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BELGIANS TRYING TO DISLODGE THE GERMANS ON COAST

Severe Fighting is Reported Along Sea-Board—Concentrated Attack Made on Drei Village.

FRENCH OFFENSIVE HALTED

Paris Regrets Cession of Gallie Drive Against German Wedge as Indication That Movement Has Failed—Fighting Continues With Artillery in Old District.

LONDON, April 13.—Severe fighting has resumed along the sea-coast of Belgium. Amsterdam dispatches tell of determined attempts by the Belgians to drive the Germans from the village of Drei Grachten in the Yser region. Street fighting is reported in progress. The Belgians and Germans are fighting from house to house, while the Belgian shell fire upon the German positions about the village is becoming increasingly violent.

PARIS, April 13.—The capture of several German trenches east of Berry-au-Bac and near Soissons is reported in an official announcement, but the second offensive against the German lines in the Saint Mihiel region has not been attempted. The redistribution of the French forces in that region which has been veritably soaked with blood in the desperate fighting of the past week, continues, it was stated. Paris is confident that the next drive of the French will throw the Germans back toward Metz upon their line of communications.

British aviators again dropped bombs on the railway running from Brugge to Antwerp. The extent of the damage is not known. An official admission by the French war office last night that the Germans are on the offensive in the Etain, St. Mihiel and Pont-a-Mousson regions resulted in the greatest disappointment in military circles. Despite the statement that the French attack had been halted pending a redistribution of forces and the arrival of reinforcements, the latest announcement from Paris is taken to mean the new French offensive has definitely failed.

The communique made little mention of the situation about St. Mihiel. The French are in contact with the enemy at many points, however, and are fighting their way through wire entanglements erected by the Germans.

Between the sea and the Old heavy artillery engagements have been in progress the past 24 hours.

A "good man" is one who manages to be occasionally what a good woman succeeds in being all of the time.

CONGRESSMAN HAWLEY TO ATTEND CELLO OPENING

WILL BE AT UMATILLA MAY 4—CONGRESSMAN SINNOTT IS EXPECTED ALSO.

Congressman W. C. Hawley will be among the notables in attendance at the celebration of the opening of the Cello canal at Umatilla on May 4. In response to an invitation sent to him by Chairman J. F. Robinson of the local committee on arrangements, he sent the following acceptance last night by wire: "Expect to be at Umatilla Landing May 4 and other places for canal celebration thereafter. Thanks for courtesy." No response has yet been received from Congressman Sinnott, who was also invited.

NEWS SUMMARY

General
French aviators within few miles from Berlin. Drop bombs on Hamburg.

Belgians trying to drive Germans back from the coast.
Germans start new offensive against the Russians.

Japanese die in coal mine beneath the level of the Japan sea.

Local
John Dyer is held to be rightful mayor of Pendleton.

Stanfield young woman shoots herself, perhaps fatally.
Grand jury investigating German Hall shooting affair.

J. C. Monahan, one of Hotel Pendleton proprietors, passes away.
Congressman Hawley will attend Cello celebration.

300 Japanese Dead as Sea Sweeps Into Galleries of Mine

MEN WORKING 100 FEET BELOW FLOOR OF THE OCEAN CAUGHT IN TRAP.

TOKIO, April 13.—Crushed beneath tons of earth and the waters of the Japan sea at least 300 coolies were drowned in the Ube coal mine near Shimonesaki strait. The men were trapped when the roofs of the subterranean galleries of the mine collapsed. This is the first accident of the kind in the history of the world.

There is slight hope of rescue or even recovery of the bodies. It is considered possible but not probable that the coolies may have rushed into the watertight chambers constructed as a precaution against such an accident.

In the Ube mine engineers worked out a scheme of penetrating rich deposits of coal beneath the sea floor. From the main shaft to near the shore they drove long, narrow galleries into the rock under the sea. Several hundred miners were employed day and night, working more than 100 feet below the floor of the ocean.

