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RAIN REMOVES MENACE OF BIG FIRES IN FORESTS

The rains of last week again removed the danger of forest fires in this section for at least a month. If more rain does not fall in that time and things begin to get pretty dry again, forest fires may start but there will be little danger of their spreading into big conflagrations because of last week's soaking. It rained hard in the hill and mountain regions for several days. The rains started just in time to prevent what was threatening to become the biggest forest fire of the season in the Crater Lake national forest territory and Palmer butte in the Applegate district. This fire was spreading fast when the rainfall came. Federal Forest Supervisor Rankin was in a happy mood this morning over the forest fire situation and the removal of danger for some time to come. "I have certainly been lucky since I assumed charge of this office," he said. "The situation was getting very bad several weeks ago when unexpected rain came to our relief and put out the fires." The stockmen are also much pleased over the recent rains and are hoping for a least a little more precipitation, which would insure good fall pasturage for cattle and sheep.

TARZAN OF APES AT PAGE TUESDAY

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the attraction at the Page will be the special feature, "Tarzan of the Apes," the story of a handsome, filled with jungle life, wild animal atmosphere, and romantic romance. It is a peculiar picture, the "Tarzan of the Apes," showing him in combat with men, leopards and jaguars attacking human beings, apes and gorillas in fierce struggles; raiding cannibal villages, with elephants leading the attack. Interwoven are three romances. Three contrasting love stories which are flashed to and fro with remarkable frequency, dovetail into the story with picturesque intensity. Gordon Griffith plays the role of the boy, Tarzan, and Ethel Lincoln that of the man, Tarzan. Edna Markey is the white girl. The picture is heralded with several scenes from its long run at the Broadway theatre, New York.

EX-GOVERNOR PROUD OF VERMONT KILLED IN AUTO

SHERBROOKE, Que., Aug. 19.—G. H. Prouty, formerly governor of Vermont, was killed when the automobile in which he was riding was struck by a Grand Trunk train near Waterville, today.

JUST RETRIBUTION.

"GERMANS in Ukraine are living in a little hell." This is the comment of a Dutch observer on conditions in the "friendly" country from which Germany expected the most and which six months of German rule has made it unsafe for Germans to travel except in armed groups—lest they be shot, or buried alive.

There never was a better commentary on the efficiency of German militarism—all it understands is brutality. What it cannot comprehend is humanity. In the Prussian viewpoint people are just so many machines to be oppressed and enslaved—whether they be Poles, Letts, Belgians, Alsations, African negroes or Ukrainians.

Ukraine was the first country to make peace with Germany and it was to serve as Germany's grainery and the connecting link between Mittel Europa and Middle Asia—the gateway to the near east for German exploitation. But the Ukrainians objecting to being treated as beasts by insolent soldiers, and to being robbed, hid or burned their grain, drove off or slaughtered their cattle, and the German treatment aroused the peasants to armed resistance.

Of a hundred million peods of wheat, Germany has managed, by sending out grain requisitioning troops, to secure less than half a million. Germany interfered to stop the cutting up of big estates held by nobles, and the peasants refused to plant or harvest crops. Germany ousted the Ukraine government and set up a dummy government, ruled by the German commander. He was assassinated.

The entire country is in revolt. The peasants are well armed—bands of 70,000 combining to fighting the German soldiery, attacking troop trains, blowing up bridges. The railroad employes have joined the peasants. They refuse to haul Germans or supplies for Germany. Guerilla warfare is constant.

Germany has forbidden German civilians from going to Ukraine and the sole desire of those already there is to get out. Instead of being an asset to the kaiser—the Ukraine is a liability, calling constantly for larger and larger garrisons and yielding only turmoil and trouble.

What is going on in Ukraine will be repeated in other sections of Russia. Just retribution is rendering nerveless the greedy grasp of the ruinous Hun. Neither the Ukrainian nor the Russian sold himself to the German—but the latter, who sold himself to the devil, is reaping his reward.

NO EXEMPTIONS SIMPLY BECAUSE OF MARRIAGE

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Mr. Heller said not more than six months training could be given to those to the new registrants.

Exemption of Youths

In extending the draft ages, Secretary Baker said, suspension of academic education is an "unsolved problem" of the situation, and that it would be most unfortunate to have all collegiate education stopped. He believed there would still be many youths left at school, but was against exemption of college students as a class, as "thoroughly undemocratic." Scientifically trained experts, however, are needed and education of such men must be continued to an extent. Men injured in the war will be sent to colleges after they recover, the secretary explained, and thus to some extent fill up academic institutions. Regarding present exemption of divinity students, he said, their draft for army chaplains is being urged.

The department's plans, Mr. Baker said, are to call all the younger men by the middle of next year—but substantially after the school year is thru.

Two Million by June General Crowder interjected that the new program is expected to raise 2,500,000 men by June 30, 1919, and that it is proposed to call 2,000,000 men by that time.

On the question of volunteer enlistments, which some committee members said should be discontinued for the navy and marine corps as well as the army if the new bill is passed, Mr. Baker said the navy opposes prohibiting volunteer enlistment and he had withheld an expression of opinion. He pointed out, however, that the bill would place every man between 18 and 45 under control of the war department and that it would be possible for him and Secretary Daniels to work out in harmony a program to supply men for the navy, for the fighting branch, and also the merchant ship service. Regarding supplanting young officers in non-combatant duties by older men, Secretary Baker said all young officers capable of military duty are being relieved as far as possible. He added that youths in colleges who are drafted if retained there for training will be put in uniform.

