

BATTLE OF GIANT SEAPLANES FIGHT

British and German Squadrons Have Desperate Clash Off Dutch Coast.

2 ENEMY MACHINES FALL

One British Craft Destroyed by Its Crew of Five Who Waded Ashore and Surrender for Internment.

THE HAGUE, June 8.—Five British and seven German seaplanes of the largest type fought a hard Tuesday evening off the Dutch coast, according to a Terschelling dispatch to the Handelsblad.

One of the German machines was observed to fall in flames into the sea. One British machine was forced to descend, but landed safely.

Another British machine, which had descended to the surface of the sea for repairs two hours before the battle, was set on fire by its five occupants, all of whom waded ashore and gave themselves up for internment. The crew included two Canadians.

The British squadron of five seaplanes started Tuesday on a reconnoitering expedition off the northern Dutch coast. They met a squadron of five German airplanes, which they drove off in three successive encounters.

The Germans, however, returned, reinforced by seven seaplanes.

Two German Planes Drop.

A lively fight ensued and in addition to the German machine which fell in flames another German was brought down.

A British machine, commanded by Robert Paul, of Buffalo, N. Y., a member of the Canadian flying corps, developed engine trouble and was forced to descend to the surface. Ensign Joseph Eaton, a New England man, senior pilot of another of the squadron, was detailed to protect the disabled plane and circled about it for an hour, while the Germans were continually attempting to attack the cripple.

Bullets Riddled Machine.

During Eaton's defensive work his machine was riddled with bullets, but he was able to keep the air until the Germans were driven off. He then descended, his machine wrecked, but all the crew got ashore safely.

This engagement was reported by the British Admiralty in its statement of June 6, which announced that a squadron of large seaplanes, while reconnoitering over the North Sea, met a large formation of hostile machines, which was engaged and two of the enemy machines shot down.

Two of the British machines, it was stated, were forced to alight close to the Dutch coast because of the engine trouble and the aviators were interned.

THE HAGUE, June 8.—An American naval officer, Ensign Eaton, of Connecticut, has been interned here. He was among other officers who descended on Dutch territorial waters during a recent seaplane fight off Terschelling. He was unhurt, but his machine was damaged.

Ensign Eaton was the senior pilot on a machine which had been detailed to protect from an attack an airplane which had descended on the sea for repairs. The latter machine was commanded by Robert Thaul, of Buffalo, N. Y., who is in the Canadian flying corps.

NORTHWEST WILL PROTEST

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In this territory to maintain the railroads of the West in good condition, even under the present extraordinary expenses of operation.

Carload Minimum Raised.

Where the rate on an Eastern road for first-class freight is \$1 for a given distance, the rate for the same amount of freight an equal distance out here is 42. Under the territorial increase of 25 per cent the increase on the Eastern road is therefore 35 cents, and out here the increase is 50 cents, for the movement of the same commodity for an equal distance.

It also raises the carload minimum. The minimum charge on any carload is \$15. Much of our cordwood and much of our slabwood is hauled for short distances on the railroad, at a rate approximately 45 to 70 cents a cord. The \$15 minimum will raise that rate 50 per cent and make it practically impossible for some of the sawmills to dispose of their slabwood. This is an economic waste, both to the millman and to the customer who burns his product. Many of the logs coming to the mills a short distance at rate from \$8 to \$12 per car. This minimum will raise those rates in many instances 50 per cent.

Valley Mills Affected.

"I know one large mill in the Willamette Valley, the increased freight rate for which will be about \$50,000 a year—more than they can possibly afford. Take our coal rates. Where the charge is now \$1 we will have to add 15 cents per gross ton, then an additional charge of 25 cents, making a direct increase of 45 per cent on coal hauls in this state. Coke rates where the charge is now \$1 will have to add 15 cents per ton and an additional rate of 40 cents per ton, making an additional charge of 55 per cent on coke.

The short-haul rates, first class, will be 25 cents per hundred pounds minimum for any distance up to 20 miles. We now have a five-mile haul of 10 cents a hundred for first-class freight. That rate will be increased 150 per cent. For a 10-mile haul we have a 15-cent rate, which will be increased to 25 cents, making nearly 100 per cent increase.

The minimum on an L. C. L. package is now 25 cents. Hereafter the minimum on any small package sent by freight will be 50 cents.

