

Gallant Defense of Maubeuge by Few Territorials Is Thrilling Tale

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PARIS, Jan. 11.—(By mail).—The mystery of the fall of Maubeuge has at last been cleared up, after seven months of rumors and doubts. The French fortress having been due to treason, as intimated by German sources, the defense of the citadel is said to have been one of the brilliant actions of the war.

In an exclusive interview with a French officer, a member of the staff of General Fournier, military governor of Maubeuge, who has reached this country after escaping from a German prison, where he was sent with the other officers of the garrison, the whole story in detail was made known.

Maubeuge was not another Metz, he said, "but a new Belfort. General Fournier began fortifying the approaches to the place on August 2d, working 6,000 laborers with 25,000 territorialists. They dug thirteen miles of trenches around the city, showing great forethought, as at that time trench fighting had not begun. They strung 1,000,000 square yards of barbed wire on a million and a half stakes, and stationed fifty mobile batteries of artillery at strategic points,

as well as many dummy batteries to fool the enemy.

"The city was invested towards the end of August by 65,000 Germans against our 30,000 territorialists. The Germans were commanded by General von Zwehl in the presence of the kaiser's nephew, Prince Leopold of Prussia. For nine days a furious battle raged, all the German heavy artillery being brought up from Liege and Namur, including the 395 millimeter and 420 millimeter howitzers. Ceaselessly shells rained on the fort day and night, causing a reign of terror, for in addition to the city's residents, there were 40,000 refugees, mostly women, children and old people from the north, quartered in the town.

"The German shell fire was directed by aeroplanes and spies who had been on the job for years, living in Maubeuge, and ostensibly engaged in business there. One by one the fifty batteries were picked off. The arsenal was fired by a German shell, and 2,000 French shells exploded inside at one time. People all over the city were knocked down by the force of the explosion. The water, gas, electricity, telephones and telegraph were instantly cut off, and the city, including the hospitals, was burning. Outside the city, in the trenches, the troops fought on without relief, as we were prevented from reaching them by a curtain of artillery fire. We made four sorties, once charging to within 200 yards of the German mortars.

"The city wrecked and on fire, our ammunition exploded, and means of resistance dwindled, General Fournier surrendered on September 8th, when the Germans began hurling shells into the quarter packed with refugees. To fight on would have meant but one thing—the slaughter of women and babies.

"When the Germans entered, they were astonished to find it defended only by territorialists. They believed they were attacking a big garrison of natives. In recognition of the brave defense of the citadel, von Zwehl told Fournier to keep his sword. Fournier refused because the other officers were not granted the same courtesy. He said:

"Whatever their lot is I will share it. What is good enough for them is good enough for me."

"General Fournier was sent to the military prison at Torgu, in Silesia. He is a heartbroken man, but proud. He held out against tremendous odds, sustaining what was certainly the mightiest bombardment the world has ever seen. Before the Germans entered all arms and other war material

were destroyed and regimental flags burned to keep them from falling into the enemy's hands.

"Fournier's defense of Maubeuge was not merely heroic; it was of great military value. During the battle of the Marne, which ended in a crushing defeat of the Germans after several critical days, he held up 65,000 of the flower of the kaiser's army.

"After the fall of Maubeuge it was too late for these men to do any good; the tide at the Marne had turned on September 8th, and two days later it was complete. Had Fournier not held out as he did, and had he let the Germans pass without opposition, things might, very conceivably have turned out another way. The rumors of treason scattered by Germans in order to demoralize French troops had absolutely no foundation in fact."

SHANTA VIEW NOTES

On Saturday evening, February 5th, a social was given to the new comers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wilson by the Helping Hand Society. It was the most social event so far of the season. Games, music, charades and composing poetry was participated in by the jolly bunch. Tennyson, Longfellow, or any of the classics, were only amateurs as compared to these comers Saturday evening.

Ice cream and cake were served as refreshments. Following is a list of those present: Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Jones and daughters Pauline, Gertrude, Helen, Marjorie and Henrietta; C. W. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Daniels, Mr. Voss, Martin, Oliver, Mrs. M. L. Held, Mrs. Della Bailey, Mrs. O. E. Hunt and daughters Ada, Hazel and son Cecil; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kirkpatrick and daughters Beth and Eliza; Mrs. F. McManus and three daughters, Anna, Polivka, Mrs. O. Moody, Dee Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Donart, Mr. and Mrs. John Hale, Lola Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Art Hale, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Chitwood and daughter, Ruth, Rev. and Mrs. Cowley, Lester Wilson, Earl Wilson and B. P. Alexander.

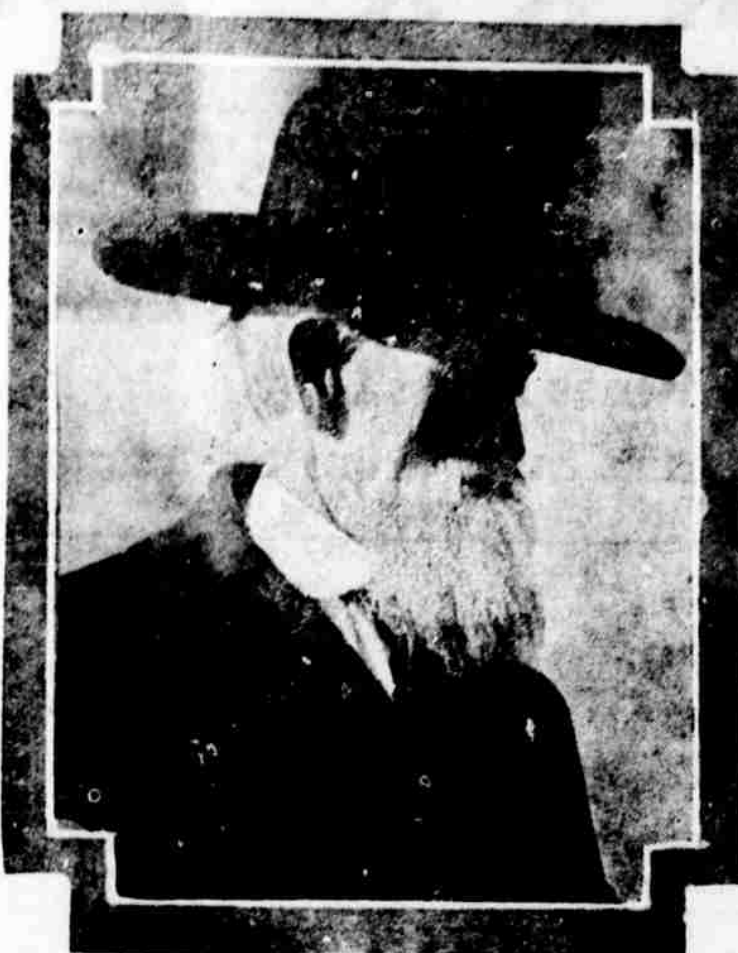
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United Press Service
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Lots 1 and 2, block 38, original town site of Klamath Falls, Oregon,

which said property is benefited and liable for the improvement of Klamath avenue and of Seventh street from Klamath avenue to Main street, in said city to the amount hereinbefore stated, and which said assessment on the 15th day of July, 1911, was duly and regularly entered in volume 2 of the docket of city liens of said city of Klamath Falls, Oregon, at pages 7 and 27 thereof, and whereas, said assessment has not been paid nor the lien thereof discharged, except the sum of \$318.60 principal and \$181.40 interest paid July 21, 1913, and 20 days have elapsed since the said docket entry thereof, notice is hereby given that by virtue of a warrant and order of sale issued by the police judge of the city of Klamath Falls, Oregon, on the 10th day of January, 1916, directing the sale of the hereinabove described real property or sufficient thereof to pay such assessment, together with interest, costs and disbursements, I have levied upon said above described premises, and will on Saturday, the 12th day of February, 1916, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. in the forenoon of said day at the front door of the city hall in the city of Klamath Falls, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to the charter of said city, lots one (1) and two (2) of block 38, original townsite or such part thereof as can be sold separately to advantage sufficient to pay such assessment amounting to \$2,292.89, together with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from the 10th day of January, 1916, and the expenses of such sale.

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