

MONITORS ARE AIDING ADVANCE OF FRENCH ON MOUNT CORNILLIET

Little Steel-Clad Canal and River Vessels Hide Easily in Bombproofs.

GERMANS FORESTALLED

Prisoners Say Von Hindenburg Had Planned Gigantic Counter Offensive But French Blow Changed Plans.

By Henry Wood.

With the French armies in the Champagne, May 23.—(U. P.)—Steel-clad canal and river monitors are effectively aiding the French advance in the Mount Cornillet sector. The little vessels have participated in the bombardment with as much success as they did in the battle of the Somme last fall.

In the section where they are used the monitors can disappear into bombproofs built along the side of the waterways they utilize, thus giving them advantage of veritable river submarines.

(Presumably these monitors are being used on the river Sauphe).

German Offensive Forestalled.

General Nivelle's new offensive, begun Sunday and thunderously continuing, forestalled a gigantic German counter offensive.

Prisoners from German lines revealed the enemy plans today. Their explanations threw light on the tremendous power behind recent German counter-attacks as well as the great forces which the French were compelled to eject in their victorious advance.

The conquest by the French of the northern slopes of the Moronvillers crest between Mounts Cornillet and the Casque ended all hopes of the Germans for an offensive in this sector. Such an attack had been planned for Tuesday morning with the object of regaining the top of this crest.

Blow Was Unexpected.

Great forces of German reserves were massed in expectation for this advance. The Germans brought up new guns and great stores of ammunition. Then, so the prisoners said, the French struck a sudden, unexpected blow, took the northern slopes in front of the crest and forced the Germans still further back.

The fury of the French attack was sufficient to hurl back all these concentrated German forces, but their very concentration permitted the enemy to strike back in violently powerful counter thrusts.

Gains Are Consolidated.

For two days now these great counter-attacks have been waging back and forth. At some places they have forced a slight giving of ground. But today the French retained all their important gains and were here and there still forging ahead.

Early today all the remaining portions of Cornillet were consolidated, including an immense tunnel which the Germans had laboriously dug out under the mount.

German soldiers captured by the French advance declared today Field Marshal von Hindenburg personally visited the Cornillet front recently and supervised all arrangements for the abortive offensive.

Tunnel Prevented Victory.

This tunnel under Mount Cornillet gave the French some troublesome days of fighting. The Germans hid their reserves in it and from its depths they frequently poured their forces out just as the French succeeded in overcoming the German lines. This sudden reinforcement of the enemy would push the French back. The original French assault on the mount made May 2, was thus thrown back at the moment of victory.

In the tunnel as it was captured today, the French found an entire German battalion, including a staff major.

U. S. PLANS TO ANSWER RUSSIA AS TO WAR AIM

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States is fighting German autocracy—not the German people. In addition, the president reaffirmed his previous utterances that the United States does not seek monetary indemnities, nor additional land, and desires nothing for itself out of the war.

Those who viewed the president's letter in the light that it was particularly addressed to Russia predicted today it would have great weight in Petrograd. The administration has been fearful that Russia would accept too readily German propaganda, falsely representing the allies' position.

Letter Read in House.

The letter to Representative Heflin was read in the House Tuesday. Representative Heflin had brought to the attention of the president statements made upon the floor of the House based on a printed report which incorrectly quoted the president as saying in his Red Cross dedication speech that the United States had no grievance against Germany. The president's letter follows:

"It is incomprehensible to me how any frank or honest person could doubt

Barber Finds Right Owner of Purse by Note Left Behind

To make sure the wrong woman would not claim a purse containing a railroad ticket and \$15 cash, K. P. Banks, proprietor of the Union Station barber shop, left a note when he found the purse. It read: "Did you lose anything? If so, inquire at the barber shop." If other people saw it, and some hundreds probably did, the note was sufficiently non-committal that there were no claimants before the rightful owner appeared. She is described as being grateful and good looking but with name unknown to the barber who took this novel method of returning her property.

GRANTS PASS MINING MAN IS KILLED WHEN AUTO TURNS TURTLE

Companion Unable to Release Joseph R. Smith From Beneath His Automobile.

Grants Pass, Or., May 23.—Joseph R. Smith, about 40 years old, prominent mining man, with interests in the Preston Peak district, and manager of the Del Norte county, Cal., Claimholders' Association and secretary treasurer of the Tri-Metals Mining company, was killed near the old Myers place, about one mile north of Grants Pass, at 10:30 o'clock on Tuesday night, when an automobile he was driving turned turtle on a sharp curve in the road as the Pacific highway mounts a short hill, and pinioned him beneath the car.

