

FIVE DAYS OF VERDUN BATTLE WITH NO LETUP

English Estimate Losses to Both Sides Total More Than 200,000 Men; Germans Take One Fort. HAVE GAINED TERRITORY OF 150 SQUARE MILES

Germans Today Gain 500 Yards of Trenches on the Dead Man Hill.

London, April 10.—(U. P.)—The greatest battle in history entered its fifth day this afternoon with the German crown prince launching mighty blows at the fortress of Verdun. As the day drew to a close the shell scarred old hills and villages among which the struggle is raging saw more furious fighting than has occurred since the smash at Verdun began. Throwing more than 150,000 men into action on a scale like that of the crown prince and his consulting generals have issued orders for every ounce of power to be brought to bear in the effort to break the steel-clad ring of defenses. While regiments are advancing under a curtain of shrapnel on the main front, the Germans are attacking at the northwestern and northeastern gates of the city with their heavy artillery and their hardest veterans. After squandering the French from Bethincourt, the crown prince pushed up fresh troops without delay. Since the battle of Verdun opened on February 21, the Germans have rolled back the French particularly at the Meuse, capturing about 150 square miles of territory and nearly 30 villages. It was admitted. At Verdun the most terrific artillery bombardment in the world's history won only a single fort, Douaumont. It is estimated that losses on both sides total more than 200,000.

FURTHER ADVANCE OF 500 YARDS BY ENEMY IS ADMITTED IN PARIS

Paris, April 10.—(I. N. S.)—A further advance of 500 yards by the Germans on the western front was admitted in today's official communique. The gain was registered in the vicinity of Le Mort Homme, where the Germans waged a terrific attack throughout the night. Although the French have evacuated Bethincourt, a modified allied salient still extends into the German lines in that region and 80,000 Germans are pounding it from two sides in an effort to compel the abandonment of hill No. 304. The evacuation of Bethincourt was carried out Saturday night and the Germans are furiously attacking the new French line, which has been strengthened out from Avocourt to Cumieres. "West of the Meuse," the statement added, "the bombardment was violent last night. The Germans attacked hill No. 304. The enemy yesterday afternoon attacked Le Mort Homme and was generally repulsed with heavy losses. The Germans penetrated our lines in several places."

BERNSTORFF CONFERS FOR 10 MINUTES WITH SECRETARY LANSING

German Ambassador Says at Its Conclusion Was Merely "Seeking Information." Washington, April 10.—(U. P.)—Germany having pleaded not guilty, according to press cables, the indictment charging it with torpedoing the channel steamer Sussex without warning, Ambassador von Bernstorff and Secretary Lansing discussed the general charge of illegal submarine activities today. The conference lasted 10 minutes. If the state department consents to reopen the whole subject, Germany may precipitate a comprehensive controversy on the entire question of submarine attacks against allied freight ships. There are numerous indications, however, that since Lansing ceased informal negotiations with Bernstorff on the undersea boat issue, the state department has not been able to believe such proceedings to be of any value whatsoever. It remains to be seen if today's conference was the first of a new series of informal discussions. Bernstorff said he had merely been seeking information. He asserted the Sussex case was not mentioned. Asked the conference had changed the situation, a state department official replied: "It could not be said that it has."

The liner St. Paul, which was expected to reach New York today with affidavits from American survivors of the Sussex disaster, is not likely to get to port before Thursday. This may...

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BIG STORM BREAKS IN PREACHERS' SESSION; ELECTION IS QUESTION

Dr. T. W. Lane Tenders Resignation as President and Controversy Follows.

A storm broke over the Methodist Preachers' meeting in the First M. E. church this morning when Dr. T. W. Lane, elected president of the association two weeks ago, offered his resignation with effect at the opening of the session. His resignation was accepted. Dr. Lane, who has been serving as an officer of the association since his election, said: "This is the first time I have ever been accused of going into office through fraud. I declared, Dr. Lane, and I will not serve as an officer of this body under the shadow of such imputations. If anybody thinks I wanted to be president bad enough to use fraud, he can take this one-horse preachers' meeting and go to thunder with it." Another Election Requested. Whereupon he moved that another election be held. This statement was followed by a chorus of objections and a demand to know wherein the alleged fraud lay. It was alleged that in the recent election of the association, whereas only 33 members were entitled to vote under the constitution. Of this number, only 33 were present at the meeting. Rev. Albert F. Cramer, who acted as secretary at the meeting, stated that he had given ballots to all members of the association, regardless of whether they were present. He said he had followed the rules governing the association. "Why all this hoo-hoo and boo-hoo?" (Concluded on Page Three, Column Five)

