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BATTLES RAGING ON **ALMOST ENTIRE FRONT** BREAK LONG SILENCE

Offensive Launched in Locre- Voormeezle Sector-German Crown Prince Takes Ridg e at Chemin-des-Dames, Another Center of the Storm - Gas Shells Employed in Opening Bombardments Ag ainst British

Daniels.

the water.

Daniels Permits Beaver

To Stay on Regular Run

PORTLAND, May 27 .- The steam-

er Beaver will remain on the Port-

land-San Francisco-Los Angeles route

for the present, according to notifi-

cation received today by the Portland

protested to the government against

the proposed commandeering of the

vessel. The changed order was is-

sued by Secretary of the Navy

LAUNCH TWO WOODEN SHIPS.

PORTLAND, May 27 .- The Capi-

taine de Beauchamp, a wooden steam

er for the French government, and

steamer for the emergency fleet cor-

poration, were launched here today.

A new keel for another vessel was

Capitaine de Beauchamp within less

than a minute after she had taken

CITY GARS ARE BETTER.

FOUR RECRUITS

SECURED FOR

NAVAL RESERVE

Man Follows Party From Eu-

gene to Enlist After Under-

going Operation

Party of Six Will Remain Here

Until Tomorrow Night

Twenty Men Wanted

After undergoing an operation in

order that he might enlist in the na-

val reserves, Ira Tripp of Eugene fol-

ing the Willamette valley to Salem

and was the first recruit received on

a large number of others called at

In the group are Ensign F. B. Up-

shaw, Assistant Paymaster W. W.

swer questions concerning all branch-

been successful, Eugene and Marsh-

field in particular contributing a

large number of men. In the for-

mer town forty-four joined the re-

Only a limited number of women

can be taken as yeomanettes. These

are required to have considerable ex-

perience 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. Yeoman-

ettes must pass a physical examina-

The greatest need in the reserve is

for seamen, firemen and machinists.

Salem residents, who have inquired,

are principally interested in the hos-

pital corps, firemen and seamen.

tion before entering the service.

scribing life in the navy.

State street for information.

ASK QUESTIONS

LONDON, April 13 .- Army medi-

sed by the average city dwel-

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, May 27, 2 p. m .-Launching a heavy offensive at dawn today against the French in the Locre-Voormezeele 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 chamber of commerce, which had the entire French line was re-estab-

Hard fighting at this hour still continues on the northern part of the battle front. Just south of Dickebusch 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 | the Western Light, an 8800-ton steel point in this region. In both these places the enemy was clinging desperately to his newly acquired positions, but the French were dealing laid on the ways just vacated by the with the situation, which appeared to be satisfactory at the latest re-One hundred prisoners aiready have, been sent back to the French cages. Attack Preliminary.

Today's attack was perhaps preliminary to larger operations and apparently has been undertaken for the which the French wrested from the enemy May 20.

Such positions as Bruloose would be valuable acquisitions for the enemy if they were to develop a general attack in this region later.

It is interesting to note in connection with today's drive in Flanders that the Germans considered their attacks on the Lys front in April to be a failure, according to prisoners. It is stated that while some troops have been congratulated for the way they fought, they have been told that their failure was the result of bad staff work. The general command of the operations here was relieved of his command.

Gas Shells Employed. LONDON, May 27.—The Reuter correspondent at headquarters in France describes the German bombardment as scarcely less violent than that which heralded the German offensive on March 21. Gas shells were employed in great quantities and the bombardment and infantry attack before Soissons and Rheims were on a more formidable

scale than in Flanders. There Germans, according to this correspondent, employed their familiar formations dense waves of infantry following closely in the wake of lifting barrage and they pushed fresh troops up with characteristic

recklessness. Among the signs of resumption of the grand offensive are that the enemy is heavily shelling our far-back areas with high velocity guns and also his airmen are unusually venturesome, the dispatch adds.

A note of confidence comes in the reports from the battle front.

Enemy Losses Heavy. LONDON, May 27 .- On the Locre-Voormezeele front the French troops men were also taken in yesterday and Those who may not have won a serepulsed the enemy with great loss. This announcement was contained the temporary headquarters at 385 in Field Marshal Haig's official report tonight.

The attack against the sector of Berry-auBac held by the British was Usher, Assistant Surgeon Charles B. partly successful by reason of an intense bombardment of gas shells and fighting the British on the left were pressed back to prepared positions constituting the second line.

"In the neighborhood of Dickebusch lake the enemy succeeded in penetrating for a short distance into Fighting is the French position. still taking place at this point. Other localities, in which the enemy penetrated in the first attack, have been regained by counter-attacks by the French troops who secured a num-

"On the remainder of the British front the situation is unchanged.

