

GERMANS CRUSH FRENCH FRONTS AROUND VERDUN

TRITONIC OFFENSIVE THREATENS CITY

Paris Advises Regarding the Fighting Are Vague, But Intercepted German Statement Indicates That All of the French Forces Defending That Region Have Been Driven Back on Fortresses.

United Press Service LONDON, Feb. 26.—Berlin claims the capture of Douaumont, a strong fortress four miles northeast of Verdun. This is believed to have followed the collapse of the French front from Cote-du-Poivre through Bezonvaux.

Indications are that the whole French force which has been defending Verdun on the north has been driven back toward the fortresses by the overwhelming German offensive. The offensive is now seriously threatening Verdun.

The Kaiser is believed to be using all his forces in this titanic offensive, hoping to blast a way to Paris, and thus shorten the duration of the war. The Paris statement regarding this activity is vague. It follows:

"The battle north of Verdun continues. According to last information, the Germans were not counting their sacrifices, but were losing many men. Artillery is replying to the German bombardment, shell for shell."

The statement also says the French have taken new positions, backed by the Meuse hills.

The vagueness of the Parisian statement, in view of the German claims, has caused uneasiness in London.

The statement that Douaumont has been taken by the Germans is accepted cautiously by the papers here.

Douaumont is the key to the northern defenses of Verdun.

United Press Service LONDON, Feb. 26.—German newspapers urge von Jagow to demand the prompt release of the interned German ships recently seized at Lisbon. Madrid wires that Portugal frankly admits expecting Germany to declare war.

United Press Service ROME, Feb. 26.—It was announced here today that Durazzo had been evacuated.

Vogelsang Confirmed WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—The senate has confirmed the nomination of Alexander T. Vogelsang of San Francisco as solicitor of the interior department.

LAWRENCE IS TO BE TRIED HERE, COURT DECIDES

MOTION TO CHANGE VENUE IS OVERRULED

Trial of Man Charged With Killing Mrs. Alma Kuehne in Dohd Hollow Shooting Affair in December Will Be Placed on Trial Here March 13. Hunters to Be Tried Just Before This Case.

A. Ernest Lawrence will be tried here on charge of killing Mrs. Alma Kuehne and the wounding of Guy Hunter. The motion for a change of venue, made by Attorney W. H. A. Renner for Lawrence, was overruled by Circuit Judge Kuykendall.

Lawrence's trial has been set for March 13th. Mr. Renner is to be assisted in the case by a prominent attorney from Springfield, Ills.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hunter, who are to be tried on the same charge, will be in court March 6th. Their case was set for trial some time ago.

RAIN CAUSES TWO BOOMS TO SPROUT

JASPER BENNETT COMES OUT AS ASSESSOR AND WILLIAM DUNCAN SEEKS DISTRICT ATTORNEYSHIP.

Two new candidates for democratic nominations stepped into the arena today. These are Jasper Bennett, who is out for assessor, and William M. Duncan, who is out for prosecuting attorney.

Bennett is an old resident of Klamath, and has served two terms as assessor. On this score, he and Captain Lee, the other candidate for the Jacksonian party's nomination, are "fifty-fifty," and the wise ones look for a mighty close race, with campaigning galore.

Duncan is so far unopposed for the democratic nomination. Since he came to Klamath Falls four years ago, he has established a good law practice, and has been deputy prosecutor for some time. Duncan studied the legal profession at the law schools of Harvard and Chicago universities, and has handled with credit some complicated cases.

Left for Sacramento. Mrs. O. C. Applegate left for Sacramento on Friday's train to visit for a month with relatives at Sacramento and Berkeley.

How Germans Sought the Control of Caribbean Sea



- No. 1—St. Thomas, where they own ground for coaling station.
- No. 2—Cartagena, where they sought to purchase a naval base.
- No. 3—Nicaragua Canal Route they tried to buy.
- No. 4—Mole St. Nicholas, where they tried to lease a naval base.

MT. LAKE AFFAIR DRAWS A CROWD

BESIDES DEBATE ON LIVE ISSUE, CANDIDATES AND OTHERS MADE INTERESTING TALKS LAST NIGHT

One of the best attended meetings of the Mt. Lake Improvement Association was held last night at the Mt. Lake church. The church was crowded, and in addition to the people of that section, there were many Klamath Falls people present. Among the candidates in attendance were C. R. De Lap, Harold C. Merryman, Carey M. Ramsby and Fred Peterson. County Agriculturist Glaisyer, E. L. Elliott and Clarence C. Brower also attended.

