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Germans' New Mode of Attack Introduces New Element in Warfare.

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Favorable Wind to Carry Vapors to Trenches of Foe Needed to Make Use of Deadly Fumes Effective—Some Victims Die.

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Long Preparation Evidenced. Everything indicates long and thorough preparation for this attack. The work of sending out the vapor was done from the advanced German trenches...

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OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 26.—Rural free delivery route No. 2 is to be established at Union, Or., June 1...

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Postmasters appointed are: Oregon—Maxwell Black Butte, vice William Harris, resigned.

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LONDON, April 26.—In a dispatch from Copenhagen, the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says that leading German papers, including the Tages Zeitung and Vossische Zeitung, declare that the German fleet is now willing to accept battle in the North Sea...

The Vossische Zeitung says the Norwegian steamer Feodin met the German fleet last Sunday off Heligoland. The German commander said the captain of the Feodin that the German fleet had one desire only, namely to engage the British fleet and he hoped the British fleet might be found.

NEW CADET TEST ORDERED Failures in March Bring Second West Point Examination May 25.

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CHIROPODIST AIDS ARMY British Society Urges Creation of Corps of Corn Doctors.

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