WILD RIDE IS TAKEN TO SEE WAR'S RUIN

Correspondent Feels in Danger as Much From Automobile as From Shells.

"TARGET" IS MINIMIZED

French Willingly Show Destruction Wrought by Enemy but Facts Concerning Battle Are Systematically Withheld.

BY ROBERT R. M'CORMICK (Copyright, 1215, by the Chicago Tribune, Published by arrangement with the Trib-

AT THE FRONT IN FRANCE, March 6.—All wars are horrible, and this is the most terrible of wars. It does not follow from that that there is not constant relief from the tragic in the ridicu

My permit to go to the front of the French army came through the intercession of the great French Minister of Foreign Affairs, Delcasse, I believe

are necessary in war correspondence. After dining quietly we returned to the railway station 10 minutes before the train was due to start for that unmentionable point that was to see the be-ginning of our adventure. There we were promptly arrested. Back of the commander's office, be-

what a change! Even the sentry saluted! The officers rose at our en-The telegram which had been ming from Paris since daybreak had coming from Paris since daybreak had just arrived and orders had been given to furnish us with every convenience to visit the headquarters of General —, that man who so distinguished himself at the Marne and whose rise is

one of the features of the war. "Would monsieur like to start at once, or if not, by what hour of the morning? Was monsieur alone or with a friend." Monsieur was with a friend. Yery well, then, monsieur must have two automobiles, one for monsieur and the officer who would conduct him and e for monsieur's friend and the bag-

bage."
Then home, bed, and up the next morning, of course, at the crack of dawn, a la militaire. No one else was awake. Finally arrives an old man who will provide bread and coffee.

rying seven people, each with a military driver and a footman on the box, and in one an exceedingly kind and courteous French officer, dressed in that new French gray, which I am sure is visible when nothing else on earth an hour's rapid running by the headons.

courteous French officer, dressed in that new French gray, which I am sure is visible when nothing else on earth can be seen.

An hour's rapid running brings us to the headquarters of the army commander. We will now see the great man, But no, the great man has business of the republic to mind. In reasonable time in produced a pass to proceed to headquarters of the General commanding the division at Arras, Right and left are farmers working in the fields. War is evidenced only by numbers of trucks parked in rows, as they might be hefore a big commercial. the fleids. War is evidenced only by numbers of trucks parked in rows, as they might be before a big commercial house at home.

use at home. Now it is raining hard, a cold drizzle, the rain and mud and mud are coaling the The casual and not sufficlently grateful guest is comfortably inside the big limousine. The machine skids a little and the officer breaks

enting a little and the officer breaks out impatiently, "It is impossible to control these chauffeurs; because they owned the automobiles before the war they think they own them now."

The Captain on my right shouts in my ear. "You will not be able to hear the shell coming," and I don't care, because I know the danger of the shells must be less than the danger from the machine. We are going over the minimum of the captain over the minimum of the captain of the shells must be less than the danger from the machine. We are going over the minimum or house on hear time or from the machine. We are going over \$0 miles an hour and a burst tire or defective steering gear will prove as deadly as a 42-centimeter projectile. I realize also that it must be difficult for a gun three miles away to hit the racing target, but I do not appreciate then that our greatest danger is from a high explosive "obus" bursting in the road in front of us. Going at this speed, it would be impossible to

this speed, it would be impossible to step the car before disaster.

At last we reach Arras, and the Germans, as is their custom following the entrance of an automobile, shell the town. Who can tell but the automomay contain the commanding Gen-

Ruin of War Is Shown.

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It is now we learn that we have come to see the ruin perpetrated by the "Bosches." as the French universally call their German neighbors.

We are led to the hospital, what remains of the ence beautiful City Hall, and the cathedral. Since I was brought bern to witness these things I will say that the ence the see things I will say that the ence the second of the way that the with that they certainly went at them with true German thoroughness. They are useful to make concrete, but for

no other purpose.

Bang, bang, bang! about one a minute fell the high explosive shells.

None fell within vision, but one landed in the next garden while we were standing in the hospital, and the frag-ments rattling round the wall or whitring overhead were decidedly

audible. One of these shells killed six French munity." coldiers. I was fortunately spared that sight and heard of it only as we were leaving the city.

