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## BIG GUN PUZZLES FRENCH BUT FAILS OF PURPOSE

New Horrors Only Make Our Allies the More Determined to Fight It Out

Germans Find Gas Attacks Inhuman When Providence Gives Enemies a Distinct Advantage in Their Use.

(By E. G. Pipp, Copyright, 1918.)

Paris was not very excited, but deeply interested—also puzzled. It was on a Saturday morning in March. French airplanes were flying over the city, darting to the right and to the left, going in bird circles, flying high, flying low, and acting as no other airplanes had been seen to act in the war zone. They flew singly, in pairs, threes and fours.

And the bombs continued to drop on the city.

Some of the French people had taken to the cellars and subways for safety, as some always do when an air raid is on. Others gathered on the street corners or went about their business. As we stood on the pavement and watched the airplanes we could feel the nervous tension of the aviators transmitted in the very movements of their machines as they sought in vain to locate the German airplanes which they and we supposed were dropping the bombs.

Then two things were observed: the bombs were dropping with a regularity that was soon measured at 15 minutes between bombs, and there was a sound to the explosions different from any heard before.

There were some clouds above the city, and a theory was advanced that the Germans had found a way of flying above the clouds, out of reach of the French airplanes; but the regularity of the explosions soon set that thought aside.

Then pieces of the flying missiles were found, which disclosed the fact that shells and not bombs were being used—shells that had been sent a long distance from a gun.

The next morning in one branch of the American military service I was told that the gun had been located back of the German lines; that the shells were being sent 20 miles in the air, coming all that distance and dropping on the city; that the department was being telephoned every time the gun was fired, and that the shells were dropping every 15 minutes. One could take his watch and listen, and the bang would come in the 15 minutes, almost to a second.

Then toward noon (it was on a Sunday) the shells began to drop every 7½ minutes. The Germans were evidently using two guns, alternating in the fire. After lunch the intervals again were 15 minutes, and it was concluded that the first gun had become too hot to fire, and that the Germans were finishing out the day's entertainment with the second gun.

We went about the city that afternoon to observe the effect of the shelling on the French people. It was a spring-like day. The people thronged the boulevards and the main streets. They sat about tables in front of the restaurants all discussing the new German method of attempting to terrorize women and children. Some talked seriously about it, others were puzzled, while still others joked.

The plan failed absolutely in its object for instead of inclining the French to sue for a German peace the effect was directly the opposite. It inclined them only to fight the harder.

It was not long ago that the German government declared that it had concluded gas warfare to be inhuman, and expressed a desire to enter into an agreement with the allies to do away with that method of punishing and killing soldiers during this war.

Germany had started it; that government had sprung a surprise costing the lives of a good many allied soldiers. Then the allies took it up in self-defense, also inventing gas masks to protect the men in the trenches.

Wind is always necessary in a gas attack. When Germany came out with a desire to agree to use no more gas the allies naturally turned to statistics already prepared and found that the wind on the western front blows so that the allies can send gas charges into the German lines more frequently than the Germans can return them. That was the key to the Kaiser's sudden realization that gas warfare was inhuman, but it was not the only one. It became known later that Germany is very short of rubber, an article very necessary in the making of gas masks that protect the soldiers. Germany's inhuman method of warfare has been turned on her and finds her poorly prepared to protect herself.

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## DELIGHT VALLEY WIDOW IS CLAIMANT FOR CROP HONORS

Speaking of good crops, Mrs. Martha J. Kayser, of Delight Valley, says that if anyone can show any taller corn, any more beans, or any more tomatoes on the vines than she can, she is ready to treat to ice cream cones. Her crops were cultivated but once, the rest of the care being with the hoe.

Metcalf and Brund Begin Suit.

H. K. Metcalf and Andrew Brund have begun suit in circuit court against Ida May Wicks and others, asking for a decree that the deed from Ida May Wicks and Joseph Wicks to the defendants, J. C. Porter and Josiah Porter, be adjudged a mortgage securing the amount due the defendants, Porters, that Ida May Wicks be adjudged owner of the real property and that it be sold on execution of the plaintiff's judgment for the satisfaction thereof.

## CANYON SOON TO HAVE EXCELLENT HIGHWAY

Road Long Bane of Motorists Will Be Winter Delight.

