

OREGON GUN CREWS SET COAST RECORD

National Trophy Won, Belief on Albany.

35 OF 40 SHELLS HIT MARK

Lead Is Wrested From Washington by Wide Margin.

SCORE BEATS REGULARS'

Work in Contrast to That of Last Year and Men Handle Weapons With Snap and Precision Gained in Practice.

PORT ANGELES, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Aboard United States steamer Albany, off Port Angeles, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Driving 35 out of 40 five-inch 50-caliber shells through targets that loomed up in the distance no bigger than ordinary calling cards, the Oregon Naval Militia today broke all Pacific Coast records for gunnery.

With a hit percentage of 87 1/2, it is believed aboard ship tonight that the National trophy for marksmanship, given by the Navy Department, has been secured. This is competed for by all the Naval Militia in the United States.

Up to this morning the Washington Naval Militia held the supremacy in gunnery by several points over California, but the Oregon gunners scored two hits to every one recorded by the recent winners.

Score Better Than Regulars.

Naval officers aboard say the showing is somewhat higher than ordinarily made by gun crews of the Regular Navy. The average percentage of hits of expert gun crews runs little more than 50, they say.

The Oregon showing this year is in striking contrast with the target practice of last year when the Oregon Militia failed to score a single hit.

The crews manned the big guns with a snap and precision that has been developed first on the cruiser Boston, at Portland, and later through 10 days of almost constant drill while the militia has been on its cruise to San Francisco and to this port. The gunners drove shot after shot home in record time. One crew scored four consecutive hits in 33 seconds.

Firing Signal Sounded.

The firing was on a range laid out yesterday about 15 miles east of Port Angeles. Four diminutive targets approximately one mile away appeared an impossible target as the Albany steamed through her course at six knots an hour. When the ship hoisted her battle flags and blew her firing signal, the gun crews, stripped for action, were on tiptoe. When the order came to load, every man in the crew shooting did his part in getting the big gun loaded and aimed properly. Powder charges weighing 20 pounds were rammed home to propel the 40-pound projectiles. Ranges were found by Lieutenant-Commander Blair.

As shot after shot tore through the little targets excitement grew on the Albany. Barring hard luck it was seen that a record was in sight and this hard luck failed to materialize.

It was a jubilant crew of militiamen and training officers that steamed back to anchorage off Port Angeles at the conclusion of the shoot. Congratulations were showered upon Lieutenant-Commander Blair and his officers by officers of the Navy who witnessed the exhibition. Aside from the efforts to get the National trophy for gunnery.

GREECE WILL NOT CEDE TERRITORY

ALLIES UNABLE TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF BULGARIA.

Premier Announces Unbending Attitude in Response to Request of Macedonian Deputies.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—"Greece will not cede one inch of territory to Bulgaria," was the substance of a reply made by Premier Gounaris to a delegation of Macedonian deputies who asked a statement relative to the purpose of the government, says a Reuter dispatch from Athens.

In the negotiations which have been conducted by the allies of the quadruple entente with Bulgaria in an effort to induce her to enter the war on their side she has insistently demanded that the part of Macedonia which was awarded to Serbia at the close of the Balkan Wars be ceded to her. She also has sought to obtain at least a portion of Macedonian territory which came under the Greek flag in the same way. Macedonia was a Turkish province until the close of the Balkan War. The region embraces a medley of peoples, the chief elements being Slavs, Osmanlis and Greeks. The Slavs are Bulgarians and Serbs.

The statement attributed to M. Gounaris is significant in view of the fact that the British, French, Russian and Italian Ministers at Athens called on him Wednesday and made united representations regarding the political situation. Their purpose was to gain the assistance of Greece.

Similar representations were made yesterday by the representatives of the same nations at Nisli to the Serbian Premier.

COTTON CROP \$749,384,978

South Disagrees as to How Much War Has Decreased Value.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 7.—In a final report today on the cotton crop of 1914-15, Secretary Hester, of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, shows that, while 17,094,000 bales were grown, the commercial crop was only 13,168,111 bales. The crop's value, including seed, was \$749,384,978, against \$1,134,444,114 for the preceding crop.

