

GERMAN TROOPS BEAT TWO RUSSIAN CORPS

Half of One Corps Captured—Holding Positions Along the Belgian Frontier

Berlin, via The Hague, Nov. 16.—German troops have decisively defeated two or more Russian corps near Plock, Russian Poland, it was officially announced here tonight. It was said the Germans captured half of one Russian corps.

Still on the Offensive.

Berlin, Nov. 16.—In the western theater of war the Germans held their positions everywhere today, the war of attrition being announced.

The allies' attacks south of Dixmude, it was stated, had been repulsed. Less violence was said to mark the fighting along the Belgian coast, and in the Argonne region the kaiser's troops were reported to be still on the offensive.

Weather conditions were referred to as very bad in the fighting zone, with sleet, snow and piercing wind.

ASSESSORS OBJECT TO THE VALUATIONS

Claim They Are Much Lower Than Last Year and Out of Proportion with Taxes on Property in General.

Today's session of the state tax commission is being taken up by the assessors of several of the counties of the Willamette Valley who are protesting against the tentative ratios adopted by the commission and published as a basis for the apportionment of the valuations of public service corporations for taxation throughout the several counties of the state. Those who appeared before the commission this morning and voiced vigorous protests against the ratios adopted for their respective counties were: Henry C. Reed, of Multnomah county; E. L. Fisher, of Lincoln county; W. H. Halsey, of Columbia; Ben F. West, of Marion; and J. W. Linn, of Linn county.

For Linn county the ratio, as tentatively adopted by the tax commission for the year 1914, was 67 per cent as against a 65 per cent ratio for 1913; for Marion county this year's ratio is 60 per cent as compared to 66 per cent a year ago; for Columbia county this year's ratio is 73 per cent as compared to 75 per cent last year and for Multnomah county this year's ratio has been temporarily fixed at 57 per cent as against 60 per cent last year. All of the assessors represented that the ratios were much lower than those in force in their respective counties, from about 10 to 25 per cent and all are asking for an increase.

Assessor West for Marion county maintains that the ratio of assessment as to real property valuations in Marion county are as high as that in force in any other county of the state, and much higher than in some of them, and that to fix Marion county's ratio at a reduction in their valuation or a reduction in county ratios, which would amount to the same thing and operate to a reduction of their taxes in either event. Some of the railroad agents submitted figures to show that ratios under which private properties are being assessed in the counties traversed by their system of railroads and demanded that the railroads be given the same consideration as other private property interests in the matter of valuations and assessments.

STORY OF THE WAR IN PARAGRAPHS

The Day's War Doings Gathered From All Sides and Sources

On the Yser the allies and Germans still fought today as hard as the weather permitted.

The trenches were waist deep in water. Guns and equipment were mired everywhere.

To make matters worse, the allies again opened the sluices, flooding still more territory and drowning one whole German regiment.

The allies claimed to have driven the kaiser's forces everywhere from the Yser's west bank.

The Germans maintained that there had been no important changes in the positions.

They added that their shore guns had disabled the British warships Falcon, Brilliant and Hwalde, off the Belgian coast.

The only news from the eastern theater of war was from German sources and to the effect that the fighting thus far had been indecisive.

Fresh information was also lacking concerning the Russo-Turkish campaign. It was said, however, that the khedive of Egypt had thrown in his lot with the allies.

The Amer of Afghanistan was also reported about to declare war against Great Britain and Russia.

Though the government did not admit it, the public was taking for granted that the British dreadnaught Andromeda had been blown up off the northern Irish coast, as reported.

First Lord of the Admiralty Churchill told the house of commons that he had no information that misfortune had befallen the British battleship Onopous, thereby conveying the first information that anyone was anxious concerning it.

The British public, much dissatisfied with the navy's showing, was criticizing the admiralty severely.

Premier Asquith told the house of commons that the war was costing Great Britain \$4,500,000 to \$5,000,000 daily and was granted an additional war credit of \$1,250,000,000.

Fifteen persons were reported killed at Courtrai, Belgium, by bombs thrown by British aviators.

The pope issued an encyclical appealing for peace.

The Japanese battleship Hizen and cruiser Azuma were reported on their way to the Chilean coast to look for German warships.

