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TWENTY SEVEN HUN AIRMEN ARE DOWNED

GERMANS FIND ACTIVE RESISTANCE ALL ALONG WESTERN FRONT LINE

ADVANCE MADE ON FRENCH LINE

British Troops Make Successful Raid—Heavy Artillery Fight in Progress

London, May 11.—Whatever move the Germans may be preparing for on the western battle front, they are finding an active and alert foe confronting them.

The French official statement, in particular, fairly bristles with accounts of intensive artillery and raiding activities and more important minor thrusts against the Germans in various sectors. In addition, the latest British aviation report indicates such thorough command of the air that in one day's fighting 27 German machines were brought down while the British losses were only six machines.

French troops figures in the most telling strokes delivered by the infantry last night, both in Flanders and south of the Somme.

In the former area an operation was carried out which advanced the French line somewhat in the region east of Loere, an important holding point against flanking operations directed at Mont Rouge.

British troops made a successful raid near Merville, to the west of this area.

On the southern battlefield, while carrying out several raids, the French bit into the German line on the front between Montdidier and Noyon. An appreciable gain of ground was made here northwest of Orvillers Sorel, seven miles southwest of Montdidier.

Paris, May 11.—Heavy artillery fighting is in progress below Amiens in the region of Grivesnes and Mailly Haineval, it is reported.

The French have gained ground on the southern side of the Picardy front near Orvillers and Sorel, southeast of Montdidier.

Along the front to the north there were scattered engagements during the day, notably at Aveluy wood, north of Albert, where the contending armies are striving for strategic ground. There were also small operations in the Kemmel hill front, southwest of Ypres.

ADMINISTRATOR OF WAR LABOR ACTIVITIES NAMED

Washington, May 11.—Secretary of Labor Wilson has named the appointment of Felix Frankfurter of Harvard university, as administrator of war labor activities.

BOY SCOUTS HAVE GOOD RECORD IN CAMPAIGN

In the third Liberty loan campaign the Boy Scouts acted as "cleaners after the harvest," and as their work was done after all other collectors had completed their campaigns the amount and number of bond sales they made is not as large as if they had been permitted to work from the beginning of the campaign.

The sales of the Boy Scouts of this city amounted to \$7,000, including small sales made by the scoutmaster and his assistant.

Tom McKinstry leads with \$2,100; Harold Lundbark second with \$1,650; Ernest Calhoun, \$1,100; Newell McKinstry, \$850; Norris Clement and Ralph Bobzien, \$550 each; George Riddle, \$100; Buford Wardrip, \$50 and Waldo Baker \$20.

JOSEPHINE CO. QUOTA \$5,000

Second Red Cross Drive Opens Monday, May 20, and Continues For One Week

The Josephine county's war fund executive committee has apportioned \$3,000 to Grants Pass and \$2,000 to the balance of the county.

The amounts assigned to each district or town as follows:

Holland, \$250; Williams, \$250; Waldo and Taklima, \$250; Wilderville, \$250; Kerby, \$150; Murphy, \$150; Selma, \$150; Merlin and Galilee, \$150; Leland and Piacer \$100; Hugo, \$100; Provolt, \$100; Wolf Creek, \$75; Missouri Plat, \$75.

In the various districts where there are Red Cross auxiliaries, the chairman of the auxiliary has appointed a branch war fund chairman and two others to solicit their quota. Where there are no auxiliaries, separate committees are being appointed. It is expected that all solicitors in the Red Cross drive, both in the town and country, will start out early Monday morning, May 20, and complete the Red Cross drive by Tuesday night. It is believed that the quota assigned to each town or district is reasonable and it is expected that each district will go over the top by Tuesday night.

VALLEY MAN IS ENDORSED

If President Wilson has sufficient confidence in the ability of Will H. Hornbrook to appoint him to the important post of United States minister to Siam, the Oregon democracy can make no mistake in making him the choice of the party for democratic national committeeman. To take any other course might be regarded as a repudiation of the president.—Oregon City Courier.

FREIGHT WRECK FRIDAY PUTS CARS IN DITCH

Six loaded freight cars were ditched Friday afternoon at about 4:30 when a flange on one of the cars composing extra west bound freight, broke about four miles east of this city. No one was hurt but traffic was delayed more than 16 hours. Passenger trains No. 54 and 16, northbound, due here at 6:50 and 7:20 did not arrive until about 3 o'clock a. m. Saturday morning.

One refrigerator car loaded with hogs of corpa was demolished and a refrigerator car loaded with miscellaneous, and government shipments was overturned and badly demolished. Two loads of lumber were overturned and the lumber scattered along the right-of-way, and a load of piling covering two flat cars was overturned. While the track was not torn up the roadbed and ties were left in bad condition.

The wreckers from Ashland and Roseburg cleared the track.

