

CAPTURE OF HILL COSTLY TO BRITISH

No Point, Important German Position, Held Despite Repeated Storming.

AERIAL ACTIONS RENEWED

Four of Kaiser's Aviators Brought Down Near Ypres—Use of Asphyxiating Gas, as Charged by Berlin War Office, Denied.

LONDON, April 20.—In the semi-weekly narrative, written by an officer at the headquarters of the British Army in France, under date of April 19, and given out today by the official press bureau, the writer reports the capture by the British of a German position on a hill to the west of Zwarteleene. Both belligerents lost many men. He also reports increased activity among the heavier-than-air services, and says that four German aeroplanes were brought to earth within three days. The officer's account says: "The improvement in the weather since the last report resulted in an increase in the activity of both our own and the enemy's air service. Advantage in the exchanges has been with us. In the Ypres district four hostile aeroplanes have been brought down in the last three days, two by us and two by the French. Yesterday one of our airmen drove off three hostile aeroplanes, completing substantially the reconnaissance on which he was engaged.

French Damaged by Mine. "Early on April 15 the enemy shelled our trenches near St. Elou heavily and exploded a mine which injured some of our parapets. No attacks followed and damage was promptly repaired. "On April 16 the enemy exploded three mines in the La Base district, but they were quite harmless. "On the evening of April 17 we exploded a mine under Hill No Point on the Ypres-Comines Railway, to the west of Zwarteleene. This immediately was followed by an attack which gained possession of the whole of the enemy's trenches in the area. Our men suffered heavily from the explosion and we took two officers and 15 men prisoners. "In spite of a heavy bombardment, which caused many casualties, the trenches completed were put into a state of defence during the night.

Admitted. "The bombardment followed this and followed this at 6:30 A. M. with a determined counter-attack. This attack was resisted home and stiff hand-to-hand fighting ensued. Our infantry, fighting with great gallantry and determination and well supported by artillery, drove the enemy with complete success. Our losses were heavy, but the Germans suffered still more severely. "Throughout the 17th the enemy repeatedly renewed his attack, making desperate efforts to regain his position, which was of great importance. At one time they succeeded in gaining the footing of the southern slope of the hill, but they were promptly driven back again.

Asphyxiating Gas Charge Denied. "In the later fighting two more officers and 20 men were captured, making a total of four officers and 45 men. "The statement in a recent German communication that we are using asphyxiating gas in the Ypres district is false. It doubtless was made to justify the use of those gases, which had been freely employed by the enemy in their attacks on Hill No Point. Germany signed a clause in The Hague eliminating the use of asphyxiating gases."

BRITISH ROUTED IN AFRICA

Seven Hundred Lost at Pangani, but Ketchikan Is Captured.

BERLIN, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y., April 20.—Among the items given out for publication today by the Overseas News Agency was this: "Special mail reports from East Africa say that in a two days' battle German troops near Pangani routed the British and captured the ketchikan, a strong force landed from British cruisers and transports. The British lost 700 men, among them four companies captured, besides many rifles and large stores of ammunition. The German casualties were seven officers and 13 men killed, four officers and 22 men wounded."

AUSTRIANS SCORE AMERICA

Press Is Hostile, Official Organ Questioning Neutrality.

VENICE, via London, April 19.—The discussion aroused by the memorandum recently presented by the German Ambassador, Count von Bernstorff, to the State Department at Washington respecting American neutrality is being followed with the keenest interest in Austria-Hungary. The tone of the press generally is hostile to the United States. The Vienna Fremdenblatt says: "It will be difficult to answer such a justifiable remonstrance as that of Germany, nor does anybody expect an actual reply, but only that the United States has heretofore answered German admonitions with—namely, phrases. The feeling of disappointment which the attitude of the United States has produced in Austria will not disappear for a long time."

OATS BRING NO PROFITS

(Continued From First Page.) roads had repeatedly brought in the question of "what the traffic would bear" in their presentation of the case, the evidence on the farm earnings was material.

"We contend," he said, "that if the business of farming is unprofitable and yields a lower return than other industries, it has a bearing here."

Railroad Costs Discussed. "A compilation of revenues received for grain hauling and of costs incident to that branch of the railroad business was presented by C. W. Hillman, expert cost accountant, who appeared as one of the witnesses for the Western

GERMANS AS AN ENEMY ADVANCES IN WEST

Four French Positions Penetrated, Village of Everme-nil Taken by Storm.

