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Big Victory for German Troops at Namur

London, Aug. 25.—"Yesterday was a day of bad news and we fear more must follow," the London Times says today in an editorial on the fall of Namur before the Germans.

The Times says it is one of those inexplicable events which make war the gamble that it is. That Namur should have fallen in two days will require a deal of explanation, the Times adds.

"In the first phase of the great battle," the paper continues, "the Germans appear to have won ground all along the line save in the area held by the British. We were prepared for the ebb and flow of conflict, but not for the fall of Namur."

"We have to face this situation with unshaken confidence. We have to remember that the battle is not yet over. The Germans have not yet burst their way through France. We have to remember that this is only the first great encounter of a war which plainly is destined to be a long one. For the allies it is a phase; for the Germans it is vital. They are dealing their blows with tremendous vigor, but the issue in Belgium still hangs in the balance in spite of the unfortunate events at Namur."

"Whatever be the upshot, Great Britain and her allies will face the outlook with dogged determination and continue the war until the spirit of Prussian militarism is rooted out of Europe."

Japs Storm Kiao Chau.

Peking, Aug. 26.—That Japanese troops have landed on Shantung peninsula, close to Kiao Chau bay, was learned today by the foreign office here.

It was stated that the landing was effected under cover of a bombardment by light-draft British cruisers, which ran as close as they dared, on account of the mines, to the German forts.

The forts, in turn, replied vigorously, damaging the ships somewhat and killing ten men.

So far as a naval attack was concerned the Germans occupied what was in some respects a favorable position. The mining of the entrance to the bay had made it too dangerous for the Japanese, British, French and Russian warships to attempt an entrance and this made it difficult, if not impossible, to reduce the forts by a bombardment from the sea.

On the land side, though it was clear that the Germans could be overwhelmed by force of numbers, there was no question that it would

Crook County Lower Tax League Organized

Quite a number of Prineville business men went to Redmond last evening to attend the meeting of the Crook County Lower Tax League. An organization was perfected under the above cognomen. Mr. Dobson, president of the Bank of Commerce of Redmond, was chosen president, and J. B. Bell of Prineville was elected secretary-treasurer. Vice-presidents will be appointed in each voting precinct by Mr. Dobson.

The meeting was attended by delegates from all parts of the county from Paulina to Sisters and from La Pine to Haycreek. The purpose of the organization is indicated in its title. It is not to retard development but to keep check on all expenditures and see that the county gets 100 cents on the dollar for money paid out. It will also oppose county division, believing that it would materially increase taxation.

cost many lives, their defenses being good and recent reinforcements having brought their number up to 7000.

Explaining that bloodshed could be minimized if operations were permitted in Chinese territory, outside the Kiao Chau concession, the Japanese minister appealed to the Peking foreign office for such permission. It was refused, however, on the ground that it would involve a violation of Chinese neutrality.

It was estimated that the Germans could withstand a siege for at least three months.

Dead Man Found Near Bend Sunday

Sheriff Elkins, County Physician Rosenberg and Coroner Poindexter were summoned to Bend Sunday morning to inquire into the death of a man named Joe Tekampe. The circumstances surrounding the case indicated foul play and the coroner impaneled a jury to investigate. The man was found lying face down among some rocks. There seemed to be evidence of a scuffle all around him and the jury requested the county physician to hold a post-mortem and find out the cause of death as the man was known to have two months' pay on his person.

The doctor found a ruptured blood vessel on the left side of the brain, caused by apoplexy. There were no indications of a blow to cause the trouble. The jury brought in a verdict in accordance with the facts.

Tekampe was a young German about 25 years of age who had been working in Camp No. 9 of the Tumalo project. Saturday evening he started to walk to Bend, a distance of a mile, and was overcome at this place where his body was found Sunday morning. He has two brothers living in the Bend country.

Cut Your Weeds

Get busy and cut the weeds from all vacant lots and from the streets and alleys adjoining your premises. Rake up the rubbish and have it removed to the dumping grounds. Sanitation and fire protection demand this. The city ordinance will be enforced against all delinquents. Avoid trouble and expense by complying at once. T. L. COON, City Marshal.

Victory Flits from One Side to the Other

Paris, Aug. 26.—Paris was wild with joy today over reports of successes by the allies in their mighty battle with the Germans on the Belgian frontier.

Though the war office minimized its seriousness, the French capital knew Tuesday that the allies had suffered a severe reverse and the city was deep in gloom. Today the sudden rise in its spirits was electric.

The allies, it was said, were more than holding the gateway to Paris. They had repulsed the Germans at Maubeuge and Givet, slaughtering them wholesale and pushing their own lines back into Belgium.

The fight along the Lorraine frontier was also reported going against the Germans.

Stories were current of overwhelming Russian successes in eastern Germany and Austria.

French are Advancing.

London, Aug. 26.—"The Germans," announced the war office information bureau here this afternoon, "attacked the French in force along the frontiers of Alsace and Lorraine Tuesday, but were repulsed with heavy losses."

"Fighting was still in progress today. The french were advancing their entrenchments."

Paris, Aug. 26.—"Advices from the front report a great battle progressing favorably for the allies," announced the war office at noon today.

Austrians Lost 50,000.

Rome, Aug. 26.—Latest accounts from Nish placed the number of Austrians killed in the fighting on the Drina river at 15,000, of wounded at 30,000, and of captured at 5,000. This was out of about 300,000 men said to have been engaged. The Austrians, however, claimed a victory over the Czar's troops in a three-days' battle at Krasnik, Russia Poland. It was declared the Russians were completely routed and fled.

Great Northern Cup Attracts Attention

The Great Northern silver cup, which is on exhibition at Hotel Prineville, is attracting a great deal of admiration by its size and beauty. It stands 19 inches high on its mahogany pedestal. The best individual exhibit of grain, grasses and vegetables at the Crook County Fair September 16-19 will become the owner of it. Its worth the effort. Win it.

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