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GERMANS WIN SMALL VILLAGE OF CUMIERES

Powerful Offensive to East of Dead Man's Hill in General Unsuccessful, But Portion of Cumieres Occupied—Attacks Against Douaumont Fail Despite Reckless Expenditure of Life.

PARIS, May 24.—A powerful offensive was undertaken by the Germans last night to the east of Dead Man hill on the Verdun front. The attempt in general was unsuccessful, the war office report of this afternoon says, but after a three hour hand-to-hand struggle the attacking forces made their way into a portion of the village of Cumieres. At this point the French are faced by more than three divisions.

German attacks on Fort Douaumont, the cornerstone of the Verdun defenses, are said virtually to have failed. Notwithstanding the determination of their attacks and what is characterized as reckless expenditure of life, the Germans succeeded only in making a small part of a trench west of the fort.

Without full possession of the line from Douaumont to Vaux, the Germans cannot hope to get any nearer to the capture of Verdun. Even if it is suggested in addition that the line could not hold it unless they were able to possess of Hill No. 101 and Dead Man hill, which guard the line.

Efforts to demonstrate by seeing no more of its own soldiers, the German commander has looked attack after attack against Fort Douaumont. At the same time he has kept up his bombardment on the left bank of the river to prevent the French transferring any forces to the main scene of attack.

At the close of the day the tide of war ebbed and flowed, inches of ground being won and lost in an appalling race on the spot. Again and again the German infantry dashed forward, only to be caught and swept away by a hurricane of machine gun fire.

The conditions of the present war have transformed the traditional courage of the French soldiers into an invulnerable stolidity. Men have stood their ground in a situation which it seemed beyond human nature to sustain. When night fell last night the positions on both sides were unchanged. The French held their own gains while the Germans incurred fearful losses without a single step toward any decisive result.

FOUR PERISH IN NEVADA MINE FIRE

VIRGINIA CITY, Nev., May 24.—At least four persons have perished in a fire which broke through in the lower levels of the Yellow Jacket mine here today. Two bodies have been recovered.

The fire broke out last night. The fire is burning at the 1400-foot level.

Yellow Jacket is in the Gold Hill district, and that Mark Tamm, a prominent attorney who is in the district, has been in the city since.

JOHN MAC NEIL GUILTY OF TREASON

ST. LOUIS, May 24.—John Mac Neil, member of the Star Line gang, was found guilty of treason today in the federal court here. The sentence will be pronounced within a day or two.

RESTORATION OF SERBIA AGREED TO BY ALLIES

Prince Alexander, Regent of Peter's Landless Kingdom, States He Has Assurances From All Allies That No Settlement of War Would be Accepted Without Restoration of Serbia.

ATHENS, May 24.—Prince Alexander of Serbia, regent of King Peter's landless kingdom, in an interview today with a representative of the Associated Press, said that he had assurances from all the allies that no settlement of the war would be accepted which did not provide for the restoration of Serbia.

"I receive you," he said, "to prove how deeply I appreciate the tone of the American press, which, while defending the sacred principle of the liberty of all peoples, has thereby rendered justice to our right to exist as an independent nation. Serbia desires to live in peace, but only on condition that its aspirations, culture and language are respected as if respect those of others."

While waiting for the deliverance, our most precious Serbia has suffered terribly from the cruel regime under which they now live. It is nothing new for those who know what took place in Belgrade and the invaded provinces of Russia and France. What is new, however, and what is worse than anything of the sort yet seen, is the application of Bulgarian methods to the part of our country they occupy.

The late of our civil population is what worries us most and we are trying all the time to find some way to stop this extermination of our already almost half exterminated race."

The prince spoke with deep emotion of the efforts of the Americans to aid the suffering Serb civilians. As the black-clad soldiers, filled by hate and pride in their new uniforms and in perfect physical trim, the face of the prince regent took an excited expression as he related such possible facts. Some of the soldiers were gray-haired men and some were the perfect boys. Many of them had been under arms constantly for six years.

"They are completely restored," said the prince, "and ask nothing better than to come to grips with the invaders of their native land."

SIXTH VENIRE OF CITY MEN FOR TRIAL OF ORPET

WACKELAN, Ill., May 24.—The sixth venire summoned for examination as jurors in the case of Will Orpet, University of Wisconsin student, charged with the murder of his sweetheart, Marina Lambert, appeared in court today. Most of the 526 men examined so far have been residents of rural communities and practically all of them have professed their release from jury duty by professing a fixed opinion on the case or by failure to pass a so-called "educational test."

In an attempt to expedite the jury selection the new venire had been drawn from residents of the city, in the hope that they will pass less unqualified attention, merchants, professional men and other more or less prominent persons were in the new venire.

State's Attorney Ralph Dady has denied that he has the note which contained the poison which killed Marina Lambert.

A report that State's Attorney Dady had formed a conspiracy with Celeste Yehlers, the school teacher to whom Orpet was reported to be engaged, in an effort to obtain a confession from the defendant, was denied by Dady. According to the story circulated the girl would admit that her letter was to be read in court and asked him to confess so that she might be given the benevolent treatment upon the trial of the correspondence in the courtroom. Orpet was said to have pleaded that he could not confess, as he was not guilty.

GERMANS AIM TO CHECK ALLIES EXPECTED DRIVE

Austrian Offensive and Renewal of Verdun Attack Result of Concerted Effort on Part of Central Powers to Prevent Expected Simultaneous Attack by Allies on All Fronts.

ROME, May 24.—The Austrian offensive of the Trentino front and the furious efforts of the Germans to gain a decision at Verdun are explained in a semi-official statement published here to be a result of a concerted effort on the part of the central powers to prevent an expected simultaneous attack by the allies on all fronts.

To prevent initiative, "The central empires," says the statement, "wish to prevent, even at the cost of enormous sacrifices of men and material, the allies from taking the initiative in the war operations and attacking them simultaneously on all fronts. Such is the plan of the central powers as revealed by the great Austrian offensive on the Trentino front while the Germans are reviving their offensive against Verdun."

"Germany and Austria aim at wearing out France and Italy, counting on the temporary halt in the Russian operations continuing. They hope that when Russia is ready at last to resume the fight the other two nations will be so worn out as to need a rest. This view is confirmed by statements made by Austrian officers who have been taken prisoner."

The statement concludes with an assertion that the Austro-German plans must fail, as all of the allies will be able to pass from the present defensive stage to decisive, simultaneous action. This great joint offensive, it is declared, will bring about the downfall of the Teutonic powers.

News from the front says that the Austrians are widening the scope of their offensive with the intention of preventing the Italians from concentrating any considerable force of men and guns at threatened points. The Austrians continue to make their principal effort in the Adige and Siusiana valleys. One of their most important advances was along the lateral mountains in Italian territory. They were driven from this district by an Italian counter-attack.

NORBECK NAMED FOR GOVERNOR IN SOUTH DAKOTA

PIERRE, S. D., May 24.—Peter Norbeck, lieutenant governor, was the republican nomination for governor of South Dakota, according to returns received up to early this morning from yesterday's primaries. It was indicated by his plurality in the state would be not less than 16,000. Willis C. Cook of Sioux Falls, was elected the South Dakota member of the republican national convention.

In the first congressional district the fight for the republican nomination for congress between Congressman Dillon and speaker Christopherson remained undecided.

In the second district Congressman Royal C. Johnson appeared to have been renominated by the republicans. In the third district where there were four republican candidates, the winner was not yet known.

E. H. Merdon of Sioux Falls, obtained the nomination for governor on the democratic ticket.

The democrats nominated 606 avowedly republican candidates as follows: First district, O. D. Anderson, second district, J. L. Harrison, third district, Congressman Gandy, 37,000,000,000.

The democrats elected 10 delegates to the St. Louis convention who will support President Wilson for re-nomination. The republican delegates to Chicago will support Cummings for president. D. Hughes will not permit the use of his name. He will be convention choice of the delegation.

SENATORS VOTE FAVORABLY ON BRANDEIS' CASE

Judiciary Committee by Strict Party Vote of 10 to 8 Recommend Confirmation of Boston Attorney After Four Months of Discussion and Hearings of Trivial Charges.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The senate judiciary committee voted 10 to 8 today to report favorably to the senate the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to be associate justice of the supreme court. It was a strict party vote.

No plan as to when the nomination will be taken up in the senate has yet been formulated. Senator Cummings of Iowa, was the only member of the committee not present. His vote, however, was recorded against confirmation.

Senators voting for confirmation were Culberson, Overman, Chilton, O'Gorman, Fletcher, Reed, Ashurst, Shields, Walsh and Smith of Georgia. Senators voting against confirmation were Clark of Wyoming, Nelson, Dillingham, Sutherland, Brandegee, Borah, Cummins and Weeks.

The vote is one of the final steps in a contest which started as soon as the nomination was sent to the senate by President Wilson on January 28. Weeks were spent by a sub-committee taking testimony regarding charges against the nominee, formulated by a committee of citizens of Boston. The sub-committee recommended confirmation by a strict party vote of 3 to 2.

Senators opposed to confirmation will seek consideration of the nomination in open session of the senate since the hearings were open. Those in favor will oppose open session unless they change their plans.

O. & C. LAND GRANT CASE BROUGHT UP IN HOUSE TODAY

WASHINGTON, May 24.—A bill to preserve title to 3,200,000 acres of land, worth more than \$20,000,000, granted to the Oregon & California railroad by the federal government 35 years ago, was brought up in the house today. The measure would authorize suit against the railroad for recovery of lands received for sale of \$2.50 an acre, contrary to the provisions of the original grant.

Speedy action was urged on the ground that an injunction against disposition of the lands issued December 9 by the supreme court of the United States, expires June 9.

The measure is of special interest to 12,000 persons to whom agents add the land fraudulently and who were deprived of their rights by the supreme court decision.

The bill would provide for classification of the 3,200,000 acres as water-power sites, timber lands and agricultural lands and for sale of timber tracts, and homesteading of new timber tracts, at \$2.50 an acre. The departments of justice, interior and agriculture have favored the legislation. Chairman Ferris of the house public lands committee is the author.

These groups apparently intend to attempt to locate lands along the northern prairie of Wisconsin.

SIBLEY BRINGS GLENN SPRINGS RAIDERS BACK

American Troops Prove That Bandits Cannot Operate in Big Bend Country—Rapid Pursuit Surprised the Mexicans Who Were Captured or Dispersed—Welcomed by Natives.

MARATHON, Texas, May 24.—Escorted by a small detachment of the Eighth cavalry, Lieutenant Colonel Alvarez, leader of the Glenn Springs and Boquillas raiders, will be brought here today and turned over to the local officials to be taken to Alpine for trial, Colonel Frederick W. Sibley said this morning.

Alvarez and two companions separated themselves from the rest of the bandits in order to stand guard over seven Americans captured at the Boquillas mines, after they had crossed the border. The three Mexicans were overpowered by their captives led by Carl Halter, mine superintendent, and were given to the expeditionary force.

Speaking of the foray into Mexico, Colonel Sibley said today: "I believe that our men have shown in an unmistakable way that bandits and murderers cannot operate with impunity for long in the Big Bend country. Our column was a little slow in reaching the scene of the depredations, but once there, we lost no time in finding their trail, catching up with them and finally dispersing them, which was one object of the expedition. Our column was welcomed along the route by the natives, because the bandits had covered the same road in their retreat and had committed outrages and abuses on the people. Our coming was a source of great relief to them and we were the recipients of many little kindly courtesies, both going and coming out."

Bandits Surprised. "When we reached El Paso we found Jesse Deemer and Monroe Payne in a little hut. The bandits at that time did not realize anyone was on their trail, especially American soldiers. They had left Deemer and Payne at this place to go out on another raid on a nearby ranch and upon their return were to receive charge of their prisoners. You can imagine how surprised they were when one of our detachments caught up with them."

Last night Colonel Sibley received a telegram from General Funston commending him on the successful dispersion of the campaign.

AUSTRIANS PAUSE IN ITALIAN ATTACK

ROME, via Paris, May 24.—Austrian military activity has been unexpectedly followed by a sudden slackening which is interpreted in military circles here as being merely a delay to replace the Austrian losses and to bring up fresh troops for a stronger offensive.

The Austrian command is evident, by planning to strengthen the line of attack, as Italian newspapers of observations continue to be reported along the banks of Lake Garda.

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RAILROAD BONDS AUTHORIZED BY BIG MAJORITY

Vote of 1331 for the Charter Amendment to 295 Against, Shows Progressive Sentiment in Ascendency—Issuance of Bonds for Railroad Authorized—Contract Next Step.

By a vote of 1331 to 295 the people of Medford voted Tuesday to amend the city charter to authorize the issuance of \$200,000 bonds for the construction of a railroad. The overwhelming majority in favor of the measure shows the determination of the citizens to make possible the development of the mineral and timber resources by aiding the construction of transportation lines.

Speedy action by the council is expected in the submission of proposals from S. S. Bullis and other parties, if they materialize, for the construction of a railroad to the Blue Ledge mineral belt. Mr. Bullis states that he has his proposal ready.

When accepted by the council the proposal will be passed upon by the citizens at another special election, which will authorize construction.

VON BUELOW TO COME TO AMERICA AS AMBASSADOR

LONDON, May 24.—The Exchange Telegraph company says it learns from diplomatic circles that Prince von Buelow, former German chancellor, is proceeding to Washington, charged by Emperor William with a special mission.

Prince von Buelow, one of the foremost statesmen of Europe, has been referred to frequently in the last few months as the man who might be selected by Emperor William to conduct preliminary peace negotiations, should they be undertaken.

Late in 1914 the former chancellor was sent by the emperor and succeeded in delaying Italy's declaration of war on Austria. He is credited also with having presented war between Germany and Italy. From time to time it has been reported that the prince was engaged in peace negotiations, but so far no such reports have been substantiated.

The Exchange Telegraph company also says it understands Prince von Buelow will become ambassador to the United States. This information is said to have been obtained from diplomatic circles in London.

SOUTH DAKOTA SWEEP BY TERRIFIC TORNADO

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., May 21.—South Dakota South Dakota was this morning visited by a heavy wind and rain storm which in some districts reached cyclonic proportions and which resulted in the death of one and injury of several others, and a vast amount of damage to farm buildings, crops and livestock. The only reported death was that of the infant child of Peter Olson, who lives on the corner of 1st and 2nd streets.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—A resolution by Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, requesting the secretary of state to inform the senate as to the attitude of the British government concerning statements of samples to the people of Poland was recommended for passage today by the foreign relations committee.

TEDDY'S NAME UPON BALLOT OF 145 REPUBLICANS

Official Count Reveals Olcott as Receiving Largest Vote Among Candidates, With Majority in Jackson County of 1103—Roberts' Majority 49—Few Changes in Result.

The complete official count for the republican primary election for Jackson county shows that 145 republicans wrote Roosevelt's name on the ballot for president, and that Hughes carried the county by 121 plurality. The complete vote was: Burton 311, Cummins 1147, Hughes 1268, Roosevelt 145.

Of the 2980 ballots cast by the republicans, 1790 were for William Grant Webster of Illinois, whoever he may be, the only name printed on the ballot.

Ben Olcott for secretary of state had the record majority of the election, defeating C. B. Moores by a majority of 1163 votes, the vote being: Olcott 2183, Moores 1026.

National Delegates. Jackson county republicans favored Daniel Boyd of Wallowa, George J. Cameron, C. W. Fulton and Arthur C. Spencer of Multnomah as delegates at large to the national convention, with Charles H. Carey a close runner-up. For district delegate W. W. Calkins of Eugene, and Albert Abraham of Roseburg, were favored. The vote for delegates totaled as follows: Ackerson 612, Boyd 1207, Buland 823, Cameron 1309, Carey 1043, Case 649, Fulton 1090, Hawkins 932, Peterson 775, Spencer 1049, Warren 714, Worsley 722, Abraham 1412, Bishop 1122, Calkins 1530, Stevies 781.

Presidential Electors. R. R. Butler of Wasco, W. C. North of Multnomah, J. F. Wilson of Multnomah, W. I. Cattel of Multnomah and M. J. MacMahon of Multnomah got the endorsement for presidential electors, the vote standing: Butler 2002, Cattel 1857, Ivanhoe 841, MacMahon 1351, North 1392, Wilson 1976, Koody 1306.

Hawley, unopposed for congress, received 2581 votes. George H. Barnett for justice of the supreme court, received 238, and Frank A. Moore 2278, both being candidates for re-nomination. For dairy and food commissioner, J. D. Mickle, the incumbent, received 2682.

Other State Offices. Fred G. Buchtel of Portland, won over Thomas K. Campbell of Cottage Grove for public service commissioner by a majority of 182, the vote being: Buchtel 1494, Campbell 1302.

Frank M. Calkins polled the full party strength for re-nomination as judge of the circuit court, receiving 2939 votes.

Sheldon and Thomas were the choice for representative from the Eighth district over Benton Bowers. Sheldon's majority being 320 and Thomas 342, the vote being: Bowers 1692, Sheldon 1828, Thomas 2143.

Simon Care of Douglas county, received 728 votes for joint representative against W. H. Gore's 2462, a majority for Gore of 1734.

County Offices. The present race of all was that for district attorney, George H. Roberts moving out John H. Carkin by 49 votes. The totals were: Carkin 1103, Roberts 1454, Watson 599.

George W. Owen was nominated for county commissioner without opposition, receiving 2861 votes.

For county clerk, George A. Gardner had a majority over both opponents of 383, the totals being: Gardner 2861, (Continued on page six)

HARTY APPOINTED OMAHA ARCHBISHOP

ROME, May 24.—The Most Rev. Jeremiah J. Harty, archbishop of Manila, has been appointed bishop of Omaha.

Archbishop Harty will fill the vacancy in the Omaha diocese caused by the death of the Right Rev. Richard Scannel, who died January 8. He was appointed archbishop of Manila in 1912. Prior to this appointment he organized the parish of St. Louis in St. Louis, Mo.