

COUNTER NEAR YPRES REGAINS PRACTICALLY ALL GROUND LOST YESTERDAY HEAVY GAS ATTACK ON AMERICANS PEASANTS ARE FIRING CROPS IN UKRANIA FURIOUS FIGHTING CONTINUES ALONG AISNE AND FLANDERS

NO TIME FOR SIDE SHOWS

500 Shells in Lorraine Sector Discharged Simultaneously by Electricity.

RESULT UNKNOWN; MEN FORE-WORNED

Three U. S. Flyers Administer Spectacular Defeat to Four Huns.

(FRANK J. TAYLOR.) WITH THE AMERICANS IN LORRAINE, May 28.—The Germans made a heavy gas attack in the Lorraine sector yesterday, losing 500 large phosphorus gas shells, each containing three gallons of liquid phosphorus. The shells were all discharged simultaneously by electricity. The attack result is unknown. The projectiles used were recently brought to this sector and are believed to be part of an outfit used against Toul on May 9. American officers had warned their troops to expect the attack.

WITH THE AMERICANS IN LORRAINE, May 28.—Three American aviators defeated four German airmen in a spectacular battle over the lines, destroying one enemy and driving the others back. The fight raged 15 minutes, the machines constantly maneuvering brilliantly. Just before the Germans fled the wings of one German were entirely shot away. The body dropped like a plummet.

HUN DYING A SLOW DEATH IS ASSERTION

Pendleton Boy Writes Encouraging News From Camp in France.

"I wish I was back on the farm. With a milk pail under my arm. Or just to follow the plow and forget about chow. To eat some pie and chickens and let revellie go to the dickens."

Dear Dad and Mother: Am feeling fine and have gained a little in weight. We can't kick at what we have had to do so far or about our food and quarters. We have the Y. M. C. A. to go to and that's about all. Most of the people wear wooden shoes. France is behind the U. S. in a great many ways but of course the war has made it worse.

We are in a training camp and will soon be out at the front raising hell. Some of the stunts we get at the training camp would make a person wonder how a person could think of such tricks. That's the main thing now,—play a trick on the Hun and trap him. A well trained Yankee can't be beat. I have seen quite a few Huns and every Fritz is a fairly good sized white-headed fellow. They are fellows. That's why they can't use a bayonet. They lack the pep and spirit of an allied soldier. The Tommies and French soldiers have the spirit and pep but we can beat them. The Hun is becoming a poorer marksmen with his cannon every day of the war. While the French are wonders with their artillery, so are we. It takes brains and mathematics to shoot 'em. Fritz shoots so many guns he is bound to be lucky with one of them, but he is dying a slow death and is going to crack one of these days.

"Am going to send a package home tomorrow. It contains some silk souvenirs for mother and Gladys. The ring I sent to Dad didn't cost much but is the kind so many of us wear. (The ring is made of aluminum from a German Zeppelin, with the imprint of an American eagle in bronze)."

"So far there has not been a real test for us but when it does come, I am ready. I have a good stomach and two lungs that can't be beat. I'll run any man in the company a race for as long distance as he wishes. I am taking good care of myself. I am thinking of home and my folks and wife, but right now my duty is over here and don't worry if I don't get to write often. I may be too busy later on."

With lots of love, your son, WAYNE.

NEW DRAFT AFTER JUNE 5. WASHINGTON, May 28.—It is learned that Crowder plans a large draft immediately following the June 5th registration.

Uprising Throughout Country Reported; Forests and Machinery Destroyed.

GERMAN ARTILLERY TURNED ON TOWN

Inhabitants of Mirgored Use Artillery and Defeat Enemy.

MOSCOW, May 28.—Peasants are reported to be uprising throughout Ukraine, burning crops, forests and machinery. German artillery shelled towns in Duren, Krementz, Epriatine and Mirgored. The latter's inhabitants defeated the Germans, using artillery and machine guns.

RAILROAD MEN NOT SATISFIED WITH RAISE

Claim It Means Little or No Increase Over Present Wages.

While late newspaper stories concerning the rise given railroad men look good on the face, it is said that local employees are very much dissatisfied, declaring that the increase will amount to little or nothing. This is because all increases now ordered will be determined according to a percentage scale based on pay received in December, 1915, and any increases which have been allowed within that time will be deducted. In many cases, rises in pay in the last two and one half years are about equal to the increases now approved, and consequently, these employees will get little or no more.

