

BRITISH VICTORIOUS IN ARTILLERY DUEL

Heavy Battery of Prussian Guard Division Suffers Heavily in Belgium.

TOWN IS WON, THEN LOST

La Bassee Ville Evacuated in Face of German Counter-Attack—Tensions Repeatedly Repulsed Along French Front.

CANADIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, July 27.—Our guns have at last definitely secured the upper hand in the western part of the front. The artillery actions by which this has been done have been in progress for several days.

Town Captured and Lost. The counter battery work of the British and the Canadian gunners proved too much even for the superbly trained artillery men of the Prussian Guard and their activity is now abnormal.

LONDON, July 27.—The British last night captured La Bassee Ville, in Belgium near the French border, and subsequently withdrew in the face of German counter attack in force, the War Office announces.

By The Associated Press. BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, July 27.—The artillery fighting along the western front continues to grow apace, particularly in Flanders, and last night was marked also by infantry thrusts at various points. In one of these the British occupied La Bassee Ville, after inflicting severe losses on the Germans.

British Line Penetrated. This place was in process of consolidation early today. (This dispatch was written before the time of the German counter attack, in consequence of which today's official statement reports the British withdrawal from La Bassee Ville.) The British also carried out a successful raid north of La Bassee road.

The Germans yesterday made an attack on a section of the British trenches in the neighborhood of Honnecourt, southwest of Cambrai. A party of about 100 raiders, divided into three sections, succeeded in penetrating the front line, after heavy barrage fire which worked considerable damage to a portion of the British trenches.

Nieuport Heavily Shelled. The enemy artillery continued exceptionally active near the coast last night. Nieuport was heavily shelled and a number of gas shells were thrown on Dunkirk. The British artillery responded.

Further down the line the Germans shelled Oostverne and the back areas west of Wytschaete, as well as the trenches near Bullecourt and Arras.

GRAND HEADQUARTERS OF THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, July 26.—The Germans continued their efforts to recapture at least some part of the Chemin Des Dames, transferred their attention today to the region of Hurtebise, on which they launched a strong attack, supported by heavy artillery concentration. The infantry assaulted again, but notwithstanding the heavy masses thrown into the action, they were unable to secure any advantage other than entrance into a small section of advanced French trenches to the south of Ailles.

The German storming battalions were caught by an intense barrage fire as they left their trenches and their ranks were rapidly depleted. Details of the attack on the Californes and Casemate Plateau, in which the Germans suffered the most complete defeat in the first half week, show that some of the Prussian regiments lost 50 per cent of their effectives. They employed more than 100 batteries during the bombardment.

BELGIAN REFUGEES COME

(Continued From First Page.) Oregon, placed on 10-acre tracts, there to take a new turn at life and work out their own salvation.

Arrival Set for November. Therefore, aside from being a large and important transaction as to dollars and cents, this contract means that the promised movement of Belgians to this state, through the agency of Mr. Stevin and his associates, will become a reality about next November.

While Mr. Stevin did not care to state the figure paid for this tract of fine orchard property, it must be a



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large amount—one of the largest ever turned over in this state. Because of the size of the deal, however, it is known that it was purchased for less than an ordinary deal would obtain. It is estimated, however, that several hundred thousands of dollars are involved.

Men Are Expert Orchardists.

A colony of first-class farmers, among them experts in the apple industry, will thus be established. The men will bring to the state not only numbers, but new ideas, and will develop a community of industry that will start with a population of about 450 persons, about the same size as the town of Dufur, near which the tract is located.

Mr. Stevin, an American with abundant enterprise and a special genius for handling just such propositions as this, came to Portland July 4, established his headquarters at the Hotel Portland, announced his plans and then went to work quietly, with the result as formally made known by him yesterday.

Small Tracts Not Wanted.

