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## ARTILLERY FIRE INCREASES BOTH FRONTS

### BLOW EXPECTED ALBERT-ARRAS SECTOR OF LINE

Heavy Artillery Fire Reported as Probable Preliminary to Renewal of German Offensive—Allies Make Touch With Advance in Macedonian Front.

PARIS, May 20.—French and Italian troops have made an advance of 30 kilometers (12 1/2 miles) on the western end of the Macedonian front, the war office announced today.

LONDON, May 20.—The German artillery developed increased activity last night along the front between Albert and Buegnoy, the war office announces.

PARIS, May 20.—Active artillery fighting near Haegard, on the front near Amiens, is reported in today's official statement. Northwest of Rheims a French detachment penetrated to the German third line, taking prisoners.

#### County Officers.

Significance may attach to the reports of the official statements are now carrying on heavy artillery fire in the sector between Arras and Albert, which comprises the northerly continuation of the Somme battlefield.

It is along this line that many of the military observers are qualified predicting that the expected German blow will be struck.

What is known as the Arras salient which projects from the British lines between the German salients of the Somme and the Lys is standing in the way of a further German advance toward the coast or the Franco-British lines of communication. By cutting these lines at important points, the enemy apparently hopes to divide the two armies.

#### Precludes Advance.

The reduction of the Arras salient by a mighty blow would carry the Germans far toward Doullens, 18 miles north of Amiens and about 13 miles west of the present fighting line. Capture of this valuable junction point would badly disrupt the allied communication lines and such an operation would most inevitably carry Amiens also into enemy possession. Against such a stroke the Allies are reported to have forces heavily massed and to be confidently awaiting the result of a possible attack in this quarter.

There was quiet yesterday along the front at all points occupied by American troops except that the air forces were active.

Meanwhile British raiding activity grows lively. Australian troops captured 360 prisoners.

There is increased local fighting on the Italian front, especially in the mountains in the western Trentino.

### PRICE OF WOOL SAME AS IN 1917

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The war industries board has fixed the price of the 1918 wool clip at the prices established June 30, 1917, at Atlantic seaboard markets on the secured basis.

The government is to have prior rights on the clips for its needs at those prices and the remainder is subject to allocation for other uses under the direction of the board. As the needs of the government require concentration of wool close to points of consumption, distributing centers have been approved at which wool may be distributed only.

For fleece wool the centers will be Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, St. Paul, Baltimore and Wheeling, W. Va.

For territory wool the centers will be Portland, Ore., Chicago, New York, St. Louis, Boston and Philadelphia.

The only exception is that clips of 1,000 pounds or under may be sold by the owner.

### GERMANS LOSE FOUR AIRCRAFT RAIDING LONDON

Thirty-seven Killed, 155 Injured In London Area During Last Night's Raid, Most Ambitious Yet Undertaken—Continued Volley From Aircraft Defenses for Two Hours.

LONDON, May 20.—Thirty-seven persons were killed and 155 injured in the London area, during last night's air raid.

LONDON, May 20.—The aerial attack of the Germans yesterday on London and its environs probably was the most ambitious ever undertaken. Never before was there such a continued volley of firing from the British anti-aircraft batteries.

Thousands of persons had their first experience in a raid. They were visitors from many points of England, Scotland and Wales, who took advantage of the whitewash holidays which run from Saturday until Tuesday to visit the metropolis. On the other hand thousands of Londoners had gone to the country and seashore resorts. They cut these visits short and hurried back to London to learn the fate of their homes and relatives.

Except for a few brief hours, the gunners blazed away with terrible concentration of fire.

#### Four Airships Down.

It was the first air raid on London since March 7, and four of the raiders fell before the defenses of London.

The moon was shining brightly when the raiders crossed the southeastern point and headed for the metropolis.

The usual warnings were given promptly, and the people had time to reach shelters before the guns in the neighborhood of London were heard. The firing was almost continuous for more than two hours and was unusually severe. Several bombs were dropped by the raiders.

The number of enemy aircraft is not known, but they seem to have been more numerous than usual.

### AMERICAN DOWNS GERMAN AVIATOR IN AIR BATTLE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 19.—Two hostile airplanes have been brought down by American aviators, says an official announcement issued at American headquarters this evening.

The statement, timed at 9 p. m., follows:

"Aside from the activity of the air forces on both sides, the day was quiet at all points occupied by our troops. Our aviators brought down two hostile machines."

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Saturday, May 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—The German biplane brought down yesterday by Captain David Peterson of Honesdale, Pa., his third since May 15, was conquered after a fight five kilometers within the German lines. Peterson and another pilot came upon two enemy machines, one 2000 meters high and the other 3000. The Americans each picked out an enemy airplane and attacked it.

Captain Peterson, diving on the tail of the one 2000 meters high, fired 20 shots at close range. The enemy went into a spinning nose dive and crashed to earth. The other enemy machine escaped.

Latest figures in the contest for supreme court justice give Johns 24,437; Kelly 22,950; Coke 20,737.