However, one of the principal duties of the new wage board is to correct just such situations and it is hoped a better arrangement will be made. The new board's creation was suggested by the railroad wage commission. In no cases are wages to be reduced.

There will probably be a number of employees to get bona fide increases, and for many of these there will be back pay since January 1. There are over 200 men affected here and at Elletts.

LIGHTNING STRIKES CHEMICAL PLANT

WILMINGTON, May 28.—Lightning struck a nitro-glycerine mill at the Repanno chemical plant. Three tons of nitro-glycerine exploded, tearing a huge crater in the ground. The mill was not in operation and none were injured. Several buildings were destroyed. The loss was \$75,000.

W. W. GREEN, OF ECHO NAMED AS COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, YOUNG GOING TO PORTLAND

W. W. Green, superintendent of the schools at Echo, has been named as county superintendent to succeed Superintendent I. E. Young who goes to Portland to engage in the realty business. Mr. Green is now at the county superintendent's office but his appointment does not go into effect until Saturday. Mr. Young will leave for Portland as he is to enter upon his duties there June 15. He will have an office in the Northwestern Bank Building.

Mr. Green, now superintendent, is a school man of much experience. He is 35 years old. He was educated in the public schools of Indiana, taking two years of collegiate work at Hanover. He afterwards graduated from

STATE OF SIEGE DECLARED IN AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN PROVINCES

ROME, May 28.—The situation in Bohemia and other Slavonic portions of Austro-Hungary is getting worse.

KAISER USES CONVICTS NOW AS SOLDIERS

WASHINGTON, May 27.—As an indication of the effort being made by Germany to meet the strain on her man-power, convict battalions are being formed, according to a dispatch received by the State Department today, quoting a neutral newspaper.

Other drastic measures, including the stripping or mutilation factories of men and the substitution of women, children and prisoners, and the moving of troops from the garisons along the Dutch frontier and from the Rumanian front to the west have been inaugurated.

University of Oklahoma and on coming to Oregon took post graduate work at the University of Oregon. He taught for eight years in Washington and has been teaching for six years in Umatilla county, three years as superintendent at Echo and three years at Tam-a-lum. Mr. Green is a married man but they have no children.

On resigning as county superintendent, Mr. Young quits the teaching profession after a career of 25 years in that work. His friends generally regret his resignation and intended departure. Mr. Green was recommended as successor and the appointment was made by the county court.

RAID BLOCKED. PARIS, May 28.—Another attempted air raid over Paris was apparently blocked by good defense late last night. The alarm was sounded at 10:45. "All clear" was sounded an hour later. No airplanes passed over the city.

declared Austrian dispatches. They report a state of siege declared in several provinces.

HOT ASHES CAUSE OF FIRE AT HEPNER

Flames in Business District Causes Loss of \$25,000.

HEPNER, Or., May 28.—Damage amounting to approximately \$25,000 was caused here yesterday afternoon by fire which started from a box of hot ashes in the rear of the opera house building.

Dick Johns, of Monument, who recently engaged in the garage business in this city, was badly burned about the face and head and is in a serious condition. R. G. Sigbee, who conducted a photograph studio in the second floor of the opera house and Oscar Otto music store proprietor, were in the studio when the fire started and were cut off from the stairway. They were rescued from the high window with difficulty. They sustained slight burns and were almost overcome by heat and smoke.

A wind storm prevailed during the fire and had the wind not changed from the northwest into the east the entire town probably would have been wiped out.

Losses, as nearly as can be estimated, follow: Opera House, \$500; Miller & Company, warehouse, \$2500; City Hall, library and hose house, \$2500; M. & M. building, restaurant and lodging, \$1500; Clyde Wells, garage and warehouse, \$1500; Frank Roberts, skating rink, used as warehouse, \$2500; W. T. McRobert, \$250; Henry Schwartz, barn and icehouse, \$500; Luther Huston, residence, \$250; Mrs. Maryott, residence, \$2500; Claude Coates, residence, \$1000; Shelly Baldwin, residence, \$2000.

The property was only partially insured. Frank Roberts, who formerly owned the skating rink building, sold it last Saturday and the door was ready to be delivered this evening. He had no insurance.