FRENCH AVIATORS WITHIN A FEW MILES OF BERLIN

BOMBS ARE DROPPED AT HAMBURG, SETTING FIRE TO THE BARRACKS.

LONDON, April 13.—French aviators dropped bombs at Hamburg, Germany, yesterday, setting the barracks on fire, according to unofficial reports.

Such an attack as reported would mean that French aviators flew more than 275 miles from the nearest point in the French lines to Hamburg. Such a raid is unparalleled in the history of aviation. If the report is true and French aeroplanes were over Hamburg, they might have been within striking distance of Berlin.

BIG GUNS OF FLEET BOOM IN PRACTICE

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 13.—Big guns from Uncle Sam's dreadnaughts shook the Virginia capes today. The Atlantic fleet is at practice. Sailing yesterday from Tangier Bay, the big fleet is banging away at targets and holding fleet battle practice. Secretary of the Navy Daniels and other Washington officials are expected to visit the fleet during the three weeks' practice program.

Picture of Johnson-Willard Fight



This photograph was made in the twentieth round of the scheduled 45 round bout between Jack Johnson and Jess Willard at Havana, Cuba, April 5. The picture shows Johnson snapping Willard's head back with a hard right jab, and gives an idea of the comparative size of the two men. After taking a bad beating at the hands of the big black, Willard knocked out Johnson in the 26th round. (Photo copyright by International News Service, 1915.)

MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION MEETS

ST. LOUIS, April 13.—The Mississippi river improvement commission met here today for the annual spring session. Prominent congressmen interested in river improvements are among the commission, which will sail down the river to New Orleans and hold hearings en route.

Another Sunday School Convention.

STOCKTON, Cal., April 13.—With several thousand delegates from throughout the state in attendance, the California state Sunday school convention met here. A monster parade is planned for tomorrow.

AIR RAID BEING PLANNED AGAINST LONDON IN AUGUST

GENEVA, Switzerland, April 13.—Germany is contemplating a great aerial raid on London by two squadrons of five Zeppelins each, according to an interview with the secretary to Count Zeppelin published by the "Constance Nachrichten" today. The raid will probably be attempted in August, according to the published interview. The German air fleet now comprises 1354 units including nine dirigibles, the count's secretary is quoted as stating.

Pathfinders Reach Here From Exposition



Making the trip overland from San Francisco in a 1914 Buick 37 pathfinder car, C. A. McGee and Frank Murray arrived here late yesterday afternoon and made headquarters at the Oregon Motor Garage while here. "We left San Francisco Sunday April 4," said Mr. McGee. "In the Sacramento river canyon we found tourist travel held up by 19 miles of new construction work north of La Moraine. We had great difficulty getting over this road but the work will be finished by May 15 and travel will then be good. The tourist will find the trip still better after July 15. "From Klamath Falls we ran to La Pine a distance of 120 miles. It would have been possible to have gone to Bend a distance of 153 miles. Our next stop was at Fossil and the worst road we encountered in Oregon was between Madras and Fossil. "Eastern Oregon people wishing to make the trip by auto to San Francisco will naturally take the route east of the Cascade mountains. How-

TEUTONS OPEN NEW OFFENSIVE IN THE EASTERN WAR ZONE

Strong Infantry Attacks are Hurlled Against Russians From Suwalki to the Vistula.

DETERMINED CHARGES MADE

Ossowetz Again Bombarded by Teutons Who All Along the Line Engage in Aggressive Attempt at Forward Movement—Russians Press on in the Carpathian Mountains.

PETROGRAD, April 14.—A new German offensive accompanied by renewed bombardment of the fortress of Ossowetz and strong infantry attacks and the use of floating fire rafts and incendiary bombs has been launched at Suwalki southward toward the Vistula, according to semi-official dispatches. Near Jedwabne the Germans have delivered several determined charges against the Russian trenches.

