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EFFECT OF BRITISH MINES IS FEARFUL

Surface of Ground is Torn Into High Craters by the Underground Explosions

London, April 27.—"Trenches, parapets and sandbags disappeared" says the British official "eyewitness" in describing the effect of the explosions of the British mines which preceded the recent attacks and capture by the British of hill No. 60 to the southeast of Ypres.

"The whole surface of the ground assumed strange shapes. Here it was torn into high craters, there large mounds of fallen debris were to be seen.

"As the reports of the explosions died away and while dense columns of smoke and dust hung in the air, our men sprang from the trenches and rushed across the intervening space of some 40 to 60 yards lying between our line and the gaping craters before them, the front covered by the attack being only some 250 yards in length.

"Where the mines actually had exploded nothing was left of the occupants of the hostile line, but in the neighboring trenches our assaulting infantry witnessed an extraordinary scene. Many German soldiers, possibly owing to the fact that they were working, were surprised while in their shirt sleeves and without equipment. Stunned by the violence of the explosion, bewildered and suddenly subjected to a rain of hand grenades thrown by our bombing parties, they gave way to panic.

"Cursing and shouting, they were falling over one another and fighting in their hurry to gain the exits leading into the communication trenches. Some of those in the rear, maddened by terror, were driving their bayonets into the bodies of their comrades in front of them.

Holley Items

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wright and son and daughter of Eastern Oregon are visiting his sister, Mrs. King. They think of going to California for Mr. Wright's health.

Mrs. Kice has returned from Eastern Oregon where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bertha Cole, who has a bouncing baby girl.

A Christian Evangelist has been holding a revival meeting at Crawfordville for two weeks.

It is thought the heavy frosts a few nights ago, damaged the fruit.

Prof. Malone has two more weeks of school. The last two days are for the eighth grade examination. They will have a program on Saturday at the grange hall.

Mrs. A. J. Johnson and married daughter, of Corvallis, have been visiting Scio relatives this week.

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THAT NEW SUIT OF CLOTHES

The Tribune editor acknowledges the corn. He did buy, begged, borrowed or stole a new suit of clothes in Albany a short time ago. We publish this fact for the information of our neighbor, The Santiam News. That paper seemed considerably exercised about the matter in its last week edition. While we sorrowfully admit that its a very unusual matter for a country newspaper man to procure a new suit, we are glad to note that the fact is of sufficient importance (?) to form the basis for a news item in the columns of the usually newsless News.

Anyway Brother, the suit was bought from a Linn county merchant who has been a constant contributor to this county's tax rolls for the past fifty years or more. He helps to build our roads and support our schools and churches liberally. The suit, which has aroused your interest Brother News, was a hand-me-down purchase of nearly two years ago, from another Linn county tax paying merchant.

We hope this elucidation of the whole business will allay any anxiety the News may feel about our wardrobe. It does not amount to much, yet is sufficient for our needs and so long as we have to pay for it sometime in the distant future, it is simply some more of our business.

ALLEGED SLAYER WAIVES HEARING

Prisoner Consults Lawyers in Jail—The Defence Will Be Plea of Insanity

Corvallis, April 26.—George W. Avery, arrested Saturday charged with the murder of William Purdy, of this city, waived a preliminary hearing today and was bound over to the grand jury without bail. The grand jury will convene Tuesday, July 6.

Avery was in consultation most of today with attorneys Weatherford & Weatherford, of Albany, who are to defend him. His relatives have come to his support, a sister from Portland having been here yesterday and today. He will plead insanity as a defense, it is said, and avers he does not remember where he was and what he did Friday night.

District Attorney Clarke has ordered that no one be allowed to enter the house where the murder took place until all the evidence of the crime has been carefully viewed and followed up.

It was reported today that a third person was thought to be implicated in the stabbing. The district attorney, however, said "there is not a word of truth in it. Only two were mixed up in the affair. One is dead and I am confident the other is George Avery."

From May 4 to 11 is cleanup week, says Governor Withycombe. What is our city council doing about the matter? Will it ratify the recommendation?

KITCHENER ACCUSES FOE OF INHUMANITY

Maltreatment by the Germans of British Prisoners Declared Proved Beyond Doubt

London, April 27.—War Secretary Kitchener told the House of Lords today that British prisoners had been insulted, maltreated and even shot down by their German captors. He made a statement to the House on this subject in which he said in part:

"I have been forced with reluctance to accept as indisputably true the maltreatment by the German army of British prisoners. The Hague convention has been flagrantly disregarded by German officers. Our prisoners have been stripped and maltreated in various ways and in some cases the evidence goes to prove that they have been shot in cold blood. Our officers, even when wounded, have been wantonly insulted and frequently struck.

"Germany has for many years posed before the civilized world as a great military nation. She has abundantly proved her military skill and courage. But surely it was also for her to set up a standard of military honor and conduct which would gain her the respect, if not the friendship of nations.

"I do not think there can be a soldier of any nationality, even among the Germans themselves, who is not heartily ashamed of the slur which has been thus brought upon the profession of arms.

Blast Breaks Colt's Leg

Bert Bilyeu was superintending some rock blasting up near Kingston last Thursday. They had been careful to keep all stock and people out of danger. But just as a blast was fired a bunch of young horses and colts, in their play, ran out of the brush some 200 yards away from the quarry. When the blast was fired, a rock of sufficient size and force struck one of the colts on the left hind leg just near the hock joint, breaking and shattering the bones. The animal was killed a few minutes thereafter.

