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ON TRAINS AND NEWS

# ILE PATH LEFT HUNS OUTSIDE RANGE OF BIG GUNS

Nation's Telegraph and Telephone Systems to Be Operated Under Government Control, President Having Issued Executive Order

Present Rival Systems Will Be Combined and Services Increased; Discharged Keymen Are to Be Reinstated, Is Word.

W ASHINGTON, July 23.-(U. P.)-The nation's communication lines will go under government control at midnight, President Wilson today signed an executive order providing for federal wire operation under the

well resolution. Postmaster General Burleson will supervise the work, with David J. Lewis as director. An official statement by Burleson

"The operation or control of what are ommonly called 'farmers' telephone lines' will be interfered with only for the purpose of facilitating their connec tions with the longer lines. "There will be no change affecting the press wire service except to improve it

wherever possible. Of course, no general policy has been decided upon and will not be until a most careful survey of the whole situation is had and a grasp of conditions as they now exist is se-"I shall freely avail myself to all as sistance and suggestions which those in

position to do so may be good enough "Whenever it is necessary to inau-

gurate any changes of policy, announce-.(Continued on Page Three, Column One)

#### Enlisted Men in Navy Now 503,793

Washington, July 23 .- (U. P.)-The enlisted personnel of the navy has passed the half million mark, Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced today.

the total strength of the navy's armed forces is 503,793. The national volunteers, comprising nearly 15,000 men, have been combined with the naval reserve forces. In addition to the armed forces there are more than 80,000 mechanics and laborers employed at navyyards and about 10,000 persons employed in navy department

This makes the total strength of the entire naval establishment approxi-mately 594,000.

#### Berlin Has Typhoid Epidemic, Is Report

Amsterdam, July 22.—(I. N. S.)—A serious outbreak of typhoid has occurred in Berlin, said a dispatch from that city today. The number of victims was not

Belief is prevalent in the German capital that the epidemic arose through the use of poisoned or unclean milk.

# ROLL OF HONOR

Washington, July 23.—(I. N. S.)—One hundred and five casualties in the American expeditionary forces were announced today by the sar department, as follows:

Twenty-foor killed in action, three died from wounds, five from disease, five from accident and other causes, 67 wounded severely and one missing in action.

Twenty-three casualties in the marines attached to the American expeditionary forces were announced today at Marine Corps head-quarters, divided as follows:

Four killed in action, three died from wounds received in action, 15 wounded severely in action and one missing in action.

The army officers named are:

Severely Wounded

Lieutenanta George A Billsbarrow, Maplewood, Mo.; Francis K. Read, Baltimore, Md. There was one marine officer in the list, Lieutenant Arthur L. Elmore of Washington, D. C., who died of wounds received in action. The army casualty int was as follows

Killed in Action

SERGEANT CARL L. GILBERT, Niles, O. CORPORAL STEPHEN P. GRIB, Chicago, PRIVATE CLIFFORD A. BEARD, St. Louis, PRIVATE CLIFFORD A. BEARD, St. Louis,

PRIVATE CLIFFORD A REARD, St. Louis, PRIVATE RESSIE R. BUCHANAN, Big

Cate, Wesh.
PRIVATE LESLIE D. CHAPIN, Ridgerille, PRIVATE HOMER CRUMB, Knobel, Ark. PRIVATE JANES P. ELLIS, Eldorado, Tex.

## TO OPERATE WIRE SYSTEMS

OSTMASTER GENERAL BURLESON, at the left, and David L. Lewis, former representative from Maryland, who will take charge of the telephone and telegraph systems in the United States. Mr. Burleson is to be supervisor and Mr. Lewis director of the systems.



Is Decision Given. Salem, Or., July 23.-The supreme

court today upheld Portland's six cent street car fare. The public service commission had authority to change terms of the franchise or contract made between the city of Portland and the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. Ignoring the existing terms of this contract was different from Germany's no-

torious "scrap of paper" attitude, as Justice Burnett, who wrote the court's opinion, points out that the state had the nherent power to regulate rates and the public service commission was acting as he agent of the state.

