

BATTLES RAGING ON ALMOST ENTIRE FRONT BREAK LONG SILENCE

Offensive Launched in Loere-Voormezele Sector—German Crown Prince Takes Ridge at Chemin-des-Dames, Another Center of the Storm—Gas Shells Employed in Opening Bombardments Against British

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, May 27, 2 p. m.—Launching a heavy offensive at dawn today against the French in the Loere-Voormezele sector, the Germans failed of their objectives at virtually all points. At some points the defending patrols were driven in, but in vigorous attacks threw the Germans back at most places. Virtually the entire French line was re-established.

Hard fighting at this hour still continues on the northern part of the battle front. Just south of Dickeschuch lake, the Germans forced their way into the French lines for a distance of 800 yards and also got into the front line system at another point in this region. In both these places the enemy was clinging desperately to his newly acquired positions, but the French were dealing with the situation, which appeared to be satisfactory at the latest reports. One hundred prisoners already have been sent back to the French camps.

Daniels Permits Beaver To Stay on Regular Run

PORTLAND, May 27.—The steamer Beaver will remain on the Portland-San Francisco-Los Angeles route for the present, according to notification received today by the Portland chamber of commerce, which had protested to the government against the proposed commandeering of the vessel. The changed order was issued by Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

LAUNCH TWO WOODEN SHIPS.

PORTLAND, May 27.—The Capitaine de Beauchamp, a wooden steamer for the French government, and the Western Light, an 880-ton steel steamer for the emergency fleet corporation, were launched here today. A new keel for another vessel was laid on the ways just vacated by the Capitaine de Beauchamp within less than a minute after she had taken the water.

CITY SAYS ARE BETTER.

LONDON, April 13.—Army medical men have made the discovery that city boys have better ears than those from the country districts. Only one recruit in five from quiet neighborhoods has the "moss" hearing possessed by the average city dweller. It is assumed that the quiet of the country tends to weaken through disuse, the nerves of the ear, while the din of the town keeps the nerves responsive.

FOUR RECRUITS SECURED FOR NAVAL RESERVE

Man Follows Party From Eugene to Enlist After Undergoing Operation

MANY ASK QUESTIONS

Party of Six Will Remain Here Until Tomorrow Night—Twenty Men Wanted

After undergoing an operation in order that he might enlist in the naval reserves, Ira Tripp of Eugene followed the recruiting party now touring the Willamette valley to Salem and was the first recruit received on their official visit here. Three other men were also taken in yesterday and a large number of others called at the temporary headquarters at 355 State street for information.

In the group are Ensign F. W. Upshaw, Assistant Paymaster W. W. Usher, Assistant Surgeon Charles B. Wade, Pharmacist Mate Charles H. Graham, Miss Amorette Crosley and Miss Pauline Greaves. They will answer questions concerning all branches of the naval reserves, including the yeomanette service. Their visit will end tomorrow night and by that time they hope to have secured twenty recruits. Thus far the tour has been successful, Eugene and Marshfield in particular contributing a large number of men. In the former town forty-four joined the reserves.

Only a limited number of women can be taken as yeomanettes. These are required to have considerable experience and must be able to take dictation at the rate of 100 words a minute and write from sixty to eighty words on the typewriter. Tests will be given at the local office for the women as well as men. Yeomanettes must pass a physical examination before entering the service.

The greatest need in the reserve is for seamen, firemen and machinists. Salem residents, who have inquired, are principally interested in the hospital corps, firemen and seamen. Those who signed up yesterday were Robert Clyde Dent and Ira Jackson Pitts, both of this city, who will go as second class firemen. Mr. Tripp also enlisted here, as well as Herman W. Wolcott of Corvallis, who will undergo an operation before leaving for Bremerton. These men are all subject to call within ten days.

Mr. Fisher spoke yesterday afternoon at the high school assembly, describing life in the navy.

Senate Refuses to Adopt Amendment to Casing Bill

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The senate today refused to accept amendments to the Walsh-Pittman coal and oil land leasing bill which were adopted by the house Saturday and the measure now goes to conference. Senators Pittman, Shafrath, Phelan, Smoot and Fall were named senate conferees.

One house amendment would permit of oil land in the naval reserve in California, leaving settlement of claims against the land to the courts. This section of the bill, strongly opposed, was stricken out by the senate, which is considering special legislation for opening the naval reserves.

