FRENCH WARD OFF LIQUID FIRE ATTACK

Enemy Is Repulsed After Advances Near Beaumont, North of Verdun.

ATTACK AT YPRES FIERCE

Germans Gain Footholds in British Lines on Narrow Fronts, but After Hand-to-Hand Fighting, Are Driven Out Again.

PARIS, Sept. 25.—Liquid fire was used by the Germans in an attack on the French lines in the Beaumont region north of Verdun last night. The French, however, repulsed the assault with heavy losses to the Germans, the War Office announced today. The bombardment that has been in progress on the east bank of the Meuse in the neighborhod of Chaume wood was kept up by the German guns during the night.

The statement follows:

"There was active artillery firing on the Aisne front, in the sectors of Hurtebise, and to the south of Juvincourt. We checked surprise attacks on our small advanced posts east of Teton and north of Hill 304. On the right bank of the Meuse the enemy continued the bombardment in the region north of Chaume wood, and renewed his attacks on our trenches near Beaumont. Notwithstanding the intensive employment of flame throwers he was repulsed with heavy losses without obtaining any advantage.

"Three German airplanes were brought down yesterday by our pilots.

"Our airships have carried out various bombing operations. In the day of September 24 and last night 10,000 kilos of projectiles were dropped in the course of these expeditions on Longuyon and Brieulle.

"Several fires broke out in the structures bombarded."

BERLIN, via London, Sept. 25.—Trenches over a front of 400 meters near Beaumont, north of Verdun, were wrested from the French yesterday and maintained against counter attacks, the War Office announces.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The Germans delivered a powerful attack against the British east of Ypres today. They succeeded in gaining a foothold in the British lines on narrow fronts. Hand-to-hand fighting ensued and after another strong German attack, the British drove them from their newly won positions and re-established their line in its entirety, according to Field Marshal Haig's report tonight.

INSANE MAN'S STORY QUEER

Investigation of Charge Against Minnesota to Be Made.

A disconnected tale of being taken out of the State Insane Asylum in Minnesota in company with two other insane men and brought to the Coast by an asylum attendant was told by Fred Soderman, who was found wandering about the streets in an apparently demented condition yesterday by Patrolman Litzenberg.

Soderman asserted one of the insane had been taken off the train in some town in Montana; that the other had been dropped off at Seattle, and that the asylum attendant purchased for him a ticket to Portland, gave him a dollar and told him to come here.

An investigation of the charge that Minnesota officials are foisting their insane upon neighboring states will be made.

ARGENTINA VOTES BREAK

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revolutionary character if an immediate settlement is not reached.

The city's food supplies have been almost cut off. The cutting of telegraph wires has isolated the capital except from near-by southern points. The only cable communication open is by way of London.

Cable Service Interrupted.

Strikers have cut the telegraph line to Valparaiso, Chile, paralyzing direct cable service to the United States. The government desired to postpone formation of its policy until it received from Ambassador Naon at Washington translations of the 415 telegrams received or sent by the Swedish legation here. These messages were telegraphed to Dr. Naon with instructions to send translations.

ASUNCION, Paraguay, Sept. 25.—Eduardo Cherer, ex-President of Paraguay, today resigned his seat in the Senate as a protest against the policy of the government, which is said to lean toward a breaking off of relations with Germany.

WASHINGTON EXPECTS WAR

Economic Aid and Patroling of Seas Aid to Allies.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25. — Besides further consolidating the Americas in the war for democracy, the addition of Argentina to Germany's list of enemies would mean the partial relieving of the United States and Brazil fleets in the patrol of the South Atlantic, even if there should be no spectacular co-operation by sending an army to France.

The action of the Chamber of Deputies caused little surprise among officials of the State Department, and it is believed here that the break will be followed by war.

President Irigoyen has been consistent in his determination not to permit his country to take other than a neutral position, but it is considered improbable that he will veto the action of the legislative branch of his government.

A political danger would face his administration in such a course, since the majority of the people appear to feel keenly the ridiculous position in which their country has been placed by the duplicity of the German minister. The discovery today that the strikes and riots in Buenos Aires were instigated and supported by German agents only makes the situation worse.

Although great military support might not be given the allies by Argentina, her economic aid would be important. Perhaps the largest producing country in South America, she could contribute plentifully to the food supplies of the fighting nations.

Cocoanut Oil Makes A Splendid Shampoo

If you want to keep your hair in good condition, be careful what you wash it with.

Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and is very harmful. Just plain mulsified cocoanut oil (which is pure and entirely greaseless) is much better than the most expensive soap or anything else you can use for shampoing, as this can't possibly injure the hair.

