

MARSHAL TELLS HOW
GERMANS WERE TAKEN

Petaín and King Alfonso View
Historic Field.

FIGHT COURSE DESCRIBED

Enemy's Plans Known Long Before
Great Struggle Began and
Outcome Confidently Waited.

VERDUN, France, Oct. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Over the historic battlefield of Verdun King Alfonso of Spain walked today with Marshal Petaín, the chief defender of the citadel during the tremendous struggle fought in February and March, 1916.

Along roadside the trenching of white crosses marking the graves of warriors who fell and through subterranean passageways where the defenders were marshaled preparatory to counter attacking the foe, the king walked. As he went he plied his distinguished guest with questions.

On his arrival at Verdun King Alfonso at once proceeded to the military cemetery, where he deposited wreaths of orchids tied with ribbons forming the Spanish colors, upon which was painted a tribute from the royal visitor.

France was not surprised by the German offensive against Verdun. Marshal Petaín told the king during their walk over the field. The latter expressed surprise when given this information, as he generally believed the Germans attacked almost without warning.

Plans of Enemy Known. "We knew of the enemy's plan," said the marshal. "Six weeks before we had received our first information from learning of the construction of a formidable system of railroads leading to Verdun.

"As proof that we were not surprised, I may say we sent for the 20th corps, which reached Verdun February 25. When the battle of Verdun began we had on the right bank of the Meuse only two divisions opposing five German army corps. These two divisions held their position for five days.

"February 25 was the most critical day of the battle. The enemy, by sacrificing his best troops, had succeeded in capturing Fort Douaumont the day before and the situation was grave. On February 25 the troops which had been occupying the Woëvre sector (to the east of Verdun) were ordered to fall back to the heights of the Meuse. The order was criticized then, but its wisdom was later recognized.

Final Orders Are Given. "Since I had no order from great headquarters to establish contact with General Castelnau's division, which had been retreating from Douaumont and now was falling back on Verdun, I met General Castelnau at Souilly. All he said was: 'Take command of my army.' On the evening of February 26 I assumed command. I distributed the commands among General Mangin's divisions, and De Balfourier, ordered that, not another inch of ground be given up and that the defenders be ordered to every attack by a counter-attack.

"During the eight days that followed the village of Douaumont changed hands ten times, but the Germans held the fort.

"I understand now," said King Alfonso, "why during those hours we knew nothing of what was going on here."

French Are Found Ready. "At last, on March 4, Marshal Petaín returned, the village was definitely ours, and the fighting between the Germans attacked on the left bank of the Meuse, I was ready to receive them. It had always appeared strange to me that an attack had not been launched on the left bank of the river, and everything was prepared in view of such an assault. It was because the enemy deferred that attack too long that we were able to restore the situation.

"Then came the gigantic struggle for hill 304 and Dead Man's hill. It was then that I signed my order of the day, 'Courage. We will get them.'"

Marshal Petaín then told the story of General Mangin's offensive on May 12 by which Douaumont village was stormed, adding that the Germans put five new divisions into the line during the preceding 15 days and from May 23 to June 23 hurled eight other divisions into the fight, only to gain but 800 yards.

"The enemy after this fighting was shouting 'Victory,'" said the marshal disdainfully.

General Mangin's offensive on October 26, when Fort Douaumont was recaptured and the Germans forced to evacuate the village and fort of Vaux with the loss of 11,000 prisoners, was then described.

"At the end of 1918, the French chieftain concluded, 'our situation was favorable on the right bank of the Meuse, but bad on the left. On August 20, 1917, however, our offensive on both banks of the Meuse brought us back to our original lines of February, 1916, and on that day we gathered in everything we wished.'"

Marshal Petaín and King Alfonso walked over what was once no man's land and which now shows no signs of life. The party returned to Verdun shortly before noon.

CEMENT DEALS SHOWN UP

(Continued From First Page.)
agreed they would not cut this price. When the interstate bridge was being built, Mr. Coates testified, the combine in the combine bid \$1.90, the agreed price. The Independent Cement company of Spokane bid \$1.65 and this caused a sensation in the combine. Mr. Coates testified that he came to Portland to see Mr. Gilman to find out what rate the Spokane trader was receiving from the railroad. Receiving little satisfaction from Mr. Gilman, Mr. Coates went to St. Paul to the head office of the railroad company while John Edden, president of the Superior Cement company, went to Del Monte, Cal., to meet Louis Hill to see what could be done to curb the independent manufacturer of Spokane.

