern warfare along with such things as gas masks, the rehearsing of battles before they are fought and aerial torpedoes. While the present great European conflict has demonstrated that war must ever be destructive, and possibly more destructive than ever before, yet the constructive, conservative basis on which the French seek to conduct it has developed numerous possibilities for lessening and repairing the destructiveness.

In a general way the object of this service of Agriculture is to keep the farming in the entire war zone and especially in the immediate vicinity of the front lines up to its normal and maximum productiveness. It is now as much the duty of every soldier in the French army to help in these agricultural labors, as it is to fight, while the army as a whole contributes not only the farm laborer but also the horses and even part of the implements necessary.

The agricultural work to be done in the war zone divides itself into three general classes. First of all the extending of enough help to the farmers still living in the zone to enable them to plant and harvest their crops. Secondly, nearer the front where the civil population has been obliged to flee entirely and where the farms are completely abandoned, the army must take over all this ground and cultivate it itself in precisely the same manner as though the farmers themselves were still there. Thirdly, as fast as French soil is won back from the Germans the Agricultural Service must undertake the restoring of this ground to a state of fertility and the planting of it in crops at the earliest possible moment.

Every general commanding on the French front is required to divide his portion of the war zone into sectors, each one comprising on an average twenty to twenty-five villages or farming communities. In addition to the general officers that are designated for the administration of the agricultural service an under-officer who is chosen because of his fitness is assigned to each

sector and remains permanently in charge of the agricultural work there, regardless of where his regiment may be moved afterwards.

In the meantime the prefect of each department in the war zone is required to make out a list of all agricultural work that needs to be done, together with the degree of urgency and place it at the disposition of the military officer in charge of each sector. The prefect must also provide the tools and the grain and seed for sowing.

Entirely regardless of whether the troops stationed in a given sector are there for repose or whether they are there for fighting, they must perform the agricultural labor that is waiting to be done. Likewise when troops are on the march, if they stop in any sector, even for only two or three days they must participate in farm labor under way.

When the troops move on they leave a report with the permanent military-agricultural officer in charge showing just what they have done so that when the next troops come along they can take up the work where the others left off.

One and only one iron clad rule has been adopted by the military authorities and that is that under no circumstances whatever must a military troop, whatever its size may be, passing through a given sector where there is agricultural work to be done, leave that sector without the work being further advanced than when it came in.

The Army must furnish horses, either from the cavalry, the artillery or the supply trains whenever horses are needed. The mechanics attached to the army are also required to assist the farmers in the shoeing of their horses and in the repairing of their agricultural implements.

Not the least interesting phase of this service is that it has been incorporated into the English and Belgian armies now fighting on French soil in precisely the same manner. English Tommies back of the Somme are now cultivating French fields with precisely the same ardor as they are fighting the "Boches" a few miles farther in advance. At the few points where Belgian contingents are stationed on French soil the same system is in progress and as a consequence there is no place in all France today where more men are being employed in agricultural pursuits than in that precise strip of territory within both the roar and the rage of the big guns that extends from the Belgian coast to the Swiss frontier.

GERMANY WILL NOT TAKE THE OFFENSIVE

HAS NO REASON FOR FORCING THE WAR ON THE UNITED STATES

WILL NOT FOREGO THE USE OF SUBMARINES

Hollweg Will Announce Germany's Peace Terms But When Is Not Announced—The Reichstag Is Scheduled To Adjourn Within a Week.

Berlin, May 10.—(United Press)—Germany holds no reason for offensive against America, but will not forego present use of submarines for peace. War will be ended only on the basis of no dishonorable terms inflicted upon any nation.

The United Press obtained these sentiments from two of the most diverse elements in Germany—the Socialists and the government.

DATE OF HOLIWEG'S SPEECH NOT YET KNOWN

Amsterdam, May 10.—(United Press)—Chancellor Hollweg will announce Germany's general peace terms, but when and how is unrevealed in today's dispatches. Presumably it will be in a speech before the Reichstag. The German assembly is scheduled to adjourn within a week.