Simply moisten your hair with water and rub it in. One or two teaspoonfuls will make an abundance of rich, creamy lather, and cleanses the hair and scalp thoroughly. The lather rinses out easily and removes every particle of dust, dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and it leaves it fine and silky, bright, fluffy and easy to manage.

You can get mulsified cocoanut oil at most any drug store. It is very cheap, and a few ounces is enough to last everyone in the family for months.—Adv.

$5,000,000 BONDS AIM

NORTH UNIT SETTLERS WILL VOTE ON ISSUE OCTOBER 29.

Madras Mayor Declares Huge Tract Will Be Made to Yield Handsomely if Properly Irrigated.

NORTH MADRAS, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Directors of the North Unit Irrigation Association today voted to hold an election October 29 to determine if the people in the proposed district are in favor of issuing bonds. The issue will be for $5,000,000 for the purpose necessary in carrying out chapter 357 of the general laws of Oregon and meeting all obligations of the district heretofore and hereafter incurred.

The proposed North Unit project embraces 100,000 acres in Jefferson County. The estimated cost of putting water on it is $50 an acre. This land raised this year only an average of four bushels, as against 25 last year, when there was plenty of moisture.

Lewis H. Irving, Mayor of Madras, was in Portland yesterday en route home after accompanying W. S. U'Ren, of Portland, attorney for the people of Madras, to Salem, where the appeal of Culver, in the now celebrated county seat fight of Jefferson County, was argued.

Mayor Irving was interested in the action of the directors of the North Unit Irrigation Company in calling an election for October 29.

"I was quite sure this action would be taken, as I am the attorney for the unit and the proposed bond issue is the important business at hand in connection with the unit at this time," he said. "I hope the bonds carry, as it will mean much to that country to have water on the land. There are 99,300 acres of irrigible land and with water at a reasonable cost the land will be made highly productive."

LANCASTER TO GIVE TALK

Engineer Will Speak at Fulton Park Friday Night.

At the Friday night meeting of the Fulton Park Parent-Teacher Association Samuel Lancaster will speak on "Making Use of the Beautiful." A series of pictures taken in Europe and America will illustrate the lecture. A community sing, led by W. M. Boyer, will conclude the evening. The association met yesterday and discussed many features and plans. Gophers and moles as a community problem came in for a share of the discussion. Fulton Park seems to be attractive to gophers and moles and these animals are making havoc in some of the gardens.

After this week the women of the association will do Red Cross work each Wednesday from 1 to 4 P. M.

UNIONS RATIFY AGREEMENT

13 of 14 Affected San Francisco Bodies Accept Temporary Scale.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25.—Thirteen of the 14 unions which voted today on the temporary wage agreement reached Sunday by conciliators in the ironworkers' strike here, which has tied up Government shipbuilding contracts totaling $120,000,000, ratified the agreement, according to reports tonight at Union Labor Temple.

Members of others of the 25 unions affiliated with the Iron Trades Council are balloting on the ratification of the agreement tonight. Ballots will be canvassed tomorrow.

Pendleton Man Sleuth.

P. C. Stearns, of Pendleton, last night qualified as a detective by tracing an alleged holdup man from his own town to Portland and causing his arrest by Detective Smith.

The man under arrest is U. G. Jarred, who, Mr. Stearns says, held him up and robbed him of $40 in Pendleton last week. Mr. Stearns thought the man might come to Portland, so came here himself to look for him. The arrest was made at First and Madison streets. Jarred is held for the Pendleton authorities. Mr. Stearns says the prisoner and his partner are under indictment in Pendleton.

Youth Is Arrested.

Earl Deyoe, 19, was arrested last night at Third and Market streets by Patrolman Evans and held on a charge of vagrancy, following complaint that he had threatened to kill George Joseph, of 225 Mill street. The lad fled when the policeman surprised him near the Joseph home, but was captured after a chase of several blocks.

Lad Run Down by Auto.

Willie Battaglio, 10, of 448 East Ninth street, was run down and bruised at East Eleventh and East Carruthers streets last night by an automobile driven by Dr. Everson, of Milwaukie. The lad was taken home.

Alleged Liquor Law Violator Held.

Frank Bowlis was arrested at Grand avenue and East Stark street last night. He is charged with violating the prohibition law. Mrs. C. E. Roberts, 25, and Henry Allen, a farmer, were arrested in the same raid on a charge of disorderly conduct.

30 Belgians Shot as Spies.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 25.—Advices have been received from the frontier by the Telegraaf to the effect that about 30 residents of Ghent, Belgium, have been put to death in the last three weeks on charges of espionage.

Operation Is Fatal.

Carl Hesler, 15, of Gresham, died at the Good Samaritan Hospital last night following an operation for appendicitis. He was taken to the hospital in a critical condition last night.

Oregon City Woman Dead.