It was learned, said Mr. Coates, that Mr. Skinner, for the railroad, had made a rate of 13 cents. Influence was brought to bear and the railroad company cancelled the rate made by Mr. Skinner and raised it to 25 cents, which made it prohibitive for the independent operator at Spokane to go through with his bid of \$1.65 for the interstate bridge. The contract was assigned to the Whiting company, which split the job with the Superior and the Olympic companies.

In Portland Mr. Coates' agent was G. C. Nickerson and Mr. Coates ordered Nickerson to close the office January 1, 1918. The reason for this action, testified Mr. Coates, was that the agreement was about to be modified as the cement company at Onwego was expected to begin opera-

NO SUGAR FAMINE
NEED BE FEARED

Housewives Must Exercise
Economy in Use, However.

FAIR DIVISION TO BE MADE

Equalization Board Takes Over
Output of Refineries and Will
Distribute 15,000 Bags Daily.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 23.—(Special.)—Although press reports said today that sugar was offered for sale in New York at 13 cents, the local sugar men say the housewives of San Francisco and the Pacific coast need fear no sugar famine, but that they must exercise economy in its use and accustom themselves to paying 11 cents a pound at least until January 1.

In the distribution daily of 15,000 bags of sugar through the office of Ralph Merritt, representative of the equalization board, normal requirements can be met for during the period of stress, they pointed out.

The sugar supplies for the Pacific coast come from two refineries in San Francisco and numerous beet factories in a number of the western states. The refineries in San Francisco are the Western sugar and the California and Hawaiian. These turn out refined sugar produced from raw sugar supplied by the Hawaiian islands and the Philippines. All the sugar refineries in the United States have been operating for 1919 under government contracts, these contracts having been made with the equalization board, a corporation entirely under government control.

Beet Sugar Fills Gap. The equalization board allotted to each refinery in the country a certain percentage of the total raw sugar arriving in the United States. Speaking of the withdrawal of the California and Hawaiian plant in August, because that refinery had no raw sugar to sell, H. W. Hannan, managing director for the Western sugar refinery, said:

"The California and Hawaiian plant withdrew from the local market, having no more sugar to sell. This has thrown the entire burden of supplying the western territory on the Western sugar refinery and also on the beet plants. In order to provide for every section receiving a certain quantity of sugar to take care of its local demand, the Western sugar refinery withdrew from every section where local beet sugar was available. At the present time practically all the beet plants are in operation where local beet sugar was available. The Western sugar refinery is confining its sales to central and northern California, Oregon, Washington, northern Nevada and Idaho, leaving all the remainder of the western states to be supplied by the local beet plants, which are now operating."

Distribution System in Force. Ralph Merritt, for the equalization board, has secured a certain tonnage from the Alameda Sugar company and the Union Sugar company. On the beet sugar plant in the Yakima valley Washington. These are the only sources of supply for central and western California and Nevada. Merritt has compiled figures from the total supplies available, divided by the number of business days between now and January 19, will mean the daily distribution of thousands of bags which are being apportioned to the different territories, in accordance with the population.

Normal Requirements Met. "Working along conservative lines of consumption," said Hannan, "this quantity of sugar distributed daily will keep this section supplied with normal requirements during the period of stress. It will mean, however, that the same system of distribution that has been in vogue for the last 30 days and the same amount of economy practiced by the confectioners and the manufacturers' trade will have to be exercised, but the public can be assured that the supplies are available and are being distributed in accordance with the schedule mentioned, and unless unforeseen circumstances develop the same system will be followed until the new refined sugars are available on or about January 19.

CHARGE HERE ALSO FACED

E. J. Mahoney May Be Indicted for
Non-Support.

Edward J. Mahoney, who left Portland September 9 with \$600, most of which was from a joint savings account he shared with his wife, and was arrested in New Orleans in company with Mrs. H. H. Haygarth, wife of a Portland mail clerk, by federal authorities on a white slavery charge, may be returned to this city to face an indictment for non-support if the government case falls through.

District Attorney Evans refuses to tend for Mahoney, however, in any event unless the cost of extradition, amounting to several hundred dollars, is repaid the state. In too many cases of non-support the wife refuses to prosecute, once the husband is forced to return to her, forgiving him and living happily with him until he runs away again, explains the district attorney.

Mahoney left Portland September 9 and is supposed to have met Mrs. Haygarth in California. She left a husband and two children in Portland when she fled.

GENUINE SACRIFICE SALE OF
High-Grade Suits

TODAY AND SATURDAY

VALUES TRULY PHENOMENAL

177 Fashionable Suits of Wonderful Style and Material,
not selected lots, but our entire stock of better suits, without exception.