The Austro-German forces defending the Carpathians now are practically broken, it was declared. With the principal heights dominating all passes in control of the Russians the worst of the fighting, which has been extremely desperate and bloody is over. "Fast Russian forces are on the verge of sweeping down the southern slopes into Hungary proper. It is predicted that within a week the Russian advance guards will be seen on the Hungarian plains.

BERLIN, April 13.—Their offensive broken the French are being slowly driven out of the forest of Le Prete northwest of Point-a-Mousson, the war office announced. A fierce day and night attack against the French lines, it was stated, are forcing the enemy gradually to yield ground held in the wooded section. A few feeble French attacks elsewhere in the Saint Mihiel triangle have been repulsed.

Swollen streams in Alsace having begun to recede the French have attempted an offensive movement in that region. The attacks were repulsed however. Another report of the allies using apocalyptic bombs was made in an official announcement. It was stated such bombs were thrown into German trenches east of Suptes. The situation in the eastern front was declared unchanged.

BERLIN, April 13.—German aviators dropped bombs on the Belgian towns of Poperinghe, Hanebronne and Koesel, occupied by the British, it was announced. The extent of the damage is unknown. The French report that allied aviators have dropped 150 bombs on the railway station at Brugge was officially denied. Only 11 were dropped and no damage was done, it was stated.

Sunday School Workers Convene.

BATON ROUGE, La., April 13.—Practically every Louisiana Sunday school was represented today in the Sunday school convention which met here.

JOHN C. MONAHAN PASSES AWAY AFTER LONG ILLNESS

ONE OF THE PROPRIETORS OF HOTEL PENDLETON DIES AT HOSPITAL HERE.

John C. Monahan, one of the proprietors of the Hotel Pendleton, died last evening at 5:30 at St. Anthony's hospital following an illness of several months. He was suffering from enlargement of the heart and several months ago his health began to decline. He went to southern California in the hopes of improving there but shortly after his return a few weeks ago was forced to go to the hospital where he has failed gradually.

The body will be taken tomorrow to Colfax, Washington, his old home, where it will be interred. He is survived by a son, who is in Alaska, a daughter, Erma, who is a student in St. Mary's academy, Walla Walla, and a brother, Tom Monahan of Bellingham, Wash. The daughter is here now and the brother will arrive this evening.

Deceased was 51 years old. He had a great deal of experience in the hotel business in the northwest and had a large acquaintance. He and his partner, Fred T. Bloch, were at one time associated together in the management of the Hotel Byron at Bellingham and later went together to the Hotel Oregon in Portland. For the past ten years he had made Colfax his home until last summer when he came here with Mr. Bloch upon the completion of the Hotel Pendleton. He has property interests in Colfax.

Though no complaint has been filed against the unknown man who severely cut and stabbed Hellwig Breding in a fight at German Hall Sunday morning, the grand jury will make an investigation of the affair which will doubtless lead to the knowledge of the assailant's name and probably an indictment.

Subpoenas were issued this morning for a half dozen or more of the witnesses of the fight and they will appear before the grand jury in the morning. Prosecuting Attorney Stelver has talked with some of the witnesses and none seem to know the man who wielded the knife. The best information obtainable leads him to believe the man was not from this city but had been working on some farm. A good many of the witnesses are positive they would know him if they saw him but some are doubtful upon this point as the

JOHN W. DYER HELD TO BE THE MAYOR OF PENDLETON; SUPREME COURT GIVES OPINION TODAY

Retains Place as Municipal Head by Virtue of His Office as Chairman of Council at Time of Death of Mr. Matlock—All Doubt Removed as to Validity of Water Bond Issue.

SALEM, Ore., April 13.—(Special.)—John W. Dyer is the rightful mayor of Pendleton by virtue of his office as chairman of the city council at the time of the death of Mayor W. F. Matlock. This virtually is the decision of the supreme court today in affirming Circuit Judge Phelps in the case of Robert F. Kirkpatrick vs. John Dyer.