He points out that when the city was given the power to fix the rates in the franchises the city was then acting merely as the agent of the state, and since then by the law passed by the legislature that authority was taken from the city and placed in the public service commission. So, in effect, the same parties which made the contract for a five cent fare changed it to a six cent fare, holds the court, as in both cases the deal was made through an "agent" of the state. In the first instance, the "agent" was the city, in the second instance the "agent" was the public service commission. Justice Burnétt prepared a synopsis

of the court's opinion, which is as fol-

contention of the city in the "The main is that the franchise granted by its ordinance to the Portland Railway, Light & Power company constituted a contract between it and the company. the obligation of which could not be impaired by the action of the public serv-

"The court holds in substance that the city could not have granted such a franchise unless the power to do so had been delegated to it by the state; that in granting the right to maintain the railway in the city the municipality county courthouse, Portland, Or., that acted as a governmental agency of the state and really entered into the arrangement on behalf of the state; that (Continued on Page Two, Column Four)

#### Divers Reported to Have Shelled Tugs

Baltimore, July 23.-(I. N. S.)-An oficial of a local towing and lightering company reported to a representative of an afternoon newspaper here late this afternoon that he had just been informed that a tug and two barges had been sunk by a German submarine near

The report says that another tug had een hit by a shell from the U-boat but managed to escape. No confirmation of the report had been received here from ther sources up to a late hour.

# "Kill It"

This letter is typical of many. Journal "Want" ads sure get results. Advertising Manager Want Ad

Dept. Journal 7-10-18.
Kill the Want Ad, Tent for Sale, I had 43 phone calls. "How do they do it?" Send bill to P. M. MacCollister, City. Phone Sellwood 2882.

They will get just as good results for you.

State's Right to Regulate Rate Free Passage for Soldiers Be-Superceded That of City, - tween Portland and Vancouver Insured by Action.

> After what seemed to be an unbreakable deadlock between the county commissions of Clarke county, Washington. and Multnomah county in the matter of granting free bridge tolls for soldiers in uniform stationed at Vancouver barracks, a solution of the problem came as a result of the meeting of the Interstate bridge commission Monday afternoon at the Multnomah county courthouse.

The solution came after a lengthy discussion in which the members of the commission from both counties wanted it made known positively that they were all in favor of granting free passage to the soldiers, if possible, and still to Stearns, adjutant of the spruce production division of the signal corps, representing Colonel Disque, commanding officer of the spruce division, strongly urged the commission to take action. Attorneys, commissioners and all agreed that the government could settle the legal question by practically commandeering the bridge for the duration of the war for the use of the soldiers

and government war work. With this idea in view Chairman Holman of the commission asked Major Stearns if he would be willing to communicate with the secretary of war, explaining the situation and requesting the war department to direct the commission to grant free tolls over the bridge. Major Stearns complied with this suggestion and a telegram was sent to the war department from Colonel Disque's office yesterday afternoon asking for such action by the war depart-

The following is the telegram as sent by Colonel Disque to the secretary of war:

"Request instructions be sent Interstate bridge commission, Multnomah you direct free tolls for men in government uniform and government transporta'ion over Interstate bridge between Portland, Or., and Vancouver, Wash. This matter held up by county commissioners Clarke county for reason that the attorney general, state of Washington, has stated that they have no authority to remove tolls. Commissioners from both counties agree that order from you will be all sufficient for them to comply with our request for

#### Turkey Agrees to Do Duty to Satisfy U.S.

Washington, July 23 .- (U. P.)-Turkey has promised to do her "full duty" toward the United States, should it develop that her troops are responsible for anti-American outrages against

This means she would attempt to avoid war through the pledge of reparation damages. The Swedish foreign office notified the state department today that Turkey is still investigating, but is having difficulties with poor com-

### Aviators Picked Up at Sea by Ships

Washington, July 23.—(I. N. S.)—Ensigns Briscoe and Griffin and Chief Machinists' Mate Upton, U. S. N., flying corps, arrived in port yesterday aboard a Swedish vessel that had picked them up at sea, the navy department announced this afternoon. No other details were made pupie.

Downfall in Western Oregon of Great Benefit to Willamette Valley Crops; Record Drouth Broken by Storm.