### LONG LIVE WILSON! CRY BOHEMIANS PARADING ZURICH

LONDON, May 20.—A state of siege has been proclaimed at Prague, the Bohemian capital, by the police and the military garrison has been reinforced. These counter measures, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Zurich, followed demonstrations of an anti-German character in which Czechs and Yugo Slavs paraded through the streets shouting: "Long live Wilson, Clemenceau and Lloyd George."

At a performance in the Bohemian national theater speeches violently attacking Germany were delivered and the renewal of the alliance between Germany and Austria Hungars was denounced. Several deputies addressed the crowd, urging resistance to the end and the sacrifice of wealth and blood for Bohemia.

### STATE TREASURER ELECTION CLOSE RESULT IN DOUBT

PORTLAND, Ore., May 20.—The official election count probably must be awaited to determine the issue in two contests at Friday's primary election, it was indicated here today. The nominations for state treasurer and justice of the supreme court still are in doubt. Due to the inaccessibility of certain precincts in southeastern Oregon, the official count probably will be delayed for several days.

For state treasurer the leading candidates' totals thus far were: Ryan 16,528; Hoff, 15,782; Adams, 15,126.

For public service commissioner, Frank J. Miller, incumbent, who fell behind his opponent, Fred A. Williams, in Multnomah county, was given a big lead elsewhere in the state, and probably will win by 5,000 votes.

### YANKEE TROOPS POPULATING PARTS NORTHERN FRANCE

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, May 20.—Via Ottawa—Parts of northern France have become within a short period thickly populated with American fighting troops, and great American training camps and depots are springing up where two months ago only British khaki was normally seen.

The outstanding impression of American organization may be summed up in one word—thoroughness. One is conscious at every turn of the resolve of the Americans to fight until victory is achieved.

Intensified training is being tirelessly carried out in combination with the British and the French. Large formations are steadily being drafted to augment the Americans already in the fighting line, and these are being immediately replaced by still larger numbers.

### DOZEN DEAD IN PATH OF CYCLONE THRU NEBRASKA

Details Meagre Due to Prostration of Wires—Tornado Accompanied by Hail and Heavy Rains—Victims Mostly Children—Many Farm Buildings Demolished By Storm.

BLOOMFIELD, Neb., May 20.—Twelve persons killed, mostly children, and 25 injured, some dangerous, is the human toll of the tornado that swept this portion of Nebraska Saturday night.

The dead:

Mrs. Herman Haggos and one child.

Mr. and Mrs. August Fredericksen and two children.

Five children at the Spinner place.

One child at the Pieper farm.

Seriously injured:

John S. Chmolekpeper.

Mrs. August Fredericksen and one child instantly killed.

Mr. Fredericksen and a baby seven months old died Sunday afternoon. One child seven years old is the only survivor of the family.

Five Spinner children were instantly killed and their father's legs so badly mangled that it was necessary to amputate them. Both legs were broken in several places and a scantling driven through one leg.

Details are yet meagre, due to the condition of wires, but enough has been learned to show that the storm left scores of demolished homes, barns and other buildings in its wake.

It is feared later details will swell the death list.

Mrs. Herman Haggos and one child were killed in the destruction of the residence of Herman Haggos.

The Pieper place was demolished, and one member of the family killed.

The tornado was accompanied by hail and heavy rain.

### SUPREME COURT ON CORPORATION TAXES

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The supreme court today held that in computing income the value of ore and timber at the time the corporation excise tax of 1909 went into effect may be deducted from the proceeds of its sale.

In another opinion on similar cases the court also held that profits from the sale of shares of stock bought prior to the corporation excise tax law of 1909, but sold afterwards are income under the act.

### MANGANESE ORE HERE SUFFICIENT TO SUPPLY U.S.

Director Parks of the State Bureau of Mines Makes Favorable Report Upon Manganese Deposits In Lake Creek Section—Deposits of Vast Extent and Outlook Favorable.

H. M. Parks, director of the state bureau of mines, at the request of the federal government, recently made an extended examination of the manganese deposits in the vicinity of Lake Creek and his report made to Secretary Lane is most favorable. He says: "If this low grade manganese ore is distributed throughout the entire depth of the tuff, they will soon have demonstrated a very large tonnage of ore. In fact, if this be the case, it can be demonstrated within a few weeks that ore sufficient to supply the entire needs of the government will be here available, provided proper equipment is installed of sufficient capacity."

The report in full follows, and will be followed by supplementary reports, and Mr. Parks is now again examining the deposits.

The Manganese Metal company's property is situated in Jackson county, Oregon, about 17 miles southeast of the railroad at Eagle Point, a station on the P. & E. railway, connecting with the Southern Pacific railway, near Medford. It is about five miles southeast of Lake Creek post-office and near the confluence of Lost creek with the south fork of Little Butte creek at about latitude 40 degrees, 20 minutes, longitude 122 degrees, 35 minutes. (See Ashland topographic sheet, U. S. Geological Survey.)

