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CONDENSED WAR NEWS

One Berlin dispatch says that Russians who were captured near Jaroslau were equipped only with iron clubs, instead of rifles for weapons.

The military consequences of Italy's entrance into the war will depend very largely on the ammunition the Italian army has accumulated. If an immense supply is available, the Italians should be able to make progress, and to retain what their initial rush may gain. There is much room to doubt, however, whether the Italian government foresaw the need of an unlimited quantity of high explosive shells sufficiently far in advance to have them ready at the present time.

In the Turkish operations the allies continue their activities and the official report records further progress and confirms the dispatch sent by General Sir Ian Hamilton to Australia that in an attack on the Australian and New Zealand positions the Turks suffered a loss of 7000 men, of whom 2000 were killed.

Roumania, it is reported, has received assurances from Bulgaria that if Roumania decides to join the allies and go to the assistance of Russia by an invasion of Transylvania, Bulgaria will not attack her, and that, in fact, Bulgaria herself is considering the possibility of taking similar action, although her attack would be directed against Turkey.

Both British and French say they have made headway at La Bassee, but the Germans declare that all attacks have been repulsed or that the fighting is still in progress. Apparently

the allies are engaged in straightening out their fronts to conform with the positions which they won in recent engagements—a task to which the Germans are offering stubborn resistance with numerous and cleverly placed machine guns.

A ministerial crisis in England has developed into a newspaper campaign against the Kitchener dictatorship. The minister for war is being accused of trying to exercise omnipotent powers, and of endangering the success of Great Britain's military operations.

Never before in the imagination of man has a battle gained such proportions and intensity as that brought about in Galicia and the Carpathians by the Austro-German drive from the west, according to reports reaching London from Berlin and Petrograd.

The total losses probably never will be known, but run into the hundreds of thousands. Berlin declares that the Germans alone have captured 104,000 Russians, 72 cannon and 252 machine guns since the engagement began, while Petrograd reports that 40,000 Austro-Germans were captured. The Austrians and Germans assert no further progress in their offensive in middle Galicia and so the British critics draw the conclusion that the big battering ram which drove the Russians eastward, and, at some points, across the San river, has been brought to a standstill against the bulwark of the Russian reinforcements.

GERMAN ATTACK IS REPULSED BY FRENCH

(Special to The Argus.)

Paris.—An attack made by the Germans in the Argonne forest was repulsed with extremely heavy losses, according to the official statement made by the French war department. The official announcement added that "the repulse of the enemy in this region has been complete."

This report says also that attacks along the entire front were general, and "at only one point did the enemy obtain a footing for even a moment," this was in a French advanced trench, and the French report goes on to say that the Germans were immediately driven out, with the loss of several prisoners.

SCHOONER WRECKED OFF OREGON COAST

(Special to The Argus.)

Marshfield, Or.—Except for the assistance of the dredge Colonel P. S. Michie and the coast guard crew here, all on board of the steam schooner Claremont, bound from San Francisco to Willapa harbor, would have been lost when the ship struck on the extreme end of the sunken jetty and foundered.

The experience of the crew of 23 is thrilling and all were taken off by breeches buoy after the line had been picked up from the dredge Michie, which caught a line thrown off the stranded vessel by the captain, steward and first mate. The lines were quickly arranged and fastened to the mast of the Michie.

Only one woman was aboard the Claremont, Miss Olivetta Faulkner, of Aberdeen, Wash., who was among the bravest of those aboard the vessel.

Captain S. Benson, master of the vessel, says that just as he headed the boat toward the entrance of the harbor she was struck on one side by a breaker, and for a short time control of the ship was lost. It was just long enough for the boat to hit on the end of the submerged jetty.

ROAD WORK IS DIVIDED IN LINN

(Special to The Argus.)

Albany.—A new plan for volunteer road work has been devised by D. B. McKnight, county judge of Linn county. Instead of observing state or county good roads days the county court here will endeavor to have the observance of Community Good Road days. The new plan is expected to prove effective and result in the completion of considerable road work at small cost.

The plan is to have each road district in the county set a best adapted date on which to observe a good roads day. The county court will furnish all necessary machinery for the work and send ample supplies of gravel or crushed rock and other equipment into the district so that it will be on hand for that day.

The Community Road day is expected to prove much more successful than one to be observed throughout the county as a whole. This was illustrated in the state good roads day.

