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GASEOUS BOMBS DRIVE BELGIANS

Paris Admits Terrific Effect of Asphyxiating Bombs Driving Men From Trenches

YSER CANAL AGAIN

French Claim Vigorous Counter Attacks Check Fierce Onslaughts on Germans

BERLIN CLAIMS VICTORY

PARIS, April 23.—The Official statement this afternoon reads: "Yesterday in the bend of the Yser, north of Dixmude, Belgian troops repulsed an attack against the Chateau Vicoque and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. North of Ypres, the Germans, by employing large quantities of asphyxiating bombs effects of which were felt for a distance of two kilometers behind our lines, forced us to retire in the direction of the Yser canal. Toward the west and in the direction of Ypres, toward the south, the enemy's attack was checked. Vigorous counter attacks enabled us to regain ground and make many prisoners. In the wooded valley near St. Mihiel, by attacks on the east and west of positions previously captured, we took 700 metres of trenches."

FIGHT AT CLOSE QUARTERS

BERLIN, April 23.—The official announcement of today reads: "During the action yesterday, we advanced from our front at Steenstraete, east on Langemarck, against the positions of the enemy in the north and northeast of Ypres. With rushes our troops moved forward along a line extending as far as the hills south of Pilken and east of Douon. At the same time they forced their way across the Ypres canal at Steenstraete and Hetsas, where they established themselves on the western bank of the canal. The villages of Ypres, Langemarck, Steenstraete, Hetsas and Pilken were taken, at least 1,600 French and British soldiers and thirty cannon including four heavy guns fell into our hands. Between the Meuse and the Moselle, active fighting yesterday became more lively. Artillery battles were especially fierce at Combres, St. Mihiel, Apremont and northeast of Filrey. An infantry attack of the enemy followed only in wooded country between Athly and Apremont. The French penetrated this region in certain sections of our foremost trenches, but they were partly driven out again. Fighting at close quarters still continues. The village of Embrememul, which has been taken by us and which was set on fire by French shells, has been evacuated. The situation in the east is unchanged."

GERMAN FLEET SEARCHES FOR BRITISH

Admiralty Says Repeated Attempts Made to Find English in North Sea

BERLIN, April 23.—The German admiral announced that the German fleet recently cruised repeatedly in the North Sea, advancing into English waters without meeting the warships of Great Britain.

THAW IS UP AGAIN

JURY NOW TO DECIDE QUESTION OF SANITY

New York Supreme Court Grants Application of Thaw's Attorneys For Another Trial.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The question of the sanity of Harry K. Thaw will be determined by jury. The State Supreme Court today granted application for a writ of habeas corpus.

WEB DRAWS CLOSE

FORGERS ARE IDENTIFIED BY THEIR VICTIMS

Chain of Evidence Leaves Little Chance for Escape say Authorities—Grand Jury Today

An Austrian suspect picked up by the officers this morning was turned loose after a strict cross examination. It was shown that he knew nothing of the forging operations. That something further may be found out through the opening of any mail sent to the suspects was the statement of the officers. The mail is to be forwarded to the county jail where the sheriff will have a right to open it. District Attorney Liljeqvist took an interpreter with him this morning. The examination of today may disclose some startling revelations. It is said that the men had been writing lately to San Francisco, hence it is possible they have confederates there.

Clever displays of ignorance, direct contradictions on cross examination and a drawing tighter about them the web of incriminating circumstances marked the examination of five alleged forgers at the county jail yesterday afternoon and two of the same number in the police station here last evening. Witnesses, storekeepers of Marshfield and North Bend who had cashed bogus checks, descended with a vengeance on the men, positively identifying them, as having had some part in the well worked scheme of last Saturday night.