The court holds that the charter contemplates the office of mayor shall at all times be filled; that the council is commanded to elect a chairman of the council who shall be chief executive of the city in the absence of the mayor and that on the death of the mayor this officer becomes mayor. "And it follows, that John W. Dyer is rightfully mayor and Robert F. Kirkpatrick is not entitled to the office," reads the opinion.

"In the opinion of Justice Harris, the court held that the language "if the mayor be from any cause unable to act," contained in the Pendleton charter, is broad enough to cover any possible contingency, the substance of that section is that in such cases the chairman of the council shall have and exercise the powers and perform all the duties of mayor, it is therefore concluded that Dyer is entitled to office.

The court follows the Dyer findings in affirming the decision against W. L. Bowley who claimed ordinance regulating pawnbrokers and second hand dealers invalid because Dyer was not legally acting as mayor when he signed it. Bowley had been convicted of violating the ordinance.

The decision of the supreme court has been awaited with much anticipation by the city authorities and the outcome of the case is very pleasing to them inasmuch as it removes all doubt as to the validity of the last water bond issue and other acts of the council since the death of the late Mayor Matlock.

The case was brought about by the question raised by the company which purchased the last water bonds as to the legality of the claim of John Dyer to the office of mayor and his right to sign the bonds. The question was raised because the city charter does not specifically provide for the filling of the office in the event of the death of the elective mayor.

To test the matter, the council appointed R. F. Kirkpatrick mayor by resolution and he brought quo warranto proceedings to oust Dyer as a usurper. The legal proceedings were friendly, City Attorney Carter representing Dyer and J. A. Fee acting for Kirkpatrick. Judge Phelps ruled in favor of Dyer and an appeal was taken to the supreme court. The case was argued three weeks ago.

The decision of the supreme court not only places the bond issue upon a sound basis but it makes all of the actions of the council since the death of Mayor Matlock valid. Had Dyer been ousted from office, the bonding company would probably have refused to accept the water bonds but the validity of some of the street improvement bonds would have been questioned and the legality of all ordinances passed would have been in question. The council for the past few months has held up all important business awaiting the outcome of the majority case.

The decision in the Kirkpatrick-Dyer case also decided the case brought by W. L. Bowley, second hand dealer, against the city. Bowley was sentenced for a violation of an ordinance regulating pawnshops and which was signed by Dyer as mayor. He attacked the legality of the ordinance on the grounds that Dyer was not the rightful mayor. Bowley was sentenced to ten days in jail.

STANFIELD GIRL ATTEMPTS TO END LIFE BY SHOOTING; IS AT HOSPITAL CRITICALLY WOUNDED

"No one will know why I did it" was the statement made by Miss Almina Priegnitz of Stanfield, who shot herself yesterday noon and who is lying in a serious condition this afternoon at St. Anthony's hospital. The above is all she would say to friends in her home town when she believed that the bullet would be fatal but today she has made a partial explanation to attendants at the hospital. They, however, will not make public her statements at this time.

The young lady, in a critical condition, was brought up from Stanfield last evening on the train and was taken to St. Anthony's hospital. Drs. Boyden were called and found upon examination that the bullet had entered just below the heart and above the stomach. They will perform an operation this afternoon upon her.

The young woman is about 25 years old. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Priegnitz were early residents of Stanfield and lately have been conducting a boarding house. Yesterday both the father and mother went to Hermiton, leaving the daughter in charge. At noon the young lady crossed the borders with dinner as usual and while they were eating went upstairs and shot herself.

She has been conscious all day at the hospital.

GRAND JURY TO INVESTIGATE STABBING OF MAN AT DANCE

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PRIZES TO BE GIVEN FOR MOST CORN GROWN

DES MOINES, April 13.—The Iowa State Bankers' association and the faculty of Iowa State College at Ames, are planning a corn growing contest in every one of the 99 counties in Iowa. It is proposed to offer county prizes to the boys who grow the most corn on an acre, the first prizes to be trips to the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco this fall. President R. A. Pearson of the Ames school and P. W. Hall, secretary of the bankers, are making the arrangements. Nearly 1600 banks will assist in the project.