

GERMAN OFFICIAL REPORTS PRAISE YANKEE TROOPS

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—What the Germans thought of the American troops which helped stop the drive on Paris and took the offensive at Belleau wood and Vaux, as recorded in the German official war reports, will be revealed on the tenth anniversary of the Belleau wood battle when the Second Division association holds its annual reunion in St. Louis, May 31 and June 1 and 2.

Collection of the German official reports has been going on during the last year and their translations, never before published, will be given to the veterans of the division at their meeting. The second division, composed of marines and regular army troops, suffered more casualties and was credited with the capture of more prisoners than any division in the American expeditionary force.

Reporting on the first attacks by the Americans of that division, German observers said:

"Sportmanlike, as if participating in a track meet, the Americans came on the run in three consecutive waves, crowding elbow to elbow."

Discussing the lack of success which attended the German counter-attacks to drive the division's regiments from Belleau wood and Vaux, the German reports said:

"The American is physically well developed. He fights stubbornly and with valor and possesses a natural resourcefulness. He is well adapted to guerrilla warfare where by an excellent training in the handling and firing of the rifles gives him a decisive advantage. It is impossible to dislodge the Americans from their positions by merely shooting at them with rifles. They display calmness and self-assurance while firing from under cover."

"The punishment meted out by the Americans to the enemy is described by a German battery commander:

"The forces employed by my battalion," he says, "are constantly at the mercy of the overwhelming hostile artillery fire. The casualties increase daily and grow with such alarming speed before long my battalion will inevitably be completely annihilated."

That the German forces facing the second division in June, 1918, had exceedingly heavy losses is disclosed from the official casualty list of the 237th division. In 16 days of combat it suffered battle casualties of 484 killed, 1,900 wounded and 345 missing, a total of 2,718 out of an original strength of 7,000 when that division first came into contact with the American division.

SOCIETY WOMEN ARE PRESENTED AT BRITISH COURT

LONDON, May 10.—(AP)—Amid all the regal splendor of Buckingham palace several more Americans will be presented to King George and Queen Mary tonight at the second of a series of five courts.

At the first court of the season last night there were 799 presentations.

The queen wore a dress of cream and gold lace, hand embroidered in cut crystal and laments with a train of Irish point lace, lined with gold chiffon tissue with a design of gold leaf. She wore a diamond crown with the lesser star of Africa and her diamond ornaments included the famous Kohinoor.

The king appeared in the uniform of a field marshal and the Prince of Wales in that of a colonel in the Welsh Guards.

Other members of the royal family present were Princess Mary, the Duke and Duchess of York and Prince George.

Americans to be presented tonight are Mrs. John B. Steffen, Jr., wife of the American minister to Poland; Mrs. Alfred J. O. Hennessey, of Washington; Miss Virginia Booth of Detroit; Miss Katherine Bullock of Denver; Miss Evelyn B. Clark of New York City, and Miss Diana Rockwood of Indianapolis.

FORD ENVISIONS AIRPLANE LIKE A SOARING BIRD

NEW YORK, May 9.—(AP)—The old and the new—horse cars and airplanes—have occupied Henry Ford's attention right after his return from a three weeks visit to England.

The airplane of the future he only visualized, the horse car he drove.

"Some day there is going to be a machine that will equal the imagination of man," he said, speaking of aviation. "Whenever a man imagines a thing he can sooner or later produce it. That's what I think. An airplane that won't have to go 99 miles an hour to rise, or the same to land. It will settle down quietly and fit a small space and it won't be dangerous."

He said his friend Thomas Edison once declared that the reason a bird flies so well is that it is 92 per cent bird, while man flying is 92 per cent man.

"Do you then believe that a man must fly like a bird?" he was asked.

"Not that," he replied, "but the machine will have to be closer to a bird if it goes in that direction."

Then turning from aviation Mr. Ford climbed on the front platform of an old horse car and, with whip in hand, posed for photographers.

The horse car was presented to him by the Brooklyn City Railroad company and is to be shipped to his "American village" at Dearborn, Mich.

