

GERMANS ATTEMPT TO BREAK LINE AT YPRES

Brunt of Fighting in Terrific
Battle in Flanders Borne
by Canadians.

London.—The bloodiest fighting since the battle of Neuve Chapelle took place between Ypres and the North Sea. Reinforced by troops withdrawn from the east Prussian front, the Germans have evidently renewed their attempt to break their way through the allied line to Calais and Dunkirk.

An official report to the war office stated that Canadian troops bore the brunt of the German drive across the Yser.

That the Canadians suffered extremely heavy losses is admitted. Under violent artillery and shrapnel fire and rifle and bayonet attacks they stood their ground until it was obvious a retirement was imperative. Thus given a breathing spell, the Canadians reformed their lines under fire. They then developed a surprising counter attack, recaptured four of their cannons, which had been lost, and took numerous German prisoners, including a colonel, and stood their ground until support arrived and checked the German charge, which would have undoubtedly pierced the main line of the allied army.

Everywhere the Germans were on the offensive, denoting a concerted effort to force the allies to maintain their positions to the exclusion of any effort to strengthen the Ypres salient.

Assault on Egypt's Sultan Hanged.

Cairo, Egypt.—The young Egyptian merchant named Khalil, who made an unsuccessful attempt to kill Hussein Kamel, the sultan of Egypt, at Cairo on April 8, was hanged.

BOMBS SET YPRES AFLAME

Thirteen-inch Guns and Armored
Trains Are Also Used.

London.—Ypres is in flames, the Germans having thrown a hail of incendiary bombs into the town. Thus telegraphs the Morning Post's correspondent in Northern France.

"The fighting continues hotly all along this front," the correspondent adds. "The Germans show extraordinary daring in bringing heavy artillery close to their front line, the guns used being mostly 12-inch Austrian howitzers on movable carriages."

"The Germans also are using effectively armored trains carrying 4.7 guns. For the use of these armored trains the Germans have consolidated and strengthened the system of light railways, uniting a number of small towns in the neighborhood of Ypres, to which they have added strategic branch lines."

Wilhelm Not to Dash for Home.
Washington.—Announcement from Newport News was received that the commander of the big German sea raider Kronprinz Wilhelm had given notice he would intern.

ALLIES LAND ARMY NEAR DARDANELLES

London.—Indications of a combined land and naval attack on the Dardanelles, in which a British army of enormous proportions is taking part, are given in official reports by the admiralty and war office and private advice.

The official communications confirm the report that an army has been landed and that a battle is in progress. Private advice as to the effect that Kitchener's army, numbering from 100,000 to 200,000 men, has arrived in the Aegean Sea, from the islands of which the allied British and French fleets have been operating against the straits.

In addition to the British forces presumed to have been landed on Gallipoli Peninsula, military observers here are of the opinion that a large force of French troops have been landed there also, as an official communication from Paris a few weeks ago said that a large army had been transported to the coast of Egypt to be ready to cooperate in any movement against Turkey considered necessary.

That a terrific battle for possession of the roadway to Constantinople is in progress is intimated, in view of the figures given in the private advice by the official communication, which says the disembarkation was successful "in spite of serious opposition from the enemy in strong entrenchments protected by barbed wire."

Belgians Send Thanks.

The Hague, via London.—A memorial addressed to President Wilson, signed by about 40,000 Belgian refugees now in Holland, expressing gratitude for the aid which America has extended to the Belgian war sufferers, was mailed to Washington.

ROOSEVELT ADMITS "BOSS" AIDED HIM

Letters Read Show Colonel
Consulted Senator Platt in
Many Matters.

Syracuse, N. Y.—Theodore Roosevelt admitted under cross-examination in the suit for alleged libel which William Barnes has brought against him, that while governor he had freely consulted the "boss" of the republican party in New York State in reference to the appointment of officials in the state government and various legislative and political matters.

The "boss" named was Thomas C. Platt, who at that time represented New York in the United States senate. The ex-president said he took the advice of the senator in many matters.

The testimony resulted from questions asked after letters of a series that passed between Colonel Roosevelt and Senator Platt had been read to the jury. In these letters, both writers discussed all manner of political and legislative affairs. In one, Colonel Roosevelt asked the senator's advice about making speeches.

In another letter, the colonel sent the senator a proof of his message to the legislature, which dealt with, among other things, public utilities, the franchise tax, the trusts, industrial conditions and labor. The part dealing with the trusts, the colonel wrote, "had been submitted to several 'experts' including Elihu Root, President Hadley, Professor Jenks, of Cornell, and James A. Dill, who was described in the letter as 'a big corporation lawyer.'"

And in the last letter read, which was dated in 1901, Colonel Roosevelt told the senator that he did not want to be vice-president of the United States, as it was not an office in which he could do anything.

PORTLAND MILL FIRESWEPT

Albers Brothers' Milling Plant and
Stock Is Damaged.

