

### FRENCH OFFENSIVE AROUND SOMME

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### BRITISH ARTILLERY POUND- ING GERMAN POSITIONS

In the Languval Region British  
Have Captured More Ground  
Than Lost.

Paris, July 20.—It is announced that the French resumed the offensive on both sides of Somme last night and advanced southwest and northwest of Peronne. North of Somme the French established new lines along the Comblez Clery narrow gauge railway, taking 400 prisoners. South of Somme the French stormed and captured the first line of trenches between Bar-lez and Soycon.

Forest, with the British Army.—The British artillery are pounding every foot of German positions behind the British gains north of Somme preparatory to a new advance. The roar of guns resembles a continuous thunder. The Germans don't molest the British aircraft directing the fire. The German aircraft are surprisingly absent. Our party traversed Somme valley, and entered the ruins of Fricourt formerly a German stronghold. The town is obliterated, the debris flattened, with a sickening stench from pile of corpses. High British officers as an offensive is scheduled to advance slowly and steadily until every foot in Belgium and France is recovered.

London, July 20.—General Haig reported that the British had recaptured a little more territory than the German counter attackers had seized in the Languval region.

Petrograd, July 20.—It is announced that the Russians have captured Kugi. They repulsed all the enemy attacks.

### BUSINESS WHOLESOME. Dun Continues to Speak for a Larger and Healthier Business Outlook.

Dun's Review: Both in its producing and distributing branches, business is altogether larger and more wholesome than is generally realized. It is not because of speculation that bank clearings make such remarkable exhibits, and selling pressure in the securities markets is without special significance in view of the unprecedented railway and industrial earnings. The economic position of the country grows stronger as increased crop yields are foreshadowed, and the tightening of the money situation, while a cause for some hesitancy in certain quarters, is a natural concomitant of the extensive trade development. A period of continuous warm weather has affected all retail lines favorably, reducing stocks that had accumulated as a result of previous backward conditions, and efforts to accelerate the movement of staple products by making sacrifices are less in evidence than usual. Advances from all sections testify to an exceptionally large final distribution, the enhanced purchasing power of customers being reflected alike in the augmented demands and the general preference for the better classes of merchandise.

Nebraska People Here—Mrs. Hannah Hanson, of Omaha, Nebraska, and Mrs. J. P. Sibbitt, of Hiannis, Neb., are guests at the homes of Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Phipps and L. B. Weaver in this city on their way to California.

Roy A. H. R. and W. J. Kelly left the city yesterday for Redmond, where they will work during the summer.

### ALBANY COLLEGE TO BE THEME AT SYNOD TODAY

Neither Pacific U. Nor Albany  
College Wants the Merger It  
Should Be Dropped.

The matter of Albany College was to come up before the synod of the Presbyterian church at Eugene today. The matter of the merger should certainly be dropped for neither Pacific University nor Albany College wants it. The Register says:

A protest against the consolidation of Pacific University, of Forest Grove, and Albany College was made this week by a committee of the Congregational Church of this city appointed Sunday.

The local committee protests that the matter was not brought before the denominations in an open and above-board way. Letters to this effect were sent to all trustees of Pacific University by the Eugene committee.

It is said but one or two members of the board of Albany College are in favor of the merger, and have received such cold receptions in the past that any move toward a union will be strongly fought.

### NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE FAILED TO ESCAPE

Myrvle Looney and Hazel  
Thompson Married and Left  
For Newport.

Married last night Myrvle Looney and Miss Hazel Thompson of this city, left this morning for Newport on their bridal trip.

The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thompson, near this city, Rev. Moore officiating. It was a fine affair, enjoyed by a few intimate friends. It was known they were to go to the bay this morning, but they failed to show up at the train, so a crowd of their friends got jitneys and rushed over the bridge to the North Albany station, where they found them just as the train was arriving, but not too late for them to shower them with rice and throw old shoes at them.

They are fine young people, former fellow high school students.

### PROHIBITIONISTS HAVE FIGHT OVER PLATFORM

Sulzer Arrives to Fight Nomina-  
tion of Frank Hanley, Once  
Albany Visitor.

(By United Press)  
St. Paul, July 20.—The Prohibition platform committee after a bitter fight reported a conservative anti-Catholic plank. Wm. Sulzer arrived to attempt to halt the nomination of Frank Hanley of Indiana. Before Sulzer's arrival Hanley's nomination seemed assured. Sulzer addressed the convention and intimated he would accept.

