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OREGON WEATHER Tonight and Thursday, generally fair; westerly winds.

BIG YEAR FOR MINES. The accomplishment of the mining industry in the six-month period just completed warrants the forecast that 1916 is to be a record-breaking year.

Summarizing the special reports which are now being made public, Director Smith continues his review: The returns for six months furnish a basis for the belief that 1916 will set up a new record for the soft coal mines.

The Portland cement industry has had a busy six months and the manufacturers are optimistic. It is predicted that in both production and shipments of cement this year will show a gain over last year.

Among the metals copper is continuing the steady increase in production which began early last year, and the forecast for 1916 indicates not only the largest output ever known but also the largest profits.

Most precious metal mines are operating at full capacity. The gold production will probably fall below the high yield of last year, but silver, the one metal last to benefit by the general domestic prosperity, is expected this year to break all previous records.



and the output of both copper and gold promises to exceed that of last year.

Grants Pass distributed her favors upon the Fourth of July this year, many going to Crescent City and to the celebrations in the Illinois valley and other points around the country.

PROGRESSIVES ON G. O. P. COMMITTEE

New York, July 5.—Six of the 17 members of the republican executive committee to direct the coming campaign for the election of Charles E. Hughes will be progressives it was understood about political headquarters here today.

With this step toward further placating the former bull moosers and presenting a united front in the fight against President Wilson understood to be assured, the first campaign efforts are expected to be exerted in Maine, where a state election will be held in September.

At democratic headquarters it was learned that National Chairman McCormick is also laying his lines for the opening battle in Maine and it is evident that the first flood of oratory from both sides will start in that section.

WORLD'S RICHEST WOMAN IS BURIED

Bellows Falls, Vt., July 5.—The body of the world's richest woman, Mrs. Hetty Green, was buried here shortly after noon today with most simple ceremony. Under a plain granite shaft, which is inscribed with only the family name, the woman financier's body rests beside that of her husband, who died 14 years ago.

MANY NEW YORK BABIES DYING

New York, July 5.—The epidemic of infantile paralysis in Brooklyn and New York today assumed the proportions of one of the most serious problems the health authorities have been called upon the meet in years in the saving of human lives.

Seventy new cases of children suffering from the disease were reported up to noon. This is the largest number of new cases reported in a single day to date. Seven additional deaths were reported, all in Brooklyn. A total of 157 new cases were reported to the health department during the last 48 hours and of this number 48 were in Brooklyn.

The total number of deaths reached 35 at noon, and the total number of cases reported in Greater New York was increased to 617.

Reports reaching the health authorities and city officials today indicated that the parents of upward of 50,000 children were arranging to take them out of New York in an effort to escape the disease. At the same time reports came in of precautionary measures taken by New Jersey cities and other near by towns.

Moving picture theatres are still closed to children and the ban will not be lifted until the disease is stamped out.

Chicago, July 5.—Every baby brought to Chicago from the east today was examined at railway stations by Chicago health authorities searching for traces of infantile paralysis.

Determined to prevent spread of the epidemic in New York to Chicago, Health Commissioner Robinson planned to place eighteen physicians at work watching trains from New York. There are now only three cases of infantile paralysis in Chicago, Robinson said.

WITHDRAWING GERMAN TROOPS

London, July 5.—The kaiser is withdrawing troops from the Verdun front to meet the supreme offensive of the allies, which continued to gain ground on both sides of the river Somme in last night's fighting.

Dispatches from British headquarters this afternoon announced the appearance of German units from the Verdun battle ground on the front north of the river Somme. The news was regarded as vastly more important than the French and British official statements reporting further gains in most of the fighting last night.

How many German troops have been transferred from Verdun is not yet known. But British military men declared tonight that the allied offensive already has succeeded in one of its objects, the lightening of the German pressure on Verdun. They held that the shifting of troops from that all-important German offensive indicates a shortage of German reserves and a realization by the Germans of the grave menace of the present allied offensive.

Statements from the German, British and French war offices this afternoon agreed that the allied drive was resumed on a great scale last night with heavy fighting on both sides of the Somme. The French made progress on both banks of the river, pushing eastward and capturing German trenches past Curlu, on the north, and advancing to within less than three miles of Peronne, their immediate objective, in heavy fighting south of the river. The French war office announced the capture of the Sormont farm (position)

four miles north of Peronne and south of the Somme. Sir Douglas Haig, British commander in chief, reported at 2 p. m. today that the British have captured further important enemy positions in heavy fighting between the Ancre and the Somme. Press dispatches from British headquarters carried the additional word that German counter-attacks at Thiepval were repulsed this morning. The German war office this afternoon issued only a brief statement on the allied offensive, announcing only that violent fighting continues on both sides of the Somme.

POLITICAL DISSENSION IN IDAHO MILITIA

Boise, July 5.—Any war that the United States may have on its hands must wait on the settlement of a seniority question in the Idaho militia organization. The Idaho guardsmen are all ready to move to the Mexican border, and would be en route today except for a little political difference.

Governor Alexander appointed the state's adjutant-general, H. U. Crow, to be lieutenant-colonel of the Second Infantry. The job of lieutenant-colonel is just a step above that of major, and there were three majors aspiring to the position. So the three majors went to the supreme court and got an injunction preventing Lieutenant Max Garber, federal mustering-in officer, from mustering Crow into the government service as a lieutenant-colonel. They contended the governor appointed Crow illegally.

The supreme court will decide the case Friday.

Letterheads at the Courier.

FRENCH ADVANCE NEAR PERONNE

Paris, July 5.—French troops advanced their lines to within less than three miles of the city of Peronne, one of the immediate objectives of the great allied offensive, in a resumption of the fighting on a large scale north and south of the Somme last night.

The French war office today announced not only the capture of Sormont farm, south of the Somme, and across the river from the village of Clerly, but also an advance on a front of nearly three miles south of the farm.

German positions from the farm itself to a height nearly three miles south of the river on the Flaucourt-

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Barleux road fell into the hands of the highway leading south from the French. By the capture of these positions the French not only straightened their front south of the Somme but pressed slightly closer to Peronne. North of the Somme the French drove eastward from Curlu toward



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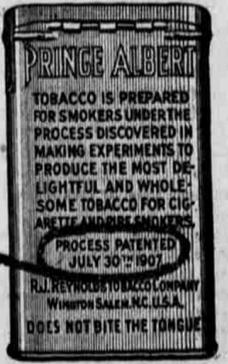
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