

TANK IN FIGHTS TO FINISH IN "TANGLE"

Armored Tractor Wins Dramatic Combat, Taking Fort at Which Men Batter in Vain.

TERRIBLE MAZE THREADED

Commander and Crew Face Death in War Monster Which Ladders Concrete Blocks and Thruugh Shell Fire, to Goal.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, via London, Oct. 9.—A fight to a finish between a tank and the "tangle" was the outstanding and dramatic feature of the capture of Le Sars by the British yesterday and their advance in that neighborhood.

The tangle was a good example of the methods of defense the Germans are using now that they are out of their old fortifications.

It was a strong position with a maze of dugouts, reinforced by concrete, which had been especially constructed as a rallying point at which machine guns could play on the infantry on both flanks of the front. Shells of the largest caliber were unable to put all the machine guns out of action.

Attack Gallant and Picturesque.

"Clearly this job was for a tank," said a British staff officer, "and one of the worst ever attempted. No rush of any torpedoes, destroyer under the guns of a battleship, no cavalry charge of record was more gallant, daring or picturesque."

Since the taking of Faucourt l'Abbaye, British bombing parties had made many rushes into "the tangle," and the German had met showers of bombs with showers of their own. The fire had smashed much of the cement, making the advance for the infantry all the more difficult in the midst of the bewildering turns of the maze.

Shells Hit on All Sides.

Neither bullets nor bombs could harm the tank, but it was bound to be under heavy shell fire. For the commander and crew it was death or success. Dextrous as the tank is on moving over all kinds of obstacles, it was uncertain whether His Majesty's landship, as the official title goes, could navigate the "tangle."

With the peculiar grumbling and rumbling noise it makes as it goes over the shell craters, the tank started off. Shells dropped all around it, covering it with earth, but it seemed to lead a charmed life. It warped itself up to that ruined fortification, managed to cross over the upheaval of cement blocks, and blazed its own machine guns into the dugouts and into the German machine gun positions.

Its business was to clear the "tangle" and it succeeded.

New Stronghold Threatened.

The British maintained their position, gained in front of Le Sars yesterday. They are close to another German stronghold, which the British gunners have named "The Gunners' Delight." This is Butte de Warlemcourt, which is an ideal target. The gunners have taken the top off it and blasted it out of anything like its former contour on the sky line.

The Germans made another counter-attack at 5 o'clock this morning on British positions beyond Thiepval and succeeded in getting into a position where the British trenches. Later the British returned to the battle and after bloody hand-to-hand fighting recovered the trenches and took the survivors of the garrison prisoner.

"COOS BAY" SUGGESTED

New Name for City of North Bend Is Being Agitated.

NORTH BEND, Or., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—Edgar McDaniel, editor of the Coos Bay Herald, is agitating the adoption of Coos Bay as the name for this city and says that many persons favor the change. It is said the names of North Bend or Marshfield are not distinctive of the Coos Bay district and there should be a name more closely descriptive of the locality.

It is possible the discussion will be taken before the City Council soon and threshed out. Eight or nine years ago a general campaign of a similar nature was made, but with the understanding that it was to be subject to change only upon consolidation of the urban districts.

Multitopors to Escort Hughes Women

Two marching engagements have already been extended to the members of the Multitopor Republican Club, and an hour was spent on the streets last night while the members of the marching organization became proficient in maneuvers under the leadership of General Charles F. Beebe. The first invitation to appear is to escort the women of the women's Hughes campaign train on Saturday, while the other is to escort ex-Senator Albert J. Beveridge, who is to speak here at the Assembly that night.



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OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

British Front in France.

LONDON, Oct. 9.—Today's official statement regarding operations on the Franco-Belgian front says: "Gas was discharged successfully at different points along our front north of the Ancre. The enemy's reply was feeble and our patrols were able to enter his trenches and secure prisoners. Several raids were carried out by us in the neighborhood of Neuville, St. Vaast and Loos.

"The enemy's trenches were entered in all cases, many casualties being inflicted and a number of prisoners taken. In addition three machine gun emplacements were destroyed and considerable damage done to the enemy's trenches."

