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MALANCOURT IS CAPTURED FROM FRENCH FORCES

Berlin Announces That Fortresses on Both Sides of the City Have Been Taken by Germans.

BOMBARDMENT IS TERRIFIC

Three Attacks Drive French Defenders from Positions After Ploce Head to Hand Combat Is Fought; Dispatches Admit French Were Forced to Retire.

BERLIN, March 31.—The fortified village of Malancourt and the defenses on both sides have been stormed and captured, it was officially announced. Prisoners taken totaled 311.

PARIS, March 31.—After a bombardment lasting all night, the Germans drove the French from their positions at Malancourt by three massed attacks delivered simultaneously. Before the French gave ground, however, they fought the Germans hand to hand for hours. As they were massed in the struggling encounter, the artillery of both sides was silent for fear of killing their own men.

LONDON, March 31.—With huge German shells smashing their trenches into ruins, the French troops have evacuated all but the eastern and southern outskirts of Malancourt, Paris dispatches admitted. They said the German artillery had rendered other defenses untenable.

Twenty thousand Germans have been killed and maimed as a result of the crown prince's renewed attack against Verdun, according to estimates from French military experts. The new assault has been launched on both banks of the Meuse. Massed French batteries wiped out whole battalions when the Germans rushed on Malancourt.

Waite Indicted on Charge of Murder

NEW YORK DENTIST CHARGED WITH POISONING WEALTHY FATHER-IN-LAW.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite was indicted on a first degree murder charge today. It is alleged he poisoned his wealthy father-in-law, John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids.

The indictment was presented by the grand jury to Judge Nott. The grand jury had been in continuous session since Monday. Dr. Waite, it was stated, will not be arraigned on the murder charge until Monday. District Attorney Swann expected to demand that Waite be tried in the supreme court.

SCHOOL BOARD MAY NOT ALLOW CHANGE IN HOURS

STUDENTS DISAPPOINTED; MATTER WILL BE CONSIDERED BY BOARD.

Yesterday afternoon during the second period at the high school, Prof. Gambee sent a messenger around to all the rooms in the building with a telegram which read like this: "School will take up at the regular time, 8:40." At this instant several moans passed from the students throughout the rooms, for no other reason than that in the morning assembly Prof. Gambee announced that on Friday morning the change of periods would take place which had passed the vote of the students, but the telegram came from the school board that they would not permit the change until they held another meeting. Now the students are disappointed because of the delay in making the change and perhaps they will not get it at all.

In a recent vote taken as to whether the change should be made, it showed that fully 85 per cent of the students favored the eight continuous sessions. This plan the board rejected. Again only nine students or about three per cent voted to have the hours remain as they now stand, or in other words about 97 per cent voted to have six periods in the morning and two in the afternoon. It has been arranged so that the nine students who voted against the change and who had good reasons for doing so, can take their work without any extra trouble. All the teachers are very enthusiastic over the change and would like to see it take place.

Library is Nearing Completion Will be Beautiful Structure

Pendleton and Umatilla county will soon have one of the most beautiful, one of the best arranged and one of the most artistic library buildings in the northwest. The structure, which is now nearing completion on the commanding site just north of the Main street bridge, will be a triumph of library architecture and is destined to become one of the chief prizes of the townsmen.

A trip of inspection through the building and careful notation of plans worked out in detail to combine the maximum of utility with the maximum of artistic effect, cannot but convince one, even at this stage in the construction, that the completed building will justify in full the long effort of the library board and the expenditures made by the city and county.

The building is now in its final stages of construction. The exterior has been almost finished and the plasterers are now at work on the interior. It will not be long before the contractors are putting on the finishing touches. The building will be ready for occupancy before the end of spring but the library will probably not be moved in until sometime during the summer owing to the delay in the purchase of furnishings.

