

SPITE BILL HITS AT BLUE SKY LAW UPON THE BALLOT

The Medford Commercial club is in receipt of the following from the corporation commissioner, explaining a spite bill on the initiative ballot: March 5, 1914, H. D. Wagon, vice-president of the Mutual Fire company of Portland, asked the corporation commissioner for a permit to sell \$100,000 of 7 per cent guaranteed bonds based upon the assets of that company. According to the report of Paul L. Woolston, an expert insurance actuary, the admitted assets of the company on October 31, 1912, were \$244.28 less than its total liabilities.

The corporation commissioner refused to grant the permit and Mr. Wagon said, "If that is your final decision I shall instruct my attorney at once to draft a bill abolishing your office."

Initiative bill numbers 338 and 339, found on page 65 of the official pamphlet, is the result of that threat. I desire to call the attention of your organization to the measure, and I enclose a statement which sets out, briefly, some of the facts in connection with it.

The manufacturers association has gone on record as opposed to the bill, and I have been assured that the Portland Chamber of Commerce, the Portland Commercial club, and other similar organizations will do the same. I would appreciate it if you would call the subject to the attention of your organization, and am confident that having studied it, it will as a matter of sound judgment oppose it.

Thanking you for your consideration, I am,

Very sincerely,
R. A. WATSON.

ALL STAR PLAYERS HERE ON MONDAY

The coming of the All Star baseball teams of the American and National leagues, who appear in this city next Monday, November 2, is creating much interest throughout the valley, and delegations from Ashland, Talent, Phoenix, Jacksonville, Central Point, Eagle Point and Grants Pass will be on hand. The game will be called at one o'clock, and will go the full nine innings. Posters announcing the coming of the diamond stars have been distributed over the valley.

The line up of the two teams as they will appear in this city with the exception of the pitchers, is as follows:

National	American
Byrne 3b	E. Murphy, cf
Carey, cf	Walsh, cf
Burns, lf	Lewis, lf
Miller, 2b	Hobitzel, 1b
Fletcher, ss	Chapman, ss
Snodgrass, 1b	Mortarity, 3b
Dolan, cf	Boone, 2b
Killifer, c	Henry, c
James, p	Mitchell, p

GREEKS OCCUPY EPIRUS, ALBANIA

LONDON, Oct. 27, 10:59 a. m.—According to a message reaching Rome from Avlona, Albania, telegraphs the Rome correspondent of the Exchange Telegram company 600 regular Greek soldiers with one battery of artillery, has arrived at Yasi-ri and attacked the Mussulman position at Ghoghil, forcing them to retreat. The Greeks then started for Kereiovo.

Advices from the interior declare Greek Epirotes have bombarded and occupied the villages of Scallist, Buzi, Tepeleni, Rubzi and Premedi, in Albania, not far from the Grecian frontier.

DIED.

At Ashland, Oregon, October 22, 1914, of pneumonia, after an illness of nine days, Frank Clinton Roberts, aged 36 years, 4 months, 13 days. He was born near Folsom, Cal., but came with his parents to Jackson county when he was nine years old, but for the last six years has made his home in eastern Oregon. It was while returning home for a visit he contracted the cold which caused his death. All that loving hearts and willing hands could do was done for him, but the Lord had called him and he had to go. Besides a mother he leaves a brother, E. G. Roberts of Medford, and two sisters, Mrs. E. E. Gull and Mrs. J. O. Van Wegen, both of Ashland, to mourn his loss.

GERMAN RETREAT FROM WARSAW MADE AT RIGHT

LONDON, Oct. 27, 4:10 a. m.—In a dispatch from Petrograd the correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Co. gives some details of the retreat from the vicinity of Warsaw:

"The Germans retreated from Warsaw at night, covering over 30 miles on their first march. They left artillery to mask their retreat. The Russians caught up two days later.

"The capture of Lowicz virtually ensures possession of the country for 80 miles to the westward of Warsaw.

"Along the whole western frontier the Russian medical aid worked like clockwork. Trains, motors, vans carriages were plentiful everywhere. A big lunatic asylum at Tvorok, in the zone of the fighting near Warsaw, had to be evacuated. A detachment of troops was sent with orders not to use violence. The doctors contrived a long rope of tied towels, telling the inmates if they let go of it they would be shot by the Germans.

"All were thereby taken to the railway. A few recalcitrant women scratched, bit and kicked the wardens.

"The Army Messenger states that the Austrian losses in Galicia from the 22d to the 25th, of October were 17 officers, 4150 men, 11 quick-firers 22 cannon and a great quantity of ammunition and stores. The Russian cavalry continues the pursuit.

"On the Galician front the entire Stry Valley southward from the river and the railway tracks from the Stry to Drohobycz are congested with Austrian corpses. Between last Thursday and Sunday, during the pursuit of the enemy, the Russians captured 17 officers, 4000 men, 11 machine guns, 23 caissons and masses of other war material."