In some parts of this county the roads were too wet to work and because of unusually late rains the streams were too high in most places to permit convenience in securing gravel. Another advantage of the Community Road day will be that road building machinery can be shipped from one district to another, so that each district celebrating the day will have an abundance of equipment.

3663 CLAIMS ARE SENT COMMISSION

Salem.—Since the workmen's compensation law became operative ten months ago over \$4500,000 has been paid into the industrial accident fund, according to an announcement made by the secretary of the industrial accident commission. During the period \$140,573.71 has been set aside for dependents in fatal cases and to workmen sustaining permanent or partial disabilities; \$92,840.65 has been paid to workmen whose injuries were temporary, and \$65,858.81 for surgical treatment, transportation and hospital accommodations. The cost of the administration since the commission was created 178 months ago has been \$59,267.33. The surplus in the fund on April 30, was \$179,074.93. Up to that date a total of 3663 claims had been presented, and of this number 3395 were settled. Of the total, 132 were rejected. The accidents reported to the commission averaged 14 daily.

FARMERS' QUARREL ENDS IN KILLING

Eugene.—Walter Jay shot and killed Ira Brown following a dispute alleged to have been caused over a woman. He then fled to the mountains. His body was found, three hours later, five miles up the mountainside, where he had killed himself with a 30-30 rifle.

The tragedy occurred in the coast range mountains, 30 miles northwest of Eugene, on Lake creek, a tributary to the Siuslaw river.

Willamette Pacific to Build to Acme. Eugene.—The Willamette Pacific rails will be extended from Mapleton, at the head of tidewater, to Acme on the Lower Siuslaw, within three or four weeks, according to the announcement of W. R. Fontaine, assistant engineer on the Willamette Pacific construction. The last piece of grading—that at the rock quarry, where right-of-way was delayed—is nearly completed.

President has Another Grandchild. Washington.—A baby girl, the second grandchild of President Wilson, was born to Secretary and Mrs. William G. McAdoo.

BRIEF BITS OF OREGON NEWS

Roseburg will vote June 3 on an issue of \$300,000 improvement bonds.

The Washington county fair will be held in Forest Grove October 6 to 9 inclusive.

The state convention of the P. E. O. Sisterhood was held in Forest Grove May 25 to May 27.

Governor Withycombe reappointed John F. Logan, of Portland, as a member of the parole board.

Eugene's \$100,000 high school building is now completed, and grading of the grounds is in progress.

Group Two of the Oregon State Bankers' association held an interesting annual meeting in Lebanon.

The annual convention of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in McMinnville June 14, 15 and 16.

The Oregon State Conference of Social Agencies met at Reed College in Portland for the annual gathering.

Over 100 persons took the state bar examination, which was held in the capitol Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

The Willamette valley and Cascade mountain wagon road, crossing the Cascade mountains from Lebanon to Prineville, is now open for travel.

Portland has a goat dairy. F. J. Stevens, who has a goat ranch at Falls City, has brought part of his herd to Portland and has started the dairy.

Dr. Henry D. Kimball, founder and for eight years president of Kimball College of Theology, department of Willamette University, is dying in Pasadena, Cal.

J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction, has announced that the four-year high schools of Oregon will graduate 2045 pupils, 831 of whom are boys, and 1214 girls, this spring.

E. I. Cantline, who has been state highway engineer, was appointed chief deputy under State Engineer Lewis, in accordance with a law passed at the recent session of the legislature.

Hearings to adjudicate the water rights of Wallowa river and its tributaries will be held June 1 at Enterprise, Lostine, Wallowa and Joseph, it is announced. There are about 600 claimants.

Governor Withycombe has referred to Attorney-General Brown a complaint of Frederick Zogg that more than 100,000 Idaho sheep are being pastured on the West Fall range, in this state.

The new state pure food law prohibits the use of alcohol or liquor in any form in the manufacture of candy. Any manufacturer caught violating this law will be prosecuted, according to State Dairy and Food Commissioner Mickle.

According to official announcement, the O. W. R. & N. company will begin work the 1st of June on the construction of its new shops at The Dalles. Approximately \$200,000 will be expended for the improvements under consideration.

The Oregon Agricultural College Cadet Band of 32 pieces has been engaged by the Oregon Commission at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, as the official Oregon band, and for two weeks early in June will give daily concerts in the Oregon building.