In the machine with Smith were James T. White, manager of the Grants Pass office of the Oregon Gas & Electric Co., and two women, Mrs. C. H. Elsmann and Mrs. George Radford, both of Grants Pass. These were not seriously injured, although it is reported Mrs. Radford suffered a broken arm. Smith died five minutes after the accident, but remained conscious, talking to his companions. White tried to release Smith, but lacked the strength.

Dr. Dow of Central Point was called, but was unable to reach the injured man before he died. Coroner Perl of Jackson county took charge of Smith's remains early today.

The party left Grants Pass about 9:30 o'clock Tuesday night to get some fishing tackle belonging to White, which was stored at Medford, and it is said Smith intended to make a quick trip and return to Grants Pass by midnight.

Judging by the time and place the accident occurred Smith had driven at a terrific pace, considering the present condition of the roads, and the fact that the night was dark.

The automobile party evidently traveled the 28 miles to where the tragedy occurred in less than an hour.

or question my position with regard to the war and its objects.

Germany Has Grossly Wronged. "I have again and again stated the very serious and long continued wrongs that the Imperial German government has perpetrated against the rights, the commerce and the citizens of the United States. The list is long and overwhelming. No nation that respected itself or the rights of humanity could have borne these wrongs any longer.

"Our objects in going into the war have been stated with equal clearness and I set forth in the most explicitness in an address to the Senate of the United States on the 22d of January last. Again in my message to Congress on the 2d of April last those objects were stated in unmistakable terms.

Effort to Handicap War. "I can conceive no purpose in an effort to belittle this matter except the purpose of weakening the hands of the government and making the part which the United States is to play in the future struggle for human liberty an inefficient and hesitating part. We have entered the war for our own reasons and with our own objects clearly stated, and shall forget neither the reasons nor the objects. There is no hate in our hearts for the German people but there is a resolve which cannot be shaken, even by misrepresentation, to overcome the pretensions of the autocratic government which acts upon purposes to which the German people have never consented."

There was applause from the Democratic members after the reading.

Portugal's Capital Is Under Martial Law

Paris, May 23.—(I. N. S.)—Martial law has been declared in Lisbon, Portugal, as the result of food riots there, according to a dispatch received here today. One hundred persons are declared to have been killed in the fighting on the streets.

SOCIALISTS FEAR FOR SAFETY UPON RETURN FROM PEACE MEETING

Loss of Freedom, if Not Lives, of Those From Beligerent Nations, Possible.

Washington, May 23.—(U. P.)—No American will be granted a passport to attend the Stockholm Socialist conference next month.

Stockholm, May 23.—(U. P.)—Delegates already here in advance of the German-called "Socialist peace conference" began figuring today on the possibility that representatives from belligerent countries might lose their freedom, if not their lives, when they return home, as the price of their attendance on the meeting. Every persuasive effort is being made to coax attendance of English and French delegates. The Socialists would also like to know exactly how the American delegates will stand at the meeting.

Exact Date Not Yet Set.

Secretary Huysman of the International Socialist bureau, called Morris Hillquit, chairman of the American delegation, today, seeking light in advance on the American feeling. In the meantime Dutch and Scandinavian socialist leaders said they were obtaining better peace terms of all belligerent nations—from their respective Socialist delegates—these terms to be announced at the conference. Lack of information from German and Russian delegates as to the date of their arrival here still prevented any announcement today of the exact date of the meeting.

Only Russians Sure to Come.

The fact that allied nations have driven home repeatedly that the Stockholm meeting was called by German Socialists and that German interests would dominate the sessions, led some neutral delegates privately to express the belief today that attendance of allied Socialists was fraught with considerable peril to them personally.

Americans in Stockholm pointed out as likely to increase the suspicion of allied nations that the Stockholm conference was a German move, that the German government has credited all its delegates; that Austrian and Bulgarian representatives are here and that the Turkish legation was specifically designated Turkey's committee. The central powers, therefore, are all represented. So far it appears that only the Russian delegates of the allies will be on hand.

YOU CAN BUY BOND EVEN IF YOU CAN'T FIGHT

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tion was started at the meeting Tuesday when President A. L. Miller divided the clearing house committee into four groups, each forming the nucleus of one large committee.