Battle Through Day. BERLIN, via London, May 27 .-The battle for possesion of Chemindes-Dames has been raging since early morning. Troops of the German crown prince have taken the ridge by storm along the whole of its extension and now are fighting on the Aisne, according to the oficial statement issued by the war office to-

The text of the statement reads: "In the battle regions of Flanders Those who signed up yesterday were on the Lys battlefield and on both Robert Clyde Dent and Ira Jackson belief in her sanity. Dr. David Robsides of the Somme and the Avre ar- Fitts, both of this city, who will go erts was recalled to the stand. He tillery fighting has become more in- as second class firemen. Mr. Tripp declared that he had never told Miss

session of the Chemin-des-Dames has will undergo an operation before suggested when his wife was sick been raging since early morning. The leaving for Bremerton. These men that it would be a good solution of troops of the crown prince have tak- are all subject to call within ten days. the problem "if she were called to en the ridge by storm along the

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Amendment to Casing Bill

Senate Refuses to Adopt

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, Shafroth, Phelan, moot and Fall were named senate

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. Ias striken out by the senate, which is considering special legislation for opening the naval re-

150,000 ACRES TO BE OPENED BY DEPARTMEN

Marion County Tracts Included in Acreage Available **Under Homestead Laws**

Timber, Running Water and Springs Are Features of Big Areas

department has approved regulations news as he concluded his prepared bpening to entry under the home- speech, saying it strengthened the stead laws about 150,000 acres of purpose he had tried to express. agricultural land in the Portland al men have made the districty land district, Oregon. The lands are that city boys have better cars than a portion of what are commonly its "peak and crisis" congress do its ment tonight, in which the public purpose of regaining the high ground those from the county districts. On- known as the Oregon & California duty at home as the soldiers are doing again was urged to order its coal for by one recruit in five 'rom quiet railroad grant lands. Applications their duty in the trenches overseas neighborhoods has the aren hearing will be received at Portland June brought instant acquiescence. There ler. It is assumed that the quiet of

parts of Multnomah, Washington, nue bill with a will, many of the tracts contain the best from those sources, areas of vacant agricultural land in

Anyone qualified to make a home stead entry under the laws of the for not exceeding 160 acres in a as assured. compact body, although the tracts range from units of 40, 80 and 120 aères. Each applicant must deposit at time of making application 50 SEVERE LOSSES cents an acre and the usual land at time of making application 50 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. lowed the recruiting party now tour- All applications made within this period will have been deemed to have been made at the same time and a their official visit here. Three other drawing will thereupon take place. lection 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 Much Armament Captured-

Wade, Pharmacist Mate Charles H. Graham, Miss-Amorette Crosley and Miss Pauline Greaves. They will an-END TESTIMONY es of the naval reserves, including the IN LUSK TRIAL yeomanette service. Their visit will end tomorrow night and by that time they hope to have secured twenty recruits. Thus far the tour has

Five Experts Say Teacher Was Suffering From Paronoia-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 paranola. Two other experts, called by the prosecution, declared their the enemy was driven back by a also enlisted here, as well as Her- Lusk that he would get a divorce "South of Laon the battle for pos- man W. Wolcott of Corvallis, who from his wife and denied that he had

jury Wednesday afternoon.

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 be-OF O-C GRANTS fore 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 WASHINGTON, May 27 .- Acting been renewed. He gave his visit a Secretary Vogelsang of the Interior dramatic touch in announcing this

Home Duty Defined. The demand that with the war at quarters These lands are situated north of to believe immediate legislation imthe country tends to weaken through the line between townships 13 and 14 perative, but plans for mid-summer disuse, the nerves of the ear, while south, Willamette medridian, extend- adjournment were abandoned and the din of the town keeps the nerves ing from near the seacoast to well both Democtratic and Republican toward the summit of the Cascade leaders expressed their determination mountains. They are scattered in to go at the task of passing a reve-

Yamhili, Polk, Benton, Lincoln, Till- A suggestion by the president that amook, Columbia, Marion, Linn and most of the new taxes probably would Clackamas. The latter county has fall upon incomes, excess profits and the larger area of the tracts to be op- luxuries and that profiteers could be ened to entry. In the opinion of Na- reached in this way was greeted with thaniel Campbell, register of the cheers, and congressional leaders said United States land office in Portland later the money needed would come

To initiate the bill, it was an the entire country. Besides having nounced that public hearings would stands of timber, most of the tracts be begun early in June by the house contain springs or running streams ways and means committee, to be followed by cooperation in its drafting with the senate finance committee. Presentation of the measure United States may make application to the house in July was regarded

INFLICTED ON **ENEMY IN ALPS**

Italians Take 870 Prisoners Including Fourteen Austrian Officers

PRESSED BACK

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 any pro-German. We have made an prisoners taken by the Italians are effort to keep pro-Germans off the fourteen officers. Twelve cannon and twenty-five machine guns have remained in the hands of the Ital-

ROME, May 27.-The Italian of ficial 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 quantities remained in our hands. May 25, the enemy twice attacked our atmospheric disturbances to the east. positions on Monte Corno. Our as- She announced tonight that she will as, Pythian Sisters, Brotherhood of sailants suffered heavy losses. Later start in the morning.

counter-attack "Enght hostile airplanes have been

brought down. VIENNA, VIA LONDON, May 27. The official report from Austrian headquarters today says:

"The Italians yesterday attacked fcan victims in the Moldavia disasour positions south of Tonale pass. A ter. Mr. Stone died on board a hos-Mr. Usher spoke yesterday after-noon at the high school assembly, de- The case is expected to go to the ed back. A further enemy advance from injuries received from the exsmall section of our lines was press- pital ship off the southeast coast 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 capes.