Portland.—Fire, which for a period threatened to develop into a disastrous waterfront conflagration, swept a portion of the plant of the Albers Brothers' Milling company on the west waterfront, between Lovejoy and Marshall streets, at 4:40 o'clock Sunday morning, resulting in a loss estimated at \$140,000. The damage is fully covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is not known.

Prompt and efficient work of the Portland fire bureau saved a complete loss and perhaps a grave waterfront conflagration. Had there been high wind and the flames had reached the wooden docks the damage might have exceeded that of any other Portland waterfront fire. At this place the docks are the thickest and the Broadway bridge might have been badly endangered as the mills lie on either side of it.

Must Test the Sanity of Thaw.

New York.—The question of the sanity of Harry K. Thaw will be determined by a jury. Supreme Court Justice Hendrick, in a decision handed down, granted the application for a trial made by Thaw's attorneys.

Italy's Strength 2,000,000.

Paris.—French military authorities estimate the full military strength of Italy at 2,000,000 men, of whom 800,000 probably form the active field army.

JAPANESE DEMANDS ON CHINA MODIFIED

Peking.—A new draft of the Japanese demands on China was presented to the Chinese foreign minister by the Japanese minister.

Some modifications of several minor points in the demands have been made. The clause in the original demands relating to supervising in the organization of Chinese police by the Japanese has been withdrawn, except with reference to Manchuria, and the second clause of group 3, relating to the Hanyehping company mining concessions, has been eliminated entirely.

The Japanese plenipotentiaries have it is said, informed the Chinese plenipotentiaries that the revised draft is the irreducible minimum, the acceptance of which Japan insists upon. But Japan, it is stated, makes one noteworthy concession, offering to restore Tsing-Tau to China if China defers no longer the acceptance of Japan's demands.

Son of Ex-Secretary Seward Dies.

Montrose, N. Y.—Frederick W. Seward, assistant secretary of state in the cabinets of Presidents Lincoln, Johnson and Hayes and son of the late Secretary of State William H. Seward, died here in his 85th year. He leaves a widow, Anna M. Seward, and one brother, General William H. Seward, of Auburn.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout
the State During the Past
Week.

D. C. O'Reilly Buys North Bank Fleet.
Portland.—Drake C. O'Reilly, head of the Diamond O line and interested in waterfront properties, as well as being a member of the Port of Portland Commission, has become the owner of the stock, steamers and other holdings of The Dalles, Portland & Astoria Navigation company, an adjunct of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad. The exact amount of money involved is not publicly stipulated but is generally estimated to be between \$65,000 and \$75,000 as the property had been held at that figure, it is reported.

Apple Increase Unlikely.

Hood River.—Indications in all parts of the Hood River Valley point to an apple crop no larger than that of last year, despite the fact that numerous young tracts will come into bearing this season. While a few scattered orchards promise a big yield, growers say that the old tracts will bloom scantily. Judging from the expressions of growers who have inspected the orchards, the crop will about equal that of last year, when the Apple Growers' association handled 443 carloads of apples and the Fruitgrowers' Exchange 90 carloads.

Owner Not Compensated.

Roseburg.—Holding that an employer is not entitled to recover money for injuries sustained, even though he has taken advantage of the workmen's compensation act, Judge Skipworth, of Eugene, handed down a decision in which he held that the state industrial accident commission acted within its rights when it refused to pay the claim of E. F. Lang, of Dillard, Douglas county. Mr. Lang, who owns and operates a mill near Dillard, was injured in August, 1914, and later filed a claim for compensation.

BANK ROBBED OF \$600

Robber Throws Ammonia in Officer's
Face and Escapes.

Medford.—Throwing a bottle of ammonia in the face of E. R. Rosser, cashier of the Rogue River State Bank at Rogue River, and then gagging him with an ether-soaked handkerchief, an unidentified robber obtained \$600 in cash, stepped into a waiting automobile and escaped. Later he was pursued by sheriff's possees from both Jackson and Josephine counties.

According to the cashier's story, he was just closing his books for the day when a strange man entered and, coming swiftly toward him, directed a savage blow at his face. Mr. Rosser put up his arm in defense, while the robber, with his other hand, threw the contents of a bottle of ammonia full in his face.

Blinded and gasping, Mr. Rosser tried to escape, but was quickly overpowered, bound and gagged and soon succumbed to the ammonia fumes.

Fruit Is Hurt by Frosts.

Pendleton.—Farmers who have made a survey of their crops since the drop in temperature, which brought frost and ice in some sections of Umatilla county, report considerable damage done to fruit and vegetables. The general opinion among wheatgrowers is that the grain has not been injured, but much alfalfa has fallen. The damage in this county is confined largely to the irrigation district around Stanfield and Hermiston, especially in the lower lands.

Corvallis Man Stabbed to Death.