150,000 ACRES TO BE OPENED BY DEPARTMENT

Marion County Tracts Included in Acreage Available Under Homestead Laws

PART OF O-C GRANTS

Timber, Running Water and Springs Are Features of Big Areas

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Acting Secretary Vogelsang of the Interior department has approved regulations opening to entry under the homestead laws about 150,000 acres of agricultural land in the Portland land district, Oregon. The lands are a portion of what are commonly known as the Oregon & California railroad grant lands. Applications will be received at Portland June 22 to July 17.

These lands are situated north of the line between townships 12 and 14 south, Willamette meridian, extending from near the seacoast to well toward the summit of the Cascade mountains. They are scattered in parts of Multnomah, Washington, Yamhill, Polk, Benton, Lincoln, Tillamook, Columbia, Marion, Linn and Clackamas. The latter county has the larger area of the tracts to be opened to entry. In the opinion of Nathaniel Campbell, register of the United States land office in Portland, many of the tracts contain the best areas of vacant agricultural land in the entire country. Besides having stands of timber, most of the tracts contain springs or running streams of water.

Anyone qualified to make a homestead entry under the laws of the United States may make application for not exceeding 160 acres in a compact body, although the tracts range from units of 40, 80 and 120 acres. Each applicant must deposit at time of making application 50 cents an acre and the usual land office fees, and at time of making final proof must pay the remainder of the price of \$2.50 an acre. Three years' residence upon the land will be required, computing not less than seven months a year.

Applications will be received at the United States land office in Portland at 302 Worcester building, beginning at 9 a. m. June 22 and continuing until July 17 at 4:30 p. m. Applicants must make affidavit that they have seen the land they wish to file upon. All applications made within this period will have been deemed to have been made at the same time and a drawing will thereupon take place. Those who may not have won a selection will be entitled to make another application immediately after the drawing.

Description pamphlets containing full instructions will be issued by the local land office in about ten days hence.

END TESTIMONY IN LUSK TRIAL

Five Experts Say Teacher Was Suffering From Paranoia—Others Disagree

WAUKESHA, Wis., May 27.—With testimony in the trial of Grace Lusk for slaying Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts completed late this afternoon, D. S. Tuller, special prosecutor, will begin his argument to the jury at the opening of court tomorrow morning.

Expert testimony regarding Miss Lusk's sanity occupied most of today's session. Five witnesses for the defense swore that in their opinion the defendant was suffering from paranoia. Two other experts, called by the prosecution, declared their belief in her sanity. Dr. David Roberts was recalled to the stand. He declared that he had never told Miss Lusk that he would get a divorce from his wife and denied that he had suggested when his wife was sick that it would be a good solution of the problem "if she were called to angel land."

The case is expected to go to the jury Wednesday afternoon.

PRESENT NOT FOR POLITICS SAYS WILSON

President Ends Discussion Over Whether Congress Shall Enact Revenue Legislation

FINANCES NOW MADE FIRST CONSIDERATION

Announcement of Battle Now in Progress Gives Dramatic Touch

WASHINGTON, May 27.—President Wilson today ended discussion over whether congress shall remain in session this summer to enact new revenue legislation by appearing before the house and senate in joint session and calling upon members to put aside politics and all other considerations to provide money for growing war expenses and to advise the country in advance of the tax burdens it must meet.

As the president was leaving for the capitol, word came that the German drive on the west front had been renewed. He gave his visit a dramatic touch in announcing this news as he concluded his prepared speech, saying it strengthened the purpose he had tried to express.

Home Duty Defined.

The demand that with the war at its "peak and crisis" congress do its duty at home as the trenchers overseas brought instant acquiescence. There still was reluctance in some quarters to believe immediate legislation imperative, but plans for mid-summer adjournment were abandoned and both Democratic and Republican leaders expressed their determination to go all the task of passing a revenue bill with a will.

A suggestion by the president that most of the new taxes probably would fall upon incomes, excess profits and luxuries and that profiteers could be reached in this way was greeted with cheers, and congressional leaders said later the money needed would come from those sources.

To initiate the bill, it was announced that public hearings would be begun early in June by the house ways and means committee, to be followed by cooperation in its drafting with the senate finance committee.

