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## GERMAN LOSS IS 350,000 IN 5 WEEKS

### Enemy Sustains Appalling Slaughter of Troops in Present Struggle on Western War Front

## FIGHTING RESERVE IS HALF EXHAUSTED

### Situation Takes Alarming Aspect From View of German Leaders

FRENCH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, via OTTAWA, May 2.—Under the German blows the allied armies seem to be welded together as never before. There is now no point of junction at which the Germans can thrust. The process of welding together the two armies is complete, but it will not stop there. Franco-British divisions will be moved about on a solidly knitted front at the wish of the allied high command as freely as German divisions.

Against the enemy's territorial gains must be set the fact that he had to throw 140 divisions into the battle in five weeks. A considerable number of these have been twice engaged and some thrice. Adding these reappearances together, there is a total of 186 engagements of divisions, equivalent to a mass of two and one-half million men whom the enemy has already put into battle. As a German division is never withdrawn until it has sustained severe losses, on an average of 2500, it is reasonable to reckon the enemy's loss since the beginning of the battle at not less than 350,000.

The Germans began the offensive with a reserve of 650,000 in depots in France and at home. Behind these there is only the 1919-20 class, consisting of youths, half of whom are under 18. The enemy's genuine fighting reserve is thus half exhausted before he has covered anything like half the distance to his goal. His reckless employment of divisions has left him with a total of 84 out of 206 in France which have not yet been engaged. Of these

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## PIONEERS GATHER TO DEDICATE CHAMPOEG MEMORIAL BUILDING; TO ASK ANOTHER APPROPRIATION

### New Structure Commemorating Conference Held in 1843 at Historic Spot Opened to Public—More Funds Needed to Provide Auditorium and Furnishings—2500 People Come From Valley Points to Take Part in Celebration

By LUCILE F. SAUNDERS. Where seventy-five years ago 102 of the original Willamette valley settlers gathered at the Hudson Bay warehouse and decided whether Oregon should be a part of British Columbia or a territory of the United States, yesterday approximately 2500 people gathered to dedicate the new Champoeg memorial building. Pioneers from all over the state, one even from as far east as Union county, mingled in great numbers with the crowds of visitors from Salem, Portland and other valley points, who came by way of auto, train and boat.

Situated on a beautiful spot in the twelve-acre memorial reserve, just a few hundred feet from the east bank of the Willamette, stands the newly-completed structure, designed by George M. Post and erected under the direction of Fred Erickson and Ralph J. Jones. It is built on the bungalow style with a dull gray and white exterior and inside woodwork of a slightly different shade. It contains a kitchen, main hall and two rest rooms on the first floor and

### Don't Be Stingy With Ice Cream This Year Urge Manufacturers

CHICAGO, May 2.—A. B. Gardner, president of the National Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers, in addressing the organization at its annual meeting here today, urged the public to use ice cream in large quantities this summer and support the manufacturer in their efforts to utilize the surplus milk supply of the country. He said that unless this is done the farmers will kill thousands of their cows and jeopardize the dairy industry. The organization decided to stop making ice cream and sherberts and concentrate on ice cream. President Gardner said this course was adopted at the suggestion of the federal food administration officials.

what will later be made into museum and caretaker's quarters upstairs. Chairs and tables are the only equipment on hand just at present. One of the most striking features of the main hall is the big fireplace of large smooth round stones. The big porch with its columns of whole tree trunks at the corners afforded a shady spot for many of the pioneer guests and the speakers at yesterday's ceremonies.

### Building Long Desired.

For the past eighteen years Founders Day has been observed by the Oregon pioneers and their descendants with an appropriate program on the spot. In 1901 a cement monument containing the fifty-two names of those men at the original meeting who voted in favor of joining the United States, was dedicated by late Harvey W. Scott. After a strenuous fight, begun in 1907, the land and appropriation for the building were secured from the state. The money for the former, however, was not given until after a dozen men had taken up a collection among themselves and secured the tract. Their donations were later refunded.

### Many Pioneers Present.

The spirit of the pioneers dominated the program at this year's meeting. P. H. D'Arcy, who acted as chairman, called on as many of the old people as possible and introduced them to the audience. Among them were Abner Lewis, son of Reuben Lewis, who participated in the original meeting; J. U. Smith, son of another of the pioneers of '43, also his mother, who came here in 1845; Mrs. W. A. McPherson, wife of the first state printer; W. P. and J. T. Gray, sons of W. H. Gray, secretary of the conference; P. Fletcher and Oliver Beers, whose fathers also took part in it; and H. L. Pitcock, owner of the Oregonian. The oldest man at the meeting was W. C. Emery, 90 years of age, who was here in '43. Mrs. Melinda Smith, the widow of Sidney Smith, a pioneer of 1838, was also present. C. B. Moores of Portland, and Judge Daniel Webster of Salem are other pioneers who attended. Rev. Mr. Hunsaker, another Oregon old-timer, opened the program with the invocation. He was followed by the veteran's quartette, who sang "The Star Spangled Banner," later contributing several other numbers.

