

TERRIFIC BATTLE HANGS IN BALANCE

Fortune Sways To and Fro Along War Front.

POILUS ADVANCE ON LEFT

Germans Say That the French Have Evacuated Carlepoint Wood, East of Oise.

HUN MASSES SLAUGHTERED

Allies Decimate Ranks of Enemy Concentrating for Big Smash Near Montdidier.

PARIS, June 12.—The French troops have made further advances around Belloy and St. Maur and have captured 400 additional prisoners, some cannon and machine guns, according to the War Office announcement tonight. They have also recaptured Montcourt and part of Busiaries, north of the Marne.

The official report says that the French troops were withdrawn east of the Oise, along the line of Bailly, Tracy-le-Yal and Nampcel, under the protection of covering detachments without the enemy being aware of the movement.

While most of the German attacks were repulsed, the enemy succeeded in getting a foothold on the southern bank of the Matz River, occupying the village of Melicooc and adjoining heights.

PARIS, June 12.—The battle continued last night and today on the front between Montdidier and the River Oise, the War Office announced.

On the French left additional progress was made by French troops in the region east of Mery and Genlis wood.

Near the center, along the Aronde front, in the region of St. Maur, the Loge farm and Antheuil, the French repulsed violent attacks by the enemy.

Despite repeated efforts the Germans on the French right were not able to debouch on the south bank of the Matz River.

The French are holding in that part of the battle area south of Chevrincourt and Marest-sur-Matz.

Fighting Is Desperate.

South of the Aisne, on the front between Soissons and the Marne, the Germans attacked this morning. Fighting is going on between the river and the Villers-Cotterets forest. Violent combats are being fought on the front of Dommeiers, Cutry and south of Ambleny.

BERLIN, via London, June 12.—The French have evacuated Carlepoint wood, on the east bank of the Oise, according to the announcement by general headquarters today, and the Germans are making advances along this important line.

Local Clashes Reported.

"There have been local engagements on the battlefields northwest of Noyon and south of the Aisne," continues the communication.

LONDON, via Ottawa, June 12.—The advance of the Germans on the right bank of the River Oise, telegraphs the Paris correspondent of Reuter's Limited, is bound to tell on the other bank. The entente troops probably will be obliged to bring their positions on the two banks into line. That, he says, is the only advantage gained yesterday by the Germans.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, June 12.—

(By the Associated Press.)—On a width of battlefront 3000 yards in extent no fewer than four German divisions (more than 50,000 men) were preparing to hit a hard blow when the French yesterday launched a highly successful counter attack southeast of Montdidier.

Huns Mowed Down.

The density of the German troops was fatal for them because the entente allied artillery, machine guns, rifles and aviators were able to aim point blank range into these masses of men. This concentrated fire did terrible execution.

The battle continued throughout the night and in the early hours this morning when the entente allies made a further advance to the east of Mery,

GERMANY OBJECTS TO U. S. LYNCHINGS

INVADER OF BELGIUM GRIEVED BY PRAYER INCIDENT.

Kaiser Serves Formal Notice Through Swiss Legation No More Huns Must Be Hanged.

AMSTERDAM, June 12.—Germany has lodged a complaint in Washington and asked for safeguards against such excesses as led to the lynching of Robert P. Prager at Collinsville, Ill., on April 4, according to a Wolff Bureau telegram from Germany quoting Privy Councillor Simons in reply to a question asked by Herr Mueller, of Meiningen, in the Reichstag.

Privy Councillor Simons is quoted as follows:

"The lynching of Prager is a fact and was committed for no other reason than that Prager was a German and sympathized with the German cause. The Swiss Minister at Washington has lodged complaint and asked for safeguards against such excesses.

"The United States, which it is alleged, is warring against the 'Huns' in the interest of humanity, bears the main responsibility for the crime. The American Government permitted German hatred to be fanned among the American people. The American Government must find ways to protect the rights and liberties of Germans in America.

"The German government has repeatedly made known through the Swiss Minister that progress in this matter should be accelerated, whatever the conditions in the United States may be. The United States Government must under all circumstances see that such things do not occur again."

BERRY GROWERS HARD HIT

Hot Weather and Shortage of Pickers Mean Losses.

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 12.—(Special.)—With the temperature ranging from 89 to 91 degrees and strawberry pickers scarce, growers are losing fruit from overripeness. When the berries reach a certain stage they cannot be shipped in commercial packs, each crate of which is bringing \$3.50 this year.

Growers are praying for cool weather. A thunderstorm threatened this morning, but the clouds soon dispersed and weather conditions are still unfavorable.