Rain, general along the coast of Oregon and Northern California, insuring nillions of dollars in additional crops, fell Monday night and today, breaking one of the longest drouths Western Oregon has known. At 9 o'clock this morning .37 of an inch precipitation had been recorded at the weather hureau and heavy showers fell since that time. The precipitation is not general hroughout the Northwest, however, the ful as to their genuineness. Pregon-Washington line marking the extent of the rainfall to the north and precipitation extended only about 100 Fair weather for Portland and for Ore-

With the .03 of an inch rain of July the precipitation for July totaled .40,
 the showers of Tuesday night and this orning being recorded at .37.

Wednesday.

gon and Washington, both east and

west, is predicted for tonight and

The spring and early summer of 1918 will go down in the weather bureau records as the driese known since records. were kept in Portland, 47 years. driest previous spring and summer, from State Treasurer Kay have endeavored 4.34 inches of rain fall (This area). 4.34 inches of rain fell. This year, however, from April 1 to 9 o'clock this morning, but 3.03 inches had fallen, establishing a new mark for drouth in Portland Last year the rainfall from April 1 to August 23 was 8.85.

At 5 o'clock this morning, when weather bureau reports were received, Marshfield had .14 of an inch rain, Roseburg .16; while Baker, on the east side mountains, had precipitation. Eureka, Cal., reported .06 of an inch. On the interior in the Northwest, no rain was reported from Spokane, Walla Walla or Yakima, in Washington, nor had any fallen in Seattle. Up and down the Willamette valley (Concluded on Page Fifteen, Column Seven)

District Attorney Gives Opinion on Employment of School Superintendent.

The superintendent of schools in Multnomah county may be discharged summarily by the school board at any time. regardless of previous contract, according to an opinion given Monday by Disrict Attorney Evans. A contract of employment for a fixed period is only a scrap of paper and no legal obligation to observe it rests upon the school directors. This remarkable condition results from

he enactment of the "teachers' tenure by the legislature of 1917. If the district attorney's interpretation of the law is correct, the school board has been vested with absolute power to dismiss the school superintendent at any time with no more notice and with scarcely any more ceremony than would be use discharging a day laborer. The fact that Superintendent Alderman was formally employed by written contract for a period of two years from

July, 1917, is, in the opinion of the disrict attorney, entirely immaterial. "The board," says Mr. Evans, "has the power to dispense with the services of Mr. Alderman whenever it sees fit." If this is the meaning of the law, it is obvious that in future any skilled and competent educator who is invited to

me to Portland and accept the office

French, Surrounded, Die Bravely

Give Signal for Own Guns to Fire

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, July 23 .- (U. P.)-

The first day of the German offensive, Commandant Georges Melleral,

holding Baslieux (two miles northeast of Chatillon) with two companies,

was encircled by the Germans. During the afternoon he sent a message

back by carrier pigeon, telling of his plight and giving the artillery val-

The little body of French held off the Germans for seven hours.

"Les Boches sont sur nous. Nous sommes perdus mais nous avons

Then, knowing he was lost, Mellerai sent a final message, asking that the

French artillery be turned on the village, which the Germans entered.

fait de belle besogne. Fait feur sur la ville!"

"The Boches are upon us. We are lost, but we have done good work.
Fire upon the village."

of superintendent of schools will not be

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Handwriting Expert Reports Signature to 16,000 Acres of Pacific Livestock Holding Are Either Forged or Doubtful.

eral Brown today received from T. Kytka, widely known writing expert of Rheims. Between Oulchy-le-Chateau San Francisco, a report showing that and Soissons, the Germans are making signatures to deeds to more than 16,000 a desperate stand, and the fighting, folacres of land now held by the Pacific are either forged, faked, or very doubt-

This report will be submitted to the state land board by the attorney general miles inland up to early this morning. what shall be done with suits brought for the board's consideration in deciding by the state against the Pacific Livestock company to recover thousands of from the state by fraudulent means.

Ready to Try Cases With this report in hand, the attorney general is now ready to proceed to trial with these land fraud cases, which Governor West and Attorney General Brown insisted on the state making an effort to recover the lands, which had

school children of the state by fraud. the service of the government as handwriting expert, it is not considered possible that the state land board can do anything else than direct the attorney general to proceed with the prosecution. In proceeding, the attorney general will seek to amend the complaint which has been filed in the circuit court for Harney county, and failing in that, the present suit will be dismissed and a new action will be instituted, as the prestheory as to how the lands were fraudulently acquired.