Work or Fight Rule

Turning to the Thomas "work or fight" amendment added by the senate committee, the secretary said he

could see no objection to it in view of the fact that the regulations of the president are to be relied upon to carry it into effect. Regarding its provisions for revoking deferred classification for men who refuse to work, he added:

"That seems to me to be entirely proper."

In case of strike he said the president could determine whether suspension of work was "in good faith" and could defer suspending exemption of workmen.

"Then you would be willing to use the draft regulations in industrial disputes?" Mr. Baker was asked.

"Yes, to a limited extent," the secretary replied.

Chairman Bent emphasized that the Thomas amendment was not a part of the department's bill.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hanson of Hill are visitors in the city and guests at the Hotel Holland.

AERICAN NAVAL COUNCIL ARRIVES AT ROME

ROME, Aug. 19.—Members of the naval council from the United States to allied countries arrived here Sunday. They were welcomed by Admiral Resco.

C. C. Cate is expected home Tuesday from a deer hunting trip in the Dead Indian country, to which section he went Saturday night.

MOTORCYCLE COP QUILTS; REPLACED BY STATE POLICE

Exit Motorcycle Cop McDonald and enter several members of the state police. This is the new program that speed violators and professional and amateur bootleggers must prepare to quickly face.

Today is the last day on duty for McDonald, who last week resigned his position and plans to enlist in the aviation service after a few days visit with his parents at Trail. He quits with splendid recommendations from the county court, Sheriff Jennings and County Prosecutor Roberts.

"McDonald has been one of the most active and efficient officers I have ever seen," said Prosecutor Roberts today. "During the several months he has served as deputy sheriff and paid special attention to speed violators he has practically done away with speeding on the highway and made it safe for conservative auto drivers and their families. His place will be hard to fill."

Prosecutor Roberts stated that no other motorcycle cop will be employed to replace McDonald, but that the matter of looking after speed violators will be done by two or more state policemen who will be assigned to this section with Medford as their headquarters. He said these men will be on duty shortly and that they will also keep watch for bootleggers and smugglers of liquor over the mountains, as well as perform other general duties pertaining to the enforcement of state laws. The state policemen, he further stated, will be under direct orders from the state police headquarters and are not assigned for duty only in Jackson county, but will cover the southern Oregon section and make their headquarters in this city.

In this connection it is of interest to note that one or more state policemen have been quietly working in Medford and vicinity for some time. It is understood that in the enforcement of state laws in Jackson county the state policemen stationed here will co-operate closely with the prosecutor's office.

BREAK GERMAN SCHEME

Since the situation along the Aisne and Vesle and in Pleardy has seemed to be approaching a deadlock indicating a return to the old trench warfare of the first two years of the war, an attack in the sector between the Aisne and the Oise has been expected. This line is vital to the German positions on each side of it. If it should be broken the whole German defensive scheme would be thrown out of joint.

While the front over which the assault was launched is short compared with those of the Marne and Pleardy drives, the success attained by the French appears to point to a possibility of Marshal Foch breaking the enemy's resistance by a flank attack instead of a direct assault against the strong positions now held by the Germans between Soissons and Rheims and between the Oise and the Aisne.

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FRENCH ADVANCE TWO MILES ON A TEN-MILE FRONT

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and the town of Plessier-De Roye, to the south of Lassigny, is seriously menaced.

The army of General Mangin also is making progress against the Germans northwest of Soissons and is menacing the high roads between Noyon and Chaulnes and also the railroad line in that sector.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS, Aug. 18.—Launching what may be described as an extensive local attack, the French Sunday evening, broke thru the German positions along the vital sector connecting the Marne and Pleardy battlefields.

This attack was over a front of approximately nine miles from near Carlepoint east of the Oise, to Fontenoy on the Aisne, about six miles west of Soissons. It is officially reported that an advance to an average depth of 1.3 miles was made all along the front of attack. A total of 1700 prisoners is reported from Paris. It is reported from London that an extreme penetration of two miles has been made.

The villages of Nampcel and Nouvron-Vingre have been captured and the French have reached the southern edge of the ravine at Audignicourt, which is between Nampcel and Nouvron-Vingre.

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penetrated the German positions near Arras. German attacks in the Flanders sector have been repulsed.

In the Merville sector the British have made a new advance, probably following the Germans who have been retiring in this part of the Lys salient for the last week.

From Halleu, which is on the northern side of the Lys salient, to the apex of the salient near Vieux Berquin, the British have apparently driven the Germans off all the high ground in this sector.

Field Marshal Haig's men recaptured Outtersteen, about three-quarters of a mile east of Meris, which probably marks the maximum progress in this region in the last week. Further British progress towards the Lys would endanger the German hold on Mount Kemmel and the high ground in that region.

On Other Fronts

In the Alsne-Vesle sector the enemy continues his harassing attacks, using artillery and gas, but the French and Americans cling to the bridgeheads north of the Vesle. In the Vosges American troops have advanced slightly near Frapelle, captured Saturday. The Germans have been shelling the village heavily.

Austrian efforts to regain the islet in the lower Piave taken last week by the Italians have failed. In a counter attack the Italians drove the enemy back and took 30 prisoners. In the mountain region the artillery has been active at isolated points.

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