

FRENCH LOSE NEW LINE NEAR VERDUN

Violent Struggle in Vicinity of Caurettes Wood Results in German Victory.

OTHER BODIES ANNIHILATED

Touton Detachments Make Their Way Under Cover of Fog to Death. Defenders Lose Their Last Hold on Cumieres.

PARIS, May 31.—In the course of a violent struggle last night on the Verdun front the Germans compelled the French to evacuate a first line trench near the Caurettes Wood, South of Cumieres, the War Office announced today.

After two days of severe bombardment the Germans launched infantry attacks repeatedly in great force over a considerable section of the Verdun line. The French resisted stubbornly and the official statement says, repulsed the Germans everywhere except near Caurettes Wood. The trench which was evacuated had been levelled by German shell fire.

Under cover of a fog, detachments of German troops made their way to the vicinity of Chantonnay, where they were annihilated by the French fire.

West of the Meuse, there were intermittent artillery encounters.

BERLIN, May 31.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—German troops operating in the Verdun region west of the Meuse have been successful in clearing the southern environs of Cumieres village of the French who were holding on there, the War Office announced today. Nearly 100 prisoners were taken.

The capture, May 29, of a naval gun and 18 machine guns during the fighting in Caurettes Wood was also announced.

LETTER SHUTS JAIL DOORS

Youth Trying to Carry Message From Suspect Gets 30 Days More.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 31.—(Special.)—The attempt to carry a letter from George Lee Thorne, former suspect, being held in the County Jail pending his being taken to Walla Walla to serve a minimum sentence of 15 years for forgery, resulted disastrously for Conrad Miller, a young man who today completed a 14-day sentence for petit larceny.

When Miller was brought up from the jail to be released, the letter from Thorne was found in his possession, on being searched. An information charging him with unauthorized communication with prisoners in the County Jail was filed by Prosecutor James O. Blair and he pleaded guilty. Judge Beck sent him back to jail for 30 days.

KLAMATH INDIANS LAUDED

Colonel Dorington, New Supervisor, Predicts Advancement.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—Colonel A. L. Dorington, who succeeds H. G. Wilson as supervisor of Indian affairs in this district, has arrived from the Klamath Indian reservation north of here, where he has spent several weeks becoming acquainted with Klamath reservation affairs.

Colonel Dorington reports that the Klamath Indians are among the most progressive he has met and he predicts great advancement for them when they have mastered irrigation farming, once the projects under way at this time are completed.

OIL REPORT FAVORS NAVY

Senate Committee Minority Commends Leasing Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Senators Husting and Thompson today submitted a minority report denouncing the mineral leasing bill, particularly sections dealing with the California and Wyoming oil lands withdrawn from entry by order of President Taft in 1909.

The report supports Secretary Daniels in the position that the oil lands have been held to supply oil for the navy.

War Supply Sale Brings Suit.

NEW YORK, May 31.—A suit for an accounting involving \$5,000,000 resulting from the sale of war supplies was filed in the Supreme Court here today by Harold Basil Jayne, editor of a marine publication in San Francisco and Seattle, against Furness Withy & Company, of this city.

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OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

French.
PARIS, May 31.—The official communication issued tonight by the War Office reads:

"On the left bank of the Meuse there was a violent bombardment with shells of large caliber in the region of Avescourt and Hill 304.

"In the afternoon in a spirited attack our troops gained possession of Le Mort Homme. We captured 220 prisoners, including five officers and seven machine guns. A surprise attack in the same sector last night enabled us to capture 25 prisoners.

"On the right bank there was great activity by the two artillery forces between the Meuse and Fort Vaux, but no infantry action.

"Our batteries took under their fire and dispersed enemy concentrations north of the Bois des Fosses.

"The cannonading was intermittent on the rest of the front, more intense in the region east of Metz and Hartmanns Wellerkopf."

Italian.
ROME, via London, May 31.—The official statement from general headquarters issued today reads:

"On the heights north of the valley of the Ledro and in the Riva zone numerous movements were evident with unaccustomed activity in defensive work.

"In the valley of Lagarina violent enemy attacks were renewed with great bravery, after intense artillery preparation with guns of large caliber, but were repulsed with the annihilation of the attacking columns.

"The fighting was fiercest around Col di Boile, where the gallant infantry of the Sixty-second Regiment, Sicilian Brigade, and the Two Hundred and Seventy Regiment, Taro Brigade, repulsed the enemy with the bayonet.

