



### THREE FORTS AT VERDUN LAID IN RUINS BY GUNS

#### Germans Shatter Outlying Defenses With Heavy Artillery But French are Still Holding Them.

### FORCE OF 10,000 REPULSED

#### Tentons Attempt to Swing Pontons Across the Meuse But are Heavily Slaughtered by French Fire; Number of Losses in Both Armies Now Placed at over 200,000.

LONDON, March 6.—Amsterdam dispatches today declared that the forts Devaux, Detayennes and Moulainville, defending Verdun have been almost completely destroyed, though not captured. It was also reported that 10,000 Germans were heavily repulsed with considerable slaughter in an attempt to throw pontons across the Meuse in the vicinity of Samonieux. Berlin official dispatches early today did not confirm the report that fort Dieppe had been stormed and captured after an artillery preparation had ruined it.

The latest estimates place the combined losses of the two armies at over 200,000. The dead are believed to number over 50,000. Berlin declared the Germans captured between ninety and a hundred square miles of territory in the Verdun offensive.

Sunday fighting was the fiercest at Pepper Plateau. Following two hours of unprecedented artillery fire, three German brigades advanced in a headlong charge. French rifle, machine-gun and artillery fire met the Germans. The foremost ranks were riddled. The others, Paris declared, halted in the rear in confusion, preventing the advance of reinforcements. Caught thus, the Germans were slaughtered where they crowded, unable to advance and refusing to retreat.

LONDON, March 6.—Official announcements from Paris and Berlin indicated that following the repulse of the Germans at Doncourt Plateau, they withdrew and did not attempt fresh assaults last night. It is believed they are waiting for heavy artillery to support the infantry in further rushes. Elsewhere, infantry fighting has almost ceased. Berlin reported minor operations north of Verdun, resulting in the capture of 14 French officers and 324 men. Paris did not mention this, saying all infantry engagements were unimportant. The French heavily bombarded the German positions all night.

### Plans Are Being Made to Observe Baby Week in City

### MASS MEETING WITH PORTLAND SPEAKERS IS BEING ARRANGED FOR HERE.

This is Baby Week in Pendleton as well as in some 2000 other cities and towns in the United States.

It has been set aside for general observance of a character that will impress upon the public the need of better care of infants. In this city the full plans have not yet been formulated but the Civic Club and other organizations are working them out. A mass meeting some time during the week at which there will be Portland speakers and sermons next Sunday by practically every minister in the city. Something of the significance of "Baby Week" can be secured from

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### NEWS SUMMARY

#### General.

12 are killed in air raid on English towns.

Three forts guarding Verdun are reported to have been wrecked by German guns.

Cleveland man is named for secretary of war.

#### Local.

National Baby Week being observed here.

Judge directs verdict of not guilty against Blydenstein.

Local farmers will try out plan to handle wheat in bulk.

Directors of county to meet here Friday.

### Mr. Teal Urges That Bond Plan Provide Without Fail For One Highway to The Open Columbia

Urging that the bond proposal when submitted to the people in this county carry a provision for at least one complete hard surfaced road to the Columbia, and preferably two, Joseph N. Teal, prominent Portlander and "Father" of the open river movement, has written to County Judge Marsh upon the subject. In his letter Mr. Teal sets forth the fact that the river cannot be of service unless there are roads connecting with the waterway and he predicts that such roads when built will actually pay for themselves through savings in freight costs.

Mr. Teal's letter is as follows: March 4, 1916.

Hon. C. H. Marsh, County Judge, Pendleton, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—I have been observing with considerable interest the good roads movement in Umatilla county and have noted the proposed apportionment of funds for construction purposes to be raised by a bond issue. For many years I have taken the keenest personal interest in the development not only of Umatilla county, but of the Interior generally, and feel that I am justified in making some suggestions in connection with a matter that will so vitally affect Umatilla county as good roads and their location.

Umatilla county being a great producing section, largely of farm products in which the freight rate is a vital factor, one would naturally assume that the first consideration would be given roads that would prove of the greatest benefit in this direction.