The work was being done for the county and the county will, probably, be held for the value of the colt. Precautions had been taken, Mr. Bilyeu said, to avoid injury to stock but, under the circumstances, the accident was unavoidable.

Attended Anniversary

Monday evening Roe Shelton loaded his new auto bus with a round dozen members of the Scio chain gang and carried them over to attend the anniversary of the founding of the I. O. O. F. order, which was appropriately observed by the Stayton lodge of that order.

The personnel of the party was: Con Donohue, J. L. Calavan, N. P. Moses, B. A. Holteen, Scott Turner, A. Shanks, W. G. Barth, F. J. Cary, Eli Plummer, J. L. Funk, J. N. Weddle, and Geo. Morrow. The boys reached home again about midnight.

THE SCIO POOL SELLS HIGH

Last Friday some five or six mohair buyers were here to participate in the auction sale of mohair at R. Shelton's real estate office. Some 3500 fleeces had been listed and as Scio mohair is reckoned as being about the best grown in the state, buyers were anxious to secure the pook.

Three buyers from Portland, Al Sternberg, representing M. Sternberg & Co. of Albany, and A. M. Reeves of Lebanon, were present. A sealed bid by A. G. Devorak for 33 cents per pound was read by Mr. Shelton when the sale opened. As the highest price yet paid in the state was 32½ cents for a Lincoln county pool, this sealed bid seemed to act as a sort of damper upon the buyers present. Only one buyer, Al Sternberg, had the nerve to raise the sealed bid. His bid was \$33.10 per hundred pounds and was the only bid made by the buyers present which, of course, got away with the bacon.

The mohair was delivered yesterday by the sellers at West Scio.

SHASTA HITS AUTO; 4 KILLED, 1 HURT

Children Going to Sunday School Are Victims—Creswell Home is Scene

Creswell, April 25.—The north bound Shasta Limited of the Southern Pacific Co. today struck an auto driven by F. E. Sly in front of his home here, smashed it to fragments and killed four small children who occupied the tonneau, besides injuring Mr. Sly so badly that it is thought he cannot recover.

Mr. Sly sustained concussion of the brain and a broken shoulder. The accident was witnessed by Mrs. Sly, his wife and Mrs. Maxwell, his daughter. C. H. Flick, a neighbor, also saw it.

Mr. Sly is an elderly man. He had just brought his automobile out of the garage and alighted to open the gate leading to the S. P. track, intending to cross the Pacific Highway, when the four children came along on their way to Sunday School. They were invited to ride and clambered into the car. It was apparent that neither they nor Mr. Sly saw or heard the approaching train, for Mr. Sly got in and ran the automobile on the track directly in front of it.

The horrified witnesses heard a crash and saw the automobile hurled high in the air and fall at one side of the track. The train sped on without stopping, its engine crew unconscious of what had happened.

Notice to the Public

I hereby announce that I am the sole owner of the Scio Libery Barn, that all bills due the late firm of Turner & Wiley are payable to me and that I will be responsible for all bills against the said firm up to date, this 22nd day of April, 1915. C. S. Wiley.

COLONISTS WANT THEIR MONEY BACK

They Allege They Have Paid on 1000 Acres of Land Near Peora, Linn County

With 18 burly Russians present in the court room as plaintiffs, the case of the Society of Independent Doukhobors against B. J. Hecker and wife opened for trial before Judge Galloway this morning. There are in all 26 plaintiffs, all Russians, more being named in an amended complaint, but only the 18 will appear.

The case is to recover \$8909.36, the alleged amount of partial payments made on 100.1 acres of land near Peora, purchased in May, 1913 from Hecker, together with \$7318.65 for alleged improvements made on the land.

Only one of the Russians is able to talk English so an interpreter will be used. He is W. H. Galvani, of Portland.

The complaint sets up that the land will not yield what it was claimed, that it is not worth what it was represented and that a portion of it overflows, contrary to the representations. Hecker denies that there were any misrepresentations and declares that all transactions were open and above board.

M. F. Reiben, who acted as interpreter when the deal was made, was the first witness called. He is a member of the colony and is the only one who can talk English. He testified that Hecker offered him a commission for helping to close the deal and that he had thus far received \$100. The rest of his testimony dealt with details concerning the immigration of the Russians to Linn county and the closing of the deal. —Albany Herald.

Played Ball Sunday

A bunch of Scio ex-ball players and wouldbes went over to Shelburn Sunday afternoon and gave the boys over there some pointers anent the great American pastime. The score sheet gave out when the Scioans had annexed 17 runs. At least the boys did not report further. Had any of the runs escaped, John Kelly would have been sure to make a note of it.

When the Shelburn boys had secured three or four runs, as many as any respectable ball team should make in a game, they quit and let the Scio foot racers run to their heart's content.

Contemplating Trip to Fair

A bunch of K. of P. boys are contemplating an auto trip to San Francisco, about July 1. They will press Roe Shelton and his auto into service for the trip, taking camp equipage along. They think they can make the trip, see the big fair and reach home again for less than \$50 each.

The Morrison sales day and the Wild West show attracted quite a crowd of people to Scio last Saturday, nevertheless the busy season.