The walls of the building are constructed of hollow tile and the finish of the exterior is a pebble dash. The roof is of Spanish tile of three slightly different shades of green so that it will present a mottled appearance. Three coats of plaster, the middle a scratch coat, are being put on and, when completed, the building will be as fire-proof as it is possible to make a building.

The library will have a full capacity of about 35,000 volumes though at present there are only about a fourth

that number in the library. In planning the building careful provision has been made for future needs and yet, these provisions for the future have been so planned that there will be no appearance of emptiness from the first. With the present revenue, the board can add about 2000 volumes a year.

On the main floor there will be a reading room for adults, a reading room for children, and a stack room all commodious. The arrangement is such that the librarian at the loan desk will have a view of all three rooms without moving. The book stacks will be radial so that she may look down each one.

In addition to this floor there will be cloak rooms for men and women, a committee room in which any committee of any organization in the city may meet, a librarian's office and a cataloging room. Just outside the adult's reading room on the east there will be an outdoor reading room, a feature few libraries have. It will command a beautiful view up the river as will the reading room of the adults and the committee room. In fact the building has been carefully planned to take full advantage of the beautiful view afforded by the location.

In the basement there will be an auditorium for the use of civic organizations without charge; a room for club meetings with a small adjoining kitchen equipped with electric cooking appliances, a packing room for the distribution of books over the county, a box storage room and a furnace room shut off by fire-proof doors. Provision is made for the reception of books and fuel with a min-

Elks Arrange to Put on Comedy on April 24 and 25

"A NIGHT IN BOHEMIA" WILL BE GIVEN UNDER DIRECTION OF R. K. LOVE.

"A Night in Bohemia," two nights at the Oregon theater.

This is what the Elks have in store for Pendleton next month and Rufus K. Love, one of the best known theatrical directors in the business, is here to take charge of the enterprise. April 24 and 25 are the dates set for the annual Elk show.

The original plans of the committee, as announced several weeks ago, were cancelled when it became known that Mr. Love could be secured. For several years the Pendleton lodge had tried to connect with him but always his engagements have been so many that it has been impossible to secure a date with him.

"A Night in Bohemia" is a musical farce comedy for which about 125 people will be required. Singing and dancing choruses of both sexes and all ages will be used and the drilling of these will be taken up at once.

Mr. Love met last night with the committee, R. E. Chloupek, Lou Steinhilber, J. H. Estes, R. W. Fletcher and L. D. Drake and made out a list of his requirements. He wants 30 little girls and 30 high school girls, 30 young ladies and 30 men for a male chorus. He wants to enlist all of the leading soloists of the city and all of the best acting talent.

Clive Cheshire, who has made hits before in Elk plays, has already been cast in the role of the leading man, "Edmund Keene," and the other parts will be assigned soon. Wives, daughters, sweethearts and friends of Elks will be invited to join in the making of a success of the attraction.

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DARING PLOT TO CAPTURE VESSEL DOES NOT WORK

Ernest Schiller is Arrested After Attempting to Seize British Steamer Single Handed.

PALS FAIL TO SUPPORT HIM

Four Men as Stowaways Were to Spring Out at Signal and Overpower the Officers and Crew of the Chinese Ship; Daring Adventurer May Have to Hang.

LEWES, Del., March 31.—A daring plot to capture the 6000 ton British steamer Matopoo with a valuable cargo and take her to sea was revealed by Ernest Schiller who was overpowered after holding up the ship's commander and attempting to seize the vessel single handed. Four others, it was said, conspired with him.

The four, as stowaways, were to spring out at a signal, overpower the officers and crew, the Chinese crew. This was to have taken place off Sandy Hook. Schiller's comrades, however, backed out before the vessel cleared Hoboken, so he decided to execute the plan alone. It proved the Matopoo was outside the three-mile limit when the attack occurred. Schiller is a pirate and liable to hanging by the British under the piracy laws.