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### Colonel House Reports on His Trip to Europe

### OBSERVATIONS IN WARRING NATIONS ARE RELATED TO THE PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—President Wilson and Colonel House had breakfast together today. House reported about his tour of the belligerent countries in Europe. It is understood they conferred in regard to conditions in the warring nations. House informally reported the results of his observations in London, Paris and Berlin. Later he will confer with the cabinet for a more detailed report.

House lived up to the characterization of European editors as the "Sphinx in the felt hat." He refused to say anything in regard to his trip or on international affairs. He denied he would establish his residence in Washington. He will probably go to New York tomorrow or Wednesday.

Wete Sheridan and Heisted Moore, well known Butter creek ranchers are in the city today.

### Gen. Diaz, Said to Head Revolt



According to dispatches from Mexico, Gen. Felix Diaz, nephew of the late President Porfirio Diaz, is attempting to start another revolution against the Carranza government, using his native state, Oaxaca, as a base for operations. It is thought that Diaz can muster 25,000 troops, but they will be poorly equipped.

### COMMITTEE SAYS WATER TO BE PROVIDED FOR FLOWERS

Pendleton, Ore., March 6.—To the Editor of the East Oregonian: We, the cemetery committee, wish to announce to the public and especially to those who own lots in the Olney cemetery, who wish to beautify them, that if they will improve their lots with flowers or grass and take out a "water permit" we will see that as long as Pendleton has city water your lots will be properly watered and further, we will allow you to lay pipes from mains to your lots at your own expense, and under the supervision of the cemetery. We earnestly ask of you that are interested in seeing the cemetery beautified to help us.

We would gladly receive any donations of flowers or roses for beautifying the cemetery. H. J. TAYLOR, D. D. PHELPS, RALPH FOLSON, Committee.

### LINES DRAWN IN HOUSE FOR SHOW DOWN TUESDAY

#### Plans are Practically Completed to Act on Resolution Warning Americans off Armed Vessels.

### BRYAN IS AT THE CAPITAL

Said, However, He Will Not Interfere in Preparedness Program—Important Documents Are Awaited Pending to Show That British Admiralty Ordered Vessels to Shoot.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Plans practically have been completed for a show down in the house tomorrow on the resolution warning Americans against sailing on armed belligerent vessels. Photographs copies of the alleged British admiralty orders for armed merchantmen to attack submarines are due to arrive at the state department. These documents were sent by Germany to justify the order for submarines to torpedo armed ships without warning.

Bryan is at the capital and has planned to entertain eight representatives at luncheon, but his friends deny he plans to open opposition to Wilson's preparedness program. Submarine policies will be the topic for discussion. He leaves today for Wilmington, then westward on a lecture tour.

It became certain today the vote in the house will be on the proposition of tabling the McLemore resolution. Ultimately, leaders believe, a ballot strictly on the merits of the warning will be unavoidable.

BERLIN, March 6.—Americans who canvassed the situation reported today that the senate vote on tabling the Gore resolution materially lessened the possibility of a German-American break in the submarine issue. Berlin newspapers differ on the interpretations of the vote. Most of them agree the senate would not interfere in the administration's plans unless negotiations seemed leading straight to war. The Cologne Gazette asserted the vote was without meaning.

BERLIN, March 6.—(Via Amsterdam.)—Armed merchantmen are signers of the sea. The British admiralty is instructing its merchantmen to fire on submarines, began franco-British warfare of the seas declared Dr.

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### FRANCIS NOMINATED FOR RUSSIAN AMBASSADORSHIP

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The president nominated David Francis of St. Louis, ambassador to Russia. Francis, formerly governor of Missouri was secretary of the interior under Cleveland and president of the Louisiana purchase centennial in 1904.

### Tree Planting by Pendleton to be Observed Soon

### CIVIC CLUB STARTS MOVEMENT FOR PURPOSE OF BEAUTIFYING CITY.

To arrange for a tree planting day for Pendleton is one of the objects of the Civic Club for the near future and steps towards arranging for the event were taken up at a meeting Saturday afternoon. Mrs. James Johns was appointed to head the committee on the subject and has already entered upon her duties.

