GERMANS DRIVING FRENCH LINE BACK

THREE TOWNS ARE TAKEN

French Guns Answer Enemy Shell for Shell-German Works Pounded by Heavy Guns in Champagne and Argonne.

German troops continued all day today French fortress of Verdun. Attack fol-lowed attack against the French line after bombardments, incessant and terrific, continuing for several days.

While the Germans have not been While the Germans have not been able, despite the rain of shells and furious onslaughts by the infantry, to break the French line, nevertheless the French on their right and left wings have been compelled to withdraw their lines respectively to the south of Ornes and behind the town of Samogneux, six miles north of the fortress.

The French official statement issued at Paris tonight says that there were no infantry attacks during the day to the north of Verdun, but that the artillery duel was intense. Between the Meuse and Ornes, however, there were several furious German attacks, but the French front hold.

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In this region, says Paris, the Germans left piles of dead on the ground, without succeeding in breaking through.

ing through.

A dispatch from Paris tonight says that the Temps in its military review estimates that the Germans are employing on the average 10 infantrymen to every three feet of front where the attack is fiercest north of Verdun—that is, over a line eight miles in length between Brahant and Ornes. between Brabant and Ornes.

The reviewer maintains that the op-erations are not necessarily prelimi-nary to an attempt to besiege Verdun, but comprise an attack on a wide part of the front of which Verdun forms a

part of the rear support.

The attacks, he declares, are still held within the first-line works, while there are three other lines at strategic intervals behind the first. These lines are more solidly constructed and are more elaborate in their nature than the first lines, as work on them could be done at leisure, without the workers being within range of the German fire Only between Malancourt and the left bank of the Meuse has there been bank of the Meuse has there been diminution in the intensity of the artillery fire. With Brabant, Haumont and Samogneux and the wooded sections north and northeast of Beaumont in their possession, the Germans from the Meuse eastward to Fromezey are

forcing, the fighting, seemingly regardless of the cost of life.

The French guns have answered the German guns shell for shell, and the gasualties on both side shell, and the casualties on both sides are heavy. In Champagne at several points and in the Argonne forest German works have been pounded by the concentrated fire of the French guns, while in Lor-raine the French repulsed a German reconnoitering party that attempted to capture a French post north of St.

POWER COMPANY MOVES

UP-VALLEY CONCERN WILL DIRECT WORK FOR SPRINGFIELD.

Change Will Be Made About April and Follows Sale in Eugene to Municipal System.

Dallas plant.

Elmer Dover, president of the company, returned to Tacoma tonight after spending several days inspecting properties here and supervising the transfer of the head office.

OFFICERS WILL ENTERTAIN

Ensign Edward A. West to Be Honor Guest at Luncheon.

Ensign Edward A. West, of the Ore-gon Naval Militia, who is to leave Portland Monday for Denver, Colo., will be the guest of honor at a luncheon at the Hazelwood Saturday by the officers of the Oregon Naval Militia. En-sign West has been a member of the Naval Militia for about a year, Mr. West has been connected with the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company. He goes to Denver to take the position of chief engineer of the Denver Traction Company.

Move Eliminating Watchman.

Committee Favor.

by the Attorney-General, will be fa-vorably reported by the public lands, committee in the near future," said Chairman Ferris at the close of today's nearing. "The other bills will most certainly be turned down."

"How about the amendment proposed by the Attorney-General, to make the opening contracts cover some \$9,000 acres of land, much of which is in-cluded in a contract with C. A. Smith:"

Ten Men to Each Three Feet

of Front Employed in At
tacks, Says Paris.

The view of what has been disclosed, that provision will be scrutinized closely," replied Mr. Ferris, "If it contains a joker it will be rejected."

At the time Mr. Ferris spoke Secretary Houston had not signed his report on the Chamberlain bill.

Talks with various members of the

Talks with various members of the committee disclosed the fact that J. P. Blair, counsel for the Southern Pacific, did not convince the committee today that the value of the committee today. that the railroad company is entitled to dispose of the timber on its grant before disposing of the land, nor did he convince the committee that the railroad has a greater interest than \$2.50 an acre in the grant lands. Several times Mr. Blair spoke of a possible compromise, but said the comany had never conferred with the At-

bany had never conteried with the At-torney-General, as it had never been invited to submit proposals.