LITTLE GIRL FALLS OVER 200 FT. CLIFF

Falling over a cliff 200 feet high, little six year old Velma Fletcher, daughter of Robert Fletcher, a McKay creek rancher, had a narrow escape from death Wednesday. As it was she sustained a fracture of the thigh bone and a bad scalp wound besides innumerable bruises. The cliff was not perpendicular for the full distance, else death would have been her fate. She rolled part of the way, bouncing from ledge to ledge. She was brought to Pendleton and Dr. Hattery attended to the injuries. She is at the hospital now and is reported to be improving.

O-W.R. & N. Advances Wages for Trainmen

PORTLAND, Ore., March 31.—Following wage conferences last week, the O-W.R. & N. increase to conductors and brakemen is announced today. The increases total \$39,000 a year. It includes the entire re-arrangement of the wage schedules. The increases range from thirty to ninety cents per day, affecting 750 employees. The agreement has no connection with the demand for a national eight-hour day.

Wheat High Today at Opening of Pit

CHICAGO, March 31.—(Special)—May, opening, \$1.15 1-8, closing, \$1.12 7-8. July, opening, \$1.13 3-8, closing, \$1.12 1-8.

Portland, Ore., March 31.—(Special)—Merchants Exchange prices today, club 50 bid, 55 asked. Bluestem \$1 bid, \$1.05 asked.

Liverpool, LIVERPOOL, March 30.—Wheat—Spot No. 1 Manitoba, 13s 7d; No. 2, 13s 3d; No. 3 red western winter, 11s 8d; No. 2 hard winter, gulf, 11s 4d. In American terms the highest Liverpool price (for Spot No. 1 Manitoba) is \$1.38 per bushel.

Asserts Road Committee is Not Committed to Bond Plan

Pendleton, Ore., March 31. Editor East Oregonian:

Every article bearing the signature of the Good Roads Association favoring the bond issue to build the so-called trunk roads is very misleading. The majority of the individuals of the board do not favor the bonding proposition and are especially against the roads proposed by the Commercial club and the Warren Construction Company. There has been no meet-

American Column Strikes at Villa

Forces Under Colonel Dodd Attack Bandit Leader and His Men, Killing Thirty

EL PASO, March 31.—An unconfirmed report circulated here that Villa, fleeing from Guerrero had murdered several Americans at Minaca, ten miles south, Minaca men and railroad officials are trying to get definite news. Last reports said the Americans at Guerrero were Doctor Stall and men named Locke, Acklin, Hemburg and Herman Blankenburg.

EL PASO, March 31.—The American expedition has clashed with the Villistas near Troulamos, in the Guerrero region, according to a message from Casas Grandes to Consul Garcia, made public this afternoon.

merely grabbed the nearest guns, mounted their horses and fled. A running fight ensued. The battle lasted while the Americans and the Mexicans galloped side by side for ten miles, fighting. At last the bandits separated and fled to the mountains, abandoning a number of Carranzistas who had been taken prisoners in previous encounters.

EL PASO, March 31.—A battle was fought yesterday between the seventh cavalry and the Villista column. According to an official dispatch, 500 Villistas, under Elias Hernandez, were encountered at San Geronimo. The Villistas lost Hernandez and 30 men. Several Americans were wounded. Confirmation was had to the report that Villa was wounded in the last fight with constitutionalists. He is hiding in the vicinity of Guerrero.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The war department received confirmation this afternoon of the report that the Villistas have been badly beaten in a clash with the American expeditionary force. Colonel George Dodd's cavalry struck Villa at six a. m. Wednesday near Guerrero, according to a war department message from the San Geronimo ranch. The dispatch, dated yesterday, was transmitted from Pershing via Funston headquarters. Villa, suffering from a broken leg and other injuries was not in the battle. The Villistas left 36 dead on the field. Others are believed to have been killed. Dodd captured two rapid fire guns, many saddles, horses, ammunition and supplies.

Eugenic Contest and Baby Parade to be Held Here

AFFAIR WILL BE STAGED NEXT MONTH BY PARENT-TEACHERS' CLUB.