Government Will Pay Tax on Wheat Held For Account March 1

Taxes will be collected by this county on wheat held in warehouses for the government on March 1 and if later on it is decided the county has no right to such tax money the amount will be returned.

Mr. strain, assessor, is sending out notices to farmers having wheat asking them to report as to who holds the wheat March 1. In the letter he reprints a letter he sent to M. H. Houser, making inquiry as to who shall pay the taxes and gives also Mr. Houser's reply. In his answer Mr. Houser says he instructed the firms holding wheat for the government account to pay the taxes, taking receipts showing the money to have been paid on government account. This was done in Washington to prevent delays, some assessors were causing in the shipment of wheat on which taxes had not been paid.

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ENEMY REPULSED IN NORTH; AISNE LINE DRAWS BACK UNTIL REINFORCEMENTS REACH FRONT

(William Phillip Simms) WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES, May 28.—British and French troops are counter attacking southwest of Ypres. The fighting is still underway. When this was cabled the Franco-British forces had already retaken practically all of the ground won by the enemy yesterday.

There is stupendous gas shelling. The Germans are delivering a perfect storm of these shells, thus creating pockets of heavy vapor which require only occasional methodical "feeding." They have smothered considerable area by this method, but a proof of its failure was given when the French retook practically all the territory lost yesterday, when the Germans wedged past Dickenbusch lake through two woods.

The counter attack captured both woods with a ridge which the Germans overran. A group of German machine gunners on this ridge refused to surrender, fighting devilishly all day long until the French stormed them toward evening. Heavy gassing occurs also in the Amiens region and along the Aisne height where there is heavy fighting.

LONDON, May 28.—The Germans are still pressing their offensive today on both the Aisne and Flanders fronts.

After forcing their way across the Aisne at various points on a 14 mile sector between Vailly and Berry-au-Bac last night, the enemy was attacking furiously along the entire Aisne front this morning.

The French war office declared the Franco-British are greatly outnumbered on the Aisne front, but reserves are arriving behind the Aisne plateau.

On the Flanders front the fighting is centering east of Dickenbusch lake where the French repulsed the Germans yesterday.

Haig said: "The enemy exerted continuous pressure against the British on the Aisne front throughout yesterday. Severe fighting is still continuing. On the right the twenty first division, maintaining contact with the French held its battle position all day long. On the center and left, the eighth, fifteenth and twenty fifth divisions, in determined resistance, maintained the second line until a late hour."

The French war office said: "The Germans, aided by the arrival of new forces, have crossed the Aisne between Vailly and Berry-au-Bac. The Franco-British are facing very superior numbers but are drawing back progressively."

Correspondent Wood reported that American troops which have occupied the Chemin-des-Dames sector recently are replaced by British. He said the offensive has not developed sufficiently to determine whether the attack between Soissons and Rheims is the principal attack or a covering operation for a real attack farther north.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Allied reserves arriving at the Soissons front were thrown into action, British officials are informed.

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60 LIONS AND TIGERS WITH BARNES SHOW THIS SEASON

Al. G. Barnes' big four ring wild animal circus arrived in Pendleton today in 48 cars.

It is probably the greatest aggregation of wild animal talent known to the circus world.

There are 60 lions and tigers with the Barnes show, scores of leopards and panthers, elephants and camels, all trained to take part in acts of their own.

The parade this morning was more than a mile long. The trainers, mostly women, some of them mere girls, rode in the cage with their beasts.

The afternoon performance of the circus was replete with thrills. There were 45 acts, series on series of sensational surprises.

An outstanding feature of the show was the work of a woman animal trainer, Miss Venus Fashion who enters a den of 20 lions and placed her head in one of their mouths.

Another was the work of Miss Mabel Stark with a group of royal bengal tigers. She wrestled one of them unharmed.

Miss Martha Florine, who was kidnapped by her leopards in Oklahoma last year is working the same group this year.

Barnes has secured the services of Miss Vera Earle, former star of the Boston Opera Company, known in the circus world as the prima donna of the white tops.

Col. Frederick Cummings of California, last of the government's famous Indian scouts and frontier fighters, is with the show this year.

The wild animal acts are staged in a steel barred arena in the center of the circus' big top.

Another performance will be given tonight. The doors to the big top will open at 7 o'clock to permit the public of Pendleton to visit the big menageries of the circus.

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