

25,000 ARE TAKEN IN 3 DAYS IN WEST

Nephew of Count Bernstorff Among Captives From Dead Man's Hill.

WAY INTO LENS IS OPEN

Definite Success Recorded for British Operations East and Northeast of Ypres—Berlin Admits French Gains.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—"In the past three days the entente forces on the western front have taken 25,000 prisoners, and since July 31 they have taken 32,000 prisoners," said Major-General Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of the War Intelligence Office, in his weekly talk with the Associated Press.

PARIS, Aug. 23.—The number of prisoners taken by the French in their offensive operation west of Verdun has been increased to 7639, the War Office reports. Twenty-four cannon and 200 machine guns also have been captured. The French last night captured a German fortified position north of Mortment Farm.

Among the 600 prisoners taken by the French in the hollow recesses of Dead Man's Hill was a battalion commander, with his staff, including Count Eugene Bernstorff, the nephew of the former German Ambassador at Washington.

By the Canadian Press, Ltd. CANADIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Aug. 23.—Southwest of Lens, at 3 o'clock this morning, after a short but intense bombardment, the Manitoba troops attacked the Green Grasser, a huge heap of pit refuse on the north bank of the Souchez River, by which our advance into Lens from the south was barred.

On a front of about 700 yards the Manitobans went forward from 200 to 400 yards and the way toward the heart of the city on the south, as the other advances of the past week had cleared one on the north and west.

By the Associated Press. BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Aug. 23.—Definite success can be recorded in the fighting on the latest British operations east and northeast of Ypres, on the Belgian front, which yesterday were marred by much uncertainty owing to the fierceness of the resistance offered by the Germans.

BERLIN, via London, Aug. 23.—In the fighting yesterday in the region of Verdun, the German general headquarters staff today reports, the French gained a footing only in a German foremost trench on small front to the west of the Vacheraville-Beaumont road.

PARIS, Aug. 23.—The French objectives north of Verdun appear to have been attained. If the offensive were continued fresh artillery preparation would be necessary. A projectile fired by a French battery, which was silencing enemy batteries, struck a depot of asphyxiating gas. It burst silencing three batteries. German prisoners express anxious admiration of the French artillery fire. "No troops could have got through your barrages," said one.

ITALIANS ACCOUNT FOR 30,000 Both Northern and Southern Wings Record Further Gains.

UDINE, Italy, Aug. 23.—Enemy losses during the first two days in the new Italian advance are calculated at 30,000 in killed, wounded and prisoners.

ROME, Aug. 23.—Furious fighting continues on the Isonzo front. The War Office announces further gains for the Italians on both the northern and southern wings. The number of prisoners taken is more than 16,000. Austrian counter attacks of redoubled intensity are being beaten back by the Italians.

RUSSIANS ABANDON POSITION Teutons Occupy Land West of River An on Riga Front.

BERLIN, Aug. 23, via London.—German forces yesterday occupied without fighting the Russian positions west of the river As to the Odling-Bisping line on the Riga front, according to the official announcement made today by the German war department.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 23.—The Russian forces on the northern end of the Russian front, where the Germans have begun an offensive, yesterday retired under pressure from the region of Hagedom and Kemmen to the Lake Shioyira and Frankens. The official statement issued today by the Russian war department announcing this withdrawal says that the German artillery conducted an intense fire in this sector.

FINLAND FACES CRISIS SERIOUS DISORDERS OCCUR IN SHALMO, NEAR HELSINGFORS.

Socialists Find Difficulty in Forming Cabinet, and Refuse Assistance of Professor Ingman.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 23.—The situation in Finland is serious as a result of the continued difficulty of forming a Cabinet and of the persistence of the Socialists in their plan to renew sessions of the dissolved Landtag on August 29. According to the evening newspapers, Premier Kerensky instructed Governor Stakhovich to prevent at all costs a reopening of the Landtag; if necessary to surround the building and compel the members to disperse. Governor Stakhovich has conferred with the commander of the Baltic fleet.

The Socialists have finally refused the help of the Finnish Professor Ingman to form a government. In Shalmo, near Helsinki, serious disorders have been caused by unemployed workmen supported by soldiers. Citizen guards from Helsinki were sent to quell the revolt were fired on and driven into the railroad station, where they were besieged, captured and threatened with summary execution. Petrograd morning newspapers sharply attack the Finnish Socialists, declaring that if Finland, by convoking

the Landtag, violates its own constitution, Russia can consider the constitution non-existent and act accordingly.