"In the Pustulbo sector there was an artillery duel. An enemy attack in the direction of Pomi Alta was repulsed.

"Between Posina and the Upper Astico, the battle is developing, the enemy concentrating particularly in the Astico Valley. We repulsed a morning attack in the Campiolo zone."

German.
BERLIN, May 31.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—The text of today's German official statement says:

"Western front. Enemy torpedo-boats that appeared off the coast were driven back by our artillery fire.

"The first is in progress between La Bassée Canal and Arras.

"German patrols were successful in enterprises near Neuve Chapelle and northeast of that place. Thirty-eight British, among whom was one officer, were taken prisoners and one machine gun was captured.

"On the left bank of the Meuse the bushes and hedges south of the village of Cumieres were cleared of the enemy. Three officers and 48 men were taken prisoners.

"During our attacks on May 29 we captured in Caurettes Wood one naval gun, 18 machine guns, a quantity of mine throwers and much other material.

"The artillery activity has been extremely spirited on both banks of the Meuse."

5 MILLION ENLISTED

British at Front to Be Reinforced Heavily Soon.

RIFLE SHORTAGE CHARGED

Colonel Winston Spencer Churchill Criticizes Administration of Military, Saying One Man in Six Has Gun at Front.

LONDON, May 31.—The vote for the salary of Earl Kitchener as Secretary of War being before the House of Commons today, the members had an opportunity to discuss the general conduct of the war. In introducing the vote, Harold J. Tennant, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for War, replied to the speech made last week by Winston Spencer Churchill, in which he said the position of the British lines at several points was disadvantageous and that there were large numbers of men on duty as grooms and officers' servants who might be used to augment the fighting forces.

Mr. Tennant pointed out that a large number of men was required behind the lines to move up necessary supplies. The War Office, he said, already had adopted the plan of replacing younger soldiers with older ones, although this could not be done in every case.

Reinforcements to Be Sent.
As to Colonel Churchill's complaint in regard to the large number of officers' servants, Mr. Tennant said those men, like all others, had to take their places on the firing line. With regard to the criticism respecting the great force of men kept at home, he explained they were being trained with a view to being sent abroad.

"If Colonel Churchill were to investigate this matter," he said, "he would see that large reinforcements are about to be sent out."

Mr. Tennant then referred to Colonel Churchill's recommendation that large bodies of troops be drawn from Asia and Africa, saying it was an illusion to think such a thing possible, as there was not a large number of men in those regions available for service as soldiers in the European war, and, moreover, that it would be difficult to obtain officers who knew their languages.

Volunteers Number 5,041,000.
Colonel Churchill replied that he had contemplated the armies being ready by September of 1917 and that he had believed the officers could learn the languages by that time.

Colonel Churchill referred to the statement in King George's message to the nation, issued on signing the military service bill last week, that not less than 5,041,000 men had been raised voluntarily. After careful examination Colonel Churchill said he had come to the conclusion that there were 1,500,000 of these men unaccounted for. He desired to know what had become of them, believing this to be a fit subject for investigation, he suggested that a small committee of members of the House be appointed to look into this matter and report in secret session if necessary.

Colonel Churchill criticized the army administration in several respects, but defended Earl Kitchener warmly. He

stormed positions on the heights northward. Monte Baldo and Monte Piava are in our hands. West of Asiago our front south of the Asa Valley was consolidated as far as the works at Punta Corbin. The troops which crossed the Posina captured Monte Priafiora. Renewed and desperate efforts to capture our positions south of Bettio resulted in failure.

"During the fortnight since the beginning of our offensive we have captured 30,348 Italians, among whom are 634 officers, and have taken 238 cannon. This morning several naval aeroplanes dropped numerous bombs on the railroad stations and military establishments at San Giorgio and Dina Gara. The latter were observed on a railroad station.

"Balkan front.—North of the lower Vouras (in Albania north of Avlona) our troops pursued Italian patrols."

Turkish.

CONSTANTINOPLE, via London, May 31.—A statement issued today by Turkish army headquarters says:

"Hostile aeroplanes on May 29 dropped bombs on Smyrna, killing and wounding several persons.

"On May 27," the statement continues, "a hostile torpedo-boat and hostile aeroplanes attacked El Arish (Sinai Peninsula). Seven persons were wounded by bombs. Two of our aeroplanes attacked the vessel and the aeroplanes, subjecting them to damaging fire."

