

Famous Belgian City Incessantly Subjected to Fire of Big French Guns.

# WAR CONDITIONS TERRIBLE

Earth Trembles, Walls Crumble and Fall, and in Midst of All Quaint Clock Chimes: "Only Submit to Will of God."

Continued From First Page.) ruined by the rain. There was cor-respondence from the beginning of the 15th century, carried on in German between a merchant in Calais and the city government of Dixmude. There lay the minutes and other documents of the city government from the time when the Hanseatic League was in the high-tide of prosperity, financial accounts reaching back into the 14th century manuscripts of humanistic learning, scientific treasures of an impor-tant and fascinating character.

### City Lives Underground.

"Gladly as one would have lost one's self with these discoveries, this was manifestly not the moment to become absorbed in them, for the enemy's fire was directed without interruption at the market square and the former town hall.

"No human being was at first to be seen in the ruined streets, yet there was much life in the city-but under-ground. Hundreds of eyes were watching us while we were wandering about. At times a sentinel would emerge suddenly from a jumble of timbers and stones to warn us not to cross certain streets, for there are stretches of ground in this desolated town that are swept by the enemy's rifles so inces-sently and with such a hail of bullets that it is sure death to try to cross

them "Again we stopped before one of those confused heaps of ruins. Here were the headquarters of the German commandant. Forbidding as the pile booked from the outside, it was com-fortable enough inside. It was some rich man's house, about three-fourths of its height left standing, and its rooms on the ground floor being left intact. Sand bags and earth had been hid upon the debris covering the upper floors, and this made the lower rooms secure against exploding abells. Candles and lamps shed a mild and peaceful light in the rooms—a light that set off finely the century-oid splendor of the costly furniture that had been brought in from other ruined houses. The coffee percolator was humming. An ancient clock chimed at the end of every hour the same choral: "Only Submit to the Will of God." "Again we stopped before one of

### Hostile Trenches Close Together.

Hostile Trenches Close Together. "A tunnel, partly underground, and partly broken through the walls of rooms and houses, lends up to the artillery observation stand. From here we overlooked the battleground. The hostile trenches lie close to each other, at one point not more than 30 yards. The River Yser, now carrying high watar, constitutes the dividing line here. On the other aide we could see the French, mostly marines, moving about in their trenches rather care-lessly-what they might well do, as we were not answering their wild fusilinde. "I have now seen trenches all along

along the Yser below the water cut considerably below the water they of the river, and the result is that they are constantly filled with water. They are cut, not into earth, but into fully saturated mud, and water is all the bottoms are covered with brush, under which brooklats can be heard babbling, which brooklats can be heard babbling, the midst of this perTHE SUNDAY OREGONIAN, PORTLAND, FEBRUARY 7, 1915.

the present constitutional limit of two terms for county officers. Domestic Demands Aggregate DREAM OF DEATH IS TRUE \$30,000,000; Foreign Gov-North Yakima Man's Body Is Found ernments in Field.

RAILROADS PLACE

## MANY CARS ARE NEEDED

Russia Buys 15,000 for Delivery on Pacific Coast-Activity in Factories of United States for

Six Months Assured.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6 .- (Special.) -- Near-19 \$30,000,000 worth of orders have been placed by American railroads with makers of equipment during the last 50 days. Besides these big con-tracts, the Russian and French governtracts, the Russian and French govern-ments have ordered enough rolling stock from domestic producers to in-sure activity in locomotive works and factories for the next six months. A partial list of orders pending and confirmed by American and foreign lines is announced as follows: Russian government—Fifteen thou-sand cars from builders, delivered at Seattle, \$12,000,000. French government—Baldwin loco-

French government-Baldwin loco-motives, \$200,000.

and fifty cars from a Pittsburg maker, \$250,000. Chilean government-Two hundred

Big Car Orders Placed.