### T. T. Geer One of Speakers.

Former Governor T. T. Geer, who gave the dedicatory address, recounted the history of the spot and commented on the present patriotic spirit of the people of Oregon. He said the present building is merely a forerunner of a more pretentious addition which is to contain an auditorium.

Governor James Withycombe responded with a short patriotic talk in which he pointed out the need of "real red-blooded Americans" in the present crisis. "It is more important than it ever was before that you people are standing together today," he said.

The state of Washington sent four representatives: Professor Edmund S. Meany of the University of Washington, former Governor Miles C. Moore, Sam Hill and D. C. Elliott of Walla Walla. These men expressed the interest of Washington, reminding the people that it was part of Oregon in 1843.

Rufus Holman, Colonel Robert A. Miller, Milton A. Miller, J. D. Lee of Portland, Frederick V. Holman, president of the Oregon Historical society, and Mrs. Edith Foster-Weatherly made brief addresses.

Professor E. B. McFarland amused the pioneers with a recitation in Chinook.

Rev. W. S. Josselyn gave the benediction.

### Will Ask Appropriation.

A motion made by Mr. Miller proposing that the next state legislature appropriate \$10,000 for further improvements on the building carried unanimously.

An interesting relic was the gift presented by Mr. D'Arcy and loaned for the occasion by George H. Himes, secretary of the Oregon Historical society. It was made of five historic pieces of wood, one of them taken from an oak tree planted by Mrs. Smith in her girlhood.

### Wells Fargo Driver Says He Stole Bag of Money

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 2.—Earl McTimmons, driver for Wells-Fargo & Co. express here, was arrested today charged with having stolen a package from the local office last Saturday night which contained more than \$800. Officers declared tonight that McTimmons had confessed and returned all of the money but \$15 which he had spent.

### CHINESE TROOPS MOVE.

AMOI, China, May 2.—Heavy reinforcements of government troops are moving toward the Fukien-Kwangtung border concentrating chiefly at Tung Shan and Chaoan.

## U.S. STRIPPING FOR ACTION ON WAR FRONT

### Plans for Throwing Every Resource Into Battle Maturing—Germany Still Has Reserves to Throw Into Fight

## RUMANIANS ASK TO FIGHT AUSTRIANS

### Local Operations Only Movements—Lull Broods Over Battlefield

OFFICIAL SUMMARY. America is stripping for the decisive battle on the battle front of Europe. In an executive session of the military committee of the lower house of congress Secretary of War Baker, Major General March, acting chief of staff, and Provost Marshal General Crowder have asked congress to give the president blanket authority to increase the United States army to whatever size may be necessary to win the war.

This county now has nearly 2,000,000 men under arms and the army appropriation bill for this year would provide for an increase of this number to 3,000,000.

### Lull Continues in West.

While America's plans for throwing her every resource into the battle against Prussianism are maturing, the lull which has brooded over the western battle lines continues. The expected German attacks on the Ypres and Amiens fronts have not been launched. Here and there the opposing armies have broken forth into wild bombardments, such as usually preludes to massed attacks on the allied lines, but they have died out after a few hours. Here and there local operations have been carried out for the purpose of straightening lines and raiding the enemy's positions but they have not developed into anything unusual.

The Germans must attack soon or acknowledge their defeat in their ambitious attempt utterly to crush the allied armies.

### Germany Has More Reserves.

Germany has not heavily, but the emperor still has reserves to throw into the fight. The defeat Monday on the Meteren-Voormezele line southwest of Ypres, has taught the Germans that the allies are prepared to stand their ground and there seems little inclination at the present moment to renew a conflict which threatens to be disastrous.

The report that Czech soldiers, deserting from the Austrian army, now are fighting with the Italians has been followed by a dispatch saying that Rumanians who had been captured by the Italians have asked permission to fight against the Austrians and that they are now on the fighting line.

The British forces in Palestine have recaptured Es-Salt, a village from which they retired three weeks ago under pressure from a superior force of Turks and Germans.

A Berlin report says that the fortress of Sebastopol has been occupied by the Germans. This was expected after the capture of Simferopol last week.