The official communication from British headquarters in France issued tonight reads:

"In the neighborhood of Le Transloy a party of the enemy was caught in the open by our artillery and dispersed. As a result of a local operation we gained ground north of Stuff redoubt, inflicting serious losses on the enemy and taking more than 200 prisoners, including six officers.

"Early this morning we successfully entered the enemy's trenches south of Arras. Southeast of Souchez a strong enemy party rushed a crater from our lines, but was immediately ejected with heavy casualties."

French, Western Front.

PARIS, via London, Oct. 9.—The following communication was issued tonight:

"On the Somme there has been sustained activity by our artillery. The enemy's reply was particularly brisk in the region southwest of Barleux and in the regions of Belloy and Denicourt."

"This morning an enemy attack, starting from the St. Pierre Vaast Wood salient to the east of Rancourt, was repulsed by grenades. Shortly afterward a reconnaissance debouching from the small wood northeast of Bouchavesnes was dispersed by our machine gun fire."

German, Roumanian Front.

BERLIN, Oct. 9.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—Of the operations against Roumanians in Transylvania and Dobruja, the War Office statement of today says:

"In Eastern Transylvania we continue to march ahead. The Roumanians were beaten in the battle of Kronstadt."

"Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen—German troops, assisted by Austro-Hungarian monitors, captured by a surprise attack an island in the Danube northwest of Sistov. Two officers, 156 men and six cannon were taken."

Italian.

ROME, via London, Oct. 9.—Violent fighting has taken place in the Trentino region, northwest of Trent, according to the official statement issued by the War Office today.

Austrian attacks on Saturday against Bussa Alta resulted in the forcing back of the Italian right wing. On Sunday, however, it is added, Italian reinforcements arrived and the Austrians were driven out again. The statement follows:

"On the whole front the activity of the enemy artillery is reported to be increasing, particularly on the Asiago Plateau, along the Carnia front from the Upper But to the head of the Ponte Bana Valley, in the Gorizia area and on the Carso Plateau."

"In the mountain region between the Avisio and Vasio Cismon valleys there have been attacks and counter attacks, all supported by extremely violent bombardments. On Saturday evening the enemy successfully attacked our positions on Gardinal and Bussa Alta. During the night they made a further violent attack on peak No. 2455, forcing our right wing to fall back a short distance. At noon, however, as reinforcements arrived Sunday morning, our troops, with the support of accurate artillery fire, drove the enemy out once more and chased them down the precipice of Bussa Alta, inflicting very heavy losses."

"Further details on the success we gained on Monte Costa Bella, in the Pellegrino Valley, on October 5, show that our troops captured one mountain gun, six machine guns and a large quantity of ammunition. The guns were promptly turned against the enemy. In retiring the Austrians captured large stores of provisions and material. On the Carso, in the course of small

RUMANS IN RETREAT

Austro-Germans Pursue All Along Transylvania Line.

ISLAND IN DANUBE TAKEN

Berlin Reports Sweeping Victory Against Roumanians—Bucharest Admits Evacuation of Kronstadt to Avoid Shelling.

BERLIN, via London, Oct. 9.—Troops of Field Marshal von Mackensen, by a surprise attack, obtained possession of the island in the Danube northwest of Sistova, it was announced officially today. They captured six guns and the Roumanian troops on the island.

The Roumanians in Transylvania are retreating along the whole line, the War Office announced today. The Austro-German forces have captured Toerzburg. The statement says the Roumanians sent in reinforcements from the north in an effort to check the Teutonic forces in the neighborhood of Kronstadt. These reinforcements took part in a battle northeast of Kronstadt but were unable to stay the advance of the Austrians and Germans.

Toerzburg is 15 miles southwest of Kronstadt and only seven miles from the Roumanian border.

LONDON, Oct. 9.—A Bucharest dispatch forwarded from Rome to the Wireless Press says the Roumanians evacuated the Transylvanian city of Kronstadt to avoid its destruction by Austro-German batteries, which had begun to fire on the town. The present position of the Roumanian army is described as excellent.

