

FRENCH LEADERS ARE CHANGED AT VERDUN; NIVELLE IS NEW HEAD

Successor to Petain Considered One of Finds of War; Began as Colonel.

GERMANS ARE EJECTED

Counter Attack Drives Trenches From Captured Positions; Assault on Hill 304 Is Repulsed at Dawn.

Paris, May 9.—(I. N. S.)—General Robert G. Nivelle, who succeeds General Petain as commander in chief of the army defending Verdun, is 60 years old and is one of the discoverers of the war.

General Nivelle at the beginning of the war was a colonel in the Fifth regiment of artillery and soon attracted the attention of General Joffre, who promoted him to the rank of general of a brigade on October 24, 1914. Not long afterward he received the chief command of the Sixty First Infantry division and on December 23 last he received his three stars, together with the appointment to the command of the Third army corps.

General Nivelle comes from Tulle. "Attack on 304 Repulsed." French counter attacks north of Thiaumont farm have resulted in the ejection of Germans from all trenches they recently captured, according to today's official communique.

The statement added, "After a terrific bombardment, the Germans assaulted Hill No. 304 at dawn, but were repulsed."

"East of the Meuse, intense artillery action is in progress along the Douaumont-Vaux line."

The German offensive on both banks of the Meuse has once more resulted in complete failure, claim French critics.

A whole corps of fresh troops hastily summoned by the crown prince to reinforce the one which had already fought at Verdun, merely succeeded in increasing the tremendous number of casualties inflicted by the terrific French artillery fire.

Infantry Attacks Failed. After two days and nights of uninterrupted drenching with heavy shells of explosive and asphyxiating character of the French advanced lines, which were reduced to an unrecognizable mass of debris, the Germans launched an infantry attack, expecting to break the stubborn French resistance.

Wave upon wave of gray-coated men, numbering 25,000, advanced and were blown to pieces by the impassable curtain of fire from the French 75's, well supported by heavy guns in the rear.

How many lie dead on neutral ground between the opposing trenches is now impossible to estimate, but it is certain that the victims lost their lives in an utterly useless attempt.

"Field of Death" Widened. The net result of this new outbreak of the German offensive is merely a slight widening of "the field of death," that narrow strip of ground separating the French and German positions.

Not only were the crown prince's troops unable to occupy the front line trenches which had been voluntarily evacuated in the early part of the battle as untenable under the hurricane of shells, but during last night and this morning the Verdun heroes succeeded in dislodging the Germans from a few advanced positions which they entered yesterday.

It is especially to the northwest of Hill No. 304 that the battle has attained its climax. Here the Germans have attacked five consecutive times in serried ranks. Battalion after bat-

DOCK COMMISSION HOLDS FIRST MEETING IN NEW OFFICES OVER MUNICIPAL BOAT LANDING



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COLUMBIA NAVAL BASE ADVOCATES TO BE GIVEN HEARING

Washington, May 9.—Matters are shaping up for hearings on the bills for a naval base at the mouth of the Columbia river before both senate and house committees.

Chairman Tillman of the senate committee announced early last week that he could arrange a meeting on short notice, and the house committee has agreed to grant a hearing when the naval appropriation bill is out of the way.

After the hearing, Tillman notified Senator Lane's office that a hearing could be given during the week, the Oregon senator tried to get in communication with F. C. Harley, chairman of the naval base committee, but for several days was unable to locate him.

Mr. Harley during the last few weeks has been back and forth between Washington and New York and Philadelphia. Harley Has Much Information. Because of the extensive data gathered by him in support of the Columbia base his presence was desired as chief witness at the hearing, so the date for it was held in advance until it was certain that he could appear.

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Young Mexican Denounced U. S. Los Angeles, Cal., May 9.—(U. P.)—Declaring that he will repeat his attempt to call Mexicans to arms and turn upon Americans, Rural Palma, 19-year-old Mexican, is under arrest in the city jail today. He denounced Americans in an address at the Plaza yesterday, urging Mexicans to buy rifles and hurry to Mexico.

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Clarke Scrip Case Decision. Washington, May 9.—The board of appeals of the land office has announced its decision on rehearing on several cases involving the use of scrip by C. W. Clarke for land in Eastern Oregon and Idaho. The board rendered favorable to the claims of Mike Hanrahan and May Vanderpool. Applying the same test, rehearing is denied and Clarke wins his contest against the Oregon senators, who have urged by the navy department and naval officers as first requisites, and these things appeal much more strongly to the temper of the moment than plans for naval bases.

By advancing the claims of the Columbia to consideration at this time, however, that project is called to the attention of congress in such a way that it will be difficult to disregard it when the time comes. Naval authorities agree it soon must, for selecting locations for additional yards where the increasing navy can be cared for and supplied.

Motorcycles on Rural Routes. Washington, May 9.—Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Flakesley, has informed the Oregon senators that the department deems it unwise to make exceptions to its ruling forbidding the use of motorcycles on rural routes except when equipped with commercial bodies, and then only in certain cases. Special care is required, it is stated, because of the necessity of obviating so far as possible the possible injury to employees, who become entitled to the benefits of the federal compensation act if hurt. The question was raised by a carrier in eastern Oregon who pointed out numerous advantages to be had via route if allowed to use a motorcycle.

