

LONDON HOPES GERMAN ATTACK IS NEARLY OVER

Reports That More Than 30,000 Germans Have Been Killed or Wounded Since Sunday Cheers Them.

BRANDENBURGERS SLAIN IN A GALLANT ATTACK

Germans Claim to Have Made Some Gains in Caillette Woods Last Night.

London, April 12.—(I. N. S.)—More than 30,000 Germans are dead and wounded in the battle of Verdun since Sunday. French reports that their line still holds fast led to the belief here today that the Teuton smash has almost spent its force.

So far the campaign has permitted no details of what has happened to be, but the consensus of opinion here is that, once the Germans are surely held, a serious allied effort to take the offensive would come.

More British to Leave. It is expected that departures of heavy contingents for the French front will begin within a few weeks, perhaps days. On their arrival at the zone of action the allied smash forward is likely to begin.

Considerable credence was placed here today on the French reports of German casualties at the front. It was generally held that the constant German attacks in mass must have cost the Teutons heavily and the dispatches from Paris detailing the declaration of definite German retreats, such as at the whole, likely to be nearly correct. It was not believed that the Germans could long maintain their offensive under such enormous wastage as that credited to a regiment of Brandenburgers' chasseurs in which more than four fifths of its strength was said to have been lost in attack along the line of Deadman's hill and in the Caillette woods.

Many Regiments Withdrawn. Scores of regiments, the French have claimed, have been withdrawn from the front since the beginning of the year.

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BRITISH SAY TEUTONS SEIZED ON CHINA HAD ENGAGED IN PLOTTING

Trent Case Not Similar, According to British; Germans Had Been Collecting Arms.

Washington, April 12.—(U. P.)—German subjects seized by British naval authorities from the American liner China were engaged in unethical service, shifting a basis of operations to Manila from Shanghai, Great Britain contended in replying to this government's protest, the state department revealed today.

Great Britain, in its note to America, contended it had a right to seize the Germans, although they were not actually allied with enemy fighters and had not violated the sovereignty of any neutral.

It held that the Trent case in the American Civil war, upon which the American protest was based, was not to be compared with the liner China situation. In this connection attention was called to bomb plots and other activities of Great Britain's enemies in neutral countries.

Upon reliable authority it was learned that the note said: "German residents in Shanghai have been engaged for some time in the collection of arms and munitions for both for clandestine transmission to India and possibly for arming a commercial sailing ship like the Maseke."

In concluding, the message expressed a hope that the United States would not feel disposed to contend that the British action was not justified. It said that the seized persons were in effect Germans whose past actions deprived them of any protection from a neutral flag. The note argued that Germany had seized all men of military age in France and Belgium, rendering invalid the rules laid down in the declaration of London.

Carload of Blocks—Free House Rent

By the aid of a Journal Want Ad, A. A. Frenette, of this city, has secured a carload of good young blocks from 4 to 9 years old. Will 1200 to 1500 lbs.

Horses and Vehicles—18 JUST received a carload of good young blocks from 4 to 9 years old. Will 1200 to 1500 lbs.

Does Birds, Pets, Etc.—46 FOR SALE—Mated working homers

Furnished Rooms—36 FREE rent of furnished house and \$5 month for care of boy.

The daily average circulation of the Journal is larger than any other paper in Portland and its trading radius. Journal Want Ads reach the largest number of home buyers.

RICHARD HARDING DAVIS, war correspondent, dramatist and creator of Gallagher and Van Bibber, dies suddenly.



HEART FAILURE ENDS LIFE OF WELL KNOWN WAR CORRESPONDENT

Richard Harding Davis Drops Dead at Country Home While Telephoning.

New York, April 12.—(U. P.)—Richard Harding Davis, the author, dropped dead of heart failure last night as he was talking over the telephone from his home in Mount Kisco, it was learned today.

Davis was receiving a telegram over the telephone about 9:30 p. m. when he was stricken. When he did not return from the telephone his wife assumed that he had gone into another room to read. After some time, when she failed to respond to calls, Mrs. Davis and her daughter Hope investigated.

They found Davis dead on the floor. He was apparently fairly well yesterday, although he had been in poor health for two weeks. His widow said he remained around the house because he was not feeling in the best of condition.

Known as War Correspondent. Richard Harding Davis was the author of numerous popular novels, and also wrote several successful plays, but he was perhaps best known as a war correspondent.

His first war was the Turkish-Greek, which he "covered" for the New York Herald and the London News. He followed as a correspondent in the Spanish-American, South African and Russo-Japanese wars.

In the present European war he went to France and Belgium, being arrested for trying to reach the front without official permission. Disgusted with this treatment, he left and returned to his home at Cross Roads Farm, Mount Kisco, N. Y.

