

MEDFORD'S GREATEST NEED IS A LUMBER MANUFACTURING PLANT TO FURNISH A PAYROLL

RUSSIANS CLAIM GREAT VICTORY OVER GERMANS

Official Details Lacking — Grand Duke Reports Success All Along Line—Victory Claimed in Galicia Near Cracow and Another Victory Northeast of Lodz.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—While newspaper reports from Petrograd continue to claim a victory in northern Poland comparable at least to Sedan, and even worthy to rank with the disaster which Russia inflicted upon Napoleon, official communications shed but little light on the situation in Poland.

An official despatch from Grand Duke Nicholas, commander in chief of the Russian forces in the field, while of considerable length, concerns itself largely with more or less isolated operations and does not laim the infliction of an overwhelming defeat upon the invaders.

The grand duke sums up the situation with the declaration that on the entire front between the Vistula and the Warta rivers the battle is progressing in favor of the Russian army. A communication given out today by the general staff of the Russian army from Petrograd says:

Victory Near Cracow "Our troops have won important successes along the Proschowitz-Brzesko-Bochnia-Vianitsch front (in Galicia and from 30 to 60 miles southeast of Cracow). In this locality on November 26 we routed an Austrian army, taking more than 7000 prisoners, capturing 30 cannon, 10 of which were outfitted with horses and more than 20 machine guns.

A Russian battalion at Brzesko captured what was left of the Thirty-first regiment of Hungarian Honved. These prisoners included the commander, 20 officers and 1250 soldiers and also the flag. We also took an automobile carrying officers of the general staff. We are continuing our energetic pursuits of the enemy.

In the fighting at Lodz, which continued November 28, we succeeded also in making progress at certain points.

In the Carpathians our troops have attacked considerable Austrian forces.

A Lemberg, Galicia, dispatch says: In operations lasting three days in the vicinity of Strykow, 15 miles northeast of Lodz, and Tushin, an equal distance to the south of this city, the Germans lost upwards of 17,000 men, a heavy battery of artillery and 28 machine guns, according to authoritative information made available in Lemberg today.

The same fighting the Austrians lost 16,000 men, in addition to 29 machine guns.

The German operations in this locality are declared by Russian military observers in Lemberg to have been absolute failures, and the chances of their escaping further disaster is regarded here as slight.

Berlin Doubles Reports Both Berlin and Vienna still claim that no decisive result has followed the recent operations in Russian Poland. On the western battle front the lull still prevails, the only hint of activity being found in the report from Holland that the British fleet again is operating against the German positions on the Belgian coast.

England is confronted with the necessity of energetic action, according to advices today from Berlin, to protect her interests in the near east. A report from Cairo to Berlin is to the effect that the movement against British forces in Egypt has assumed formidable proportions, 76,000 Turkish troops being on the march toward the Suez canal.

In the hostile army opposed by long lines of British forces, in trenches, it is said there are 10,000 Bedouins. Interest attached to this report chiefly because of the recent proclamation of the Sultan of Turkey calling upon Mohammedans the world over to rise to arms against Great Britain and the other members of the triple entente. Thus far there have been no indications that the proclamation has led to uprisings affecting British interests elsewhere.

ALLIES TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH SOUTH AMERICA

United States Indicates That It is Willing England Should Take Alleged Violations of Neutrality Upon With Nations Accused—Denials Made by Colombia and Ecuador.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—Since the United States indicated that it was willing that England should deal direct with Colombia and Ecuador concerning alleged violations of neutrality, the British foreign war office has taken no further action. Nevertheless, the denials that a wireless station is being operated in Colombia and that islands belonging to Ecuador are being used by the Germans for naval operations are not accepted as finally disposing of the case.

The suggestion of South American governments that the belligerents withdraw their warships from South American waters is declared by English officials to be impracticable. The same view is entertained concerning the plan for the creation of a neutral zone off the coast of South America. This, it is contended, would afford an even better chance to warships to lie in wait for steamers engaged in the overseas trade.

The foreign office is eager to take action which would relieve South American shipping from its present serious handicaps, but doubts the effectiveness of measures so far proposed.

ARMY DEFEATS NAVY 20 TO 0 IN ANNUAL GAME

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28.—The West Point cadets defeated the Annapolis midshipmen 20 to 0 in their annual game on Franklin Field this afternoon. The score was represented by three touchdowns and a safety.

The game was one sided, the Army showing superior power in carrying the ball and in defending their goal.

There was much leanness of play during the game and the forward passing by both sides, as a rule was poor. The navy appeared weak on the defense and rarely held the army when it tried to penetrate the sailors' line or go around the ends. The army's victory makes the record of the two teams a tie, each now having won nine games, with one game a tie.

The usual spectacular demonstration followed the game with the enthusiastic gray-clad army cadets the central figures. They planted the black, gold and gray, their academy colors, in the center of the field, then formed a circle that was as wide as the breadth of the field. There was a bugle call from the half dozen army buglers and then ensued the wild rush to the colors, the whole circle closing in around the color bearer.