How much of the decreased value was due to the war and how much to the record production is a matter of considerable difference of opinion.

Middling grade averaged 7.94 cents a pound, against 12.43 cents during the preceding year.

STING TAKEN FROM X-RAY

Electrician Demonstrates Harmless Quality of His Discovery.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Physicians from several of the leading hospitals in this city discussed with interest today the discovery of what was described as a harmless X-ray. Fourteen physicians had seen yesterday a demonstration of the new ray by Charles Stanley, an electrician, who says he has discovered the ray and who asserts that it eliminates the danger heretofore said to surround the application of the X-ray.

Mr. Stanley held a bulb with the ray burning in his hand for an hour to show the physicians that it produced no harmful effect.

NEED OF OFFICERS SEEN

Speaker Clark Would Double Enrollment at War Academies.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 7.—Speaker Clark announced here today that he would introduce in the next Congress a bill doubling the enrollment at the West Point Military Academy and at the Annapolis Naval Academy. The bill also will provide Government aid for schools throughout the country that have military departments.

"The country can get all the volunteers it wants in 48 hours," said the Speaker. "The great need is for officers to train them."

FURIOUS AUTO RACE IS FATAL TO TWO

Joe Cooper Is Killed Outright in Crash.

CAR SAILS OVER BOWL'S EDGE

Morris S. Stubbs Dies at Hospital From Second Fall.

RALPH DE PALMA WINNER

Billy Chandler, Whose Mechanician Meets Death, Also in Critical Condition—Accidents Are Just Before Crowded Grandstand.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 7.—Two killed and two injured, one probably fatally, marked the initial 300-mile automobile derby on the new mile speedway here this afternoon, in which Ralph De Palma was declared the winner. Ralph Mulford second and Eddie O'Donnell third.

Joe Cooper was killed during the 38th lap of the race when his car literally sailed over the outer edge of the bowl, as he was nearing the crowded grandstand, and landed outside, with Cooper and his mechanic, Louis Peio, pinned underneath the wreckage.

Accidents Near Same Spot.

The second accident came near the close of the race, when, in the 23rd lap, Billy Chandler's car crashed against the inside rail, almost opposite the point where Cooper had met his death. Morris S. Keeler, Chandler's mechanic, died at the hospital shortly before 9 o'clock tonight. Chandler has less than an even chance for recovery. Peio, one of the victims of the first accident, was reported also to be in a critical condition.

Cooper's skull was crushed in the first accident and his death was practically instantaneous. In both accidents tire blowouts were ascribed as the cause, although in the case of Cooper a broken steering knuckle was said to have been the immediate reason for his loss of control. After striking the ground outside the track the momentum of the car was so great that the car crashed over the end of the grandstand and forced its way under the structure. Officials said Cooper was going at the rate of 100 miles an hour at the time.

Race Full of Thrills.

The race itself was full of thrills, aside from its tragic features. For the most of the 300 miles it was a nip-and-tuck affair between De Palma, Mulford and O'Donnell, the former keeping the lead the greater part of the time. In the last 15 miles, however, he developed a run of bad luck with his tires which threatened to lose him first place, but he forged ahead in the last three miles and crossed the line ahead of Mulford. So close were the two leaders that the judges were for several minutes divided as to who had won. The first announcement was that Mulford was the victor, but this was quickly changed and the official announcement gave De Palma the prize.

RESTA GOES AT 102-MILE CLIP

Italian Autolst Sets New World's Record in 100-Mile Race.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—Dario Resta, driving a French car at the rate of 102.35 miles per hour, won the Chicago speedy 100-mile race today. In so doing he established a new world's competitive record for the distance. The previous record was established on the same track by Porporato last June. His time was one hour and 28 minutes.

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COIN MACHINE SALE DELAYS EXPLAINED

Cashier Head Tells of Perfection Efforts.