The Federal employment bureau is sending additional harvest hands. This morning 21 boys, furnished by the Portland Boys' Workers' Reserve Corps, arrived here and were sent to the upper valley.

LODGINGS ARE IN DEMAND

Fire Station Sold and Will Be Turned Into Apartment-House.

TACOMA, Wash., June 11.—(Special.)—Even fire stations are being turned into apartment-houses in Tacoma. F. H. Pettit, Commissioner of Public Safety, told the City Council today that an offer had been made for the South Tacoma station and the transfer was made.

Mr. Pettit said the buyer would remodel the building and make an apartment-house out of it. A smaller building will be secured for the fire station, as the old quarters are entirely too large for the city's use, Mr. Pettit said.

RED CROSS SENDS APPEAL

Registered Surgical Dressing Workers Asked to Report.

An urgent appeal of the 1500 registered Red Cross surgical dressing workers of Portland to report for duty today or Friday was made last night by I. Lowengart, chairman of the military relief committee of the Red Cross. The workroom in the Lipman-Wolfe building is running at less than one-fourth capacity, and Portland is far behind its tasks allotted by the National Red Cross.

This is the first time this complaint has ever been made in Portland Red Cross work.

BOTH PARTIES WANT FORD

G. O. P. Candidate for Senate Indorsed by Democrats.

LANSING, Mich., June 12.—Henry Ford, Detroit automobile manufacturer, who has been mentioned as the Republican candidate for United States Senator to succeed William Alden Smith, whose term expires next year, was indorsed by Michigan Democrats in conference here today and urged "to become candidate, although he is not within our fold."

The indorsement of a Republican candidate by a Democratic conference is unparalleled in Michigan political history.

REGISTRANTS MAY ENLIST

Order Barring Youths Who Registered June 5 Rescinded.

Scores of young men who registered in the draft June 5 were made happy yesterday, and other scores will rejoice as they learn the fact that their boards have been authorized to release them for induction into branches of the Army, immediately after registration day orders were issued by the Provost Marshal forbidding the release of registrants, irrespective of whether they had obtained competent orders. This restriction was suspended yesterday.

LIGHT DEMANDED ON ARMY MYSTERY

Why Is Wood Kept from France Asked.

EXPLAIN ALL, SAYS JOHNSON

Senator Bids Administration Give Account of Itself.

NATION ENTITLED TO FACTS

Californian in Course of Address in Upper House Reads Editorials From Papers of Various Shades of Politics.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 12.—(Special.)—Senator Hiram Johnson, of California, in a vigorous speech in the Senate this afternoon, demanded that the administration furnish the American people with an explanation of the removal of Major General Leonard Wood from command of the Eighty-ninth Division on the eve of its departure for France.

Senator Johnson declared that no other government in the world would dare to remove the ranking officer of its army without giving the people an adequate statement of the reasons.

Little Learned From Baker.

The California Senator is a member of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, which attempted unsuccessfully to learn from Newton D. Baker last Monday why General Wood was deposed.

"I have selected, in order that the expressions may not be mine, expressions from various newspapers of all shades of political faith, newspapers which I may or may not believe, but newspapers which represent the constituencies and all kinds of politics and all sorts of beliefs."

"Dicking" of Wood Condemned.

Senator Johnson at this point read numerous editorials from newspapers all over the country condemning the "ditching" of General Wood.

"The cruelest thing in the world," he continued, "is the humiliation of a brave spirit. If it were necessary to humiliate a brave spirit as Leonard Wood was humiliated, for the love of God ought not the people of the United States to be told of it."

"I criticize no man. I am saying naught of hostility to any administration. I recognize the right of the Commission."

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40 MILLION ESTATE SEIZED FOR TAXES

SIX MILLION DUE ON PROPERTIES OF LATE HENRY MILLER.

Government Will Retain Possession Until Costs and Contingent Costs Are Met.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 12.—The \$40,000,000 properties of the late Henry Miller in California, Arizona and Nevada are to be seized by the Government for the non-payment of Federal inheritance taxes amounting to \$6,000,000, it was announced by Justice S. Wardell, collector of internal revenue, here today.

Wardell's announcement followed a decision by United States District Judge Maurice T. Doelling dismissing an action brought by the estate to prevent the tax payment.

It was claimed in this action that Miller transferred the bulk of his holdings to Nellie and J. LeRoy Nickel, daughter and son-in-law, respectively, some years before his death.

The Government held in its demurrer that Miller transferred his property in contemplation of death.

Wardell said the estate would remain in the hands of the Government until the tax and all contingent costs were met.

PREACHER SAVES COLONEL

Hero Drags Wounded Soldier Over Shell-Swept Field.

