

HUNTING GUNS POUND NEW ALLIED LINE

British and French Hold on to Newly Won Positions Despite Attacks.

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(By the Associated Press.)

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Now to view the event in its true perspective and estimate the victory of the Italians as a great defensive triumph. General Diaz, the Italian commander-in-chief, has not pursued the Austrians further than the Piave, except for the setting up of strong bridgeheads on the eastern banks of the river.

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Italians Repulse Threat.

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CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE BOOM ACT OF THE LAST LEGISLATURE IS TO BE TESTED IN A SUIT STARTED IN THE POLK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT BY J. P. LOGAN.

The Public Service Commission and Charles E. Spaulding Logging Company are named as defendants.

Mr. Logan claims he has been owner of flour mill properties on the Luckiamute River for the past 50 years and has had splash dam there for a similar length of time.

He alleges that the improvements planned under the franchise granted the Spaulding Company by the commission under the boom act is in violation of both the Federal and state constitutions in that it deprives him of property without due process of law.

The complaint also alleges that the Spaulding Company is not a corporation within the meaning of the boom law.

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FIRST U.S. MILITARY FORCE IS IN ITALY

Sanitary Units Arrive Safely and Fighting Troops Will Come From Pershing.

5 DIVISIONS END TRAINING

General March Announces That the American Forces Brigaded With British Have Completed Work and Are Fit to Fight.

(By the Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Safe arrival in Italy of the first contingent of military force which will represent the United States was announced today by General March, chief of staff. Sent direct from this country, the troops landed yesterday, to supplement other orders from France by General Pershing.

Sanitary units compose the greater part of the first arrivals, but "other special units" also were included. General March reiterated the statement that the bulk of the combatant American troops going to Italy will be sent from the western front, their places being immediately taken by new regiments from the United States.

Plans Not Yet Made.

"No definite plan for the increase of this side of the United States has been reached," Secretary Baker said later, in commenting upon the announcement. "It should be emphasized that the shipment of further increments depends largely upon future developments."

"The Italian line," said General March, "has been the object of greatest interest to military men.

Taken as a military proposition the attack of the Austrians is considered faulty because they spread their attack over such a large front that it was impossible to carry it through.

The Austrian disaster, which ended, is extremely valuable, not only from the military sense, but the psychological sense.

"It inspires all the allies and inspires Italy with the consciousness that their forces can be used to distinct advantage and the practical fact that in prisoners, guns and material probably is, of course, extremely valuable. The reports which we get of the Austrians captured by the Italians are very interesting."

Gallant Actions Noted.

"During the week the activities in the American sectors in France, as published in General Pershing's communique from day to day, are of local in character, the Americans at all times and in all places more than holding their own. Fine examples of individual valor are now coming in and, with the policy which has been adopted of allowing the mention of the gallant conduct of all our people understand that the rank and file are doing splendidly all along the line.

General Pershing has now had turned back to him, or American troops who have been training with the British, five divisions and I mention that specifically because it shows the value of the training area adopted of using all the training areas possible along the entire front.

Training Is Rapid.

"The vast increase of men being sent across are trained, as you see, in areas different ways, the great mass being trained with our own forces, but the utilization of facilities already in existence back of the British line by our people and in addition the French facilities allow us to give that final polishing very much more rapidly than in any other way."

The first National Army Division has taken up a sector at the front, General March also announced. It is the Seventy-seventh, raised in New York, trained at Camp Unton and originally commanded by Major-General J. Franklin Bell. It was taken across under Major-General Johnson.

One of the five divisions which has finished its training with the British is the Thirty-fifth Division, composed of Kansas and Missouri troops and commanded by Major-General William M. Wright, when it left the United States.

OREGON FOWLS IN LEAD

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE PENS ARE OF EXCELLENT QUALITY.

Entrants in Three Important Egg Laying Contests Are Making An Exceptional Showing.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, June 29.—Pens of fowls entered in three important egg laying contests by the Oregon Agricultural College are making an exceptional showing. This is the result of breeding experiments by the department of poultry husbandry.

The barred rock pen in the British Columbia contest conducted by the Provincial Department of Agriculture in Victoria has led all others for several months.

Another pen of Oregon Agricultural College barred rocks at the end of the seventh month took second out of 135 entries in the all-Northwest contest at the State College, Pullman, Wash. It was only seven eggs behind the first. The Oregon Agricultural College pen beat all other exhibits for the month of May, laying an average of 26.4 eggs a day.

A pen of the Lady McDuff strain entered by the Oregon Agricultural College in the International Contest conducted at the Connecticut Agricultural College at Storrs has been doing some sensational laying. It was second in a seven-month period, according to the last report and was gaining rapidly on the first pen.

Under the ruling of the commission relative to stalling new work this year it is not known just what will be done relative to starting work on these two jobs.

KLAMATH RED CROSS BUSY

More Than \$39,000 Raised for War Relief During Year.

WOMAN'S WORK INSPIRES CALIFORNIA LAND ARMY HELD ENCOURAGING CREATION.

But Defense Council Holds Men on Easy Jobs Should First Be Drafted to Soil.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—(Special.)—The Woman's Land Army is an inspiring and an encouraging creation, but it should be presented to become a large factor in California agriculture until every man now holding an easy indoor job has been drafted to the soil.

This was the view voiced today at the meeting of the woman's committee of the defense council, held at the Palace Hotel by Mrs. S. H. Steiger, of Vacaville, and also by Charles H. Moore, newly named head of the State Council of Defense.

Mrs. Steiger is chairman of the Bolano County women's committee of the defense council. She has been watching the work of the first unit of the Woman's Land Army at Vacaville. She said it was all right for these women to pick and choose their lighter farm work, but they should not attempt the more arduous field labors until every man available has been drafted to the soil.