The manganese ore is found as psilomelane and pyrolusite disseminated through a flat bed of volcanic tuff breccia. The thickness of this bed of tuff in the vicinity where the development is taking place has not been fully determined, but will probably exceed 100 feet. The bottom of this tuff bed outcrops 400 feet above Lost creek at an altitude of about 2,400 feet.

#### Development Work.

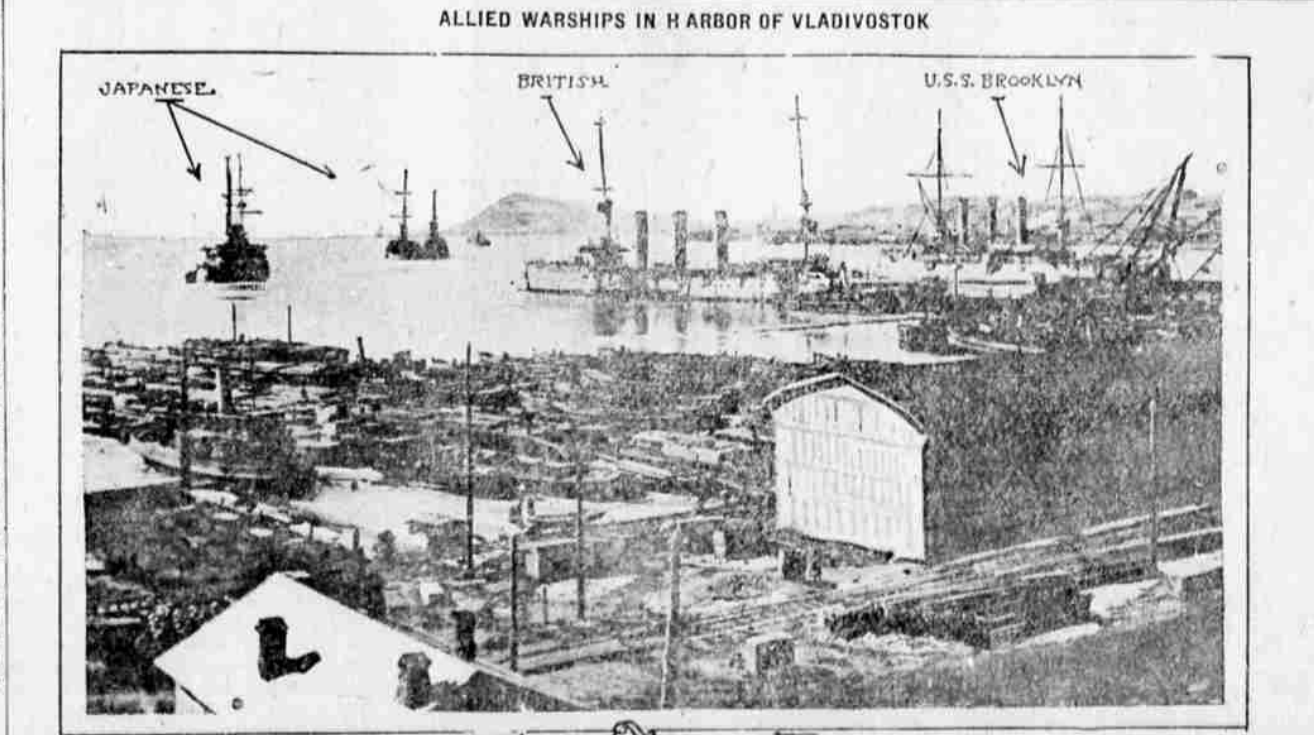
The development work thus far is mostly confined to the outcrop of the bed on the nose of the hill, lying between Lost creek and the south fork of Little Butte creek and consists of a large open cut on the west side of the hill, some views of which are seen in the accompanying photographs, numbers 1 and 2. This open cut exposes a face about 40 feet vertically in the deepest place and 75 feet horizontally. In addition to this there are five or six other surface cuts farther to the north along the hillside, following the outcrop of the tuff but for a distance of about 400 yards. In such cases these surface cuts penetrate the mantle of weathered overburden, exposing the manganese bearing tuff in places.

A churn drill of approximately 100 feet capacity is being used on the north point of the hill which is about 400 yards north from the large open cut first mentioned. The first drill holes in this vicinity were located at points almost too far down the hill to catch the tuff at all, most of them showing a depth of tuff only 10 to 15 feet thick, the rest one being to—

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### TURK OFFENSIVE AGAIN UNDERWAY

LONDON, May 20.—The Turks have resumed the offensive all along the Caucasian front and have recaptured Van, says a dispatch from Tiflis dated May 12.—Another Armenian massacre has been begun. The negotiations for a separate peace between the Caucasian diet and the Ottoman government, have been broken off on account of the exorbitant demands of the Turks.



This picture, just brought to this country across the Pacific, shows U. S., British and Japanese warships in the harbor of Vladivostok, Russia's great Pacific port which was seized by the Bolsheviki. The American vessel is the Brooklyn.