John Penovitch, one of the supposed leaders of the gang and said to be the cleverest of the five, was found to have changed his clothes several times on Saturday to throw off suspicion and later to have completed his disguise by shaving off his mustache. Dan Muehlich, the Austrian captured early yesterday morning by a farmer named Cribbens two miles beyond Bridge was identified by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Stein as the man who had bought shoes of them and for whom they cashed a check on Saturday.

What part Duklich, the big Austrian brought in last night by Deputy Sheriff Laird from Hauser and Hauser's camp 10 played in the game is still problematical. He has not been recognized as having any connection with the gang here, though he is known to have been in North Bend Saturday and later, told Timekeeper Bailey at camp 10 that he knew who had the money. Duklich was taken to Coquille today with Penovitch and Muehlich, and they, with the three men already in jail there will be brought before the grand jury today.

Subpoenas were served last night on Mrs. Mary Taylor, William Hoffman, Pearl Johnson, Mrs. E. M. Jones, Mrs. Margaret Taylor and Mrs. Peter Reberg, all of North Bend, and R. A. Copple, Robert Dillard and H. S. Harris. They were before the grand jury today.

Detective H. E. Alkus, of the Burns' agency, spent yesterday in rounding up information at North Bend. He had traced the men through their careers there for several days past, interrogated witnesses and returned last night with facsimile copies of the men's handwriting.

Dan Muehlich, captured yesterday at Bridge, could speak no English. An interpreter was secured. When brought face to face with the prisoners at the county jail yesterday he emphatically declared he knew none of them. The four men behind the bars affirmed his statements. Last night he admitted having seen them before.

"Where did you get those shoes?" said Sheriff Johnson, pointing. "In Spokane," was the answer. Mr. Stein was brought in. He identified the shoes by the number, make and case lot as ones sold to Muehlich.

In a rambling story, jerkily interpreted, Muehlich told how he came from Spokane to Portland where he heard "they lay some track down here." He came and at the landing in Marshfield was met by a man who professed to be a gambler having

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BARNES ATTACK NOT MALICIOUS

Roosevelt Wanted to Appeal to Voters of New York, He Tells Counsel on Stand

HEARING RESUMED

Barnes Not Important Until 1913 Says Ex-President—Then Rose Rapidly

ATTITUDE IS UNCHANGED

"I attacked no man in autobiography I thought I could help," says Colonel Roosevelt.

SYRACUSE, April 23.—On resuming the witness stand this morning, Roosevelt was questioned about his autobiography by Ivins, counsel for Barnes, who asked him if his review of New York politics contained the mention of Barnes. "No," said Roosevelt. "He was not then of the same importance as Platt and O'Dell. However, when I published my autobiography in 1913, I thought the same of Barnes as I did when I wrote the article complained of here." "Why did you do that?" "I did not want to make any malicious attack on Barnes. I refused to attack any man in my autobiography that I could help. In my statement I wanted to appeal to the voters of New York."

SYRACUSE, April 23.—During the second day of cross examination in the supreme court here today, Theodore Roosevelt said he had regarded William Barnes as a "Sort of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, who like other politicians, had good sides and bad sides." He said he did not, as suggested by William Ivins, cross examiner, try to sever ligaments between "These Siamese twins of politics." "Quite the contrary," he declared, he had endeavored to have the Dr. Jekyll in them absorb the Mr. Hyde. He admitted he had complied with many suggestions made by Barnes in regard to filling offices in the state government during the two years he was governor.

SYRACUSE, April 23.—Ivins read a letter written on White House stationery by Roosevelt to Barnes telling of appointing him to office. "Did you appoint Mr. Hyde Jones or Dr. Jekyll Barnes?" "I wanted to get Dr. Jekyll out of him. The Treasury Department said he had done his work well and deserved reappointment."

"So you tried to cut the ligaments between these Siamese twins?" "Oh, no. I was trying to get one to absorb the other."