A "Better Babies" eugenic contest and baby parade will be held in Pendleton next month under the auspices and direction of the parent-teachers' association of this city, assisted by the various ladies' clubs.

At a meeting yesterday afternoon it was definitely determined to hold the contest and the Thursday and Friday before Easter Sunday, which falls on April 23, were set as the dates for the eugenic show. On the following Saturday, weather permitting, a parade for babies will be held and prizes given.

The contest is to be open to all babies in Umatilla county. Expert scorers from Portland will come up and they will be assisted by local physicians and nurses. Any mother who desires may have her baby scored.

The prizes for appearance in the parade will be divided according to classification. For instance there will be a perambulator class, a four wheeled buggy class, a two wheeled cart class, a Shetland pony class, etc.

The details of the contest have not yet been worked out but all of the essential features, qualifications, plans and prizes will be announced soon.

STUDENTS' GRADES IN THE HIGH SCHOOL ARE HIGHER

The report of the grades of the Pendleton high school students for the second quarter of the semester, read in assembly this morning, showing an increase toward higher standings over the last quarter. A larger percentage of the students have made an average of 90 for the last month than ever before.

Prof. Gambee hopes that by the end of the semester all the students will have averages above the 90 per cent mark.

In the report read this morning the normal class heads the list with an average of 89. The juniors jumped from fourth place last month to second this month with an average of 85; commercial class 84; seniors, 84; freshmen II, 81; freshmen I, 79; sophomores, 79, and irregular students, 72. The seniors had nine with an average of 90 or more, Nellie Sloan receiving the highest, 92; normal class had 8 with Marguerite Straughan receiving 98; commercial had 9, Gladys Bellwell receiving 93; juniors had 12, Nedla Childreth receiving 96; sophomores, 11, Alta Boylen receiving 96; freshmen II, had 9, Helen Miens receiving 96; freshmen I had 4, Georgina Miller receiving 93.

Alta Boylen, a soph, Helen Miens, a freshman II, and Marguerite Straughan, a senior, were all tied for first honors with a grade of 96 and five subjects on their course. There were five who received 95 and 11, 94.

Ten seniors and four juniors fell below 80 per cent.

Many More Young Women Enter the Festival Contest

MISS MURIEL SALING IS LEADING BY NARROW MARGIN OF VOTES.

Nine or ten more young ladies, a number of them from over the county, entered the contest to become Pendleton's candidate for Rose Queen during the past 24 hours and the finish of the contest tomorrow promises to be exciting. Miss Muriel Saling of this city is leading in the contest by a small margin today.

Among the new entrants are Miss Lois Rogers and Miss Nadine Blakeley of this city, Miss Virginia Todd of Hermiston, Miss Laine Webb of Echo, Miss Alta Smith of Pilot Rock, Miss Doris Chesnut of Adams, Miss Olessa Kirkpatrick of Weston, Miss Zola Keen of Athens and Miss Bernice Walker of Stanfield.

The last voting coupons will be in the papers this evening and they must be voted by noon tomorrow. The successful candidate will be announced in the papers tomorrow afternoon. The real state-wide balloting will begin Monday.

CALIFORNIA MILITIA MAY BE CALLED OUT

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 30.—Following repeated that armed Mexicans are infesting the frontier, Sheriff Conklin announced he would ask Governor Johnson to determine if the use of the California militia was advisable.

First Photograph Taken During Battle of Verdun



This is one of the first photographs to reach this country, taken during the terrific battle around Verdun. It shows a French convoy taking machine gun ammunition to the firing line to repel the vigorous German attacks.

Feeding The Troops in Mexico Becoming Hard Problem to Solve



Men of the Sixteenth Infantry are shown here loading supply trains to be moved across the border. On account of the barren territory, the United States punitive expedition in pursuit of Villa and his followers will be forced to depend almost entirely upon supplies and even water rushed from the United States.

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