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BATTLE SEEMS ONE OF ARTILLERY WITH BOTH SIDES

NEAR BRAINE, ON FRENCH LEFT CENTER, Wednesday, Sept. 16, via Paris, Sept. 17, 3:46 p. m.—There is an incessant roar of artillery along the entire line of battle in the vicinity of Braine, where, for the last four days, the great forces of the allies and the Germans have been in close grips.

The field itself over which the armies are fighting is broken; consequently there is comparatively little visible evidence of the terrific struggle in progress, although hundreds of thousands of men are engaged in this vicinity. Detachments of artillery from the allied front fire shells with great rapidity at the German positions. Overhead French and British aeroplanes are flying hither and thither endeavoring to locate the positions of the big German guns. These, however, are so well masked that their emplacement has not yet been discovered and they continue incessantly to launch their great projectiles in the direction of the allied forces. German aeroplanes appear to have vanished from the scene of action. For about a week past none has been observed, and British sharpshooters declare that they have accounted for so many that the others now hesitate to take the air.

Many dashing incidents are being recited of the extraordinary reckless bravery of the French troops.

WHEAT FLUCTUATES WITH WAR RUMORS

CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—Wheat prices recovered today from an early dip that resulted from a selling drive by pit speculators. After opening 1/2 lower to a 3/4 up, values declined 1/2 to 3/4 all around, and then made a recovery in fall.

Corn swayed with wheat. The opening, which ranged from 1 1/2 off to 1/4 advance, was followed by an upturn that offset most of the loss.

Oats trading was not nearly as broad as of late. The curtailment of demand led to a moderate setback in prices.

Higher values for hogs lifted the provision market. There was a rise of 5 to 25 cents, but not all of the gains were held.

Subsequent reports that the German emperor had conditionally accepted President Wilson's second offer of mediation led to a decided break. Rallyes later failed to hold. The close was unsettled, 1 1/4 to 2 cents under last night.

BERLIN DENIES FRENCH VICTORIES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The German embassy today received the following wireless from Berlin: "All the French and English reports of victories of battles in France are untrue. The German retreat of the western wing was a tactical maneuver not affecting the strategic position. The French attempt to break through the center of the German position was victoriously repulsed.

"There is confirmation of German success at several points of the long extended battlefield. The Temps reports that the losses of the British army in the recent fighting amount to 15,000 dead and wounded."

SIDE ISSUES PROFITABLE

AN unfavorable year followed by unfavorable markets for fruit has again emphasized the necessity of the orchardists engaging in side lines in order to make expenses in off years. Dairying, hog raising, potatoes, beans, truck farming and berry culture offer the most practical solution of the problem.

A public market in Medford furnishes an outlet for a portion of the produce. Commission firms stand ready to buy and ship the surplus. Canneries clamor for produce they cannot obtain. Berries are a profitable crop, but few are grown. Local creameries can scarcely secure cream necessary to operate. Stock buyers are frequent visitors.

Conditions in the valley have radically changed in the past few years in favor of the producer. He can market his produce locally, where a few years ago it rotted in the fields. Soil, climate and natural conditions favor him. Only intelligent industry is necessary to secure desired results.

The orchardist, like the farmer, should make the most of opportunity. All staple foodstuffs are bound to advance in price through the destruction or neglect of the crops of the old world by war. The orchardist should therefore lose no time in engaging in the supply of staple food products as well as fruit.

Before the valley can produce to its fullest capacity, irrigation is essential. But there are still thousands of acres under water, but idle. One of the curses of the valley is idle land held at inflated valuations for speculative purposes. Better one acre redeemed and in use than a hundred idle. The greater the valley's output, the greater the abiding prosperity.

CEMENT MAKERS' OPPORTUNITY

ALL of the cement used in Oregon is shipped in from other states—hence there should be an ample home market for the product of the plant now being erected at Gold Hill. It would seem, therefore, that the quicker the plant got into operation the better.

A bulletin of the United States geological survey calls attention to the fact that little effort has been made to export American made Portland cement, though mills frequently shut down because of over-production. The exports have never exceeded 5 per cent of the total output—not sufficient to take care of the surplus in a year of great activity.

The conditions brought about by the war would seem to offer cement makers the opportunity of increasing their export business. Statistics show that the export of cement from England, Germany, Belgium and France not only have been considerably greater than those from the United States, but have borne a much higher ratio to the production in these countries. The quantity of cement exported by France in recent years is estimated to have reached at least 23 per cent of her production, and that of Germany about 17 per cent.

There are few cement plants in South American countries, and in the past these countries have been supplied mainly from Europe. There is evidently an opportunity now for the cement industry of the United States to secure this trade, although the export of a relatively bulky and low-priced material such as cement does not promise large direct profits to an individual producer, indirectly the creation and maintenance of an export trade should benefit the industry at large.

