

GIGANTIC ARTILLERY DUEL IS ON

American Heavy Guns Are Beating Huns in Battle Now Raging in Picardy

GERMANS TAKE MEN FROM LORRAINE LINES

Drive Against Americans Before Amiens Is Probable

By Fred Ferguson, U.P. correspondent
AMERICAN FRONT, Picardy, May 13.—An American-German artillery duel of the greatest intensity raged all night long. In this contest the American fire was far the heaviest. The gigantic explosions rocked the houses and the sky was continually alight from the shells.

Hell's door seemed literally opened, and death's screaming demons seemed to fill the air as the heavy shells passed over the lines. The pounding of the guns jarred the earth as though the evil forces were bellowing and trying to break through.

The guns' flames resemble great fires sweeping over the fields. By multiplying the sheet lightning of summer by hundreds, the result will give an approximate idea of the duel.

AMERICAN FRONT, Lorraine, May 13.—American patrols today learned that the Germans are thinning the Lorraine front lines to the utmost and are sending their troops toward Picardy. The Germans are not attempting to hold even the shell holes and the American patrols find long stretches of German trenches deserted.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Today's casualty list reported 38 New England soldiers missing. These were probably captured by the Germans in the action at Seicheprey. In all, 96 names were listed, this including ten killed in action, nine dead of wounds, 12 seriously wounded. Cook Victor O'Rourke of Mountaineer, Oregon, is reported dead of disease.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

British

LONDON, May 13.—Marshal Haig today reported that the enemy artillery was active last night between the Somme valley and the Albert sector and between Locon and the Neippe forest.

French

PARIS, May 13.—Artillery fighting on both sides of the Avre is officially reported today. The French penetrated the German positions near Nomeny, capturing prisoners. A German surprise attack near St. Die failed this morning.

Italian

ROME, May 13.—The enemy attacked at Mont Corneo, after an intense bombardment, but our fire stopped them, the official statement today declared. "We counter-attacked, forcing the enemy to retire. Heavy loss was inflicted on them in the encounter."

NEW CLASSIFIED

FOUND—A black leather purse containing some small change and a card of Mary G. Anderson. Call at Democrat office and pay for this ad. 13m15

FOR SALE—50 head of horses and mules from a pony to 1600 lbs. Inquire Farmers Feed Shed. 13m15

FOR SALE—Fine corner lot on Washington street, on pavement. Big bargain. Terms. J. A. Howard, real estate. 9m11

UNCLE SAM ASKS YOU to raise more poultry. Chix hatched now from acclimated, Oregon-bred O.A. C. W. Leghorns will lay in fall. F. C. Viereck, Home 4546, Bell 519j

JEFF BALDWIN IS AGAIN AT LARGE

Notorious Convict Is "Somewhere in Oregon"

Jeff Baldwin, the state's most notorious convict, escaped yesterday afternoon from the state prison at Salem, and the Albany police and sheriff's force have been on the lookout ever since. Baldwin was caught after a revolver duel by Deputy Sheriff Joe Frum at Shedd last fall, and Frum spent yesterday afternoon along the roads to Salem in hopes that Baldwin might have come this way again.

Baldwin, the last time he was "out" stole an Albany bicycle, rode it to Tanrent, robbed a house, rode to Shedd, was found by Frum and captured after a fight and brought to Albany, but not until he had attempted to steal the officer's revolver, and was overcome after another hard fight.

This trip he again used his head, and stole a trusty's suit and walked out of the door. The authorities believe Baldwin will again hide in the brush for two or three days before starting to make his escape from the country. They will keep a watch for several days, for that reason.

BERNARDI SHOW TO OPEN TODAY NEAR S. P. DEPOT

Just starting, just commencing don't fail to see this wonderful show. Ladies and Gentlemen; on the inside we have, etc., etc.