To Be Investigated.  
(By United Press)  
London, July 20.—Premier Asquith informed the Commons that the British government had started official investigation of the Dardanelles Mesopotamian campaigns.

New Name—Candy Land is to be the name of Mr. Greiser's candy store and factory, when moved to the Globe block, which will be in a week or two, as soon as R. Walworth vacates the place.

Bob Stewart returned to the city this morning accompanied by Mrs. Stanley Stewart, who will visit here a few days.

M. McAlpin went to Portland this morning.

W. E. Peterson arrived in the city from Toledo last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Kinney came over from Corvallis last evening.

Mrs. Jennie Knapp arrived in the city from Eugene last evening.

### WILSON ENDORSED BY LAFOLLETTE

In Senate Declared That He  
Emphatically Approved  
Mexican Policy.

### WANTS NO NEW BATTLESHIPS BUILT

Declares For New Policy  
Guaranteeing American  
Foreign Investments.

Washington, July 20.—Senator La-follette addressed the senate demanding a naval bill amendment providing for no new battleships to be used for the collection of debts owed American bondholders and concessionaries. He declared emphatically he approved President Wilson's Mexican policy. He predicted President Wilson's reelection, if a "newborn policy guaranteeing American investments by the American flag" becomes the issue.

### Strike Ended.

(By United Press)  
San Francisco, July 20.—The second strike of River Bay boatmen ended this morning when the men resumed work. They accepted the conditions prevailing before the walkout. It is understood the strikebreakers will be eliminated.

### Wants Information.

(By United Press)  
Washington, July 20.—The state department informally requested the British embassy to furnish further information regarding the blacklisting of American firms.

### HARD HIT.

The Salem Statesman, a leading Republican paper makes the following awful slam at Judge Chas. Hughes, republican candidate for president:  
If Carranza would only shave off those whiskers, we'd have more faith in him. To the average American, there's something in whiskers that breeds distrust. And yet—maybe Victoriano is wise. It might be a dead give-away to cut 'em off. Many a bristling beard covers a retreat- ing chin.

### Infantile Paralysis.

(By United Press)  
New York, July 20.—The health department reports showed a decided decrease in the number of infantile paralysis cases. There were 119 new cases today and 142 yesterday.



Lillian Gish and George Cooper in a scene from "The Birth of a Nation," coming to the Globe Theatre Aug. 6

### CRUELTY CHARGED IN SUIT FOR DIVORCE

Complaint Filed Today Makes  
Charges of Beating and  
Threats to Kill.

Stating that her husband beats her, calls her vile names and otherwise mistreats her and her children, Mary Dobrokosky has filed suit for divorce from Frank Dobrokosky. They were married in Iowa 14 years ago, and six children aged from 12 to 2-1/2 years of age were born.

Plaintiff claims that her husband has called her all kinds of names, that he abused, beat and threatened her and treated her violently at various times and often threatened to kill her. Plaintiff states that on July 16 plaintiff was kicked on the left thigh by defendant who used such force that plaintiff is hardly able to walk, that he otherwise beat and kicked her, knocking her down. He also grabbed a butcher knife and undertook to use it. He also beat the children and made them work when they were not able and caused them to be in fear. Plaintiff asks for \$40 per month during suit, \$300 attorney's fees, \$50 per month alimony until the children reach majority and \$1000 permanent alimony. The couple owns a farm and property valued at \$7000.

### TELEPHONE CONSTRUCTION HELD UP BY WAR PRICES

Telephone Auditor Says Many  
Independent Lines Are  
Combining.

H. J. Roake, general auditor of the Northwestern Telephone Co. was in the city yesterday checking up toll charges with the local lines. The Northwestern is purely a toll line and does no local business, connecting with the other companies on long distance calls.

Mr. Roake states that construction and extension work is practically at a standstill on account of the prohibitive cost of copper wire and some other materials due to the war. For this reason, as well as for general economy, independent rural lines all over Oregon and Washington, and erecting trunk lines on a combined basis, the main arteries running into city exchanges from the country being used by both companies in the field.

### Street Car Blown Up.

(By United Press)  
Wilkesbarre, July 20.—Strikers today dynamited a street car. The motorman was blinded, but the conductor was uninjured. No passengers were hurt.

### VILLA ABOUT TO BE CAPTURED

Is Again Definitely Located  
Down in the Hills of  
Mexico.

### MESSENGER AFTER MEDI- CAL AID GIVES HIM AWAY

Yellow Report About All Ameri-  
cans Again Being Ordered  
Out of Mexico.