### BOMBARD WITH GAS.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, May 2.—(Via Ottawa)—Early this morning the Germans heavily bombarded with gas shells and high explosives the allied positions west of Merris and the area around Villers-Bretonneux. There was no infantry action.

The allies have been profiting by the lull to prepare to meet any fresh enemy effort.

During Wednesday the British carried out a successful enterprise south of the Ancre, advancing the front over a width of nearly half a mile to a depth of 400 yards.

The weather has improved and the airmen are doing deadly work over enemy positions.

### THIONVILLE BOMBED.

LONDON, May 2.—The report on aerial operations tonight says: "One ton of bombs was dropped to-day at Thionville. Several bombs were observed on the barracks, railway station and sidings. A fire broke out in the Carkshutte works."

### Harry P. Flannery Is Guilty on Booze Charge

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—Harry P. Flannery, former police commissioner, politician, and until recently proprietor of a down town bar, was found guilty by a jury in the United States district court tonight on three charges of conspiracy to sell liquor to soldiers in uniform. Sentence to be pronounced May 10, may be as severe as two years imprisonment or a fine of \$10,000, or both, on each count.

## ADDRESSES OF MEN ORDERED

### Added Identity Information to Accompany American Casualty Lists

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The war department will resume tomorrow publication of the home addresses of men reported on the casualty lists from France.

Orders to that effect have been issued and the list given out tomorrow morning will be in the old form followed prior to Secretary Baker's instructions sent from France early in April.

This action means that it has been determined that any military information the enemy might gain from the lists would not be sufficient value to justify the added anxiety among the relatives of soldiers occasioned by suppression of this aid to positive identification.

### Tacoma Man Instantly Killed by Electricity

TACOMA, Wash., May 2.—D. E. Colvin, employed in the sub-station of the Tacoma Railway & Power company, was instantly killed this evening when he came in contact with wires carrying 50,000 volts of electricity. He was alone in the sub-station and it is not known just how the accident occurred but it is presumed he fell against the switchboard. The body was found a few minutes later badly burned.

## PLANE FALLS, BIRDMAN DIES

### Lieutenant William Dean Thompson Killed at Lawton Flying Field

LAWTON, Okla., May 2.—Lieutenant William Dean Thompson of the 283rd field artillery, student observer at Post field, was instantly killed and Lieutenant Foster Bailey, pilot, was injured seriously today when their plane fell 300 feet. The engine stopped when the men were doing a spiral and the pilot attempted to coast to a landing, the machine went into a tail spin, falling to earth. Thompson was married three weeks ago and his bride has been with him at Lawton. His mother, lives at Eagle Pass, N. M.

## BALLOON BURNS TWO ARE KILLED

### Eighteen Seriously Burned in Explosion on Florence Field

OMAHA, Neb., May 2.—Two men were killed and eighteen burned more or less seriously tonight at Florence field in an explosion of a balloon of the Caquot type attributed by army officers in charge to ignition of the gas by sparks of static electricity from the fabric of the envelope.

The men killed were so badly burned as to be unrecognizable and their identity will not be established, it was said, until the roll of the balloon detachment has been called tomorrow.

A statement by Colonel H. B. Persey, commanding at Fort Omaha, said that some of the injured were burned seriously but not fatally, and that all were receiving proper attention at the hospital at Fort Omaha.

It was the first fatal accident at Florence field since the establishment of the balloon school.

In the fire which followed the explosion one of the balloon sheds was badly damaged.

## ANOTHER BODY UNDER FLOOR

### Remains of Irma Pallatinus Beneath House Occupied Schmidt

DETROIT, May 2.—Wrapped in canvas, the body of Irma Pallatinus was found today under the cement floor in the basement of the home here formerly occupied by Helmut Schmidt, whose suicide in the Highgate Park jail ten days ago has resulted in an investigation to determine the fate of at least three women who lived with Schmidt as his wife.

Mrs. Edward Rederer, a sister of Irma Pallatinus, identified a strand of hair as that of her sister's and examination revealed the fact that the woman had been strangled to death with a clothesline.

Miss Pallatinus accompanied Schmidt here from Lakewood, N. J., and relatives state that the couple were married in New York, this being disputed, however, by Schmidt's daughter and widow, Mrs. Tietz-Schmidt. The woman disappeared suddenly two years ago.

Mrs. Schmidt, who was brought before Prosecutor Gillespie late today for further questioning in connection with the death of Augusta Steinbach, who, according to Schmidt, killed herself when he would not marry her, fainted when told of the finding of the body.