The debate, "Resolved: That city schools are superior to country and village schools in training scholars for a useful life," was of interest to all, and both sides brought out some splendid facts for consideration. The decision was in favor of the affirmative side, Messrs. Elliott, Peterson and Glaisyer being the judges.

In addition to other numbers, Mr. Glaisyer made a well received talk on the need for pest control measures, and he also favored the audience with a vocal solo. Musical numbers were also well rendered, by Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Thompson and Miss Schubert.

L. A. West was in Klamath Falls Friday, and brought home his daughter, who has been ill. Miss West is better at this writing.

Rollin Stitzer, a prominent high school student, is spending the week end with Austin Case.

The play, "Fifteen Miles to Happytown," to be given by the Ladies Aid, will be held next Saturday night.

The Ladies Aid will hold its annual election of officers at its meeting March 8th.

DALLAS HAS A NEW MUNICIPAL FLAG NOW

United Press Service DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 26.—Dallas is to have a municipal flag. It has three bars, two blue and a white, with a red star in the center. It was designed by Oswin K. King, a newspaperman. A public christening is planned when the flag is first raised on the city hall.

WILSON'S PLEA BRINGS FORTH "TERRITORIALS"

United Press Service BEAVER FALLS, Feb. 26.—As an answer to the widespread plea for preparedness an organization was under way here today for a company of men, all native born Americans over 45, for duty at home in case their services are needed. They intend to call themselves "Territorials" as their duty will be in their own territory.

The first company will be formed at New Brighton and other branches of the organization will then be taken up in other valley towns. The companies will not be identified with army organizations, but will prepare to take up the work of the younger men in case they are called away. An entire regiment of "Territorials" will be formed in the county.

DELEGATES WILL MAKE A REPORT

LOGS OF THE STATE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION WILL BE RECOUNTED TOMORROW EVENING

An invitation is extended to all who may be interested to be present at the Presbyterian church at 6:30 p. m. Sunday to hear the reports from the delegates who were in attendance at the State Christian Endeavor convention recently held in Grants Pass. The young people of the Christian church will join with the young people of the Presbyterian church in this meeting, which is to be held at the Presbyterian church.

The delegates who will take part in this service are Miss Vera Houston, Miss Ruth Ball, Miss Augusta Parker and Miss Maude Miller.

Infant Dies. Word comes from E. C. Lyon, Coyote, Calif., former resident of Klamath Falls, that their 2-months-old daughter, Margaret Grace, passed away yesterday at 4 p. m., at San Jose hospital. She has suffered from erysipelas for two weeks.

WHEAT AND FLOUR HIT THE TOBOGGAN

LOWER CABLES AND A DETERMINED BEAR RAID CAUSE A DROP AND NEW LOW COST FOR SEASON IS RESULT

United Press Service CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—May wheat dropped 5 1/2 cents during the closing of the day in the grain pit here.

The closing price was \$1.13 1/2, the new low price for the crop. Lower cables, and a determined bear raid were responsible for the drop.

United Press Service PORTLAND, Feb. 26.—Flour took a tumble of 29 cents per barrel today on receipts of the news of the slump in May wheat on the Eastern exchanges.

H. S. DEBATERS TO MEET HERE

MERITS OF SWISS MILITARY SYSTEM WILL BE THE QUESTION ARGUED BY MEDFORD AND KLAMATH STUDENTS

The debaters of Medford high school will meet the debating team of Klamath County high school here on Monday evening, March 6th, to settle the championship of the Southern Oregon district of the Oregon High School Debating League. So far, Medford has beaten all other teams in the district.

The question for debate is, "Resolved: That the United States should adopt the essential features of the Swiss system of military training." Klamath high will support the affirmative side of the argument.

Emma Honsik and Charles Dorr, with Hilda Hensley as alternate, comprise the Klamath County high school team.

Here From City. Mr. and Mrs. Will Wood have returned from San Francisco, where Mr. Wood has been attending college. They will remain here until next fall.

Germany Expects Congress to Make Wilson Back Down

By CARL ACKERMANN (United Press Staff Correspondent)

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—The people of Germany expect congress to force President Wilson to back down from his present stand in regard to the German armed merchantman decree. Officials will not comment upon this, but the general feeling is that if the question is referred to congress, a resolution warning Americans to avoid traveling on armed merchantmen will pass.

Dispatches suggesting a possibility of Wilson's asking the recall of Ambassador von Bernstorff caused much surprise. Foreign Minister von Jagow and American Ambassador Gerard say no such intimations have been officially received.

Feeling against Americans is growing.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—After canvassing congress, Representative Lewis, the democratic whip in the house, told Senator Stone today that opposition to Wilson in the German decree could not prevail, and he recommended an early vote on the Gore and Jones resolutions, warning Americans to keep off armed merchantmen.

