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FRENCH CLAIM ALLIES GAINING ALL ALONG LONG BATTLE LINE

Paris Announcement Says They Made Slight Gains Near Sea Coast Despite Desperate Attacks of Germans Between Dixmude and the River Lys Today.

VILLAGE OF MESSINES SAID TO BE ONLY POINT AT WHICH GERMANS HAVE GAINED GROUND IN FIGHTING

Kaiser's Forces Repulsed at Lihons, Arras and Lequesnoy-en-Santerres and French claim Decisive Gains in Vosges Mountains, Gaining Strategic Points.

PARIS, Nov. 2.—An official communication this afternoon says: "On our left wing the German offensive continued yesterday with the same violence in Belgium and North France, particularly between Dixmude and the River Lys. In this region, despite attacks, we made a slight progress on almost the entire front, except at the village of Messines, part of which was again lost by the allies. Movements against Arras, Lihons and Lequesnoy-en-Santerre by the Germans failed. In the region of the Aisne we made slight progress in the direction of Tracy Le Val and other points. Between Argonne and the Meuse rivers the enemy bombarded without results. In the Vosges mountains we recaptured the heights dominating Mount Saine Marie and made progress in the region of Ban De Sapt, where we occupy positions from which the enemy has been bombarding St. Die."

TURKISH WARSHIPS CONTINUE TO SHELL RUSSIAN BLACK SEA CITIES

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PETROGRAD, Nov. 2.—The newspapers report that the cruisers Goeben and Breslau and four Turkish torpedo boats bombarded the railroad and docks at Sebastopol yesterday. The Russian shore batteries replied. The warships retired to the east after inflicting trivial damage. Theodossia suffered a bombardment Saturday when a Turkish cruiser sailed close enough to throw thirty shells into the city.

ROME, Nov. 2.—Turkish gunboats are reported at the entrance to the Gulf of Suez. Numerous detachments of Turkish cavalry have reached Akabaha, a fortified village of Arabia on the Gulf.

JAPS WORRY HONOLULU PORT OFFICIALS AT CONFERENCE THERE

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

HONOLULU, Nov. 2.—A midnight conference was held between Collector of the Port Franklin, Deputy Collector Sharp and the Japanese consul and wireless messages were exchanged with the United States revenue cutter Thetis, patrolling the outside harbor. Franklin appeared perturbed. Two Japanese cruisers, the Hizezn and Asama, are hovering outside the harbor, but whether the conference had to do with them could not be learned.

BRITISH VESSEL SUNK BY TURKS.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Nov. 2.—A dispatch from Petrograd dated Sunday says that the British vessel Frederick was ignited and scuttled during the bombardment of Novorossysk. The Turks also bombarded Anapa, a Russian seaport on the Black Sea at the western extremity of the Caucasus range.

KAISER SAYS GERMANY WILL WIN.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Nov. 2.—In addressing the Brandenburg regiment in France recently, Emperor William closed his speech with these words: "When the war is finished, we shall see each other again. Under all circumstances the enemy will be beaten."

ROBBED SALOON SUNDAY NIGHT

Tom Madden's Place, Adjacent to Police Station, Is Entered by Burglars.

In the early part of last evening within 20 feet of the police station robbers dared to enter the rear of the Shamrock Bar.

Someone broke into Tom Madden's Shamrock saloon last night between 8:20 and 9:20 and made their exit with a few bottles of liquor without being discovered. About \$29 in change in the cash register was not molested, the burglar or burglars being disgusted when they found the

cash drawer of the safe empty. A Heckla, bartender there, had taken about \$125 out of the cash drawer and put it in his pocket when he discovered that the safe was in bad shape when he closed Saturday night.

The robbery was discovered by Special Patrolman Doane. He tried the door at 8:20 when he made his first round and when he returned on his second round at 9:20 he discovered the robbery.

The police are looking for several suspects. It is reported that several dollars' change was stolen from the cash drawer of the Shamrock restaurant early yesterday morning.

ATTENTION B. P. O. ELKS.

On next Wednesday, November 4, one of the most important questions that ever came before the lodge will be fully discussed. There will be also initiation. Every member is expected to attend.

THOS. B. JAMES, Sec.

Coos Bay Times Gets Full Election Returns

COUNTY OFFICIALS ARRAIGN LIQUOR

Judge Coke, Judge Hall and Prosecuting Attorney Liljeqvist at Dry Meeting.