These committees will be on organization, publicity, finance and finance, as outlined by the campaign plan sent out from New York. On each committee there will be two or three bankers, and the balance of the membership will be selected from every line of business.

Members of the sub-committees today are busily engaged in making up additional lists. At a meeting of the clearing house Friday afternoon, these committees will be passed upon, and the selected lists announced.

By that time, C. A. Miller, campaign organizer sent by the federal reserve bank from San Francisco, will be here to tell the committees how to go about their work, according to the plan endorsed by the government.

Can Invest Any Time. But those who are going to invest in the Liberty loan should not have to wait until they are whipped into action by these committees. There is pressing need that subscriptions to the loan be made now.

Every banker, every bond house, every express company, many of the department stores and other places can take your subscription for a bond today.

The government must know as it goes along how much money is being subscribed to the big financial project. No matter how remotely one is located in the state, subscription for a bond can be easily made.

There have been more small subscriptions this week than at any time since the loan was announced, but the amounts have been far from satisfactory.

It is felt that the majority of corporations and others who manage large subscriptions have already made them.

None Will Escape. The duty of completing the list now falls on the vast number of persons who are able to subscribe for smaller amounts.

"Have you bought a Liberty bond?" will be the question of the hour for the next 25 days. One will not be able to get away from it, for the interrogative will stare forth from billboards and street cars, from newspapers and magazines, from personal letters and business communications. It will be stamped on your electric bill. Seals asking the question will appear on everything. It will be the subject of sermons and the theme of orators, who will vie with the political speakers of the day for the attention of the public.

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THE COMEDY—A Maiden's Trust, with Alice Davenport and Ford Sterling

COMMENCING THIS THURSDAY 10:30 A. M., Oliver Morosco presents KATHLYN WILLIAMS and HOUSE PETERS in "THE HIGHWAY OF HOPE," by Willard Mack.

ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY J. Warren Kerrigan—the renowned photoplay actor will appear here in person Sunday—make a short address—then there will be a reception in the Foyer. Come and meet him personally.

Tonight, Fashion Show—Living Models. Gowns from The Eastern Outfitting Company

At the COLUMBIA Sixth St., Off Washington The Theatre Beautiful Doors Open 10:30 A. M. Admission 15c, Children 5c. Continuous

Riggin Locates Gun Booth Was Shot With

Revolver Found Where Alleged Slayer Said He Hid It After Committing Murder; Warden Checks Story. Tillamook, Or., May 23.—The revolver with which William Booth is said to have been shot at Williamina, some time ago, was found Tuesday by William Riggin, who has confessed to the shooting. The revolver was found about 20 rods from the Trask house, where Riggin says he hid it. Riggin had no difficulty in locating it. Warden Murphy of the state penitentiary, who is checking up Riggin's story, made the trip up Trask river today with Riggin and returned to this city late Tuesday night. Riggin is now lodged in the city jail.

1000 PERSONS NEEDED FOR HOUSE TO HOUSE CANVASS OF RED CROSS

Campaign Committee Says It Will Give Chance for Everyone to Do His "Bit."

All men and women of Portland who want to "do their bit" for their country and have not found the way, are urged to send in their names and addresses at once to the campaign committee, Portland Red Cross chapter, Corbett building.

The coming Red Cross "drive" is to be conducted on a magnitude far greater than any campaign of its kind in the history of the city, and there will be work for every man, woman and child.

The campaign committee announced this morning it is not soliciting workers, but feels this is, above everything else, a purely volunteer service and that hundreds should be willing to offer their services at once.

Among the needs of the committee is a staff of speakers. Fully 100 men and women will be needed for the speakers' bureau.

Another big force of workers, probably 1000, will be needed for the house-to-house canvass which will be made during the week of June 13-15.

Another corps of workers may have to be recruited to assist in the big drive to be made throughout the state.

The campaign managing committee, consisting of R. H. Strong, chairman; C. E. English, Charles F. Berg, and W. P. Strandberg, director general of the campaign, desire to have a list of fully 500 volunteer workers available between now and June 1, that the duties for which each worker is best suited may be determined and service assigned to each in advance.

The committee also desires that whole organizations, clubs, societies and other bodies come to the assistance of the cause, so that special duties may be assigned. The value of this form of volunteer service lies in the fact that such clubs already have a working organization.

The campaign committee today is holding the whole city into districts with captains in charge and subdivisions with lieutenants in charge.

For the speaking campaign, addresses are to be made at prominent street corners at noon each day of Red Cross week and in theatres and other gathering places.

