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BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, France, May 27.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A correspondent who has been absent for six months from the British front is amazed upon his return at the increase in numbers of men, guns and equipment. The numerous battalions of the new army which have arrived have engulfed the old regular army. Not one officer in ten that are met have had any military service before the war.

It now requires a ride of a hundred miles to compass the British front. Khaki is thick in the villages of the Somme and the line extends to those of Northern Belgium. The British hold the famous "Labyrinth" as well as Ypres and Loos. In the course of the taking over of a section of the French line which freed French troops for service hundreds of miles of wire had to be laid, transport organized, headquarters moved, new corps and divisions created and commanders appointed. In the last few months new divisions have come into positions of responsibility. Men who entered the army as second lieutenants are becoming lieutenants and majors have become colonels and generals.

No Germans Drawn Off.
"We do not know when the war will be over but we do know that Spring is here," say the soldiers. The second winter in the trenches is finished. Its chill, wet monotony is over. Before another winter comes what will happen this summer? The growth of the army and the sun drawing the moisture out of the ground has raised a universal question. Never, so far as one can learn, have there been so many Germans and so many Allied troops on the Western front as at this time. Next to the Verdun region the German concentration is heaviest in face of the British of the front as far as the sea to Switzerland. No German troops have been drawn off from the British front as reinforcements for the attack on Verdun.

Whatever fighting there was through the winter and there now is along the British front was described as trench raids. One side or the other demolishes a section of enemy trench by exploding mines or by artillery fire. The raiding party then rushes the trench, gathers in some prisoners, does what damage it can and returns to its own lines. The morasses of the Ypres salient and the Loos region, nothing more could be done, though a winter attack might be possible in high country like that around Verdun. Much ingenuity has been shown by both sides in these trench raids. But sooner has one side worked out a new trick than the other learns how to counter it. "Mud" was the reason given in a word by an officer why the British could not attack in winter to relieve the pressure on Verdun. "It was the season the Germans would have chosen for us to attack," he added.

Few Get Victoria Cross.
Notwithstanding the countless deeds of bravery that have been chronicled along the British front, the number of awarding the Victoria Cross is still rare enough to be notable whenever it occurs. One such recent ceremony was the fact, under the auspices of the Rev. Noel Mellish, a London curate, who is the first chaplain in the British army to receive the decoration. The present war or in any war since the second Afghan campaign of 1879.

The units of the army were drawn up for the ceremony on the Spring green of an open field, in the center of which stood Mr. Mellish and other officers who were to receive lesser decorations. The general who pinned the ribbon on the chaplain's breast read a brief account of the recipient's services. The general told how, hour by hour, Mellish had risked his life to attend to the wounded in places of safety those wounded in the fighting at St. Eloi. The clergyman, who is an extremely slender and boyish-looking man of gentle manners, rather than a typical fighting parson, took his honors modestly and received a hearty round of cheers by the thousands of soldiers present.

JUSTICE'S ORDER UPHELD

Change of Venue Denied and Mayor
Must Be Tried at Home.

PENDLETON, Or., May 27.—(Special.)—In a decision handed down today Circuit Judge Phelps denied the application of attorneys Fee & Fee for Mayor Best, who sought by mandamus proceedings to have Justice of the Peace Joe H. Parkes transferred to Pilot Rock the action in which the Mayor is charged with the use of improper language in a public place.

AUTO WRECK VICTIM DIES

Idaho Stockman Falls to Rally, but
Four Others May Recover.

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, May 27.—(Special.)—Ed May, a well-known stockman of Rock Creek, 18 miles south of Twin Falls, died in the Twin Falls hospital today from injuries sustained Sunday in an automobile wreck. He was 36 years old and unmarried.

Oregon City Gets "U" Graduate.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, May 27.—(Special.)—Vera Williams, a senior in the University of Eugene and a member of Alpha Phi fraternity, has been elected to a position in the Oregon City High School. She will teach English, history and biology.



