



GERMANS AGAIN WIN DOUAUMONT

Last Reserves Thrown in to Turn Battle.

FRENCH COUP SHORT LIVED

Army Stripped of Clothes and Guns Fights With Hand Grenades Against Fists.

TEUTONS ONCE OVERRUN

Machine Guns Mow Assaultants. Part of Cumieres Retaken From Kaiser.

PARIS, May 24.—The Germans have reoccupied Fort Douaumont, while the French hold the immediate approach to that position.

This announcement was made in the official communication issued by the French War Office tonight, which says two new divisions of Bavarians effected the recapture after a series of furious attacks.

French Re-enter Cumieres.

The French, on the other hand, retook, after a series of desperate attacks, several trenches and a portion of the village of Cumieres.

The previous success of the offensive undertaken by General Nivelle, the commander at Verdun, and the results attained sent a wave of encouragement through the country.

The Germans are said to have thrown in all possible reserves to restore the balance.

French officers say the German Crown Prince has been using 80,000 men in his efforts to swamp the French positions east and west of Deadman Hill and to gain decisive advantages between that point and Hill 304.

Offensive Front Too Short.

It was expected the French artillery would soon gain the preponderance.

Deputy Andre Tardieu, foreign editor of the Temps, writes that the French offensive had been carried out over a front of less than 25 miles and that it failed invariably since the defenders have had time to bring up reserves.

The opinion is expressed by M. Tardieu that in order for the entente allies to conduct a successful offensive it will be necessary to carry it on simultaneously over all of their fronts. At present the allies have not sufficient material to do this, although they possess means of producing that material.

Hence the proper policy, he writes, is to continue on the defensive for the present, the material now available being sufficient to wear down the man power of their opponents.

Master Stroke Sprung.

When the war material of the allies exceeds that of the Germans, as their forces of men now do, the victory, M. Tardieu concludes, will be virtually a mathematical certainty.

With the Verdun operations at their height and while the German troops were fighting desperately to hold the position, which it is their Emperor's pride to have taken, France was thrilled with joy over the proportions and circumstances of the initial stages.

Hard pressed by insistent drives of German forces in bulk on the left bank of the Meuse, Generals Nivelle and Petain sprung one of the master strokes of the war on the other side of that river.

Artillery Saves French.

Several divisions of the Crown Prince's army were engaged at Le Mort Homme field, which they themselves had chosen, and had begun to think that this line of defense was theirs at last.

At the moment when it began to appear to the French also that Le Mort Homme might fall, a sudden and terrific artillery fire opened, under Nivelle's orders, directed into the German positions on the right bank.

Fort Douaumont, which the Kaiser had called the keystone of the Verdun position, was weaker than usual, because reserves had been called to the other side. It was defended at the moment by the crack Brandenburger, who had taken it by assault February 26.

Two miles of German trenches, (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

H. H. COREY, BAKER, DEFEATS ED WRIGHT

SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SERVICE BODY 512 VOTES TO GOOD.

Returns From Eastern Counties Show Conclusively That Union Man Is Out of Race.

H. H. Corey, of Baker County, has been nominated as the Republican candidate for Public Service Commissioner in the Eastern Oregon district by a plurality of 512 votes over Ed Wright, of Union County, on the face of the available returns from last Friday's primary election.

Mr. Corey, who is the present secretary of the Commission, doubtless will be appointed as a member of the Commission to fill out the unexpired term of Clyde B. Aitchison, who has resigned to become solicitor for the Association of State Railroad Commissioners. Governor Withycombe has expressed his intention to appoint the successful Republican candidate to this position. If Mr. Corey formally is elected next November he will succeed regularly to a place on the Commission at the beginning of next year.

With the vote complete from most of the counties in the district, and fully 90 per cent complete in the other counties, the vote for Corey and Wright stands as follows:

	Corey, Wright
Baker	288
Clatsop	97
Gilliam	97
Harney	428
Jefferson	312
Lincoln	82
Tillamook	253
Wasco	45
Wheeler	120
Yamhill	120
Yonkers	115
Union	118
Total	4,816

WIDOW'S JOB PERMANENT

Mrs. W. B. Hall Selected Again as Head of Blind School.