Eastern & Western Hearing. Washington, May 9.—Oral argument will be heard June 9 by the Interstate Commerce commission on the Eastern & Western Lumber company case, involving rates on lumber from Portland and Bridal Veil to Utah territory.

Port of Bandon Wants Help. Washington, May 9.—R. E. Comp-ton of Portland, Or., is in Washington as a representative of the Port of Bandon to see what can be done toward diverting about \$5,000 of an

GERMANS SAY GERARD PUT KAISER'S ORDERS ON HIS WIFE'S DOG

Ambassador Quotes It to Show Nature of Attacks Made Against Him in Berlin

Amsterdam, May 9.—(I. N. S.)—Ambassador Gerard, interviewed by the Berlin correspondent of the Neues West-er Journal, is reported as saying: "I hope that peace between Germany and the United States will be maintained. In this crisis and in all preceding crises, I have attached the utmost value to clearing away misunderstandings between Germany and America. I have done in every instance all I could to avoid a conflict. I wish no war between Germany and America."

"The accusation that I am an enemy of Germany is absolutely false. I have never done anything which could justify the reproach that I hated German ways or the German people. Publicly and privately, people said without a shadow of proof that I incited my government to war and that the German government could meet my government as much as it liked, but that would not be averted because I wished it."

Said Wife Put Orders on Dog. "Then they say I own a munitions factory in America and am thus interested in war. They even had the audacity to write to the crown prince that my wife had put on her dog the orders conferred on her by the kaiser, and had taken the dog to walk in Unter Den Linden, together with other scurrilities of the same kind. I am extremely revolted by these lying stories. Such calumnies do not make for friendship. I feel deeply wounded by these incessant accusations. I appeal to the leading personalities of the German imperial government who know that at all times I have done and do everything to maintain peace between Germany and America."

Beach Calls Panama Canal Defenseless

Writer Says Battle Cruiser in Hour Could Destroy Either End, No Provision for Defense Against Aircraft.

New York, May 9.—(I. N. S.)—"Within an hour's time a battle cruiser, firing from either side of the isthmus, could destroy the Panama canal."

This dismal declaration was voiced here today by Rex Beach, the author, who has just arrived in New York from Panama on board the United Fruit company's liner Metapan.

"Conditions at the canal so far as protective measures are concerned are shameful," continued Beach. "It is incorrect to speak of the canal's defenses. As a matter of fact, it is defenseless."

"Fired upon at either end by heavy guns, it could be made useless in no time. It also could be quickly destroyed by explosives dropped from an aeroplane. No provision has been made for defending the canal from aerial attack."

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Portland Heights Has Wedding of Snow and Rose

Residents of Portland Heights looked out of their windows this morning and wondered if the seasons had been reversed. The birds are said to have begun looking for the feeding platforms of last winter and the first roses of spring to endeavor to turn their palling bushes from the weather.

Beginning at 7:46 a. m. snow fell heavily. The storm continued 10 minutes until the ground was all white. More of the same kind of rain as has taxed Portlanders' optimism for the past three or four days soon followed, of course, but for the time it appeared that winter had gotten a foothold again.

and who know that all these affronts and insults rest on falsehood. "But the Servant of His People. "Naturally, I cannot communicate anything about these proceedings to headquarters. Etiquette even would forbid my saying whether I prayed the kaiser for an audience or whether the kaiser invited me."

"My political importance is extraordinarily overestimated. I am actually only the servant of my people. I receive instructions, carry out these instructions and report as to their execution, but at the same time do not take a decisive part."

Indians at Round-Up. Pendleton, Or., May 9.—The annual Indian round-up, an event that is utilitarian in its purpose rather than entertaining, but which nevertheless provides plenty of excitement, will begin tomorrow at Thorn Hollow. The Indians of the Umatilla reservation will round up all of their stock, brand the colts and break such animals as are ready for the saddle. Yesterday they held a big council and today are having a big feast. Many white people gather each year to see the Indians at their work.

GOLDENDALE-YAKIMA RAILROAD PROPOSAL HEARTILY INDORSED

Members Council of Chamber of Commerce Urges Action for Development.

By unanimous vote, yesterday, the members' council of the Chamber of Commerce adopted a resolution calling upon the board of directors to set about immediately the task of promoting railroad construction that would bring the Yakima valley into close business touch with Portland.

The resolution was presented by R. M. Irvine of Fielachner, Mayer & Co. who said the artificial barriers of distance could be hewn away with a railroad line 45 miles in length. That line would cut in half the distance now prevailing by rail between Portland and the Yakima and make it the same as to Seattle.

Whereas, The Yakima Valley is topographically in Portland trade territory, but due to the fact that indirect rail connection and consequent high freight rates places it practically in Puget Sound, the present rail connection from Portland to the heart of the Yakima Valley being 300 miles as against 183 miles from Seattle, and

Whereas, The construction of an extension of the present Goldendale Branch of the North Bank road to connect at White Swan with the proposed terminus of the Toppenish, Fort Simcoe & Western branch of the Northern Pacific would cut down the rail distance from Portland to the connection on the main line of the Northern Pacific in the Yakima Valley to 145 miles, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the members' council of the Portland Chamber of Commerce in meeting assembled that the board of directors of this chamber be requested to arrange without delay to take up in the most practical way the work of promoting the construction of this or some other more direct rail communication with Yakima valley.

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