Though a definite date has not yet been set, it is proposed to have the planting day about April 1. On the day in question every local family will be asked to plant at least one tree. They may be planted in the parkings or in yards. The selection of the sort of tree to plant will rest with the individual. However, some information as to the best trees to plant will be given as to how to set out trees.

Parties having advice to offer on the subject are asked to give the committee the benefit of their knowledge. The general idea back of the tree planting move is that Pendleton may be greatly beautified by the setting out of additional trees.

### STATES HAVE RIGHT TO PROHIBIT TRADING STAMPS

### SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS FLORIDA AND WASHINGTON STATE LAWS.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Upholding the Florida and Washington laws the supreme court handed down a decision practically maintaining state rights to prohibit the use of trading stamps and coupons.

### CLEVELAND MAN TAKES POST OF WAR SECRETARY

#### Newton D. Baker Announces He Has Accepted Offer of Portfolio in Cabinet of President Wilson.

### FORMER MAYOR OF OHIO CITY

#### Made Fight Against Unit Rule at Baltimore Convention Which Assured Nomination of Wilson; Appointed 45 Years Old and Served Four Years As Mayor of Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, March 6.—Newton D. Baker announced today he had accepted Wilson's offer of the portfolio of secretary of war.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Newton D. Baker, former mayor of Cleveland, will be named secretary of war, it was learned today from an authority believed absolutely reliable. The announcement of the nomination is expected very soon. It is understood the attorney general has advised the president that General Scott could not be retained longer than Saturday when his 30-day term expires.

Later the White House admitted Baker was the president's choice. He twice declined the secretaryship of the interior when Wilson formed his cabinet. Baker retired from the mayoralty of Cleveland on January 1, after four years' service. He was private secretary to Postmaster General Wilson in Cleveland's second administration. During the Baltimore convention he made a fight against unit rule, practically assuring Wilson's nomination. He led the minority in the Ohio delegation. He is 45 years old.

### 12 ARE KILLED IN AIR RAID ON BRITISH COAST

#### Three Zeppelins are Believed to Have Taken Part in Attack; Five Children Among the Victims.

### THIRTY-THREE ARE INJURED

#### Northeast Sections are Scene of Raid Last Night Where 40 Bombs are Dropped by the Germans; Munition Manufacturing Towns are Within the Stricken Area.

LONDON, March 6.—Zeppelin raiders killed 12 and injured 33 in attacking northeast England last night, it was officially announced. It is believed three raiders participated. Bombs were dropped in Yorkshire, Lancashire, Rutland, Huntingdon, Cambridge, Norfolk, Essex and Kent. Three men, four women and five children were killed. Forty bombs were dropped.

The raid's extent was the greatest in the war's history. This was the 21st and brought total killed by air bombs to 242 and 429 injured. Several munition manufacturing towns are within the affected area.

In the ruins of a wrecked dwelling, an aged woman, bed-ridden for seven years, was found uninjured. A few doors away a fire-bomb crashed into the roof of a lodging house. All escaped except one man aged 90, who was too weak to run.

The air fleet changed its course repeatedly, finally soaring in a huge circle, evidently uncertain of its position. One detached itself from the squadron and hovered motionless over the village, dumping a veritable hail of explosives. It rose suddenly to a great height and vanished.

### VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY RETURNED IN WEIGHT CASE

### COURT INSTRUCTS JURY FOLLOWING MOTION BY ATTORNEY RALEY.

Upon instructions from Judge Phelps the jury in the case of the States vs. H. G. Blydenstein, charged with misrepresenting weights, this afternoon returned a verdict of not guilty. The directed verdict followed a motion of J. Roy Railey, attorney for the defendant, based upon the grounds that, under the law, Blydenstein, who did not do the weighing and who is only a fellow servant of the man who did, was in no way responsible for the alleged offense.

The indictment charged the defendant with having made a false statement concerning weights to Ben Eick from whom he purchased wheat for the Pendleton Roller Mills of which he is assistant manager. The evidence of the state was to the effect that J. A. Yeager, county sealer of weights and measures, weighed the grain at the mill of Billy Welch and that it weighed 15,140 pounds, and that shortly afterwards it was weighed in at the roller mills at 15,130 pounds. The evidence of Yeager and of Roberts, the mill weigher, was to the effect that the scales of the mill and company were correct while Roberts testified that he gave the weights just as they were recorded.

