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FRENCH TAKE PRISONERS IN MONTDIDIER

BRITISH REGAIN FOOTING IN VILLAGE OF BIGNY—INFLECT HEAVY LOSSES

ALLIED ARMY RECAPTURE TORCY

German Officers Refuse to Admit That American Forces Are on Their Front Lines

Paris, June 7.—The French took prisoners today west of Noyon and north of the Montdidier sector. In local operations north of the Aisne, the village of Le-Port west of Fontenoy on the Marne, Hill No. 204, and the village of Vinly were captured by the French. The British regained a footing at the village of Bigny and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

With the American Army in France, June 7.—The Americans fighting with the French pushed back the tip of the salient today recapturing Torcy and are disputing the possession of Bousches and Boursches in an advance of over two miles along a front of almost three miles in length.

The German prisoners say that their officers refuse to admit that the Americans are on their front.

The enemy claims that they have captured 55,000 prisoners since May 27, and have taken 656 guns and 2,600 machine guns.

CALIFORNIA MEN TO TRAIN AT CORVALLIS

Corvallis, June 7.—A group of 247 enlisted men from California will come to the Oregon Agricultural college for training in auto mechanics, carpentry, blacksmithing and wireless. They will be in command of a military officer and devote two hours a day to military drill. Their work will be completed August 15, when a new unit of 500 men will begin a like course. New barracks and mess halls will have to be erected to care for the extra men during regular college work, which will not be affected by the army training.

MORE STRESS LAID ON OPEN WARFARE TRAINING

Washington, June 7.—American troops in training at home are being especially schooled now in preparation for the forward movement of the allied armies expected to follow the ultimate crushing of Germany's offensive power. It was learned today that orders have been issued to division commanders to lay greater stress upon training for open warfare, and reduce the time devoted to teaching trench specialties.

ALLIES DESTROYED 60% OF HUN U-BOATS

Washington, June 7.—Senator Swanson, acting chairman of the naval committee, after conferring with the naval heads, declared that the allied and American naval forces have destroyed 60 per cent of all the German submarines constructed and have cut the allied shipping losses in half.

CLASSES IN DRAFT UNDER REVISION

Local Boards Show Low Average in Class One—Half Million Men Will Be Changed

Washington, June 7.—General revision of classification under the draft act was started today by Adjutant General Crowder, who telegraphed the governors of all the states ordering investigations to determine the reason for the small number in class one in some localities.

Some boards show an average for this class of far below the national average of 28.7 per cent. Some have even fallen as low as 19 per cent and Adjutant General Crowder said that thousands are now in class four who should be in class one or two.

It is expected that the rearrangements will bring over half a million men into class one. Cases where the registrants have married after the passing of the draft act will be carefully considered.

EDITORIAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN WEST

Portland, June 7.—Next year the National Editorial association will hold its annual convention in the Pacific northwest, visiting and holding its sessions in turn in British Columbia, Washington and Oregon. Definite information to this effect was received yesterday afternoon by W. J. Hoffman, director and commissioner of the Pacific Northwest Tourist association, from Herbert Cuthbert, secretary, who is now in Little Rock, Ark., attending the present session of the National Editorial association.

Favorable action was taken by the convention following the presentation of invitations to visit the international Pacific northwest, made by the Pacific Northwest Tourist association and by representatives of the editorial associations of British Columbia, Oregon and Washington.

E. E. Brodie, of Oregon City, past president of the Oregon Editorial association, accompanied Mr. Cuthbert to Little Rock and presented an invitation on behalf of the press of this state.

10,000 SHELLS DAILY FROM ONE PLANT FOR YANKES

Chicago, June 7.—Plans for the immediate construction of a \$6,500,000 plant for the production of heavy shells for the ordnance department of the United States army were announced today by the association of commerce. The plant will employ 5,000 men and will have an output of 10,000 shells a day.

RUSSIA GIVES FLEET TO HUN GOVERNMENT

Paris, June 7.—M. Tchitcherine, the Russian Bolshevik foreign minister, has sent a wireless dispatch to Ambassador Joffe in Berlin, according to a dispatch received by the Havas agency from Moscow, announcing that the Bolshevik government is ready to surrender the Russian Black sea fleet to Germany on condition that the warships be restored to Russia after peace has been declared and that the Germans refrain from using the vessels. The conditions also stipulate that the German invasion of Russia shall come to an end.

HILLSBORO AND McMINNVILLE WANT GRANGE CONVENTION

Salem, June 7.—Hillsboro and McMinnville are expected to be the strongest bidders of the next state grange convention.