The Klamath Sportsmen's association has been advised by Master Fish Warden Clanton that 300,000 trout fry are to be furnished at once by the state, to be planted in the Lake of the Woods, Diamond Lake and Four-Mile Lake, north of Klamath Falls.

Barring a few inevitable fatalities in scholarship, 86 University of Oregon students will be graduated from 21 courses this year. The class is small as compared with previous ones, which is explained by the withdrawal from the university of the engineering courses.

Olson & Johnson, of Missoula, Mont. were awarded the contract for the construction of the proposed wing to the Eastern Oregon hospital for the insane at Pendleton by the state board of control. The award was made on the alternate calling for tile floors, which insured their proposal \$83,135.

Fire insurance cost the people of Oregon last year \$4,338,378, which was \$573,863 more than the losses. This information, contained in a report just made by State Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells, shows also that the losses paid in 1914 amounted to \$815,267 more than in 1913.

D. C. Herrin, representing the life insurance companies on the commission appointed by Governor Withycombe to draft an insurance code for presentation to the next legislature, has appointed the members of the committee to aid in drafting a bill which will cover the subject of life insurance.

Fifty-seven accidents, none fatal, were reported to Labor Commissioner Hoff during the week from the various industries of Oregon. Eleven of those injured were employed on railroads, eight in saw mills and seven in logging operations, the rest being divided among many different kinds of labor. Hereafter all accidents will be reported to the state industrial accident commission, instead of to Mr. Hoff, a law so providing being passed at the last session of the legislature.

ALLIED TROOPS HOLD GALLIPOLI

London.—British troops have isolated and masked the Turkish land forts guarding the Dardanelles from the west. On the Asiatic side French colonial troops are doing the same thing. The Turks are fighting with the desperation of fanaticism and are inflicting staggering losses on the allies, but the latter are moving on.

The latest advices reaching London say that General Sir Ian Hamilton's expedition has thrown a line across the peninsula of Gallipoli from the Gulf of Saros to the town of Gallipoli; that the fire from the allied fleet has reduced the defenses of the town, which is now held by the British and that its men also have strong footholds at Chka Tepe on Suvla Bay and at Cape Teke.

Aerial reconnaissances show the main body of the Turks, who have been massed at the upper end of the peninsula, have now retreated to Tsani and Pazarkiosk.

LATIN-AMERICAN FINANCIERS TO MEET

(Special to The Argus.)

Washington.—"A dollar exchange" and the establishment of American banks in Latin-American countries were the two chief points for discussion at the Pan-American Financial congress which opened here Monday.

Use of the dollar as a financial standard instead of the pounds sterling or other foreign exchange, is said to be desired by the foreign representatives.

MANY ARE KILLED IN BIG COLLISION

(Special to The Argus.)

Carlisle, England.—Three trains collided on the Caledonian railway at Gretna, near this city, causing the death of many persons, and the fatal injury of many others. The total casualties probably will reach 400. Fire in the wreckage added horror to the accident.

One train was a troop train, another was a local, and the third the express from London to Glasgow.

The dead mostly are soldiers. The troop train collided first with a local from Carlisle and before the occupants were able to get clear of the wreckage of this accident, the London-Glasgow express crashed into them. Locomotives and cars, shattered and splintered, were hurled about in confusion.

AMERICAN CARGOES CONFERENCE ENDED

(Special to The Argus.)

Washington.—The informal and unofficial conferences between the commercial adviser of the British embassy and the state department advisers to expedite handling of American cargoes were suspended by the state department because of the apparent misapprehension in London of how far they bind the United States government.

GENERAL D'AMADE



Photo by American Press Association. General D'Amade, who is commander of the French forces endeavoring to open the Dardanelles.

PITCHBLEND IS FOUND NEAR DALLAS

(Special to The Argus.)

Dallas.—Pure pitchblende, from which radium is derived, is said to exist in large quantities in Polk county. A few weeks ago, while ditching on the John Ritner farm, near Lewisville, J. W. Elliott, one of the pioneers of that section, struck a sticky mass that resembled tar. Samples of the dirt were sent to the state college at Corvallis, and to assay offices at Seattle and Denver, as well as to the bureau of mines at Washington, D. C. Replies were received from each place that the substance was undoubtedly pitchblende, but that there was not enough in the samples submitted to determine whether or not it contained radium.

Marconi Called to War. New York.—William Marconi, inventor of the wireless, sailed on the steamer St. Paul, in response to a summons from the king of Italy, to serve his term of military service in the Italian army.

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