ARCANUM HEARS TALKS

L. C. Mackay and Dr. E. C. Morrow Speakers at Open House.

Lionel C. Mackay and Dr. Earl C. Morrow were the speakers at the open house of the Arcanum held last night. Mr. Mackay is a member of Battery A, now at the Mexican border. He gave

skirmishes, we took 40 prisoners. Hostile aeroplanes dropped bombs on Gringa, the Sugana Valley, on the Upper Tella Valley, on the Grado Lago, on Monfalcone Cervignano and Torre Zuino, doing a slight amount of damage to buildings."

Russians on Black Sea.

PETROGRAD, via London, Oct. 8.—An official Russian statement issued today says:

"Black Sea—On October 6 our torpedo-boats made a raid on Samsun and Sinope, destroying 58 sailing boats of various sizes and bombarding the harbor. One steel boat was brought to Sebastopol and 49 men made prisoners."

French, Macedonian Front.

PARIS, via London, Oct. 8.—The following official communication dealing with the fighting in Macedonia was issued today:

"East of the Struma engagements occurred between the British troops and Bulgarian rearguard, who are retreating toward the railway. It has been confirmed that during the recent fighting in this region the Bulgarians suffered considerable losses. At one point alone 1500 bodies of enemy dead were found on the ground."

"Between the Vardar and the Cerna rivers the Serbian forces have advanced in the mountainous region of Dobrotoplje and taken 100 prisoners."

"On the left bank of the Cerna River after desperate fighting the Serbians have again defeated the Bulgarians and the village of Skoocivir has fallen into Serbian hands. Despite violent attacks the enemy failed to recapture his lost ground and has been driven a kilometer northward. Two hundred prisoners remained in the hands of our allies."

"Further west the Serbians continue to cross the Cerna between Drobovo and the Brod. The Bulgarians have entered north of the Brod. On our left wing Franco-Russian forces have reached the new line of Bulgarians from Kenali to Lake Presba."

Monday's War Moves

APPARENTLY satisfied with a record of at least six boats sunk Sunday, or possibly short of torpedoes, the German submarine raiding party of Nantucket were not continued Monday. Meanwhile, however, the operations of the German undersea craft so close to the American shore has created a situation which President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing will discuss today at Shadow Lawn, the President's summer home. Already the President has announced that Germany "will be held to the complete fulfillment of its promise to the United States" concerning submarine warfare.

On the battle fronts of Europe, Transylvania and Macedonia continue for the moment the centers of greatest interest. According to Berlin, the Roumanians in Transylvania are retreating along the whole line. The Teutonic allies have recaptured the town of Toerzburg, 15 miles southwest of Kronstadt and within seven miles of the Roumanian border. In the Danube, north of Sistova, the Germans have occupied an island, taking six guns and making prisoners of the Roumanian troops there.

Serbia in considerable force have crossed the Cerna River in Serbia and captured the town of Skoocivir, southeast of Monastir, and also have occupied positions along the north bank of the river.

Considerable hard fighting has again taken place in the region west of Lutsk and further south of Gallicia, but the results are somewhat clouded by reason of contradictory reports of the war office statements. Petrograd says that Roumanians at some points in Galicia succeeded in entering Austro-German positions east of Vladimir-Volynsk, but Berlin reports that the Roumanians failed with sanguinary losses to the Russians. In the Carpathians the Germans have made an advance at Babaludova.

Violent reciprocal bombardments are in progress in the Somme region of France. Infantry attacks also have taken place, but no important gains have been chronicled.

Carrying 2000 Serbian and French soldiers, the auxiliary cruiser Gallia has been sunk in the Mediterranean with a loss of 638 men.

HEALTH OFFICERS NAMED

State Health Officer Roberg Visits Coos and Curry Counties.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—State Health Officer David N. Roberg, who has been engaged since August, 1915, in districting the state and appointing health registrars, has just completed his survey of Coos and Curry Counties and before leaving had nearly every district provided with a registrar.