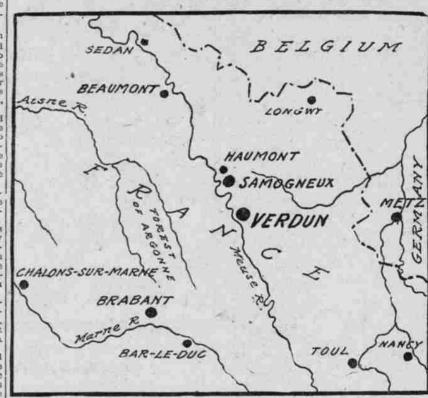
Mr. Blair contended stoutly that the "alter, amend or repeal" clause of the granting act did not give Congress power to revest title to the grant lands to the Government on the mere pay-LONDON, Feb. 24.—Inspired by the presence of their Emperor and led by Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm, the

Man Arrested on Yacht Declines to Answer Questions as to Identity.

CHECK BEARS FIRM NAME

Stranger First Makes Show of Re sistance, but Changes Mind and Is Taken to Jail-Word From New York Is Awaited.

their desperate battle centering on the SCENE OF PRESENT DESPERATE FIGHTING ON WESTERN BATTLE



Verdun, Near the Center of the Map, Is Presumed to Be the Objective of the Germans. It Is Strongly Fortified and Defended Additionally by Several Powerful Minor Forts.

Asked if he thought the Government leged defalcations of more than \$300,

Daily Service Over New Route Denied and "Olsen," and who, police say, rein Face of Regulation Covering

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 24 .- (Spe-OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 24.—(Spe-cial.)—Charges of incompetence against the Postoffice Department is made in a yacht in the harbor there. The arcorrespondence received here over the rest followed. establishment of a mail route out of

Case at Issue.

SPRINGFIELD, Or. Feb. 24.—(Special.)—The principal office of the Oregon Power Company will be removed to Springfield from Eugene as soon as the company's sub-station building here can be enlarged and fitted up, according to an official announcement today. This action follows the sale of the power company's distributing system in Eugene to the municipal plant there. The change will be completed about April 1. The power company will keep a force in Eugene sufficient to handle its gas plant and business there, but will direct its affairs in a score of upper valley towns from here. Vice-President Atilla Norman will have general charge of the management, and A. Le Ingalls will be chief auditor stationed here.

The Springfield plant is the largest owned by the company, and together with the Albany plant serves Springfield, Albany, Corvallis, Junction City, Harrisburg and several smaller towns. Independence is supplied from the Dallas plant.

Elmer Dover, president of the com-

have experienced the same unfair rul-

SUTHERLIN MEETING WANTS ROAD BUILT THROUGH FORESTS.

Crater Lake Cutoff Favored and Permanent Construction of High ways Is Advocated.

SUTHERLIN, Or., Feb. 24 .- (Special.) SUTHERIAN, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)

—One of the biggest good roads booster meetings ever held in this part of the country took place last night under the auspices of the Commercial Club. Fifteen members of the Roseburg Commercial Club were present, including President Seeley, of that body, and these took an active part in the programme. The meeting at Sutherlin was one of a chain of gatherings being EVERY STORE IS ROBBED one of a chain of gatherings being held in the larger towns of Douglas County to arouse support for a cutoff from the Pacific Highway in the outhern part of the county to Crater

Lake. S. C. Bartrum, of Roseburg, super-visor of the Umpqua National Forest, advocated the support of the Taylor bill now pending in Congress, which has

duty for reasons of economy. Arroyo
Grande has a population of 300.

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Declaring that his bride of a few weeks pointed the way for him to become a thief, Lester Butler, who, under the name of Elmer Butler, was arrested stores. LAND BILL IS CHOSEN

Amended Chamberlain Measure in Committee Favor.

Struction each year was lavored, Pats were brought out at the meeting last night showing that more than \$1,129,000 had been spent on the Douglas County roads in the past six years and there are not to exceed 60 miles of first-class road in the county at the present time. Douglas County has nearly 2000 night.

