

8000 GERMANS DIE IN ALSACE ATTACK

Fifty Thousand Make Assault, Sweeping Chasseurs Backward for a Time.

NEW FORCE TURNS TIDE

Stubborn Battle Continues in Argonne—Artillery Duels and Mine Operations Prevail Elsewhere. Niépport Still Shelled.

LONDON, March 30.—The Paris Temps prints the following dispatch from Geneva:

"Fifty thousand German troops occupy the Valley of the Kaisersberg, the Muenster and Gebweiler, according to private information from Alsace to the Democrats. The French who have been guarding this part of the line had difficulty in resisting the large forces arrayed against them."

"It was February 18 when the Germans began their great offensive in Alsace. The Alpine chasseurs yielded ground only inch by inch, fighting like lions and inflicting heavy losses on the Germans. When French reinforcements arrived, they succeeded in repulsing the Germans, whose casualties in these engagements are said to have been 8000 killed. The hospitals were filled with wounded."

Germans Reported Depressed.

The check to their offensive seems to have somewhat discouraged the German soldiers. The French War Office report is as follows:

"During the night of March 29-30 the enemy continued without results, to bombard the Niépport bridges. There has been an intermittent cannonade on the entire front from the sea to the Alps."

"In Champagne, in the region of Perthes, Beaunejour and Ville-sur-Tourbe, there was an artillery action and mine warfare in which we obtained the advantage."

"In the Argonne fighting continues at several points with tenacity and determination, but without appreciable results to either side."

Fort Near Verdun Shelled.

On Monday Fort Donaumont, north of Verdun, was struck by 21-centimeter shells. Our artillery immediately silenced the German batteries. The fort was not damaged."

"In the western part of the forest of Le Pretre we carried a line of trenches in which we took 100 prisoners. Despite a violent counter-attack we maintained the greater part of the trenches won."

"To the west of Pont-a-Mousson we carried a German post and repulsed three counter-attacks."

"On the battlefield at Hartmannsweilerkopf the bodies of 700 Germans have been counted."

"The earlier official French communication said:

"In the Champagne district a German aviator yesterday threw bombs down on the city of Rheims and wounded two persons. One projectile fell on the apse of the Cathedral."

"Infantry Takes Rest."

"A well-directed artillery fire from a French battery forced the Germans to retire in disorder from the village of Joudicourt, northeast of St. Mihiel."

"At all other points in the war zone the day passed quietly. No infantry engagements took place."

"The official German report follows: A telegram from main headquarters, dated March 29, says that in the western theater of war there were only artillery combats and sapping operations."

NEW TRAIN MAY BE ADDED

Spokane Club Hears Fair Travel May Increase Cross-Country Runs.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 30.—(Special.)—The increased tourist travel on the Northern Pacific, due to the San Francisco Fair, indicates that an additional transcontinental train, making four, may be added by this road about May 15, according to a statement made by W. H. Ude, the agent for the company, at the Chamber of Commerce today.

"That Spokane people are deficient in believing in the scenic wonders and the strong points of the country in which they live and that they would cultivate the California spirit, was the charge made by Walter G. Paine, chairman of the publicity and tourist travel bureau of the organization."

Mr. Paine was chairman for the day at the program which was devoted to the publicity work of the Chamber of Commerce and its effect on tourist travel.

FARM COURSE CONCLUDED

State College Experts Lecture Three Days at Dufur.

DUFUR, Or., March 30.—(Special.)—The farmers' short course, conducted by the field department of the Oregon Agricultural College closed here tonight. There were three sessions daily for three days. A wide range of subjects was covered by the lecturers, including care and management of dairy herds, factors in crop rotation, soil fertility, hog and poultry feeding, care and pruning of orchards and insect pests and plant diseases.

There were also lectures and demonstrations in domestic science by Miss Turley for the ladies in attendance.

PETITION FORM APPROVED

Another Step Taken in Baker's Move for Municipal Lighting.

BAKER, Or., March 30.—(Special.)—Despite disapproval of the City Commissioners, the movement for the extension of Baker's municipal light plant was again taken up today.

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At another point in the conversation, the King said: "You have an agency for prisoners and other institutions, but what a martyrdom had not this poor Geneva cross endured."

Moderate Language Stronger.

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Further on the Belgian monarch remarked: "We had no ill-feeling against Germany. We received her best people. We had cordial and courteous relations."

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These organizations will elect delegates to attend a county good roads convention in Pendleton Friday, April 9, when the action will be planned. Another committee was named to confer with the County Court for a survey of a definite route from Pendleton to Umatilla, through the Federal irrigation project, touching Echo, Stanfield and Hermiston.

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Why do you suppose we talk style? Why do you suppose we hammer on patterns? Why is it to the young man's advantage to trade with us? A visit to our shop will answer every inquiry. Come in.

BEN SELLING

Morrison at Fourth

tion of every firehouse in the city, said today.

In tests made in the equipment of the fire companies on the hill yesterday Chief Frost found that seven sections of hose could not stand 50 pounds of pressure, and today he doubted if any hose in the city could withstand high pressure.

Submarine Life Luring

Honolulu Newspaperman Says Only Best Men of Navy Are in Crews.

Submarine life in the United States Navy offers many inducements, according to A. B. Richeson, who, until a month ago, was a member of the staff of the Advertiser, Honolulu, and now resides in Portland.

The unfortunate fate of the submarine F-4, said Mr. Richeson, "will not deter other men from entering the service. The crews of the submarines are picked from the Navy by special examinations, and are the highest type of efficient skilled mechanics, electricians, etc. They receive extra pay and are allowed \$1 for each dive up to 20 made in a single month."

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Chick Tests "Invented"

New Tuberculosis Theories Bob Up in Market Master Examination.

Many hitherto uninvited methods of telling when a chicken has tuberculosis were expounded to Chairman Caldwell, of the Municipal Civil Service Board, yesterday by applicants in an examination for the position of market master.

Twenty-two men took the examination. "You can tell it by the color of their eyes," explained one applicant when asked about the chicken. "The only way you can tell is to watch them walk," said another. Still another said it is possible to tell by the way they cackle. Each applicant examined had a different method.

All Firemen at Tiny Fire

Hood of Auto Burns, Apparatus Out, but Chemical Tank Saves Car.

The entire apparatus of nearby stations responded to an alarm of fire when the hood of an auto belonging to A. Levitt, 604 Fourth street, caught fire at Fifth and Sherman streets last night. The blaze was extinguished by a three-gallon chemical tank from one of the trucks.

The gasoline of the car was found to



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