ROOSEVELT DIVISION IS ELIMINATED

HOUSE AND SENATE CONFEREES AGREE TO LEAVE IN THE PROHIBITION AMENDMENT

Washington, May 10.—(United Press)—Eliminating the Roosevelt division amendment from the selective service bill, the House and Senate conferees reached an agreement and will report the bill to their respective houses as quickly as their findings are put into shape.

The conferees eliminated the Fall amendment, providing for the raising of a voluntary cavalry force for border duty.

The prohibition amendment, as passed by the senate, was left in the bill.

The age limit for those subject to conscription was fixed at from twenty-one to thirty, inclusive.

It is considered certain that the senate will endeavor to restore the Roosevelt amendment, but since the conferees have agreed to eliminate it, the administration does not want it, it is not believed that the amendment could pass. It is regarded likely that within three months the first half million men will be selected.

Ex-Senator Foraker Dead.

Cincinnati, May 10.—(United Press)—Joseph B. Foraker, former Ohio governor and United States Senator, died here this morning.

Ex-Convict Found Dead.

Toledo, May 10.—(United Press)—Jess Hall, an ex-convict, was found dead in a tent near here. His fifteen year old partner, Carl Tuell is believed to be responsible and was arrested and sent to the reform school.

Dr. George R. Vehrs, of San Francisco, who has just finished an internship in a San Francisco hospital, is in the city for a few days' visit with his parents.

Mr. Ray R. Last, traveling labor organizer of Tacoma, leaves this evening for California after visiting the past week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Last.

To Remove Warts. Rub them with a piece of bluestone daily, until they get sore and go away.—Farm and Fireside.

GOOD ROADS MASS MEETING IS TONIGHT

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER WILL SPEAK AT M. E. CHURCH AT 8 O'CLOCK

THIS AFTERNOON SPOKE AT ELGIN AND IMBLER

Mr. Adams Campaigned Yesterday and Held Joint Debates With State Senator Walter M. Pierce—Condition of Latter's Knee Makes Appearance Tonight Impossible.

State Highway Commissioner E. J. Adams will speak tonight at 8 o'clock at the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Adams arrived this morning at 11:40 and after luncheon at the Foley Hotel was driven by automobile to Imbler and Elgin where he was scheduled for addresses. Tonight he will speak here and tomorrow afternoon at Cove and tomorrow evening at Union.

Mr. Adams campaigned yesterday in Umatilla County and held a series of joint debates with State Senator Walter M. Pierce. The local committee on reception invited Senator Pierce to speak at tonight's meeting with Mr. Adams, but upon arriving here Senator Pierce consulted his physician, Dr. M. K. Hall, as to the condition of his knee and was ordered immediately to bed. He was in great pain and the knee is badly swollen.

Mr. Adams is a big man both physically and mentally. He has all the facts and figures of road building and road making at his tongue's end. He will tell the people of La Grande and Union County what highways mean to the development and prosperity of this country and this city.

All of the voters are invited to hear Mr. Adams whether or not they are for the \$6,000,000 bond issue.

Mr. Adams is one of the trustees of the state highway fund. The voters who pass upon this issue June 4 are urged to hear him.

Ladies especially are invited and urged to attend, since they vote in the June election. Mr. Adams is a brilliant speaker and there will not be a dull moment in the address.

Mr. Adams was accompanied to Elgin and Imbler by J. D. McKennon, city commissioner; Fred B. Currey, city manager, and Fred J. Holmes, president of the Commercial Club.

Pendleton Painter Shoots His Wife

Lewiston, May 10.—(United Press)—Lloyd Shawley, a Pendleton painter and decorator, killed his bride and seriously wounded himself late last night. He was married six weeks. His wife left him recently, coming here to work. He followed her yesterday, bought a gun, and induced her to take a walk, then shot her.

Good Roads Meetings In Union County

To Be Addressed By State Highway Commissioner

E. J. ADAMS

TONIGHT

8 p. m.—La Grande, at Methodist Episcopal church.

FRIDAY, MAY 11

2 p. m.—Cove.
8 p. m.—Union.