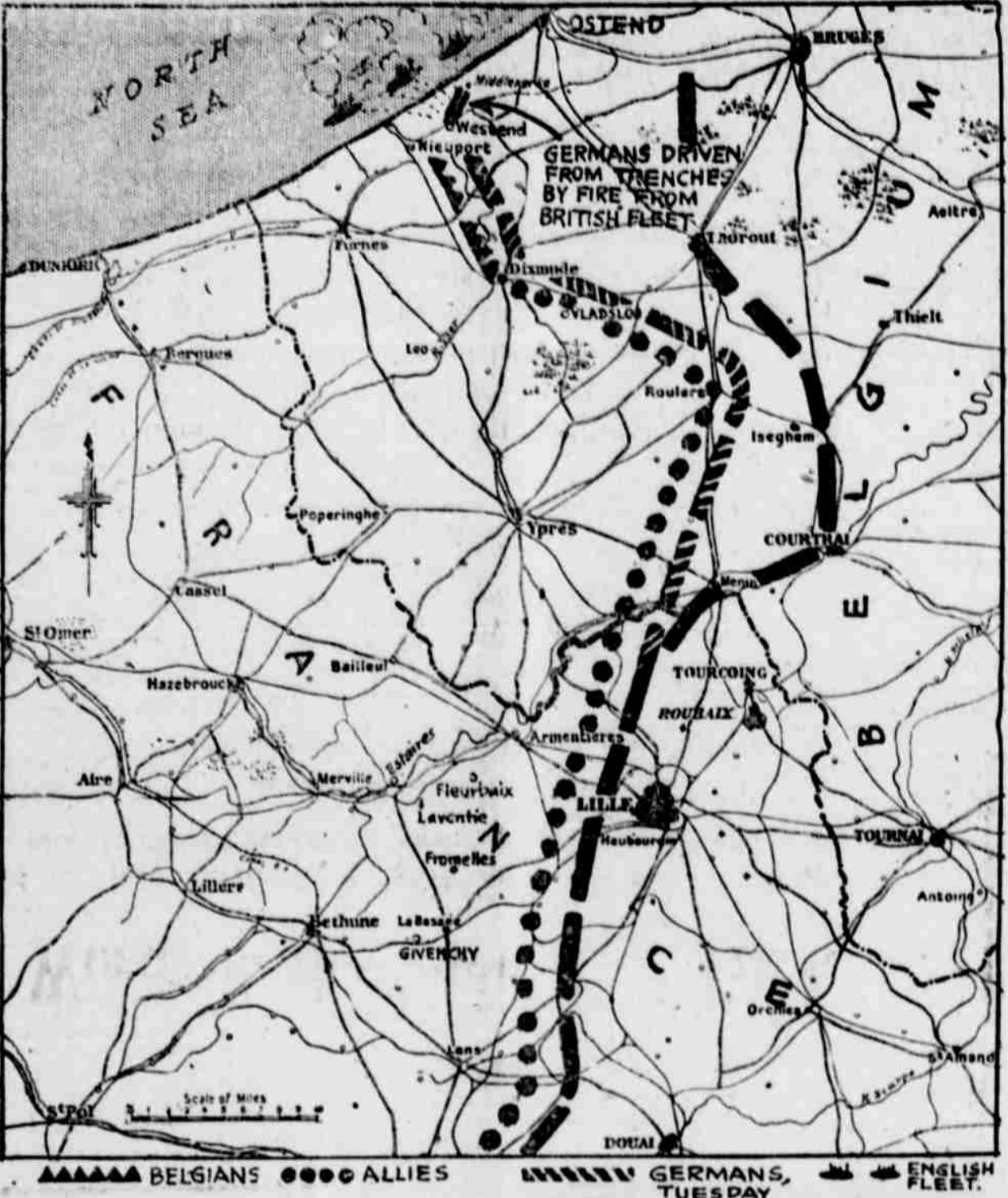
TEN THOUSAND A DAY LOSSES BY GERMANS

ROME, Oct. 26, 1:35 p. m.—According to official reports received here, the German casualties daily average 10,000 men in killed and wounded. All of those slightly or not gravely wounded, an average of from 70 to 80 per cent, return to the ranks after a relatively short time.

FLORENCE, ITALY, SHAKEN BY SEVERE EARTHQUAKE

FLORENCE, Italy, Oct. 27, via Rome, 1:10 p. m.—A severe earthquake was felt in this city today. The inhabitants were thrown into a condition of panic, but the shock did little damage.

SCENE OF FIGHTING ALONG STRAITS OF DOVER, WHERE TREMENDOUS SLAUGHTER REPORTED



GERMANS HURLED BACK FROM BELGIAN COAST BY SHELLS OF BRITISH FLEET.

