

LIMIT AT PRESENT OF RETREAT OF GERMANS INDICATED IN REPORTS

Teutons Appear to Be Standing Fast on High, Dry Ridge Near Bapaume.

MOVEMENT IS STRATEGIC

Units Moved by Germans Just Before Ground Became Liquid Mud to hinder British Movement.

By Major Edwin W. Dayton. New York, March 3.—(U. N. S.)—Reports from the British front in France north of the Somme indicate that the German retreat has about reached the present limit. The Germans seem to be standing fast now on the high, dry ground around the ridge running close in front of Bapaume, with the right flank of the new line at Les Essarts and the left flank at the pumping station for the Bapaume water supply southeast of the town on the highway called the Bapaume road. Les Essarts is a little village two miles west of Bapaume, and the defensive line includes the little town of Achiet le Petit.

While the Germans are consolidating their forces on this shorter and stronger line, the British are experiencing great difficulty in bringing forward great guns through a sea of soft mud on the lower ground, into which they are moving. As all of the ranges are known accurately by the German artillerymen, it is to be feared that the British batteries will be subjected to considerable loss as they move forward.

Included in the new German line is Louper Wood, described as a typical German field fortification before Les Essarts.

German Strategist at Best. Where the new line joins the old on the right are hills which form the defensive angle in the new salient created by the retreat. The town of Monchy is now German and is a strong outpost and is the head of a salient which projects about six miles beyond what would be a straight German line in the west if the invaders were forced back so that the battle front should be aligned from Arras to Bapaume and Peronne.

As the history of trench warfare is largely occupied with the elimination of salients, it is presumed to be that General Haig's next task may have to do with the Monchy-Achiet le Petit sector. No clear forecast is possible, however, until we see certainly that the German lines again settle down to a real renewal of the defensive tactics which continued so stubbornly between Albert and Bapaume for eight months.

In the strategic retreat which has occurred, German military skill and judgment were at their best. The German guns were moved back while the ground was frozen hard and just before its transformation into liquid mud which was its condition when the British moved forward.

Russians Suffer from Raids. Yesterday German rear guard detachments were engaged northeast of Gudocourt and northwest of Ligny Thillois. The British repulsed attacks at these points, all close to Bapaume and captured 12th machine guns.

In British raids farther north near Augres, Colonne and Lognon, 20 Germans were killed.

On the French front in Champagne and the Argonne both sides made raids but accomplished little.

On the north Roumanian frontier, the battle in the Jacobeni-Kampolung area continues, but heavy snow has hampered operations in the Dobruja. In Russia there were a number of skirmishes in the far north near Riga and in the lake region below Dvinsk.

On the east bank of the Narayvuka, Russian trenches were stormed, mine shafts exploded and 278 prisoners captured with seven machine guns.

In the region of Voronezh and west of Latak, Russian positions were penetrated to a depth of a mile and a half by a raiding force which carried back 152 prisoners and four machine guns.

There has of late been a noticeable increase of German activity in Volhynia and Galicia.

\$1500 Subscribed For Belgian Relief. Over \$1500 has been subscribed to the fund for the relief of the starving children in Belgium. Sunday the church organizations all over the state will attempt to supplement this sum by contributions from their members.

By the sale of waste paper the pupils of the Couch street school turned in \$20 to S. L. Eddy, treasurer of the Progressive Business Men's club, in charge of the fund. Over \$18 was turned in by the Montavilla school, employing the same means.

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Left—Dr. Elov T. Hedlund, president of the Jackson club. Right—Mrs. Helen I. Tomlinson, vice president of the Jackson club.

System of Shorthand Devised for the Chinese Language by Wong Po Young

Phonetic Plan Adapted to Language That Should Be Highly Beneficial in Governmental and Business Circles.

Washington, March 3.—(U. N. S.)—One of the longest steps forward in oriental development reported in many months is the announcement that Wong Po Young of Hongkong has invented a system of shorthand writing for the Chinese language, which has just been reported to the department of commerce by Consul General George E. Anderson at Hongkong.