Complete refusal of the wet argument that the passing of the prohibition amendment will raise the local and state taxes was made by the three judicial authorities of the county. Circuit Judge Coke, County Judge John Hall and Prosecuting Attorney Liljeqvist at the packed meeting of the dry forces in the Masonic opera house last evening. That \$35,000 is the license from the sale of liquor annually in Coos County, was the declaration of Judge Hall, but attached to this statement was a rider that to collect this \$35,000 the county must pay annually the sum of \$50,000 in liquor expenses, 75 per cent of whose business originates directly or indirectly from liquor causes.

Straightforward accusation that the wholesale liquor houses of Marshfield are aiding bootlegging in the dry sections of Coos county was made by Prosecuting Attorney Liljeqvist. "And still the saloon forces claim there is a joker in the dry amendment," he declared. "Bootlegging goes on right now all over the county. The saloon keepers in the five wet towns of the county are aiding and abetting this traffic. The passing of the dry amendment will repeal the 'Home Rule' law, one of the trickiest bits of legislation ever passed by the saloon forces through the state legislature." The Home Rule law gives to towns the passing on the local option, thereby isolating them as wet centers of dry counties.

"The Webb-Kenyon law" continued Mr. Liljeqvist, "will prohibit the sending of liquor into Oregon, should it go dry, unless this liquor is labeled with the name of the consignee and notice of shipments are given the officers. In this way bootlegging is tapped at the root. Quotations on what is happening in Kansas are quotations of 15 years ago.

Old Cases Cited. "An Agitator comes out asking for '3000 dimes.' Do you know why Frank Cameron wants 3000 dimes? Because the supreme court will pass on his South Inlet bootlegging case next month. He may need all he can get of those dimes.

And there is Mr. A. H. Powers who signed that petition. He brought 23 bottles of booze to my office the other day which had been bought at a Coos Bay liquor house and taken into his camp. He preached me one of the strongest temperance talks I ever heard, and yet he signed the petition. Mark my words, many of the men who were bamboozled into signing that petition, signed wet, but will vote dry.

Judge Hall declared he has heard only two arguments in favor of the liquor traffic, one is that it is good for snake-bites and the second, that it is necessary for revenue. The first was left intact; the second refuted with figures gathered by the Judge while in office for the past eight years.

Answering the question, "What do we pay to get the revenue?" Judge Hall declared that in the last six months "20 men of the state have been killed or drowned on account of liquor," that the Warden of the Washington penitentiary told him that 90 per cent of the inmates were there on account of whiskey, and that investigation of the Oregon penitentiary showed that 75 per cent of the convicts were there on the same account and 50 of the insane asylum inmates.

"The county board has paid \$12,000 annually for eight years," continued the Judge, "to pay for Coos county's share to the penitentiary, the asylum, the poor farm and the county jail. More than half the cases through the circuit court are liquor cases."

Judge Coke's View. To Judge Coke appealed the fact that the passing of the dry amendment will leave the work only starting; the law must be enforced. And like Mr. Liljeqvist, he believes the Webb-Kenyon law will limit the sale

The Coos Bay Times will receive the combined Associated Press and Western Union election service Tuesday night and Wednesday, covering the Oregon and national elections completely. This service will mean constant service Tuesday evening and Wednesday and will be bulletined at The Times office Tuesday night and Wednesday.

The returns from Oregon will be slow. From Coos county they will also be slow and it is not likely that enough can be obtained Tuesday night to indicate how it is going. However, partial returns from the various precincts as the count progresses will be received.

The counting of ballots will be a tedious one and many estimate that it will be late Wednesday before the count is completed in many of the larger precincts.

Want Officials to Help.

The judges and clerks in each precinct are requested when they finish the count to copy the returns off on several sample ballots, at least one of which will be taken to the county clerk's office in Coquille by the messenger delivering the returns. The official returns are all sealed up and unless the count is delivered on a sample ballot, it will be several days before the result will be known. By copying them on several, the judges will be able to furnish the returns to the various ones desiring them.

The Times will be glad to have the officials in the various precincts give occasional reports from time to time during the count to The Times office by phone, giving especially the vote on some of the more important matters, such as Senator, Governor, Congressman, sheriff, wet and dry question, etc.

EDNA M'DONALD BECOMES BRIDE

(Special to The Times.)