Dr. Hyde Faces New Charge of Murder

New Evidence Against Kansas City Man Accused of Killing Wealthy Man Is Basis of Complaint. Kansas City, Mo., April 10.—(U. P.)—Basing its complaint on new evidence, the grand jury today indicted Dr. Hyde on a charge of murder in the first degree, alleging he poisoned Colonel Thomas Swope with strychnine and cyanide of potassium. Dr. Hyde's previous trial was extremely sensational, it being asserted he killed Colonel Swope to get his fortune. A motion to quash the new complaint is expected within two days.

Furnace Puzzle No More Need Perplex People of Portland

That there has been a measurable recession of the mother-in-law joke in recent years is indisputable. A good argument might be put up on the theory that it had been frozen out by the furnace joke. A comparison of cartoons and other expressions of the funny men on these subjects would be illuminating, if not warming. Truly, the furnace is no joke—only the subject of jokes, the vast number and excellent quality of which fully attest the tremendousness of the furnace as a factor of modern living. And so, let all who love domestic comfort—to say nothing of peace, with economy as an incident of both—now turn to the editorial page of this issue of The Journal, and there be told of Portland-made furnace makers, J. J. Kadlec, who shows it to be a problem solver.

HOPE TO CATCH VILLA BEFORE END OF WEEK

Bandit Chieftain Reported to Have Crossed the Durango State Line, Trying to Join Other Roving Bandit Forces

TRANSPORTATION FOR SUPPLIES IS ARRANGED

Secretary of War Declines to Comment on Reputed "Dead Line" in Mexico.

Washington, April 10.—(U. P.)—Hope of breaking up the Villa band in Mexico grew here today. U. S. Army men thought that Major General Funston's report might bring news of Francisco Villa's capture before the week ends. The warm trail the United States cavalry is following is believed to be growing warmer. When General Pershing's men close in, if they are in anything like fresh condition, Mexico will be rid of Villa, experts here assert. The state department is investigating the sources of rumors which tend to prejudice relations between the United States and the de facto government. Despite the de facto reports, officials declare the Carranzistas have manifested nothing but friendliness and a desire to be of assistance in the hunt. Transportation Is Solved. The army transportation situation is now under control and more auto trucks will be ordered if needed. But it is hoped that the special cars of Villa will make further purchases (Concluded on Page Two, Column Two)

WRIT TO COMPEL THE MAYOR TO REINSTATE POLICEMAN IS DENIED

M. E. Crow Loses in Court in Second Attempt to Go to Work in Department.

Does the mayor or the civil service board have the supreme authority to reinstate discharged policemen? A writ to compel Mayor Albee to reinstate him to the force. Crow was discharged November 30, 1914, by the mayor on a charge of being intoxicated while on duty. He was given a hearing by the civil service board in January, 1915, the board suspending him for six months and ordering the mayor to reinstate him at the end of that time. This the mayor refused to do, and Crow sought to be reinstated by a court order. Judge Kawano dismissed the suit on the ground that his complaint did not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action. But the question of whether the civil service board has the supreme authority to reinstate him is still undecided. It is expected that the case will be appealed to the supreme court of the state in which event Attorney Stanley Myers, who represented the mayor, said he expected the question to be decided in his favor. The department for cause regardless of the civil service board will be raised. Attorney W. A. Carter represented Crow.

Dutch Vessel Told To Stay in New York

Netherlands Government Orders the Steamer Van Der Dam to Stay in American Port, Indicating War.

San Francisco, Cal., April 10.—(U. P.)—Local shippers viewed as significant today the word received by San Francisco agents of the Atlantic Fruit company that the Dutch steamer Van der Dam, under charter to the American line, had been ordered by the Netherlands government to remain in New York harbor. It was thought this might mean Holland ceased to be neutral in the war, vessels being ordered to leave the safe harbor roving cruisers or submarines.

German and Japan Alliance Is Feared

Washington, April 10.—(U. P.)—Implying that the line is coming to the United States will face a Japanese-German alliance, Professor Morton Prince of Tufts college, at a Navy lease meeting today, advocated the building of a fleet as large as any two foreign navies combined, with the exception of Great Britain.

