

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MAY FILE COMPLAINT

Unless O-W. R. & N. Co. Will Absorb Branch Line Charges on Chrome Complaint Be Made

INCLUDE HOOD RIVER APPLES

Public Service Commission Takes Matters Up With U. S. Government as War Measures.

Salem, Or., May 23.—If the O-W. R. & N. company will not voluntarily adopt freight rates which will absorb branch line charges on chrome ore, shipped from Prairie City over the Sumpter Valley railroad, and apples shipped from points on the Hood River branch line and Great Southern railroad, the public service commission will file a formal complaint against the O-W. R. & N. with the interstate commerce commission.

Announcement on this effect was made today by Public Service Commissioner Corey, following the receipt of a letter from John Barton Payne, chief counsel for the director general of railroads. Some time ago Corey took the matter up with Payne, pointing out that the government, as war measure, should require main line roads to absorb branch line charges on chrome ore and apples, so that these products may be gotten to market in competition with other districts.

In his reply Payne says he has referred the letter to the traffic department. Then he says: "It may be that the Sumpter Valley Railroad company will not be retained under federal control. If so, the matter would be entirely within your jurisdiction."

As the question involves the regulation of interstate rates, Commissioner Corey points out that the Oregon commission could do nothing more than file a formal complaint with the interstate commerce commission, if the government relinquishes control.

Before doing that, however, Commissioner Corey has written to F. W. Robinson, traffic manager of O-W. R. & N. at Portland, asking that the company absorb the branch line rates in question on chrome ore and apples when the increase in freight rates goes into effect in June. Pending a reply from Robinson, no further action will be taken by the commission.

"There ought to be some power to prevent apple growers on these branch lines from being driven into bankruptcy by excessive freight rates, which shut them out of markets," declared Corey. He wrote to Herbert Hoover, food administrator, about the matter and has received a reply, saying that his letter had been referred to the railroad department. Hoover said he was interested in obtaining increased production and in seeing that producers get fair prices for their products.