11 CERTIFIED AT ST. HELENS County Quota for Army Is Expected to Be Filled.

ST. HELENS, Or., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—From the last call of 49 men the local exemption board has sent in the names of the following 11 who were not exempted: "Tracy" Farcher; Joseph Joseph; Donald McDonald; St. Helens; Leo Mescher; Rainier; Henry Moreland; Chatskanie; Conrad Keller; Melbourne; Wash; Doris S. Hens; Hans Thomas R. Fowler; Rainier; Theodore Erickson; Vernonia; Charles

PORTLAND BOY DIES TRYING TO RESCUE COMRADES.

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Robert Barron, who met death in the Delaware River Wednesday while trying to rescue two fellow aviators, from the United States School of Aviation at Es-sington, Pa., was born in Portland 21 years ago. He was a son of James T. Barron and a nephew of Judge M. G. Munley. Mr. Barron is a wealthy salmon packer, president of the Tillamook Packing Company, in which Judge Munley is interested. Robert Barron was widely known in Portland. He was here last on a visit in June. He was graduated from Boston University, progressed rapidly and was soon transferred to the Army's aviation school at Esington, near Philadelphia. One of the saddest features of the boy hero's death is that his mother, who left Portland Saturday night on a visit to her son, arrived at Esington scarcely an hour after he had given up his life for his comrades.

Mr. Barron, Rainier; Carl H. Amond, St. Helens, and Ole Brevik, Deer Island. Fourteen were exempted on account of not being able to pass the examination. It did not appear. Fourteen claimed exemptions on account of dependents. It is probable that the county's quota of 49 will be filled by the last call.

RESERVE BANKERS COMING Portland Branch to Be Discussed During Contemplated Visit.

James K. Lynch, the newly-appointed governor of the Federal Reserve Bank at San Francisco, is to visit Portland within the next few weeks. Mr. Lynch recently was appointed to the office to succeed Archibald Kates, who resigned to engage in private banking business. He formerly was president of the American Bankers Association. Mr. Lynch probably will be accompanied by John Perrin, chairman of the board of the San Francisco bank. One object of their visit is to renew their acquaintance with Portland bankers, but they will take opportunity while here of inquiring into status of the plans to establish a branch reserve bank in Portland.

PORTLAND MEN INVITED Effort Made to Send Special Car to Centralia-Chehalis Fair.

Portland business men are invited especially to the Southern Washington Fair, at Centralia-Chehalis, and an organized effort is being made by the Chamber of Commerce to get a party of Portlanders to go up for Portland day, which is next Wednesday. A. G. Clark, of the home industries bureau of the Chamber of Commerce has issued a letter to many Portland merchants and jobbers asking that they join the excursion to the fair. A special programme has been arranged in honor of the Portland party and it is desired to have a large delegation make the trip.

BOY 12 YEARS OLD DROWNS Arthur Fisher Loses Life in Willamette River.

Arthur Fisher, 12, who lives at Courtland, Clatsop county, was drowned yesterday at the foot of McKenna street. The body was recovered last night by Municipal Grappler Brady. The boy, with several other youngsters, was playing on a log raft in the Willamette River. Waves from a passing steamer began to roll the raft and young Fisher tried to climb up a ladder to the dock. He lost his hold on the ladder, fell into the water and did not come up again. Patrolman Hatt summoned the harbor patrol, but the lad was dead when taken out. He was a pupil at the Portsmouth School.

None Is Passed at Marshfield. MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—While Coos County was called upon to furnish any men for the first draft, the exemption board has been called upon to examine a number of men resident here who were drafted in other localities in Oregon and some in California. Few that have presented themselves have passed the requirements, and five have been rejected. The last contingent of four who were unable to pass were Charles Binn, of Arizona; George Donnell, of Curry County; Clyde L. Rush, of the Interstate Commerce Commission railway; and Archie Edner, of Eureka.

Hop Picking On. HARRISBURG, Or., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Hop picking is on in full swing in this vicinity and with the present good weather the crop will be harvested in a comparatively short time. Each yard has a large crew picking. The yield is excellent. Nearly all the local hops were contracted for before the rise of 13 cents a pound.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

CHINA LOOKING TO U. S. FOR LEADER

America Has Opportunity That No Other Nation Enjoys, Says Military Man.

VAST ARMY IS AVAILABLE

Prominent Men Are Eager to Have Washington Provide Officers to Train Troops, Captain Nicholson Is Told When on Visit.