YANKEE MARINES MAKE SECOND ATTACK ON HUNS

Americans Hold Firmly on Banks of Marne—Fighting With Machine Guns From Chateau Thierry They Continue to Hold Crossing—Enemy is Outgamed in Battle

With the American Forces on the Marne, June 7.—The American Marines began their second attack on the German lines late yesterday afternoon, capturing the village of Torcy and driving their way into Boursches, northwest of Chateau Thierry. This morning they held Torcy in the face of repeated counter attacks and pushed the Germans back through the streets of Boursches, virtually attaining all the objectives of the attack. The American artillery was magnificent.

The American plan did not include the taking of Torcy but the Marines swept in and drove out the enemy. The one point where the objectives were not reached was on the right of an attack in the Belleau woods and the fiercest fighting is continuing there. The American troops inflicted terrific casualties on the enemy, using bayonets freely against the Germans who attempted to make a stand in the streets of Boursches. The Germans surrendered right and left.

With the American Army on the Marne, June 7.—The Americans now hold all the high ground northwest of Chateau Thierry. The marines again attacked at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the battle was still raging late in the evening. The fight started at 3:45 o'clock yesterday morning and the Americans had attained all their objectives by 7:45 o'clock. The Americans have been pressing the Germans so hard that the enemy has been forced to throw three new divisions of his best troops into the line during the three days.

The Americans are like tigers. Their commanders have all they can do to hold the men back. Even the wounded are enthusiastic to fight. A general, discussing the situation, said he was elated by the sight.

The Americans sang and whistled

"Yankee Doodle" and cheered as they went over the top. They made their way swiftly through the German dead that lay strewn in No Man's land. In addition to prisoners, the Americans captured 10 machine guns. German prisoners said they had not been fed for four days, owing to the deadly fire from the French and American guns which prevented the bringing up of supplies. These Germans were without helmets. They were tired of war. They had been told that the British opposed them as their commanders were afraid to let them know that it was the Americans.

The Germans were cleared out of Veuilly wood also. The fiercest fighting was in progress at last reports near Torcy, which lies about two and a half miles east of Veuilly.

The French attack this morning was to straighten out the American line and it was a brilliant performance. In this they were assisted by the American forces. The group of 35 Uhlans, who were mounted, was cleared out.

"Don't let one escape," shouted a big American. All but one was killed. He was captured.

The Americans advanced in a solid phalanx, their strong, determined faces and great physique an inspiration to their gallant French comrades, who now regard them with brotherly affection.

On Tuesday the Americans faced a Saxon division, on Wednesday a guard division, and also a battalion of famous Jaeger sharpshooters. The Americans caught one scouting party of eight sharpshooters and killed all of them.

The battlefield at night presents a lurid picture, with great flashes like lightning racing across the sky. The heavy guns are roaring in the distance like thousands of drums being beaten. Simultaneously the sky is being lighted here and there with

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GERMAN PRISONERS IN RUSSIA ARE DEVELOPING INTO THE GENUS HOBO

London, May 8.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The German war prisoner has become the "hobo" of Russia—an idle, shiftless wanderer, who wants neither to work nor to fight. Many such prisoners, both Germans and Austrians, were encountered at different points in Russia by the members of the American Red Cross mission returning from Rumania. They were never under guard, were usually in small groups, and apparently had no employment or wish for employment. They were without arms and shabbily clad, and always declared emphatically that they had no desire to get back into the German army, nor even any wish to return to Germany until after a general peace was declared.

If the prisoners showed any disposition to organize or even to travel about in marauding bands, they would furnish a serious problem, but under present conditions, they are merely a nuisance.

At a small station north of Volodga, there was a group of about 50 prisoners idling on the station platform, some asleep in the winter sun, some playing cards, others whittling little toys and knick-knacks out of soft wood. The Associated Press correspondent talked with several of them. They were greatly surprised to hear that the United States had

entered the war a year before, and several of them expressed still more surprise at being informed that America was not the ally of Germany.

They had been sent to this part of Russia nearly two years before in a railway construction gang, but had done no work for several weeks. They lived in freight cars and got their food by hook or crook from the villagers.

Some of them declared that they had not had a square meal for many days, and they accepted with genuine gratitude three old loaves of black bread and a few pieces of chocolate which the Americans were able to spare them. As an afterthought, one of the Americans brought out to them the remains of a large round American cheese. It had been purchased in New York City and had accompanied the mission from Vancouver to Yokohama, Moscow and Jassy, serving throughout the Rumanian campaign.

There were several large camps of German prisoners in the far north of Russia, but these had mostly broken up completely since the revolution, owing to difficulties with the food supply. It was said that thousands of German prisoners in these northern camps died of scurvy, which was also prevalent in many of the far northern villages and among the refugees.

U-BOATS BELIEVED WAITING FOR PREY

Sinking of Steamer Harpathian Brings Number of Victims to 14—6 Steamers, 8 Schooners

Washington, June 7.—Officials believe that submarines are now lying in American waters waiting for larger prey in the trans-Atlantic travel route off the Virginia capes. The sinking of the Harpathian brings the victims number up to 14. Six steamers were lost and eight schooners.