Sabin Reappointed
SALEM, Ore., May 10.—(AP)—R. L. Sabin of Portland was today reappointed by Governor Patterson as a member of the Multnomah county tax supervising and conservation commission. He will serve three years.

G. N. CHIEF AND OFFICIALS LEAVE FOR KLAM. FALLS

PORTLAND, Ore., May 10.—(AP)—Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern railroad, arrived here yesterday and have left for Klamath Falls where they will attend the ceremonies incident to the start of service over the Bend-Klamath Falls extension.

With Mr. Budd was George S. Long, manager of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company, who is expected to make the first formal announcement at the annual banquet of the Klamath Falls chamber of

commerce Thursday night of his company's plans for development in the Klamath basin.

The Great Northern party, due to arrive in Klamath Falls tomorrow afternoon, includes C. O. Jenks, vice president in charge of opera-

tion; W. P. Kenney, vice president and director of traffic; P. L. Paetzold, secretary and treasurer; G. H. Hess, Jr., comptroller, all of St. Paul; L. C. Gilman, vice president, Seattle; J. H. O'Neill, general manager of lines west, Seattle;

A. J. Witchell, chief engineer of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle; Judge E. H. Cary of Portland, and W. B. D. Dodson, manager of the Portland chamber of commerce.

A special train carrying Governor L. L. Patterson, members of

the state public service commission and a party of about 100 will leave for Klamath Falls Friday afternoon.

RULES ARCHITECT MUST QUALIFY

SALEM, Ore., May 10.—(AP)—Otis J. Fitch, Platt building, Portland, has no right to call himself an architect until he has qualified before the state board of architect examiners, according to an opinion of Attorney General Van Winkle answering an inquiry from the board.

The inquiry is whether Fitch is entitled to put on his door "Architectural Office of Otis J. Fitch," to have his name listed in the telephone directory as an architect, and to sign the service card at the office of the telephone company upon which the company has noted his listing as an architect.

The attorney general's reply is in the negative.

FAST LINERS TO ENGLAND URGED

PORTLAND, Ore., May 10.—(AP)—Assertion that the Pacific coast needs a fast freight and passenger steamship line to Great Britain, was made here today by Edward C. Plummer of Bath, Maine, vice chairman of the shipping board.

Jefferson Meyers of Portland, a member of the board, made the same statement here a few days ago. Plummer said that the route of such a line via the Panama canal to Great Britain would be only 700 miles longer than the line to Boston.

Government shipping lines, he said, had caused a great increase in trade with South America. This trade, he said, had been growing by leaps and bounds, and he expected it to show further increase.

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STATE INSURANCE REPORT SHOWS BIG POLICY INCREASES

SALEM, Ore., May 10.—(AP)—The annual report of Clara A. Lee, state insurance commissioner, made public yesterday, shows that new life insurance policies totaling \$91,928,418.67 were written in Oregon during 1927. At the end of the year, foreign life policies in the state totaled \$225,413,366.04, an increase of \$493,618,476.10 the previous year.

Claims paid by these companies during the year, with reinsurance in admitted companies deducted, totaled \$8,365,331.21 and premiums paid the companies totaled \$16,792,141.20.

The Oregon Life Insurance company wrote new business of \$4,351,781, and at the end of the year had in effect policies totaling \$38,275,373. The Oregon Life paid during the year claims amounting to \$459,827.67 and collected premiums of \$1,277,315.01.

Group life policies in effect December 31, 1927, totaled \$48,857,221.

1928 AIR PATROL OF FORESTS TO BE LET BY CONTRACTS

SALEM, Ore., May 10.—(AP)—The United States forest service will this year let to commercial concerns contracts for the air patrol of northwest forests. Hereafter this protection from fires has been taken care of by the government air service.

Advice relative to the new scheme were received yesterday by State Forester F. A. Elliott from the forest service. The patrol will not start until July 1 because of the condition of available funds.

Federal funds will apply only to national forests and adjacent lands. State and private agencies will be unable to use the government planes on areas not adjacent to national forests.

Contracts probably will be let early in June. Tentatively it is planned that two planes shall operate on Forest Sound, one out of Portland and possibly one out of Wenatchee.

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