#### Many Forgeries Claimed

"In many instances," says Mr. Kytka's report, "the evidence submitted has convinced me that the signatures were forged, and in many other cases, due to the limited material available, I have been unable to say positively that the signatures were forged, or that the transactions were fraudulent. These I have classified as doubtful, for the reason I cannot pass the signatures as genuine because of so many circumstances connected with the transaction and because of their close relationship to other transactions clearly shown to

Assistant Attorney General J. O. Bailey, who has done much work on the case, said that in many cases it was employes of the cattle company were forged in acquiring the land, and in other cases fictitious names were used The Pacific Livestock company objected to turning over the deeds to a handwriting expert for study of the signatures until after the attorney general had filed a motion in court manding opportunity to see the deeds. Then the company turned them over without waiting for the order of the court. The papers involved were turned over to Mr. Kytka in August, 1917, so practically a year has been taken in making the study.

### Wholesale Fraud in Army Coats, Charge

New York, July 23 .- (U. P.)-Charged 17 men were under arrest here today. Civilian inspectors of the quartermaster's department, it was declared, will be taken next in the net spread by the department of justice.

# General Leads His Men When Americans Go

United Press Man Gathers Some More Thrifling Stories From

Battle Front.

By Fred S. Ferguson

With the American Armies in France July 23.—(U. P.)—Despite stiffening re-sistance, the allied advance continues generally in the Soissons-Rheims salient American troops are pushing forward on a five mile front between Brisolies and Bezu-St. Germain, north of Chateau-Thierry. French and Americans are making some progress farther east-ward, north of the Marne. French, British and Italians are advancing slowly on wide sectors between the Marne and lowing unsuccessful counter attacks, has temporarily resolved itself into an artillery duel as this is cabled.

As I went among officers and men fresh from the fight early today, heard some of the most thrilling stories of the war.

A certain brigadier general personally led his men in a charge, going over the top with the first wave of infantry. One unit fought 36 hours without water be cause of lack of transportation. Quantities of canned tomatoes were hurried The men opened the tins with their bayonets and quenched their thirst with canned tomatoes.

Fight After Long March. trial with these land fraud cases, which have played an important part in the politics of this state in the last few years. Efforts were made in the last few jegislature to hamstring the prosecution by refusing to make needed appropriations, while Governor Withyconbe and office and roads that were ankle deep in mud to get there. When the advance was either side of them.

At the end of the first day they had taken 2600 prisoners and captured 12 been taken from the heritage of the batteries, including six batteries of 77" two of .210's and four of .150's, in ad In light of the report from Mr. Kytka, dition to an uncounted number of mawho is almost continuously employed in chine guns. Their prisoners included 66 officers, one of them a colonel o

The first day this unit advanced 84 kilometers (more than 51/4 miles). Th second day they had totalled nearly 13 meters (more than 8 1-3 miles).

Finds Own Brother Prisoner The engineers jumped into the fight ing at Vieray, south of Soissons, taking All fighting was through wheat fields,

with packs thrown aside, the men going to it in old style bayonet charges. At one place the Americans charged hill, repeatedly without success. They kept right at it and finally swept over

ous rifle and machine gun fire. As they swept down upon one group, all the Boches yelled "Kamerad!" German-American among the dough boys advanced to take charge of the pris-

The advance was so rapid that head quarters in two automobiles moved from place to place, telling the couriers where he new location would be each time.

Dodges Under Ammunition Dump A staff officer was in a farm yard not far from the advance line when a Boche airplane came over. The officer dodged under an ammunition pile to escape the airman's machine gun fire. The airplane continued to circle above him and he wrote out orders for the next advance while still under the ammunition pile

The infantry in this unit brought down two airplanes with rifles when a flock of Boches came over and tried to strafe them. Returning from a part of the lin occupied by these fighters, I saw their 51 captured German guns in a village. All Anna, Dora, Margot and Ena.