Rise Totals 52 Per Cent.

The rate on structural steel, January 1, 1917, from Pittsburgh was 65 cents per hundred to Portland. The increases which have already been made since then, plus this 25 per cent by order No. 23, will make an increase in rates in 18 months of 92 per cent. Steel plates, rivets, etc., from Chicago, was formerly 55 cents per 100 pounds. With the increases made in the last 18 months, plus this 25 per cent, the rate is brought to \$1.12 1/2, or an increase in that length of time of 104 1/2 per cent.

Bottles from Ohio, in the same length of time, have increased 66-2-3 per cent. Machinery from Ohio manufacturing bottles has been increased \$1-3-4 per cent. Tin plate from Pittsburgh has been increased from 85 cents to \$1.25, an increase of 52 per cent. "In less than carload freight there has also been a considerable increase. Boots and shoes from the Atlantic Seaboard have been increased 52-2-3 per cent. Tools and hardware from \$34 to \$39 per cent, difference due to point of

SCENES AT CHEMIN DES DAMES, CROSSED BY GERMANS IN NEW DRIVE.



—Photo from Underwood.

These French grenadiers are preparing for a raid on the German lines at Chemin des Dames, where the enemy launched the first attack in the new drive. The Germans have already crossed that road in the new offensive, but are meeting strenuous resistance as they attempt to press their advantage.

origin. Cotton piece goods from the Atlantic Seaboard have been increased 100 per cent. And no such increases have been made either in the East or in the South.

Coast Industries Hampered.

"Canned goods and milk, eastbound to New York, under the new rate will have been increased 44 1/2 per cent for the same period. Salmon, 45 1/2 per cent; dried fruit, 38 1/2 per cent; apples, green, from \$1 to \$1.25. These rates all apply on through joint rates. If the product originates on a short, independent line, these will be materially increased by a combination of the local line charge with the through charge.

In the case of the Hood River, Rogue River Valley and apple districts of the state of Oregon, the orchardists will not be enabled to ship under the new rates. Their fruits must come in competition with bananas and other fruits in the markets of the East that are not subject to any such charges, and it is closing the doors of those markets to the Western fruits.

It has been supposed that the lumber shipments are fully taken care of by the 5 cents per hundred maximum charge. This, however, is not the case from Willamette Valley points into Buffalo territory. The joint through rate from the Willamette Valley to Chicago is 55 cents. Chicago to Buffalo the rate is 16 1/2 cents per hundred pounds.

All Northwest Interested.

The 5 cents maximum charge on lumber from the Willamette Valley to Chicago, plus 25 per cent on the rate from Chicago to Buffalo, makes an additional total charge of 9 cents, whereas the Southern pine territory reaches that market for an additional 4 cents, the differential of 4 cents.

"Rail rates to San Francisco Bay points will be increased, while the water rate will not be. This puts Willamette Valley mills at a disadvantage, and restores the old 25-cent rate which has been the cause of numerous Interstate Commerce Commission hearings and court determinations, which resulted in maintaining the lower rate.

"The order was undoubtedly intended to maintain the integrity of the present rate structure and give a general advance of 25 per cent. But in many instances it carries the elements which mean the defeat of its own aims. For many industries, like fruitgrowing, fruit-juice bottling, fruit and vegetable canning, will not survive these rates, and the people engaged in these enterprises will be obliged to suspend operations. Farmers raising fruits, vegetables, legumes and like products will be very injuriously affected, because there will be no longer a market for these things."

CASE IN FEDERAL COURT

Pasco Power Rate Dispute Transferred From Supreme Court.

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dispute between the Pacific Power & Light Company and Pasco Irrigation District No. 1 as to the rates on power for pumping the water for the irrigation company has been transferred from the Superior Court to the Federal Court.

Pasco Irrigation District No. 1 recently purchased the irrigation plant and property of the Pasco Reclamation Company at Sheriff's sale, and claims at the same time to have purchased the old contract between the Reclamation Company and the Pacific Power & Light Company, which contract provided for rates less than the regular service rates.

The power company now claims the right to raise the rates to the regular service rates.

CITY COUNCILMAN DEAD

John Anderson, Old Ridgefield, Wash., Citizen, Taken by Death.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., June 8.—(Special.)—John Anderson, much-respected Ridgefield citizen, died at his home here on Thursday evening at 5 o'clock after an illness of 10 days.