'You Dirty Pup' Says Litigant to Judge Jones

G. B. Thomas Receives Walloop on Face When He Pays Magistrate Inverted Compliment.

"You'd make a better barber or laundry wagon driver than a judge, you dirty pup," said G. B. Thomas, District Judge Jones at the door of his courtroom this morning. "Well, you know what Judge Jones replied with a blow to Thomas' face. The encounter was just getting well under way when Deputy Constable Nicholson, whose office is just across the corridor, separated the two men. "I will not let anybody call me a dirty pup," said Judge Jones. "It makes no difference whether I am on the law or not." Thomas was the defendant in a suit brought by Mrs. Mary E. Gill to recover \$50 from him. Judge Jones gave the case to the jury. Thomas up and charged Judge Jones with having decided the case against him for personal reasons and became so abusive that Judge fined him \$15 for contempt of court. About the time Judge Jones was leaving for the noon intermission of the court, he returned and the encounter occurred.

FAILED TO CONVICT SPEEDER AND LOSES MUNICIPAL POSITION

John Aschim Is No Longer City Recorder and Justice at Tillamook.

Tillamook, Or., April 10.—Because he failed to convict a speeder, City Recorder John Aschim of this city is out of a job. Marshal N. J. Myers had been instructed by the city council to enforce strictly the speed limit ordinance within the city and as a result, he rounded up 28 owners of machines and motorcycles, who he said had traveled faster than the law allowed. Dr. J. E. Reedy, a veterinarian, was brought to trial Friday. The evidence was conflicting. The doctor testified that he had not had his machine out of the garage on the day of his arrest. There was also some question as to the marshal's ability to time the speed of the doctor's car at the place designated. Recorder Aschim thought the evidence insufficient and entered a verdict of acquittal. The other cases were postponed until Saturday night. There was also some question as to the marshal's ability to time the speed of the doctor's car at the place designated. Recorder Aschim thought the evidence insufficient and entered a verdict of acquittal. The other cases were postponed until Saturday night.

Rumors of Revolt in India Are Reported

Mild Censorship Said to Prevent Actual News From Leaking, But Serious Rebellion Considered Possible.

San Francisco, April 10.—(U. P.)—Revolt and riot are breaking out in northwest India, and are being moved from the Dardanelles fight, trained Indian troops and all the white residents are being rushed to the Afghan border, according to reports brought here today by R. L. Pellett, for many years a prominent business man of India. He declares the most rigid censorship is maintained by the British government, and no actual news is allowed to leak, but the rush of troops and rumors that have followed indicated a possibly a serious rebellion of the natives in a progress.

Jealous Negro Runs Amuck, Kills Seven

Because His Wife Talked of Another Man, Crossed Husband Started Out With Shotgun and Razor.

Stuttgart, Ark., April 10.—(I. N. S.)—A jealous husband, who talked of going to another man, Arthur Akers, a negro, ran amuck here last night. With a razor in one hand and a shotgun in the other, he entered a church after killing his wife and her companion. He fired one barrel of the shotgun, killing four persons instantly. Akers then went to the railroad station, stabbed a negro porter and cut the throats of a horse and a dog. The Santa Fe railroad is expected to place an order soon for 100 locomotives, it became known here today. The total cost will be approximately \$1,500,000. The Santa Fe is said also to have made arrangements for several million dollars' worth of rails for 1917. The Southern Pacific has let contracts for 4000 freight cars, which will cost a total of \$3,000,000.

Walter Damrosch and Hofmann Guests

New York Symphony Notables Entertained by Portland Symphony Orchestra at Luncheon Today.

Walter Damrosch, leader of New York symphony orchestra, and Josef Hofmann, the pianist, were guests of honor at a banquet at noon today, given by the Portland symphony orchestra and the orchestra club of Portland. William D. Wheelwright, honorary president of the Portland symphony orchestra, presided. The affair was attended by about 60. The guests were deeply impressed when a little girl unfolded from a huge Caroline Testout rose in the banquet hall and recited a poem of the west. While other little girls distributed dainty rose bouquets and Mr. Damrosch declared it a reception that he and those with him would never forget.

100 Locomotives to Be Ordered by Road

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TWO STEAMERS WILL BE BUILT BY LOCAL FIRMS

Contracts Calling for Construction of 8500 Ton Vessels for Scandinavian Interests Have Been Closed.

WORK WILL START IN THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS

Northwest Steel Co. and Willamette Iron & Steel Works Land Jobs.

