

MOKEI DENIES THAT HE 'KNOWINGLY SOLD' ANY DISEASED STOCK

Claims That "Personal Animus" of O. M. Plummer Prompted Libelous Letter.

REPLY IS FILED IN SUIT

Missive Accusing Mokei Forwarded to Senate Committee When Postmaster's Reply Was Being Considered.

Alleged personal animus on the part of O. M. Plummer, secretary of the Portland Union Stock Yards, which was communicated to W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, was the thing which prompted the state veterinarian to write an alleged libelous letter about George R. Mokei, according to Mokei's reply in the \$50,000 libel suit brought by Mokei against Lytle.

This letter was written by Lytle to Plummer at a time when Mokei's name was pending before a committee of the United States senate for confirmation as postmaster at North Portland, to which position he had been appointed by the president. The letter was forwarded to the senate committee. It charged Mokei with knowingly importing and selling diseased cattle.

ACTION IS FOUND GUILTY

Case Involving Delinquency of Girl Is Ended.

Last of a group of men and boys to be tried for contributing to the delinquency of one of two 18-year-old girls, Orville Acton, was found guilty by a jury in Judge Morrow's court. The girl involved in the case was Frances Lininger.

In the opinion of the district attorney's office, by far the most important conviction of all was that of this girl's mother, Mrs. Will Hodges, who permitted her young daughter to frequent public Saturday night dances unchaperoned. It was at such a dance that Frances met Acton, who came to Portland last fall from Pendleton.

LIBEL SUIT IS ON TRIAL

Judge McGinn Says If Statements Are True Plaintiff Will Lose.

In a \$50,000 libel suit being tried before a jury in Judge McGinn's court, Judge McGinn has ruled that if the statements complained of are true the plaintiff cannot recover any damages. He said the laws relating to civil libel and to criminal libel are different and in a civil action the truth of the alleged libelous matter is sufficient defense.

The plaintiff is M. McB. Thomson of

MAP OF GREATEST BATTLEFIELD IN HISTORY OF THE WORLD, SHOWING FRENCH CITY OF VERDUN AND THE SURROUNDING COUNTRY



Expert shows the successive stages of the great fight which has continued for over three months. The black lines enclose the territory captured by the Germans since February 21. The Germans have reached the main line of the French defense at Fort Douaumont and the conflict has been intense there and about hill 304 and Dead Man's Hill.

Salt Lake, president-general of the American Masonic federation, the defendant is James F. Robinson, secretary of the Oregon grand lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

The cause of the suit is an article which was published in a Portland newspaper July 9, 1915, in which Robinson says that the organization headed by Thomson is in no way connected with recognized Masonic orders and that one Portland man had been fined out of \$200 by the organization represented by Thomson.

ALDER HOTEL COMPANY SUED

Woman Alleges She Was Locked in the Hotel Room.

Allice Fortner is suing the Alder Hotel company and Mrs. S. E. McDougal, landlady, for \$5000 damages for having been locked in a room in the hotel December 22, 1915. The case is being tried in Judge Morrow's court.

MRS. RAY SUES FOR \$7500

Widow of Victim of Collision at Crossing Brings Suit.

As the result of the fatal accident which occurred on the Troutdale crossing last September 6, when hundreds of Portlanders went over the Columbia river highway to attend the dedication of Benson park, Lucy Ray, administratrix of the estate of Charles W. Ray, filed suit today against the O-W. R.

Hearing Will Be Had June 8.

Hearing on proposed amendments to the traffic ordinance and on Commissioner Daly's motor vehicle for hire ordinance will be held at 10 a. m. June 8. That afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock, hearing will be held on Mr. Daly's ordinance prohibiting overhead wires and cables in certain sections of downtown east side. All three ordinances have passed first and second reading.

Judgment Is Given for \$1.

The quarrel between the family of Thomas Nugent and of Virgil McNair was averted before Circuit Judge Gentzen yesterday in an action for \$5000 damages for alleged slander brought by Nugent against McNair. Judge Gentzen awarded the plaintiff a judgment for \$1. Each side charged the other with calling them bad names and with making false accusations.

Commissioner to Read Paper.

County Commissioner Rufus C. Holman has received an invitation to read a paper on "Efficiency and Economy in County Government" at the annual meeting at Tacoma of the Washington State association of county commissioners. The meeting will be held next September.

Society to Have Headquarters.

Headquarters of the Oregon Humane society will soon be established in room 123 at the courthouse, by permission of the county commissioners. The room will be available as soon as the court disposes of the contraband liquor the constable has stored in it.

"Painless Parker" Sued.

E. R. "Painless" Parker and V. A. Fitzgerald, his employes, are defendants in a suit for \$2250 damages for alleged malpractice in dentistry. The complainant is Luther Newgard, a minor, who alleges that he had serious results from an abscessed tooth Fitzgerald pulled for him.

Divorce Suits Filed.