Presentation of the measure to the house in July was regarded as assured.

SEVERE LOSSES INFLECTED ON ENEMY IN ALPS

Italians Take 870 Prisoners Including Fourteen Austrian Officers

LINES PRESSED BACK

Much Armament Captured—Eight Hostile Planes Are Brought Down

PARIS, May 27.—Severe losses have been inflicted upon the Austrians in the Tonale district by the Italians, according to special dispatches from Rome. Among the 870 prisoners taken by the Italians are fourteen officers. Twelve cannon and twenty-five machine guns have remained in the hands of the Italians.

ROME, May 27.—The Italian official statement says:

"The losses inflicted on the enemy were severe. Our losses were slight. Up to the present 870 prisoners, including 14 officers, have been taken. Twelve guns, 14 trench mortars, 25 machine guns, several hundred rifles and material of all kinds in great quantities remained in our hands.

"In the Val Arza on the night of May 25, the enemy twice attacked our positions on Monte Cornio. Our assaults suffered heavy losses. Later the enemy was driven back by a counter-attack.

"Eight hostile airplanes have been brought down.

VIENNA, VIA LONDON, May 27.—The official report from Austrian headquarters today says: "The Italians yesterday attacked our positions south of Tonale pass. A small section of our lines was pressed back. A further enemy advance was frustrated."

Red Cross Fund Is Now More Than \$133,306,630

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Germany's challenge of frightfulness in France has been answered by the American people with an outpouring of \$133,306,630 for 2nd war mercy fund of the Red Cross. This was an oversubscription of \$33,306,630, with returns still coming in from some districts late tonight.

Submarine Off Virginia Coast Sighted by Host

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., May 27.—It was learned here today that the master of a British steamer which came into port last Wednesday reported that they had fired five shots at a submarine 150 miles off the Virginia coast.

COAL SHORTAGE PREDICTED BY ADMINISTRATION

Indications Show Production Will Fall Short of Necessary Amount

EARLY ORDERS URGED

Apportionment by States May Be Announced Today—Industrial Survey Com

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The fuel administration "does not make any concealment of the prospect that there will be a coal shortage during the present coal year," said a statement tonight, in which the public again was urged to order its coal for next winter during the summer.

"The requirements for the year for bituminous coal as ascertained by the administration experts," said the statement, "indicate that the production will fall considerably short of the necessary amount."

The fuel administration is devoting its efforts toward removing as far as possible the deliveries of coal for domestic purposes and essential war industries from the freight congestions on the railroads that are sure to come with the winter season.

Announcement Today.

Announcement by the fuel administration of the apportionment by states of bituminous coal for the new coal year is expected tomorrow. Fuel Administrator Garfield said today the industrial survey to determine the fuel needs of the United States had been completed and final compilation of figures now being made will enable the fuel administrator of each state to know the amount of soft coal that will be available for distribution.

It is understood that considerably in excess of 600,000,000 tons will have to be mined to meet all requirements during the year. Apportionment and distribution will be by states.

JURY READY TO BEGIN HEARING

Twelve Men Picked for Praeger Trial After Examination of Over 700 Salesmen

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill., May 27.—The jury which is to try eleven defendants for the murder of Robert P. Praeger, enemy alien, was selected today.

The jury held eleven sessions and more than 700 salesmen were interrogated before the jury was completed. Taking of testimony will begin tomorrow.

In his opening statement, State's Attorney Streuber said: "We do not represent Praeger or any pro-German. We have made an effort to keep pro-Germans off the jury and I believe we have a jury that is 100 per cent loyal. If Praeger was either a pro-German or a German spy, there was a remedy at law and we aim to show that a mob took the law upon itself, which is, in itself, a violation."

PREPARES TO FINISH TRIP—BINGHAMPTON, N. Y., May 27.—

Katherine Stinson, aviatrix, made two successful test flights today and was prepared to finish her trip to New York when she was advised of atmospheric disturbances to the east. She announced tonight that she will start in the morning.

ANOTHER DEATH ADDED.

LONDON, May 27.—The death of Elbert Stone, of New York, today, increased to 55 the number of American victims in the Moldavia disaster. Mr. Stone died on board a hospital ship off the southeast coast from injuries received from the explosion of the torpedo.