Military authorities to the contrary straining of t

notwithstanding. I believe an old French town is the best possible modern French town is the best possible modern fortress. Its masonry work is superior to anything in modern times. A shell hitting a brick wall, for example, will cut a round hole and leave the rest of the wall intact. A howitzer shell will fall, as one did within 50 feet of us and the devastation of its embedding.

French Artillery Replies.

Just now the French artillery begins to reply. The wonderful little 75s. There seem to be hundreds of them, but as each gun can fire more than 20 shots a minute, there may be only a few batteries. There is a little rifle firing in the trenches 200 yards away.

but if any builets flew overhead or near us, I did not hear them. When the time arrives for our depar-ture the captain explains it will not be possible to go back uphill as fast as we ame down, and when I express my eartfelt thanks I believe he thinks m boasting of a courage I do no

We return to headquarters unmo

From a "phony" haystack on a hill too we are shown the lines of the French and of the enemy, which in some places are only a few yards apart. We have an excellent lunch at division headquarters and are politely sent on JUDGESHIP IN QUESTION out way.

We had no inkling that even while we were at table on our immediate left the Germans made a bayonet attack and took several hundred yards of French trenches, which were retaken later. We did not see a single German, and not more than 100 French soldiers. We were told how many gun sed in holding this important salien

used in holding this important salient, and we heard the report of many, some near us, but we never even guessed where a single one was placed.

Of the intense feeling of these men who have rendered the maintenance of a republic possible in Europe I shall write when I have tried to measure my terms. We must learn from them, if our own republic is to gradure.

WASHINGTON INSPECTOR EXPECTS NORMAL WINTER CROP.

Visit to Eastern Cities Reveals State Has Better Control Over Supplies in Warehouses.

Foreign Affairs, Delcasse. I believe this astute diplomat broke through the rigid army regulations forbidding civilians and especially newspapermen from going to the front by asking leave for me to see the devastation wrought by the Germans on religious edifices and historical monuments.

Arrest Followed by Release.

We detrained at Calais—military terms are necessary in war correspondence. After dining quietly we returned to the railway station 10 minutes before the train was due to start for that unmen-

the Middle Western states, although in Kansas it is feared some damage may be caused by the Russian fly. The dam-age will not be known until harvest Mr. Jarboe's trip East was to investi-

gate wheat registration laws in Minne-apolis and Kansas City. He says Washgton grain registration laws, ive in July, are superior to the Eastern judge laws, in that no wheat may be withdrawn from the Washington ware-his lik houses without an order from the offiget th cer in charge.

E. B. PENGRA IS PROMOTED

Superintendent Named General Manager of Sumpter Valley Road.

BAKER, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—
E. B. Pengra, superintendent of the Sumpter Valley Railroad since October, 1913, has been named general manager and will enter on his duties immediately, relieving David Eccles, president of the company, who has acted as general manager since last July. Mr. Pen-

Automobiles before the war they think they own them now."

Car Goes So Miles an Hour.

We reach the top of the hill, and as the spires of Artas come in sight each man puts on "the expression I want to be found with" and then the chauffeur turns the car loose.

Hall Columbia! The ruad is absolutely smooth, with a strong down grade. I am sure that after the first half mile no shell could have overtaken us from behind, sithough we might have bumped into one coming our way.

The Captain on my right shouts in

DIVORCE SUIT IS USELESS

Baker Man Apprised of Wife's Decree as He Goes to Court.

BAKER, Or. March 25.—(Special.)— While Robert J. Taylor was filing suit in the Circuit Court here for divorce against Maggie Taylor, of San Fran-cisco, on the grounds of desertion, Mrs. Taylor won out in the race for legal-ized separation and news was received here that she had gained a decree in the courts of California. The grounds on which the decree was issued are

not known.
On motion of the plaintiff in the sult here, Judge Anderson issued an order this morning dismissing the case. According to Mr. Taylor's complaint, his wife left him in January, 1913.

