

AMERICAN SOLDIERS VICTIMS OF GERMAN GAS ATTACK

Five Killed and Sixty One Others Taken to the Hospital--Gas Shells Timed With Fuses and Directed Over American Lines--Counter Attack Delayed But Finally Checks the Onslaught.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE FRONT IN FRANCE, Feb. 27.—Five American soldiers were killed as the result of a German gas attack yesterday and sixty-one others are victims of gas in the hospital after a night of horror. The attack came suddenly after an all day rain. A huge flare of fire burst forth from the German trenches from which the enemy mine workers discharged the deadly missiles. Then the shells burst spreading the smothering gas. Three men were killed and nine were overcome through slowness in adjusting their masks. Those who were overcome were carried helpless to the hospitals gasping for breath, where a measure of relief followed the administration of oxygen. The struggles of the men for breath was pitiable in the extreme. Some acted like drowning men, with every breath a groan, and faces blue from suspended respiration. The scene stirred all with a rekindled feeling of resentment against the Boches.

Two Attacks Made.
The Boches attacked with gas twice, throwing seventy-five chlorine and phosgene gas shells with high explosives. They were fired simultaneously by the German mine workers. The gas shells had time fuses which had been arranged so as to explode over the American lines.

Americans Check Onslaught.
A severed wire delayed the American barrage forty minutes. As soon as a counter fire from the Americans was brought into action the German attack was checked.

Washington Men Victims.
The victims of the German gas attack included men from Washington, Indiana, New England and some of the Southern States. A number of artillerymen were also overcome by the fumes.

TO BRING BODIES HOME
Resolution in Congress Provides for Return of Soldiers' Remains.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Congressman Emerson introduced a resolution in the House today requiring the return home of bodies of soldiers dying abroad. He says the returning transports should be utilized for this purpose.

Congressman Stearnson introduced a bill giving the soldiers passes when going home on a furlough.

FOOD PRICES INCREASED

However a Few Staples Are Reported Down One Point.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The labor department announces that retail prices for food increased two percent for the month ending January 15 over the preceding month. Flour, lard, bacon and cornmeal decreased one percent; hens increased eight percent; eggs and potatoes, six; butter, four; beef, two. In the preceding year the price of food as a whole advanced twenty-five percent.

Soldiers Sent Eastward.

Four trains of soldiers passed through La Grande last night en route eastward. Destination was not given out.

GUARD FRUSTRATES DYNAMITER

NEWBURG, N. Y., Feb. 27.—An attempt to dynamite the compressor in the local shipyards was frustrated today by William Hogan, the guard. Hogan was hit on the head and knocked senseless by the man

GERMAN RAIDS ARE REPELLED

PARIS, Feb. 27.—Two strong German raids in the Chemin-des-Dames region were successfully repelled. The American artillery is aiding the French in this locality. Raids south of Butte-de-Mesnil, preceded by artillery, were also repelled. Airmen have been busy with bomb attacks at Nancy and there is mutual artillery around Avencourt.

GERMANS ARE HALTED

Russians Make Stand For Defense of Petrograd

PETROGRAD, Feb. 27.—The Germans have been hurled back at Vitebsk, three hundred miles south of Petrograd, where the Russians made their first stand for the defense of Petrograd after delaying the German advance to that point.

Mt. Glen Furnishes Quota for Service

MT. GLEN, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Six young men from this little hamlet are in the service of their country.

Two groups of women are actively engaged in Red Cross work: one group is in charge of Mrs. B. M. Burland and the other by the Mt. Glen Relief Society.

Mary M. Garner will leave in a few days for Utah where she will remain the rest of the winter.

Mrs. Clara Zeman and daughter, Mrs. Jessie Leak, were visitors at Hot Lake Friday. Mrs. Vebra will remain there for a few weeks before returning to her home in North Yakima.

A. L. Waite has accepted a position in Washington, D. C. He expects to leave as soon as he can make arrangements.

A. J. Feik has purchased the Thompson farm of seventy acres. He and his brother, Parley, recently purchased some fine sheep.

Mrs. Ella Klapp of Nebraska has been visiting her cousin, Lewis Dierks, and wife.

J. W. Nebeker has had charge of a crew of men who recently erected a twenty-room apartment house in Perry.

ON A HAPPY MISSION

Young Man Leaves to Sail the Sea of Matrimony.