"The United States, as no other nation in the world, is in a position to help shape the destinies of the Chinese people," says Captain Malcolm Wheeler Nicholson, recently returned to Portland from the Philippine service. Captain Nicholson is at present lecturing to the officers and enlisted men at Clackamas, being home from the islands on a short leave. While on his way home he was in China and Japan for some time and had an opportunity to gain first-hand information as to conditions in those countries.

"China looks to the United States for guidance not in civil affairs alone, but in military affairs, as I learned from nearly all of the Chinese men with whom I talked while there. "It is not Germany, nor England that is in a position to mould the armies of China in the future—that privilege is ours for the asking, and the leaders in China would be eager to have American officers to train her army. "Send over officers to train our men and we can give the United States as big an army as she wants," was a sentiment that was expressed frequently to me. "The Chinese trust America—they trust no other nation. Perhaps one of the greatest opportunities to serve humanity that has presented itself to us is thus given to the United States."

Many Coolies Go to Front. China is contributing more than the layman realizes to the conduct of the war in Europe. Nearly every month, according to Captain Nicholson, a group of working coolies, under English officers, leaves Tsingtau for the French front to do camp service and other work behind the lines, which will release white men for the fighting lines. These groups consist of about 2500 men each and are organized along military lines and are well uniformed and equipped.

"The terrific growth of the shipbuilding activities in Japan is the most noticeable thing in that country," he said. "Every creek and bay and estuary that can be used for the purpose seems to have been converted into a shipyard and every port is in an uproar of shipbuilding activity. "There is a great deal of naval construction going on in the building principally is for the merchant marine. "At the rate the construction is going forward now, it is possible that Japan may be in a position to control the ocean carrying trade of the world after the close of the war. "It was told me that the country has a big crop of new war millionaires and is in a more prosperous condition than ever before. They are making under a shrewd and far-sighted policy, which contemplates the permanent control of the shipping of the Pacific Ocean."

Contract Extended into Future. One example of this is found in the case of one shipping concern, which arranged with an American corporation to handle its shipping business under a shrewd and far-sighted policy, which contemplates the permanent control of the shipping of the Pacific Ocean.

Regarding the captured German strongholds at Tsingtau, he said that the Japanese have taken steps to fortify them further nor to develop them in a military way.

NEUTRALS FEEL PROUD GERMANY USES PRESSURE TO OBTAIN ADVANTAGES.

Steel Denied to Holland Unless Promise Is Made Ships Will Be Germany's for Five Years.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Germany is increasing her economic pressure on Holland and now refuses to let steel go into the Netherlands for shipbuilding purposes unless the Dutch agree to devote the ships to German uses for a period of five years after the war. The allotment of coal by Germany to Holland is exhausted and Dutch industries are said to be in need of fuel. It is not known what Holland will do regarding the German ultimatum. German pressure on all the European neutrals, latest advice say, is increasing, but it is being manifested mainly on Holland, Denmark and Switzerland, although it is understood that Norway is feeling it more and more.

LABOR DEMANDS SHARE Gompers Confers With President on Strike Situation.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The general strike situation throughout the country was discussed today at a conference between President Wilson and President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor. Mr. Gompers declined to discuss it further than to say that he had said "labor's just grievances" before the President and that he had been assured that the rights of labor would be cared for. Some time ago Mr. Gompers was credited with having expressed the opinion that unless labor had a better representation in handling some of the war labor problems the no-strike promise made at the beginning of hostilities might not be respected.

Commissioner of Patents Named.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—James T. Newton, of Georgia, was nominated today by President Wilson, as Commissioner of Patents; William L. Prie-son, of Chattanooga, Tenn., an Assistant Attorney-General; Brigadier-General Lloyd England, Adjutant-General of Arkansas, as Brigadier-General in the National Army.

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TRAIN JUMPER IS DEAD Body of Man Who Suffered Mental Disorder Found in Woods. ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—The body of Antonio Lubbing, who jumped from a Southern Pacific passenger train at Nichols Station yesterday while suffering from a mental affliction, was found late today by searchers in the timbered districts of Southern Douglas County. The message received here did not state whether Lubbing committed suicide or died from natural causes.

Supply of Shells Is Doubled. WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—As a result of the official report on the submarine destruction of the American tank steamer Campagna, which said the gun crew's supply of shells ran out in the midst of the fight, the amount of ammunition supplied to armed merchant vessels will be doubled. The Campagna had 180 shells.

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