Washington, June 7.—Sinking of the British steamship Harpathian 100 miles off the Virginia capes at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning by a German submarine was announced today at the navy department. The entire crew was rescued by the steamer Palmer, which arrived late yesterday in Chesapeake bay. The submarine used a torpedo. One member of the British crew was injured. The Harpathian was a freighter of 2,800 tons net.

Atlantic Port, June 7.—A French armed merchant ship which came in to port today reports an encounter with a German submarine off the Virginia capes.

DENTIST CONVENTION TO BE HELD TOMORROW

The Southern Oregon and Northern California Dental association will hold its convention at Klamath Falls tomorrow.

Dr. W. W. Walker, Dr. Bert R. Elliott and Dr. W. H. Flanagan left today in Dr. Elliott's car to attend the convention. The association will be in session all day tomorrow, closing with an evening meeting which will be open to the public. Among the numbers on the program will be a paper by Dr. Flanagan on local infection. Dr. Elliott will also appear on the program with a clinic demonstration on mandibular conductive anesthesia.

On Sunday the association will be entertained by the Klamath Falls dentists with a picnic at Klamath lake. The representatives from Grants Pass will return home in time for business on Monday morning.

12,209 RIVETS IN ONE DAY

Belfast, June 7.—To drive in 12,209 seven-eighths-inch rivets in nine hours into a standard ship was the feat accomplished at the yards of Workman & Clark here yesterday by John Omir, who last week beat the hour record for the United Kingdom.

In his work Omir drove in more than 1,000 rivets every hour, and on two occasions passed the 1,400 mark. In his best minute he drove 26 rivets.

CUPPER APPOINTED AS WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Salem, June 7.—James T. Chinnock, superintendent of water division No. 1, comprising counties west of the Cascades, has resigned, effective July 15.

Governor Withycombe has announced that he will appoint Percy A. Cupper to succeed Mr. Chinnock. Mr. Cupper is the republican nominee and now assistant state engineer and now a rotary of the District Land Board.

Mr. Chinnock has resigned to take up the practice of law at Grants Pass, having removed to that city from Salem with his family several weeks ago.

Mr. Cupper is considered an authority on irrigation matters and water law and is author of numerous articles widely published in technical magazines.

ROGUE RIVER MAY BE MADE NAVIGABLE

MAIL ROUTE OVER THE MOUNTAINS FROM WEST FORK IS ABANDONED

AUBURY TO HAVE SUPERVISION

Motorboats Are to Be Used for Mail Carriers From Alameda to Mule Creek

The mail route between West Fork and Gold Beach will be abolished July 1, and a new route from Merlin to Gold Beach will be established. J. J. Weersing, of Merlin, who has had the mail contract over the mountains and also has the contract for the new route, proposes to leave Grants Pass in the morning, making the trip to Alameda by auto stage, then by motorboat to Mule creek, then by horse-back to Agness, and again transferring to motorboat for Gold Beach.

Heretofore the mail has gone from Grants Pass to West Fork by train and then over the mountains to Agness, from there to Gold Beach by motor boat. The trail over the mountains is dangerous and often impassable in the winter owing to deep snows, many times holding up the mails for several weeks. The new route will do away with any snow trouble in the winter months.

The government trail from Alameda to Mule creek is said to be in poor shape, and Mr. Weersing proposes to make the river navigable for motorboats from Alameda to Mule creek. This he believes can be done by blasting the riffles in a number of places.

A. Aubury, who is thoroughly familiar with the river and makes the trip to the coast often, thinks the plan a very feasible one. Mr. Weersing, in speaking of the new venture, said, "Mr. Aubury is so positive that the river can be opened up for navigation that he is willing to personally supervise the work."

Mr. Weersing is willing to put \$2,500 in the enterprise himself and hopes to raise the rest by personal subscription. The work will begin immediately.

The opening of Rogue river to motor boat navigation will prove to be a great benefit to the lower country. Excellent fishing country will be opened up and also good deer hunting. Curry county is renowned for its hunting grounds. Bear camp will also be more accessible.

POSSIBILITY OF JAPS TAKING OFFENSIVE

Washington, June 7.—The presence of Austro-German troops in the vicinity of the river Onon in far eastern Siberia as reported in dispatches from Harbin, brings up again the possibilities of offensive action by Japan there, because the seat of the newest activities is near the western boundaries of Manchuria.

SIBERIAN LEADER MAY DISBAND ARMY

Shanghai, China, June 7.—It is reported today that General Semionoff, leader of the anti-Bolshevik Siberian forces, has left the front, which is believed to be due to dissension among the forces. It is reported that he will disband the army and flee to Mongolia.