Corvallis.—The body of Will Purdy was found near his home here by two members of the railroad section crew. Purdy evidently had been murdered. He had been struck just below the heart with a knife. Appearances were that he had jumped through the window after being stabbed, and had crawled or fell forward a short distance.

The sheriff and coroner were notified and George Avery was arrested on suspicion.

Oil Found at Baker Causes Excitement

Baker.—Visions of an eastern Oregon oil field, with this city at the center, are in order here, following heavy seepage of oil in the drill hole at the test well being sunk by C. S. Blackmon and associates. It is known there is oil in the valley, as heavy seepages from artesian and other wells have been noted at many points, but the greasy mud and pure oil in the drill hole was of such quantity that a bucketful was dipped out.

Two Men Drown in McKenzie River.

Eugene.—Hagert Tronsen, son of C. O. Tronsen, of Eugene, and Charles Cole, residing two miles from Coburg, were drowned in the McKenzie river near Coburg when their boat capsized.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

W. M. Plimpton, secretary of the state printing board, announces that the session laws will be ready for distribution May 1.

Horse and mule breeders of Umatilla county will form an organization at a meeting to be held in Pendleton Saturday, May 1.

Sons of the American Revolution from many parts of the United States will gather in Portland in mid-July for the national congress.

The seventh annual commonwealth conference of the state of Oregon will be held in the University of Oregon building May 23 and 25.

One hundred thousand sheep are being sheared at Brogan, Malheur county, and are producing an unusual amount of good-grade wool.

Members of Group One, Oregon Bankers' association, will hold their semi-annual convention at Newberg on May 12. It has been announced.

Twenty-two road supervisors of Benton county will engage in a competitive road contest for prizes offered by the Corvallis commercial club.

Dividends of five to seven per cent for the first year's business will be distributed by the Oregon Agricultural College Cooperation association.

Three hundred and fifty thousand salmon fry were liberated in the Willamette river at Oregon City by the state game and fish commission.

Mohair men of Polk county have sold nearly all their supply at prices ranging from 29 to 32 cents, although some of the larger dealers are holding back for pools.

M. S. Smithson of McMinnville college, was awarded first place and \$50 prize in the annual oratorical contest of the Intercollegiate Prohibition association of Oregon, held in Salem.

That commercial organizations of Salem will consolidate at no distant date, so that efforts may be more effective and duplication of expenses be avoided, is considered practically certain.

John Cady, of Albany, has been employed by the state board of control at a salary of \$250 a month to have general supervision of installing and conducting a flax retting plant at the state penitentiary.

Forty-seven accidents, none fatal, were reported during the week to Labor Commissioner Hoff. Eleven occurred on railroads, eight in logging operations and five in sawmill plants. The other accidents were divided among many activities.

The 5400-acre C. L. Hartshorn ranch near Enterprise, Walla Walla county, has been transferred by H. F. Kelly and Frank and George Gildersleeve to their recently organized Washuona Land and Livestock company which will operate the big tract for stock.

Attorney-General Brown, of Oregon, has been informed by the United States supreme court that he would not be permitted to intervene on behalf of the state in the Oregon & California land grant case. He was permitted, however, to file his brief.

The city of Pendleton has got behind the committee working to raise funds for the proposed \$10,000 natatorium at Pendleton and has adopted resolutions guaranteeing the payment of the last \$1000 necessary to insure the construction of the water resort.

A crew of surveyors, under the direction of F. M. von Planta, chief engineer for Kendall Brothers, has been making a preliminary survey of the railroad which it is proposed to construct from Roseburg to the line of the Cascade National Forest Reserve.

The office of the reclamation service at Portland, in charge of Supervising Engineer Hopson, is soon to be abolished, in accordance with the plan of reorganization and retrenchment being worked out by the reclamation commission. Some employees will be dropped and others transferred.

To turn the old Nelson placer mine into a lake one-half mile long and one-quarter mile wide is the plan of the Baker Rod and Gun club. The mine is six miles from Baker and a favorite place for picknickers, so that the lake would prove one of the most attractive places in that part of the state.

Fourteen pieces of furniture, all made from the horns of Douglas county deer, are being crated at Roseburg preparatory to being shipped to San Francisco, where they will be exhibited at the exposition. The unique furniture was manufactured by W. L. Dysinger, owner of a local plating mill.

The highest pen record at the Panama-Pacific Exposition egg-laying contest for the month ending April 15 was that of the Oregon Agricultural College Leghorn pen, which produced 237 eggs. The second highest was that of the Oregon Agricultural College Barred Rocks with a record of 225 eggs.

Special orders have been issued from the office of the adjutant general to the coast artillery corps for an officers' school of instruction at Fort Stevens beginning May 5 and ending May 10. The colonel, lieutenant colonel, two majors, eleven captains, eleven first lieutenants, eight second lieutenants, and 44 enlisted men, will attend the sessions.

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