The Boer rebellion in South Africa was believed to have been practically crushed.

PRESENTS UNCLE SAM BILL FOR THE WORK

Chief Deputy Siocke, of the state forestry department, after numerous conferences with the government forestry officials, states that he has finally presented a bill to the department of the interior for the government's share of the expense entailed in the fighting of forest fires in the districts of the state in which the Oregon & California timber lands are located, which will amount to approximately \$11,000.

This does not represent the O. & C. lands share of the total losses sustained and expenses incurred in patrolling privately-owned timber lands and fighting fires thereon, but, since the government fund was not available until August 1 of last year, no assessments for costs or expenses could be levied against these lands prior to that date.

The Oregon & California Railroad company (Southern Pacific) owns approximately 2,330,000 acres of timber land scattered along the right of way through the western part of the state, and is situated in about 11 counties. This land is now in litigation and the federal district court has already declared the railroad's title to the land forfeited and the case has been appeal-

DEATH PENALTY MAY BE DONE AWAY WITH

Latest Returns Indicate Capital Punishment Has Been Abolished in Oregon

According to figures published in a Portland paper of yesterday, which, however, are unofficial, the indications are that the bill providing for the abolishment of the death penalty in this state has been adopted by a small majority with the returns from Malheur county not in. If this is the case, in the opinion of Attorney General Crawford and other legal authorities, Lloyd H. Wilkins, sentenced to hang Decem-

ber 29 for the murder of Lou Winters in Portland a year ago, and John F. Pender, sentenced to hang on November 28 for the murder of Mrs. Daisy Wehrman and child at St. Johns last year, will escape punishment altogether and will go free.

Both of these men were indicted, tried and convicted under the old statute of murder in the first degree and received their sentences to be executed under the provisions of that statute.

According to Attorney General Crawford, if the constitutional amendment providing for the abolishment of the death penalty were adopted by the people at the next election, it will be of effect as of midnight of November 3, and since the new law does not specifically prescribe a penalty for first degree murder and Wilkins and Pender have already been in jeopardy for their alleged crimes, they cannot be retried under the new law, executed under the old law or re-sentenced under the new law, hence there will be nothing to do but to turn them loose.

Under the new amendment to the constitution, if it has been adopted, the death penalty is not only abolished in cases of murder in the first degree, but likewise in the case of treason, as provided for in article one of the constitution, which will also be repealed by the new amendment. The new amendment provides that no penalty in execution of life imprisonment shall be inflicted in any event but, as the constitution provides, that all ex post facto laws are expressly prohibited, the amendment is not retroactive in its effects and will not cover the cases of Wilkins and Pender. Attorney General Crawford also states that, in his opinion, since the new amendment prescribes no penalty for murder in the first degree and that, until the legislative meets and provides a specific mode of procedure under the new amendment, anyone committing murder between the time of the going into effect of the constitutional amendment and the act of the legislature fixing a penalty for first degree murder cannot be indicted for a greater crime than second degree murder.

Governor West would offer no comment upon the subject of the effect of the new amendment in the cases of Wilkins and Pender except to express wonderment upon the travesties of justice and the action of the people upon proposed legislation of this character. He cited the instance of the measure which was drafted by him and put before the people at the election in 1912, which prohibited capital punishment only in cases of murder in the first degree and did not alter the constitutional provision prescribing death for persons found guilty of treason against the state and limited the power of governors to grant pardons and reprieves, which was turned down by them, and now this constitutional amendment comes up, which was not his bill and he had nothing to do with it, and the people supported it, and this bill not only abolishes capital punishment in first degree murder cases but also in cases of treason.

There are six counties which have not sent in their official returns to the secretary of state, and until these are all in the exact status of any of the measures voted upon at the last election will not be known.

Earlier returns indicated that the bill had failed of enactment by a few hundred votes, and it was generally given up by its supporters as lost. So the change in the totals came as a surprise, though a pleasant one, to them.

Complete returns from all the counties except Malheur give the following vote on the measure:

For abolishment of death penalty 98,974
Against 98,676

Majority for 298

Incomplete returns from Malheur county indicate that that county will give a favorable majority to the measure, increasing the majority by which the measure was carried in the state.

ed to the U. S. Circuit court, and the government, pending the final decision of the courts upon the question of title to the land appropriated a fund of \$25,000 to defray that land's portion of the forest patrol and fire-fighting tax in this state. About \$3000 of this fund was reserved to defray expenses in enforcement of the trespass laws and about \$2000 is reserved to cover forest patrol work in the spring, and the state's claim will probably be paid out of the balance.