COAL SHORTAGE PREDICTED BY **ADMINISTRATION**

Indications Show Production Will Fall Short of Necessary Amount

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 statenext 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 devot ing 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 sea

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 new being made wil enable the fuel administrator of each state to know the amount of soft coal that will be available for distribu-

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 late today.

The jury held eleven sessions and more than 700 talesmen were interrogated before the jury was com-

pleted. Taking of testimony will begin tomorrow: In his opening statement, State's Attorney Streuber said:

"We do not represent Praeger or 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 and material of all kinds in great two successful test flights today and was prepared to finsh her trip to 'In the Val Arza on the night of New York when she was advised of

ANOTHER DEATH ADDED.

LONDON, May 27.- The death of Elbert Stone, of New York, today, increased to 55 the number of Amerplosion 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 Fig ht Until Comrade Comes to Aid Only Yankee Capture d 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 courtand 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 Musko-

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

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

The woman, held on a similar charge, gave her name as Bertie Thompson, according to B.G. 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.

ITALIANS IN LONDON LONDON, April 30-A battalion of one thousand Italian soldiers is berecently arrived here from Russia.

PLANS OUT FOR **MEMORIAL DAY**

Justice George H. Burnett Will Be Speaker—Pageant of Three Divisions

GUARDS TO PARTICIPATE

State Officials, Fraternal Societies, Students to Have Part

The committee in charge of the Memorial day program has been occupied during the past two days in lining up the various features, and is able to announce that Judge G. H. Burnett will be the principal speaker of the occasion, and that Miss Maude Beale will have charge of the musical program, which will include vocal solos and chorus singing. Other details of the afternoon's events are as yet uncertain, except that it has been arranged for a group of school children to take a prominent part.

The exercises will be held in Willson Park unless the weather is unfavorable. All the companies of the Oregon

Guard as well as the high school cadets will participate in the events of the day. Firing details from both bodies well be selected to deliver the volleys of salute to the dead soldiers and sailors.

The pageant, which will be o magnificent proportions, will made up in three sections. The first division will be headed by state of ficials, the supreme court, county officials, mayor and city officials and led by the military band.

The military division will be composed of the Oregon Guard, as escort to the G. A. R. veterans and Spanish War veterans, Sons of Veterans, W. R. C., ladies of the G. A. R, and auxiliary of the Spanish War veterans.

The second division will consis of civic orders and fraternal organizations-B. P. O. E., Cherrians, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Order of Lady Foresters, Knights of Pythi-Foresters of America, Loyal Order of Moose, Odd Fellows, Rebekah lodge Modern Woodmen of America, Wood. men of the World, Women of Woodcraft, Knights of the Maccabees and Ladies of the Maccabees. Other fraternal orders will take places in or der of arrival.

The third division will be headed by the band and will include Boy

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AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS ON THE FRENCH FRONT, May 27 .--Three heavy German raids were made against the American positions in Picardy between 6 and 9 o'clock this morning and were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. Americans took a number of prison-

The Germans advanced 50 strong 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 vio ent bombardments of the entire American line during which it is estimated 10,000 projectiles, many of them gas shells, were fired by the 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 remark-

able 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 pri-

vate whose arm was blown off. Dared, 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,-Gen Pershing's communique issued toing formed in London, the members night by the war department sakes all being Italian refugees who have 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 out by counter attacks in which Am-

ericans entered the enemy lines. The statement also tells of the repulse of a strong raiding party in the Woevre 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, hostie 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 Woevre, a strong hostile raiding party was regulsed (with osses) in kiled and wounded. "In Lorraine hostile was shell bam bardments of some intensity occurred. The day was quiet in the other

sectors occupied by our troops "In the course of air combats, this norning 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 armies to victory before American troops can reach the battlefields of France and Flanders 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 onight to supplement press dispatches from the front. Pershing's daily communique made no reference to the strong drives against the British and French, as the comunique 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 and of the 200-mile battle front, was aken as direct evidence that roday's ttacks were only preliminary moves

of the German strategists. German Delay Explain WASHINGTON, May 27 .- Extenon of the active battle front to the Alsne sector on the south would uean 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 probabe place for the real renewal of the

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THE WEATHER

Fair, moderate northwesterly winds