After a brief rest here he started out again and joined the allies when they marched in an attempt to save Serbia. He remained with the entente armies during their famous retreat to Saloniki, then came back to the United States.

Davis was born in Philadelphia 53 years ago. He began work as a newspaper reporter, after having attended the University of Pennsylvania.

In 1899 Davis married Miss Cecile Clark of Chicago, but she divorced him in 1912. Four years ago he married Miss Bessie McCoy. Instead of going on a honeymoon the bride couple gave an outing to several hundred poor children of New York.

Davis wrote more than 30 novels and books of sketches, including: "Soldiers of Fortune," "Gallagher," "Princess Aline," "Van Bibber," "Three Gringos in Venezuela," "The King's Jackal," "The Lion and the Unicorn," "In the Foot," "Ransom's Folly," "Clapnet Macklin," "The Bar Sinner," "The Scarlet Car" and "The White Mice."

Daniels Must Make Documents Public

Senate Directs Giving Out of General Board's and Admiral Fiske's Reports, Previously Suppressed.

Washington, April 12.—(U. P.)—Two navy documents which have been suppressed must be made public by Secretary Daniels. The senate today by a unanimous vote directed him to do so.

One of these documents is the general navy board's report of August 13, 1914, containing a series of advices regarding the navy's condition. This also gives preparedness recommendations.

The other paper is Admiral Fiske's report of November 9, 1913, sounding a warning against the unpreparedness of the navy.

The senate's orders to Daniels were based on a resolution introduced by Senator Lodge.

President to Speak Tomorrow. Washington, April 12.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson's first real speech in the present campaign will be made here tomorrow night at the Common Council club's dinner to Democratic national and state committees.

VILLA ESCAPES TO MOUNTAINS WITH 150 MEN

Dispatch to Mexican Embassy From General Obregon Says Bandit Leader Is Wounded, Nearly Deserted

ANOTHER CLASH WITH BANDITS IS REPORTED

Mexican Central Train Runs Into Battle; Seventh Cavalry Took Part.

Washington, April 12.—(U. P.)—General Obregon sent a cablegram to the Mexican embassy here today, declaring Francisco Villa had entered the mountains, wounded, with fewer than 150 men. The report was based on official dispatches received by Obregon.

Ambassador Enrique Arredondo received an official report that the Arrieta brothers had again assured Provisional President Carranza of their loyalty.

It was learned here that the army quartermaster at El Paso shipped four carloads of oats and five carloads of flour over the Mexican Central railroad to Consul Letcher at Chihuahua City for distribution to United States troops. The shipment was made yesterday.

Battle at Troya.

El Paso, Texas, April 12.—(I. N. S.)—Troops K and N, Seventh cavalry, have killed 32 Villistas captured and are pursuing others in the direction of the Conchos river.

Mr. Collignon here today, stated that the engagement occurred at Troya station on the Mexican National.

3000 BRITISH KILLED NEAR KUT-EL-AMARA IN ATTACKING TURKS

Most Important Reverse Suffered by British in Mesopotamia Is Reported.

Berlin, April 12.—(U. P.)—More than 3000 British were killed and thousands wounded in an unsuccessful attack on Turks east of Kut-el-Amara, according to today's Constantinople communication.

This is the most disastrous defeat the British forces have suffered since they first attempted to relieve General Townshend's besieged garrison in Kut-el-Amara. It occurred, the communication said, near Lefahie, 23 miles east of the city in a bend of the Tigris river.

"After an hour and half of artillery bombardment, the enemy attacked with all his force," declared the Constantinople account. "The battle raged for six hours. At the beginning the enemy penetrated parts of our trenches, but he was driven away by our counterattacks. The remainder were defeated heavily."

"In our trenches and before them we counted 3000 British dead."

C. S. Jackson Named Chamber Delegate

Portland Man to Attend Convention of League to Enforce Peace to Be Held at Washington, D. C.

The executive committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce today named C. S. Jackson to represent that organization at the convention of the League to Enforce Peace to be held at Washington, D. C., April 25.

The committee also appropriated \$40 for the purchase of flags for the new boat, City of Portland, to be launched at St. Helens next Saturday.

Carranza Is Not to Try to Halt Troops

Administration Reported to Have Been Assured No Effort to Embarrass Efforts of Pershing Will Be Made.

New York, April 12.—(I. N. S.)—The World this morning prints the following, under Washington date: "The administration has received assurances from Carranza that the de facto government of Mexico has no intention of interfering in any way with the progress of General Pershing's expedition, and that every commander has been instructed to make way for the American forces."