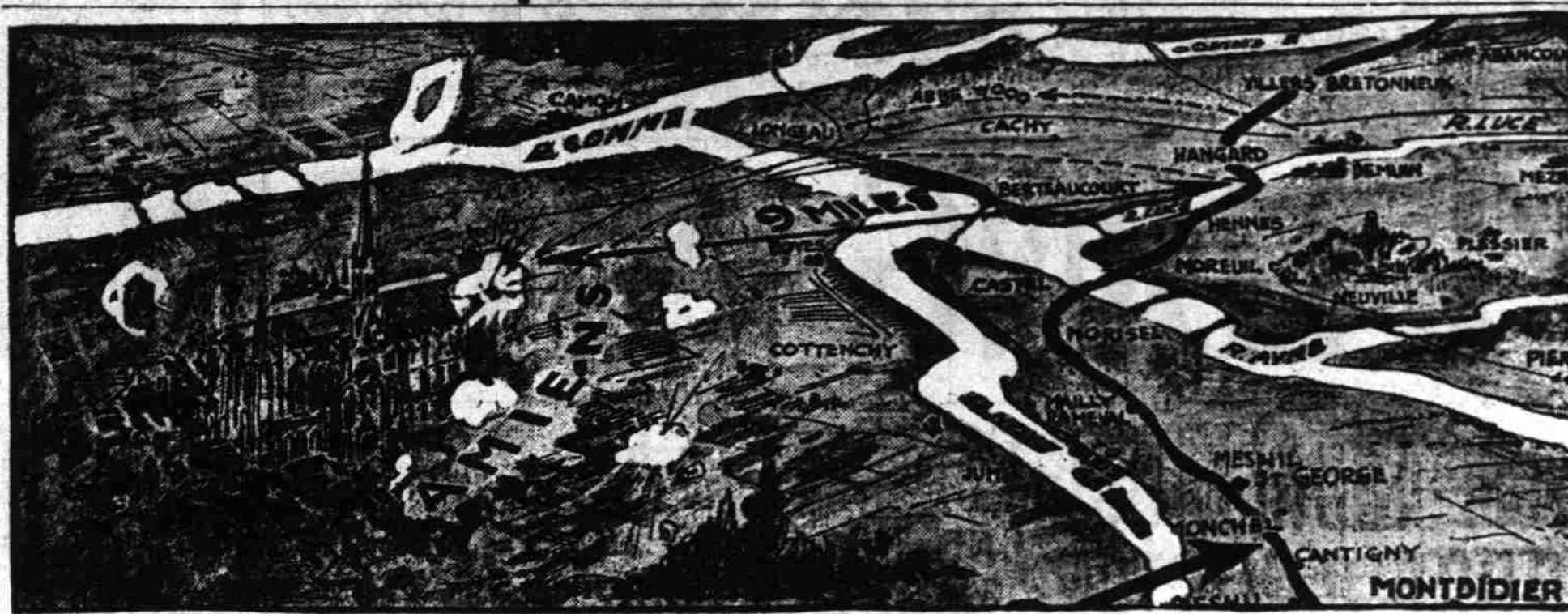
## Sawmill Burns With Loss of \$400,000

Bellingham, May 23.—(I. N. S.)—The \$400,000 plant of the Clear Lake Lumber company near here is in ruins today as a result of a fire that swept through the works last night.

In an attempt to extinguish the flames the engineer, who was the only person in the building, narrowly escaped after his clothes had been burned off. The planing mill and 20,000,000 feet of lumber were saved.

The plant has been working to capacity on government orders.

## WHERE THE AMERICANS WON BRILLIANT SUCCESS



Map in perspective showing the country east of Amiens, the arrow pointing to the important town of Cantigny which was stormed and captured by an American regiment Tuesday morning in the remarkably short time of 45 minutes. It is being held today against fierce German counterattacks. The possession of this town materially improves the allied position east of Amiens and in the Montdidier region.

## BRYAN MAKES TALK AT CHAUTAUQUA AT GRANTS PASS TUES.

Three Classes of People Said to Take Part in War; Patriotism Is Theme.

Grants Pass, Or., May 23.—All the citizens of Grants Pass turned out to hear the lecture given by William Jennings Bryan at the Chautauqua tent Tuesday afternoon. This was his only speech given in Oregon.

In the preface of half an hour, in which he dealt with the war, Mr. Bryan covered the lines of work to which patriotism calls the average citizen, but which he is not compelled by law to do. He cited first the voluntary contributions to the different organizations which are helping the government, such as the Red Cross, on which he laid special emphasis. He mentioned the Y. M. C. A., the Knights of Columbus and other organizations which are endeavoring to maintain in the camps the moral standards of home. He divided the people of the country into three classes. In the first class he placed the soldier, who makes the greatest sacrifice; the president and those about him who bear some of the great responsibility, and third, those who support the government by work or money.

Mr. Bryan then called attention to the food conservation question and its importance both to producer and consumer. He touched on the financing of the war, through the sale of bonds, pointing out the difference between money raised through taxation, without hope of return, and money loaned to the government, to be paid back with interest. He said that it was quite gratifying to him to learn that four times as many people subscribed to the last Liberty loan as to the first.

**Serious Auto Accident**  
Grants Pass, Or., May 23.—A serious accident occurred on the Pacific highway last evening, when an automobile containing four tourists, coming from the north, ran into a machine driven by E. A. Adams, head mechanic of the Ford garage. The collision occurred at the sharp turn eight miles out of town, near Merwin. The two cars came together with

## Campaign Cost Governor Only \$81

Candidates File Expense Accounts With Secretary of State Showing Expenditure in the Primary Election.

Salem, Or., May 23.—Governor Withycombe's campaign for re-nomination on the Republican ticket cost him only \$81, according to his sworn statement filed today with Secretary of State Olcott, while L. J. Simpson, in his campaign for governor, spent only \$729.50, as shown by the statement filed by him.

The Bruce Dennis campaign committee, of which Lura Gistrap was treasurer, spent \$60.44 on the campaign to elect Bruce Dennis Republican national committeeman. W. H. Fitzgerald filed a statement showing that he spent \$381.18 in behalf of the candidacy of C. H. Gram for labor commissioner. E. D. Cusick spent \$783.04 on his campaign for the Republican nomination for state treasurer.

Charles J. Schnabel spent \$280.75 on his campaign for the short term United States senatorship.

## Envoy Refuses to Talk About Cuba

Laredo, Texas, May 23.—(I. N. S.)—Alberto C. Franco, Mexican charge d'affaires in Havana, Cuba, arrived here today and presented passports for himself and wife. He then proceeded to the Mexican side of the line and entrained for Mexico City. He refused to talk while here except to say that he had been recalled from Cuba by the Mexican government.

