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RHEIMS, REDUCED TO RUINS HOLDS OUT AGAINST TERRIFIC ONSLAUGHT

Allies Troops Engage Forces of Enemy in Hand-to-Hand Combat About Ancient City While Heavy Rains Make Retreat With Artillery Impossible

STRUGGLE CARRIED ON AT BAYONET POINT—DEAD MEN HAVE TO BE PRIED APART

Allies Repulse German Attacks and Make Brilliant Counter Attacks Despite Terrific Shower of Shot and Shell Which Mows Men Down—French Version of Battle

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHALONS SUR MARNE, Sept. 21.—The Germans continued bombarding the principal buildings of Rheims all yesterday and last night. Debris and crumbling walls are all that is left of the thirteenth century cathedral, the most remarkable extant of the early Gothic architecture. In addition to the cathedral, the museum, hospital and city were all for the greater part destroyed. In spite of the bombardment and repeated attacks, the Germans have been unable to take Rheims.

The allies have repulsed the German attacks and have made several impetuous counter attacks in which their infantry charged with magnificent bravery regardless of a terrible storm of scrapnel. The first ranks suffered terribly, but as fast as the men fell, others rushed up to take their places and when the enemy's lines were reached, there was a furious hand-to-hand encounter in which the Germans were forced to give ground, except on the Heights of Brimon, which, owing to an overwhelming machine gun fire the Germans captured.

At the same time the French made a fierce assault on the heights of Lapompelle, which they carried at the point of the bayonet. The struggle there was desperate and after the retirement of the Germans, many Turcos were found dead of bayonet wounds with their hands clasped in such vice-like grips around the necks of antagonists that they literally had to be pried open.

Persons who have return from Rheims say it is difficult to find words to describe these attacks and counter attacks of the infantry amid showers of shot and shell and in a deluge of rain.

Soldiers are coming back covered with mud and drenched by heavy rains which continue. The chalky, clay ground north of Rheims has been so softened, they say, that it will be impossible for a retreating army to get away with their artillery.

RHEIMS BEARS BRUNT OF TWO WARS

Rheims is located in northern France, eight-five miles east of north-east of Paris, situated in a plain on the right bank of the Vesle and on the canal which connects the Aisne with the Marne. It is one of the six cities, each of them with numerous forts, constituting the second line of defense to the north and east of Paris. In 1874 the construction of a chain of detachable forts was begun in the vicinity of Rheims. Thirteen fortresses have been built in a perimeter not quite twenty-miles in length and at a mean distance of six miles from the center of the city. The hills on the Paris side are open and unguarded. The city is the chief wool market of France. The manufacture of champagne, machinery, chemicals, safes, capsules, bottles, casks, candles, soap and paper is carried on extensively. In the foreign invasions of 1814 Rheims was captured and recaptured. In 1870-71 it was made by the Germans the seat of a Governor General and impoverished by heavy regulations.

Vine-clad hills on the south and west and detached forts at various points surround the city. Mediaeval ramparts were replaced by tree-lined boulevards but some of the ancient gateways have been preserved, of which the most noteworthy is the Porte de Paris. The town is well built of limestone, is very picturesque and full of quaint old houses. The thirteenth century cathedral, which was destroyed today was one of the finest extant specimens of Gothic architecture, famous as the place where the French kings were crowned. It also has the Eleventh century Romanesque Abbey Church of Saint Remy. The Abbey of Saint Remy has a library of over 80,000 volumes. Rheims is the chief entrepot for wines of Champagne. The city was built on an old Roman city. Clovis was baptised there. On September 4, 1870, it was vacated by the Germans. The population of Rheims is 102,559.

RUSSIAN SUCCESSES CONTINUED IN GALICIA—15,000 CAPTURED

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Sept. 21.—A message from Petrograd says that during the last three days Russians in Galicia have captured 15,000 Austrians including 150 officers. Many cannon, quick-fire guns and supplies also have been taken.

GERMANS FORCED BACK AGAIN

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

On the battle front the western wing of the German line in France has been thrust back about seven miles during the last 48 hours, as a sequel to the continuous fighting night and day.

NO HOPE OF SAVING RHEIMS.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BORDEAUX, Sept. 21.—Official advices received here last night stated that Rheims was in flames following the bombardment by the German artillery and there was little hope of saving the city.