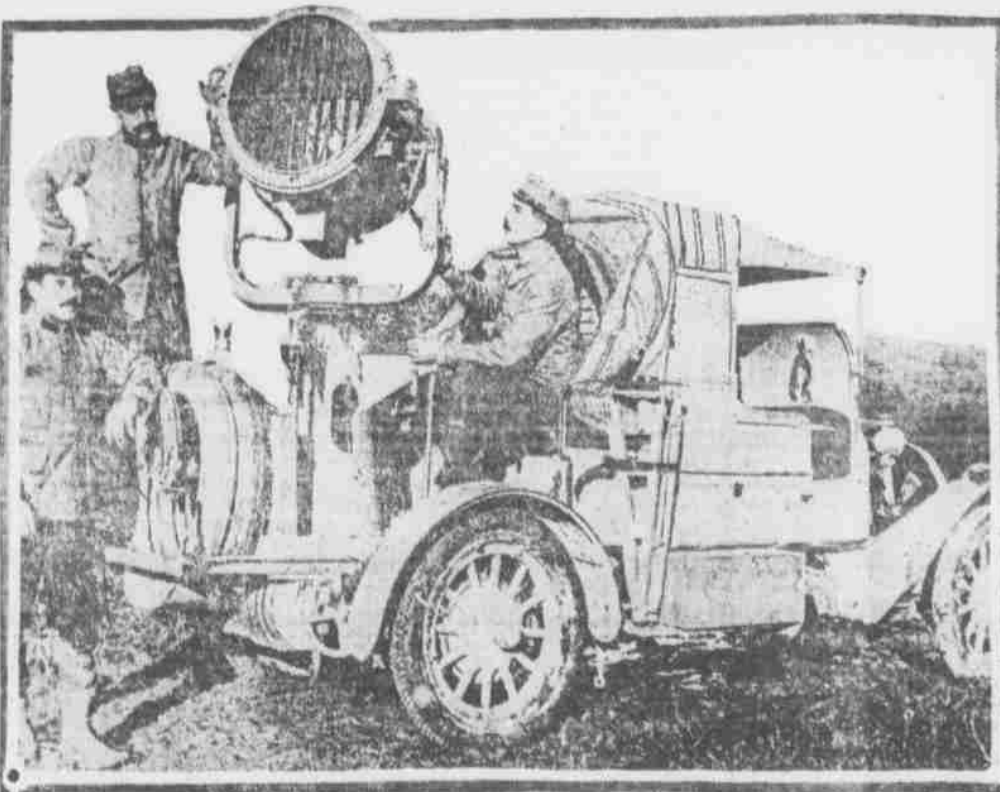
Blydenstein himself had no part in the transaction and Judge Phelps held that, under the law, he could not be held responsible. He referred the matter back to the grand jury to ascertain whether or not the corporation or the weigher could be deemed culpable. Under the evidence introduced no intent to defraud was shown but this is not necessary for conviction. Deputy District Attorney H. E. Keator contended for the state that Blydenstein being the manager who weighed the grain and who used the scales, was a culpable party, therefore, responsible.

### Lumber Vessel Being Towed in

### GATE RIPS, SHIP BABY'S CREW OF TWENTY ARE BELIEVED TO BE SAFE.

SEATTLE, March 6.—Caught in a gale, the lumber steamer Thos. Wand is reported breaking up off Tacoma island. The steamer Admiral Dewey had a fine ahead and is towing the Wand toward the straits part of the schooner's deck and a 1000-pound and two masts have been lost. A 60-mile gale is reported off Cape Flattery. The Wand carries a crew of 20. All are believed safe.

### Searchlights Light Up Battlefields at Night



FRENCH SEARCHLIGHT AUTO

CENT FILM SERVICE

Modern warfare pays small heed to defense against them, huge searchlights have been put into use. This picture shows one of the latest type of French searchlights mounted upon an automobile. Such searchlights are being used in the defense of the positions around Verdun where the Germans have been attacking with vigor.