Thus, amid a wealth of electric lights which should take one back to the Zone of the Panamatic-Pacific Exposition, will the speller announce tonight at the opening of the big carnival on the grounds opposite the S. P. depot. Amusements, riding devices and sideshows for the edification of the many attendants; the whip, the merry-go-round and the ferris wheel, will be the amusement provided for those who like sensation in the form of rides. Honolulu, Palanca of Arts, Tango Maze, Animal Shows, Athletic Shows, California Cabaret, Over the Top, African Tree Dwellers and a multitude of other sideshows are provided for those who attend. The Bernardi Greater Exposition Co. is the largest carnival company ever to visit the Northwest and carries more attractions and sideshows than any show on wheels in America today.

Albany Man Bought Curry County Farm

GOLD HILL, May 13.—(Special)—Earl B. Day of Albany Or., formerly of Gold Hill, has purchased the 160-acre farm belonging to the Robert Burch estate, seven miles north of Gold Hill in Sams Valley. This tract was a part of the old Panky family holdings and is one of the richest and best improved farms in the valley.

Kaiser and Karl Meet in Berlin

BERLIN, May 13.—(U. P.)—It is officially announced that the Kaiser and Emperor Karl, with their respective staffs, conferred at the grand headquarters yesterday. They discussed the economic military questions satisfactorily and were in complete accord on the present and future relations of the two monarchies, the statement read.

Maccabees Heard Talk by Commander

A good attendance was present at the meeting of the Maccabees lodge held last Saturday at the Woodman hall. Mr. Markey, the national commander of the order, was present and made an interesting address before those present.

Mr. Markey is an interesting speaker and his talk was not confined to lodge affairs. He has been active in state and national affairs in his home state and his talk was well received by the Albany audience.

Tax Collection Is Over for Spring

The collection of 1917 taxes for the first half of the year is about ended and Sheriff D. H. Bodine discovered today that his office has collected \$313,525.42 out of a total of \$537,947.10. This has all been turned over to the county treasurer, the last turnover of \$14,394 being made today. In addition delinquent taxes to the extent of \$12,754.08 have been collected, and \$7,116.25 has been turned over to the treasurer. This is a trifle more than half the year's taxes, and the remainder will be collected in the fall.

READING BELIEVES STATEMENT WRONG

Ottawa Story Doubted by the British Minister Today

ENGLISH REPORTS VERY DIFFERENT

War Department Notes Are Diametrically Opposed

WASHINGTON, May 13.—(U. P.)—The American forces in France are actively engaged in battle now and will be regularly used hereafter, Secretary Baker announced today. This contrasts the statement from Ottawa last night. Secretary Baker said: "The facts are exactly otherwise. The American troops are now being actively used in battle and as General Pershing offered, under the supreme commander."

WASHINGTON, May 13.—(U. P.)—British Ambassador Reading today declared that he doubted the accuracy of the statement this morning from Ottawa, attributed to the British war cabinet, that American troops will be held back, unused, until their force reaches a powerful strength.

He stated that he believed that no such statement had been made with the knowledge of the prime minister or the war cabinet, and that the new change in the allies' war policy had created the greatest surprise.

"The statement," Ambassador Reading declared, "to the effect that the allies are now confident and have chosen to wait until the most powerful force of Americans possible is ready, is diametrically opposed to all the information received by me from the British war department, and all the requests I have been asked by them to make of the American government."

"I am quite in the dark as to the origin of the statement, and can only say now that I am convinced that the document was issued without the knowledge of the prime minister or the British war cabinet."

Big Artillery Bill

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The war department today asked congress for the appropriation of \$6,000,000 for heavy ordnance. This is in addition to the \$15,000,000 estimate given to the house military committee last week by Secretary Baker.

General Barrette told the house appropriations committee today that because of the long time required to build big guns, most of those built under the next fiscal year's appropriation could not be delivered until a year after the contract had been let.

He stated that the need for big guns was not pressing, because the allies had large reserves, but that the United States must prepare.

Dr. Kerr Spoke at Church Yesterday

President C. H. Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural college, addressed a large crowd at the First Presbyterian church yesterday evening in the interest of food conservation. Dr. Kerr is making a tour of the valley for the food administration and spoke twice in Linn county yesterday.

The services held last night were of the union variety, and the churches over the city were closed. As a result the attendance was exceptionally large. Special music was provided by local people.