MANY BODIES OF VICTIMS OF FRANCIS J. LEGGETT FOUND

Eight Recovered Yesterday by Patsy and Tillamook Near Tillamook Rock

NONE OF THOSE FOUND HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED

Four Brought in to Newport and Four Others Brought to Umpqua—One Woman

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEWPORT, Or., Sept. 21.—The bodies of eight victims of the steam schooner Francis H. Leggett, which sank Friday in a gale sixty miles south of the Columbia River, were picked up late yesterday by vessels near the scene of the tragedy.

The schooner Patsy arrived here today with four bodies found just before dark five miles southwest of Tillamook Rock and four miles off shore.

The schooner Tillamook picked up four more, one of which was a woman. The Tillamook put in at the Umpqua. None of the dead were identified. Three had on life preservers and the fourth was lashed fast to a life raft.

The four victims brought here appear to be members of the crew. Blames Poor Loading. Capt. Macgenn of the Breakwater thinks that the Francis H. Leggett wreck was probably due, in a measure, to poor loading and the failure to have the hatch properly secured. He said that it was an awful thing and pointed out the necessity of proper loading. He said that the Smith company had guarded against this danger from hold cargoes, their vessels being so loaded as to make trouble like this practically impossible.

Was Probably Damaged. Capt. Olson of the Adeline Smith said that in view of the meager reports it was difficult to say what caused the accident. However, he thought that possibly the Leggett struck in crossing out and sprung a leak. This water in the hold, with the deck load gone, would cause her to list badly and prevent her righting herself and possibly also prevent the closing of the portholes when she swung over on her side.

WIRES DOWN AGAIN TODAY

Western Union Out of Commission Between Here and Roseburg Again Today

The Western Union had a line working this morning, but about noon the wire went down again and it is uncertain when the service can be restored. Their old line via the old Coos Bay Wagon Road has been out of commission the greater part of the time the past week and had it not been for the emergency line which they have access to on the telephone line, they would have been in bad shape. As it was, business suffered considerably in addition to the Associated Press report to The Times being delayed.

This afternoon, the long distance phone line is out between here and Roseburg and so for the time being Coos Bay was again isolated from the rest of the world.

SALOON ROBBER CAUGHT HERE

George Francis, Just Out of Roseburg Jail, Breaks Into the Owl Saloon Here

Pettevving in getting rich quick, George Francis, newly arrived from Roseburg, and an old offender, already known to the police here, broke out a window on the Alder street side of the Owl Saloon early Sunday morning and robbed the cash register of \$7.75. In his hurry the man overlooked \$2.25 in cash which also reposed in the drawer of the till. Knowing Francis had arrived here without money, Officers J. W. Carter and Walter Richardson became suspicious when they found the man spending money yesterday morning. He was immediately taken in charge and at the jail broke down and confessed his faults, claiming that he was "too drunk to know what was happening." Officer Carter left this afternoon for Coquille, with Francis in tow and there the offender will be turned over to the state.

Early Saturday morning Chief of Police Carter noticed Francis on the street and having his pity aroused, gave the man 25 cents for a meal, thus finding that he was absolutely without funds. On Sunday Francis was noticed as he bought quite a bill of tobacco in a local cigar store. He was at once apprehended and taken to the city jail for examination. It is there that he confessed to the police. Further tracing of the man discovered the fact that he had registered at a rooming house on Front street about four o'clock Sunday morning and under the name of Al Nelson.

The till at the Owl Saloon was not broken open, for, as Manager Swen declared this morning, it is always left standing wide open on the belief that an intruder would rob it anyhow and rather than ring the bell connected with the till would forcibly break in, thus causing considerably more damage than the amount stolen.

Francis was in jail Friday night for being drunk and last week finished a sixty-day sentence in the county jail at Roseburg for robbing a store at Oakland. He is about 45 years old. He had about \$5 cash left from the Owl's money.

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MYRTLE POINT IS JOYFUL

Feel That Sunshine Insures Good Weather for Fair—W. H. Corbin Passes Away

(Special to The Times.) MYRTLE POINT, Or., Sept. 21.—Everything is in readiness for the annual fair which will open here Wednesday. The sunshine yesterday and today has been a great relief to the directors as they now feel assured of good weather. Furthermore, it is putting the track in fine shape and the course will probably be the fastest it has ever been. Horsemen say that the races could be run tomorrow if necessary.

Eight horses arrived in via Roseburg today. Five of them are Coos County horses returning from the valley circuit and three are new horses. There will be a fine string here. Many exhibits are also coming in.