Contracts for the building of at least one, and possibly two, 8500 ton steamers have been closed by the Northwest steel company and the Willamette Iron & Steel Works of this city. Work on the two steamers will be started within 30 days and are said to be for 12 and 15 months delivery. The contracts are closed with Hannevig & Johnson of New York city, ship brokers. They are intended eventually for delivery to Scandinavian interests. The contracts offered by A. O. Anderson & Co., none of this city, were refused by the local concerns despite the fact that negotiations went so far as to result in \$500,000 being placed in the bank here to bind the bargain. The vessels are to be built on the flats south of the Northwest Steel company plant at the foot of Sheridan street. The materials and machinery necessary are said to have been closed for already. The Willamette Iron & Steel Works are ready for actual construction. The Northwest Steel company will build the hulls and the Willamette Iron & Steel Works will build the engines and boilers. Negotiations for the contracts were carried on in New York city. J. A. Bowles, president of the steel company, has been here for several weeks, and B. C. Hall, president of the Willamette Iron & Steel Works, arrived here during the past week. The two steamers will be general cargo craft capable of handling 8500 tons dead weight capacity and of making a speed of 13 knots. Negotiations for the contracts were carried on in New York city. J. A. Bowles, president of the steel company, has been here for several weeks, and B. C. Hall, president of the Willamette Iron & Steel Works, arrived here during the past week. The two steamers will be general cargo craft capable of handling 8500 tons dead weight capacity and of making a speed of 13 knots.

WOMAN IS INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT AND THREE ARE ARRESTED

Mrs. Alfreda Beckman Perhaps Fatally Hurt When Run Down on Highway.

Mrs. Alfreda G. Beckman, wife of Henry Beckman of 274 East Eleventh street south, is at St. Vincent's hospital suffering from perhaps fatal injuries. Mrs. Beckman was run down by a car on the highway near LaTour. Mrs. Beckman was run down by a car on the highway near LaTour. Mrs. Beckman was run down by a car on the highway near LaTour. Mrs. Beckman was run down by a car on the highway near LaTour.

Another Lad Killed at Freewater, Or.

Freewater, Or., April 10.—Fred Lentz, 9 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lentz of this city, was killed about 6:30 last evening, when he was struck while riding a bicycle by an automobile driven by J. J. Coffman. The lad was dragged under the machine and two wheels passed over his body. He lived for about half an hour, his parents arriving before he lost consciousness. Coffman fainted.

President Wilson Is Troubled With Cold

Engagements for Today Were Cancelled as Result—Executive Secluded in the White House, Is Reported Improving.

Washington, April 10.—(U. P.)—President Wilson, suffering from a troublesome cold, canceled his engagements for today and remained secluded in the White House. The cold was contracted Friday. Bad weather forced him to quickly return from a cruise on the Potomac in his yacht, the Mayflower, by which he hoped to throw off the slight illness. He reported improving.

Chicago Milk War Is Producer's Victory

Borden Company Is Said to Agree to Pay \$1.50 Average in Next Six Months Per Hundred Pounds.

Chicago, April 10.—(I. N. S.)—The Borden Condensed Milk company, the largest of the dealers to hold out against the demands of the Milk Producers' association, gave in last night and agreed to pay an average price of \$1.50 per hundred pounds for milk during the following six months. This means that the last outposts of the war against the farmers will be called in and Chicago will receive its full quota of milk today.

MONEY DEVILS Plot to Place T. R. in Power

Colonel Watterston Says With Root and Gary to Help, Wall Street Is Getting Busy.

Louisville, Ky., April 10.—(I. N. S.)—Under the caption, "The Money Devil Plans Treason," Henry Watterston says in the Courier-Journal today that "With Root to lead the way and Gary to foot the bills, the condottiere of Wall street can probably dominate the coming national Republican convention. Those of the delegates who cannot be scared may be bought. The strength of Chicago will be made to ring with Roosevelt music. The galleries of the Coliseum will be packed with Roosevelt chasers. Enthusiasm comes cheap—indeed, the world abounds with fools who can be had for nothing. "On the surface it will look as if the woods were actually on fire for Roosevelt. The Republican party who are the issue which will down at no man's bidding and cannot be explained away? "What of the revelations the campaign is sure to bring forth? "How might it profit the Republican party to gain a man-on-horseback and lose its immortal soul, the Illinois being that if it mooves with the Roosevelt buzz saw it will lose both."

MOUNTAIN TIMBER COMPANY WILL GET INSURANCE IN FULL

Announcement Made of Suit Following Big Fire at Kalama, Wash.