THRUST MADE IN VOSGES

Progress in Champagne District Is Also Asserted—Paris Says 50 Incendiary Shells Were Dropped by Enemy on Rheims.

11 PLEAD 5-CENT FARE

GARDEN HOME CASE AGAINST OREGON ELECTRIC IS HEARD.

Reduction From 20 Cents Is Argued Before Railroad Commission by Tualatin Association.

A 5-cent fare to Garden Home, on the Oregon Electric Railway, was pleaded by 11 witnesses before the State Railroad Commission yesterday. The hearing was brought on complaint of the Tualatin Valley Transportation Association in an attempt to reduce the cash fare from 20 cents to 5 cents.

The valuation of the entire Oregon Electric system is placed at \$11,229,542 in a report prepared by E. W. Moreland, assistant engineer for the Railroad Commission. This amount is approximately 75 per cent of the railroad company's own valuation. The figures submitted by the company placed the physical valuation at \$13,494,733. The company's original valuation filed on December 20, 1912, and the first revision was in March, 1914, when the company's estimates of original and reproduction costs of the plant and statements of operating expenses and revenues were submitted.

The crux of the complaint is said to rest on the extension of a 15-cent fare between Capitol Hill and Garden Home, a distance of three miles. Under the company's plan the fare to Capitol Hill cannot be more than 5 cents, for that station is in the city limits.

Witnesses examined yesterday were Joshua Chambers, C. S. Tigard, William Schatz, J. W. Schatz, O. E. Shepard, Mrs. S. C. Nelson, Walter Brown, C. C. Taylor, George Solkirk, Herman Metzger and G. G. McCormick.

HIGHWAY TRAVEE GROWING

Autos Using Columbia Route Daily Estimated at 2500.

Despite the fact that not a foot of paving yet has been laid on the Columbia River Highway, the road already is attracting an increasing amount of travel each week as the motorists are driving their machines farther afield on pleasure trips. A representative of the new Chamber of Commerce visited the road to find that between the hours of 1 and 3 on Sunday 500 machines by actual count passed a given point.

SQUATTERS LOSE HEART

Two-Day Rain Disheartens Those Who Rushed for Home Sites.

SEWARD, Alaska, April 20.—Seventy men, accompanied by their families, have located on the Government reserve at Ship Creek, the Government terminus of the Government railroad. During the winter more than 25 log buildings were erected, including stores and hotels. Treasures were ordered off this ground last Summer by the Alaska engineering commission. The new town is governed by a miner's court.

SENTENCES FROM PRESIDENT WILSON'S ADDRESS TO THE MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATED PRESS ON UNITED STATES' POSITION AMONG NATIONS OF WORLD.

The times behind us, gentlemen, have been difficult enough; the times before us are likely to be more difficult, because, whatever may be said about the present condition of the world's affairs, it is clear that they are drawing rapidly to a climax and at the climax the test will come, not only of the nations engaged in the present colossal struggle—it will come for them, of course—but the test will come to us particularly.

Our resources are untouched; we are more and more becoming by the force of circumstances the mediating Nation of the world in respect of its finance.

Let us think of America before we think of Europe, in order that America may be fit to be Europe's friend when the day of tested friendship comes. The test of friendship is not now sympathy with the one side or the other, but getting ready to help both sides when the struggle is over.

We are the mediating Nation of the world. We are compounded of the nations of the world. We mediate their blood, we mediate their traditions; we mediate their sentiments, their tastes, their passions; we are ourselves compounded of those things. We are therefore able to understand all nations. We do not want anything that does not belong to us. We want a Nation in the position to serve other nations, and lent a Nation like that ready to form some part of the assessing opinion of the world?

I don't want to walk around trouble. If any man wants a scrap that is an interesting scrap and worth while, I am his man. I warn him that he is not going to draw me into the scrap for his advertisement, but if he is looking for trouble that is the trouble of men in general and I can help a little, why then I am in for it. But I am interested in neutrality because there is something so much greater to do than fight.