Suits for divorce have been filed as follows: Willie C. Buse vs. Arthur Buse, married at Oregon City in 1911, desertion; James Hannaford vs. Mamie Hannaford, married at Astoria in 1899, two children, cruelty.

NUT CRACKER

IS CLOSING IN UPON VERDUN

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west of Verdun, the French evacuated the whole stronghold.

Hill 304, cornerstone of the French defense west of the Meuse, is held jointly by French and Germans.

Hill 304 to Fall Soon.

Further slight advances by the Germans in ravines on either side will force its surrender to the right wing of the German army. The left jaw of the Tauton machine has entirely reconquered positions temporarily surrendered to French troops.

It is estimated 30,000 men died fighting in the dark, underground caverns about the ruins of Douaumont for 72 hours, with no resultant change in the battle line.

Positive denial is made of French claims that General Nivelle's forces even temporarily occupied the ruins of Fort Douaumont. The only French detachment that entered the fort was completely wiped out, declared the Berlin war office.

Wounded Are Unaided.

On the southern and western approaches to the fort the earth is covered with countless corpses and many wounded, crawling feebly about hunting shelter and aid. Since the French attacked last Sunday there has been no lull in the savage struggle and neither side has been able to reach its wounded.

West of the Meuse, French troops are being steadily driven back upon the Verdun forts. The German center, which took Deadman's hill, has not yet occupied all abandoned works because French artillery is still playing on its southern ridges.

FRENCH ADVANCE ON WEST BANK OF MEUSE USING HAND GRENADES

Paris, May 25.—(U. P.)—French troops advanced during the night along the Meuse, east of Cumieres village, fighting with hand grenades, it was officially announced today. The Germans are strongly attacking. They took a French trench north of Hautromont quarries on the east side of the river. Violent artillery fighting continued all night, but there were no important infantry struggles either around Douaumont or the Deadman's Hill front.

The positions won would be exposed to a German flanking attack if French forces attempted to push on southward to Cumieres. Southern exits to Cumieres are under French artillery fire, so there is no fear of an assault from that quarter.

General Nivelle has made no attempt to seize Fort Douaumont during the night. Through complete exhaustion of the infantrymen, operations on both sides have temporarily halted.

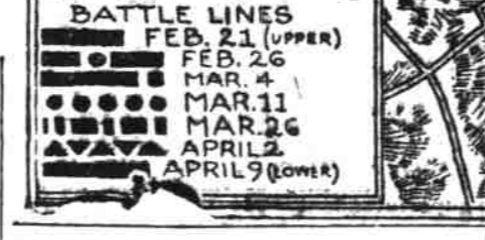
French military critics are agreed that the week's fighting has been the bloodiest in history. The Germans lost more men than in any of the war's previous battles.

Forces Are Exhausted.

London, May 25.—(U. P.)—Utter exhaustion of the human element in the great fighting machines struggling for mastery at Verdun brought a lull today in the savage battle.

The frightful slaughter at Fort Douaumont came to a halt with the works in German hands. During the night French troops made no effort

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to wrest it from the Bavarians. Minor fighting proceeded today with slight advantage to both sides. While the men rest in their trenches, however, the tremendous artillery engagement is still raging with appalling violence.

Admits Cutting Corner.

After his machine had collided with a motorcycle at Sixth and Stark streets shortly after 6 o'clock last night, N. P. Nelson, 35 1/2 North Nineteenth street, was arrested by Patrolman Stark on a charge of cutting a corner. The motorcycle was ridden by S. D. Jones, 939 East Main street. He was badly bruised. Nelson pleaded guilty to the charge in the municipal court this

morning, and the case was continued indefinitely.

Divorce Decrees Granted.

Divorces have been granted in the following cases: Sarah C. Shankland vs. William H. Shankland, married in Alaska in 1902, desertion; Gussie Follett vs. Marquis de L. Follett, married in Portland in 1897, two children, cruelty, \$15 a month alimony.

Kil. George Sends Greetings.

Los Angeles, May 25.—(P. N. S.)—A cablegram from King George of England, conveying his greetings to British subjects in southern California, was received yesterday by the committee in charge of Empire day celebra-

The Theatre Beautiful—Sixth at Washington



Columbia

—Starts Today—

Dainty Dorothy Gish and Owen Moore in

Susan Rocks the Boat

It's the story of a society girl to the purple born—who upsets family tradition by trying to correct the evils in the world. There's action and romance in this unusually fine drama.



THE LION AND THE GIRL

Bring the kiddies to see this Keystone

Full of Action — Full of Funny Situations

Majestic THEATRE

Today and Remainder of This Week

SPECIAL DOUBLE BILL

Marguerite Courtot

in "FEATHERTOP"

OR

Social Hypocrites

Art Acord

In the Famous Buck Parvin Comedy

"Snow Stuff"

Official MAY FESTIVAL PICTURES

PATHE NEWS World's Latest Events

Majestic Novelty Trio

School Children With Special Tickets Will Be Admitted for 5 Cents, Afternoon or Evening.