COQUILLE, Ore., Nov. 2.—Miss Edna McDonald, who was the victim of a sad accident ten days ago in which her foot was cut off by a logging train, yesterday became the bride of Hugh Porter Walls, business manager of a newspaper at Modesto, Stanislaus county, Calif. It seems that the young girl was engaged to wed, the romance dating from a few years ago when Miss McDonald was in Modesto. When Walls heard of the accident, he immediately started for Coquille, arriving here Saturday and the nuptials were solemnized yesterday although the bride was not yet able to be up.

Will Wed Tomorrow. Miss Bonnie Gage, daughter of Sheriff W. W. Gage, and Archie Walker formerly in charge of the Dow warehouses, will be married tonight or tomorrow at the home of the bride's parents. They will reside here.

of liquor in a dry territory and in addition advocates a state law that only a limited quantity can be sold to any one person.

Entirely broad in his view Judge Coke stated, "The question is not whether or not we can use liquor in small quantities or; leave it alone entirely. Tomorrow we go to the polls to help the poor fellow who has gone so far, whose will is so weakened he can't help himself. This is a moral issue. Think of the degeneracy caused by the use of whiskey," and Judge Coke told of the many cases that have come before his court in the past two years.

That he has seen four young men, all under 18 years of age, come out of a local saloon, was the confounding statement of Reverend Bassford who attributed it all to "that damnable liquor traffic and the name is none too bad for the cause." To give girls and boys a chance, a chance of living in a clean community and away from filth, was the plea of Mr. Bassford.

"More hogs and less hell," was the substance of the talk, made by Charles Barrows, of Coquille, who declared the loss of revenue taken away from the public through the loss of license money, is returned by way of banks and private accounts.

POLLS OPEN FROM EIGHT TO EIGHT

More Than 1000 Votes Expected from City—Use the Same Polling Places.

Polls in the four precincts of the city will be open exactly at eight o'clock in the morning and will be closed at that hour in the evening. The same voting places will be used in this election as were used for the city primary of Saturday. With this evening all campaigning comes to a close and tomorrow there will be little said on either side for the law is explicitly exact on the point of electioneering and has made it a misdemeanor.

That the vote in the city will total more than 1,000 votes in the belief of City Recorder Butler, though his figures are based on the voting strength of last year. At eight o'clock when the polls close tomorrow evening the second shift of judges and clerks will relieve those who have been on duty during the day and all night they will be at work counting the votes and at eight o'clock on Wednesday morning will be in turn relieved by the first shift. In this way will they work until a complete count has been made in the city.

Already warning has been given to both the wet and dry adherents by the Committee of One Hundred that electioneering of any kind on election is prohibited by the corrupt practices act.

That they will have watchers at the polls to challenge all doubtful votes is the statement of wet officers. This they are allowed to do according to law. It is intended to watch for voters who have not cast their ballot and to send messengers to their homes to remind them it is election day. It is highly probable that this procedure will be followed also by the drys.

The statute covering electioneering, section 3518 of the corrupt practices act, says:

"It will be unlawful for any person at any place on the day of election to ask, solicit or in any manner try to induce any voter on such election day to vote for or to refrain from voting for any candidate, or the party or organization, or any measure submitted to the people, and upon conviction thereof he shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$100 for the offense, and for the second and each subsequent offense occurring on the same or different election days he shall be punished by fine aforesaid, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than five nor more than 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

Voters of the North Precinct number 17 will vote at the Woodcraft Shop, 762 Front Street North; those of Central number 18 at the O'Connell Building, corner of Market and Second; voters of Central number 19 at the Williams Building, corner Curtis and Broadway and those of South precinct number 20 at 727 Broadway Street south.

MORNING TRAIN TO BRING MAIL

Supt. W. F. Miller of the local Southern Pacific lines has nearly completed arrangements for a new train schedule which will probably go into effect in a few days and relieve the mail situation.

His plan is to have a train leave Marshfield about 7 o'clock in the morning, making connections with the river boats, and return with the incoming mail about 9:30. The train will be strictly a passenger train.

In addition to the week day service he is arranging for a Sunday passenger train to handle the incoming and outgoing mail Sundays.

Supt. Miller is also arranging for the erection of a passenger depot at the Bunker Hill crossing to protect patrons from the inclement weather. This will be erected at once.

GERMANS CLAIM BATTLE FAVORS KAISER IN NORTHERN FRANCE

Official Statement from Berlin That Developments Have Been Much Against Allies During Last Few Days Fight—French Driven Back Across Aisne.

GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN RETIREMENT FROM RUSSIANS OF EASTERN FRONTIER ADMITTED BY GERMANS NOW

Declare They Now Occupy New Positions That Had Been Chosen in Advance and That the Russian Attack at the New Point Had Been Repulsed.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Nov. 2 (Wireless)—Information given out from official quarters today says: "The progress of the fighting on the front in the north of France is regarded here as highly favorable. The report given out yesterday that the French had been thrown back across the Aisne at a point near Soissons and the operations had been extended to the west front of Verdun is regarded as the most favorable issue for some time past."

The Austrians and Germans have completed their retirement to new positions previously selected. When the vanguard of Russians following them came in touch with the new lines, there were several encounters in which the Russians were driven off. The Austrians in Southern Galicia succeeded in crushing back the Russian left flank, which for several days made a desperate stand in carefully prepared positions. The Austrians report further successes in Bukovina.

GRAND VIZIER OF TURKEY HAS APOLOGIZED FOR BOAT RAIDS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The Grand Vizier of Turkey has apologized for recent events in the Black Sea.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—War has not yet been declared on Turkey, but the withdrawal from Constantinople of the ambassadors of the Triple Entente powers is regarded as equivalent to a signal for hostilities which Turkey has anticipated by naval raids and a land expedition which is reported to have penetrated Egypt.

MAJOR TOWER DIES AT EMPIRE

Old Soldier Answers Last Revueille After Long Honorable Career—Coos Bay Pioneer

Major Morton, for 40 years a prominent and highly respected citizen of Coos Bay, died at his home in Empire early Sunday morning at 1:30 o'clock. For two months he had been ill though the last four or five days previous to his death he had been able to sit up, but at the last he became weaker, gradually sinking until his death which had been foreseen as late as Friday. With him at the last were members of his immediate family whom he never failed to recognize.

Major Tower left a wife, two sisters and a brother. Neither of the sisters will be able to come for the funeral which is set for tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 at the Episcopal church, the Reverend Robert Browning officiating. One of the sisters, Mrs. Ellen Mann, of San Francisco, is now sick in bed; the other sister, Mrs. Adeline Mann, lives at Freeport, Ill. Dr. C. W. Tower is the remaining brother.

In 1840 Major Tower was born at Randall, Mass. In 1874 he moved west to Coos Bay, bringing his wife with him.

For twenty-four years after that Major Tower was in the government service, first as a deputy customs collector at Empire and later as head of the customs office, a position which he held up until a year ago.

The military career of Major Tower was brilliant and one fought with more than the usual share of a soldier's adventure. In 1861 at the outbreak of the Civil war Major Tower enlisted as a private in the 4th Battalion Rifles, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia and on July 16 of that year he was promoted to a sergeant of the 13th Mass. Infantry and almost a year later was promoted to a lieutenant and a captaincy October 3, 1863. Throughout his service the rise of Major Tower was rapid and on February 28, 1864 he received his commission as Brevet Major.

At the second battle of Bull Run near Richmond, he was wounded and

on July 1, 1863 was taken prisoner at Gettysburg together with two or three thousand other soldiers, "even while we could see our army marching and taking possession of the hills beyond the town and we felt that our work had been well done." By long and tedious marches the prisoners were marched to Libby Prison which the Major described as a "capacious warehouse, built of brick and roofed with tin and with a front of 140 feet and depth of 135 feet, containing nine large rooms."

Wearily and footsore, with little to eat the men were made prisoners in this building and from the time of entry the whole thought of the prisoners was centered on efforts to escape though the Major adds in his description of life at Libby "that very few chances were offered owing to the almost impregnable position of the prison."

But one of these few attempts were tried by the Major who states the party made their exit from the second story of the building by removing the bricks of the chimney during the night-time and under the very eyes of the guards. Thrilling is the tale of how these men, one of them a wounded Captain, cut a long tunnel at the risk of being buried alive and one night escaped to the swamps where for days they traveled through the water and underbrush, at one time being held at bay by several bloodhounds from a trailing party.

And several days later, this party which had spent months in Libby Prison escaped to the Federal lines where they were heartily received by friends and later went to Washington there to be received by President Lincoln who complimented them on their bravery. How they were welcomed by the people is shown by this story often told by the Major.

Coming to Washington on the steamboat the men made too much noise in the cabin and the captain told them to be quiet. One being informed they were of the party escaped from Libby Prison he came back with the statement "to make all the damned noise you please." This was the end of Major Tower's military experience and once more he returned to civilian life.