Lewis expects to seek a showdown Monday by introducing a resolution endorsing the president's stand.

Only one allied nation has responded to America's suggestion for the disarming of merchantmen as a humanitarian measure. Which nation answered has not been announced. It is believed to be France.

Surprise was caused when only one ally replied. A joint note was expected by the administration.

The state department indicates that this does not affect the German difficulty.

A climax is near. The administration will not ask Austria and Germany to postpone their armed merchantmen decree, which is effective next Wednesday.

The German reply is expected Monday. The administration is convinced that it will be unsatisfactory.

Secretary Lansing and Congressman Flood conferred today regarding the possibility of a compromise in the "warning" situation, as it now stands in congress. It is not believed that congress will force the issue with Wilson until an actual break is imminent.

Gerry B. Cozad, formerly of Klamath Falls, but now located at Martinez, is here to give attention to business matters.

A divorce decree was granted Ruth E. Hughes, following a hearing of the evidence in her suit against Joseph E. Hughes yesterday. W. H. A. Renner appeared for the plaintiff.

Was Well Known Here Peter Ogden Applegate, who died suddenly in Central Point, Ore., presumably from heart failure, was the youngest son of the old Oregon pioneer statesman, Jesse Applegate, and was the last of Jesse Applegate's sons. He was born in Yoncalla Valley in Umpqua county (now Douglas) in 1853. From his father he learned surveying, and for several years after reaching his majority he followed that occupation. Later he was reelected and still later assessor of Jackson county.

Fred W. Hyndman of Klamath Falls has filed with the secretary of state his declaration of candidacy on the democratic ticket for state representative from the Twenty-first district, comprising Crook, Grant, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake counties.

Sand Hollow Survey Is Explained by J. G. Camp

The following regarding the proposed co-operative survey of the Sand Hollow pumping project was prepared by Project Manager J. G. Camp, U. S. R. S.:

In order that there may be no misunderstanding, I wish to make the following statement in regard to this matter. A number of owners of land in the Sand Hollow country requested the reclamation service to take up the work of supplying their land with water on a co-operative plan.

The reclamation commission replied that it was necessary to have a final location survey, and estimates of cost made in order to determine if it could be built for a price that the land owners could afford to pay. They offered to do this work provided the land owners would put up cash for half the cost of this survey.

The cost of the survey is estimated at \$400 for the first lift, or lands under the H line, \$200 more for the H-1 and \$200 for the H-2 line, or a total of \$800, if all three lines were surveyed. One half, or \$400, would have to be cash raised by land owners and deposited with the service before the surveys were begun. This was the proposition which was put up to the land owners at Malin last Saturday.

After considerable discussion it was unanimously decided to request the service to make the surveys for all three lifts, and apportion the \$400 equally on all irrigable lands under these surveys. As some of the land owners did not feel able to pay cash now, Mr. Dalton and Mr. Adams agreed to pay for them, taking an agreement from them to pay later. The result of this meeting has been reported to headquarters, and as soon as authorization is received and the money deposited these surveys will be commenced.

I wish to make it very clear that this agreement and the paying of this money does not bind the United States in any way to do anything but make these surveys and estimates. If the results of this show that a system can be built for a price that the government deems feasible, then they will be willing to negotiate for the building of part or all of this system on the co-operative plan. Just what share the government will be willing to do I am unable to state. Undoubtedly the land owners will have to organize and do a large part of the work themselves, but they can well afford to do this rather than to continue to dry farm in Sand Hollow.

Strahorn Survey Party Close to Summer Lake

The Strahorn surveying party has moved to the north end of Summer lake, and will make their next camp at the Carlin ranch, about four miles east of Anna River, says the Paisley Press.

The survey at present has been completed to the Middleway Buttes, which it crosses about where the wagon road now goes. From there the survey will follow the rim around the east and north sides of the lake, making a gradual climb to the summit between Summer Lake and Silver Lake.

Three surveys were made past Paisley before the crew departed. The first one passes about one and a quarter miles east of town, and follows a straight line from the Narrows toward Five Mile Butte. The second one leaves the first a few miles north of

the Narrows and from there comes in a straight line towards town and crosses through the eastern portion of town. The last survey made was run under the direct supervision of Chief Bogue, who was here at the time. This runs between the other two, and crosses the Moss ranch and the western end of the Townsite company marsh eighty. It crosses the river above the lower dam, and inside of the Moss field.

It is, perhaps, the most ideal route considered from all points. To those financing the road it offers a route nearly as cheap as the direct line first run, while it is not so far from town as to be inconvenient. Of course, it is impossible to say which line will be chosen until the report is made from the Portland office.