"I have been very busy," explained Mr. Stevin, "and on that account have been unable to reply to hundreds of letters from farmers all over the Northwest who have written me offering small properties. I would like to see each tract, but have not the time. I am not interested in small properties and cannot consider any of them. And, besides, I am not trying to get farmers off the land; rather, I am simply striving to place the worthy Belgians where they can live and prosper."

The orchard tract purchase will be divided up so that each Belgian family will have a sizable farm, on which will be built a four-room house and other farm buildings, with water, etc. The houses will be completely furnished, and implements for farming and gardening will be supplied. The houses will be grouped in a community on the State Highway, after a plan and design worked out by Mr. Stevin and his engineers. A general store will be operated for the benefit of the colonists, through which they will be enabled to receive all their necessities at wholesale prices. Mr. Stevin has arranged for the construction of a school and other buildings for community benefit.

Guarantee Is Provided.

Realizing that there must be elements of chance in any project, Mr. Stevin has made arrangements to provide for the support of the Belgian families for 15 years, during which time they will be busy planting and growing.

The reason for choosing this particular locality was on account of the excellent orchard which has been developed there—4000 acres of apple orchard, superior to anything else Mr. Stevin has seen in the State of Oregon or the world. The Belgians will excel in this sort of work, will be picked men, familiar with apple growing.

Mr. Stevin wishes to acknowledge the splendid and generous co-operation of Mr. Churchill and the Dufur Orchard Company in all arrangements for the comfort and well-being of the colonists.

Within a few days announcement will be made of several other larger units, negotiations for which are under way.

SOLDIERS' MAIL IS FREE

FRENCH WILL CARRY LETTERS FOR SAMMIES WITHOUT COST.

Men in Overseas Training Camp Rejoice Over Arrival of Consignment of Tobacco From America.

By The Associated Press.

AMERICAN TRAINING CAMP IN FRANCE, July 27.—The French government has extended the American soldier free use of the French mails; so if the members of the United States expeditionary force can send letters or postcards home without any charge whatever. If it is desired, there is no doubt that similar postal arrangements can be made with Great Britain for such reciprocity already exists between Great Britain and France.

The soldiers rejoiced yesterday over the arrival of a large consignment of tobacco from America. French cigarettes, cigars and smoking tobacco have not appeared in Belgium since the American soldiers and there was a temporary shortage of the familiar brands from home.

Y. M. C. A. headquarters have been established near the base and it is expected the work of this organization will be expanded rapidly. The method of amusement for the men being tried marked. The Red Cross has sent over large quantities of baseball supplies and also is making provision to furnish the men with moving picture machines and films.

BROTHER TAKES UP SEARCH

Burl Armstrong Goes to Havana to Assist Police.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 27.—Burl Armstrong, a former newspaperman, left here last night for Havana to aid the secret police of that city in their search for his sister, Miss Armstrong, who mysteriously disappeared there July 15.

Mr. Armstrong received telegrams yesterday from Senator Hiram W. Johnson and Senator Reed Smoot stating an investigation ordered by United States Senator Charles McNary had failed to reveal anything tangible concerning the young woman's whereabouts.

WHEAT EXPORTS LIMITED

Canada Will Issue Permits for Shipments to United States.

WINNIPEG, Man., July 27.—The Board of Grain Supervisors for Canada late today issued an order prohibiting the export of Canadian wheat to the United States without permission of the board.

ROUMANIANS MAKING GAINS

(Continued From First Page.) That after Russian shock battalions had captured very important German positions was discovered in several instances that signalling to the Germans was going on from the Russian rear.

Russian artillery and mechanical experts in Petrograd, many of whom were wounded on the Yser or at Ypres, are forming "battalions of death" to give an example of military valor on the Russian front.

New York Fills Army Quota.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—New York state supplied its full quota for the regular Army at the closing of recruiting yesterday and had a surplus of 200 men. The state's quota is 18,226.

BIG DEFEAT BRINGS RUSSIA TO SENSES

Hands of Petrograd Government Strengthened by Galician Reverse.