YANCOUVER, Wash., May 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. W. B. Hall, widow of Dr. Hall, superintendent of the Washington State School for the Blind, of this city, has been made permanent superintendent of the institution.

When Dr. Hall died suddenly last Fall after a game of tennis Mrs. Hall was placed in charge of the school temporarily by the State Board of Control. Now the appointment has been made permanent.

The school also has received a leave of absence for two months, beginning June 1. She will visit institutions for the blind in Boston and Philadelphia, and the National convention for Instructors of the Blind at Halifax, N. S.

DYE PROPOSAL IS HELD UP

Britain Considering Giving Permit for Shipments to America.

LONDON, May 24.—Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade, informed the House of Commons today that a proposal had been received to permit the exportation from Germany to America of dye stuffs, but that no answer had been given.

The war trade minister denied reports that licenses had been granted for the export from Germany to the United States of \$5,000,000 worth of dyes, part of a shipment which might reach \$20,000,000.

BUREAU TO DOLE MEAT OUT

German Government to Take Over Nation's Supply.

BERLIN, via London, May 24.—The expropriation of all supplies of meat in Germany is foreshadowed by the issuance today of an ordinance placing all meat supplies on hand on May 25 at the disposal of the Imperial Meat Bureau, which has just been created. This bureau will authorize the sale or further disposal of meat at "reasonable prices."

A census of all meat supplies will be taken May 25.

NEW LINE TO ORIENT NEAR

San Francisco Is on Route From New York to Orient.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—San Francisco is to be made a port of call, beginning early in June, for a new line of steamers operating between New York and the Orient by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Company.

This was learned here today, when local coaling contracts were negotiated.

IMPOSTOR TO GO TO PRISON

David Lamar, Who Impersonated Congressman, Surrenders.

NEW YORK, May 24.—David Lamar today surrendered to the Federal authorities.

He then was taken to the Tombs prison to await removal to Atlanta penitentiary to serve his two years sentence for impersonating a Congressman.

AUSTRIAN CITY IN FLAMES

Italian Shell Blows Munitions Depot, Setting Roverto Afire.

PARIS, May 24.—An Italian shell has blown up the largest munitions depot at Roverto.

The town is in flames, according to a dispatch from Rome.

EFFORT TO CHANGE GRANT BILL FAILS

Final Vote to Be Taken This Morning.

DEMOCRATS IGNORE ALL PLEAS

Passage Halted by No Quorum Point After Hot Debate.

AMENDMENTS ONLY MINOR

Counties' Share in Proceeds Put Back to 30 Per Cent, as in Original Measure—Efforts of Oregon Delegation Futile.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

ington, May 24.—At the close of seven hours' debate, some of it acrimonious, the House of Representatives was about to pass the Oregon & California land-grant bill, just as it was reported by the public lands committee, when a point of no quorum was made by Representative Foster, of Illinois, which forced an adjournment. The final vote will be taken tomorrow.

Representative Foster was in a nasty mood because the House, after having adopted in committee of the whole an amendment offered by him cutting down the counties' share of the proceeds from 30 per cent to 20, reversed itself when the bill was reported back to the full House and restored the 30 per cent for the counties carried by the bill as reported by the public lands committee.

Only Minor Changes Made.

With this single exception, the House made no important amendment to the land-grant bill; in fact, the only amendments, three in number, were mere changes of phraseology that do not alter the effect of the legislation. The first vote tomorrow morning will be on the Foster amendment, on which a rollcall has been ordered. What the outcome will be is problematical. With that disposed of, the bill will be put upon its final passage and undoubtedly will be agreed to.

In vain did the Oregon delegation strive to secure an increase in the allotment to the state and to the counties; in vain did they strive to get some allotment for the poor districts. They were met by stout resistance from Chairman Ferris, from Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin, and from Representative Raker, of California.

Representatives Johnson and La Follette, of Washington, and Mondell of Wyoming came valiantly to the aid of the Oregon members, but all in vain.

Democrats Block Oregon Requests.

Chairman Ferris had arrayed on the Democratic side a stubborn majority of the few members present, and all of the amendments rejected by the House were voted down almost entirely by Democratic votes. Seldom was there Republican opposition to the Hawley and Sinnott amendments, and what there was came from Representatives

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PASTOR CONFESSES GUILT IN LAND CASE

REV. RICHARD FYSH, OF CALIFORNIA, PLEADS GUILTY.