Never in the history of our business have such wonderful suits been offered at these phenomenal prices right at the height of the season, when you can still get a full season's wear out of a suit. Owing to unprecedented conditions this stupendous sale has been staged this early in the season. Every woman can have one of these handsome suits so radically reduced.

Table listing suits and prices:

| | | | |
|----------|--------|---------|--|
| 21 Suits | Marked | \$62.50 | \$49.75 |
| 24 Suits | Marked | \$65.00 | |
| 5 Suits | Marked | \$67.50 | |
| 26 Suits | Marked | \$69.50 | \$59.75 |
| 8 Suits | Marked | \$72.50 | |
| 34 Suits | Marked | \$75.00 | |
| 4 Suits | Marked | \$76.50 | \$69.75 |
| 2 Suits | Marked | \$77.50 | |
| 9 Suits | Marked | \$79.50 | |
| 8 Suits | Marked | \$85.00 | \$97.50 |
| 3 Suits | Marked | \$87.50 | |
| 15 Suits | Marked | \$89.50 | |
| 2 Suits | Marked | \$92.50 | Just 10 wonderfully beautiful suits marked \$110 to \$135— |
| 4 Suits | Marked | \$95.00 | |
| 2 Suits | Marked | \$97.50 | |

None Exchanged None Reserved

45 Silk Dresses \$25

Original prices were far more than this sale price.

Satin dresses attractive in mode and trimming; straight-lined, bloused, draped, tunic, offset with embroidery, braiding, fancy vests and collars; black, navy, taupe and brown.

10 Dozen Georgette and
Crepe de Chine Blouses \$5

These blouses could scarcely be bought now wholesale at the price we are offering them to you. They are wonderfully good value, good-looking and attractive. The wise woman will lay in a supply of them for wear with the simple tailored suit or separate skirt.

EMPORIUM

124 to 128 SIXTH ST., JUST OFF WASHINGTON

PHILIPPINE RICE SEIZED

Government Takes Over Stocks and
Regulates Distribution.

La Grande to Have Stock Sale.

MANILA, Sept. 24.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—So acute has become the rice situation in the Philippine islands during the past few weeks that the government has placed an embargo on all stocks of

the cereal in the archipelago, and is attempting to import 300,000 tons of rice from French Siam at high prices to reduce the shortage.

The government has fixed retail prices for rice and has taken over the stocks on the basis of those prices. The government is also handling the matter of distribution.

La Grande to Have Stock Sale. LA GRANDE, Or., Oct. 23.—(Special.)—The first annual fall Short-horn consignment sale will be held here Saturday. Much splendid stock is here awaiting the first hammer. The first spring sale held in June

was a successful event, and the fall attempt to start new herds is expected to bring even greater results.

"The Japanese," the baron continued, "have played an important part in the development of California during the last decade. When an immigrant arrives, no matter whether he is Japanese or any other nationality, he is compelled to work harder and live more economically than the American in order to get a start."

Perala has never had any distilleries, breweries or public drinking places. Wine making is a home industry.

PHILIPPINE RICE SEIZED

Government Takes Over Stocks and Regulates Distribution.

La Grande to Have Stock Sale.

MANILA, Sept. 24.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—So acute has become the rice situation in the Philippine islands during the past few weeks that the government has placed an embargo on all stocks of

the cereal in the archipelago, and is attempting to import 300,000 tons of rice from French Siam at high prices to reduce the shortage.

The government has fixed retail prices for rice and has taken over the stocks on the basis of those prices. The government is also handling the matter of distribution.

La Grande to Have Stock Sale.

MANILA, Sept. 24.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—So acute has become the rice situation in the Philippine islands during the past few weeks that the government has placed an embargo on all stocks of

the cereal in the archipelago, and is attempting to import 300,000 tons of rice from French Siam at high prices to reduce the shortage.

The government has fixed retail prices for rice and has taken over the stocks on the basis of those prices. The government is also handling the matter of distribution.

La Grande to Have Stock Sale.

MANILA, Sept. 24.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—So acute has become the rice situation in the Philippine islands during the past few weeks that the government has placed an embargo on all stocks of

the cereal in the archipelago, and is attempting to import 300,000 tons of rice from French Siam at high prices to reduce the shortage.

The government has fixed retail prices for rice and has taken over the stocks on the basis of those prices. The government is also handling the matter of distribution.

La Grande to Have Stock Sale.