Sam Harris, one of La Grande's young business men, left on "a business trip" to Portland last night. But the business he is on has nothing to do with credits, discounts, bills of lading or the other bothersome details of commercial life. "Sammy" is going to be married—that's what. The bride-to-be is Miss Tillie Simons, a popular young lady of Portland, and the ceremony will take place on Sunday.

Live Stock Meeting.

A meeting of the Purebred Live Stock Association will be held in the city hall in La Grande, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The meeting is for the purpose of considering various matters of interest to the association.

RUSSIANS WIN NIGHT BATTLE AT PSKOFF

ENTHUSIASM FOR DEFENSE IS GROWING HOURLY

LARGE ENLISTMENT OF MEN EAGER TO FIGHT

Big Forces Are Sent Southward to Check German Advance Toward Petrograd.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 27.—After an all night battle the possession of Pskoff was won by the Russians, who were enabled to remove vast stores of supplies to the interior. Reval was captured by the Germans but only after a bitter battle.

The enthusiasm for the defense of Russia is growing hourly and large bodies of men are streaming to the front. Big forces have been sent to halt the Germans at Luga, 100 miles South of Petrograd.

Wallowa Salutes Service Flag

PATRIOTIC EXERCISES BY PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

High School Literary Society Presents Interesting Program.

WALLOWA, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Mrs. Laura Miller returned home last Friday from Evans accompanied by Miss Marcia Wood who will visit friends here for a few days.

Mrs. S. O. McGee and children of Enterprise are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer this week.

Edgar Marvin of Enterprise is in Wallowa visiting with his brother. Miss Eunice Courtney of Troy, a former student of the Wallowa schools, is in town visiting friends.

Coley Wray and Marion McCrae who are working in the shipyards at Portland are visiting friends and relatives this week. They report that things are on the bum there.

Mrs. Marion Womack returned from Idaho last week. The Womacks will soon move to their ranch northeast of town.

The domestic science department of the high school served its regular weekly cafeteria lunch last Friday.

The Forum Literary Society at the high school Friday evening debated the question, "Resolved: That Foreign Immigration is Detrimental to the United States." The affirmative was represented by Cressie Grout and Mariel French and the negative by Lucy Beem and Agathe Marvin. The program also included a vocal solo by Hazel Soden; a piano duet by Zelma Plass and Elmer Goodnough; extemporaneous speeches by Georgia Evans and Anna Coats; speeches by Lawrence Goebel and Mamie Dorsey; recitations by Violet Osborne and Alice Campbell; eridie, Grace Hall.

Quite a number of the Knights of Pythias from here attended the annual convention at Elgin Saturday. All reported as having been entertained in a royal manner.

A service flag was dedicated last

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COOKS FOR TOMMY IN HOLY LAND

A good cook, in Tommy's opinion, is hard to find. So when one appears, he is naturally invited to make his home with the troops.

This aged "caterer" was found by some Tommies in the Holy Land and he is now a full-fledged cook for the British.

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GO IT, KAISER! GO IT, BOLSHEVIK!



LA GRANDE SHOE SHINER CALLED DOWN FOR HIS TALK

What seemed to be the first showdown of whether people here would stand for German sympathizers injecting their feelings into this community when Grande Ronde boys are at the front fighting for the colors, came last evening when a man by the name of Bach, who runs a shoe shining parlor on Adams avenue refused to purchase flour substitutes at one of the grocery stores, according to Federal food regulations. Not only did Bach refuse to follow orders from Washington but he gave vent to his feelings in such a way that one of the grocery men had to be restrained from using violence with Bach.

The case was immediately reported to T. J. Scroggin, chairman of the Union county unit of the State Council of Defense, who exacted pledges of obedience to every Federal order in the future from Bach and the promise of a still tongue relative to his German sympathies.

This follows closely an experience the Grants Pass commercial club had when they invited a preacher to move on because he could not show his loyalty to the nation indicating that the time is coming when the free criticism that has been permitted in the past will not stand.

Several weeks ago E. Z. Herzinger, a citizen of La Grande, was in North Powder when a troop train went through loaded with Idaho soldiers. According to the reports received by the Observer several people were in the restaurant at North Powder, including Mr. Herzinger, when a man said: "there goes another trainload of cattle." Herzinger immediately took up the matter, asking the man if he meant to call the soldiers "cattle" and when the reply came sharply, "yes," the fireworks began.