## OFFICERS GRAB CHARLES OLCOTT

### Employe of Spaulding Mills Scatters "Kingdom News" at Night

Night officers Victor and Marils, following up the trail of a person engaged in distributing copies of the "Kingdom News"—a piece of literature that has been placed under the ban of the authorities—surprised Charles W. Olcott, an employe of the Spaulding Lumber company, in the act of placing a copy of the publication upon a porch at 144 South Thirteenth street late last night.

Olcott, who is a middle-aged man, made no effort to escape as the officer turned his flashlight full into his face, but put up a rapid line of argument as to his aim in distributing the literature.

There are indications from the manner in which the literature was being scattered about the city last night that Olcott is one of an organized group, working systematically and religiously to cover the town in spite of interdictions.

Olcott was placed under bonds of \$50 for his appearance in court and at the moment of going to press he was out with an officer to get the cash which he claimed to have in sight.

## Ennis and Herriott Die While Performing Stunts

### FORT WORTH, Texas, May 2.—Lieutenant James B. Ennis, Jr., of New York, and Cadet Paul Herriott of Oakland, Cal., who were killed today at Hicks' field when their airplane fell about 150 feet, had just taken the air to fulfill their part of a program calling for "stunts" in honor of General John H. Greble and his staff from Camp Bowie. General Greble was not on the field at the time of the accident.

Rising to an altitude of about 150 feet, the aviators attempted a straight nose dive and the machine crashed to earth before it could be righted. Ennis and Herriott met instant death.

The accident did not prevent the day's program from being carried out and General Greble witnessed many thrilling "stunts."

## HUNS SHAKEN BY DEFENSE OF YANKEES

### Attacking Force Cut to Pieces and Loses Heavily in Killed and Wounded by American Fire

## BROOKLYN AIRMAN BRINGS DOWN PLANE

### Lad of Twenty-One Years Wins Thrilling Battle With German Flyer

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 2.—The unit of German shock troops which attacked the American position at Seichaprey, April 20, is known to have suffered more severely than it was at first believed.

Information has been received from a German prisoner who was brought in by one of the American patrols. He was a Red Cross man who assisted in the removal of the wounded and the burial of the dead after the engagement and told the American intelligence officers that the German force was cut to pieces, about four-fifths of its 1200 effectives being killed or wounded.

In view of the fact that the prisoner gave other information of a definite character, the intelligence officers seemed to believe his statements relative to the German casualties.

### American Officer Killed.

Lieutenant Colonel Richard H. Griffiths, commanding a battalion of infantry, has been killed by shell fire in Ficaray. He was struck by a dud just as a German shell arrived and exploded directly in front of him.

Lieutenant Colonel Griffiths was with the Fourth Tennessee volunteers. He served also as major in the Philippine constabulary. He was appointed a major in the national army after resigning from the British army. His widow is a Red Cross nurse.

An American aviator has brought down the fourth German airplane along the American front, north west of Toul. Lieutenant James A. Meisner, whose home is in Brooklyn, after a thrilling aerial battle at about 15,000 feet, shot down an Albatross scout which fell in flames.

Lieutenant Meisner is 21 years of age and a graduate of Cornell.

While he was protecting a photographing plane a German machine came in view. A French plane started for the German, but Meisner who was flying high nearby in a speedy Niemann chassis, made a dive for the German's tail. When within range he opened fire with his machine gun and the German started a spiral nose dive, but after a few seconds straightened out and started back for Germany.

Meisner followed so closely when the German started out that the latter's wing torn both of the under wings of Meisner's machine, but at the same time the young American poured a deadly stream of bullets into the enemy plane, which started smoking. Meisner kept up the fire until the German machine burst into flames and crashed to earth.

The American pilot landed safe on his own side of the lines, but the German fell about a mile inside the German lines to the south of Thioncourt. The American infantrymen in the front lines watched the engagement and cheered loudly another American air victory.

### TROOPS REPORTED REFUSED CONSTANTINOPLE, May 1, via LONDON, May 2.—An official statement issued today by the Turkish war office reports the repulse of strong British detachments in Mesopotamia.

states would have to furnish no draft men, while others would have to furnish a very high percentage.

When the resolution to change the draft quota basis was before the house, President Wilson wrote Chairman Dent of the military committee, supporting the volunteer credits plan but he was represented today as having changed his mind in view of the inequity that would result. It is understood that he will write Chairman Dent asking the house to recede from its insistence on its amendments.

There were indications today that an administration bill to grant unlimited power to the president to increase the size of the army will meet with opposition.

### WEATHER.

Friday probably rain, west, cloudy east portion; cooler, moderate southwesterly winds.



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