PARIS, June 12.—Crawling with a stretcher across a shell-swept field, Rev. John Clifford, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church, at Tucson, Arizona, now a Young Men's Christian Association worker with the American marines, succeeded in bringing back to the rear the wounded Colonel of a regiment.

The Colonel, with his shoulder shattered by machine-gun fire, had been lying in a trench for two hours under a heavy fire, when Rev. Mr. Clifford arrived. Mr. Clifford, who is suffering from shell shock, is now resting in a Paris hospital. The Colonel rescued will recover.

AIRMAN OUTRACES STORM

Lieutenant Culver Breaks Cloud-Mail Record in East.

NEW YORK, June 12.—In a victorious race with a thunder storm, Lieutenant Culver today broke the air post record between Philadelphia and New York. He left Philadelphia at 2:30 P. M. and arrived at Belmont Park 42 minutes later, flying at the rate of 147 miles an hour.

At Trenton the flyer overtook a thunder storm moving in the same direction. Passing through it, he beat the rain into Belmont Park half an hour. He flew an airplane equipped with a Liberty motor.

14-YEAR-OLD BOY A HERO

Daughter and Son of Senator W. H. Strayer Saved From Drowning.

BAKER, Or., June 12.—(Special.)—Ivan Bradbury, a 14-year-old boy, by reaching Nadie and Manley Strayer, daughter and son of Senator W. H. Strayer, with a raft after they had gone beyond their depth in a slough where they were bathing, saved the lives of both children yesterday.

NEW WESTERN FIR PRICES AGREED ON

Conference at Capitol Makes Adjustment.

TRADE IS NOT YET AFFECTED

Action Depends Upon Southern Pine Association.

COAST MEN RETURN HOME

Schedule Consented To by Western Lumbermen to Apply to Consumers Only if South Agrees to Accept Common Price.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 12.—At the close of a final conference today between Representatives of the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers and Loggers and the price-fixing commission of the War Industries Board, a new schedule of prices applicable to Western Fir was agreed upon to become effective the first of next week; that is the lumbermen agreed to these prices as far as the Government purchases are concerned and will agree that the same prices shall apply to the lumber trade, provided the Southern Pine Association, now in conference, agrees to accept a common price for the Government and for lumber dealers.

The new fir prices will not be announced until formally promulgated by the War Industries Board, secrecy having been enjoined on all parties to the fir conferences. It is known, however, that fir prices in no instances are to be reduced.

Ship and Plane Timber Unchanged.

The price of ship timber and airplane timber, both spruce and fir, is to remain unchanged. On all grades of fir, number three clear and better, and on all large timbers and planking three inches thick and thicker and 18 inches or wider discount number 22 will be the Government discount. On all other items of the fir list, \$1 over discount 21 will be applicable.

It is understood that the increases in prices merely cover increase in costs as shown in a comprehensive composite statement of a large number of typical fir operations compiled by the West Coast Lumbermen's Association. This statement is said to have been in close accord with a similar statement presented by the Federal Trade Commission.

Agreement Quickly Reached.

The agreement between the manufacturers and the Government is said to have been reached immediately following a statement from the Railway Administration that the recent order advancing freight rates did not contemplate advancing log-haul rates in excess of 25 per cent, regardless of the fact that there is a section of the general order which specifies that the minimum

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TWO POUNDS LIMIT; SUGAR IS SCARCE

DRASTIC ORDER IS ISSUED BY FOOD ADMINISTRATION.

Belief Is That German Submarines Have Cut Down Supplies for This Country.

Until further notice city residents may not purchase more than two pounds of sugar at a time.

No more drastic food regulation has been issued by the State Food Administration. The order was sent forth yesterday at command of the National Food Administrator.

Reference to the present big demand for sugar for canning purposes and an intimation that activities of the German submarines may have curtailed sugar receipts in this country are contained in the order of W. B. Ayer, Federal Food Administrator for Oregon.

While no definite assurance is given that the reduction of the sugar purchase limit from 41 worth—11 or 12 pounds—to two pounds will be only temporary, this is known to be the hope of the conservation officials.

Country residents have the limit of their sugar purchases at any one time set at five pounds. Per capita consumption regulations remain unchanged at three pounds a person a month.

The new rule, it was announced, does not abrogate the rule permitting the purchase of up to 100 pounds of sugar for exclusive preserving purposes upon the signing of a pledge by the purchaser, and is for the purpose of accumulating stocks for canning.

INDIAN WEDS WHITE MAN

Oregon Court Now Asked to Set Marriage Aside.