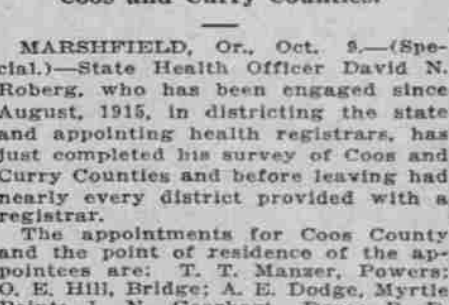
The appointments for Coos County and the point of residence of the appointees are: T. T. Manser, Powers; O. E. Hill, Bridge; A. E. Dodge, Myrtle Point; J. N. Gearhart, Doris; R. D. Leep, Bandon; V. L. Hamilton, Coquille; H. M. Shaw, Marshfield; Ira B. Bartle, North Bend.

For Curry County: C. W. Robbins, Gold Beach; E. L. White, Port Orford; P. A. Schmidt, Langlois, Recommended: C. E. Saunders, Brookings; C. M. Benham, Chiloic; Mrs. S. D. Lucas, Agness.

a description of conditions as he had observed them there, with phases of the European war as they had come under his observation as head of the units of the American Red Cross, sewers in Belgium at the beginning of the war. Stereoscopic views accompanied the lecture.

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1300 LAND AT SARDINIA

Torpedo Causes Explosion of Ammunition in Hold and Also Destroys Wireless, Making Aid Call Impossible.

PARIS, Oct. 9.—The steamship Gallia, an auxiliary cruiser carrying 2000 Serbian and French soldiers, was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean on October 4 by a submarine. Thirteen hundred men picked up by a French cruiser and landed in boats on the southern coast of Sardinia have been accounted for thus far.

The torpedo caused the explosion of ammunition in the hold of the Gallia and also destroyed the wireless apparatus, making it impossible to send out calls for help. The crew and troops took to rafts and small boats, a number of which were picked up by the French cruisers. Others reached the Sardinian shore.

The Gallia was a 15,100 ton steamship, 574 feet long and 64 feet of beam. She was built in the Seine in 1913 and owned by the Compagnie de Navigation sud Atlantique de Bordeaux. She was one of the largest vessels sunk by submarines during the war, having been only 700 tons smaller than the White Star liner Arable.

ACT BELIEVED NEUTRAL

ENGLISH PAPER DISCUSSES U-BOAT'S AMERICAN VISIT.

Manchester Guardian Expresses Conviction United States Abides by Declared Policies.

LONDON, Oct. 9.—The Manchester Guardian, in an editorial article on the exploits of the U-53, declares its conviction of the desire of the United States to observe strict neutrality.

The Guardian says that if the British Ambassador protested against the entry of the submarine into American waters and argued that any further submarine arriving there should be interned for the rest of the war, he would be expressing the views set out in the recent memorandum sent by the allies to neutral governments.

"The American Government," the paper continues, "apparently does not share this view, at any rate not fully, or it would not have escorted the submarine into port or allowed her to leave."

COOS HAS WOMAN ORATOR

Mrs. W. J. Longston Is Rival in Interest With Hughes Special.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—Women voters are not attracting all the interest in this section of the state. Coos County has a woman orator who has covered all of Curry and will finish the towns in Coos County before election day.

Mrs. W. J. Longston, of Coquille, is traveling in the interests of the "Oregon dry" campaign and has spoken at 12 or 15 different towns. Mrs. Longston is said to be a finished speaker.

EUGENE MAN ESCAPES U-53

Seaman of West Point, Now Sunk, Is Member of Railroad Crew.

EUGENE, Or., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—F. Taylor, seaman, preferring dry land to the dangers of the sea in time of war, arrived in Eugene today and went to work as a member of a Willamette-Pacific construction gang. He was recently a member of the crew of the West Point, sunk by a German submarine off the New England coast, as shown by his discharge papers dated June 30.

Taylor was one of the crowd of two score who gathered about the campfires on the streets this morning where thick slices of ham were sizzling in the open pans and the washub of coffee was bubbling over another fire. As the newspaper was passed around with the stories of the activities yesterday of the U-53, Taylor told of his experiences as a merchant sailor for the past two years.

He said that the West Point was the fourth ship on which he had seen service to be sent to the bottom.

Parents Invited to Hygiene Exhibit.

Parents of the St. Johns district are invited to view an exhibit prepared by the Oregon Hygiene Society for adolescent boys that will be displayed at the James John High School tonight. Thereafter it will be open to inspection by boys. A meeting of parents is also scheduled there tonight.



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