

GREAT OFFENSIVE ON WEST FRONT BEGUN BY GERMAN FORCES

Artois Region Scene of Tremendous Smash by Kaiser's Men Along Front.

FRISE VILLAGE IS TAKEN

German Claim Capture of French Trenches for Over a Mile, Together With 264 French Prisoners.

London, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—The greatest German offensive on the western front since the drive against Ypres last May has set the entire battle line from the sea to the Vosges in a rush of furious fighting.

To offset the new German smash, the French are making charge after charge in counter attacks in the Artois and along the Somme. The British are delivering lightning thrusts against the Teuton positions around Loos, hoping to draw off German reserves. Over muddy fields the greatest battles since the September offensive of the allies are being fought.

French Village Captured.

The German war office this afternoon announced the capture of the village of Frise, 15 miles northeast of Paris, on the south bank of the river Somme. At the same time Berlin announced the capture of nearly a mile of French trenches, northeast of Neuville and east of Souchez, and the conquest of 1000 yards of French positions around Frise.

Paris dispatches tonight said the loss of Frise is admitted at the French war office. Paris reported the Teutons rushed to the French positions on the Somme on a six-mile front after a terrific bombardment that wrecked many advanced French positions.

French Ignore Claims.

The official statement issued by the French war office tonight, like the statement issued at Paris this afternoon, made no mention of the German claim of important gains on the Neuville sector.

West of Hill number 148 southeast of Giverny, we continued to occupy trenches conquered by the enemy yesterday and liberated prisoners, said the official communiqué issued at Paris tonight. South of the La Fosse road, an enemy counter attack in an attempt to capture two mine craters failed.

In the region of Armentières, a most active artillery combat is proceeding. South of La Lys, south of Berry-au-Bac, and in Lorraine our artillery shelled enemy works effectively.

British Lose Position.

General Haig, British commander-in-chief in France, reported to the war office tonight that the German bombardment around Loos, which has been very violent for several days, showed signs of diminishing today. Haig admitted the German attack on Friday carried German troops into British position near Carnoy. British troops drove the enemy out this morning. On this section of the front, the German bombardment continued heavy. German attacks on Giverny with bombs and hand grenades were repulsed.

French Counter Attack.

Early dispatches from Paris tonight did not confirm the German claim of the capture of 1500 yards of French trenches in the drive toward Souchez. Paris reported that the French counter-attack successfully west of Hill 140 southeast of Giverny and recaptured a portion of a trench taken by the Germans yesterday. Berlin admitted the French occupied a mine crater near Neuville, but announced the repulse of all other French counter attacks in this region.

British critics were puzzled tonight to account for sudden double offensive inaugurated by the Teutons after weeks of quiet on the western front.

Fearful Allied Drive.

A Paris report that the Germans feared a great drive by the allies and decided to strike first and improve their positions offered a plausible explanation. German prisoners taken by the French were quoted as authority for this statement.

The Germans suffered heavy losses in both rushes against the French lines. A heavy bombardment preceded each attack, but it lasted only a few hours and failed to wreck any but the first line trenches. The Teutons immediately found themselves exposed to a hail of shrapnel and machine gun fire from the French second line trenches and the forward drive was stopped.

Lively artillery and mine combats were going on in the Champagne and elsewhere along the front during the heavy fighting north and south of Arras.

The German war office announced the capture of 1234 French prisoners and several machine guns in yesterday's fighting.

Great Preparations Made.

Paris, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Aero-plane scouts report tremendous preparations for an offensive campaign by the Germans in Artois and on the Flanders front. All military experts here believe that the present Teutonic drive will last for some time longer. The present drive extends over a front of 40 miles.

Violent bombardments of the French lines north and south of Arras and infantry attacks on the St. Nicholas-St. Laurent highway indicate that the Germans are making determined effort to capture the city of Arras.

PRETTY GIRLS SELL PRIMROSES GALORE



Left to right—Miss Ray Levin, Mrs. G. S. Botesford, Miss Rutha Savan and Mrs. George Hertz.

GIRLS, PRETTY GIRLS MAKE BIG SUCCESS SELLING PRIMROSES

Golden Haired Girls, Raven Haired Girls, All Pretty Girls, Gather in Shekels.

Primroses. Baskets of primroses. Pretty primroses. Girls. Bunches of girls. Pretty girls. Yellow primroses, pink primroses. Golden haired girls, raven haired girls.