The cadets formed a procession and paraded around the field, while the sad and silent middies looked on.

RUSSIAN VICTORY AGAIN CONFIRMED

PARIS, Nov. 28.—The correspondent of the Matin in Petrograd says he learns from highly competent sources that the losses of the Germans in Poland November 25 were considerable and that an army corps was made prisoner and another corps was routed.

General Von Hindenburg, the German commander it is stated, received the following telegram from the Emperor before the battle of Lodz:

"Distinguish yourself. The eyes of the world are upon you."

JACKSON COUNTY PRODUCES PRIZE BOY FARMERS OF OREGON



Left—Wilbur Godlove, champion hog raiser of county and his prize pig. Right—Claus Charley, prize corn grower of Oregon, winner of trip to Panama exposition.



Left—George Caldwell of Ashland, champion gardener of county, who scored 100 per cent on his garden project. Right—Audley Meyer, prize potato grower of Oregon, winner of trip to San Francisco Fair.

FULL COMMITTEE DISCUSSES DRAFT OF NEW CHARTER

The drafting committee reported its completed draft for a charter to the charter commission at a meeting held last night at the city hall. Nearly the entire membership was present. A keen interest was displayed in the various sections as they came up for discussion and a volley of questions showed that each provision was to receive a close and conscientious consideration.

The discussion last night was led by Dr. Pickel, F. V. Medynski, Chas. M. English, and L. L. Jacobs, together with the members of the drafting committee.

The commission proposes to give the subject the hard work its importance deserves and will hold another meeting tonight and a third Monday night. Warm words of praise were given the committee's draft, the result of nearly a year's study and work.

It was voted to invite the members of the city council to attend the commission's remaining meetings.

BERLIN REPORTS SLIGHT CHANGES IN BATTLE FRONTS

BERLIN, Nov. 28, via London.—The German war office gave out an announcement this afternoon as follows:

In the western arena of the war the situation today is unchanged. French attacks in the Argonne forests have been repulsed. In the forest north-west of Apremont and in the Vosges we occupied some French trenches after an obstinate resistance.

Only unimportant engagements are reported from East Prussia. At Lowicz our troops have recommenced their attacks and the fighting continues.

Heavy Russian attacks in the district to the west of Mowo and Radom were repulsed.

In southern Poland there has been no change.

FIRING AUDIBLE FROM BRITISH FLEET

AMSTERDAM, via London, Nov. 28.—A telegram to the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant from Oostburg, Holland, states that sounds of violent cannon fire were again audible Friday in a southeasterly direction. The sound, the telegram says, indicates that the British fleet was again bombarding the coast.

LIMA, Peru, Nov. 28.—A telegram received here from Iquique, Chile, says that four warships, nationality unknown, have been seen off the Chilean coast steaming northward.

BOY FARMERS SHOW COUNTRY'S SOIL POSSIBILITIES

EQUAL SUFFRAGE IS STATE ISSUE SAYS PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—President Wilson again today defined his position on woman suffrage in a letter to Miss Mar- M. Childs, a government employee here, reiterating that he believed the question to be a state issue.

"I am deeply impressed with the woman suffrage question," wrote the president, "but I believe it can best be worked out by states rather than by changing the fundamental law of the nation. Such a change would run too fast ahead of the general public opinion of the country."

The president will see a delegation of suffragists in the near future, but is not expected to change his position announced again in today's letter. Mr. Wilson saw no callers during the morning, but arrangements were made for him to see Henry Van Dyke, minister to Holland, as soon as Mr. Van Dyke comes to Washington.

Zopf Bros. of Lebanon will erect a \$22,475 high school at Athena.

YOUTHS TELL STORY OF CARE OF CROPS AND TRIPS TO SALEM

Jackson county has been celebrated far and wide as a "banner fruit section," and it well deserves the reputation, but few people realized that it is just as well adapted to the growing of many of the staple farm products. It has remained for the boys and girls of the county to put it on the map as one of the greatest agricultural counties of Oregon. At the same time, the fact that we have some very hard-working and energetic boys and girls has been fully demonstrated.

Carl Megerlie of Rogue River raised the best and smoothest onions grown by any boy in the state. Likewise Joe Davis of Soda Springs raised the soundest cabbage, Viva Medonough of Ashland the finest watermelon, Claus Charley of Brownshoro the best and highest yield of corn, and Audley Meyer of Lake Creek the greatest yield of potatoes. The two latter boys get trips to the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco next year. The story in brief of their work may be of interest to the people of this section. Here in Jackson

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GERMAN BIPLANE BROUGHT DOWN BY FRENCH ARTILLERY

PARIS, Nov. 28.—The French war office gave out an official communication this afternoon as follows:

"In Belgium the artillery exchanges were continued during the day of November 27 without any particular incident. The heavy German artillery showed less activity. There was but one attack of infantry, to the south of Ypres, which was repulsed by our troops.