Use of Mails to Defraud Applicants to Buy Grant Tracts Admitted to Spare Wife.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—The trial of the so-called Oregon & California Railroad land-fraud cases, which began here today in the United States District Court, was marked by the confession of Rev. Richard Fysh, ex-Methodist minister of Calwa, Fresno County, California. Fysh, one of the eight defendants, pleaded guilty to the charge of using the mails to defraud in obtaining applicants to purchase grant lands belonging to the Southern Pacific Company in Oregon.

He was led to confess his guilt, he said, by the desire to spare his wife the suspense and anxiety of awaiting the outcome of his trial.

Following his plea of guilty he was remanded to the custody of the Marshal for sentence Monday.

Fysh declared that he had been led into the alleged conspiracy by John Coghburn, who was recently convicted on similar charges in Oregon.

FLOATING COURT TO SAIL

Criminal Cases on Alaskan Islands to Be Tried.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—The United States Coast Guard cutter McCulloch sailed from here today for Unalaska.

She will cruise west from there along the Aleutian chain to Atka and Attu, thence to Valdez to take aboard a floating United States Court to try criminal cases of the various islands stretching almost to the Asiatic Coast.

PENDLETON HAS 4TH FIRE

Dwelling Damaged in Early Morning. With Insurance Small.

PENDLETON, Or., May 24.—(Special.)—Fire, which broke out early this morning, damaged the dwelling of Al Warner to the extent of \$750.

Insurance to the amount of \$500 was carried on the house by Mrs. Frank Quinlan, who recently disposed of the house, and \$150 insurance was carried on the household goods. This is the fourth fire Pendleton has had in the past week.

FRENCH ARMY QUESTIONED

Deputies in Move to Quiz Government Regarding Verdun.

PARIS, May 24.—A motion demanding a secret sitting of the Chamber of Deputies, at which the government should give full explanations in regard to the first phase of the Verdun operations is being circulated in the legislative lobby and already has obtained 150 signatures.

It is not likely, however, that the motion will be moved until Premier Briand has again appeared before the army committee.

HENRY CHESEBROUGH DEAD

Lumberman Stricken With Apoplexy at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—Henry Chesbrough, who has been well known in the lumber business on the Pacific Coast for years, died here today from a stroke of apoplexy suffered Monday. He was about 67 years old.

Mr. Chesbrough was president of the Tacoma (Wash.) Mill Company, his interests there being quite large.

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CANDIDATE ROW IN CHICAGO IS BUZZING

Pre-Convention Show to Open Today.

ADVANCE GUARDS ARRIVING

Root, Weeks and Fairbanks Forces Ready for Start.

HARMONY NOTE IS SOUNDED

Belief Increasing That Roosevelt and Hughes Champions Will Try to "Eat One Another Up" in Early Part of Session.

CHICAGO, May 24.—(Special.)—To-

morrow is the big day for the opening of the Republican pre-convention show in candidate row in Michigan Avenue. More advance guards got in today to herald the coming of the real managers tomorrow.

Chairman Charles D. Hilles, of the National committee, will be in on the Bragadway Limited tomorrow. His secretary, James L. Phillips, came in this morning with these tidings. Chairman Hilles left New York yesterday and stopped on the way to confer with some of the "old guard" enroute.

Headquarters Being Opened.

John W. Dwight, with several aids, is coming tomorrow to open the Elihu Root headquarters in the Congress Hotel. The Senator John W. Weeks managers are headed this way, and will pitch the Weeks tents in the Congress. The Charles W. Fairbanks guard has been augmented by the arrival of James B. Goodrich, Republican nominee for Governor. He joined Will Hays and Joseph R. Keating in boosting the former Vice-President as the "best-equipped" man for the Presidential nomination.

John Eversman, secretary of the Republican Congressional committee, assistant secretary of the convention and right hand man to Representative William B. McKinley, came in and got busy at once. Mr. Eversman was full of enthusiasm for the prospects of a harmonious ending of the big show of the Republicans which opens June 7 in the Coliseum.

Theatrical Convention Expected.

"This is going to be the most theatrical convention in the history of the Republican party," said Mr. Eversman. "They are going to tear the roof off that big building with enthusiasm."

"Who is going to be the man?" ventured a reporter.