Thousands of primroses. Two hundred girls. Two hundred baskets full of primroses. Cold winds but warm hearts. Two hundred girls selling primroses for a good cause.

Primroses in every buttonhole. Yesterday was Primrose day in Portland. Paper primroses with accompanying tags were sold in public places all day long for the benefit of "Mother" Lawrence's Plague Home farm colony.

Cold and disagreeable weather all night and in half the number of workers, but gratifying results were obtained, nevertheless, the enthusiasm of the tag sellers being without bounds. Miss Lena Nemerovsky, of 70 Irving street, won a five pound box of candy donated by Coffman's for the worker selling the most tags in a hotel lobby.

About 20 baskets of primroses and tags were left over at 4 o'clock last night and 20 young men from the Y. M. C. A. went out with girl friends to conduct a whirlwind selling campaign.

Spies Are Executed After Short Trial

Half Dozen Caught Smuggling Information Through to Russians; Large Sums Received for Services.

Vienna, Jan. 29.—A Polish paper in Lemberg reports that six spies were recently discovered in the Strypa district of eastern Galicia and executed after a short trial by a court martial.

Four of the spies were Ruthenian farmers and the two others are said to have been Galician Jews. A woman who was arrested with them proved her innocence and was acquitted. At their trial the six traitors confessed that they smuggled valuable information to the Russians in many different ways and received large amounts of money for their services. Two of their confederates were killed recently when they tried to pass through the Austrian lines to inform the Russian commander of large concentrations of German and Austro-Hungarian troops at a certain point.

Backfire Cause of Threatening Blaze

Gas in Machine Becomes Ignited; Mechanics Moll Blazing Auto Out into Street, Put Out Fire.

Quick work on the part of mechanics in the Dundee repair shop at Water and East Salmon streets last night prevented what for a few minutes threatened to be a destructive fire. The damage was confined to \$100 on an automobile owned by Fred T. Merrill and his brother, H. J. Merrill.

When repairing the Merrill car the engine backfired into the carburetor and gas in the machine became ignited. For an instant a lively blaze threatened in the oil-soaked inflammable material scattered about the shop. Mechanics seized the car and rolled it into the street before the flames had time to spread. Fire engine No. 7 responded to the call, reaching the scene in time to save the machine.

Bob Sled Rider Is Seriously Injured

Oak Grove, Or., Jan. 29.—Fred Marquart, eight years old and a pupil of the Concord school was seriously injured Friday afternoon on his way home from school. Along with other boys he was riding on a sled being pulled by another pupil who was riding a horse. Fred was thrown off the sled. He sustained a broken leg. Dr. Duy of Oregon City was called.

The richest ruby mines in the world in Burma, are known to have been operated since early in the seventeenth century.

Jitney Drivers Registering for New Ordinance

One more day jitneys will be allowed to run without regulation and then the ordinance recently declared valid becomes effective.

By February 1, all jitney drivers must have licenses for their machines. Those that do not have licenses are to be arrested. The license fee is \$2 per month for machines carrying seven passengers and \$3 a month and 25 cents each additional seat for the larger machines.

About 235 drivers had registered with Jitney Inspector Hill by 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and of this number about half had passed inspection.

Chicago Detective A Portland Visitor

C. M. French, President of the Thiel Detective Service Company, Says He Feels at Home Here.

C. M. French, of Chicago, president of the Thiel Detective Service company, is in Portland.

He was here two years ago during the summer when the thermometer registered an even 100, and he was here 21 years ago when Portland's leading citizens were driving teams across the ice on the Willamette.

He declared, "Mr. Sutton, our agent here, always raves about your wonderful climate, however, and I have known him too long to doubt him."

Mr. French has been traveling since just after Christmas and has been in just one storm after another. He says he hasn't seen the sun since he left Chicago. He reached Los Angeles and departed just in time to miss the worst of that city's terrific storm. "Business conditions are wonderfully improved," declared Mr. French. "The south, from which section I have just come, is booming, owing to the good price they have obtained for their cotton, while you have undoubtedly heard much of the boom we are having in the east and middle west. I look to see this section benefit shortly."

"Outlaws" Defeat The Roseburg High

University of Oregon, Eugene, Or. Jan. 29.—The "Outlaws," a team of former University of Oregon basketball players, defeated Roseburg high school 41 to 19 in the gymnasium tonight.

The game was rugged and characterized by poor team work and bright flashes of individual play. The prep team had little chance with their more experienced opponents. Pee, Outlaw forward, shot 11 field baskets.