Mrs. John Waldow, of Oregon City, died at the Good Samaritan Hospital last night following an operation. She was taken to the hospital last Saturday.

TEUTON WAR PARTY IS FOR INDEMNITIES

Germany's Security Declared to Rest on German Might as Well as Treaties.

CONQUEST IS NOW URGED

Leader Asserts Prussian Arms Protect Borders Fully, Making This Excellent Time to Begin Peace Negotiations.

BERLIN, Sept. 24, via London, Sept. 25.—The central governing committee of the National Liberal party, in general session yesterday, adopted a resolution outlining the attitude of the party in regard to current foreign and domestic issues. In the new platform which was adopted unanimously, the Reichstag's peace resolution of June 19 is roundly scored as inimical to Germany's future development. The resolutions oppose also disarmament, establishment of a parliamentary government in Germany and the restoration of Belgium, and advocate annexation of conquered territory.

Reichstag Is Challenged.

The Socialist newspaper Vorwaerts, of Berlin, characterizes the resolution as a challenge to the Reichstag majority.

The resolutions say:

"Germany's future security cannot rest on international treaties alone. It must be founded on German might and strength. Without ample war indemnities Germany would not be protected against future menace and our political and economic development would be retarded by decades.

"The military situation gives the surety that Germany's borders are receiving ample protection and that our economic future as a result is fully safeguarded."

The resolution opposes the introduction of a parliamentary system, but calls for confidential and intimate cooperation between the government and the Reichstag. It also opposes the broaching of the Alsace-Lorraine problem, either now or at the time of the peace negotiations. The familiar criticism of President Wilson is contained in the resolution.

Germany Ready to Talk Peace.

In addressing the committee, Dr. Gustav Stresemann outlined the party's national platform, which swings this faction far to the right among the Reichstag parties. Dr. Stresemann said that in the present excellent military and political situation, Germany was prepared to begin peace negotiations.

The submarine, he asserted, was the deciding weapon. At the outset of the war British tonnage compared with German in the ratio of five to one, England was now compelled, he said, to carry on the war with stop-watch in hand. Her rank as a maritime nation had been shattered and if she decided to go on the U-boat would force her to make peace. The speaker deplored the fact that Admiral von Tirpitz, former maritime minister, had not been permitted to carry out his plan.

The opinion was expressed by Dr. Stresemann that the Reichstag peace resolution had materially harmed Germany's prestige abroad.

TAX VOTING TO BE UNIFORM

Compilation of Special Laws Printed for Supervisors.

OREGON CITY, Sept. 25.—(Special.)—To facilitate special tax procedure in county road districts Attorney Hedges has completed a compilation of the special tax laws and prepared a series of printed blanks to aid the supervisors over the county where special taxes are to be voted this Fall.

The procedure of road tax additional levies and the annual budget meeting is confusing as outlined in the Oregon laws. Last year the levies in two or three districts were declared invalid in the Circuit Court. County Judge Anderson and District Attorney Hedges are of the opinion there will be no trouble this year if the printed instructions are followed.

POET WILL TALK FOR DRAMA LEAGUE MONDAY NIGHT.

Anthony Euwer.

The initial outside attraction brought by the Drama League the season of 1917-1918 will be an evening of "Author's Readings" by Anthony Euwer, Monday, October 1, at the Little Theater, Twenty-third street near Washington.

Mr. Euwer is well known here and, like so many of those who have come from the East, has felt the lure of the West. One critic has written of him: "To an elect few has been given a medium to express this call and Mr. Euwer is the peer of these. In his poems he has gotten below the surface and has pictured the realities of life. He sees under the glowing red skin of the apple to the core within and beneath the well-kept orchards, the majestic pine forests, the queenly domination of Mount Hood, he sees the pain and sweat, the toil and struggle which call the fruit into being. The life is not all sorrow. His humor is plentiful and most rich, and his audiences chuckle with him over some of the episodes of ranch life."

Since Portland has heard Mr. Euwer he has captured New York. He visualized Hood River for New York.

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BASTION IS SEEN

Associated Press Man Visits Troubetskoi Prison.

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now wear their own," said M. Kurinden. "We supply gratis the ration of a soldier, but the prisoners are allowed to purchase an officer's ration, which all of them do except Protopopoff, who, declaring that he is the cause of Russia's misfortunes, persists in eating a private's fare. The prisoners' friends, who may visit them twice weekly, are allowed to bring certain authorized foods, among which one may find caviar. The prisoners are permitted to smoke but are allowed no alcohol.

"Most of the prisoners," continued the assistant governor, "among whom are three of Russia's most cultivated citizens, read all day under no restrictions, except that newspapers are not allowed. They have little notion of the events of the last six months in Russia and the outside world. They receive letters and may write them three times a week. The letters are examined by the procuror, but after the revolution the prison administration ceased the practice of testing for invisible ink which had been in vogue continuously since the reign of Peter the Great.