MOSIER BULLETIN IS SOLD

Roger W. Moe Announces Plan to Help Develop Orchard Country.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 28.—(Special.)—Roger W. Moe, son of A. D. Moe publisher of the Hood River Glacier, yesterday purchased from H. G. Kibbee the Mosier Bulletin. Mr. Moe has as-

sumed active charge. "I will endeavor to make the Bulletin a progressive paper," said Mr. Moe, "the primary purpose of which will be to develop the Mosier orchard com-

WAR HORSES CAUSE SUIT

Duncan McDonald, of La Grande, Declares Contract Violated.

will fall as one did within 50 feet of in, and the devastation of its explosion is confined to a small space. People cial.)—An aftermath of the recent purliving in the ceilars, vaulted masses of masoney, are safe except against "Jack Johnsons," those massive siege guns which destroyed the forts of Liege and Namur.

Bullock & Russell came up for hearing and an dawners to the complete.

Indiana Executive Says Terre Haute Mayor Was in Haste.

Election Certificate Withheld fo Time, but Finally Issued-Liberty Offered Prisoner in Exchange for Work.

INDIANAPOLIS. March 26,-Gover nor Ralston, of Indiana, testified here

nor Ralston of Indiana, testified here today in the trial of Mayor Roberts, of Terre Haute, and 27 other men accused of conspiracy to corrupt a Federal election.

Governor Ralston testified that the day following the election of last November, which is the one at issue, Mayor Roberts and some friends appeared at the State Capitol and asked the Governor to issue simmediately a commission as judge to Ell Redman, who is a defendant in the present case. "I told them that the papera did not appear to be in proper form," continued the Governor, "and observed that if the papers were regular I would not have issued the commission, as it would seem to have been done with undue haste.

Commission Issued Later.

Commission Issued Later. "I also said that I had received tele-phone calls from Terra Haute request-ing me not to issue the commission to

Mr. Redman."

Redman later received the commission, it being certified that he was elected by 10 votes.

Lex Droit, a witness who preceded the Governor, said Thomas Smith. County Judge and a defendant, asked him to find what "Jack" Hines, who had pleaded guilty, had told the Federal grand jury about the case. Droit said he himself was out on bond at the time, under charge of associating with lewd women, and Judge Smith of fered to free him when the case came up if he got the desired information. up if he got the desired information,

Liberty Offered Prisoner. He did not get it and was fined \$10 and costs, with a ten-day jail sentence, but according to his testimony the judge "called him out of line" as he

was being led away and offered him his liberty if he would see Hines and get the grand jury story.

Droit took the proffered liberty, he swore today, but did not make good on his part of the bargain, whereupon. he said, he was arrested again March 5 and kept in jail until a habeas corpus writ issued by Judge Anderson, who is presiding at the trial, brought him to Indianapolis.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY-GENERAL SAYS BUS RATES WITH CARS.

Question Arises in Connection With Insurance Policies That Cover injuries on Public Conveyances.

SALEM, Or., March 26,—(Special.)—Distinction was given to the jitney today when Assistant Attorney-General van Winkle, in an opinion held that it was a common carrier and a public conveyance within the meaning of the insurance laws. Insurance Commissioner Wells, explaining that accident insurance policies provided double liability for persons injured while passengers of common carriers, wanted to knew if the jitney was in that category. SALEM, Or., March 26,- (Special.)

MRS. GEORGE RUCH DIES

Woman Long Prominent at The Dalles, Pneumonia Victim.

THE DALLES, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. George Ruch, one of the best-known pioneer women of The Dalles, died suddenly Tuesday night following a short illness of pneumonia. Her family came to Oregon in 1885 and was identified with the early business activities of The Dalles and vicinity. Ursula Curnow Michell was born in Gulval, Cornwall County, England, nearly 74 years ago. She came to the United States with her parents at the

united States with her parents at the age of six, living in Wisconsin for six years.