## Indicted on Charge Of Hoarding Foods

Washington, May 23.—(U. P.)—The first indictment for food hoarding in the United States was returned today against a United States naval officer—Medical Director P. T. Nash, U. S. N., and his wife, Caroline.

## YANKEES FAIRLY SWEEP GERMANS OFF THEIR FEET

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Hopper was nonplussed, but called to an officer: "Come and get 'em!" The wounded seemed to be the happiest Americans in Picardy. I saw them in a tent field hospital this afternoon, laughing and chattering merrily. Those in another tent had laughed and talked until they were tired and were sleeping like babies.

**Battle Is Great Sport for Boys**  
Among the talkers, such expressions as the following are illustrative of their spirit:

"Best fun I've had since the football game."  
"I'd like to do it every day."  
"That trench stuff made me think war was a foolish game, but this is real sport."

American observers in French planes flew low over the enemy lines, flashing signals to the American artillery and carrying back messages. The American gunners neutralized the enemy artillery fire for about five hours. An hour before the attack started tremendous explosions were observed near Cantigny. A great number of American soldiers rode into battle on the rear end of the tanks, for all the world like kids back home "hopping a ride."

## GAS ATTACK IS BROKEN UP BY ARTILLERY FIRE

By Frank J. Taylor  
With the American Army in Lorraine, May 23.—(U. P.)—(Night).—The terrific German gas attack which began at 1 o'clock yesterday morning was broken up by American artillery fire after two batches of gas had been thrown into our positions. The guns began pounding the projector layout as soon as the first flock of "tincans" was sent over, and soon had pounded the outfit to pieces. During the attack the Germans dispatched a patrol of 60 men against American outposts in the gassed area, expecting to take some prisoners in the confusion of the anticipated paralysis of the defenders. The American outposts were very much on the job, however, and met the Germans with "stiff rifle" and grenade fire. In a two hour fight the Boches failed to penetrate the American wires and finally retired. Their losses were considerable.

**Folsom Wins Follies**  
I was the guest yesterday afternoon and last night of the clean cut, cheerful Middle Westerners against whom this attack was directed. Yesterday afternoon I returned to this position, which had been the scene of the most concentrated gas attack yet attempted by the Germans in this area. I found the boys still cheerful, despite their weariness and the strain of the attack.

The Americans hold a difficult position here, their trenches running through a wood and over several small hills. Yesterday the wood was as bright as spring sunshine could make it. Today the foliage was wilted, trees were broken from the rain of "tincan" gas shells and the ground was torn up. Nature showed the results of the attack, but the men were still the same confident chaps, eager to get at the Boches in retaliation.

A few of my friends whom I had seen yesterday were missing. I found them in a hospital under the motherly care of American nurses. They were mostly boys who had taken off their masks during the German patrol attack in order to see better how to direct their rifle and grenade fire at the Boches.

**Americans Never Caught Napping**  
They had been brought to the hospital in ambulances in remarkably quick time. Despite their suffering they were enthusiastic at the prospect of soon getting another whack at the Germans.

"Oh, I'll be back with the boys in a couple of days," said one, "then we will get them."  
The gas used in the projector attack was evidently phosgene, mixed with mustard gas. It affects the lungs, making breathing almost impossible. It was thrown over in two separate batches. The first crashed through the trees of the little wood and fell within a small area less than 600 yards in diameter. The other fell on the front line trenches, where the boys saw the flash of the projectors in time to don their masks. The Germans also gassed the American artillery positions with their cannon, without getting a single victim.

It is practically impossible for the Germans to surprise the American outposts, as the result of an ingenious signal system which the young "Edisons" in the army have invented. The nature of this device may not be divulged.

**Better Than Football Game**  
With the American Army on the French Battle Front, May 23.—(I. N. S.)—The capture of Cantigny straightens the allied line in that sector, wiping out a minor salient north of Fontaine. But not alone that, it marks the first important attack by the Americans who have taken their stand with the French in Picardy. It may be the prelude to a big counteroffensive to offset German pressure on the Aisne riverfront.

The Germans delivered counterattacks in an effort to recapture Cantigny, but all broke down under the fire of the

bedsheets now look good to me." Lieutenant Irving W. Wood of Oakland, Cal., a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, who was wounded, was a cheerful patient. "It was just a little clip in the leg," said he. "Tell the folks in the states that the gallantry of the men in the ranks was better than any football game I ever attended. It was a regular party walkaway."