FLEET IS IN CANAL

THROUGH TO PACIFIC IN JULY SAYS SEC. DANIELS

Culebra Cut Slides Expected to Cause No More Delays to Shipping is Expressed Belief

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23.—Secretary Daniels reiterated today without qualification that the Atlantic fleet will pass through the Panama Canal to the Pacific ocean in July. Some doubt had been expressed whether earth movements would have ceased by that time.

ANOTHER TRAWLER GOES DOWN TO DAVY JONES

GRIMSBY, April 23.—The Grimsby trawler St. Lawrence was torpedoed and sunk in the North Sea yesterday by a German submarine. Two members of the crew were killed. Seven survivors were brought here by the trawler Queenstown, whose skipper reports the submarine fired on his vessel when engaged in rescuing the crew.

PLANS RECEIVED

REMOVAL LIFE SAVING STATION NOW CERTAINTY

Local Contractors May See Plans at Chamber of Commerce and Submit Bids Until May 19.

Plans and specifications for the forming of the new Coos Bay Coast Guard station at Charleston Bay were received this morning by Captain Britt, keeper of the station. The plans and maps are now at the Chamber of Commerce where they are being held for the examination of contractors who expect to bid on the work. Sealed bids will be received until May 19 and then will be publicly opened.

The proposals call for the erection of a keeper's dwelling and accessories, a boathouse, launchway and jetty on the south side of the channel at Charleston Bay.

A certified check for \$300 must accompany each bid and the instructions read "that the said check shall become the property of the United States, if, for any reason the bidder, after the opening of the bids, withdraws from the competition or refuses to execute the contract and bond required in the event of the said contract being awarded to him."

No subcontractor or other persons furnishing material or labor to the contractor will be recognized nor will the Department be in any way responsible for the claims of such persons, and this is taken to mean that the contractor shall in every way be held responsible for the work and those engaged in the project.

The successful bidder must also furnish a bond equal to the sum of his bid. All work under the contract must be guaranteed for at least a year and before the complete payment for the work is made all claims of the Department for unsatisfactory workmanship or material must be made good.

Payments are to be made in the following manner, according to the instructions with the plans. One third of the contract price when 50 per cent of the work is completed; one third of the contract price when it is 85 per cent finished and the balance, with the exception of \$300 held as a surety, on the completion of the contract and this is to be returned on the recommendation of the superintending officer of the government.

Work Only Eight Hours It is specifically pointed out that through an act of Congress workmen can only be used during an eight hour working day.

A map of the new site accompanies the plans. A piece of land 400 feet square will be utilized by the new station. The boathouse to contain the three lifeboats of the station will be placed close to the water's edge and with a launchway extending out into the water beyond the line of the shore breakers, this to insure the safe launching of the boats in any sort of weather.

May Use Old Station

Henry Sengstacken, secretary of the Port, today broached the proposition of having the Chamber of Commerce take steps to procure the old station to be used as a camping ground and resort. It was pointed out that the place is not far from the long beach on the other side of the sand spit, is in a sheltered spot and easily accessible from any part of the Bay.

I. W. W.'s Return.—That members of the I. W. W. in trouble here many months ago are gradually returning to the logging camps is the belief of A. H. Powers. He says that the men are coming in very quietly and every once in awhile are recognized at the camps. Timekeeper Zimmerman, at Camp 5, is being congratulated in the manner in which he picked up Harry Brewster who was wanted and being searched for by the officers for robbing and throwing a man in the Bay. He is a former deputy sheriff. Mr. Powers states that he probably will be removed to Wagner there to aid in watching over the peace and dignity of the new town of Powers.

M. L. Bowman is a wonderful bass singer. Hear him at the Rotarian Concerts, Noble Theater next Monday and Tuesday nights. Great range and ability to take his high tones and the very low ones musically and with little effort makes him a soloist, to be enjoyed immensely.