The Chinese language has long been regarded by students as one of the most difficult languages to master and the idea of adapting it to a shorthand form has practically been given up. Several years ago the Chinese government sent a special commission to Europe to make an effort to devise, through study of occidental systems, some simplified method of writing Chinese, but this commission found the task too difficult. Private enterprise in China has in the past attempted the work, but nothing useful had come of it.

Speed 140 Words a Minute. Wong Po Young's shorthand system is reported to be highly successful. He has attained a speed of 140 words per minute in writing his system, while one of his pupils has attained a speed of 90 words per minute. Several other pupils can write 70 words per minute.

This is a great improvement on the old methods of writing Chinese. Up to this time no system has ever been devised by which the writer could keep up with a speaker. Chinese reporters have for some years used a simplified system known as the Teo Shue or grassy-handed system. This system is based on elimination of many of the ideographs and therefore it is unreliable and at best much slower than human speech.

Wong Po Young has reached the perfection of his system, the government report says, by abandoning the old lines on which experimenters worked. He has entirely discarded Chinese characters. Rev. David Jones of San Francisco, who spent many years in the orient, worked on a system, but his did not approach the system of Wong Po Young. The latter's system is based on a classification of 22 initial sounds and 33 final sounds in the Chinese language. These basic sounds are sufficient to build the system upon, the inventor says.

Much Needed Improvement. The new system is adapted somewhat from such occidental systems of shorthand writing as the Pitmanic, but on account of the singularity of the Chinese language, it necessarily has wide differences. The inventor says that he expects to improve the system by simplifying it and by making it cover a wider range.

Should the new system meet all requirements, as present indications are, it will be a godsend to the Chinese. The government, all classes of commerce and industry, schools and other branches, will find a simplified system of writing invaluable.

Penny-wise Proved Pound-foolish in Fire. Electric Iron Left With Current on Causes Fire; Penny Used to Replace Fuse Made Fire Worse.

The family of F. L. Karth, 500 East Fifty-second street north, left home early Saturday morning, leaving an electric iron with the current turned on. The iron had been placed on the woodliff.

In the afternoon neighbors saw smoke coming from the Karth residence and turned in a fire alarm. Firemen reached the house in time to stop the fire in the basement and the shaft of the woodliff. The kitchen electric iron with the current turned on was nearly unrecognizable.

Results would probably not have been so serious, according to Captain Roberts of the fire bureau, who made an investigation, if a penny had not been used as a fuse to take the place of a regular electric fuse. He says the regular electric light fuse had been previously burned out and a penny inserted to make the electrical connection.

N. E. A. Circular Is Spread Broadcast. Three hundred thousand copies of a new folder descriptive of Portland and the adjacent scenic territory have just been issued by the executive committee in charge of the National Education association; convention which meets here in July. It is proposed to distribute them throughout the country and get them into the hands of as many teachers as possible through all the various agencies. The railroads have just announced a round trip rate of \$1.50 to Portland from Chicago and Mississippi river points and \$2 from the Missouri river. Correspondingly low rates are expected from the Atlantic states, but the trunk lines have not announced what their concession will be.

C. G. Presby Fully Is Exonerated by Jury. Clinton G. Presby, a former employee of the Portland Railway Light & Power company, has been exonerated by the grand jury of charges of seduction preferred against him by a young woman, his former fiancée. Presby was arrested several weeks ago on complaint of the girl but established his innocence of the crime charged to the satisfaction of the grand jury. He is 22 years old. A report circulated at the time of his arrest that his mother had ordered him to leave home because of the girl's charges is denied and no facts have been found to substantiate it.

Nolan Trial Is Set For Monday, May 14. San Francisco, March 3.—(P. N. S.) Superior Judge Franklin A. Griffin today set May 14 as the date for the trial of Edward D. Nolan upon charges of murder in connection with the preparedness parade bomb explosion.

PORTLAND TO SHARE IN CELEBRATION OF SECOND INAUGURAL

Jackson and Women's Democratic Clubs, Arrange Program for Monday Night.