Makes Round-Trip in 27 Days—

P. D. Gilbert received a telegram this morning from his son, Earl Gilbert, stating that he was with a gun crew on a big transport and they had just returned to Norfolk, Va., after making a trip to France. The round trip was made in 27 days.

Bishop S. P. Norcor of the Evangelical church, will preach in Albany at the local church next Tuesday evening at 8 in the evening. Rev. Schuster, pastor, has been returned to the Albany church and will return tomorrow with Bishop Spreng. Rev. Schuster has also been chosen as presiding elder of the district, which includes Portland.

S. P. EMPLOYEES TO RAISE FLAG

G. A. R. Will Assist in Ceremony Tomorrow Afternoon

The Southern Pacific railroad employees at Albany will raise their new flag tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 with appropriate ceremonies. Addresses will be made by leading railroad men of the Southern Pacific and by C. H. Burton, past commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., and Attorney Willard Marks of Albany. Miss Orsh Harkness will give a reading, and music will be furnished by the high school band and by the G. A. R. fife and drum corps.

Program

Music—G. A. R. fife and drum corps.
Music—America—high school band.
Unfurling of flag—Miss Mildred Taylor.
Address—F. L. Burckhalter, Supt. Portland Division.
Address—C. G. Burton, past commander-in-chief, G. A. R.
Address—C. E. Peck, M.M. Portland division.
Address—Willard Marks of Albany.
Music—G. A. R. fife and drum corps.
Address—F. E. Cavender, master car repairer, Portland division.
Address—James Raddiman, foreman Painter, Brooklyn.
Music—Star Spangled Banner—Albany high school band.

MYSTERIOUS SLACKER PROVES TO BE GUY RHEINHEIMER

The identity of the mysterious slacker of Criminal Gulch seems to be about established. A relative, living in Linn county, has finally turned up and positively identified the man as Guy Rheinheimer, a former resident of the county.

According to the relative, Rheinheimer has been filled with socialism of the worst sort ever since he was a child, and his present plight is more his father's fault than his own. His father formerly lived in the county, at Lyons, Jordan and on McCullough Mountain, and worked at the mill in Mill City 20 years ago, where he was an agitator.

Guy Rheinheimer left Linn county with his parents, going to Morrisville, Illinois, and later took up a homestead in Montana, where he was at the time of the draft. He is not believed to be wanted for anything more than slacking.

The self-confessed slacker tells a different story now that his name has been found. He still claims to be opposed to war and declares they can shoot him before he goes over the seas to fight. He will do anything they ask of him in the United States, he declares, however.

PORTLAND VOTE MAY DECIDE PRIMARY CONTESTS

Democratic Leaders Expect Light Vote in Country and Heavy Vote in Multnomah

PORTLAND, May 13.—(Special to Democrat)—Whether Portland will be the deciding factor at the democratic primary election which will be held next Friday will depend upon whether or not a heavy or light vote is polled in the outside counties. The absence of contests for local offices in the democratic primaries in some of the rural districts may cut down the country vote to some extent and in such event the question of who will be the democratic choice for United States senator, governor and national committeeman will be determined largely by the voters of Multnomah county, for in addition to the contests for the major state offices, there are two opposing candidates for congress in the congressional district which includes Multnomah county. This contest is expected to bring out a big democratic vote in Portland.

Ex-Governor West is expected to carry Western Oregon and his opponent, Judge Will R. King, is expected to get the vote in Eastern Oregon. If this guess is correct the candidate for the senate who carries Multnomah county will in all probability be the next democratic nominee for U. S. senator.

The contest for the governorship nomination is also creating considerable interest. Senator Pierce and Harvey Starkweather are both campaigning in Western Oregon at the present time and will wind up their campaign in Portland the middle of the week. Both claim that they will carry Multnomah county.

To Speak at Pioneer Picnic—
Rev. G. H. Bennett has accepted an invitation from John P. Cooley, chairman of the picnic committee for the iPioneers' Picnic to be held in Ironsboro, to speak on June 5. The subject of Rev. Bennett's talk will be "The Vision of the iPioneer."