PEOPLE ASK DISCIPLINE

All Parties United in Urging Action Necessary to Meet Conditions at Front—Old Leaders Are Giving Support.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—The Russian military reverses have enormously strengthened the hands of the government. The Council of Ministers today to the State Department. They have shown the impossibility of control of the army by soldiers' committees, the Ambassador reports, and have led to a universal demand for stronger discipline.

The Ambassador reported that the military crisis at the front has caused the deepest alarm in Petrograd, not only as to a severe military disaster, but as to the achievement of the revolution itself. All parties are, he said, in urging the government to use any measures necessary to meet the situation.

Dispatches to the Russian Embassy confirm this point of view and show that many conservative leaders, who have recently gone out of office, are now again coming to the front of affairs. They include such men as the President of the Duma, Romanko, the ex-Minister of Instruction, Ignatieff; Leader Plekhanoff, of the Social Democratic party; Professor Avksentiev, Socialist, and Admiral Kozhak, of the Black Sea fleet. This is interpreted to forecast a more representative and better equipped government.

Arrests Are Continued.

At the same time arrests among the Bolsheviks and the Red Guard are continuing. The Council of Ministers and Soldiers' delegates has issued different appeals to different sections of the community citing the danger of the situation and supporting dictatorial powers to make the results of the revolution safe.

Under Kerensky's call for an extraordinary national council announced today from Petrograd to meet in Moscow July 21 was also forecast in embassy dispatches sent in the days of decision. They stated that all parties had united in demanding an emergency meeting of all leaders, including conservative professors and officers, not now connected with the government.

Harvests Are Good.

Fears of food riots which originally precipitated the crisis in Petrograd leading to the revolution are dispelled, the dispatches add, by reports of splendid harvests from all over Russia. At the same time every effort is being made to improve the transportation system so that parts of the country will not be starving while others are over-supplied.

The Galician military defeat was further explained by military in one general division of from 15,000 to 20,000 men, which moved to the front to the Germans and allowed them to drive in a wedge 20 miles deep, which necessitated the retirement of the whole of General Korniloff's force of 300,000 men.

Reports that negotiations are under way for sending American troops to Russia are flatly contradicted here, where it is stated that Russia has more men than she knows what to do with. America's great possessions in the United States to Russia, especially railroad materials.

EXTREMIST REVOLT QUELLED

Violent Fighting in Petrograd Lasts Two Days.

LONDON, July 27.—Fresh and violent fighting occurred in the streets of Petrograd on the last night, according to a dispatch from Petrograd to the Copenhagen Berlingski Tidende, transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph Company yesterday. The dispatch adds, but the government troops immediately interfered and the riot was suppressed after lively fighting.

LOWER OFFICE SOUGHT

MAJOR TRIES TO BE DEMOTED TO CAPTAINCY.

Dr. P. S. Chancellor Prefers to Serve Under Friend Rather Than to Retain Higher Title.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 27.—The exceptional spectacle of an Army officer trying to get himself demoted, Colonel and General to open their eyes here today.

Dr. P. S. Chancellor, of Chicago, a Major in the Medical Reserve Corps, is the man. He wanted to be a Captain, he said, and it was understood that this would be permitted.

Dr. Chancellor was for eight months ranking officer in the University of Illinois base hospital in France, with 1909 beds. In conformity with usual practice, he was relieved last winter and allowed to come home.

When the newly completed San Francisco city and county hospital unit was being organized, Dr. Chancellor wanted to go, under direction of Dr. Joseph Coston, the director, but there was no room for a Major on the staff. Hence the application for a Captaincy.

SIX ISLANDS ARE FOUND

DONALD B. McMILLAN REPORTS ARCTIC DISCOVERIES.

Exploring Party Expects to Return Home by September 15, After Four Years in Frozen North.

BOSTON, July 27.—Donald B. McMillan, the Arctic explorer who has been in the Polar country for the past four years, expects to return home by September 15 next, according to a letter dated at Etah on November 8 last and received today.