#### Portland Boy Hero At Chateau-Thierry

Edward Stewart Smith, formerly o Portland, who enlisted in the United States Man Corps August, 1917, and received his training at Mare Island, with wholesale fraud and conspiracy to was one of the members of the party of commit fraud in connection with the 10 marines who charged across the Ger manufacture of raincoats for the army, man lines at Chateau-Thierry sweeping along with machine guns, and returned with 20 captured guns and 170 prisoners according to word received at the local Marine Corps recruiting station in the Panama building. Mr. Smith was formerly employed by one of the milling companies in Port

#### Dr. Jacob Anderson Is Dead in Salem

Salem, Or., July 23.-Dr. Jacob Anderson of Portland, widely known baseball fan, died here today at the state hospital for tuberculosis. He came to the hospital two weeks ago, when in the hospital two weeks ago, when in the last stages of the disease. He was 68 years old and leaves two sons and two daughters. One daughter, Mrs. Nel-lie Kane, lives in Salem and another lives in Portland. The sons live at Condon and Carlton. The body will be sent to Portland this afternoon for in-terment under the auspices of the Moose lodge.

# Americans Go MAKE ADVANCES SO

Buzancy and Oulchy-le-Chateau Are Retaken as Germans Are Pressed Backward Toward Vesle River; Tons of Bombs Dropped on Junction Points

Germans Believed to Be Retiring From the Salient With Heavy Artillery and Increasing Resistance at Flanks as Allies Advance; French Make Gains

ONDON, July 23.—(U. P.)—(4:20 P. M.)—French and American troops have resumed the initiative between the Ourcq and Soissons and are attacking fiercely along the entire front (about 15 miles), it was learned from an authoritative source this afternoon.

British troops captured Pietitschamps wood, near Marfaux (between the Marne and Rheims), taking some pris-

London, July 23, 4:30 P. M. — (I. N. S.) — The Franco-American forces on the Aisne-Marne front have advanced from one half to two miles between Oulchy-le-Chateau and Bezu-St. Germain (north and northeast of Chateau-Thierry).

Bois de Chatelet was recaptured from the Germans. Part of Prince Rupprecht's reserves from Flanders have been used in the fighting.

By John De Gandt

Paris, July 23.—(U. P.)—(4:30 P. M.)—Allied aviators have set fire to Fere-en-Tardenois and Fismes, the points of enemy concentration within the Soissons-Rheims salient.

More than 32,000 pounds of bombs were dropped on the two The allies still are progressing at several points on the front

and the Germans continue to withdraw toward the Vesle. The operation north of Montdidier this morning is regarded as an effort to improve the French positions in that region.

ONDON, July 23 .- (U. P.) - (1:16 P. M.) - American troops are reported to have captured Buzancy (four miles south of Soissons and east of the Soissons-Chateau-Thierry highway). The French are said to have taken Oulchy-le-Chateau. The reports are unofficial.

London, July 23 .- (U. P.) - (2:15 P. M.) - The Americans have captured Jaulgonne (one the north bank of the Marne) and are continuing their advance, it was learned authoritatively this afternoon. They took 300 prisoners.

A German counter attack at Vandiers (10 miles east of Jaulgonne) was repulsed. The French hold the entire Marne bend from Chassins to

Between the Aisne and Ourcq, Franco-American troops are progressing. The French are reported to have regained all the ground they lost yesterday at Grisolles. (An official report said yesterday the French were driven back half a mile north of Chateau-Thierry by a counter attack.)

Along the Marne valley the French are experiencing difficulty n crossing near Verneuil, owing to artillery and machine gun fire. They crossed at Port-a-Binson late yesterday.

Paris, July 23 .- (U. P.) -As a result of the allies' bombardment from both sides of the Rheims'- Soissons pocket, the German crown prince has only a seven mile passage for withdrawal of his troops, it was reported from the front today.

The width of the salient on the Fere-en-Tardenois line is about

London, July 23. - (U. P.) - The German artillery in the Rheims and Soissons regions is comparatively inactive, indicating a withdrawal of the guns, according to authoritative information received here today.

With the American Army at the Marne, July 23, 8:40 a. m .-(I. N. S.)—American troops advancing east of Epieds have formed a contact with the Americans that struck northward from the Monte St. Pere sector.

The Germans are being cleared from the Barbillon wood and the tip of the Chateau-Thierry salient is being wiped out. German resistance is getting stiffer.

Low clouds that threaten rain are hampering aviation work.

By Webb Melller on the line between Solssons and Paris, July 23.—(U. P.)—10:15 a. m.— Chateau-Thierry, is reported to have Oulchy-le-Chateau, the dominating point | (Concluded on Page Two, Column Two)