Hughes' Name to Be Submitted Is Rumor Here

Wallace McCamant Said to Be Ready to Go to Salem to File or Bring Mandamus Proceedings.

Petitions to place the name of Charles E. Hughes of New York, Justice of the United States supreme court on the Oregon primary ballot will be filed with Secretary of State Olcott tomorrow, according to current rumor in Portland today.

Should Olcott not accept and file the petitions, mandamus proceedings will be at once instituted to force him to file them.

Olcott has taken the position that he would not place the name of any presidential candidate upon the ballot unless authorized by the candidate to do so. Justice Hughes has uniformly refused to permit his name to be placed upon primary ballots in other states, and has not authorized Olcott to put him as a candidate before the people at the primary election.

It is reported that admirers of the New York man have circulated petitions in his behalf, and that they will be taken to Salem tomorrow. Wallace McCamant, it is said, will take them to the secretary of state's office, ask that they be accepted and filed, and should this be refused at once begin legal action.

CHANGE FOR BETTER IN MEXICO IS NOTED SINCE SOLDIERS CAME

Carranza Evidently Master of the Situation According to Wealthy Miller.

Chicago, April 12.—(I. N. S.)—The destiny of Mexico rests in the hands of the American government, according to Mr. Collignon of Guadalajara, who is in Chicago today.

"Just how soon the present turmoil in Mexico is to end will depend entirely on the attitude of the United States," said Mr. Collignon.

"A change for the better has been noted since the American troops have crossed the border in pursuit of Villa. Carranza is master of the situation, and if given chance by the United States and the Mexican people, he will succeed in restoring peace and order."

Mr. Collignon owns a large flour-milling establishment and produces business in Guadalajara. Although his interests have suffered more, perhaps, than any others in Mexico, his reports are that a general wave of prosperity has swept that section of the country following the American invasion.

Reign of Terror in Germany Rumored

Switzerland Reports Say People Are Accused of Impossible Crimes to Keep Them in State of Fear.

London, April 12.—(I. N. S.)—The Daily Telegraph today will print the following by Andre Beaumont: "Milan, April 11.—According to news from Germany, a reign of terror has been inaugurated in the empire by the military tribunals. Persons are accused of impossible crimes, such as furnishing supplies to Russia and Japan, merely to keep them in a state of fear."

Labors have been continuing for distributing Socialist sheets appealing for the initiation of a campaign for peace.

Mexican Wells Are Poisoned, Is Belief

Traces of Cyanide Found in Water Along Route of American Expedition; All Analyzed Before Men Drink.

El Paso, Texas, April 12.—(U. P.)—Slight traces of cyanide have been discovered in water along the southern route of the American expedition, according to unconfirmed reports today. A Villista is suspected. There have been no illnesses among the Americans, as the water was analyzed before campers or horses were allowed to drink.

58,534 Voters Have Registered So Far This Year in County

With the date of the closing of the registration books but five days away, the total registration is less than at the corresponding time two years ago. The total number of voters registered at the present time is 58,534. There are 22,528 female and 36,006 male voters registered.

The heaviest day so far—more than 2000 signing up on that day.

From now until the close of Tuesday, the registration books will be open from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m.

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CHANNEL MAY BE EXTENDED TO VANCOUVER

Columbia River Project Proposed for Dredging Above Mouth of Willamette.

ARMY POST WOULD BE OPENED TO TRANSPORTS

All Shoals Will Be Removed if Senate Concurs in the Report of House.

Washington, April 12.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—The appropriations adopted by the house on Monday included \$360,000 for Columbia and lower Willamette rivers below Vancouver and Portland. This covers channel improvement between the mouth of the Willamette and Vancouver. It is the intention to use a portion of the \$360,000 for the removal of a shoal in the Columbia below Vancouver.

Among surveys authorized, as related yesterday, the survey from Vancouver to The Dalles is for the purpose of charting the river in aid of navigation above Vancouver.

Colonel C. H. Potter, district United States engineer, in the above message means that so far as the national house of representatives is concerned the Columbia river from Vancouver to the mouth of the Willamette has been transferred from the first to the second United States engineer district.

More important, it means that a portion of the money and the equipment and men of the second district will proceed to continue the Columbia ship channel from the mouth of the Willamette to the military post at Vancouver.

"It is the logical and proper thing to do," said Colonel Potter.

"Vancouver is the head of deep sea navigation on the Columbia; Portland on the Willamette and Columbia."

Portland Is Now Real Fireless Town

Firemen Not Called to Extinguish Blaze for 110 Hours, or Since 11:08 Last Friday Night.

For 110 hours there have been no fires in Portland demanding the attention of the fire department.