Toward evening our artillery brought down a German biplane, carrying three aviators. One of the men was killed and the other two were made prisoners.

In the region of Arras and farther to the south there has been no change. The day passed quietly in the region of the Aisne. In Champagne our heavy artillery inflicted serious losses on the artillery of the enemy. From the Argonne to the Vosges there is nothing to report."

The State Reform school with 88 boys Nov. 1st, cost \$73,450 for the biennial period or \$835 per capita.

HOLY WAR BEGINS ERZERUM, ARMENIA

PETROGRAD, Nov. 28.—A dispatch from Odessa describes an outbreak of fanatical rioting in Erzerum. Dispatches reaching Odessa from this Turkish city say that following the posting of a proclamation calling the Mohammedans to a holy war all the Armenian clubs, churches and schools were demolished by a mob. Four Armenians, including one woman, were killed on the street.

TWO GERMAN SPIES IN KITCHENER'S CAMP

READING, Eng., Nov. 20.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Two soldiers, a lance corporal and a private in the Hunts regiment of Kitchener's new army stationed at Codford, "have been proved to be German spies and have been dealt with," by the military authorities. Copies of letters relating to the movements and proposed movements of troops were found in their possession.

WARSHIP AUDACIOUS REPORTED RAISED

LONDON, Nov. 21.—The persistent rumors are in circulation here that the battleship Audacious, which was sunk by a mine or a submarine off the North Coast of Ireland October 27, has been salvaged. According to these reports the wrecking vessels of the admiralty succeeded in getting the big guns off the Audacious and afterward beached her. The ship is said to be in condition for repairs and service after a short time.

HAFER PROPOSES CO-OPERATIVE LUMBER PLANT

Proposal Made by Timberman for the Erection of Sawmill and Box Factory to Furnish \$80,000 Annual Payroll and Will Keep at Home \$200,000 Now Sent Outside.

Edgar Hafer, who recently purchased the Renshaw ranch on Bear creek, just south of Medford, has formulated a co-operative proposal to the people of Medford for the erection of a sawmill and box factory to be located upon this property, one-third of the capital of \$150,000 to be furnished by Mr. Hafer, one-third subscribed by the citizens of the valley, and the remaining one-third to be treasury stock for future enlargements. The Pacific & Eastern will extend to the mill and the Southern Pacific is already there. The capacity of the plant will be 50,000 feet per day. The annual payroll required will be \$80,000, and the amount now sent abroad for lumber and fruit boxes, averaging \$200,000 a year, he kept at home.

Mr. Hafer was manager of the Iowa Lumber & Box company and later of its successor, the Crater Lake Lumber company, and operated for several years the local box factory. He has secured not only the most available site for such a plant, but the mill machinery and equipment formerly used. He is also the owner of a tract of timber in the Butte Falls section. In discussing his proposal, he said:

Medford Needs a Payroll "Medford needs a payroll. The way to get one is to start it ourselves. One of our greatest natural resources—timber—should be put under development. Not a stick of lumber is touched from the twenty-odd billion feet of merchantable timber available in Jackson county.

"It is a positive fact that within the past five years more money has been sent out of the valley for lumber and boxes than the combined deposits in our local banks today.

"Just stop and think, sending our money to Grants Pass, Glendale, Eugene and Portland, Weed, Cal., and other points, supporting their enterprises, their payrolls and their merchants, by buying a product we should and can successfully produce at home. Everyone must help check this continual outgo. We need that money, the workingman needs it, the merchant needs it, and every local enterprise needs it.

"Realizing this condition, I am taking this opportunity of asking the citizens of Medford to co-operate with me and assist in establishing a sawmill and box factory here in Medford.

Plan is Outlined

"It would be my purpose to reorganize the Crater Lake Lumber company, capitalize at \$150,000 and do a general timber, logging, sawing, box factory and retail lumber business. "With a paid-up capital of \$150,000 we can carry a sufficient supply of timber to build a sawmill of 50,000 feet per day capacity, a modern box factory, of like capacity, and have sufficient capital with which to carry on the operation. A plant of this capacity can easily manufacture 10,000,000 feet of lumber annually and support a payroll of \$80,000 annually. Such an enterprise under normal conditions should net a profit of 12 per cent, and with a good market and running plant full capacity, 20 per cent on the capital stock.

"In order to encourage and to immediately launch such an enterprise here in Medford, I will furnish what I believe to be the most desirable saw mill and box factory site in the Rogue River valley. The property is situated immediately south of and adjoining the city limits of Medford. It can be served by both the Southern Pacific and Pacific & Eastern railroads for rail delivery, and the Pacific highway for local delivery. It will be necessary to extend the Pacific & Eastern up Bear creek one and one-quarter miles. This can be arranged.

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