State Encampment of G.A.R. Opens this Morning in Albany with Close to 2000 Veterans from All Over Oregon Present; Parade Comes Tomorrow

Orlando A. Somers to Speak Tonight at Big Campfire

Again, for the 37th time since the war, the Oregon Grand Army of the Republic has gathered in the annual state encampment, and Albany is crowded with the veterans and their ladies. The morning trains brought in many from the valley towns and, late in the morning, the Portland special came in, bringing close to 400 members of the three organizations meeting here this week—the G. A. R., the Ladies of the G. A. R., and the Woman's Relief Corps.

The G. A. R. convention is much the same as other G. A. R. conventions and in many ways, much unlike other conventions. This year the decorations are not restricted to the G. A. R. badges. The veterans have found that there are more ways of serving their country than by keeping alive the memories of battles of the Civil War and of the long struggle against the Indians, and few indeed are the visitors who do not wear a Red Cross button or a Liberty Loan badge as proudly as they do their G. A. R. emblem.

The morning was given up entirely to registration of the visitors and to preparing for the activities of the afternoon. The information bureau is established across from the armory, where a corps of Albany women are at work getting the visitors settled in rooms for the next three days. An accurate estimate of the attendance is not possible but it is believed it will go well over a thousand.

The afternoon session was given up to the organization of the three conventions and to the memorial service held by the Ladies of the G. A. R., and by the Woman's Relief Corps. The G. A. R. are holding their sessions in the Knights of Pythias building, the W. R. C. in the Elks' Temple, and the Ladies of the G. A. R. in the Masonic hall.

This evening the first big campfire will be held at the United Presbyterian church. Orlando A. Somers, national commander of the order, will make the principal address and in addition a program will be given by the G. A. R. and by Albany citizens. The address of welcome will be made by Mayor L. M. Curl, and the responses by the three state commanders will follow. Music by local musicians and by the Portland fife and drum corps will also be presented at the campfire.

The meetings this afternoon were of the nature to clear the deck for action tomorrow. The departmental council of administration met at 1:30

THE COURAGEOUS ARE THOSE WHO SMILE MOST

By Robert C. Markee, commandant of
the Oregon State Soldiers Home



High courage is what we need these days, high courage that reaches from the heart straight up to the realms of GOD'S justice—that maintains that RIGHT MUST RULE. A thousand threads weave this fabric of high courage which makes for Victory.

We need Laughter—Sparkling Laughter, swinging back and forth between the BOYS that are Away and the GIRLS that are at Home. They say we must be serious; the world is imperiled, it is no time for laughter. BUT the Gloom don't know that the Courageous are those that smile the oftenest; and that the BOYS that go forth with SONGS on lips that never quiver. "Let us hang fast to Principles, let us hang fast to the precious elements of life that keeps our spirits strong, for Strong Spirits are the first line of Defense. There must be no faltering, no weakening, no waiving, or despair."

Capt. Markee has been attending these encampments for 40 years, and attended 19 national encampments and hopes to round it out with 20 by attending this year at Portland in August.

at the Knights of Pythias hall, and at 3 o'clock the first session of the encampment was held at the hall to receive the reports of the officers. The memorial sessions of the ladies of the G. A. R. and the Woman's Relief Corps occupied most of the afternoon at their respective halls.

Tomorrow's Program

8 a. m.—Oregon Veteran's association meets at armory hall.
8:30 a. m.—Business meetings at various halls.
10:30 a. m.—Parade forms on Lyon street facing north.
1:30 p. m.—Business sessions at various halls.
5 p. m.—Banquet at armory.
7:30 p. m.—Music by high school band at United Presbyterian church.
8 p. m.—Campfire at U. P. church, address by Governor Withycombe.
Four Albany high school girls have volunteered and are helping in the registration office across from the armory. They are Miss Lucille Snyder, Miss Janet Dawson, Miss Josephine Lee and Miss Hazel Hall.