Butter who is 32 years old was provided to the latter who is 32 years old was night.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 24.—The Chamberlain land grant bill, amended as suggested beds in Southern Bavaria.

Asked if he thought the Government leged defalcations of more than \$300.—
for a "public purpose," he replied in the affirmative.

"What would be that public purpose." he was asked.
"Conservation, for instance." he answered, and the committee smiled.

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The man was said to have with him on the yacht several indexes, containing an elaborate ward; robe, \$14905 in cash and a certified check for \$5594, payable to the bearer and drawn on the "Manhattan Company of New York." There were several indexes and the last one being the signature of "John H. Putnam & Co." This was the name of an alleged fraudulent concern. MR. HAWLEY SAYS MOLALLA INCI- organized by Lyman in New York.

The yacht is said to have been bought DENT SHOWS INCOMPETENCY. In Tampa last Saturday from two me whose names were given as "Smith whose names were given as "Smith

> Search for Lyman began last Sunday on advices from New York. Pictures Portland, whose married name of Lyman were published and late to-day police at St. Petersburg were in-

Molalla. J. K. Pickett, Acting Fourth
Assistant Postmaster-General; G. J.
Taylor, secretary of the Molalla Commercial Club, and Representative W. C.
Hawley figure in the letters.
The establishment of rural route No.

It was announced the man would b held at St. Petersburg pending word from the New York authorities.

FAMILY WILL START 4000-MILE TRIP EAST ON MARCH 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Owens and Children Plan to Reach Portland, Me.,

Giving Shows Along Way.

A hike of more than 4000 miles from Portland, Or., to Portland, Me., has been arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Owens and family, of 427 Montgomery street, who plan to leave on the trip from The Oregonian corner March 1. They expect to make the trip in a leisurely manner, giving vaudeville performances en route to pay expenses and advertising the Rose Festival.

In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Owens, the party will consist of their two daughters, Isabella and Mary Elicanor, and their son, John S. Owens.

A hike of more than 4000 miles from George Myers, the first drunk to be arrested this year, has procured a patent propagation which, according to error and making and their son, John S. Owens.

Shields said:

"The United States having no property in navigable streams, the Congress, as its agent, cannot constitutionally sell or lease the beds and waters of those streams for any purpose, its power being contined to the control of them for the purposes of mavigation. When it attempts to do more, either directly or by coercion of the riparian owner, it is guilty of confiscation of private property.

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From Portland the party will go to Tacoma and then to Auburn, then across the mountains to Pasco and Spokane. They will go East from there by Yellowstone National Park.

The programme which they will give

The programme, which they will give en route, will be of a varied character consisting of music, comedy work and

original songs. Mr. and Mrs. Owens are nearly 60 years old but they expect no trouble in making the long trip.

LESTER BUTLER BROUGHT BACK FROM OREGON CITY.

Young Wife Planned Robbery of Pair for Whom She Had Been Bridesmaid, Declares Prisoner, 6

Declaring that his bride of a few

Butler, who is 22 years old, was brought back to Portland yesterday by Detectives Goltz, La Salle and Leonard. Southern Pacific and, according to them, he explained that he fell from grace at the "prompt-

ng" of his young wife, who was Miss anna M. Mills and whom he married

February 8.

Information gained by his bride when she herself was a bridesmaid at the wedding of H. E. Hobbs and Miss Nord-

wedding of H. E. Hobbs and Miss Nord-strom was used, according to Butler, by his wife in "pointing the way." She told him her friend's home was "the opportunity," according to Butler. The Hobbs residence was robbed last Friday night of jewelry valued at \$300, some of it wedding presents. The jewelry in the suitcase carried by But-ler when arrested is said to be that taken from the Hobbs house. Butler had not disposed of any of the jewelry. A charge of burglary has been placed A charge of burglary has been placed against Butler, who also faces an un-expired term of one year for convic-tion of larceny from the Arnold Amusement Company. He was paroled when sentence was suspended on this con-

ROUTE OF NEW ROAD TO TAKILMA IS INVESTIGATED.

Copper Mines at Town Are Operating Steadily Declares Emery Olmstead, Who Accompanied Officials.