ASTORIA, Or., June 12.—(Special.)—Asking that her marriage to W. T. Dunlop be set aside, Mary Laxer filed a suit in the Circuit Court today. The complaint recites that the wedding took place in this city July 14, 1917; that the plaintiff is a full-blood Indian, a member of the Klilngat tribe, was born near Honha, Alaska, and her father was named Kah-Jok while her mother's name was Karyaton.

Continuing, the complaint says the defendant is a white man; that the plaintiff entered into the marriage contract in good faith, believing it was legal, but she has since been informed that it is forbidden by the state laws. She therefore asks that it be declared void.

MAN, 86, WEDS WOMAN 22

Hezekiah Caples, Prominent Columbia County Pioneer, Takes Bride.

ST. HELENS, Or., June 12.—(Special.)—Hezekiah Caples, aged 86, and one of the most widely known pioneers of Columbia County, and Ella Hanson, aged 22, for several years past his housewife, were quietly married at Cathlamet. It became known here today. Mr. Caples is the owner of a considerable portion of the site of Columbia City, near here, and is wealthy.

His opposition to his proposed nuptial venture is said to have occasioned its secrecy. Mr. Caples himself today confirmed the news of his wedding.

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DEATH RIDES ON WINGS OF STORM

Walter Richards Killed by Bolt at Bend.

ENGINEER IS INJURED AT NOTI

Lightning Sets Fires in Several Sections of State.

CARS ARE STALLED IN CITY

East Side High Tension Wires Hit and Motors Burned Out—Mercury Mounts Rapidly Following Disturbance.

DEATH AND DESTRUCTION IN ELECTRIC STORM THAT VISITS OREGON.

Bend—Walter Richards, aged 11, killed by bolt. Power plant generator burns out. Many trees struck.

Noti—Ernest Hibbert, logging engineer, injured, perhaps fatally, by lightning.

La Grande—House set afire. Bolt passes within six feet of woman occupant.

Baker—J. G. Cannon killed in storm at Olive Lake Tuesday, when tree is blown down.

Portland—High voltage wire falls at East Ash street and Grand avenue. Streetcar struck at Third and Burnside. Motors and controllers rendered useless on several cars. Telephone pole struck at East Hoyt street and Grand avenue.

High temperature followed quickly on the sudden and damaging electrical storm which swept into Portland early yesterday afternoon, halting streetcar traffic, clashing with high-voltage electric wires, hitting telephone poles and sending down four-hundredths of an inch of rain in a few minutes. The thunder claps were the sharpest heard in Portland in a long time.

The temperature jumped from 82 degrees at 2 o'clock to 91 degrees at 6 o'clock. The humidity immediately after the storm was oppressive and a blanket of clouds hovered low enough over the city to increase the unusual effect.

Streets Stalled.

The storm was one of those rare electrical disturbances which flare through Portland only every year or so and as usual no lasting damage was done. Brief tie-ups resulted on a number of the street car lines, because the lightning struck the trolley wires or poles and passed into the motors and controllers. In many instances the motors were burned out and the cars were stalled. One high voltage wire was sent to the street at East Ash and Grand avenue and fire apparatus was called out. Elevators in a number of buildings were incapacitated by the electrical display and slight disorders were reported in signal systems of the fire department.

A street car at Third and Burnside streets was struck with the first flash of lightning and passed into the street, far into the street. The passengers were unhurt however. Both motors and the controllers were burned out and traffic was held up for considerable time.

The weather forecast for today is cooler with probable showers.

Curiously enough, the storm and intense heat yesterday fulfilled a prediction made by Professor Albert Porta, of California, who, about a week ago, predicted severe storms and intense heat on the North Pacific Coast at this time. He set the date for June 12 to 16.

Phoenix, Ariz., Touches 112.

Portland was not the warmest place in the Northwest yesterday at that. Pocatello registered 98, Salt Lake 100, Medford, Walla Walla and Roseburg 92 and Sacramento 94. Phoenix, Ariz., the center of hot weather, reached 112 at this time. He set the date for June 12 to 16.

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With the exception of the Sixteenth street line, where another delay of about 15 minutes was occasioned, other lines resumed operation within a few minutes after the trouble. The Fleetmont and St. Johns lines suffered several tie-ups and one or two cars were knocked out entirely.

The rain which accompanied the storm was hard for about three minutes and according to some in the residence sections, was surcharged with electricity.

LIGHTNING INJURES ENGINEER

Ernest Hibbert Victim of Storm in Camp Near Noti.

EUGENE, Or., June 12.—(Special.)—Ernest Hibbert, an employe of Kirby Brothers, logging contractors, was seriously and perhaps fatally injured when lightning struck a camp where

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