Pennsylvania Ballroad — Fifteen thousand cars, \$12,000,000. Burlington Rallroad—Fifty locomo-tives, 1500 cars and 30,000 tons of steel talls, \$3,000,000.

rails, \$3,000,000, Illinois Central Railroad—One thou-sand refrigerator cars from the Amer-ican Car & Foundry Company and 75 locomotives from the American Loco-motive Company, \$3,750,000. Erie Railroad—Twenty-two thousand Erie Rallroad-Twenty-two thousand tons of steel rails from Carnegie Steel Company, 6000 from Illinois Steel Com-pany and 2000 tons from several small concerns, \$1,000,000. Southern Pacific Rallroad-Thirty thousand tors of steel rails from the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company, \$900,-000

Pennsylvania Tank Car Company-Dne hundred tank cars from the Omaha Tar Works, \$800,000. Much Other Equipment Needed. Chicago & dilwaukee Electric Rail-ay-Fifteen passenger coaches. Swift & Co.-Five hundred and fifty

sars from Haskell & Barker, \$500,000. Mather Stockcar Company-Five hun-ired cattle cars from Haskell & Barker, \$500,000. Chicago & Northwestern Railroadthousand tons of stee

drenned at 11 o'clock last night her husband was dend. Early this morn-ing his nude body was found on a rif-fle in the Naches River. Tanghe was 55 years old. He for-

Chicago & Northwestern Hairoad Twenty-seven thousand tons of steel rails, \$800,000, Boston & Maine Railroad—Fifteen thousand tons of steel rails from the Lackawanna Steel Company, \$450,000, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad—Seventy-five thousand tons of steels rails from Carnegie, 59,000 from the Chicago Mills Steel Corporation and 12,000 from oth-ers, \$725,000. Serbian government—Seven locomo-

Tanghe was 55 years old. He for-merly was a flume tender for a canal company, but had been out of work several months. Examination failed to show marks of violence. He has been despondent for some time, and it is be-lieved he threw himself into the river after disrobing. His clothing has not been found and he is supposed to have thrown it into the stream. ACT TEST CASE IS OUSTED Constitutionality of Corporation De

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After Wife Has Vision.

vesterday morning to visit his son near Naches City, Mrs. John Tanghe 

FORMER HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY SUPERINTENDENT DIES IN SOUTH AMERICA

L. M. Antoine.

L. M. Antoine, superintendent of maintenance of the Home Telephone Company in Portland

Telephone Company in Portland until November, 1911, died Feb-ruary 1, at Rosario, Argentine Republic, following illness due to typhold fover, The news was received by Dr. J. C. Twitchell in a letter from Chicago. Mr. Antoine was affiliated with the Portland Knights of Colum-bus and was interested in grow-

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bus and was interested in grow-ing apples at Hood River during his residence here. He resigned his position to go to Buenos Aires as special representative of the Automatic Electric Company, of Chicago. Mr. Antoine was a well-known tible being a member of the

athlete, being a member of the Antoine-Ruelbeck battery at Notre Dame University, when that institution won the cham-pionship of the lake states. While in Portland he caught on

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a local team.

SPANISH COLONY INVITED partment Still Issue. SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.- (Special)-Cor-

LAND NEAR SPOKANE INVESTI-GATED FOR 100 FAMILIES.

Agent Announces Power to Parchase



MEXICANS DEMAND PEACE

### **Conference Calls on Military Leaders** to Terminate Strife.

to Terminate Strife. WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Efforts of General Venustiano Carranza to estab-lish Vera Cruz as the capital of Mexico and compel the diplomatic corps in Mexico Citty to go there were discussed today by officials and foreign diplo-mats here as one of the gravest devel-opments of the Mexican situation. President Wilson conferred at length State Department, and it was under-stood the American Government would point out to Carranza its displeasure over any inconvenience to the diplo-mate corps in Mexico City. Already a movement is in progress for the with-drawal of legations recommended to the home governments by some of the diplomats in Mexico City, but in view

The opinion was solicited for the purpose of guiding the Legislature in its consideration of the tentative lease of these lake beds, which was entered into by the State Land Board, and which the Legislature is asked to rai-ify. The lease is fason C. Moore, and the lease is for 40 years for a minimum of \$25,000 a year. The beds of these lakes are reported to be rich in min-erals of commercial value.

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matic Corps Would Mean Recog-

nition of Government-First Chief Spurns Compromise.