Line-up: Outlaws Position Roseburg C. Bigbee Forward Henderson L. Bigbee Forward Ackley L. Bigbee Guards Quine Wheeler Guards Black Dudley Center Jewett

Stolen Automobile Recovered by Police

While attending one of the theatres on Friday night, a Ford automobile owned by J. H. Lambert of 825 East Main street was spirited away. Late yesterday afternoon it was discovered by Officer F. L. Hatt of the St. Johns police bureau just off the Linnton road about half way between Whitwood Court and Linnton. It is supposed that the thieves thought they were on the German Town road but, instead, they had taken a road leading to a gravel pit, where it was abandoned.

White Salmon Ice Harvested.

White Salmon, Wash., Jan. 29.—About 30 tons of ice have been cut from the Columbia river in the ice house belonging to Byrkit & Lauterbaugh of this city, and about 65 more tons will be cut. The ice is being hauled in wagons from the river to White Salmon. The ice in the Columbia at this point still renders the river impassable for ferry and river boats.

Gaunt Is Tendered Luncheon.

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—Charles H. Gaunt, who leaves the position of general manager of the Pacific division of the Western Union to assume similar duties in Chicago, was the guest of honor today at a luncheon given at the Bohemian club and attended by nearly 100 representative men of San Francisco.

ROADS ASSOCIATION IS NEED OF OREGON, SAYS TRAIL BLAZER

Head of Automobile Organization Tells What Neighboring State Is Doing.

"Oregon needs a good roads association, such an association can do more for the good roads of a state than all other forces combined," declared A. L. Meigs of Minneapolis and Spokane, president of the Automobile Trail Blazing association, incorporated yesterday. Mr. Meigs is in the city to confer with the Chamber of Commerce officials.

"A good roads association numbering in its membership the bulk of the automobile owners of a state makes a powerful force for the procuring of better roads."

"This has proved the case in Washington and other states and would in Oregon. In Washington we have no salaries to pay, the officers contribute their services, and almost the only expense is stationery."

"Nominal dues are collected from members, who perform most of the necessary work themselves, such as appearing before the legislature, sitting up the needs of localities and mapping out the improvements that should be done by the state."

"In every community association members are on the job to see that the contractors give the state full value for every dollar received. There we have planned for trunk state roads connecting the several county seats. County road improvements by bonding some largely in form of construction of laterals."

"An automobile owner knows what it means to have good roads and prove to be one of the strongest workers in this direction, under proper organization. Oregon needs such an association to boost the cause of state roads here."

Mr. Meigs is working on route maps in this section of the country and in marking highways.

One-Day-of-Rest to Be Put Up to Voter

League Proposes to Submit Plan at November Election; Dr. G. L. Tufts Is Head of Organization.

The Weekly Rest Day league, composed of several different organizations, will submit to the voters at the November election a proposed one-day-of-rest-in-seven law. Dr. G. L. Tufts, state superintendent of the league, says the bill has been indorsed by the Portland Retail Druggists' association, the Butchers' union, Portland Retail Merchants and Grocers' association and by several other organizations.

"The proposed law," said Mr. Tufts, "is for the benefit of business men and the working classes. It is for the promotion of public health and happiness and to give men and women a chance one day in the week to enjoy home and social life."

"The bill is unlike the Sunday laws in that it provides for a day of rest in the week for those who are engaged in works of necessity on Sunday."

"It is unlike other laws in that it does not prohibit private work on Sunday which is not done for gain or wages."

"It does not deal with the question of Sunday sports and amusements, as they are already covered by existing laws."

"It is strictly a one-day-of-rest-in-seven measure. Those engaged in the continuous industries may rest any day in the week. Those engaged in industries which can stop one day of the week shall have Sunday as their common rest day. But it is optional with Jews and Seventh Day Adventists whether they rest on Saturday or Sunday."

"It is in no sense an effort to make people religious by law. Every worker will be at liberty to spend his rest day as he pleases."

"The bill does not prohibit Sunday streetcars, garages or any other mode of transportation; daily newspapers, sale and delivery of milk, hotels, restaurants, telegraph, telephone or any necessary business or work."

"In order that the proprietor may have a rest day as well as the employee, without loss to competitors, the non-continuous industries will all close on the common rest day."

"The proposed law is general in its application, makes no unjust discriminations, the courts will not find it difficult of construction and it will provide one day of rest in seven for employers and employees without any loss in profits."

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