Emery Olmstead, vice-president of he Northwestern National Bank, returned yesterday from Grants whence he accompanied officers of California & Oregon Coast Railway over the route of the new road to Takilma, 40 miles southwest.

Takilma, 40 miles southwest.

With Mr. Oimstead were Robert Twoby, president of the road: R. B. Miller, vice-president, and George W. Boschke, chief engineer. The line now extends 15 miles out from Grants Pass, ten miles having been built by the people of Grants Pass and five miles by Twoby Bros., contractors. It is probable that the line will be extended to Takilma this year.

Mr. Olmstead says that the copper mines at Takilma are operating steadily

mines at Takilma are operating steadily and that the ere is being hauled by wagon to the terminus of the railroad,

"It appears that Grants Pass and "It appears that Grants Pass and the neighboring territory offer many opportunities for the Portland wholesalers and manufacturers and doubtless they will be prompt to grasp them.'

MEDFORD ALUMNI FORMED

Old Students of St. Mary's Academy Gather for Reunion.

MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)
—Sixty-five former students of St.
Mary's Academy, most of them from
the classes graduating between 1860
and 1870, gathered at the academy
building today, renewed old acquaintances and formed a permanent alumni organization, with the following execu-tive committee: Miss Alice Hanley, Mrs. Miles Cantral, Mrs. Kate McAndrews, Mrs. Lewis Ulrich, of Jackson-ville, and Mrs. Ernest McKee,

The name of the organization will be selected later by this committee, and a constitution and by-laws will be drawn up.

The former students were mostly from Medford, although Grants Pass, the Applegate Valley, Lake Creek and Northern California were represented.

The present students gave an impromptu programme in honor of the visitors.

SISTER OF DEAD SOUGHT

Effort Made to Notify Portland Relative of Frank E. Gary.

Frank E. Gary, of 49 Walnut street, ington, Feb. 24.—In their attack on Neponset, Mass., who has a sister in the Shields bill providing for the deknown to the Massachusetts author-ities, has been found dend in a hotel room in Springfield, Mass., according to information received in Portland

Mr. Gary had registered at a Springfield hotel and his name was at first mistaken to be Frank E. Gray, of 18w York City. Elmer Slate, of Neponset, read of the death and made the identi-

read of the death and made the identification.

The Tower Genealogical Society, of South Boston, Mass., undertook to locate Mr. Gary's sister, and as an accommodation to the Gary family has written Miss Alice Tower, 1724 Stark street, Fortland, enlisting her effort in locating Mr. Gary's sister.

'JAG' ADVERTISES HIS DRINK

Albany Inventor of "Whisky" Gets Drunk From Own Preparation.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)— With only five days standing in the way of Albany's police court going for the first two months of the year with-out a drunk being arrested, two became

overly bold and were locked up by the local authorities today. George Myers, the first drunk to be

17 AT EUGENE GET PAPERS

Native of Ireland, 88, Is Among Those Admitted to Citizenship.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)— James Casey, 88, a native of Ireland, who came to this country in 1846, father of 13 children and who had been rather of 13 children and who had been a resident of Oregon for 19 years, was admitted to citizenship yesterday in the Lane County Court room. Mr. Casey was among 17 admitted to cit-

cenship. C. A. Burden, who was elected as nember of the council in Eugene at the last municipal election, but who could not take the oath of office, because he had failed to obtain his final papers, also was naturatized.

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BANDON BEACH CONSIDERED

John M. Scott Silent as to Rumor of Western Pacific Extension.

BANDON, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—
John M. Scott, general passenger agent for the Southern Pacific, and J. A. Ormandy, chief clerk of the general passenger department, were in Bandon to day investigating the industrial and beach resort possibilities of this section. The visit was made as a part of the official inspection trip over the new Willamette-Pacific road.

As to the rumored extension of the Willamette-Pacific in from San Francisco to Trinidad, Cal., Mr. Scott had nothing to say.

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Effort to Amend Shields Bill Is Not Successful.