STOCK RISE REASONS GIVEN

Mr. Menefee Confirms Testimony on O B B

1911 DEBT PUT AT \$23,000

Stock Liability at Time of Development of Lightning Change-Maker Estimated at \$55,784—Manufacture Is Related.

In the three years that he was president and general manager of the United States Cashier Company, Frank Menefee testified in the 23d day of the Cashier Company trial before Federal Judge Bean yesterday, he drew \$91,000 on his contract with the company, and in the same period put back \$103,000 into the company. In 1913 alone, he said, when the going was hard for the concern and it found difficulty in meeting its payrolls, he put up \$43,000 in cash. He testified apart from this that the long delays in putting the company's coin-handling machines on the market were due to the wish to turn out perfect machines.

Efforts at Perfection Shown.

To this end, he declared, several successive machine models that did not quite attain the desired standard of perfection, but which, he said, with a few changes could have been made commercially successful, were sent back to the factory for further development.

It was Mr. Menefee's second day on the witness stand. When court adjourned his direct examination had not been finished by Attorney William M. Calk.

Judge Bean adjourned the trial to 2 o'clock Monday, and as there are many important points to be covered by Mr. Menefee in his direct examination, he may not finish before late in the afternoon. In this event, United States Attorney Reames may not begin cross-examination until Tuesday morning.

Testimony on Amounts Is Given.

"Out of the money you received for the sale of stock under the terms of your contract with the company, did you put in any to keep the factory going?" queried Mr. Calk in introducing the line of testimony relative to the sums Mr. Menefee had given to aid the company. "I put in large amounts all the time, for the factory payroll, to meet various bills, and to keep the factory going," replied Mr. Menefee. "Can you tell the jury in round figures how much of your own money you put in?"

"From the time of my contract with the company and outside of what I paid for stock, examination of the books by the experts shows that I drew from the company \$91,000, and that I put back into the company during the same period \$103,000."

"To keep manufacturing at the factory going?"

"Yes," said Mr. Menefee. "In the hard times we had in 1913 I put in \$43,000 in cash for that purpose." The witness went on in reply to another question to say that he had used every effort to have a bookkeeping and accounting department that would keep a strict account of all expenditures and receipts of the company. So far as he knew, every transaction was recorded on the books. Mr. Calk devoted considerable attention to this line of testimony.

THREE INJURED IN STREETCAR PANIC

SHORT CIRCUIT IN CONTROLLER BOX STARTS BLAZE.

At Cry of "Fire" on Sellwood-Bound Conveyance Women and Children Are Trampled Upon.

Four persons were injured severely and a dozen trampled underfoot at 7:21 o'clock last night in a panic which started on an out-bound Sellwood streetcar at East Twelfth and East Market streets after a short circuit in the controller box had started a fire in the vestibule. The passengers were slightly trampled and badly frightened in the crush. A woman passenger with a small baby, evidently fearing the lives of all in the car would be lost, threw the infant out the window. Fortunately it was not harmed, and was picked up on the street later.

The severely injured were: Mrs. M. E. Foster, 542 Umattilla avenue, back hurt; A. Blackman, 707 East Eighteenth street, injured foot; Mrs. C. A. Hoke, 542 Umattilla avenue, back hurt and bruised, and Frank Amick, the motor-man, face, neck and hands burned. Both were trampled in the rush. Others were slightly trampled and badly frightened in the crush.

The passengers first became aware of the fire when the car stopped and smoke began rolling from the controller box. Motorman Amick reeled back against the front door of the vestibule. "Fire! fire!" was shouted. Amick staggered into the body of the car with his face blackened by the smoke.

There were more than 40 passengers on board. With one impulse they rushed for the doors. Amick and Conductor Spengler endeavored to check the crowd, but the flames were soon leaping from the controller box and cracking the windows of the vestibule. A fire alarm was turned in, and Eugene No. 23 responded to the call. The car was empty of passengers and full of smoke when the firemen arrived.