"If our relief ship does not fall us a third time," the explorer writes, "I should reach home about September 15, 1917."

not tired of it and have planned for further work. "As you know, we failed to find Crockerland. I am sorry for Peary, who was without a doubt sincere in his belief that it lay some 120 miles due northwest of Cape Thomas Hubbard. We went 151 miles to make sure and then were rewarded with nothing but a clear horizon."

"Last year I reached my objective point, King Christian land, the Finland of some 60 years ago, which has never been visited, as far as I know. Returning, I headed for North Cornwall, which also has never been explored. En route six new islands were discovered and many miles of coast line mapped. Incidentally, we picked up about 50 musk oxen and 20 polar bears. Am now planning another long trip in the Spring, which when completed will net me about 8000 miles of dog team work."

"We have enough food for the year, such as it is. Our supplies consist largely of beans, salt beef, dehydrated vegetables, whole wheat biscuit and pemmican. Walrus and seal meat are in cache and are on the hills. The ducks and doves will be back in May, and then we shall be in the land of plenty again."

1000 WORKERS SOUGHT

MORE CARPENTERS AND HELPERS AT AMERICAN LAKE NEEDED.

Contractors Put in Call for Additional Men When Delivery of Lumber Is Assured.

TACOMA, Wash., July 27.—(Special.)—A call was put in today by T. C. Cornell, business superintendent for the Hurley-Mason Company, American Lake cantonment contractor, for 1000 carpenters and helpers to add to the force of 3200 workers now employed in the construction of the great post city. The increased building crews are being sought following the positive assurance of the fir emergency lumber committee, through its representatives in Tacoma, J. T. Gregory and George S. Long, that the lumber for the post shall be delivered without interruption as fast as the contractors can use it.

The lumber arrivals today again were fairly satisfactory, 22 cars being included in the first freight section of 27 cars of building materials switched in at American Lake. The total arrivals yesterday were 36 cars. While the contractors would like to see 60 or more cars come daily for a time, the construction programme was not being held up today on account of lack of lumber.

WAR HAS MERCIFUL SIDE

EXCHANGE AND TREATMENT OF PRISONERS RATIFIED.

Agreement of Delegates at Recent Hague Conference Will Be Carried Out.

LONDON, July 27.—The agreement reached by the British and German delegates at their recent conference at The Hague regarding the exchange of prisoners of war, and the treatment of prisoners, has been ratified by both governments, according to a statement made by the British ambassador in London, Lord Curzon, in the House of Commons.

The agreement provides that direct repatriation shall be resumed, that the qualifications on medical grounds for repatriation or internment in neutral countries be made more lenient, and that the more seriously ill and wounded now interned in Switzerland shall be returned to their own countries to make room for others.

In addition to those sent to Switzerland, Holland has agreed to accept 7500 persons, while all commissioned and non-commissioned officers, whether in health or not, who have been in captivity for 18 months or more shall be eligible for internment in neutral countries. Holland has agreed to accept 6500 of them.

The Dutch government will further provide for 2000 civilian prisoners, in view of being given the preference. Punishment for attempts to escape and for other offenses also have been regulated, while reprisals against individuals have been canceled.

INSURANCE RATE RISES

Government to Charge 6 1-2 Per Cent on Atlantic War Risks.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—An increase of 1 1/2 per cent in Government insurance rates for vessels and cargoes sailing from American ports for Europe and for African ports on the Mediterranean, was announced today by the war risk insurance bureau.