Congress' Authority Over Navigable Streams Declared Limited to Right to Police Them, Not to Exercise Tyranny.

velopment of water power in navigane streams, the conservationists of the Senate, led by Senator Walsh of Montana, insisted on the adoption of an amendment giving the Federal Government of the United States to charge a citizen for the use of the water of the stream to generate power is to draw a deduction that is to my mind wholly unwarranted. Senator Shields reiterated that the Constitutional right of the Federal Government to impose such a tax, frankly said the tax should be imposed because "Congress has the power" to impose it by means of indirection. He said "The permittee will be required to enter into contract with the Government of the United States, under the terms of which he agrees to pay to the terms of which he agrees to pay to the terms of which he agrees to pay to the terms of Washington voted against the tax.

Walsh, evading the question of the constitutional right of the Federal Government to impose such a tax, frankly said the tax should be imposed because "Congress has the power" to impose it by means of indirection. He said "The permittee will be required to enter into contract with the Government of the United States, under the terms of which he agrees to pay to the United States so much for the privilege he enjoys. If he is sued for a failure to pay, he certainly cannot contend that it is an unconstitutional agreement.

agreement.

"If, under certain terms and conditions, he goes on and constructs the dam and does not comply with any of those conditions—not being conditions of the act, but conditions of the contract—he will be in no situation to prevent being ousted of his privileges on the claim that no power of that kind exists."

Policy Compared With Blackmail. Replying to Senator Walsh, Senator Shields said:

riparian property from using it, although that use be not only consistent with the rights of the public, but beneficial to navigation, unless the owners will comply with such conditions as may be imposed upon them. Call it what you may please, frame it in any form, the proposition that Congress may impose conditions in such cases as this upon the owners of the beds and

waters of navigable streams is not Moore, another junitor in the building only the commonest tyranny, but at the time, said he heard no exploblackmail in its worst form. Charge Not Sustained as Tax.

"Charges of this kind cannot be sus tained as a tax. Congress has no power to levy such a tax. Its power o raise revenue is confined to taxes. duties, Imposts and excises, uniform throughout the United States. These charges cannot be made uniform no apportioned among the states, as the

apportioned among the staves, as the Constitution requires; nor can the power to fix the rate of taxation be delegated; nor can the levy of a tax originate in this body."

Senator Sutherland, of Utah, one of the ablest lawyers in the Senate, holds the opinion expressed by Senator Shields. He said:

"What does Congress do when it

Shields. He said:

"What does Congress do when it passes one of these bilis authorizing the building of a dam? Congress by that simply says to the licensee: "We are charged with the responsibility of seeing that obstructions to navigation ara prevented, and therefore you will not be permitted to creek a dam, except in such a way as not to interfere with the navigability of the stream; and to that end we will supervise and OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, Feb. 24.—In their attack on the Shields bill providing for the development of water power in navigable streams, the conservationists of the Streams, the conservationists of the Government of the United States to charge a citizen for the charge and to that end we will supervise and supervise an

NEBRASKA STATE CAPITOL IS NOT DAMAGED.

Janitor Waits All Night to Report Alleged Bomb Blowup in Basement of Building.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 24.-Authorities at the State Capitol building minimized the report of the story told by a janitor that a bomb had been exploded last night in the furnace room of the Statehouse.

Investigation during the day disclosed that no damage had been done to the furnace where the explosion occurred. The theory of the officials is that a large firecracker was placed in

Painless Parker -- Outlaw

His Confessions

CHAPTER XVIII.



the daylight into their bluff methods; because it would end the time-honored fee graft; because it would put their profession on an honest basis.

A hundred years from now the dentist or doctor who employs now accepted "ethical" tactics will be driven out of the community. He will be viewed much the same as would my scholarly friend. Dr. Henry W. Bainmaker should be come to town, set up his totem-pole and wigwam and begin the manufacture of Big Medicine in front of the City Hall.

I consider it a privilege to be able to address the great, fair - play - loving American public through these columns and show up a class of men who, living a thousand years in the past, still struggle for the right to hoodwink the ignorant, practice the black arts, befog simple professional principles, bolster up an absurd claim to superiority, tax the guilible all they can stand—and fight like wildcats to keep their graft intact.

They have been trying for twenty-three years to stifle my voice—but they haven't done it yet. They can't. (To Be Continued.)

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