The Oregon & California lands represent little less than 60 per cent of all of the privately-owned timber lands along its right of way, but, although the company will not pay one-half the amount of the assessment levied against other private timber owners of Southern Oregon, as more than 4 or 5 per cent of the loss was incurred prior to August 1, when the government money was available, but it has been a great help to some of the timber owners who were hit pretty hard, especially in Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties. Under ordinary circumstances, Mr. Siocke says, a \$25,000 appropriation would have been sufficient, but last year was an extraordinarily serious one on account of the prolonged drought and the consequent increased loss by fire.

RAILROAD PROSPECTS AT SUBLIMITY

According to special invitation of the Sublimity Commercial Club, a number of members of the Stayton Development League and other citizens interested went to Sublimity Tuesday night of this week to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Sublimity body. The talk was mainly on the line of how to induce the Willamette Southern, an electric line now building into Mt. Angel, to come on south and pass through Sublimity and Stayton.

President W. H. Downing of the Sublimity Club stated that the grade was already as far as Mt. Angel, and that cars would be running that far by Christmas.

Every person in the house was called upon to give their views, and all were unanimous in thinking that some inducement should be offered the new line to extend at least as far as Stayton.

J. T. Hunt thought that the officials of the company now building undoubtedly had some definite object in view and that while that object would not be departed from to any great extent, still it would do no harm to send a committee to interview them.

Prof. Gaust of Stayton was of the opinion that the people could get almost anything they want if they only waited it hard enough.

Attorney Helms of this city spoke at some length, and gave some good advice along the line of approaching the officials of a corporation.

J. T. Kearns, the old wheel-horse of the Stayton to Anywhere Railroad, said that he immediately set up and took notice when anyone said "Railroad" in their sleep. He spoke with his usual fluency and gave a very sensible talk on rights-of-way and other details of the actual beginning of railroad.

While it is quite possible that nothing may come of the new prospect, yet it behooves us to not overlook any bets along this line.

A good time was had by all present and before the meeting adjourned a committee was appointed to investigate the possibilities of the Willamette Southern. About a dozen were present from Stayton.—Stayton Mail.

DR. ANNA SHAW ELECTED.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 16.—Dr. Anna Howard Shaw was re-elected president of the National Woman Suffrage association here today. Mrs. Stanley McCormick was elected first vice-president; Mrs. Desha Breckenridge second vice-president; Mrs. Katherine Davis third vice-president; Mrs. Otis Clark, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Susan Fitzgerald, recording secretary, and Mrs. Henry Rogers treasurer.

A contract for the delivery of 1000 horses at Baker has been signed by Robert Jones. The horses are for the use of the French army, and everything meeting the requirement, 15 days high, will be accepted. They are to be delivered November 23.

QUARANTINES STATE AGAINST THE EAST

As announced in the Journal of Saturday, Governor West this morning made public his quarantine proclamation prohibiting the entrance into Oregon of any animals from the thirteen eastern and middle western states under federal quarantine as a protection against the introduction of the dread foot and mouth disease generally prevalent among the livestock of those states.

The proclamation is issued upon the recommendation of the state livestock sanitary board and declares a state of quarantine against the entrance of any and all cattle, sheep, other ruminants and swine coming from any of the thirteen states heretofore named and all other states where the malady is now or may hereafter become prevalent, and the transportation of such animals between points in this state is prohibited, unless inspection has first been made and permission given by the proper state or federal authorities.

The quarantine does not apply to shipments of livestock from clean counties or units in those states, when such shipments are made in disinfected cars unloaded en route in disinfected yards, and are accompanied by a health certificate issued by a federal inspector. The quarantine also applies to such materials as hog cholera serum, vaccines and other biologics which are of animal origin, unless it be shown to the satisfaction of the state veterinarian that no infection exists at or near the territory where the same is manufactured.