It will be effective August 15. The present rate is 5 per cent.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

Saturday Sale Drug Sundries

- Fairy Soap, priced for this sale at..... 5c Crystal White Laundry Soap, priced Saturday at..... 5c Sweetheart Soap, priced for this sale at only..... 5c 1/2-lb. bars Palm Soap, Saturday at 4 bars for..... 25c Creme Oil Soap, priced Saturday at 3 for..... 25c Geranium Bath Tablets, special Saturday, 3 for..... 25c White Rose Glycerine Soap, priced at..... 15c Peroxide Bath Soap, priced for this sale at 3 for..... 25c 8-ounce bottle Regal Cedar Polish, Saturday at..... 15c 16-ounce can Regal Cedar Polish, priced at..... 25c Pompeian Night Cream, for this sale at..... 29c Ingram's Milkweed Cream, priced at..... 40c Mentholatum, priced for this sale at..... 20c Java Rice Powder, price for this sale at..... 39c LaBlache Face Powder, for this sale at..... 39c Djer-Kiss Face Powder, for this sale at..... 50c Diana Face Powder, special Saturday at..... 35c 1-lb. can Violet Talcum, for this sale at..... 15c Sweetheart Talcum, specially priced this sale..... 5c

Sale of Women's Hosiery 25c

About 500 pairs of Women's fine quality Silk Lisle Hose to sell at this special price. They are made in the stop-run garter top and extra spliced heel, sole and toe, and are shown in all sizes—in black only. Purchase as many pairs as you wish as long as lot lasts Saturday at 25¢ pair.

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FUEL PROBE IS DELAYED

TRADE COMMISSION CANNOT TAKE UP WESTERN PROBLEM NOW.

Food Bill, Unless Changed, Will Direct Investigation of Coal Situation in Whole Country.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 27.—Senator McNary today was advised by the Federal Trade Commission that it is obliged to suspend action looking to a special investigation of the fuel situation in the Northwest pending final action by Congress on the Commerce amendment to the food bill. If that amendment is accepted by the House, the Commission will be compelled to make a thorough investigation of the coal situation throughout the country, and with that work in prospect the Commission prefers not to start a special investigation in Oregon and Washington.

When the food bill is finally disposed of the Trade Commission will ask Senator McNary to confer further as to the fuel situation in Oregon.

Secretary Lane, in a letter today to Senator McNary, says he finds he is without authority to permit the digging up of stumps on Oregon or California grant lands by persons desiring to manufacture ship knees. The law, he maintains, stands in the way. The Secretary suggests the passage by Congress of a bill to permit use of these stumps by contractors furnishing knees for Government ships, and promises to approve such a bill.

Senator McNary will introduce the

Great Mid-Summer Sale of Women's Muslin Skirts A Half a Hundred Styles Saturday at \$1.00

The values speak for themselves—at no other sale have you had such an unusual saving opportunity—you have choice from lavishly lace and embroidered trimmed Skirts, made with extra dust ruffle and with 6 to 16-inch lace or embroidery flounce. All are made full 2 yards or over in width. It is a sale few women will care to miss.

Beautiful Imported Embroideries In 45-Inch Width at, Yard 49c See Our Window Display

The exceedingly wide range of exquisite patterns shown at this sale is far beyond description. Included are hemstitched, scalloped and imitation Venise edges, etc.—profusely embroidered in delicate floral and conventional designs. They come in sheer Swisses, nainsooks and in heavier materials. Astonishing values at 49¢ a yard.

Broken Lines In Women's Pumps In Summer Styles—To \$1.49 Close, Pair

Patent, Gunmetal and Vici Kid Pumps in Colonial, Bar, one and two-strap styles. All sizes in the lot up to 6, but not all sizes in each style. Come, choose from the entire lot Saturday at \$1.49.

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bill on Monday and urge its passage as an emergency measure. These stumps possess a rare value at this time, and if not now utilized probably will rot before they can be utilized.

Noted Geologist Is Dead. BALTIMORE, July 27.—Dr. William Bullock Clark, noted geologist and professor of geology at Johns Hopkins University here, died today at his summer home at North Haven, Me. He was 67 years old.

American Generals Reach London. LONDON, July 27.—Generals R. M. Blathford and John Biddle, of the

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Moose Will Meet Next at St. Louis. PITTSBURGH, July 27.—The biennial international convention of the Summets Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, today voted to hold the 1919 convention of the order in St. Louis.

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