**Pershing Reports Aerial Successes**  
Washington, May 23.—(U. P.)—Details of aerial fighting in the Lorraine sector were reported by General Pershing in a supplementary communique dated May 23.

"Yesterday morning three of our planes encountered four hostile planes flying at 2000 meters in the region of Monteno. In the fighting which ensued Lieutenant Douglas Campbell successfully attacked two of the German machines. One of these lost both wings and fell. This was referred to in yesterday's communique. In the same encounter one of our aviators was wounded, but succeeded in making a normal landing within our lines.

"Yesterday morning in a sector recently taken over by our troops an American sergeant encountered a German patrol of four men who had entered one of our trenches during the night. In the fighting which ensued our sergeant, although receiving three wounds, succeeded in driving out the hostile patrol, which left grenades and wire cutters behind.

"In Lorraine, on the evening of May 26, a hostile patrol attempted to penetrate our lines. It was driven off with loss of the enemy of five killed. One of these was brought into our lines. One of our men was wounded.

"This morning Lieutenant Rickenbacher and Lieutenant Campbell attacked a group of six enemy planes and brought one down out of control."

**Rickenbacher Gets Three More**  
With the American Army in Lorraine, May 23.—(U. P.)—(Night).—American planes within the last 24 hours, have brought down three German biplanes and have driven down two others. The fate of one of the latter is uncertain, but the other crashed down, apparently out of control.

Lieutenant Eddie Rickenbacher got three of these, it was said, including one of those that were driven down. Lieutenant Andrew Campbell of Chicago, former member of the Lafayette Escadrille, brought one enemy down in flames Monday morning.

Monday night five American planes engaged two German biplanes, shooting one down and forcing down another.

**Hun Gas Machines Shattered**  
By Newton C. Parke  
With the American Army in France, May 23.—(I. N. S.)—By methodical pounding of our artillery throughout the entire night, it was believed early today that the German gas projectors, which caused some casualties to our troops at the Lunerville front, have been destroyed.

The projectors were located by our aviators toward evening. Their work was quickly decreased by our artillery. The artillery fire on all sectors occupied by the Americans has been above normal for the past 24 hours. Patrols also were most active.

"Hello, Butler!" shouted Billings. "Where did they get you?"

"In the leg," replied Butler, laconically. Then he added: "They tried to give you a haircut."

"Yep, they nearly finished me," replied Billings. "A machine gun bullet plowed through the front of my tin derby and out the other side. If it had been half an inch on the other side you birds would have been sending me daisies. How is Lieutenant Churchill?"

"Well, he was spun around by a shell, but he is all right, I reckon," was the answer.

"We gave them hell, anyway," declared Billings. "Me for a snooze. My

## DR. ROBERTS HELD UP AS 'SERPENT'

Attorney for Grace Lusk Makes Final Plea to Save Woman From Penitentiary.

Waukegan, Wis., May 23.—(I. N. S.)—Painting Dr. David Roberts as a "serpent" and Grace Lusk as a woman "who kept her honor as high as her ideals," Attorney James M. Clancy this morning made the final plea to the jury to save his client from the penitentiary. He pleaded that Miss Lusk's act in killing Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts was only prompted by a diseased mind. "It is impossible to believe that this woman could be here on trial today as the taker of human life and a self-destructor unless her mind was diseased," declared Clancy.

After reviewing her girlhood and her days at college, Clancy took up the thread of the story at the time when Miss Lusk came to Waukegan. "She came here a pure and virtuous woman," he said. "Then she ran across the trail of the serpent. What sort of a serpent was it? He was a man well known all over the country as a manufacturer of patent medicines. He was a diamond as big as a cent and had limousines to take girls out riding. With his wealth and his power he would ask them to help him with his manuscript."

"In these manuscripts were many suggestive things. Things that most girls would not read. That was Dr. Roberts' story. If they would read he would go further. That is how Dr. Roberts got around innocent girls."

"That is how he got around Grace Lusk. He asked her to help him with his

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JOHN F. CORDRAY, Mgr.  
Decoration Day at the Oaks.

book. Then one night he decided that he might safely kiss her. "Gentlemen, that kiss was the fatal thrust that ended the life of his wife."

## 80,000 Victims of Influenza Plague

Madrid, May 23.—(I. N. S.)—There are 80,000 victims of the mysterious new "influenza plague" in this city alone. King Alfonso cannot leave his bed. He is suffering from symptoms of the gripe.

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