Advancing from Bruges and Ostend in their endeavor to reach the French coast, the Germans arrived at Nieuport. There they were met by the Belgian army and thrown back beyond the River Yser on a line to Dixmude. They began to retreat between Middelkerke and Westende, but were observed by the British warships, which were protecting the end of the Belgian line, and were shelled out of their positions, retreating to Ostend, which the British fleet proceeded to bombard. To the south the Allies occupy Roulers, which is further west than Lille and offers advantages for an enveloping movement. From Roulers they have reached Courtrai, still further threatening Lille. This news was followed by reports that the Germans had evacuated Ostend and retreated to a point seven kilometres west of Bruges.

SLIGHT EARTHQUAKE SHOCK, TURIN, ITALY

TURIN, via Rome, Oct. 26, 11:50 p. m.—Another slight earthquake shock occurred here at 5:20 this afternoon. At Avigliana, fourteen miles west of Turin, the shocks continued during the day. The population is panic-stricken and is camping in the open air, notwithstanding the fact that it is intensely cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Fern Leever of Central Point spent Monday evening in Medford.

BRITISH WARSHIPS FIRED BY ARTILLERY?

BERLIN, Oct. 27.—Reports received here today from Rotterdam set forth that the British warship struck by German artillery fire off the coast of Belgium broke into flames.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—The United States Steel Corporation voted today a quarterly dividend of one-half of one per cent on common stock. Heretofore the dividend has been 5 per cent.

NO EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS LIKELY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—President Wilson let it be known today that he has no intention of calling a special session of congress after election. Representative Henry of Texas, in an address in the house the last day of congress, said he had positive information the president would call a special session about the middle of November to take up cotton relief legislation.

BRITISH REPULSE FIVE-DAY ATTACK OF QUARTER MILLION

LONDON, Oct. 27, 4:50 a. m.—Telegraphing about the fighting in Belgium the correspondent of the Times in Northern France says:

"The enemy's most furious attack along the line of the Yser was at Ypres, where a quarter of a million Germans, for five critical days were held back by the British force.

"The artillery fire against the Britishers in the trenches was terrible, churning up the earth and often burying the men by the dozens. Repeatedly the enemy's infantry advanced to within a few hundred yards, but every time our men leaped from the trenches and went at them with the bayonet. The Germans fled, firing their rifles over their shoulders as they ran.

"Many hundreds were captured and thousands were killed and wounded.

"Still their shrapnel rained into the British trenches and fresh infantry took the places of Germans who had been decimated.

"The situation grew more and more critical and it seemed that the British were likely to be borne down by sheer weight of numbers. Still they held on. Friday came at last and with it needed reinforcements. The position was saved and the Germans fell back 15 miles."

VON MOLTKE OUT BUT TEMPORARILY ACCOUNT ILLNESS

BERLIN, Monday, Oct. 27. (by wireless)—Information given in official quarters today follows:

"General Von Moltke, chief of the German general staff, is suffering from a liver complaint. His illness, however, gives no cause for anxiety. General Von Falkenhayn, minister of war, has temporarily taken the place of General Von Moltke.

"Lieutenant Weddigen, the famous commander of the German submarine U-9, which sunk the British cruisers Aboukir, Hogue, Cressy and Hawke, has been decorated with the Order Pour le Merite.

"Statements published in Italian newspapers to the effect that officers of the German general staff have visited the Trent district in Austria with the view of arranging for the movement of troops and war materials from Germany to attack Italy on account of her neutrality, have been officially denied in Berlin and characterized as absolute inventions.

"Reports from Madrid say that the French have had over 400,000 men wounded and incapacitated on account of illness.

"Russia is planning the compulsory expropriation of the property of Germans and Austrians, who reside in great numbers in the 24 frontier provinces."

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A Few Words in the Interest of Truth

Referring to various statements appearing in the press recently, the Royal Baking Powder Company states:

That it has no interest whatever in the controversy over the use of Albumen (sometimes called white of egg) in baking powder, and has not had any part in the actions before officials that have taken place in the various states;

That it believes Albumen to be entirely unnecessary and used only for deceitful purposes;

That if Albumen was a proper ingredient of baking powder, or performed any legitimate function, it would have adopted it many years ago, as its cost is infinitesimal;

That it has no interest, direct or indirect, in the K. C. Baking Powder, the owners of which are reported to be opposed to the use of Albumen, nor in the Calumet or Crescent baking powders, in both of which Albumen is used; that the only baking powders in which it has any interest in the United States are its own well known brands, "Royal," "Dr. Price's" and "Cleveland's," all made of Cream of Tartar.

The Company believes that the question whether Albumen is a proper ingredient for baking powder is insignificant compared with the vastly more important question as to Alum, the use of which in baking powder has been so generally condemned. It is a noteworthy fact that all the baking powders containing Albumen are made of Alum.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO.
New York

Let This Suggestion Help You

Be one of those who have already commenced to solve the Christmas shopping problem.

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