Pass creek canyon, in Douglas county, just south of the Lane county line, will have a good macadam road its entire length by fall. This is good news to motorists, who for several years past have declared this stretch of Pacific highway to be the worst between Portland and San Francisco, with the exception of stretches between Dunsmuir and Redding, Calif. Contractors are now working on the road in Pass creek canyon and the grading has been practically completed. While the roadbed in its present condition is rough for automobile travel, it is wide, and the turns have been made safe from collisions as the automobiles round them. The work of spreading the crushed rock has already started in places, and by the time the fall rains begin the contractors expect to have it completed.

With the installation of the overhead crossing at Divide, at the northern end of the canyon, and the improvement of about a mile of road in Lane county from the Douglas county line north, this will be one of the best parts of the entire Pacific highway.

The bad places in the highway between Dunsmuir and Redding are rapidly being replaced by standard highway construction, with easy grades and wide turns, and it is expected that by a year from this fall the work will have been completed.

## MILLIONAIRE'S HOME RAIDED BY OFFICIALS

Pasadena, Calif., July 25.—A deputy federal marshal and food administration officials today raided the home of Hallett C. Merritt, millionaire, and seized 300 pounds of sugar. They charge it was unlawfully hoarded, and under libel proceedings instituted today it will be sold at auction as contraband.

Merritt is now in the east. It is not believed he will be arrested until his return.

The regulations under which the sugar was seized provide a fine of \$5000 or a two-year prison term, or both, for violations.

Caretakers at the Merritt home stated that the sugar was stored there temporarily, being stored for a refining company.

"Unless Merritt can make a more satisfactory explanation, I will ask for his arrest on a charge of food hoarding," said Assistant United States District Attorney Moody.

Merritt recently received considerable publicity through alleged refusal to purchase liberty bonds.

Mrs. L. E. Dunn Dies.

The funeral of Mrs. Louise Elizabeth Dunn was held yesterday afternoon from the chapel, Rev. Walter Callison officiating. Interment was in the Shields cemetery. Death occurred Wednesday, the next day after her seventy-eighth birthday anniversary.

Louise Elizabeth Arnold was born in Burlington, Iowa, July 30, 1840, and was married to Henry Louis Dunn June 7, 1860. She came to Oregon in 1871, locating first in Salem, but moving a year later to Lane county, and living afterwards in or near Cottage Grove. The following children survive: Orrin Webster, James David, and Lydia Martha, all of Cottage Grove; Byron, of Washington, and Mrs. Mary Ellen Mosby, of Mosby, Mont.

Colonel Lawson Is Transferred.

Lieutenant-Colonel B. K. Lawson, of this city, has been transferred from the Columbia forts to Mobile, Ala., being one of the old national guard officers who has so far survived the clean-up of officers who won their promotions in that organization. He passed through here Thursday morning of last week on his way to his new post.

G. A. R. Special Rates.

Agent Criswell has received the special tariff of rates on the Southern Pacific to the Grand Army encampment at Portland, which will be in effect August 14 to 28. The round trip rate from Cottage Grove is \$2.90. Only members of the G. A. R., the W. R. C., and auxiliaries, and members of their families, are entitled to this special rate.

## OLD TIMER WRITES OF HIS EXPERIENCES ABOARD TROOP SHIP

Fighting Subs. at Close Range Reduces Flesh and Gives Terra Firma a Peculiar Charm

Marion P. Martin, who will be remembered by the old-timers of the Cottage Grove country, and who is now one of the oldest enlisted men in the navy, has recently written a letter to his old-time friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hawley, in which he relates some interesting incidents in connection with the war.

Mr. Martin left here 30 years ago, returning once about 16 years ago and again about four years ago for a visit. He was born on the Martin donation land claim, now known as the Frank Hambrick place. He is an uncle of Mr. Hambrick. His letter follows:

"On coming into port from France last evening I was pleased to receive a copy of the Cottage Grove Sentinel. Since I wrote you, I have seen strenuous times. We left New York May 10, arriving in a French port May 23. We had a pleasant trip over. May 29 we sailed for New York in consort with three others, the steamer 'President Lincoln' as flagship. The convoy left us late in the evening of May 30. All four steamers were running parallel with each other, the Lincoln 250 yards from us and on our starboard side. Suddenly on the morning of May 31, at 8:30 o'clock, a sub came up almost under our bow and hurled a torpedo at us, missing us by forty feet but hitting the Lincoln forward. I was so close to us that she slipped along our side and launched another one at the Lincoln striking her aft. She was so close our large guns could not get the elevation. Twenty-nine minutes later the Lincoln stood on her stern end and went down.