Since last Friday night at 11:08 o'clock no excited voice has called into fire alarm headquarters at the city hall, and no box fire signals have been given.

For the last several years this is record for Portland. In the old days, of course, sometimes a week passed without any fires, but that has not occurred in seven years, veteran firemen say.

Cool, dry weather is responsible for the slump in business, for which firemen are profoundly thankful.

Immigrant Is an Eclurce. San Francisco, April 12.—(U. P.)—Scorning hash and spurning tripe, Adrian Laika, immigrant, detained at the city hall, today, today, but he steadfastly refused to eat immigrant food. He says he will touch nothing in the way of edibles until he is given that he demands, including goose livers.

Urbino's Treasure Found by Mexicans

Wagonloads of Gold, Silver and Currency Are dug up From Hiding Place Where Villa Hid Money to Fund.

Juneau, April 12.—(I. N. S.)—Government agents are en route to Guerrero with several wagonloads of gold, silver and bank notes, recovered from the Las Nievas ranch, where it was buried by General Villa. The money was recovered by Francisco Villa's orders. The 1000 recovered is valued at \$1,000,000, according to advices received by Carranza officials here today.

The Las Nievas ranch is west of Parral.

Attorney Declines To Defend Caplan

Pittsburg Lawyer, Jason Margolis, Refuses From Defense of Accused Dynamiter of Los Angeles Times.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 12.—(U. P.)—Jacob Margolis retired from the defense of David Caplan, accused dynamiter, today, and left for his home in Pittsburg.

A difference of opinion as to the policy of the defense of Caplan led to a break between Margolis and Nate Coghlan chief of the defense counsel.

Coghlan stated he would conduct the case alone for a week, until Edwin V. McKenzie, of San Francisco, arrives here to aid him.

They Met on the Golf Links Dan Cupid Was Their Caddie Wedding Bells Ring Tonight

Miss Ioma Innes, champion player of the Portland Golf club, and Instructor Harry Pratt, who will be united in marriage this evening. Love romance started in this city last summer when the couple first met.



WARRANT SHAVING AT THE COURT HOUSE TO BE PUT UNDER BAN

County Commissioners Will Take Action Affecting the County Employees.

The practice of warrant shaving, which has been so flagrant at the county courthouse for many years, is going to be stopped, so far as county employees who are responsible to the county commissioners are concerned.

Assignment of his pay check by any of the county employes will be equivalent to tendering his resignation.

This is in substance the order that the county commissioners decided upon this morning, when their attention was called to a suit in the district court against a county employe.

The suit was the straw that broke the camel's back, and induced the commissioners to act, after grand juries have pointed out the flagrancy of warrant shaving on under the nose of the county commissioners and within a few feet of the county treasury.

Condition Is Revealed. In itself the suit was a simple case. The wife of county employe today bought \$10 worth of merchandise. The merchant brought suit to collect. He learned the county employe's pay check was regularly assigned to Moses Bloch in advance, and the merchant had no recourse. The county employe contract by the county today, but not until the county commissioners had decided to pass an order to put a stop to warrant shaving.

Commissioner Holman took the matter up with Deputy District Attorney (Concluded on Page Four, Column One.)

Contractors Are in Market for Lumber

Chicago Railroad Builders Will Need About 1,000,000 Feet of Heavy Timbers and 115,000 Cross Ties.

Chicago, April 12.—(I. N. S.)—Dunn & McCarthy of Chicago, railroad contractors, are in the market for approximately 1,000,000 feet of heavy timbers and 115,000 cross ties.

The ties will require about 900,000 feet of lumber.

The company has been awarded a contract by the Pennsylvania company for the construction of the Indianaapolis & Frankfort railroad, which extends from Eden Davis, Ind., via Lebanon, to Frankfort, Ind., a distance of 41 miles.

14-Year-Old Girl Marries Chinese. Los Angeles, Cal., April 12.—(I. N. S.)—Tom Borr, 22, an American-born Chinese, and Fannie Floyd, a 14-year-old white girl, are husband and wife today. The couple were married at Santa Ana, Bor. owns several merchandise stores in Los Angeles. They will spend their honeymoon in San Francisco.

Arbiter Decrees That Heats of Tutor and Pupil Shall Beat as One.

She was a charming girl, who dearly loved to play golf; he a handsome, soft-voiced instructor. And they met for the first time last summer on the course of the Portland Golf club. A lesson, an acquaintance, then a friendship that ripened into love, and tonight their marriage.

This is the simple story of the latest romance of the links, and the actors are Miss Ioma Isabel Innes and Harry Pratt.