All common carriers engaged in the transportation of animals are requested to see that all stock cars and yards are thoroughly disinfected and that all rules promulgated by the Oregon state livestock sanitary board for the purpose of preventing the spread of the foot and mouth disease are fully complied with and carefully observed.

OFFICIALS ARE ACCUSED.

San Francisco, Nov. 16.—Ida Daguer, known also as Ida Niles, appeared today before Police Judge Crist and swore to charges against Herbert W. Lewis president of the Children's Home Aid Society of Los Angeles, accusing him of a statutory offense. A warrant was issued and a detective will leave for Los Angeles tonight to bring Lewis here.

Dr. Charles S. Morse was arraigned here today on a charge of performing a criminal operation on Miss Daguer. He pleaded not guilty and bail was fixed at \$5,000 cash, which he was unable to supply.

All ordinary financing agencies having failed to effect the proper lighting of Gardiner's street, the company operating the lighting plant has announced a public ball, the proceeds of which will be used for installing lamps in parts of the town that need them the most.

Here Are Some Canned Goods Offerings Which Should Interest You

Peas.....	10c can, \$1.05 dozen; 12 1/2c can, \$1.35 dozen
Beans.....	10c can, \$1.05 dozen; 12 1/2c can, \$1.35 dozen
Corn.....	8 1/2c can, 90c dozen; 13c can, \$1.80 dozen
Tomatoes.....	8 1/2c can, 90c dozen; 12 1/2c can, \$1.35 dozen
Asparagus.....	15c can, \$1.65 dozen; 20c can, \$2.20 dozen
Peaches.....	25c can, \$2.75 dozen
Pears.....	25c can, \$2.75 dozen
Plums.....	25c can, \$2.75 dozen; 15c can, \$1.60 dozen
Pineapples.....	10c can, \$1.05 dozen; 20c can, \$2.20 dozen
Salmon.....	10c can, \$1.05 dozen; 15c can, \$1.60 dozen
Clams.....	10c can, \$1.05 dozen; 20c can, \$2.20 dozen

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CITY NEWS

Two divorces were granted this morning in Judge Galloway's court. Maude A. Lucas received a divorce from Claude R. Lucas and the custody of an infant son, Robert Warren Lucas, Ethel B. Ramsdell secured a divorce from Guy A. Ramsdell on the grounds of desertion. They were married in 1910 and the plaintiff was granted the care and custody of their 3-year-old son, Charles Ramsdell.

Harry A. Morton, formerly manager of the Oregon Power company, at Albany, has accepted a position as solicitor for the gas department of the P. R. L. & P. Co. of this city. Stanley Barton, who has held this position since the first of the year, has resigned to take up business for himself. Mr. Barton is a well-known booster in this city and has been with the company for a number of years in various departments. Mr. Morton comes well recommended from Albany, where he managed the O. P. Co.'s business for a number of years.

Argument to dismiss the suit of Fred Dodd against Pearl Dodd was being heard in Judge Galloway's court this afternoon. The divorce suit was brought September 22 and the plaintiff ordered to pay into court the sum of \$50 within 30 days. His attorney is seeking to have the suit dismissed without the payment of this sum, holding that the defendant has already received a large sum from the plaintiff.

MARRIED.

DE BORD-TOWNSEND—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George De Bord, Saturday afternoon, November 14, 1914, Miss Amy De Bord to Cecil Townsend, Rev. J. Montcalm Brown, of the Jason Lee M. E. church, officiating.

COST OF CAMPAIGN

According to the statement of expenses filed with the secretary of state this morning, by his campaign manager, O. C. Leiter, the total campaign fund subscribed for the promotion of the candidacy of William Hanley, progressive nominee for United States senator, amounted to \$19,619.68, and the total amount expended was \$9,553.19. This does not include the statements previously filed by individuals who claimed to have expended their own funds in the furtherance of Mr. Hanley's candidacy. The principal subscribers to the fund, according to the statement, were: Blitzen Valley Land company, \$4500; W. F. Davidson, \$2,500; A. S. Monroe, \$1250; John M. Whistler, \$50; Chas. Altschul, president of the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Military Wagon Road Grant company, \$1000; M. F. and Ed Hanley, \$500; and William Hanley himself, \$219.68.

NOTICE!

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Watch For Announcement In Tuesday's Journal

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---E. Gettelman, Apr.

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