This is the third freight wreck which has occurred near Grants Pass in the past few weeks. The overloading of cars is supposed to be responsible.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR ESTERLY AND WIFE

George M. Esterly, of Waldo, on Friday just missed plunging over a bank into Slate creek with his automobile, in which were also Mrs. Esterly, a Japanese with wife and baby. Mr. Esterly noticed an unusual sound and a little difficulty in steering the machine and was just turning off to the side of the road after crossing the Slate creek bridge, beyond Waters Creek, to investigate the cause, when the front wheel on the side next the creek came off. Had the machine been traveling at high speed nothing could have prevented a serious accident.

HARBOR NOT COMPLETELY OBSTRUCTED

BRITISH CRUISER "VINDICTIVE" LIES AT ANGLE OF 45 DEGREES ACROSS INLET

CAUSES SERIOUS BLOCKADE

Action of Tides Expected to Further Fill Harbor Entrance With Silt and Hamper Navigation

London, May 11.—It is declared on unquestionable authority that the sunken cruiser Vindictive lies in the neck of the channel at the entrance to Ostend harbor at an angle of about 45 degrees. It is obvious that a vessel 300 feet long lying at this angle does not effectively block a channel some 320 feet wide, but a very useful purpose has been served.

A partial and serious blockade has been achieved and under the conditions of tide and rapid silt prevailing on the Belgian coast the obstruction will certainly tend to increase. It is not claimed that the sunken cruiser will prevent the egress of submarines or entirely stop that of destroyers. However, it will materially hamper both, and that is important. German light craft will not be able, when pursued by British forces, to rush full speed into the harbor as they have done heretofore.

The entire operation was carried out on similar lines to the raid of April 23, when concrete laden cruisers were sunk in the harbor of Zeebrugge, the most important German submarine base. For the second time in a month a smoke screen was used successfully.

The German Statement

Berlin, May 11.—The British attempt to blockade the harbor of Ostend was a failure, according to an official statement issued today. An old cruiser entirely battered to pieces lies aground before the harbor outside the navigation channel, and the entrance to the harbor is quite free.

Chicago, May 11.—The Willard-Fulton scrap scheduled for July 4 has been called off it was announced here today.

GREAT NAVY AND ADEQUATE ARMY IS GUARANTEE OF NATIONAL SECURITY

Captain Richard P. Hobson's arrival in this city adds one more to the long list of distinguished men who have been the guest of our citizens. He was welcomed by prominent men and will be fittingly entertained while here.

Captain Hobson expresses himself in vigorous and plain language on the great question of America's part in the military life of the world.

He said in part:

"It is a cause for national congratulation that the object lesson of the great war has at last brought home to the American people a realization of the vital and fundamental importance of making adequate provision for self preservation. All living things, even in the plant kingdom must make such provision; much less can a great nation hope to escape the law. In nature, the animal that cannot fight must be able to hide or run. The American nation can neither hide nor run; it must be able to fight. In civilized society there are two general means of self preservation; the first and primitive one is that of individual self defense. The latter is obviously to be preferred wherever it can be realized and we should make it axiomatic in our national defense

WAR CABINET WELCOMES U.S. SOLDIER BOYS

THREE BATTALIONS OF AMERICANS PARADE THROUGH THE LONDON STREETS

1,300,000 ACROSS BY JUNE

All Soldiers Boarding Transports Now Fully Equipped With Machine Guns and Cannon

London, May 11.—Troops of the national army of the United States arrived in London this morning for a parade through the principal streets. There was a regiment of three battalions in line. The men were brought in from a nearby camp. Large crowds cheered them in the streets and they were reviewed by King George and Ambassador Page.

The Americans came through the archway of the Horseguard's parade into Whitehall to begin the march through the west end streets and thence to the embassy and Buckingham palace. Members of the war cabinet including Premier Lloyd George, Chancellor Bonar Law, Viscount Milner and J. Austen Chamberlain, came out on the balcony at the war office and watched the scene with interest.

Washington, May 11.—More than 1,300,000 men have been called in the draft and are either in France or in camp under call to go across before June 1.

It is expected that the army will have a full strength of over 3,000,000 within the year. Some officers say the number will be closer to 5,000,000.

Washington, May 11.—Although the American troops are going over seas in large numbers the ordnance department has been able to keep up with the new program and every soldier who boards a transport is fully equipped.

Artillery and machine guns already are in France in sufficient quantities for immediate needs, the ordnance bureau announced today.

policy that America will continually encourage, promote and indeed take the leadership of the world in hastening the day when the nations collectively through adequate international organization will provide effective means in providing each individual nation in its rights and vital interests and in settling the differences that arise between nations by regular recourse to the processes of law founded upon fundamental principles of justice.

"It is not inconceivable that the advanced nations might develop ultimately a constitution somewhat analogous to the constitution of the United States which developed the confederation of colonies into the United States of America. Of course, I do not mean to say that in short order we are to expect such a complete development of the international organization but I do say that the physical barriers of distance and space have been practically annihilated and as America, in whose home the various religions, races and nations have mingled, shall lead in the removal of barriers of prejudice, hate and distrust there will be a proportionate growth or evolution of international organization which

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200 MEN WANTED FOR ROAD WORK

Building of High Plateau Road and Improvement of Oregon Mountain

Announcement is made in the advertising columns of today's Courier that 200 men are needed for road work at 50 cents per hour. This announcement should be welcomed by those of this county who are seeking work. Already hundreds have left the county for the northern California mills, the coast, sound and Columbia river shipyards, lured by the promise of big wages, not taking into consideration the equally high cost of living at the industrial centers.