"Only a few days ago Senator Penrose told me in Washington that the Pennsylvania delegation is coming to the convention with open mind," parried Mr. Eversman. "The delegates are going to deliberate and go over the situation carefully and settle their differences of opinion and make this thought reconcile and when they are through they will have the candidate that is going to win."

As the advent of the "big guns" approaches the impression continues to

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CLUBWOMEN JAM CONVENTION HALL

FIVE OVERCOME IN CRUSH; POLICE RESERVES CALLED.

Governor Whitman Pays Tribute to Activity of Clubs and Spread of Woman's Place in Affairs.

NEW YORK, May 24.—Nine thousand delegates, alternates and visitors from all the states in the Union and from Cuba, Porto Rico, Alaska and the Philippines attended here tonight the first general session of the 13th biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. More than 2000 spectators were turned away. Of those in the Armory, where the convention met, 1500 were men. The crowd became so dense before the convention opened that the doors were closed and police reserves were called. Five women were overcome in the crush and received attention at an emergency hospital.

With the arrival of Governor Whitman and Mrs. Whitman, the convention was called to order by Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, president of the federation. Mrs. William Grant Brown, president of the New York biennial board, which arranged for the convention, presided with Mrs. Pennybacker, Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, occupied the seat of honor between them. Specially arranged sounding boards carried the voices of the room.

Governor Whitman, the first speaker, paid high tribute to what he called the "new woman," after welcoming the delegates in behalf of the state of New York.

"Today women fill our schools, colleges and universities," he said, "and their clubs, rooted in the life of every community, discuss all topics known to human interest. No door of opportunity is closed to them. Of the 428 occupations that go to make up the business of life, the so-called 'wearer' sex is laboring in all but five or 10. Over 8,000,000 women are engaged in gainful occupations and in the trades and in the professions the rewards of preferment increasingly wait upon merit rather than sex."

AMERICAN GIRL TO GO FREE

Germany Hold Teacher Month on Suspicion of Espionage.

BERLIN, via London, May 24.—The American Ambassador, James W. Gerard, has been informed that an American woman, Mary Silliman, a teacher in the American School for Girls at Constantinople, who was arrested on suspicion of espionage at Warnemunde, Germany, a month ago while on her way to the United States, will be released at an early date.

Miss Silliman's arrest, it is said, was due to the discovery in her trunk of the draft of a code for the transmission of messages. Miss Silliman explains that this probably was placed in her trunk by a revengeful pupil of the school.

Mr. Penrose argued in favor of countenancing peace possibilities and against prolonging the American pressure for the sake of obligations to Great Britain's allies. The speaker said that if the war had to be continued until Constantinople fell, or until the unknown obligations to allies were fulfilled, the country ought to be told what those obligations are and if there was no essential difference between Germany and Great Britain and no such obligations, the government ought to take the earliest opportunity to press for a termination of the war.

INCREASES GRANTED 130

Firemen and Policemen Get \$5 a Month Rise on June 1.

A total of 130 firemen and policemen were granted increases in salary by the City Council yesterday dating from June 1. Each of the men will receive an increase of \$5 a month except Walter Creech, clerk in the office of Fire Marshal Stevens, who will get a \$15-a-month increase.

The increases will be granted to 83 firemen, 16 stokers in the fire bureau and 31 policemen, all now receiving less than \$100 a month. The total increase was amount to \$665 a month in the payroll for the two bureaus.

CO-ED BEATS YOUNG MEN

Miss Hope Blair Wins Albany College Oratorical Contest.

ALBANY, Or., May 24.—(Special.)—Miss Hope Blair, of Albany, won the annual temperance oratorical contest of Albany College, held in the college chapel yesterday, defeating four young men. Clifford Fairfax, of Portland, took second place. They received cash prizes.

Miss Blair spoke on "The Mission of America." Fairfax spoke on "The Alcohol Problem." Other contestants were Thomas Kirkwood, of Reedville; Folmer Jensen, of Portland, and David P. Martin, of Rogue River.

3 WOMEN WON'T REGISTER

All Others Eligible in Lebanon Have Names on Books.

ALBANY, Or., May 24.—(Special.)—The city of Lebanon has a record doubtless unequalled in the state for the largest proportion of its women voters being registered. All but three of the women eligible to vote residing in the city precincts within the corporate limits of Lebanon are registered.