Ursula Michell was married to George Ruch, a prominent local merchant, now retired, in 1868. Mrs. Ruch was a prominent member of the Methwals a prominent member of the Methwals (Church which she in ined in 1899) odist Church, which she joined in 1890. Besides her husband she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. James Sutherland, of Spokane; Mrs. H. G. Miller, of this city, and Mrs. G. W. Lord, of Spokane, and two brothers, Philip Michell, of Hood River, and John Michell, of Los Angeles. The tuneral will be held tomorrow afternoon. dist Church, which she joined in 1890

HARNEY RANCHER SUICIDE

After Hearty Meal With Friends

taking a bath and shaving. Ben A. Riddle, a wealthy Harney County rancher, went to his room at Hot Lake shortly after and shot himself with a revolver. The shot was heard in the corridor, and after the door to the apartment had been broken in the lifeless body was found beside the bed. Melancholia, noticeable to close friends a few weeks ago, seemingly disappeared after Mr. Riddle, his cousin; Mr. Smith and another triend from Harney County, came to Hot Lake about three weeks ago.

MAYORALTY CONTEST OVER

Dr. J. F. Coleman Declared Winner

votes.

Mr. Geissler's attorneys attempted to obtain a recount, alleging two illegal votes in one precinct and a miscount in one other, but Judge Chapman ruled was not sufficient evidence

PACIFIC DEBATERS PICKED

Dual Meet With College of Puge Sound to Be April 30.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., March 26.—(Special)—In the debate tryout here Friday night the following were chosen to represent Pacific University in the dual debate with the college of Puget Sound: Edward Livingston, James Rasmunsen, Newton McCoy and Elbert Taylor. The alternate positions were filled by Z. A. Olsen and George Rasmunsen.

The question was, "Resolved, That the initiative and referendum should be incorporated in the statutes of the various states" In view of the fact that last year the dual debate between Pacific University and College of Puget Sound was a tie, the debate April 20 will be hard fought. PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove,

will be hard fought.

LIQUOR ACT IS ATTACKED

Attorney Says Roseburg Sultease Ordinance Is Illegal.

ROSEBURG, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—The so-called suitcase ordinance which gives officers the right to search suitcases and confiscate liquor that is being transported through the streets, unless in the original package, is unconstitutional and non-enforceable, according to Attorney W. W. Cardwell, who said yesterday that he intends to test the law in the Circuit Court.

His announcement was made after the arrest of Frank Henslee, who was fined \$50 by the Recorder. Henslee purchased several bottles of liquor, which arrived here by express He took the liquor to his restaurant, opened the the liquor to his restaurant, opened the original package and was taking four bottles of it home when arrested.

FATHER MISSING; LAD HURT

Eight-Year-Old Son of W. F. White Breaks Arm in Two Places.

ALBANY, Or., March 26 .- (Special.)-While searching parties were out hunt-ing his father, W. F. White, who has been missing from his home at Detroit week, his 8-year-old son, Taft White, a week, his 8-year-old son, Taff White, fell off a home-made merry-go-round yesterday and broke an arm in two places. Though waiting anxiously for word from her husband, Mrs. White brought the boy to Albany Tuesday sight and had his arm set. She and the lad returned to Detroit today.

Nothing has been heard from White since he left home last Wednesday to ince he left home last Wednesday to make the rounds of his traps. He had a dog with him and the animal has not returned home.

CLOVER GROWING RAPIDLY

Farmers About Monmouth Say Large Crop Is Indicated.

MONMOUTH, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—A large area of clover in the country surrounding this city has made rapid growth in the warm weather the last several weeks. On some farms a grain crop was raised after the soil had been well covered and now the clover is coming through the old atubble.

Last season was a poor year for the clover crop, as millions of grasshoppers and the long period of dry weather prevented the maturity of the seed, and the yield was reduced to one-third its normal. Farmers say the prospects are good for a large clover crop this year.

claim within the next few days.

Youthful Thief Paroled.

SALEM, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—
Upon recommendation of District Atterney Evans, Governor Withycombe
today granted a conditional pardon to
Joseph Robson, 13 years old, who was
serving a sentence of from one to live
years in the penitentiary for stealing
an automobile. One of the conditions
of the pardon is that Robson shall not
partake of intoxicants. Rev. John D.
Rice, of Sellwood, has agreed to keep
in close touch with the young man, and
report to the Governor regarding his
conduct. SALEM, Or., March 26 .- (Special.)