(By United Press)  
Mexico City, July 20.—Chihuahua reports say that the Constitutionalist forces have definitely located Villa. They expect to capture him. The defacto cavalry captured a messenger Villa sent after medical aid. The Carranzista commander reported that he expected to engage the Villistas main force soon.

Galveston, July 20.—Vera Cruz refugees reported that Consul Canada had ordered all Americans to leave Mexico. They declared that Canada had received instructions Sunday despite the apparently peaceful conditions.

Pershing's headquarters, Mexico, July 20.—Gen. Pershing personally inspected the roads one-third of the distance between headquarters and the border. He pronounced the highways in a satisfactory condition to withstand heavy motor transportation during the rainy season. Hundreds of Mexicans are still repairing the worst spots.

Shepherd, San Antonio, July 20.—American militiamen are terribly worried about their families back home. No European soldiers ever worried so. If the Germans knew the Britishers were treating their soldiers' families as Americans are treated, the fact would be sent world wide as an indication of governmental cruelty. Thousands are wondering whether their families are starving. "What about my family" is the biggest question at all the border militia camps.

### NEWS FROM THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Warranty Deeds.  
Peter Paulus and wife to Eva Reuland, June 26, 1916. Lands in block 103 Hackleman's Add, Albany, \$10.  
W. C. Repass and wife to Josie M. Mariels, July 1, 1916. Lands in block 15, Eastern Add to Albany, \$10.  
W. H. Condra and wife to G. J. Rike and wife, July 18th, 1916. Lands in Tp. 14, S. R. 3 west, \$10.  
Joseph W. Vennett to Mary V. Cannon, June 24, 1916. Lands in Linn county, 1 acre, \$50.  
W. F. Hays to Dora I. Hays, July 14, 1916. Lands in Sec. 31, Tp. 9 S. R. 3 east, \$1.  
Ida Walsh to Camilla Davis Jones, June 28, 1916. Lands in Sec. 16, Tp. 13, S. R. 2 east, \$1.  
Maud O. Van Waters and husband to Adolf H. Eilers, July 14, 1916. Lands in block 16, in City of Albany, \$100.  
Frederick Wodtli and wife to Gottfried Muller, May 18, 1916. Lands in Sec. 36, Tp. 13, S. R. 1 east, \$3190.  
Quit-Claim Deeds.  
Mary E. Davis to S. G. Thompson, June 5, 1916. Lands in Sec. 20, Tp. 13, S. R. 4 west.  
W. B. McCormick et al to S. G. Thompson, June 19, 1916. Lands in Sec. 20, Tp. 13, S. R. 4 west.  
Tax Deed.  
D. H. Bodine, sheriff, to C. M. Giddings, July 15, 1916. Lands in Sec. 6, Tp. 14, S. R. 1 west, \$108.21.

### CHRISTY MATHEWSON GETS MANAGEMENT OF CINCINNATI

Oaklands of Coast League Has  
New Manager; Talk About  
the Portlands.

(By United Press)  
Cincinnati, July 20.—A deal was closed at noon whereby Christy Mathewson becomes manager of the Cincinnati Reds. Charley Herzog goes to the Giants. The Mathewson schedule is to assume control today.

Oakland, July 20.—Frank Leavitt has sold his interest in the Oakland baseball club to Del Howard, who becomes manager on August first.

Seattle, July 20.—Baseball observers believe that McCredies failure to purchase Oakland may force Portland to leave the Coast League and re-enter the Northwestern League.

### S. N. BRADEN GETS A BIG BITE AND A BATH

Fish Pulls Him Into Lake, and  
He Is Rescued By Great  
Heroism.

Yesterday a party consisting of S. N. Braden, H. N. Emerson, Mrs. E. C. Fisher and Gertrude and Minerva Braden, visited Horse Shoe Lake on Wm. Stellmacher's farm. Mr. Braden and Mrs. Fisher on a flat bottomed boat with a few frogs went fishing for suckers. Mr. Braden had a bite that nearly deprived the county of a candidate for coroner. The fish must have been a monster, for it swam around the boat with ferocious momentum, entangling Braden, who in his efforts to land the fish was pulled into the water, twenty feet deep at the place, and he was bound in the line so he could not swim. Mrs. Fisher, though nearly paralyzed, got an oar out to him, and he grabbed it with the musklong fighting for freedom. Mr. Emerson hastened to the rescue, reaching there at the psychological moment, rescuing both Braden and the fish. The fish was baked and eaten, and Mrs. Fisher is being congratulated as a heroine. Carnegie will take notice.