BIG LAND CASE IN COURT TODAY

Coos Bay Land Grant Case Up for Consideration in U. S. Supreme Court

VAST SUM INVOLVED

Government Seeks to Have the Courts Declare Land Forfeited for Violation of Contract

SHOULD GO TO SETTLERS

Railroads Sold Large Tracts to Timber Companies Instead of to Settlers—Hundreds of Claimants Interested in Developments

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23.—Title to approximately \$50,000,000 worth of land in Western Oregon is up for consideration today before the Supreme Court. The lands are included in the domain granted by the government to aid in the construction of the Oregon & California Railroad. The railroad now claims title, under the terms of the original grant.

The Federal Government is seeking to have the courts declare the lands forfeited because of the sale of part of the land in disregard to a section of the grant providing that the land should be sold to actual settlers at not more than \$2.50 an acre and in 160 acre tracts. The railroad sold large tracts to timber companies. Hundreds of claimants are engaged in the litigation.

WOULD TAX GRANT

ATTORNEY GENERAL SUBMITS BRIEFS SUPREME COURT

Urges Right State Tax Oregon, California Railroad Land Grant. Want Land for Settlers

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23.—Attorney General Brown of Oregon got permission from the Supreme court today to file a brief urging the state's right to tax the Oregon and California Railroad land grant. He suggested that the railroads be required to sell to actual settlers and at purchase price inure to benefit of the United States.

INDICTMENTS OUT

THREE RETURNED BY GRAND JURY, FOURTH SECRET

Harry Brewster, Tom Grinrod, and John Litter Named, Most of Day Spent With Austrians

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, April 23.—Three indictments were served today and it is known that a fourth, a secret indictment is out, but pending its serving no name will be announced. All day the grand jury has been in busy session, most of the time being taken up with the explanations of the Austrian alleged forgers. No indictments have yet been made out against them and it is believed here that further examination will be made tomorrow.

Harry Brewster, who is said to have thrown Gunder Severson in the Bay at Marshfield after first robbing him was indicted for robbery and assault with a dangerous weapon. Tom Grinrod will be tried for petit larceny from a dwelling and John Litter on the charge of lewd cohabitation.

This latter case attracted much attention by reason of the fact the man lived for more than six years with his supposed wife, the couple had two children and then when he took to drinking and failing to support the family this charge was filed in the justice court.

But a few weeks ago one of the children, Earl Litter, playing on the waterfront at Marshfield fell in the bay and was drowned. The supposed wife goes under the name of Mrs. Ohma Green.

FLOODS TAKE TOLL

FIFTEEN OR TWENTY LIVES ARE LOST IN TEXAS FLOODS

Freshet Picks up Houses and Jams Them Down Stream in Crashing Mass—Total Losses.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) AUSTIN, Tex., April 22.—Floods that swept down Waller and Shoal Creeks here last night took a toll of 15 or 20 lives. Houses were jammed in masses against bridges and high water flooded many business houses. Heroic work was done by citizens' rescue parties. Of eight persons in one house swept down Waller Creek, all but one are believed to have perished.

DALLAS, Texas, April 23.—Twenty or more persons, it is estimated today, met death late yesterday in the rain, electrical and wind storm which swept over nearly all of Texas and Eastern Oklahoma. The resultant floods interrupted communication by mail and wire. In parts the storm continues today.

TORNADO KILLS MANY

Heavy Wind Sweeps Through Oklahoma Town Killing Seven and Doing Heavy Damage

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SHAWNEE, Okla., April 23.—Seven persons were injured, three dangerously, in a tornado which last night destroyed the home of S. L. Whitley near here. The property damage in this vicinity is very heavy.

DOUBLE WIRELESS

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION TO GERMANY ASSURED

Increased Power at Sayville, Long Island, Means Dispatches From Berlin Unhindered

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, April 23.—For the purpose of insuring wireless communication between Germany and the United States under all kinds of static conditions, the power of the Telefunken Wireless Station at Sayville, Long Island, has been almost trebled. Many official war bulletins from Berlin are received at Sayville.

