

THE LICENSE SYSTEM IN ACTION



The saloon gets the money; the people get the drunkenness and the taxpayers foot the bills.

ALLIES STILL TRYING TO OUTFLANK TEUTONS

Terrific Struggle Going On Without Decisive Results For Either Side.

Paris.—A battle of extraordinary severity is raging at the western end of the Anglo-French and German battle line in the region of Noyon, 60 miles to the north of Paris, where the French were striving to outflank General von Kluck's reinforced army. Hand-to-hand fighting between the allies' left and the Germans' right was reported by the military authorities here.

Germany had dashed its first and second lines of reserves against the Franco-British front, it was stated, and General Joffre was heavily reinforcing the allies.

On the eastern end of the fighting line the French officially admit that their line has been forced back by the Germans across the river Meuse near St. Mihiel, a point about 20 miles to the south of the French fortress of Verdun.

The general opinion is that the battle has reached the most critical as well as the most violent phase and that the issue cannot be delayed much longer.

The losses of the last few days on both sides are said to exceed all other engagements of the war. Stories have reached here from Belgium that the Germans, unable to bury their dead on the field, have sent the bodies behind the army by trainload in order to avoid epidemics.

A dispatch to the Petit Parisien from Amsterdam says violent fighting has occurred between the Germans and Belgians at Schooten; four miles east of Antwerp; at Termonde, 16 miles east of Ghent, and at Hofstade, 18 miles east of Ghent. In the latter locality the heavy German artillery became stuck in the mud and the Germans were obliged to retire before the attacks of the Belgians.

It is confirmed, says the dispatch, that the Germans are fortifying Liege.

GERMANS CROSS MEUSE SOUTH VERDUN.

Berlin.—It was officially announced that the Germans have crossed the Meuse river south of Verdun, and that the Bavarian army has occupied the outer works of the fortress Camp des Romains, which forms a part of the St. Mihiel fortifications. It was from the latter point that it became possible to string the pontoons and permit the crossing of the Meuse after a fortnight of the hardest sort of fighting. It is said that a large part of the Bavarian army is already on the west bank of the Meuse, and that the army of the crown prince is moving south from Montfaucou to effect a junction with it.

Kaiser's Fifth Son Ill.

London.—Prince Oscar, Emperor William's fifth son, has been obliged because of heart sickness, to enter a hospital, according to a telegram from Berlin.

AEROPLANE DROPS BOMBS ON PARIS

Paris.—Four bombs were dropped on the city from a German aeroplane Sunday. One missile, exploding in Avenue du Trocadero at the corner of Rue Freyinet, blew the head from the shoulders of a man who was standing on the corner with his daughter, and crippled the child. The other bombs did little damage. It is believed that the first bomb

dropped was intended for the wireless station or the tower, or possibly for the nearby buildings containing army stores. It landed in Avenue du Trocadero, not far from the tower, and the explosion was heard for many blocks.

The houses in the vicinity were badly damaged, many of the walls cracking and windows being shattered. The bomb struck only a block from the American Embassy at No. 5 Rue de Chaillet where Ambassador Myron T. Herrick, who did not accompany the government to Bordeaux, still makes his home.

In the wake of the bomb fluttered a German flag. At the sound of the explosion the promenaders in that section first rushed for shelter, and then, as the airship moved on, they hurried to the scene of the havoc.

GERMANS GAIN AT CENTER

French Bring New Force Up West Bank of Meuse.

Berlin.—The following official statement on the situation in Northern France was received from the headquarters of the German general staff:

"The enemy are using their railroads in a general attack on the extreme end of the right flank of the German army.

"At Bapaume (in Pas de Calais, 14 miles southeast of Arras) an advanced French division was repulsed by a smaller German force.

"In the center of the battle front we have made slight gains.

"The forts under bombardment south of Verdun have withdrawn their fire and our artillery is now engaged with forces which the enemy brought up on the west bank of the Meuse.

"Kamp des Renains, near St. Mihiel, which was taken by the Bavarians, is one of the barrier forts south of Verdun."

Luxemburg Paid in Part for Damages.

Copenhagen.—It is reported here that Germany has already paid to the grand duchy of Luxemburg \$250,000 as partial compensation for the damage resulting from the violation of its neutrality.

Russians Occupy Przemysl.