Chairman Moore spoke in similar vein, declaring that the example of the Woman's Land Army has been inspiring and encouraging, as showing what could be done if necessary and what the women of the country are ready to do for their country. But he held that all available man labor should first be exhausted before woman labor was called upon for heavy farm work.

Mrs. Herbert A. Cable is chairman of the committee. Mrs. E. S. Glazer presided. Among others present were Mrs. Frank Fredericks and Mrs. Robert J. Burdette. Delegates were present from Solano, Tulare, Santa Clara, Mendocino, Contra Costa and San Joaquin counties.

GOLD COMMITTEE NAMED

HILL TO PROVIDE RELIEF FOR INDUSTRY TO BE DRAWN.

Conference of Western Congressmen Held at Washington, Criticism of Smelter Men Expressed.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 29.—A conference of Congressmen from the gold-producing states of the West a committee was appointed to draft and submit a bill for the relief of gold miners generally and especially of the owners of low-grade properties.

Those appointed on the committee are Representative Taylor of Colorado, Wellington of Utah, Smith of Idaho, Miller of Washington and Raker of California.

Others attending the conference were Delegate Sulzer of Alaska and Representatives May of Utah, Dill of Washington, Lanning and Timberlake of Colorado and Lea of California.

Among other suggestions advanced was one that Congress relieve gold miners operating in the United States of tax levied last year on all mines and that the Railway Administration be directed to grant special rates on supplies for gold mines.

Figures presented showed an astonishing decline in gold production and also showed the material increase in the cost of gold mining.

Facts developed by the Utah chapter of the American Mining Congress were laid before the committee and showed the impossibility of continuing the gold mining industry under present economic conditions.

During the discussion there was considerable criticism of smelter men for their insistence that miners shall shoulder all increased costs while the miners continue to reap their customary profit.

A Catholic soldier dying in France, not speaking French, made his confession through a Protestant woman interpreter in a Y. M. C. A. hut.

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310 Washington St., Bet. 5th and 6th Expert Watch and Jewelry Repairing

Advertisement for Woodard, Clarke & Co. featuring a large 'R' logo and text: '1865-1918 THE dispenser of medicine—he who serves the physician and patient, is no longer a tyro. Knowledge, training, skill, fidelity, vision—these are elemental under present-day demands, and through all the fifty-odd years we have striven mightily to meet wisely and well these tasks as they came to us.'

Advertisement for Rosenthal's Men's Oxfords. Text: '23 PLANES DOWNED! British Shoot Down 17; Send Six Down Out of Control. ENGLISH LOSE 3 MACHINES. German Attempt to Drop Bombs on Paris, but Fail to Reach Objective and One Boche Plane Is Forced to Come Down. LONDON, June 29.—British aviators in aerial combats on the western front Friday shot down 17 German airplanes and sent six others down out of control. Three British machines are missing as a result of the combats. Fifteen tons of bombs were dropped by naval aircraft on enemy targets in the period from June 24 to June 26, the Admiralty announced today. In engagements with hostile aircraft three of these were brought down. The British lost two of their own machines. PARIS, June 29.—(By Havas Agency.)—Paris was unharmed by last night's German air raid. None of the bombs dropped by the several machines which attempted the penetration of the defense between 11:30 and 12:30 o'clock fell on the city. One of the German airplanes that took part in Thursday night's air raid on Paris was compelled to land in a wooded area between Paris and the German line. One of the aviators was killed. His two companions were taken prisoner. PASCOCANTEN ORGANIZED Franklin County, Wash., Red Cross to Fill Hurry Call for Supplies. PASCOCANTEN, Wash., June 29.—(Special.)—The canteen service of the local Red Cross has been fully organized with Mrs. C. T. Walters as captain of this department. A special order of 65 comfort kits were shipped by the Red Cross this week. The Franklin County chapter has been called upon to furnish to the Northwestern Division 100 sweaters and 795 pairs of socks by September 1. The local chapter appreciates the generosity of the Pacific Power & Light Company, which has materially added to the comfort of their rooms by the installation of electric fans. UNION PACIFIC Moves City Office. The city ticket office of the Union Pacific system will move temporarily to the southwest corner of Third and Stark streets, Railway Exchange building, where patrons will be served as usual, commencing Monday, July 1, and continue until the new Union ticket office is opened about August 1.—Adv.

Advertisement for Giant Farm Powders. Text: 'Genuine Giant Powder bears this trademark. The Giant trademark is worth looking for, because it spells better blasting and more of it—done at lower cost. "Giant is powerful, nice to handle," writes Clarence Warner, Dayton, Ore., "and takes less powder to do the same work than other brands. I think Giant is just O. K." Giant Farm Powders—Eureka Stumping and Giant Stumping—are made especially for western farm use. Every ounce of energy has exactly the right craking, splitting and heaving action. More than half a century of such efficiency has made them so popular that other explosives are in error called "giant powders." This indicates the superiority of the original. There is only one brand of Giant Powders. The Giant trademark is your sure protection against imitations. The coupon (or a postal mentioning "this paper") will bring you the big free book "Better Farming." It tells you how to do many kinds of farm work cheaper and better. THE GIANT POWDER CO., Con. "Everything for Blasting" Home Office: San Francisco Branch Offices: Denver, Portland, Salt Lake City, Seattle, Spokane. SEND FOR THIS FREE BOOK THE GIANT POWDER CO., Con., First National Bank Bldg., San Francisco. Enclosed in this 32-page illustrated book "Better Farming." I am especially interested in (check) Stump Blasting, Tree Bud Blasting, Boulder Blasting, Subsoil Blasting, Road Making, Ditch Blasting. Name: Address: