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SMALL GAINS BY FRENCH CLAIMED ON WESTERN FRONT

PARIS, Feb. 18.—The French war office this afternoon issued a report on the progress of the war as follows:

"From the sea to the Oise, nothing new was recorded last night. It has been confirmed that the successful surprise movement which made us master of the lines of German trenches to the north of Arras, northwest of Roinecourt, inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. We captured a bomb thrower and several hundred bombs.

"In the valley of the Aisne and in the sector of Rheims there have been artillery engagements in which our batteries had distinctly the advantage. In Champagne in the region of Perthes, all the territory conquered by us yesterday and the day before has been retained. Among the numerous prisoners made by us February 16 and February 17 are found officers and men of the sixth and eighth army corps and of the eighth, tenth and twelfth corps of the reserve army.

"In the Argonne we have also maintained the advances won in the forest of La Grurie, to the south of Fontaine Aux Charnes. Furthermore we have made progress in the vicinity of Bourouilles, at Hill No. 263.

"Our success between the Argonne and the Meuse reported in the official communication of the evening of February 17, have made us masters of a forest located to the south of the forest of Cheppy. We have furthermore made an advance of about four hundred yards to the north of Malancourt and we have made also as much at a point to the south of the forest De Forges. All these gains have been retained by us. "From the Meuse to the Vosges there is nothing to report."

PUTTING SKIDS UNDER LAKE BOTTOM LEASES

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19.—There is more than one way to kill a cat and more than one way to put the skids under a bill without coming out in the open, according to indications contained in the report of the majority of the public lands committee on the Forbes bill ratifying the state land board's lease of Summer and Abert lakes to Jason C. Moore. The committee has also introduced a bill to help along its apparent designs to kill the lease.

Sensors Bingham, Barrett and Day signed the majority report of the committee, submitting amendments to the lease. Sensors Kiddle and Stewart made a minority report, recommending that the bill pass without amendments. The reports came up this morning and were made a special order of business for this afternoon.

That the majority report is intended to be a clever way of putting the knife under the fifth rib of the Forbes bill, providing for the ratification of the lease, is the opinion of those who believe the state will be making an excellent bargain if the lease is ratified.

John A. Perl UNDERTAKER Lady Assistant 28 S. BARTLETT Phones M. 47 and 47-32 Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner

GETTING BOWLBY'S GOAT

SOMETHING over a year ago Contractor J. S. Beall announced that the contractors had organized to "get Bowlby's goat" because they could not control the state highway engineer.

It took a year, a change of state administration and a compliant governor to do it, but "Bowlby's goat" has finally been captured—though they had "no goods" on him and his honesty was unquestioned.

No charges of incompetency or inefficiency have been proven against Mr. Bowlby. Accusations hurled at his head have been by disgruntled contractors, who bid less than the cost of work, who did shoddy work which has fallen and now has to be done over at their own expense.

Out of an expenditure of \$1,750,000 about \$8000 worth of work must be done over on account of contractors' neglect, and failure of county authorities to keep people off from new-laid concrete—a very small percentage of loss.

Upon Mr. Bowlby has fallen the initial work of organizing state highway work. Construction has been begun, and is partially completed along the Columbia from Astoria to Hood River and in southern Oregon. With several hundred miles of highway in different sections of the state to lay out, construct and supervise, the work has been well done and challenges comparison with that of other states, both as regards construction and cost.

Mr. Bowlby won the enmity of Mr. Beall because he refused to specify Mr. Beall's corrugated iron culverts as standard. He secured the enmity of other contractors because he rejected extortionate bids and refused to "stand in." The work in Clatsop county, for instance, was done for \$50,000 less than first bid. He reaped the ill-will of big paving concerns because he refused to stipulate patented pavements controlled by monopolies, and in some instances had the state do its own paving. He received the ill-will of bridge contractors and of certain county courts in the Willamette counties because he exposed the fact that counties had been held up for excessive prices on bridge materials.

The governor requested Mr. Bowlby's resignation because it was demanded by Senator I. N. Day, chairman of the senate ways and means committee and boss of the legislature, who threatened to kill all road legislation unless Bowlby was removed. This he can do, as he has held up all important legislation and all appropriations until the closing days, so as to force the legislators to vote as he wishes on penalty of slaughter of their own bills. Mr. Day is himself a contractor and the champion of big business in the legislature.

Having demonstrated the strength of the contractors in dictating to the governor, the contractors' clique will probably further exercise their control by naming Bowlby's successor, who, owing his position to the contractors, will have to "stand in" and do their bidding. Hence the office will be free of the friction caused by an official who strives to serve the indifferent public and serves the interested contractors.

Mr. Bowlby has reaped the reward often secured by those who strive to serve the public, when duty interferes with the smooth flow of big business that dominates politics. However, his regime has left behind a monument in the first permanent highway work done in Oregon.

Let us hope that the highway appropriations will now be rushed through the legislature, as the excuse for blocking progress has been removed.

SINGAPORE SEPOYS REPORTED IN REVOLT

TOKIO, Feb. 18.—A revolt has broken out among the Hindu soldiers at Singapore, one of the Strait Settlements belonging to Great Britain, according to newspaper dispatches received here today from the Malay Archipelago.

Marines were landed at Singapore from Japanese and French warships and some fighting has taken place between the mutineers and the men from the war vessels.

The Hindu mutineers numbered eight hundred but later half of this number is reported to have surrendered and the revolt is said to be subsiding.

FARNUM MURDER CASE TO BE TRIED IN JULY

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 18.—The district attorney and attorneys for the defense of Roy Farnum have agreed to postpone his trial on the charge of murder until the July term of the circuit court. Roy Farnum is accused of killing his girl friend, Edna Morgan, and burning her body on December 8. He is now serving a term in the penitentiary on another charge.

ANNUAL MEETING FOR FATHERS FRIDAY

All fathers, mothers and teachers are invited to attend the annual meeting for fathers and the Washington School Parent-Teachers' circle Friday evening at 7:30 at the high school. The following program will be rendered:

Instrumental solo, Miss Wortman; vocal solo, Miss Jacks; reading, with piano accompaniment, Mrs. Graham; talks, Mr. Mulkey and Mr. Collins; instrumental duet, Miss Graves and Mr. Wight.

ROSEBURG CIGAR STORES MAY CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 18.—The Roseburg city council has decided to close all social resorts, including cigar stores and loafing places, at midnight, officially at least. It is intimated that gambling is the cause for the issuance of the edict. Cigar store owners want to know if the two popular clubs in the city will also come under the ordinance. The owners of these places maintain that they are but workingman clubs and do not want to be discriminated against.

BUILDING A FORTRESS ABOUT A SOLDIER'S BODY



To do away with the danger from sharpshooters to lookouts in the trenches the French have equipped these soldiers with a visor and empass, of the type of several centuries ago. Several bullet dents can be seen on the equipment pictured here.

WARNER DIRECTOR OF STATE MERCHANTS

Medford delegates to the state meeting of the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association are returning from Portland. The report of the election of the following officers for the coming year:

- President, John L. Stockton, Salem; vice-president, W. M. Green, Eugene; second vice-president, R. Alexander, Pendleton; third vice-president, J. C. Mann, Portland; secretary, L. R. Merrick, Portland; treasurer, Thomas Watts, Reuben; directors, (Southern Oregon), E. N. Warner, Medford; Henry Harth, Roseburg; (directors (Eastern Oregon), M. C. McAllister, Pendleton, J. G. Snodgrass, La Grande; directors (Portland), J. W. Caldwell, J. E. Matley, W. C. Gunther; directors (Willamette valley), L. D. Pierce, Eugene, Theodore Roth, Salem; directors, (Columbia river district), W. A. Tyler, Astoria.

THREE-INCH FALL OF SNOW AT HOOD RIVER

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Feb. 18.—When Hood River people looked out of the windows yesterday and saw a three-inch blanket of snow there was great surprise, but in the heart of every rancher, especially the strawberry growers, there was a welcome for the snow. The past two weeks of warm weather had started the berry vines to growing too fast for the season. If they were to get full of supply early in the season a light frost in May would cause serious damage.

NETHERLANDS ASK WARSHIP CONVOY

THE HAGUE, Feb. 18.—The government of the Netherlands has refused a request for war vessels to convey Dutch merchant ships through the marine areas prescribed by Germany, on the ground that such action would enhance the risks of ships without such escorts.

How To Get Rid of a Bad Cough

A Home-Made Remedy that Will Do It Quickly, Cheap and Easily Made

If you have a bad cough or chest cold which refuses to yield to ordinary remedies, get from any druggist 2 1/2 ounces of Pinex (30 cents worth), pour into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. Start taking a teaspoonful every hour or two. In 24 hours your cough will be conquered or very nearly so. Even whooping cough is greatly relieved in this way.