THREE HEAVY GERMAN RAIDS ARE REPULSED BY AMERICAN TROOPS

Prisoners Taken and Heavy Losses Inflicted on Enemy—Artillery Gives Support to Defenders—Private With Arm Blown Off Continues to Fight Until Comrade Comes to Aid—Only Yankee Captured Pursued and Brought Back

Plot to Dynamite Home of Official Frustrated

MUSKOGEE, Okla., May 27.—An alleged plot to dynamite the residences of Judge Ralph E. Campbell of the United States district court, and W. P. McGinnis, United States district attorney, police and federal officials declare, was frustrated here late tonight when four men and a woman were arrested by a party of officers just after they had driven their automobile across a bridge leading into the suburbs of Muskogee.

In the automobile, the authorities said, was found a quantity of dynamite as well as guns and ammunition.

The four men, who are held under charges of conspiracy, gave their names as William Rogers, Henry Sberill, T. C. Johns and W. P. Garden.

The woman, held on a similar charge, gave her name as Berte Thompson, according to B. C. Hughes local chief of detectives, the authorities had known of the plot for several weeks and had information that an attempt to execute it would be made tonight.

AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS ON THE FRENCH FRONT, May 27.—Three heavy German raids were made against the American positions in Picardy between 6 and 5 o'clock this morning and were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. The Americans took a number of prisoners.

The Germans advanced 50 yards in the center, 160 on the right and 120 on the left. They were driven off speedily and left many dead in front of the American trenches.

The assaults were preceded by violent bombardments of the entire American line during which it is estimated 10,000 projectiles, many of them gas shells, were fired by the enemy.

Fight Hand to Hand.

For a time, there was fierce hand to hand fighting. The Germans took one American prisoner, but other forces pursued the enemy and recaptured him.

The American artillery did remarkable work in helping to turn the German raid into a victory for the defenders.

The bravery of the Americans may be illustrated by the case of a private whose arm was blown off. Dazed, he kept on fighting and did not know he had been injured until a comrade came to his aid.

No Mention of Drive.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—General Pershing's communique issued tonight by the war department makes no mention of a general renewal of the German drive, but says that after violent artillery preparation enemy infantry today penetrated advanced American positions in Picardy at two points only to be driven off by counter attacks in which Americans entered the enemy lines.

The statement also tells of the repulse of a strong raiding party in the Woerre sector, of hostile gas shell bombardments in Lorraine and of the downing of a German airplane by American aviators.

The communique follows: "In Picardy, after violent artillery preparation, hostile infantry detachments succeeded in penetrating our advanced positions in two points. Our troops counter attacked, completely expelling the enemy and entering his lines.

"In the Woerre, a strong hostile raiding party was repulsed (with losses) in killed and wounded.

"In Lorraine hostile shell bombardments of some intensity occurred. The day was quiet in the other sectors occupied by our troops.

"In the course of air combats this morning our aviators shot down a hostile machine."

Wilson in Conferences.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Germany apparently has launched another desperate attempt to smash her way through the allied armor to victory before American troops can reach the battlefields of France and Flanders in force.

Associated Press reports from the British and French fronts telling of the new assaults which may mean that the supreme test of power is at hand, were conveyed to President Wilson just as he was leaving the White House for the capitol to ask congress for legislation to provide more money for the war.

Later Mr. Wilson went to the state war and navy buildings for brief conferences with Secretaries Lansing, Baker and Daniels. It was taken for granted that the primary object of the visit was to seek official news from the battle front.

No official information had come tonight to supplement press dispatches from the front. General Pershing's daily communique made no reference to the strong drives against the British and French, as the communique deals only with the activity of the American army.

Army officials studied the press accounts closely for signs of the German purpose. The fact that one blow was launched at the southern end of the Picardy-Flanders battle theatre and the other at the extreme north end of the 200-mile battle front, was taken as direct evidence that today's attacks were only preliminary moves of the German strategists.

German Delay Explained.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Extension of the active battle front to the Alsne sector on the south would mean adding forty or fifty miles to the fighting line at a time when the German army needs every unit it can get together in a centralized position within the wide salient driven rush. Officials here agree with the French critics that the most probable place for the real renewal of the

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THE WEATHER

Fair, moderate northwesterly winds