Since the opening of the war in August, practically all of the dispatches received in the United States have come via Sayville station. Several months ago a government censor was placed there to insure perfect neutrality on the part of the station. Previous to that time the English contended that the station often sent through communications meant for the Germans relative to the Allies and their forces and positions.

ROBBERS AT LARGE

DASH AMMONIA IN FACE ROGUE RIVER BANK CASHIER

Say Police Had Tip From Ex-Convict—Two Men Flee in Auto to Hills With \$600 Cash

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) GRANTS PASS, April 23.—Posses are searching today for two robbers who yesterday robbed the Rogue River State Bank at Rogue River of over \$600 and fled in an auto. Ammonia was dashed into the face of the cashier and he did not recover to give the alarm until some time later. It became known today that the police had previously been informed that the bank was going to be robbed by an ex-convict who had been asked to go in on the job.

SUSLAW ACCIDENT

EDWARD PETTIT KILLED BY A ROLLING LOG

(Special to The Times.) MAPLETON, April 23.—Edward Pettit employed at the Joler sawmill at Joler on the Willamette Pacific line between Eugene and Mapleton was killed Thursday morning by being crushed under a rolling saw log. The young man was about 30 years of age and unmarried. He had a sister in Mapleton. The accident happened just as the train was passing the mill and death was almost instantaneous.

MORE GERMAN ATTACKS FAIL

Defeated in Attempt to Recapture Hill No. 60, Says a London Report.

OPERATIONS BOLD

British Claim to Hold Crest of Hill at Ypres After Terrific Battle of Yesterday

17-INCH SHELLS FIRED

First Mention Made of Russia's Aerial Fleet—Drop 15 Bombs on Town of Plock—Blow Up Station.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, April 23.—An official semi-weekly report says: "German attacks on Hill No. 60 have been renewed several times. These attacks all failed and for the time being have ceased. We hold the entire crest of the hill. "During the operations around the hill, the enemy fired 17-inch shells into Ypres."

After stubborn fighting, the Germans yesterday crossed the Ypres canal to the western bank. The captured Belgian villages of Lange-marck, Steenstraete, Hetsas and Pilken, Berlin announced had also captured 1,600 French and British prisoners and thirty cannon. Paris announced the capture of nearly a half mile of German trenches near St. Mihiel on the southern extremity of the German wedge, but Berlin claims part recaptured in a counter attack. Petrograd reports minor engagements along the Prussian front. The opinion expressed by prominent Italian statesmen is that Italy's participation in the war at the present time is unlikely.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, April 23.—A dispatch from Petrograd says: "There was much activity yesterday on the part of Russian airplanes. One dropped 15 bombs on Plock. Several German boats on the Vistula were struck, as were the railroad station and trains. Two other machines bombarded the station at Mtywa and a German aerodrome at Sankny."

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PETROGRAD, April 23.—The Russian Black sea torpedo boat squadron bombarded the Turkish coast between Archava and Artaschin on April 19. This 15 mile strip of coast in which is located the quarters of the Turkish army operating in this region, was swept with shells and the barracks and provision stores destroyed. A large number of Turkish coast-wise vessels laden with ammunition and supplies were sunk.

HEAR HEAVY FIRING

ACTIVITY REPORTED AMONG ALLIES AND DEFENDERS

Believe French and English Again Bombard Smyrna Ports—Four Ships Enter Dardanelles

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, April 23.—A dispatch from Athens says that advice from Chion stated heavy firing has been heard there since Thursday morning, which leads to the supposition that the bombardment of Smyrna ports has been resumed. Four British warships entered the Dardanelles yesterday and bombarded the forts for three hours. Turkish forts also were subjected to indirect fire from the Gulf of Saros. They replied vigorously to attacks of the warships.

French mine sweepers are continuing their operations.

Brown, the pianologue artist with the Rotarians is called the "Prince of Entertainers." He sure and hear him. He makes a hit wherever he goes.

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