London.—The Russians occupied the greater part of the city of Przemysl, Galicia, according to a message from Vienna.

BRITISH REPORT IS ISSUED

Facts About Vessels Sunk by German Submarine Are Reported.

London.—The facts concerning the sinking of the British cruisers Aboukir, Hogue and Cressy by a German submarine or submarines in the North Sea with a loss of nearly 60 officers and 1400 men are contained in an admiralty statement.

The reports of Commanders Nicholson, of the Cressy, and Norton, of the Hogue, say that the Aboukir was hit by one torpedo and sank in 35 minutes. Three torpedoes were fired at the Cressy, one of the explosives missing narrowly. She lasted from 35 to 45 minutes. The Hogue was struck twice, 10 to 20 seconds elapsing between the torpedoes, and went under in five minutes.

Drys Gain in Kentucky.

Louisville, Ky.—Nine of 12 Kentucky counties in which local option elections were held voted "dry," according to unofficial returns. Counties voting "dry" were Carroll, Montgomery, Mason, Bell, Boone, Clark, Shelby, Bourbon and Scott. The election leaves 14 of 120 counties in the state "wet."

Agriculture is recognized as the greatest of all industries and a prosperous, progressive and enlightened agricultural population is the surest safeguard of civilization.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Round-up a Great Success Pendleton.—The 1914 Roundup is a thing of the past, which it can safely be said is regretted by all. It has been a wonderful show most wonderfully staged.

The new world champions are: Broncho buster, "Red" Parker; Cowgirl broncho buster, Bertha Blansett; bull dogger, Fred Spain; steer roper, Tommy Grimes; cowboy relay rider, E. A. Armstrong; cowgirl relay rider, Ruth Parton; pony express rider, Fred Spain.

Road Agreement is Filed. Hood River.—The contract between the O. W. R. & N. company and Hood River county for the use of portions of the railroad right of way for the construction of the Columbia Highway was filed here with County Court Clerk Hanson.

The county agrees to finish the highway in three years or relinquish all claim to use of the railroad right of way.

Uniform Road Dragging Urged.

La Grande.—Granges of Union county have started a movement to get uniform dragging of county roads by the King drag system. The county court has purchased many drags. The granges believe that they can educate every farmer who has land abutting a highway to get into the movement and drag his own piece of road at the correct time, with the result that the bad road question will largely have been solved.

Dredging is Discontinued.

Marshfield.—The government dredge Oregon, which has been at work here for some time past, has stopped operations and is to be removed to Gray's Harbor. The government appropriation was exhausted and the dredge has been working on money furnished by the port commission. The government bar dredge Col. P. S. Michie is idle on account of no operative funds, but will remain here.

STATE BANKS ARE LIBERAL

Superintendent's Figures Show Reserve Reductions General.

Salem.—Reports received from 162 state banks and trust companies out of 176 to September 13 by State Superintendent of Banks Sargent show that they are not hoarding money. The report shows that 85 state banks have decreased their reserve percentages and 71 increased them since June 30.

"Judging from the figures in my possession," said Mr. Sargent, "it does not appear that the charges made by Secretary McAdoo against national banks in certain districts apply to the Oregon state banks to any extent. Out of 162 institutions 93, in spite of the unfavorable conditions prevailing, have extended their lines of credits; 40 have been obliged to reduce their loans on account of a shrinkage in deposits, and only 29 have failed to increase their loans with a corresponding increase in deposits, a majority of which have fully met the legitimate demands of their customers."

Citizens Rout Safe Crackers.

Albany.—Fired upon after they had blown off the outer door of a safe, three men who attempted to rob the merchandise store of Dennis & McKercher at Crawfordsville were forced to flee without obtaining any booty. The robbers had not yet penetrated to the money drawers when a number of men were attracted to the scene by the explosion and opened fire with rifles and shotguns.

Sheridan Has Cannery.

Sheridan.—The first unit of Sheridan's packing and fruit canning establishment was dedicated by the Sheridan Fruitgrowers' association, and 250 farmers and their families gathered in the big warehouse to rejoice over the event.

The entire plant, costing \$8000, will be completed and ready for the season of 1915.

Cigar Stores and Groceries Closed.

Eugene.—Eugene is to be a closed town to the extent of soda fountains and cigar shops on Sundays, according to the announcement made by J. M. Devers, district attorney. A week ago he notified grocery stores on the outskirts of the city that they must close on Sunday, in conformity with the state law.