Don't you admire and don't you fear if you have to contend with him the self-mastered man who watches you with calm eyes and says: "In only when you have carried the thing so far that you must be disposed of? That is the man you respect. That is the man who you know has at bottom a much more fundamental and terrible courage than the irritable fighting man."

We are trustees for what I venture to say is the greatest heritage that any nation ever had, the love of justice and righteousness and human liberty. For fundamentals, these are the things to which America is addicted and to which she is devoted. There are groups of selfish men in the United States, there are coteries where sinister things are purposed, but the great heart of the American people is just as sound and true as it ever was.

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we should go to war upon each side, there will be a divided America—an abominable liberal, a selfish, a narrow, a not all of it vocal just now. It is vocal in spots. But I, for one, have a complete and abiding faith in the great, selfless body of Americans who are not standing up and shouting and expressing their opinions just now, but are waiting to find out and support the duty of America to America.

"I am just as sure of their solidity and of their loyalty and of their unswerving support of me as I am that the history of this country has at every crisis and turning point illustrated this great lesson.

Nation Free in Every Direction. "We are the mediating nation of the world. I do not mean that we undertake not to mind our own business and to mediate where other people are quarreling. I mean the word in a broader sense. We are compounded of the nations of the world. We mediate their blood, we mediate their traditions; we mediate their sentiments, their tastes, their passions; we are ourselves compounded of those things. We are therefore able to understand all nations; we are able to understand them in their own way, and we are able to mediate between them and to embodying them all. It is in this sense that I mean that America is a mediating nation. The opinion of America, the action of America, is ready to turn and free to turn in any direction.

"Did you ever reflect upon how almost all other nations, almost every country, have their own interests, their own selfishness, their own ambitions? The United States has no such selfishness, no such ambitions, and it makes it run all its energies and all its ambitions in one particular direction, and America is particularly free to do so, and it is a mediating nation, a world power.

Sense of Trust Retained. "If we have been obliged by circumstances, or have considered ourselves obliged by circumstances, in the past to take territory which we otherwise would not have thought of taking, I believe I am right in saying that we have considered it our duty to administer that territory, not for ourselves but for the people living in it, and to put this burden upon our consciences, not to think that this thing is ours for our use, but to regard ourselves as trustees of the great business for those who are to be benefited by it, and ready to hand over the cosmique trust at any time when the business seems to make that possible and feasible.

"The history of the world is full of instances where we have no hampering ambitions. We do not want anything that does not belong to us. Isn't a nation in that position free to serve other nations and isn't a nation like that ready to form some part of the assessing opinion of the world?

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"Now, I covet for America this splendid courage of reserve moral force, and I wanted to point out to you gentlemen simply this:

"There is what is called news from Turtle Bay, that turns out to be falsehood, at any rate in what it is said to signify, and which, if you could get the Nation to believe it true, might disturb our equilibrium and our self-possession. We ought not to deal in stuff of that kind. We ought not to permit things of that sort to go over the electrical energy of the wires, because its energy is malign; its energy is not of the truth; its energy is of mischief. It is possible to sift truth.

World Should Know Truth. "I have known some things to go out on the wires as true when there was only one man or one group of men who could have told the originators of the report whether it was true or not, and they were asked whether it was true or not, for fear it might not be true. That sort of report ought not to go out over the wires.

"It is generally if not always, somebody who knows whether that thing is so or not, and in these days, above all other days, we ought to take particular pains to resort to the one small group of men or to the one man, if there be but one, who knows whether those things are true or not. The world ought to know the truth, but the world ought not, at this period of unstable equilibrium, to be disturbed by rumor, ought not to be disturbed by imaginary combinations of circumstances or rather by circumstances stated in combination which do not belong in com-

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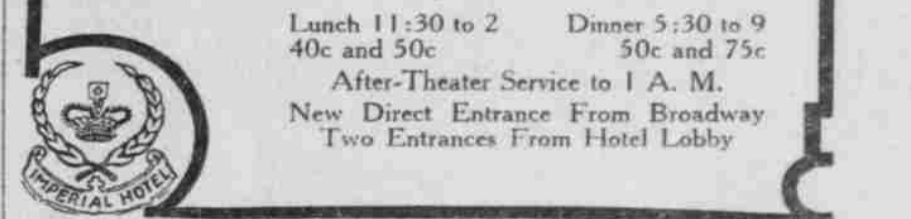


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