### CHINAMAN IS WANTED ON FEDERAL CHARGE

Supt. of Louise Home Is After  
Hing Lee and Will Take Him  
Back to Portland.

W. G. McClaren, superintendent of the Louise Home, of Portland, was in the city today looking for Hing Lee, the Chinaman implicated in a case before the juvenile court last week. It is presumed that Hing is wanted on a federal charge. The officer went to the chittem bark camp two and a half miles south of Tangent on the Calapooia river, where the Chinaman was last known to be with others mixed up in the same case. He will be taken to Portland.

### CORVALLIS TO HAVE FAIR.

Arrangements Begun for County and  
School Display This Fall of  
Big Proportions.

Corvallis, Or., July 20.—R. C. Von Lebe is president of the fair board, and B. G. Leedy, Frank Francis, Dick Kiger, A. L. Stevenson, Bird Rickard, and R. E. Cannon have been appointed as board members and will arrange for a county and school fair. A secretary and some women to manage the women's department will be appointed soon. Mr. Von Lebe is preparing committees and names of same for farm produce, advertising, poultry, livestock, women's department, school fair, finance and grounds and buildings, which will be submitted at the next fair board meeting to be held in the County Court room next Saturday night.

R. C. Frazier, Miss Stella Frazier and Arthur Frazier left yesterday for Athena.

### THIRTEEN YEARS FEDERAL PRISONER

Alfred F. Rhodes Sentenced to  
50 Years For Killing a  
Goo-Goo General.

### ONE OF TEN IN COMPANY OF 126 SURVIVING MASSACRE

Man Who Avenged Death of  
Comrades in City on Way  
to California Home.

What would you think if you were given a penitentiary sentence of 50 years for doing an act that you felt justified in committing? Quite enough to make one feel that his country and all had deserted him. And yet, with enough to bear that would make life seem black indeed, Alfred Field Rhodes still retains faith in his government and in mankind and is hopeful that fortune will turn his way and permit him to spend his last days in comfort and peace.

Alfred Field Rhodes, late private in the United States army, arrived in the city this morning on a load of loganberries, getting rides in automobiles from Salem. He is on his way to the little town of Coyote, Cal., the only place he ever called home, being born there 45 years ago. He does not anticipate being met with the town band and a delegation headed by the mayor, for he is hardly returning with the honors usually conferred upon a hero. Here is Rhodes' strange story.

In April, 1898, when the blood of the country was throbbing with excitement over the war with Spain, Rhodes bid good-bye to his father and mother and went to San Francisco where he enlisted in Co. C, Ninth United States infantry. He was a husky young man of 27, weighed 170 pounds and in perfect condition. Three years later found him with the same company, with the office of commissary sergeant, encamped on the Bandangus river, on the island of Samar, Philippine Isla. ds.

Company C was doing outpost duty and was camped three miles from its regiment. The insurgents, led by Gen. Aroldo Schivio, half Chinese and half Spaniard, lurked in the tropical jungles nearby. They offered no trouble and the members of the company, after a week on duty thought that the brown men were cowed.

On the morning of Sept. 22, 1901, the company was at meat, their arms stacked in their tents about a city block from the church, under which the meals were served. Hot cocoa was the drink served that morning, Rhodes remembers. Out of the company of 126, 117 sat down to breakfast that morning, nine being one sentry duty. All seemed peaceful, and the songs of the tropical birds floated out onto the morning air. At 6 o'clock the church bell rang and a load of what appeared to be hay was drawn up the road by a caribou team. Suddenly, a squad of natives who had been given permission to come into the town to clean the weeds and trash out of the streets, made for the cart, grabbed the long bolo knives which were hid under the straw and augmented by about 600 other brown men who lay hid on the outskirts surrounded the soldiers, cutting them off from their arms. They fought heroically with knives and forks, and Rhodes remembers dashing a cup of hot cocoa into the face of one of the natives.

Then something struck him in the back and the next thing he knew he was in the hospital with four deep bolo slashes in his body. (These wounds he exhibited to the Democrat reporter, long, ugly looking wounds on the lower part of his abdomen.) He was told that besides the nine men who were on duty that morning he was the only survivor of the 117 men who sat down to breakfast. The stories he tells of torture and desecration to the bodies of his comrades is gruesome and horrible.

After 10 months in the hospital he was restored to duty, being placed with Company F, Fifteenth infantry. During these ten months Gen. Shei-

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