Beyond the damage to the electric connections and the breaking of the front vestibule windows, the car was damaged but little. The injured persons were sent to their homes.

KING OF ITALY HONORED

French Institute Recognizes Authority on Medals and Coins.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—King Victor Emmanuel of Italy has been elected a foreign member of the Academy of Inscriptions and Belles Lettres, one of the sections of the Institute of France. The King is an authority on medals and coins. His Majesty's book on the subject was awarded the academy prize in 1914. The French institution has now two heads of states, the King of Italy and President Poincaré, of France, and one former head of a state, Theodore Roosevelt, among its members.

NATIVES GET SANITARIUM

Segregation of Tuberculosis Sufferers in Alaska Proposed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—President Wilson, by executive order, has reserved for Alaskan natives and the United States Bureau of Education a tract of more than 17 acres on the Chikotat River near Haines, Alaska. The bureau of education proposes to erect a sanitarium where Alaskan natives suffering from tuberculosis can be segregated.

BELGIANS ARE DRIVEN BACK

Partly Evacuate Advanced Positions Under German Bombardment.

BERLIN, via London, Aug. 7.—The German official report today said: "In Flanders the Belgians, owing to the effectiveness of our artillery, were obliged partly to evacuate their advanced positions over the Yser, near Harnisse, south of Dixmude."

GERMANS PRESSING ADVANCE IN RUSSIA

Kovno and Ossowetz Are Attacked.

ASPHYXIATING GAS IS USED

Desperate Fighting Reported Along Narew River.

WARSAW FORT IS TAKEN

Troops Investing Novogeorgievsk Continue to Advance and Fortress Is Cut Off on Three Sides by Teutons.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Attacks on the fortresses of Kovno and Ossowetz by the German forces have been begun, according to an official statement issued tonight at the Russian war office. The works of Sosna, part of the Ossowetz fortress, were stormed Friday under cover of a gas attack, but the Germans were dislodged by counter-attacks, the statement says.

Cities Strongly Fortified.

Unofficial reports that Kovno was being evacuated by the Russians reached London today, but the Russian official statement indicates that they still are in possession of the city, which is the capital of the government of Kovno, in Lithuania, and nearly reaching the Baltic. It is a fortress of the first class. Ossowetz, also strongly fortified, is about 50 miles northeast of Warsaw on the Narew River and about the same distance southwest of Kovno.

Heavy Batteries in Action.

The text of the announcement follows: "Near Kovno, the enemy attacked the positions of the first line of fortresses on the left of the Nieman. Our heavy batteries are bombarding them vigorously.

"Near Ossowetz the enemy at dawn Friday developed an intense fire and, launching great clouds of asphyxiating gas, began an assault on the fortress positions. He carried works near Sosna but was dislodged by our forces by a counter-attack.

"On the Narew there was desperate fighting. On the roads to Ostrov the enemy on Friday, after a series of sanguinary collisions, succeeded in progressing somewhat and extending the ground which he had occupied. Desperate enemy attacks in the Serock region on the previous evening were successfully repulsed.

Desperate Actions Fought.

"Between the Vistula and the Bug rivers most desperate actions were fought in the direction of Kurov to Kotak and in the region on the right bank of the Viepiz River north of Lechna."

Speculation as to the Russians' ability to hold the line of defense to which they are raising divided attention today with the probable fate of the Grand Duke's main army. There still is some uneasiness on both points. Berlin officially records today the capture of Fort Dembe, on the right bank of the Vistula River. The fort was part of the defense of Warsaw and its continued occupation by the Russian garrison is presumed to have been part of the general plan to cover the general retreat.

The Germans also report progress on the west front of Kovno, which is at the northern end of the fortified line of defense to which the Russians are now retiring.

The official German report given out today in Berlin also says: "The armies of Generals von Scholtz (Concluded on Page 4, Column 2.)"

CARTOONIST REYNOLDS PICTURES HIS IMPRESSIONS OF SOME LEADING EVENTS IN THE WEEK'S NEWS