"The prisoners exercise in the courtyard twice daily with only their guards for company. They never see one another. The doctor visits each cell daily, but in case of serious illness the prisoners are sent to hospitals outside, as were, for instance, the late Premier Sturmer and the former Empress' friend, Mlle. Virubova, as there is no hospital within the fortress. The prisoners behave extremely well and are never querulous now. Immediately after the revolution, however, we had here the Black Hundred Jew baiter, Orloff, who raised trouble daily. The only request we received lately was from General Rennenkampff, who, being afraid of lynching, begged us not to transfer him to another prison."

The correspondent next inspected the prison guards, who are of two classes. The first is a regular military unit, posted on the periphery of the bastion. The second is composed of two representatives of every regiment in Petrograd, who are stationed inside. These men jealously watch the prisoners.

Escape Held Inconceivable.

General Kurinden declared that escape from the prison was inconceivable and that none was on record in modern times. In the library the correspondent found volumes in Russian, French, English, German, Italian and even in Finnish, the last for the use of the Finnish patriots who, under former Premier Stolypin's oppressive "equality law," were tried and imprisoned in Russia.

In the courtyard, because of the rain that was falling at the time, no one was exercising, making a congruous impression because, though overlooked by the forbidding barred windows, it can be reached only through a metal cage, in which the prisoners wait. The yard itself is a green paradise, overgrown by now flowerless jasmine and lilac bushes and shaded by tall lines of poplars, aspens and maples. It is rimmed with a broken pavement from the crevices of which rise wild plants and untrodden grasses. Under a towering tree in the center of the yard a shapeless bath-house used by the prisoners strikes another incongruous note.

Next in order came a visit to the unoccupied obsolete part of the prison under the commandant's house. This consists of real "stone sacks," with earthen floors far below the river level, and with windows guarded by cumbrous bar work, designed to imitate a row of medieval halberds.

"There," said the procuror, "languished, I believe, Peter's son Alexis before he was tortured to death, and the next cell held the beautiful but unfortunate pretender, Princess Tarakhanoff, whom adventurers set up as the daughter of Empress Elizabeth."

Returning to the chancellory, the correspondent examined the roll of past captives, among whom were the terrorist assassin, Gershuni, and the chemist, Nicholas Morosoff, held in the bastion for 25 years under suspicion of complicity in the assassination of Alexander II.

In the roll were two other entries of a striking character in a different way. The first reads:

"1905, January 12: Pieshkoff Alexis Maximovitch."

This is the real name of Maxim Gorky.

The second entry reads:

"Gillik Issyye, identity uncertain, believed surname Mazantzeff, handed over for execution February 7, 1908."

While the roll was under examination there occurred the most striking incident of the visit. After putting his head into one of the side rooms, the procuror announced that the examination within the room had been finished. Into the chancellory with two soldiers behind him walked, well dressed, but collarless, a man of middle height, slight figure, small features and a short, grayish beard, with eyes unnaturally bright and almost feverish and an expression of extraordinary refinement and dignity.

"That," said the procuror, "is M. Protopopoff."

The former Minister of the Interior stopped in the middle of the room.

"We can speak English?" he began, at which the procuror intervened: "Please do not," he said.

On this M. Protopopoff, with a smile evidently intended to express sarcasm, began speaking in Russian. Asked regarding his health, he answered enigmatically, "It is too good."

Convinced that he would not be allowed to touch on politics, the Associated Press correspondent required regarding the treatment the former Minister was receiving and as to whether he had complaints to make.

"I have no complaints of any kind," answered M. Protopopoff, and he continued: "Would any of you Americans complain if they knew they were desperate criminals?"

Here M. Protopopoff smiled again, apparently in sarcasm, and the correspondent, thinking the words were intended as an oblique protest against his treatment, said:

"You mean that as irony?"

"It is not irony," answered M. Protopopoff. "I have no right to complain because I am guilty of crime."

"That," said the correspondent, "is a strange remark in the presence of the procuror, whose duty is to pile up evidence against you."

The former Minister's head again was thrust quickly to one side as he said, without a smile:

"I supply the evidence myself. I am guilty of the most awful crime of not understanding the spirit of my age."

Repeating the words, "spirit of my age" in Russian, Protopopoff, followed by his soldier guards, went out of the room.

Bend Man Joins Lumberjacks.

BEND, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Alfred E. Wieslander, the first man from this section to join the "Lumberjack" regiment, the Twentieth Engineers, left this morning for Vancouver. Mr. Wieslander has been in the Indian service at the Warm Springs reservation.

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