Wednesday's War Moves.

THE French troops northwest of Verdun, in the region of Le Mort Homme, have turned on the offensive against the Germans and a spirited attack have captured a strongly organized position on the slopes southwest of Le Mort Homme. Seven machine guns and 225 prisoners were taken in the attack, which was the only infantry fighting on Wednesday reported in the latest French official communication.

The town of Avocourt, and Hill 304 in this immediate vicinity, are under heavy bombardment and shells of large caliber are being used. Bombardments also are in progress north of Verdun on the Meuse River to Port Va and in the Hartmanns-Wellerkopf region of the Vosges Mountains.

On the Asiago-Arsiero sector of the Austro-Italian front the Austrians have taken additional points of vantage from the Italians and put down attempts by King Victor Emmanuel's men to recover lost ground. According to the communication, the Austrians have present offensive they have captured 1,082 Italians and 298 cannon. The Austrians have also captured a number of positions at Monte Priafiora and Punta Corbin, on the Asiago Plateau.

The lake region south of Dvinsk, on the Russian front, again is the scene of heavy bombardments, probably due to more infantry fighting. Farther south on the Volkhovsk front, the Russians are reported to have captured a number of positions at the Bessarabian border, there is increased activity by the Teutons and Russians.

Petrograd reports the capture of a Russian position in the region of Diabek, but says the Russians in a counter-attack ejected the invaders.

Nothing new has come through concerning the invasion of Greek Macedonia by the Bulgars and Germans, but in the extreme western part of the Balkan front the Austrians along the Vouras River in Albania have pursued Italian patrols.

The British invasion of German East Africa continues and the British have strongly intrenched German positions between the Egara Mountains and the Pagni River, where a fight seems probable.

complaint that the supply of rifles was inadequate, with the result that the British were holding and fighting a smaller number of opposing troops than the resources of this nation would justify.

Broadly speaking, he asserted, half the total strength of the British army was at home, and for every six men taken for war service only one effective infantry rifle was placed over the parapet at the front.

PARTY WORKERS ELECT

Linn Republicans Re-elect W. L. Marks Member of Committee.

ALBANY, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—

In a well-attended meeting characterized by the utmost harmony and enthusiasm, the Linn County Republican Central Committee, chosen in the recent primaries, met in Albany today and organized for the coming campaign.

J. S. Van Winkle, of Albany, was elected chairman; William M. Brown, of Lebanon, secretary; Milton H. Mitchell, of Albany, assistant secretary; and J. L. Underwood, of Lebanon, was re-elected treasurer. To serve with the chairman and secretary were the executive committee, Ira F. Hutchings, of Brownsville; Douglas Taylor, of Halsey; Q. E. Probst, of Price P. R. Conn. of Albany; and Rex W. Davis, of Harrisburg, were chosen.

Willard L. Marks, of Albany, was re-elected Linn County member of the State Central Committee, and Joseph Hume, of Brownsville, was re-elected Congressional committee member from this county.

For the first time in its history a woman participated in a central committee meeting here. Mrs. Alice Miller, committeewoman from Knox Butte precinct, taking an active part.

Every talk vibrated with faith in Republican success this year.

MOOSE PRIMARY IS COSTLY

Seventeen Votes Cast in Lane County Cost Taxpayers \$5 Each.

EUGENE, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—Every vote cast in the recent Progressive party primary election in Lane County cost the taxpayers \$5, according to estimates made by county officials.

The official count completed today shows that 17 votes were cast. For President, Roosevelt received 16 votes. Among the candidates for Presidential elector Tom P. Campbell, whose slogan was "keep moving," received 17 votes. The other candidates, without exception, printed on the ballots, received 15 votes each. The vote cast for state and county officers was scattered among the candidates on the regular Republican and Democratic tickets.

NAVY-YARD MEN QUIT WORK

Refusal of Chief of Construction to Recommend Rise Causes Action.

VALLEJO, Cal., May 31.—One hundred men, including riveters, hoppers, heaters and boys quit work at the Mare Island Navy-yard today when Naval Constructor Henry B. Gleason, head of the hull construction department, refused to recommend higher wages.

The men held a meeting in this city late today behind closed doors and, although no definite announcement was made, it was understood that they would return to work tomorrow.

BIBLE UNIVERSITY \$50,000 IS ASSURED BY CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$200,000 FOR ENDOWMENT.