Tonight—Last Time

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Soldier Kills Self At American Lake

Tacoma, Wash., May 23.—(U. P.)—Colonel William Agila, commander of the American Lake military camp, is conducting an investigation today to learn how Sydney N. Butt, a member of Company C Second Washington Infantry, procured the cartridge with which he killed himself in his tent yesterday.

Despondent from an unknown cause and on the verge of nervous breakdown, Butt shot himself through the head with his rifle, having in some manner unknown to his officers gotten possession of a single loaded cartridge.

Butt's home was at North Yakima, Laeville, Ky., May 23.—(I. N. S.)—Reports were received here today that two negroes were killed, two mortally wounded and a score injured, in a fight at a ball game between two colored teams near Richmond, Ky.

BIG AMERICAN VESSEL SUNK BELIEVED TO BE SEIZED GERMAN LINER

Ship of 8000 Tons With Cargo Torpedoed in the Mediterranean, Is Report.

Paris, May 23.—(U. P.)—An 8000-ton American ship, carrying a cargo destined for Switzerland, has been torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean. It was announced today. The name of the vessel was not specified.

Inquiry of American shipping experts developed the belief that the ship sunk may have been one of the German liners recently seized here and pressed into the merchantman service. One shipping authority said the only vessel of anywhere near 8000 tons which he was aware was in the Mediterranean was one of these German ships, which sailed recently, bearing a cargo for Italy.

Two British Steamers Sunk.

New York, May 23.—(U. P.)—Sinking of the British steamers Hackensack and Thistlehead by German submarines, but with recovery of American marines, was reported by travelers in New York today.

The Hackensack was en route to a British port from America. She was torpedoed and sunk the day after she had picked up survivors of the Swedish sailing ship Valkyrie and the Norwegian sailing ship Vestal.

The Thistlehead was sunk by shellfire from a U-boat. John Wilson of Pensacola, Fla., was rescued from the Hackensack.

Clarence Felton of Norfolk and Louis Merrill of Philadelphia were two American survivors of the Thistlehead. The ship was the victim of an unwarmed torpedo attack and sank in four minutes, but with no casualties.

Travelers here also reported that the British steamer Rumanian Prince, en route from Philadelphia to Plymouth, was torpedoed and sunk by a German U-boat disguised as a fishing vessel, which fired 15 shots at her. One damaged the Rumanian Prince's wireless. The British steamer died for an hour before the submarine was scared away by approach of a British patrol vessel.

Union of Churches Opposed in South

Birmingham, Ala., May 23.—(I. N. S.)—Union of the southern Presbyterian church with the northern Presbyterian church was opposed today in the report of a committee presented to the southern general assembly.

The report expressed appreciation of the brotherly love entertained for the south by their brothers of the northern church, but stated that because one of the northern Presbyteries "has repeatedly ordained ministers whose faith is manifestly unsound," the committee opposed the proposed union. The presbytery referred to is located in New York state. Action on the report will be taken late today.

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Officers of Medical Reserve Are Needed

Camps for Training Will Open June 15, and 20,000 for Army Service Are Sought—Three Camps to Start. Washington, May 23.—(I. N. S.)—Twenty thousand medical officers were sought for the army. It was stated today, when it was announced that training camps for officers of the medical reserve will be opened June 15. The camps will be located at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.; Fort Riley, Kan., and Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and 6000 who have been recommended for commissions will receive medical and military instruction for three months.

The following will be in command at the camps: Fort Benjamin Harrison—Major Percy M. Ashburn; assistant, Major James F. Hull.

Fort Riley—Major William M. Bishop; assistant, Charles R. Reynolds. Fort Oglethorpe—Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Page, assistant, Major Roger Brooke.

Intense Suffering in Germany, Reported

Geneva, May 23.—(I. N. S.)—The Cuban minister to Germany, accompanied by the Guatemalan minister, arrived here today from Berlin. Both stated that the situation in Germany is serious.

The people are discontented and the food shortage is causing intense suffering. They were accompanied from Berlin to the Swiss frontier by a German army officer.

The Cuban minister, Dr. Aristides Aguerro, intimated that the house of Hohenzollern has been weakened by the war, and that the "elaborate imperial structure in Germany is beginning to break under the strain."

Dr. Aguerro continued: "I have been in Germany for 14 years, and therefore I feel competent to express an opinion upon the situation there. Things are going very badly on the other side of the Rhine."

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