The Mountain Timber company of Portland will be paid in full the amount of insurance carried on its mill at Kalama, Wash., destroyed by fire about 18 months ago. Interest will be paid from the time the suits were brought against the 27 insurance companies before the trial. This announcement was made this morning at Kalama by John Patterson of Portland, who is sales manager for the lumber company, and who was at Kalama for the trial of one of the cases brought to collect the insurance, the total of which is \$27,000. The defendant company in the case before Circuit Judge Darch this morning is the Pacific Coast Lumber Contract Company of Ohio. The case was the third to go to trial and the lumber company had won in the two cases heard before one of them before Judge Darch and the other before a jury. Mr. Patterson stated that the trial was discontinued when Attorney Charles F. Ford of San Francisco, who resented the defendant, and the other insurance companies interested, announced that the claims would be paid in full with interest from the time the suits were brought. This will amount to considerable, for the company instituted proceedings about a year ago after having had no money for months without action on the part of the insurance companies, who during the negotiations were represented, according to Mr. Patterson, by the Pacific Coast Lumber Contract Company, with headquarters at San Francisco. Effort was made to show at one of the trials that the plant had been over-insured. The trial of the other depositions submitted revealed that the mill in reality had cost a great deal more than the amount of insurance. The company has large holdings of timber in the Forest of Washington, and it is understood that the sawmill will be rebuilt as soon as the present adjustment is completed. The community of Kalama has been deeply interested in the outcome of the case, because the mill, when in operation, meant the circulation monthly of some \$25,000 there in wages and the purchase of supplies. R. Z. Drake of Omaha, Neb., is president of the lumber company. Mr. Drake has been here and at Kalama for some time handling the case, and is the company's chief counsel. E. C. Strode of Lincoln, Neb.

PRELIMINARY REPORT ON INCREASED PRICE OF GASOLINE IS MADE

Federal Trade Commission Explains Methods to Be Followed in Investigation.

Washington, April 10.—(I. N. S.)—The federal trade commission's preliminary report of its investigation of the increased price of gasoline was submitted to congress today. It explains the commission's method of investigation and its analysis of the statistics regarding production and prices. "Such an inquiry," the report says, "necessarily involves the whole petroleum industry." The commission submitted tables, based on refinery prices, showing that while crude oil in the western states after retreating in price 1 1/2 cents per gallon in August to 2 1/2 in December, the prices of gasoline during the same period, increased from 10 cents to 14 1/2 cents. In the eastern field crude oil was advanced 3.50 to 5.00 cents and gasoline 9.5 to 15 cents per gallon. In its analysis of the statistics, the commission is considering both domestic and foreign conditions and is weighing every factor to detect any artificial manipulation of prices. It is examining the forces of demand and supply as they affect the price of crude oil, exports, imports, the distribution of refined oil, and the cost of refining and improved methods of refining. "The close connection between the investigation of the price of gasoline and the alleged discrimination in prices, it should be noted that if prices are found to have been raised to higher levels in some sections than in others, after making due allowances for quality, freight and marketing, it may be inferred that an element of artificial manipulation entered into the advance."

THREE NITRATE PLANTS NEEDED FOR THE U. S.

One Should Be Built in the Northwest, About 150 Miles From Sea, Says Dr. Norton, Government Expert.

FIRST USE FOR ARTS AND AGRICULTURE

Quick Shift to Manufacture of War Material, Should Emergency Arise.

Washington, April 10.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Probably the clearest presentation of the nitrate problem recently presented in a few words was that given the senate committee on agriculture by Dr. Thomas H. Norton of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, an expert, who has devoted years to the study of this and kindred questions. Dr. Norton told the committee where he thinks the plants should be placed, and why. He also explained the uses of nitrates in a way the layman may understand. In his testimony, he said, in part: "In considering the needs of the western half of our nation for nitric acid, an important factor in manufacturing, there should be the question of production there which would be free from the handicap of high rates of transportation for haulage from one side of the continent to the other. "When you consider, however, the chief uses of nitric acid and of the nitrates, outside of the use for fertilizers, they are centralized chiefly in our northeast. The southern half of New England, a great share of New York state, a large portion of Pennsylvania, the territory reaching through the chief market in the northeast, come into consideration. In this region nine tenths of the nitric acid manufactured in the United States is consumed in the arts. "Here are the chief centers for the production of the high explosives required in ordinary peaceful times for our quarrying, for our blasting and for our military purposes, such as building roads. There is a large consumption of nitric acid in connection with the manufacture of dyestuffs, and the multiplicity of various chemicals (Concluded on Page Two, Column One)

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