The men are needed for work near Monumental in constructing a road leading from High Plateau to connect with the old Wimer road, a distance of seven miles, and in repairing the Wimer road a distance of eight miles, to the Crescent City road on the Oregon mountain. There are now 50 men at work and with a full crew it is hoped to complete the work by June 15. Then the men will be put at other work.

This road will make available the shipping of 3,000 tons of chrome ore, or 600 carloads, and whether the ore comes to Grants Pass or is sent via Crescent City will depend on the condition of the Oregon mountain road.

The company operating the High Plateau property is under the direction of Martin Udell, who is in the city for a few days. He states that they have under contract 14 auto trucks for ore hauling. Some of the trucks being special narrow gauge trucks for mountain roads. The company he represents is the heaviest shippers of commercial minerals such as chrome, magnesite, manganese, tungsten, etc., in the United States.

BORG LUM DENIES PLAN TO ORGANIZE COMPANY

New York, May 11.—Gutzon Borglum, accused of having sought secretly to capitalize his friendship with President Wilson by undertaking to promote a private airplane company, issued a formal statement today denying "any connection now or at any other time with any airplane production company or any plan to organize such a company." He declared further that the war department had "systematically directed the opposition" to investigation of aircraft production in which a "billion dollars in 11 months had provided us with no planes," and charged that "every subterfuge had been resorted to to gain time."

RUSSAINS RETAKE CITY

London, May 11.—The Russians have recaptured Rostov from the Germans and Ukrainians, it is reported.

FOUR JERSEYS KILLED BY PASSENGER TRAIN

Passenger train No. 16, which should have passed through this city at 7:20 p. m. Friday, but was delayed by the freight wreck until about 3 a. m. Saturday morning ran into a band of high grade 2-year-old Jersey heifers a few miles west of the city, killing two of the animals instantly and so badly injuring two others that they had to be killed. Four of the heifers belonged to J. E. Hair and one to A. Bartlett. They were being pastured in the Bartlett field along the railroad right-of-way and it is stated that they got onto the track through a defective fence.

Mr. Hair has put in a claim to the Southern Pacific for \$200, and Mr. Bartlett's loss is from \$40 to \$50.

ONE ROBBER OF BULLION IS CAPTURED

ROBERT W. DEWITT DESEITED BY COMPANION FORCED TO WORK—IS RECOGNIZED

NO BULLION IS RECOVERED

Sheriff Lewis Secures Robber at Yreka and Howard Money is Paid by Young Boswell

Robert W. DeWitt, one of the robbers who held up R. Boswell and his son Robert Jr. at their placer mine near Holland May 2, has been captured and is now confined in the Josephine county jail awaiting examination. DeWitt was apprehended on Thursday at a mine about half way between Yreka and Happy Camp, where he had stopped to secure work. From descriptions of the robbers which had been sent broadcast from the sheriff's office men working at the mine suspected DeWitt and went to Yreka, 40 miles, in order to telephone to Sheriff Lewis for further details. The sheriff was positive they had the right man and gave instructions to arrest him without delay.

Sheriff Lewis and Deputy Sheriff Lister, with Robert Boswell Jr. left Thursday night for Yreka and returned Friday night with the prisoner, who when arrested had a 20-30 automatic rifle and an automatic pistol.

From the story of DeWitt, who admits the crime, a story of duplicity and treachery is revealed, as well as the details of a well planned holdup, which resulted in the theft of \$6,000 in gold bullion.

According to the story, DeWitt and his partner went to Waldo for the express purpose of robbing the Esterly mine. They camped in the hills overlooking the mine for a few days, and for a day his partner watched operations at the mine through a glass, but decided that the plan was not practical. They

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OREGON BOY IN LIST OF THOSE WOUNDED SLIGHTLY

Washington, May 11.—The casualty list for Friday contained 69 names—eight killed in action, four died of wounds, seven from accidents, four from disease.

Clemie Atkinson of Denmark, Ore., is listed among the slightly wounded.

AVIATORS BURNED AT FLORIDA FLYING FIELD

Pensacola, Fla., May 11.—Richard McCala, of Toledo, Ohio, student aviator, was burned to death, and George Henderson of Pawtucket, was badly burned when their airplane fell to earth.

MUST CLOSE PLANT OR RAISE GAS RATES

Salem, Ore., May 11.—George H. Eckhart of San Francisco, manager of the Oregon Gas & Electric company, which furnishes gas to Medford, Grants Pass and Roseburg, has asked the public service commission, to be allowed, either to discontinue operation of its gas plant, or to increase rates to meet the rise of 25 cents a barrel in the cost of oil. He states the residents of Roseburg and Grants Pass have signified their intention of acceding to an increased gas rate but that late additional increases in oil would impose a still additional charge of from eight to nine cents. He asks the commission either to close the plant or order the new rates, stipulating rates would be automatically lowered when the price of oil dropped.