Miss Innes, who is endearingly known to her friends as "Peggy," is one of the best golfers in Portland among the women. She is champion of the Portland club and made a good showing in the last state tournament at Waverley. Her record at Gearhart is also an encouraging one.

She has been playing golf for two years at the Portland club, but under the tutelage of Harry Pratt made rapid strides in her game.

Pratt was formerly an instructor at Seaside, but became golf professional at the Portland club last spring and has had great success in bringing the Portland club golfers rapidly to the front.

The marriage will be solemnized at 8:30 o'clock tonight in the Presbyterian church with Rev. Dr. John H. Boyd of the First Presbyterian church reading the ceremony.

Crisp Comment on Portland Workers And Non-Workers

From eastern Oregon comes a decisive endorsement of The Journal's undertaking to exhibit the enterprise of Portland's real benefactors—the workers who work with their hands, or their capital, or both, about them. The trouble is, of course, there is nothing to matter with Portland if the people could only understand and appreciate the opportunities about them.

There are too many "light wads" who are willing to let George do it and profit by it, and it falls behind in the editorial title "Nothing the Matter With Portland." D. M. Holbrook there tells about the Master Inhibitor and his superlatives.

And in the meantime, what still another one of Portland's workers has done and is doing is related today on the editorial page of The Journal, under the title "Nothing the Matter With Portland." D. M. Holbrook there tells about the Master Inhibitor and his superlatives.

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WITHYCOMBE'S 'BRIEF' VIEWED AS CURIOSITY

United States Supreme Court Office Receives Views of Oregon Governor on Water Power Law.

KINDLY INTEREST IN POWER COMPANY SIDE

Opinions of McArthur and Sinnott Given in Lieu of Other Citations.

Washington, April 12.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—The views of Governor Withycombe of Oregon on water power law, enshrined between green covers and labeled as a brief for the state of Oregon in the case of the Beaver River Power company, rest in the office of the supreme court of the United States, but without a filing mark.

The Beaver river case, involving the contention of the power interests that they have power to enter on lands of the United States and condemn it for commercial uses, will not be argued until the October term of court. It was postponed on motion of the attorney general, who desired more time.

Meantime the Withycombe "brief" lacks an official status. It stands merely as a request for the filing of the governor's views when the case does come on for argument.

This "brief" is an object of some curiosity in the supreme court office. Examination shows that it was transmitted by Attorney General Brown in the name of the attorney general, a statement of Governor Withycombe's "legal views." The fact that it contains a request from governor to the court general, lacking the usual citations and ponderous legal arguments thereon, is the point which has caused it to be viewed as a curious exhibit in the case.

The document presumably will be ultimately filed as showing the governor's kindly interest in the power company side of the case, and if perused by the members of the court will add to the constitutional views of Congressmen McArthur and Sinnott, which were used by the governor in lieu of other citations.

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CHAMBERLAIN GETS TELEGRAMS APPROVING VOLUNTEER ARMY PLAN

Washington, April 12.—Five hundred telegrams in the period of two or three days gave Senator Chamberlain's offer force a good sized job in opening telegrams alone. The flood of messages came while debate was on in the senate on the question of striking out the famous section 53, containing the volunteer army plan.

Most of the messages came from New York and other points in the east but they were in dissimilar language.

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COMMUNITY HOUSE AND PLAYGROUNDS TO BE ESTABLISHED

Accommodations for Children in Upper Albina and Vernon Districts Planned.

The city is to provide a community house and gymnasium for boys and girls living in Upper Albina and playgrounds for those living in the Vernon district, according to a decision reached by the city council this morning.

Mayor Albee and Commissioner Baker were invited to negotiate the leasing of a large building at Kesby and Beach streets to be used for the community house and gymnasium, and for the leasing of 15 1/2 acres, bounded by East Nineteenth and East Twenty-second streets and Killingsworth and Almsworth avenue for playgrounds.

The city already has an option on the leasing of the building which is some feet long and wide, and is proposed to pay about \$40 a month rent for a two year period. No understanding has been reached as yet, however, as to the rental of the ground for playgrounds.

Commissioner Baker and Park Superintendent Conroy have been arranging for the use of the building and playgrounds.

Portugal's Cabinet Members Resigned

Lisbon, April 12.—(U. P.)—The Portuguese cabinet has resigned. It is divulged today. This is considered proof that Premier Almeida's measures were not satisfactory to his colleagues.

Alaskan Is Sentenced. Fairbanks, Alaska, April 12.—(I. N. S.)—Dan Callahan, a former city councilman and well-known politician, today is under sentence of 30 years in the federal prison at Alcatraz, for conviction of a statutory offense and sentenced by Judge Charles E. Bunnell.