Parade and Banquet Is Being Arranged for by Veterans

DRUM CORPS IS IN GOOD FORM

Between times, the Portland G. A. R. drum corps is keeping things doing around the headquarters and the convention hall. They are attracting more than the usual attention this year, as many new "stunts" are being pulled off by the veterans, and the musical results are of a high order. Lyon street was blocked this afternoon during an impromptu concert.

The session of the visiting veterans tomorrow will be started by the parade which is expected to be one of the best Albany has had for some time. While the absence of the coast artillery company will take away a feature which has always been present in the past, the Home Guard will be out in their new uniforms and will furnish the military part of the performance.

The G. A. R. and ladies will, as is usual, be the most conspicuous part of the line, and they will follow after the Home Guard. After the veterans will come the civic orders and lodges, and then will come the county officials. The Albany high school band will be present and will assist the drum corps, which of course leads the parade.

The Honor Guard girls have been practicing faithfully for the past few weeks and expect to make a good showing in the way of marching. There have been about 40 at the drills on the average, and all will be in the parade unless they change their minds. The Campfire Girls, the Boy Scouts and the schoolchildren will also be present.

At the high school grounds the ladies of the G. A. R. and the Woman's Relief Corps will present a flag and a picture of Lincoln to the high school. Professor C. W. Boetticher is to accept the gifts for the high school and make an address.

The campfire in the evening will bring Governor James Withycombe, who is to make the principal address. In addition there will be a program with songs and music by the high school band, at the United Presbyterian church.

ALBANY SOLDIER TO EAT AT HOME CHRISTMAS DAY

A letter was received today by Mrs. A. Whetstone of Albany from Private Owey Whetstone, now in France. According to the Albany soldier, there will be a show-down very shortly, as he expects to eat his Christmas dinner at home. Following is part of the letter:

"Tell Dad to come on over, and I will get him a job getting Germans. Tell him not to sell the colt, and the wagon and harness, and I will buy them when I get back. That is if they aren't too old by then. But I guess they won't be for I figure on eating Christmas dinner at home."

"Say, send all the candy you want to, I can use it all. Now saying this, I don't mean that we don't get enough to eat for we do get fed good, but candy is scarce. I am about out of tobacco, but that don't bother me fur when I run out I will quit. I had plenty but let the boys have it that were out."

Railroad Man Is Hurt in Accident

Fred Filkins, who is employed at the Southern Pacific, was hurt in an accident last Saturday at the corner of Fourth and Lyon. He was struck by an automobile and dragged several feet, but escaped with a few minor bruises.

The automobile was one registered under the ownership of H. J. McInness, of Route 1, Albany. He was said to have been on the wrong side of the street at the time and the collision with Filkins, who was riding a bicycle, was the result. Filkins was taken to the office of Dr. Davis, where his bruises were patched up.

Corvallis Boys Are Arrested in Albany TO DO JOB QUICK

Two boys, both around 15 years of age, were picked up by Traffic Officer Willard and Night Officer Dick Rogers last Saturday evening, kept in the city lockup over night and returned to the sheriff at Corvallis, together with a Ford they were alleged to have stolen. The boys were seen passing the boys' industrial school near Salem and the Albany policemen went down the Salem Road a ways and caught them as they came into town.

It appears that the car was taken from a jitney driver and the boys claimed they had rented it. The jitney driver told a different story, and as the boys have been recently returned from the reform school, it is probable that they will make another trip.

Albany People Were at State Convention

Albany men attended the session of the Oregon Fire Relief association at McMinnville last Friday and Saturday and report an interesting session. H. H. Hewitt of Albany is a director and J. F. Emmett, also of Albany, acted as chairman of the meeting.

Mr. Hewitt spoke on Friday, the subject of his talk being "How Agents Bind the Company." Mr. Emmett spoke the same day on "Inspection."

Honor Guard Girls Drill—

The Honor Guard girls will drill tomorrow night at the junior high school at 7:30.

Shopping Here—

Misses Dorothy Smith and Crystal Shank, popular maids of Mt. Pleasant, near Seio, spent the day in Albany shopping.

Operated on Yesterday—
Mrs. Arch Gould was operated on yesterday at St. Mary's hospital for appendicitis and is getting along nicely.