LOUIS W. HILL NOTIFIED

Returns From Campaign Canvassed on Day of Empire Builder's Funeral—President Considers School Now Is Safe.

EUGENE, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—On the day of the funeral of James J. Hill, railroad builder and pioneer in the development of the Great Northwest, telegrams sent from Eugene tonight announced that the Eugene Bible University had raised a fund of \$200,000, fulfilling the condition attached to an offer to the school of \$50,000 made by Mr. Hill two years ago. The date was the time limit on the Hill gift. A permanent endowment fund of \$250,000 for the school is thus created.

The announcement of the success of the campaign was made by President E. C. Sanderson, of the university. Two telegrams were sent to St. Paul announcing that the fund was complete. One was addressed to John J. Toomey, Mr. Hill's agent, and the other to his son, Louis W. Hill.

Mr. Hill's original offer was made March 21, 1914. It placed a time limit of two years on the gift. March 21, this year, he granted an additional 60 days for the fulfillment of the conditions.

The Bible University now has a campus of 18 acres adjoining the University of Oregon, with five buildings, representing an expenditure of \$120,000. There are 12 instructors and 140 students. It was established 21 years ago, and some of its graduates are ministers in important Christian churches on the Pacific Coast. It has extended its influence to far-off Africa and the Orient, where there are graduates in mission work.

"President Sanderson said tonight: 'We feel grateful for the hearty response which we have met everywhere. There has been a kindly, sympathetic atmosphere in the churches, but outside. Business men everywhere have shown a fine spirit.'

The endowment has been practically completed within the last year. Contributors to the fund live in various parts of the Pacific Coast territory.

President Sanderson said that a great benefit to the school has resulted from an awakening of interest in the institution in the endowment campaign.

In discussing the management of the fund he said: 'There will be an endowment committee within the board of trustees that will direct the use of the funds. The income from the fund will go toward the support of the school. It will give us a protection we have never had before in that way.'

FORESTRY OFFICIAL DIES

HENRY IRELAND, SUPERVISOR OF WHITMAN RESERVE, PASSES.

Heart Attack Follows Memorial Day Spent in Decorating Graves—Post Held Nine Years.

BAKER, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—After nine years of continuous service in the United States Forestry Department as supervisor of the Whitman National Forest, one of the most important divisions in the Northwest, Henry Ireland died at his home in Sumpter at 3 o'clock this morning, death being caused by heart disease. Up to the time of his death he had been in apparently good health.

He spent yesterday in the Sumpter cemetery, decorating the graves of his friends, returning home and retiring early. At midnight he awoke in agony, complaining of a pain over his heart. His wife relieved his suffering with local anesthetic and Ireland again went to sleep. Shortly before 3 o'clock Mrs. Ireland awoke once more to find her husband dying, unable even to talk. He had passed away before a physician could be summoned.

Mr. Ireland is survived, in addition to his wife, by two sons, Orin and Solin, and a daughter, Miss Edith. He was a member of the Masonic lodge, of the Oddfellows, and of the Eastern Star.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow in Sumpter, and the body will be taken immediately to Mr. Ireland's old home in Roseburg for burial.

Conduct of the business of the forestry office will be handled temporarily by R. M. Evans, assistant supervisor.

WHISKY SENT AS BEER

RAIDERS IN GARDINER SEIZE 456 QUARTS IN WAREHOUSE.

Warrants for Shipping Interests Carrying Consignment From California Considered.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—In the most audacious ever attempted in Douglas County, special officers sent to Gardiner by Sheriff George Quinn and District Attorney George Neuner late last night confiscated 456 quart bottles of whisky from the warehouse of the Gardiner Mill Company.

The liquor was brought to Roseburg and is being held by the Sheriff.

The consignment, which was shipped from San Francisco on board the steamer San Gabriel, comprised 19 separate shipments of 24 bottles each. It was consigned to 19 separate persons and the bottles were labeled as beer.

The officers contend that in purchasing the liquor the consignees had wholly substituted for beer in order that they might obtain 24 quarts each 38 days instead of two quarts, as allowed by the prohibition law. It was intimated by the officers today that warrants probably would be issued for the persons in control of the boat on which the liquor was brought to Gardiner.

Court Martial Postponed.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—The War Department announced today that court martial of the 11 members of the Texas National Guard who refused to take the oath for Federal service had been delayed until June 1. It had been originally set for June 1.

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