Pioneer Dies. W. H. Corbin, a pioneer of the Myrtle Point section, died last night at his home here of paralysis. He was about forty-five years old and is survived by a wife and family. He spent many years in the Coquille Valley.

OWL'S PICNIC BIG SUCCESS

Large Crowd Enjoys Festivities at Simpson Park—Wet Grounds Hurt Program

The annual picnic of the Owls at Simpson Park in North Bend yesterday was a great success from every standpoint. The wet grounds compelled them to cancel plans for an athletic program and the speaking was dispensed with. There was a large crowd in attendance, big picnic dinners were enjoyed from the baskets and the afternoon and evening were spent in dancing. There was good music and the floor was in good condition, the dancers making merry until almost midnight.

Dan McDonald and the others on the general committee saw to it that the immense crowd was handled in good shape and enabled to have a good time. They regretted very much that some of the features of the day's entertainment had to be dispensed with.

BANDON MAN IN EUROPEAN WAR

Otto R. Sabro Tells of Experiences in Norway When Conflict Broke Out

Otto R. Sabro of Bandon returned on the Elizabeth from his trip to Norway, where he has been for the past several months. Mr. Sabro states that when the war broke out there were exciting times all over Europe. Even in Nor-

FRENCH CLAIM ALLIES HAVE BETTER OF MANY BATTLES

Claim That French Left Wing Has Made Material Advances on Banks of River Oise West of Noyon—Claim Germans Repulsed Everywhere Along the Line.

SAYS GERMANS HAVE RENEWED OFFENSIVE EAST OF RIVER OISE AND NORTH OF RIVER AISNE

Say That Violent Encounters Did Not Stop Short of Bayonet Charges—Claim French Victories in Champagne Country—Germans Fortify Themselves

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Sept. 21.—The following official statement was given out today: "First, on our left wing on the right bank of the River Oise, we have advanced as far as the Heights of Lassingny, west of Noyon. To the east of the Oise and to the north of the River Aisne, the Germans have given evidence of a recrudescence in activity. In the region of Craonne, there have been violent encounters which did not stop short of bayonet charges.

The enemy has been everywhere repulsed with considerable losses. Around Rheims the enemy has not undertaken any infantry attacks, confining itself to the artillery fire with heavy guns.

Second, on the center in the Champagne country and on the western slopes of the Argonne River, we have taken Mesnilles Les Hurlus and Massignes. In the Aevore district the enemy still holds the region of Thiaucourt and has cannonaded Hassoncatel.

"On our right wing, in the Lorraine Vosges, there is nothing new. The Germans are fortifying themselves in the vicinity of Del Miel to the south of Chateau Salins."

SERVIANS CLAIM VICTORIES OVER AUSTRIANS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NISH, Sept. 21.—An official communication says: "The Austrians' attempts to cross the River Drina have failed again and all attempts to cross the River Save were also unsuccessful. The Montenegrin army is only ten miles from the Bosnian capital and has captured a large amount of booty."

GERMANS SAY ALLIES FORCED TO ASSUME DEFENSIVE NOW

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Sept. 21.—It was officially announced last night that the situation in the western campaign was unchanged along the entire front. The French and British forces have been obliged to take the defensive in their entrenched positions.

JAPANESE CLAIM VICTORY OVER GERMANS IN CHINA

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

TOKIO, Sept. 21.—It is announced that the Japanese attacked the Germans near Kaio Chow and defeated them September 18. The Germans are said to have abandoned their fortified positions.

JAPANESE CAPTURE TWO FORTS BY AID OF BOMBS FROM AIRSHIPS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Sept. 21.—A telegram from Petrograd to the Havas agency correspondent says "A dispatch has been received here from Vladivostock which declares that Japanese aeroplanes, throwing bombs, have destroyed two of the important forts at Tsing Tau."

way, which is a neutral country, the weeks ago, taking a ship from Ber-people began to make runs on the gen to Liverpool, where he embarked banks, to lay in big supplies of groceries and food stuffs, and began generally to prepare for a great calamity. He says that so far both Sweden and Norway are remaining neutral and will probably continue although Norway sympathizes with England and the allies and Sweden with the Germans. There is some possibility that Sweden might join with the Germans against Russia, as they are anxious to get back Finland, which Russia took over some time ago. Mr. Sabro left Norway about three

Read the war news, but don't forget the store news in The Times.