SPEAKERS PROMINENT MEN

Inauguration of Woodrow Wilson as President for Second Time to Be Sittingly Observed.

Portland will celebrate the occasion of the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson as president of the United States for a second time at a meeting to be held in the Central library at 3 o'clock Monday night under the direction of the Jackson club and the Women's Democratic club.

Coincident with the inaugural ceremonies in Washington will come this Portland celebration, in which prominent citizens will take part. The Rev. Joshua Stansfield, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church; George L. Baker, city commissioner; Colonel C. E. S. Wood; Colonel C. U. Gantenbein, circuit judge, and Lieutenant-Commander George E. Blair, O. N. M., will be the speakers.

Joint Presiding Officers. Miss Leona Larrabee, president of the Women's Democratic club, and Dr. Elov T. Hedlund, president of the Jackson club, will share the honors as presiding officers of the meeting. They will also serve on a reception committee for the occasion, with Mrs. Sarah E. Moore, vice president of the Women's Democratic club, and Mrs. Helen I. Tomlinson, vice president of the Jackson club.

Miss Lillian Hackleman and Mrs. Herbert Augur have a musical program in their charge, with Miss Fay E. Ruedrich, soloist.

The celebration will be opened by a flag raising and salute to the flag by the Sons of Spanish War Veterans' drum corps, under the direction of E. F. Donahue, scoutmaster.

The meeting will be open to the public and special invitations to attend are extended to the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the Confederacy, G. A. R. and Spanish War veterans.

Aim Is to Replac Hudson's Addition. In an endeavor to overcome the objections of one or two property owners to the replac of Hudson's addition, Meadow Park, Fairview, addition, a portion of the town of Wayne and a portion of Quinn's addition, a district east of Irvington, the city council is to hold a special hearing of property owners at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

The present district has been called a "crazy quilt" owing to the lack of uniformity in street and property lines. The streets are inaccessible to adjacent streets. For more than a year the city, through its street extension division, has endeavored to replac the district and give all the additions the single name of "Waynewood," but at the last moment the proceedings were blocked by one of two property owners.

Oregon Camera Club Is to Have Lectures. The first of a series of lectures and demonstrations comprising the photographic instruction course recently inaugurated by the Oregon Camera club, will be held in the club rooms on the fifth floor of the Elks building, Tuesday evening. The feature of the evening will be a treatise on soft focus lens work, given by A. F. Milne of Portland, who is the inventor and manufacturer of the Milne soft focus lens. Mr. Milne will give actual demonstrations on exposure, development and other photographic manipulations used in the art.

Germany Complains Of Hard Treatment. Declaration Made That French and English Fisco Prisoners Close Behind Fighting Fronts.

Berlin, March 3.—(U. N. S.)—(Via Sayville, Wireless).—Declaring that France has failed to heed Germany's protests against the ill treatment of German prisoners, War Minister von Siedel announced to the reichstag today that Germany will take counter measures against French prisoners at once.

Thousands of German prisoners, the war minister charged, are compelled to work close behind the French front under the fire of German artillery. If they seek cover from the fire, they are driven back by French officers, he asserted.

Generally speaking, the English treat their prisoners better, he said, and in many cases have redressed grievances. But on the other hand, the English, too, often employ prisoners close behind the front, and compel others to work excessively in French ports, he alleged. "Consequently, Germany will take counter measures against English prisoners, also."

Hold-Over Senators Block the Farmers. Bismarck, N. D., March 3.—(U. P.)—Without obtaining the strictly farmer legislation it set out to secure, the farmer legislature adjourned today sine die. German artillery was behind the front, and compel others to work excessively in French ports, he alleged. "Consequently, Germany will take counter measures against English prisoners, also."

Chinese Seek Refuge. Marysville, Cal., March 3.—(P. N. S.)—Alarmed by the threatened outbreak of another long war in San Francisco and San Jose, Chinese are flocking into Marysville and seeking protection from the local Suez Sign according to Sheriff Charles J. McCoy. Each train is bringing refugees.