"Two and a half hours later another sub came up alongside of us and was received with two 6-inch shells, so we heard of it no more. June 1 at 5:20 we had a pitched battle, all three ships were fired, our gunners getting another submarine to their credit. We arrived in port June 9. Left again for France on the 15th. July 1 we again left France heavily convoyed. Eleven hours later, just at dark, 'The Covington,' another of our sister ships, was struck. The destroyer fleet stood by her and got her within two hours of a French port, when she went down. Four officers and 23 of the Lincoln's crew were lost. Of the Covington's crew six were lost, among them one of my best friends.

"The commander of the sub, that sank the Lincoln was reared and educated in New York city.

"We came reeling into port yesterday. I am pretty weak, as this life is strenuous, but dear friends, it's worth the money. No tongue can tell nor pen picture the sorrow, the desolation of poor, bleeding, broken-hearted France. It is a beautiful country, but everything is sacrificed to the war god. The French harbor (I cannot name it) is a beautiful one.

"We are petted and spoiled here in New York and Brooklyn. Our uniforms pass us nearly everywhere. Even restaurants, many of them, make rates for us.

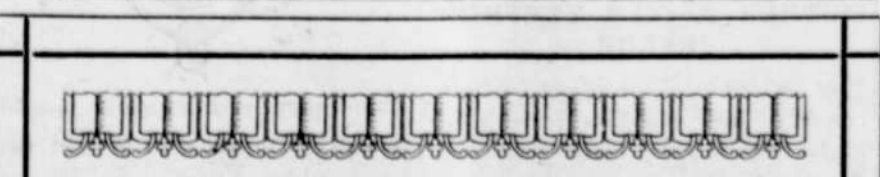
"I do not know whether I shall go out again soon. I am kindly treated and can truthfully say I have the first unkind word to receive from a superior officer. But this life is wearing on a man. I weigh 30 pounds less than I did four months ago. I thank you sincerely for The Sentinel. A lot of my Key West mail has so far failed to reach me. We only get our mail about every five weeks.

"Give my sincere regards to all the old-time acquaintances."

J. W. Ishmael Dies.

The funeral of J. W. Ishmael was held here Wednesday from the Christian church, Rev. Walter Callison officiating. Death occurred early Tuesday morning from paralysis.

Mr. Ishmael was 78 years of age. He was born in Indiana and was married in California nearly a half century ago. He had lived here a number of years at time of death. Besides the widow, the following children survive: Earl and Arthur, Mrs. B. G. Crowe and Mrs. Vinn Gilbert, of this city, and Mrs. Dessie Griggshy, of Waitsburg, Wash.



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## PARALYTIC STROKE FATAL TO S. B. JACKSON, OF WALKER

Dies Upon Place Where He Was Born; Seventh of Eleven Children to Pass Beyond.

The funeral of Samuel Benjamin Jackson was held at Walker at two o'clock Saturday afternoon, Rev. Douglas, of Springfield, officiating, and interment was in the Walker cemetery.

Mr. Walker's death occurred Thursday. The previous Sunday Mr. Walker emerged from his house to greet some friends who had just driven up, when he was overcome and fell from the porch to the ground six feet below. He was found to be almost completely paralyzed, retaining only the use of the organs of speech. Whether paralysis caused him to fall from the porch, or whether the fall resulted in paralysis, is not known. He was a heavy man and would have been likely to be seriously injured by such a fall.

Mr. Jackson was a native of Lane county, death occurring on the place where he was born 56 years ago.

Surviving relatives are the widow, four children, two sisters and two brothers. The children are Marvin and Melvin, who are at home; Byron, who is with the colors in France, and Mrs. Otto Briggs, of Walker. The brothers and sisters are Mrs. Dan Shaw, of Pendleton; Mrs. John A. Young, of Clackamas; Frank, of Walker, and Charles M. of Cottage Grove. There now remain only four of a family of eleven children, although both parents lived to be over 80.

## DANDELIONS FAVORED BY GOPHERS AS BAIT

O. A. C., Corvallis, Ore., Aug. 1.—Dandelions are an effective bait for poisoning the pocket gopher, the enemy most dreaded by Willamette valley farmers, according to G. F. Sykes, professor of zoology.