MANILA, Sept. 24.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—So acute has become the rice situation in the Philippine islands during the past few weeks that the government has placed an embargo on all stocks of

the cereal in the archipelago, and is attempting to import 300,000 tons of rice from French Siam at high prices to reduce the shortage.

The government has fixed retail prices for rice and has taken over the stocks on the basis of those prices. The government is also handling the matter of distribution.

La Grande to Have Stock Sale.

MANILA, Sept. 24.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—So acute has become the rice situation in the Philippine islands during the past few weeks that the government has placed an embargo on all stocks of

the cereal in the archipelago, and is attempting to import 300,000 tons of rice from French Siam at high prices to reduce the shortage.

MINOR, ALLEGED RED, FREE

AMERICAN CARTOONIST IS RELEASED IN FRANCE.

Evidence of Bolshevik Activity Held Insufficient, Though Accused Is Believed Guilty.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Robert Minor, American newspaper cartoonist, who was detained by American military authorities in France, on charges of being connected with plans of German Spartacists to circulate bolshevik literature among American troops, was released because of insufficient evidence to warrant a trial, the senate was informed today by Secretary Baker.

While recommending the release, the judge advocates of the American expeditionary forces, Mr. Baker said, expressed the opinion that Minor was guilty. Since Minor's release, the secretary added, evidence has been obtained connecting him with preparation of 6000 pamphlets to be circulated among American soldiers on the Rhine. Minor acted, Mr. Baker said, at the request of Meta Filip, a German Spartacist leader.

Charges against Minor were based, Mr. Baker said, on information obtained by a non-commissioned officer of the military intelligence service, who was sent to Dusseldorf to investigate plans to circulate bolshevik literature among the American troops.

To Prevent Influenza. Colds cause Grip and Influenza—LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tonic the remedy. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.—Adv.

PEPTIRON

Agreeable to the Taste, Acceptable to the Stomach, Readily Assimilated.

This real iron tonic gives vigor and tone to all the organs and functions, and establishes the conditions of health.

It combines iron with nux and pepsin and other great tonics and digestive, and is invaluable for the anemic, pale, nervous and dyspeptic.

It is especially recommended for its restorative effects on the nervous and digestive systems, creating a normal appetite, perfecting nutrition and promoting natural sleep.

"Peptiron is a great medicine. I have taken it and do not get so tired as I did, and my appetite is better." E. P. Winkley, B 103, Gosville, N. H.

Made by C. I. Hood Co., Lowell, Mass.—Adv.

Boys Who Want
Class in Clothing

Can not help but be pleased with our show windows and stock showing of real wool tweeds and chevots, tailored perfectly in newest models—mothers will like the good looks and the moderate prices as well.

Suits, Overcoats
and Mackinaws
\$10-\$25

Alden Mannish Shoes for Boys, black and tan, English or foot-form \$7 to \$8.50

G. P. A. Discount Stamps

The Invention of Children

143 Sixth Street

Church Urges Ratification.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Oct. 23.—Resolutions urging ratification of the league of nations covenant, "without amendments and with only such reservations as shall strengthen the moral influence of the United

States," were sent to Washington today by the national council of the Congressional church in convention here.

PHILIPPINE RICE SEIZED

Government Takes Over Stocks and Regulates Distribution.

La Grande to Have Stock Sale.

MANILA, Sept. 24.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—So acute has become the rice situation in the Philippine islands during the past few weeks that the government has placed an embargo on all stocks of

the cereal in the archipelago, and is attempting to import 300,000 tons of rice from French Siam at high prices to reduce the shortage.

The government has fixed retail prices for rice and has taken over the stocks on the basis of those prices. The government is also handling the matter of distribution.

La Grande to Have Stock Sale.

MANILA, Sept. 24.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—So acute has become the rice situation in the Philippine islands during the past few weeks that the government has placed an embargo on all stocks of

the cereal in the archipelago, and is attempting to import 300,000 tons of rice from French Siam at high prices to reduce the shortage.

The government has fixed retail prices for rice and has taken over the stocks on the basis of those prices. The government is also handling the matter of distribution.

La Grande to Have Stock Sale.

MANILA, Sept. 24.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—So acute has become the rice situation in the Philippine islands during the past few weeks that the government has placed an embargo on all stocks of

the cereal in the archipelago, and is attempting to import 300,000 tons of rice from French Siam at high prices to reduce the shortage.

Advertisement for Golden West Vacuum Packed Coffee, featuring an image of a woman and a coffee can.

Advertisement for Boys Who Want Class in Clothing, featuring an image of a boy in a suit.