Mrs. Hattie A. Cruson, one of the official registrars for Lebanon, made a house-to-house canvass to register women.

Three absolutely refused to register.

ILL AMBASSADOR BETTER

American Convalescing From Pneumonia in Paris.

PARIS, May 24.—William Graves Sharp, the American Ambassador, is convalescing from an attack of pneumonia.

His physicians hope he will be able to resume his duties in the course of a fortnight.

BRITAIN URGED TO ENCOURAGE PEACE

Liberal in Commons Assails Diplomats.

ETIQUETTE IS HELD ONLY BAR

Sir Edward Grey Insists War Must Go to Definite End.

OBLIGATIONS MADE POINT

Arthur Ponsonby Refers to Use of "American Press as Platform for Peace" and Asks Secretary to Reveal Pact With Allies.

LONDON, May 24.—In an impromptu speech in the House of Commons tonight the question of peace and the propriety of "employing the American press as a platform" subjects unexpectedly raised by Arthur Ponsonby, Liberal member for Stirling, Scotland, in a strong address attacking the government for allowing diplomatic etiquette to stand in the way of possible peace negotiations, set aside all ideas that peace negotiations were possible at the present stage and plainly reiterated that the position of the allies in no way was changed. Sir Edward declared that it was impossible to consider terms of peace without a previous agreement between the entente allies. Further he expressed the decided opinion that the hostilities had not yet reached a stage where it was possible to talk of peace, especially as the German public was constantly being "fed with lies" by their ministers.

Obligations Not Known.

Mr. Ponsonby's reference to the use of the American press "as a platform" was the outgrowth of a recent interview with Sir Edward Grey.

Sir Edward in replying to this attack, while admitting that important disclosures of policy ought first to be made to Parliament, argued that a crisis might arise during the war when considerations of etiquette should not be allowed to stand in the way. He contended that since German statesmen constantly were giving interviews and statements to the American press, it would be mere pedantry which would hinder British statesmen from countering these statements in the interests of their own country.

Mr. Ponsonby argued in favor of countenancing peace possibilities and against prolonging the American pressure for the sake of obligations to Great Britain's allies. The speaker said that if the war had to be continued until Constantinople fell, or until the unknown obligations to allies were fulfilled, the country ought to be told what those obligations are and if there was no essential difference between Germany and Great Britain and no such obligations, the government ought to take the earliest opportunity to press for a termination of the war.

Allies Bound by Pact.

Sir Edward Grey, in replying, pointed out that his interview contained no new declarations. He said if he thought the German government or German opinion had reached the point where the allied government could bring a peace compatible with their desires by making speeches about peace, he would make dozens of them. But the Foreign Minister added, the time has not yet arrived when the allies were bound by common obligations not to put forward any terms of peace except by mutual agreement.

Mr. Ponsonby attacked the government's diplomacy. He said the peace of Europe would depend on the capacity of statesmen for surveying the great problems in a broad spirit. The insularity which had characterized British diplomacy in the past constituted the real danger. The government must recognize that the war had reached a deadlock and that the superior position of Great Britain also must be recognized. The latter was due to the spirit and valor of the people and not to statesmen.

Broad View Advocated.

The speaker said he hoped the statesmen were not going to imperil the situation by delay and inaptitude. Nothing had helped Germany more than the extreme Jingo utterances of responsible statesmen. They had enabled Prussianism to keep Germany together. Mr. Ponsonby said recrimination must cease. He considered it wanting in respect to the British people for the ministers to disregard Parliament and adopt the American press as a platform.

The war never would end, Mr. Ponsonby continued, if Great Britain waited until Sir Edward and Dr. von Bethman-Hollweg (the German Imperial Chancellor) agreed as to who was responsible for the war. He said Germany refused to restore Belgium, evacuate France and Serbia and form an independent Poland; had she refused to agree to form an international council to maintain European peace, Mr. Ponsonby asked, if she had refused these things the country ought to be told.

Sir Edward Grey in the course of his speech characterized Chancellor Von Bethman-Hollweg's recent statement that Great Britain was prepared to go to war over Bosnia as a "first-class lie." The real reason for the prolongation of the war was that the German government continually were telling

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MAKING A JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT.