"Experiments made during the past two years," said Professor Sykes, "show that the hard baits, such as parsnips and carrots, generally recommended by state and federal bulletins, are not greatly appreciated by the pocket gopher. The little animal, it seems, forms a habit of eating some particular food, much as human beings do. Gophers in the vetch patch prefer vetch to almost any other food; gophers in the clover like only clover, while those on the hillsides eat different food from their relatives in the valleys.

"In selecting a bait for poisoning, therefore, it was found necessary to cater to the appetites of the gophers according to the prevalent vegetation, or to find one plant that they would take in preference to any other food."

Many varieties of food were tried, and it was found that on an average gophers of all localities would take dandelion first.

It was found that the hard baits were picked up and carried back to the general storage house where they were seldom if ever touched. Dandelions, however, were eaten at once or tucked away under the edge of the nest where they could be easily reached. When the dead gophers were dug up they were always found near the point in the runway where the dandelions had been placed, or lying beside the nest.

New Members of Home Guard.

Nelson Whippis, now in the naval reserve, has observed the injunction of the government and joined the home guard while waiting to be called. James McKay is another recruit, and a dozen or more others have indicated their intention of becoming members at once.

Survey Will Be Ordered.

County Commissioner E. R. Spencer and County Surveyor Libby were in the city Tuesday, having made the trip by way of Lorane. Mr. Spencer was quite certain that the permanent survey of the proposed road over the mountain would be ordered at an early date.

Dray Line Is Sold.

Cottage Grove now has but one dray line, W. W. McFarland having taken over the business of L. L. Harrel. The deal was completed yesterday. Mr. Harrel will be employed at the Woodson Brothers' garage for the present.

## UNITED STATES ARMY MAKES A WORLD RECORD MEAT PURCHASE

Chicago, July 29.—The largest single order for bacon and canned meats in the history of the world—99,560,000 pounds of bacon and 134,000,000 pounds of canned meat—has just been placed by the quartermaster's department for the American army overseas.

Louis F. Swift says the order will take the bacon from approximately 1,900,000 hogs and, if all other work were dropped, to produce it would be equivalent to the total bacon production of the five largest Chicago packers for nearly five weeks.

At the current prices on the day when the order for the purchase was made, the packers would pay the livestock producers about \$80,000,000 for the necessary hogs, and over \$50,000,000 for about 900,000 cattle required. The cattle will cost twice as much and the hogs two and a half times as much as in the pre-war period.

## CHILDREN OF STATE PRODUCE HEART EASE

O. A. C., Corvallis, Ore., July 29.—Hundreds of school children and other patriotic Oregonians have made possible a second shipment of 850 pounds of dried dogwood, or digitalis, from the Oregon Agricultural college to the federal laboratory at the University of Minnesota, where it will be made into tincture of digitalis for the use of the army and navy. This shipment is sufficient to produce nearly 510,000,000 doses of the tincture, which increases the force and fullness of the pulse and raises arterial pressure and is almost a specific for the many cases of heart trouble and shock common in warfare.

The European supply of this drug having been cut off by the war, an appeal was made the first of the year to the people of Oregon to pick and dry this plant which grows luxuriantly in the western part of the state. While the supply on hand is sufficient to meet the needs of the government for some time to come, the pickers are urged to continue with the good work.

## TO ORGANIZE NATIONAL GUARD COMPANY SOON

A meeting will be called soon by Major Raymond Babb, in command of the Eugene battalion of state militia, at which time steps will be taken to organize a company, or perhaps two, of national guard, authorized by the war department.

Adjutant-General J. M. Williams was in Eugene Saturday and conferred with local military leaders regarding the new organization. He informed them that the new regiment will be on exactly the same footing as national guard regiments of the states that were called into the federal service after war was declared and that the regiment would be called out for overseas duty if the necessity demands.

The new regiment will be governed according to the rules of the regular army, and full equipment will be furnished by the government.

Cottage Grove Pennant Wanted.

This is the life; lots of pep and jazz to it. We ought to have a Cottage Grove pennant at the Y. M. C. A. Get busy! Thus writes Charles S. Hall from American Lake, where he is a member of 43rd company, 11th battalion, 166th depot brigade.

Forest Fires Under Control.