He was born December 18, 1843, in Scotland. Mr. Anderson took considerable interest in the welfare of the town and was a member of the City Council. Services were held at the family home yesterday afternoon and interment made in the Pioneer Cemetery. He is survived by one daughter, Miss Ellen Anderson, of Ridgefield.

SHIPYARD RECORD BROKEN

Texas Workers Claim to Have Beat on Pacific Coast.

ORANGE, Tex., June 8.—What is claimed to be the world's record in shipbuilding was eclipsed this morning at the National Shipyard here, when the work of erecting 78 frames in one of the largest wooden steamship hulls was accomplished in 20 hours and 25 minutes.

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BOYS TOLD TO WRITE

Pershing Issues Order Bearing on Soldiers' Letters.

CORRESPONDENCE IS HELP

General Emphasizes Importance of Home Ties in Admonition to His Troops to Keep in Touch With Their Relatives.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—The War Department today made public a general order issued by General Pershing encouraging members of the American expeditionary forces to keep up correspondence with their relatives and friends at home.

One of the greatest arguments for a constant flow of letters between France and America, General Pershing said, was that it relieves much distress and anxiety on the part of relatives and friends at home.

Writing Declared Duty.

General Pershing's order said: "First—Duty to one's country does not end on the parade ground, nor even on the battlefield, but consists in doing everything in one's power to help win the war. To write homes frequently and regularly, to keep in constant touch with family and friends, is one of the soldier's most important duties. Mothers and fathers will suffer if they do not hear often from sons fighting in France. In the present large campaign, it is especially important that every man must do it for himself.

Second—When no letters are received from overseas, the greatest distress is caused to those at home. They often feel that letters have been written but lost en route or they imagine all sorts of evils, such as sickness, wounds, even death. Both are bad for the active militant spirit which every true American man and woman must possess if our Army is to obtain the real victory that all so earnestly desire.

Home Folks Anxious for Letters.

"Third—Everyone in the United States who has a son or brother in the American Army expeditionary forces is proud of him, is constantly thinking of him, is anxious to hear from him. Letters home will bring many letters in reply and the closer home ties will have potent influence for good, both in France and in the United States. All officers should realize this fact, and both by encouraging their men and providing them with the proper facilities do everything in their power to interest them in this vital question of writing home."

MUSIC TURNER INVENTED

Portland Man Is Said to Have Solved Pianist's Problem.

Thomas P. Arneau, of this city, is the inventor of a cleverly designed, time-saving mechanical music sheet turner, operated by a foot tread, that soon will be placed on the market. The turner is composed of steel tubing. Its "fingers," so to speak, seize the top of the sheet of music, and when the performer wishes to have the sheet of music turned he operates the tread and the sheet is turned.

In cases where the pianist has to play rapid runs he often has to employ a person to turn the music, to save time. Mr. Arneau's invention is said to have solved this problem.

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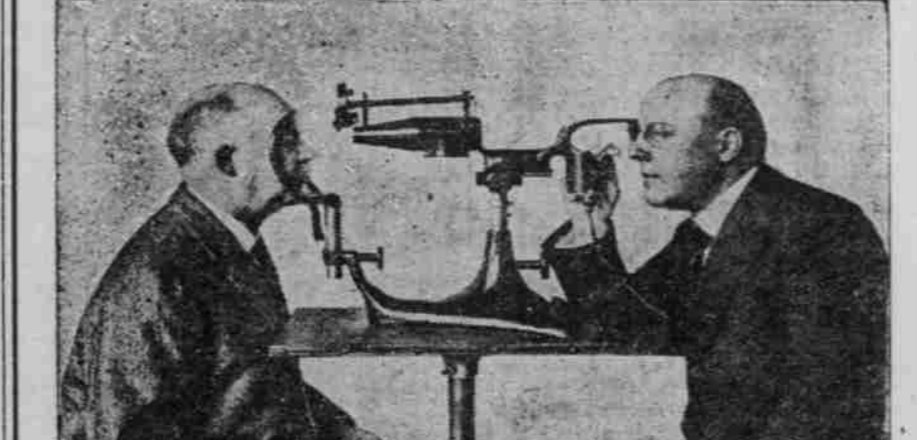
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