The above mixture makes a full pint—a family supply—of the finest cough syrup that money could buy—at a cost of only 54 cents. Easily prepared in 5 minutes. Full directions with Pinex. This Pinex and Sugar Syrup preparation takes right hold of a cough and gives almost immediate relief. It loosens the dry, hoarse or tight cough in a way that is really remarkable. Also quickly leads the inflamed membranes which accompany a painful cough, and stops the formation of phlegm in the throat and bronchial tubes, thus ending the persistent loose cough. Excellent for bronchitis, spasmodic croup and winter coughs. Keeps perfectly and tastes good—children like it. Pinex is a special and highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, rich in quaiacol, which is so healing to the membranes. To avoid disappointment, ask your druggist for "2 1/2 ounces of Pinex"—do not accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction, or money promptly refunded goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

STAR THEATER

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY Paramount Pictures Bosworth, Inc., Presents

An Odysse of the North

By Jack London. Six Parts. Jack London had no idea that in writing this story he had produced a masterpiece

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SUNDAY Big Seven Reel Program MONDAY AND TUESDAY THE VIRGINIAN

With Dustin Farnum. A Two Dollar Show for a Dime.

AUSTRIANS DRIVE RUSSIANS OUT OF KOLOMEA, GALICIA

VIENNA, Feb. 18, via London, 9:02 a. m.—Official reports given out in Vienna say that after two days of hard fighting the Austrians have occupied the town of Kolomea, in Galicia.

"This success was achieved yesterday by means of a general attack on the Russians' positions," the report says. "We drove the enemy, in spite of stubborn resistance, out of his last positions in front of Kolomea, thus reaching the town in one operation. We prevented the Russians from blowing up the bridge over the river Pruth. The town, clear of retreating Russians, was occupied by us. We captured 20,000 prisoners and several machine guns and light cannon. "In the Carpathian section, as far as Vysekoff, the fighting continues with great ferocity. Four thousand additional prisoners have been brought in."

TURKISH TROPHIES 10¢ AMERICA'S GREATEST CIGARETTE Makers of the Highest Grade Turkish and Egyptian Cigarettes in the World

Planning for the Stork's Arrival



Among these things which all women should know of, and many of them do, is a splendid external application sold in most drug stores under the name of "Mother's Friend." It is a penetrating liquid and many a mother tells how it so wonderfully aided them through the period of expectancy. Its chief purpose is to render the tendons, ligaments and muscles so pliant that nature's expansion may be accomplished without the intense strain so often characteristic of the period of expectancy. At any rate it is reasonable to believe that since "Mother's Friend" has been a companion to motherhood for more than half a century no more timely advice could be given the inexperienced mother than to suggest its daily use during expectancy. Ask at any drug store for "Mother's Friend," a penetrating, external liquid of great help and value. And write to Bradford Regulator Co., 202 Lamar Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., for their book of useful and timely information to expectant mothers. It contains many suggestions that are of interest to all women.

THE PAGE TONIGHT

HANN'S JUBILEE SINGERS One of the Greatest Companies of Colored Talent in the World Six Very Highly Cultured Musicians Each of them possessing a voice of extraordinary quality ADVANCE SEAT SALE WEDNESDAY MORNING 10 A. M. Admission 25, 35, 50c

THE PAGE MEDFORD'S LEADING THEATRE

HEAR THE LARGE WURLITZER ORCHESTRA This wonderful instrument played by an expert furnished by the Company, has the following instrumentation: Piano, Violin, Clarinet, Oboe, Cellos, Church Organ, Double Flutes, Double Flute Stopped Bass, Bass Drum, Snare Drum, Kettle Drums, Cymbal, Extended Glockenspiel Triangle, Castanets, Indian Drum, Train Effect, Fire Gong, Tambourines, Steamboat Whistle, Horse Trot, Auto Horn, Vox Humana, Cathedral Chimes, Electric Bell, Xylophone. All under control of one man. This instrument will be played every afternoon and evening. NOTE—First time Friday afternoon, 2 o'clock.

THE PAGE Friday-Saturday Matinee and Evening

Medford's Leading Theater Robert Hilliard's Greatest Success

A Fool There Was

A Picturization of the Kipling Poem and the Great Burnes-Jones Painting

THE VAMPIRE

A vivid theme that deals with a phase of life that will appeal to all classes

"A fool there was, and he made his prayer, Even as you and I— To a rag and a bone and a hank of hair"—

How many are there who do not know these lines?

ALL-STAR CAST, Including

THEDA BARA and EDWARD JOSE

Dr. J. C. Hill of Medford says of his own accord, it is one of the most wonderful and fascinating photographs he has ever seen, and informs the management of this theater that he would be pleased to have them use his name in any way regarding the merits of this remarkable feature.

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