ADMIRAL BADGER AGAIN IN COMMAND

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Rear Admiral Chas. J. Badger today turned over the command of the North Atlantic fleet of the United States navy to Rear Admiral James Fletcher, who was commander of the fleet at Vera Cruz at the time of the American occupation of the city last spring. The ceremony of the transfer was staged on the quarter-deck of the battleship Wyoming, Rear Admiral Badger's flagship, at the Brooklyn navy yard, in the presence of naval officers, and the Wyoming's crew standing at attention.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Alva Anderson and Harry Bennett, both of this city were united in marriage at Ashland yesterday afternoon. Both young people are well known in the valley having resided here the greater part of their lives. Both are popular and have a host of friends.

G. A. Coddling, chief clerk of the Pacific Highway left yesterday morning for Salem where he will wed one of Salem's popular society girls. The couple after a short honeymoon, will come to Medford where they will make their future home. It comes as a surprise to the many friends of

Iowa's Attention. The Iowa society will hold their 1914 picnic in connection with the Industrial Fair at Gold Hill, next Saturday, September 19.

Those having no conveyance may go in the 20 passenger Packard auto which will leave the Exhibit building at 9:30 a. m. Fare for the round trip 50c.

Gold Hill will give us an Iowa corner and a fine time is assured. All Iowans in the valley are invited to bring one of those old time dinner baskets—less the meats, we will eat Free Baked Salmon.

COMMITTEE.

AVIATORS WARNED TO KEEP OUT OF CANADA

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Aviators in the northern part of the United States were warned today to be careful not to cross the border into Canada during the war. This explanation was issued by the state department.

"The department has been advised by the American consul general at Montreal that an aeroplane was recently fired on by Canadian guards while crossing the Long Sault canal. This was done, the consul general stated, in compliance with a general order of the Dominion government regarding the use of air craft in Canada."

MUST REGISTER STOCKS IN LONDON

LONDON, Sept. 17, 4:25 p. m.—The London stock exchange committee announced today that it shortly will fix a date after which American stocks in the name of alien enemies will cease to be good for delivery.

The members of the exchange holding such certificates are advised to take steps for their registration.

MANY AUSTRIAN DESERTERS ARRIVE IN RUSSIAN LINES

ROME, Sept. 16, 10:25 p. m., via Paris, Sept. 17, 7:55 a. m.—A report received here from Petrograd says that many deserters are arriving at Russian headquarters, mostly Slovaks and Bohemians.

John A. Perl UERTAKER Lady Assistant 22 S. BARTLETT Phone No. 47 and 47-25 Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner

RUSSIANS DRIVING RETIRING AUSTRIANS ALL ALONG LINE

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Colonel Golejewski, military attache of the Russian embassy, gave out today the following message from Petrograd: "Fighting against the Austrian rear guard continues all along the line. Reports about prisoners, guns and war stores being taken are coming in from all our armies. "On the left bank of the river San we attacked successfully the retiring Austrians. In Eastern Prussia, in spite of all the efforts of the Germans to surround a part of our retreating force their plan did not succeed."

LONDON, Sept. 17, 8:35 a. m.—A dispatch from Petrograd to the Reuter's Telegram company gives this outline of the situation in Galicia:

"The position of Grodek, occupied by the Russians, is 18 miles west of Lemberg, and is situated on the heights under which a chain of six almost connecting lakes stretch out towards the Russian frontier, forming a natural defense for 14 miles running north and south. The Austrians abandoned this position after the capture of Lemberg.

"Moselska, to which the Russians have advanced, is a little over 40 miles west of Lemberg, on the main line between Przemysl and Lemberg. The shattered second Austrian army was evidently incapable of staying the Russian advance and took refuge in Fryszemyl from which the Russians, according to the latest official report, are only 19 miles away.

"Great enthusiasm continues to prevail throughout Russia and all classes are doing their utmost to help in the present emergency. At Moscow the barbers' guild have offered to shave and cut the hair of soldiers free of charge, while at Vilna 15 cab drivers have offered their services for the transport of the wounded."

LIEGE EVACUATION PRONOUNCED FALSE

LONDON, Sept. 17, 2:30 p. m.—In a dispatch from Maastricht, Holland, by way of Amsterdam, a correspondent of the Reuter Telegram company says the Germans have not evacuated Liege and that the situation there is calm. Numerous German regiments of infantry and artillery with 40 guns, passed through Liege Tuesday, going in the direction of northern France.

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AUSTRIAN LOSSES REPORTED HEAVY AGAINST SERBIANS

ROME, Sept. 16, 10:15 p. m., via Paris, Sept. 17, 7:30 a. m.—A telegram from Nish says that the losses of the Serbians are small compared with those of the Austrians, and besides they are immediately made up by fresh men, of whom there is a plentiful supply. Provisions are abundant and the health and hygienic condition of the Serbians excellent. Reports of cholera and typhoid outbreaks, the dispatch says, are false. Fierce guerrilla warfare, it is said, is raging on the Bosnian frontier between Serbians and Montenegrins on one side and Austrians on the other. Special mounted troops are attempting to prevent the advance of the allies toward Sarajevo, while the Austrians defend railway lines on the Drina river with blockhouses and mounting quick-firing guns. Some of these blockhouses have been taken by the Serbians.

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