FRENCH TROOPS TRANSPORTING SUPPLIES IN AUTO TRUCKS.

NOTED WARRIOR DIES

General Gallieni, ex-Minister
of War of France, Passes.

ENTIRE COUNTRY MOURNS

"Savior of Paris" Is Title Applied to
Military Man Whose Operations
in Critical Days of August,
1914, Held Back Germans.

PARIS, May 27.—General Joseph S. Gallieni, former minister of war, died at Versailles today.

Red Tape Eliminated.
As war minister, General Gallieni devoted himself with remarkable energy to the elimination of red tape in the administration of the army. He also dealt with a heavy hand with officers who had secured posts through favoritism or political influence.

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KIDNAPING IS CHARGE

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Couple Are Charged With Attempting
to Aid Man Run Away With
Girl Under Age of 16 Years.

LA GRANDE, Or., May 27.—(Special.)—Arraigned at a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Williams at Troy, A. Welper, Ralph Helme and Mrs. Helme tonight faced a charge of kidnaping in a public place.

Officers found Mr. Welper at the place where they were to meet. The young girl is under 16 and constitutes the criminal phase of what otherwise was destined to be an ordinary elopement.

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ALBANY WANTS GRAND ARMY MEETING.

ALBANY, Or., May 27.—(Special.)—Albany will invite the Grand Army of

3000 AT WOODMEN PICNIC

Balloon Ascension, School Fair and
Contests Are Held.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., May 27.—(Special.)—Three thousand persons, representing almost every family in Northern Lane County, attended the second annual Woodmen of the World picnic here today.

AMERICAN IS DETAINED

Unable to Prove Citizenship, Busi-
ness Man Is Canadian Prisoner.

BURLINGTON, Wash., May 27.—H. J. Fussner, a marble dealer of Burlington and a prominent business man here, is detained in Vancouver, B. C., pending proof of his American citizenship, according to word received by friends here.

MEXICANS ON VILLA'S TRAIL

Heavy Troop Movement Said to Be
Aimed at Hiding Place.

CHIHUAHUA CITY, May 27.—Strong columns of Constitutionalists have been dispatched by General Jacinto Trevino, military commander of Northern Mexico, to surround Hacienda Miraflores, about 125 miles from Jimenez, where General Ignacio Ramos recently reported Villa with a few followers.

COUNTY WILL POOL EGGS

Each Lane Grange to Be Unit in
Marketing Organization.

EUGENE, Or., May 27.—(Special.)—Lane County will pool eggs. This plan of marketing under the direction of the county Grange organization has been applied to livestock, wool and mohair with success.

KELSO LAND BEING RECLAIMED.

KELSO, Wash., May 27.—(Special.)—J. C. Eldred, who owns the tract of land including Hall's Lake east of town, which is protected by the recently constructed dike from overflow waters, has had a crew of men working for some time draining the lake, and is making substantial progress in the task.

TILLAMOOK FROLIC STAGED

Event Is Followed Next Night by
High School Graduation.

TILLAMOOK, Or., May 27.—(Special.)—The graduating class of the local high school Thursday night staged the annual frolic under the title of "class night."

STUDENTS TO MAKE ROAD SURVEY.

WENATCHEE, Wash., May 27.—(Special.)—A party of 20 University of Washington students in civil engineering will arrive shortly after commencement to spend six weeks of their vacation in surveying the proposed road between Wenatchee and Ellensburg, on the west bank of the Columbia River.

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ARMY NOT TO LEAVE

Proposal for Withdrawal Not
to Be Considered.

CARRANZA'S NOTE AWAITED

Peremptory Demand From Mexico
Expected, but Administration
Decides to Keep Force in
Bandit-Ridden Country.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The Administration's determination not to consider any proposal for immediate withdrawal of the American expeditionary force in Mexico was further emphasized today when officials made it clear that the question of withdrawal would not be discussed in any form at the conference to be held by General Pershing, commander of the expedition, and General Gavira, Carranza's commander in Chihuahua.

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