Stolen Horses Are Recovered. ASOTIN, Wash., March 26 .- (Special.) Horse thieves are active in the Grand Ronde and Cloverland localities. Three head of horses were taken from Delore & McAllister. Sheriff Halsey trailed them across the Grand Ronde, up Prairie Creek, into Wallowa County, where he located the horses. The rustlers are known to the officers of Wallowa County and as soon as they come from under cover they will be apprehended and Sheriff Haisey, of this county not and Sheriff Halsey, of this county not

Ashland Merchants Unite. ASHLAND, Or., March 26.—(Special.)
—Ashland will have a merchants' asso-ciation, steps having been taken to per-fect the same at an early date. It will Ben A. Riddle Shoots Himself.

LA GRANDE, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—Dining at moon on an elaborate scale with a cousin and a close friend, mutual way. The social feature will taking a bath and shaving, Ben A. Riddle, a wealthy Harney County

Roseburg Man Again Accused.

ROSEBURG, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—Frank Langenberg was arrested here yesterday on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl. He was held under \$100 bonds to appear before the grand jury. Langenberg was convicted of a similar charge about four weeks ago and was peroled by Judge Hamilton. In both instances the prosecuting witness was the same girl.

Albany to Have Clean-Up Week.

in Chehalis.

CHEHALIS, Wash, March 26.—(Special.)—Judge Chapman, of Pierce Country, decided Wednesday that Dr. J. T. Coleman is the duly elected Mayor of Chehalis for the next three years. Dr. Coleman was the first Mayer of the city under the commission form of gor-

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TAX RULING IS MADE

County Courts Denied Authority Over Assessments.

BAKER ASSESSOR UPHELD

State Commission Declares Only Specific Errors Can Be Changed in Rolls After Review by Board of Equalization.

opinion: "We do not find any statute conferring authority on the County Court to review or equalize assessments and order changes or modifications of the "When the County Board of Equaliza-

**SALEM, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—

**Seaburg in 1913], leaving the employ of the Southern Pacific. The position to which has just been promotion beld that it to the Southern Pacific. The position to which has just been promotion beld that it was a common carrier and a public was a common carrier and a public was a common carrier and a public by the strict of the Southern Pacific. The position to which has just been promotion beld that it was a common carrier and a public was a common carrier and a public was a common carrier and a public by the strict of the second of the county Cerk Anglakes in the little work of review, the assessment roll is significantly quited in Utah. but that in Colorado it is in excellent shape. The strict of the second that there is a big movement evidenced in railroad supplies.

PRIESTS GATHER IN BAKER

**PRIESTS

have the custody of or jurisdiction over the assessment or tax roll, and we where any authority is

BAKER, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—
The decision handed down today by the State Land Board for the Assessor of Baker County that the County Court had no authority to compel the tax collector to change the assessment of property, is the result of a clash between the County Court, ruled by County Judge Messick, on one side, and County Assessor Hyde and County Treasurer Allen on the other. Freasurer Allen on the other.

SALEM. Or., March 26.—(Special.)—

County Courts have no authority to order alterations made in assessments order alterations made in assessments that this order was issued another authority to order alterations. Foundly Equalization Boards to order a court of the county Equalization Boards to order was issued another authorities a cut from \$232.5 in

Series of Seven State Sessions.

CENTRALIA, Wash. March 26,-Special.)—Last night the directors of the Centralia Commercial Club laid



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and change valuations. Section 937, Lord's Oregon Laws, enumerates matters of county business over which the County Court has authority; but in its broadest possible construction this section does not seem to conflict with nor, if so, would it take precedence over the very definite procedure of assessment and taxation prescribed in the general tax code."

REDUCTIONS DECLARED VOID Orders by Baker County Court Ruled to Be Unauthorized.

BAKER, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—The decision handed down today by the State Land Reard for the Assessor of the decision handed down today by the State Land Reard for the Assessor of the decision handed down today by the State Land Reard for the Assessor of the first house on what is now the site of Boise, Idahe, died today at the boise of Boise, Idahe, died today at the boise dhe seem of Brearch, near Turner, where are a best of Boise, ware a best of Boise, ware a was \$2 years and the surface are with her husband to the North came with her husband to the North came and the site of Boise, ware a se historical relie.

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Mrs. Pearce was \$2 y

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