"I went forward into our most ad-tranced trenches, and what I learned there is well worth telling. Men liv-ing under conditions the most uncom-fortable that can be imagined, yet laughing over all the discomforts of the war and cherialing only the one wish that the inaction imposed upon them by a wise strategy may soon como to an end, and that they may be alwent forward into our most ad-ed trenches, and what I learned wish that the innction imposed upon them by a wise strategy may soon come to an end, and that they may be al-lowed to attack the enemy that has been lying before them for weeks. At the same time French corpses are still lying unburied before our positions, left there from the repeated attacks that failed after frightful losses for the enemy. Lifting one's head cau-tiously for a moment above the edge of a trench one sees piles of silent dend men with blackened faces lying eut there in blue French overcoats. It is a horrible sight, but owing to the incessant fire of the enemy It is im-possible to give burial to these bodies. "As I was returning from the trenches through a queer tunnel like the burrow of a mole passing under streets and houses, through cellars, rooms and kitchens and once even un-der a dripping sewer, the enemy pre-pared for us a surprise that did not come wholly unexpected. He began to burnbard the ruins of Dixmude with heavy artillery.

Walls Fall, Clock Chimes.

artillery.

Walls Fall, Clock Chimes. "The first shell struck into a heap of rulins quite hear us and made a noise as if the world were coming to an end. "Every mah into the bomb-proofs," was commanded, and saveral officers pulled me along with them into the subternanean dwelling of the com-mandant. For three hours we remained there, listening to the noise and ex-porting avery moment that a shell there, listening to the horse and ex-pecting every moment that a shell would strike right over us. Once the earth trembled; the adjoining house had been struck and came down with and been struck and came down with a crash above our heads. 'Now,' said the commandant as another shell struck. 'Now,' at one time nearer to us, at another farther away. Through it all the old Fiemish clock was chim-ing out the hours with its choral of submission to the will of God on high. "Since prudence is the better part of

"Since prudence is the better part of since producted is the other part of valor, and it was uncertain how long the bombardment would continue, we finally left Dixmude in the midst of it. To the left and to the right shells were dropping and walls were falling with a crash."

# SHERIFFS PICK SOUTH BEND

Washington Association Elects and

Arranges Convention.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 6 .- (Special.) -The Washington Sheriffs' Association will hold its convention next Summer at South Bend, members decided today in accepting the invitation of Pacific

til January 1, 1916.

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ABERDEEN TERRIER TRAV-ELS 250.000 MILES AS TRAMP.



ABERDEEN, Wash, Feb. 6.-(Special.)--"Kid" is a thorough-bred fox terrier. He has trav-

(Special.) - "Ald is a thorodyn-bred fox terrier. He has trav-eled probably more than any dog in his day. "Kid" is 7 years old and has ridden railroad trains for 250,000 miles or 10 times the distance around the world. "Kid" began his travels when merely a pup, making the run between Walla Walla and Pasco with his master, T. C. Fox, who was then an express messenger. Mr. Fox is now Aberdeen agent for the Northern Express Com-pany and is still the owner of "Kid." After his master gave up railroading "Kid" continued and became a tramp dog, making runs between Olympia, Walla Walla and Lewiston, Idabo. The dog apparently has given up his gipsy life, but every morning he is at the railroad station to greet the Northern Pacific east-bound train.

MURDER OF BOY ALLEGED

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness, sympathy and beautiful floral offerings extended to us in our hour of great sorrow through the death of our beloved mother, Charlotte Hill, MRS, ALICE MORRISON, ERNEST WESTERBERG, Adv. CECIL WESTERBERG.

### CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank the Independent Order of Oddfellows for their service in of Oddfellows for their service in my bereavement, that of my father's death. Adv, C. W. ACKERMAN.

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Minister in Mexico City denying that Angel de Caso, confidential agent of the Spanish government, had been or is in hiding in the Spanish legation. He discredited rumors that Carranza would deport the Spanish Minister, who, he said, had no knowledge of PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 6.-(Special.)

The State Department's summary of its dispatches from Mexico, issued to-night, was as follows: The department is informed that on the night of February 3 the authori-ties in Mexico City issued an official notice to the effect that all Villa and Chinuahua bills were worthless. This reported that the labor unions have called a meeting of protest against the removal of public offices to Vera Cruz and the closing of the schools, etc. This reported that many public em-ployees have been thrown out of work. The said that Villareal, the Secret tary of the Treasury under Carragea



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