Spain contains more than 11,500,000 of unproductive land.

24 YEARS IN PUBLIC SERVICE CONCLUDED



United States Senator O'Gorman who retires from public life this week.

Washington, March 3.—(U. P.)—United States Senator O'Gorman of New York, will close his public career when the senate adjourns Monday night.

"I have completed an uninterrupted public service of 24 years," said the senator today. "18 years as judge and six years as senator; and I must now give attention to my private affairs."

Montana Woman Cheered by Crowd. Miss Jeanette Rankin Makes Strong Plea in New York for Social Democracy.

New York, March 3.—(U. P.)—Three thousand New Yorkers stamped, cheered and waved their approval of a little slip of a woman all in white chiffon and almost as embarrassed as a high school girl in a graduating class, at Carnegie hall. She was Miss Jeanette Rankin, congresswoman from Montana, and the speech was her first to a New York audience.

But there was no white chiffon about Miss Rankin's opinions. She led off by sounding the keynote of her campaign, "Let the people know," and the crowd liked it. She went on to plead for "political, business and social democracy," and the crowd liked that, too.

"Woman suffrage is coming," she said, "in spite of the Democratic party."

Miss Rankin is a Republican. She was proud of her party and said so; and of her sex, and said so; and of her victory, and said so; and the crowd cheered her every time. It cheered her when she expounded in clear, forceful style her convictions concerning the questions of the day, including this:

"Women are entitled to the right to say whether their men shall go to war."

WHIZING BULLETS DIDN'T SCARE HIM. Private Walter J. Jones, Battery A, Field Artillery.

One of the young soldiers of Oregon who served in Battery A, Field Artillery, is Walter J. Jones. He was on guard duty close to the border line one night when the Mexican factions in Calisco began one of those lively skirmishes they call a battle. One of the Mexican bullets went through his hat, and another grazed him, but Jones was nothing to justify his name. The order to report was given. Young Jones insists that any of the boys would have done the same, and that there was nothing to justify his name. The order to report was given. Young Jones insists that any of the boys would have done the same, and that there was nothing to justify his name. The order to report was given. Young Jones insists that any of the boys would have done the same, and that there was nothing to justify his name.

Will Name Men for Rose Festival Board. J. E. Werlein, president of the Rose Festival auxiliary, has appointed a committee of nine to make a list of 24 names, out of which 12 will be elected directors of the Rose Festival by members of the auxiliary, March 16. The committee will meet next Monday at 7:30 p. m. in the green room of the Oregon building. They are Frank E. Smith, chairman; E. J. Jaeger, C. F. Berg, Mrs. G. F. Frankel, Mrs. C. B. Simmons, L. M. Leppert, Ferdinand E. Reed, W. F. Strandborg and O. F. Howard.

People Misinformed As to Cuba, Alleged

Chicago, March 3.—(U. P.)—That the people of the United States are being misinformed as to the merits of the insurrection in Cuba and justness of the claims of the Liberals of the island, which is now actually in a state of civil war, was the statement of Thomas Marshall, formerly assistant state's attorney of Cook county, who returned today from a two weeks' stay on the island.

"Seventy-five per cent of the Cubans are living under military rule," he said, "and the remaining 25 per cent, with the aid of machine guns and the United States, are in control."

"The request for an investigation of the recent election, made of the Liberais, should be heeded," he said. "I believe that the patriots of Cuba are to be found under the leadership of the rebels."

Prepare for Spring Freshets. St. Paul, Minn., March 3.—(U. P.)—Anticipating that when the little flakes of snow begin to melt, this month that much of their property will be washed away, the Northern Pacific has spent \$100,000 preparing to keep their tracks securely hooked down.

Villa Said to Be in Serious Condition

San Antonio, Texas, March 3.—(U. N. S.)—Francisco Villa is in a serious condition either from a reopening of the wound received a year ago or as the result of a new one, according to a report received by General Pershing today. This, it was said, explained the lack of activity on the part of his followers.

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