The rains of last week came as a great relief to fire fighters, and all forest fires in this section were easily gotten under control.

A HELL OF A POEM.

Just what is meant by this word, "hell"? They say sometimes "It's cold as hell," Sometimes they say "It's hot as hell," When it rains hard "It's hell," they cry. It's also hell when it is dry. They "hate like hell" to see it snow. It's a "hell of a wind" when it starts to blow. Now "how in hell" can anyone tell "What in hell" they mean by this word "hell"? "This married life is hell" they say. When he comes home late "there's hell to pay." "It's hell" when the kid you have to tote; When he starts to yell, it's a "hell of a note." "It's hell" when the doctor sends his bills For a "hell of a lot" of dope and pills. When you get this you'll know real well Just what is meant by this word "hell." "Hell, yes!" "Hell, no!" and "Oh, hell!" too; "The hell you don't" and "the hell you do." And "what in hell," and "the hell it is." "The hell with yours," and "the hell with his," And "who in hell?" and "soh, hell, And "what the hell do you think I care?" But the hell of it is, it's sure as hell We don't know what in the hell is hell. [By Delbert Shirley, of Montana Wesleyan college, and printed in The Bugle, official paper of the depot brigade, a copy of which was sent to The Sentinel by Chas. S. Hall, a member of the recent draft contingent.]

## CANNERY IS READY FOR SEASON'S OPERATION

Manager Knowles Anticipates a Tremendous Increase in Value of Pack

Lorane Orchards, Just Coming Into Bearing, Will Furnish Pears; an Increase in Bean and Berry Pack Probable.

Produce is now being received at the cannery and the season's run will start at once, the first run being on string beans. It is anticipated that the run on blackberries will start before the end of the month and the canning of pears from the Lorane district will begin about September 1. This is the first producing year for the Lorane district and will be the first time pears have been handled in quantities at the cannery.

Manager Knowles anticipates that the pack will be the largest in the history of the cannery, and that with the big advance in the price of all canned goods the total may reach \$30,000. The total last year was \$11,000. A little rain would do wonders for the Evergreen blackberry crop, and the indications are that the increase in price for these will result in a large increase in the number brought in. Tons of these berries go to waste each year for lack of picking. Last year over a thousand dollars was paid for these berries that grew wild.

FIRST BORN ASSERT THEIR CLAIM

Aged Residents of Lane County Give Dates of Birth.

Eugene, Ore., July 27.—The claims of John W. Harms, of Cottage Grove, that he is the oldest resident of Lane county born within the county, has been challenged by Mrs. D. E. Kirk, of Franklin. Mr. Harms was born in 1853.

Mrs. Kirk, daughter of John Brown, who came to Oregon with his family in 1848 and settled in Lane county, states that she was born on the farm, two miles north of Franklin, where she now resides, May 19, 1850.

When Mrs. Kirk's father came to Oregon the log cabin of Eugene Skinner was the only house on the present site of Eugene.

Fourth Member of Limit Club.

The Cottage Grove community has another member of the war savings stamp limit club. K. K. Robinson, of Dorena, who has been principal of the schools there for several years, is the new member. He believes that his business is teaching the young idea how to shoot.

## "THE SENTINEL AND THE WISE JUDGE."

"You get out a mighty fine paper, and I want it." These are the words of a district judge of Oregon, and indicate the way Cottage Grove's newspaper is regarded by outsiders. Another circuit judge also paid his subscription this week.

## A BUSINESS MAN'S SUPPLI- CATION.

Teach me that sixty minutes make one hour, sixteen ounces one pound, and one hundred cents one dollar. Help me to live so that I can lie down at night with a clear conscience, without a gun under my pillow, and unharmed by the faces of those to whom I have brought pain. Grant, I beseech thee, that I may earn my meal ticket on the square, and in doing thereof that I may not stick the gaff where it does not belong. Denfen me to the jingle of tainted money and the rustle of unholy skirts. Blind me to the faults of the other fellow, but reveal to me my own. Give unto me that quality wherein I give due praise to others, but upon their faults let me be silent. Guide me so that each night I look across the table at my wife, who has been a blessing to me, I will have nothing to conceal. Keep me young enough to laugh with my children and lose myself in their play. And then, when comes the smell of flowers, and the tread of soft steps, and the crushing of the hen's wheels in the gravel in front of my place, make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple: "Here Lies a Man."