Herzinger grabbed the speaker by the neck and round and round they went, turning over coffee urn, dishes and chairs. When the finish came the man who had thus spoken of an American soldier was lying in the middle of the North Powder Main street. Herzinger was licking a few slight wounds and the lady who ran the restaurant at that time was clapping her hands in a most patriotic manner.

Joseph Had Recent Scene.
One merchant of Joseph recently had to resort to physical strength to impress upon an ex-minister that the Hoover food rules were not only patriotic but must be obeyed. In this instance all persuasive methods were used with no effect, and when pointed remarks followed that reflected upon the U. S. uniform the merchant clinched the ex-man of the cloth by the throat and in the private office of a certain business house in Joseph he was forced to take the oath of allegiance and offer up a prayer for the success of the Allied arms.

REBEKAH ANNUAL ROLL CALL
The annual roll call of Crystal Rebekah Lodge which was held last night was well attended in spite of the stormy weather. Many of the older members were present among them three of the charter members, namely: Sisters Lydia Grandy, Emma Harding and Lizzie Haworth. The program which followed was enjoyed by all present. The numbers presented were:

Address—Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe.
Address—Mrs. Dora B. Schilke.
Vocal Duet—Mrs. Webb and Rev. Fesse.
Reading—Mrs. John Shaw.
Short Lecture on Food Conservation by T. J. Scroggin.
Vocal Solo—Mrs. Webb.
After the program a dainty luncheon was served.

WALSH IS REPRESENTATIVE
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LUMBERMEN EXPECT NORMAL CAR SUPPLY IN SHORT TIME

Situation Taken Up With Government Representative at Meeting at Baker Yesterday--Car Service Here Only 16 Per Cent the Supply at Other Points--Commercial Club as Well as Millmen Represented.

Representatives of the lumbering industries in this district held a meeting at Baker yesterday to go over the car shortage situation. The meeting was in reality in the nature of an official hearing of the case as presented by the lumber men to J. H. Hicken, of the division of transportation of the United States railway administration. As a result of the hearing the inspector is in full possession of the details of the situation which has been crippling the local lumber industry for months, on which he will make a report, which is hoped will have the effect of permanent betterment of conditions.

Oregon Spruce Commandeered

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—It is announced that the Government has commandeered all the spruce lumber supplied by the mills of the Northwest and particularly those of Oregon and Washington. This step is taken in order to speed up air craft production. Active measures are also to be taken to hurry construction, and in the training of flyers and the shipment of airplanes in order to give the Allies aerial superiority.

Balfour on Fate of Russia.
LONDON, Feb. 27.—In an address in the House of Commons today Balfour declared: "The fate of occupied Russia will be decided at a general peace conference, regardless of any Russian or Rumanian treaties."

Thirty are Lost
From Naval Tug
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Secretary Daniels announces that probably thirty lives were lost when the American naval tug, carrying forty officers and men, went down, and only ten landed. Four bodies have been recovered by steamers.

CANNERS MUST RETAIN STOCK
Surplus Not Needed By Government Will Be Released.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The food administration has notified all canners to retain for war purposes all canned corn, peas, tomatoes, string beans and salmon and report the quantities of such canned goods on hand as soon as possible. All surplus stocks will be released by the Government as soon as the war needs are contracted.

Court Searing End.
The Circuit Court is still busy on the case of Myers and Becker. It will probably be finished this afternoon.

NEWS OF SUMMERVILLE
Red Cross Dance Is Greatly Enjoyed By Participants.

SUMMERVILLE, Ore., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Sam Emerson returned to his home at Brogan, Ore., after selling his fifty acre farm to Lee Fine.

Mrs. and Mrs. Jno. Niederer, prominent farmers from Dry Creek, are off to Joseph for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Roy Spencer.

Mrs. Mike Royce is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Pat McDowell, who lives near Baker.

Mrs. Oscar Anderson returned from Wallowa last week. Jimmie Wise was a business visitor in Imbler on Monday.

Maud McRae transacted business in Imbler on Monday. Miss Lydia M. Hug is now visiting with her niece, Mrs. Walter Courtright at Bandon, Or. She reports beautiful sunny weather and a very enjoyable time.

Many attended the Red Cross dance given in the hall last Friday evening and report a very pleasant time. Every one seems eager to do his part toward the Red Cross.

The ice harvest seems rather late this winter. A few days ago there was hope of a good freeze but the warm change in temperature came a little too soon.

Mrs. D. L. Sanderson and her two little sons, Virgil and Lyle, spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Cleton Wagoner.

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