Dallas Prisoner Confesses Wrecking.

Dallas.—D. M. Deal, who gave himself up to officials here, confessed to wrecking the Willamette Valley limited train No. 23 on the Southern Pacific, near Salem, June 18, 1912. A reward of \$5000 had been offered by the railroad company for the conviction of the person or persons implicated in this transaction.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

A monster rally to further the Normal school movement was held on the institution's grounds at Ashland.

Mayor Rice of Roseburg will provide that city with a rockpile this winter where prisoners can be put to work. More than a million trout of the Eastern brook, rainbow and black spotted varieties were released in the streams of Polk county last week.

Examinations for admissions into the army and navy will be held at the Oregon agricultural college next month, army officers being in charge.

Thomas H. West, of Portland was elected vice-president of the American Institute of Banking at the closing session of its twelfth annual convention at Dallas, Tex.

Dr. Virgil W. Knowles, cholera expert of the government bureau, has taken up the work at the Oregon Agricultural college for the purpose of ridding hogs of the disease.

The official directory of the schools of Jackson county shows that the county has 101 schools and employs 233 teachers. There are 6806 children of school age in the county.

Five bodies of nine washed ashore at Newport and Gardiner from the steamer Francis H. Leggett have been identified and arrangements are being made for their final disposition.

The Modoc Point irrigation project, which will irrigate about 6500 acres of land in the Klamath Indian reservation, will be fully completed this fall, according to Project Engineer H. W. Hincks.

A train load of cattle was ditched on the Sumpter Valley railway, near the smelter. There were 235 cattle in the wrecked cars, and all miraculously escaped injury except one which had a leg broken.

A verdict of manslaughter was returned by the jury in the Sprague murder trial at Baker. Henry Sprague was indicted for murder in the first degree for killing D. Yamagata, a Japanese, living in Baker.

A second suit to restrain the state railroad commission from executing its order recently made to increase the passenger fares of the United Railways Company between Linnton and Portland, was filed at Salem.

The government surveying party, which is conducting a state line examination between Oregon and California, have completed their work in the Waldo country and gone south through Ashland to strike east along the line in pursuance of their work.

State Highway Commissioner Bowlby has announced that six miles of a link of the Pacific Highway, which is being constructed from the California line to Ashland, has been accepted by the state. There are seven more miles under process of construction and which will be completed in the near future.

Two hundred delegates from 73 organizations composing the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs will meet in Eugene October 12, 13, 14 and 15 to formulate a number of bills which the women of Oregon expect to bring before the state legislature next year. This will be the 14th annual convention of this organization.

Announcement has been made by State Engineer John H. Lewis that H. K. Donnelly has gone to Enterprise to assist C. E. Strickland in the survey of Wallowa valley, and that the work will now be rushed. The survey will cover all irrigated lands, power plants and reservoir sites on the Wallowa river. A controversy has arisen over water rights on the stream, and the purpose of the survey is to settle these.

According to a report submitted to the United States bureau of education by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill, the rural schools of the state have been standardized during the last year; the industrial fair work has grown until 12,000 children are participating; more than 300 Parent-Teachers' associations have been organized; a complete school record has been adopted and a recreation manual published.

The report of accidents for the week issued by Labor Commissioner Hoff, shows that two were fatally injured while at work and 59 others more or less seriously hurt. D. Branca was killed in a mine accident at Cornucopia, and John Rassman came to his death as a result of injuries sustained while employed in logging operations at Wendling. Twenty were injured in sawmills, lumber yards or in logging operations, 13 in railroad work, eight in paper mills and the rest in various lines of activity.

As a result of civil service examinations the following fourth-class postmasters have been appointed in Oregon: Edwin E. Leslie, Lafayette; Winnie Banton, London; Ray J. Fox, Lyons; Foss E. Maple, Harcola; Orrin A. Kirby, Myrtle Creek; Albert L. Troutman, North Plains; Herbert H. Preiner, Summit; Brazer C. Small, Turner; Charles L. Wakeman, Wedderburn; Joseph K. Neal, Brien Vista; George T. Smith, Chitwood; C. C. Sturtevant, Crow; James F. Stith, Kerby; Ewell T. Turner, Laurel; Edward E. Smith, Lowell; Thomas E. Gilmore, Murphy.

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