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ARTILLERY DUEL IS STILL IN PROGRESS; "YARDAGE" IS MADE

French Claim Advance of from 200 to 600 Yards— Germans Deny It

ORDERED TO HOLD EVERY INCH GAINED

Unconfirmed Reports Say Al- lies Are in Complete Pos- session of Dixmude

Paris, Dec. 10.—Gains by the French center of from 200 to 600 yards were reported in the official communication received here today from the Bordeaux war office.

Artillery duels, it was stated, were still in progress along the Aisne and in the Champagne region. Their general trend tonight was said to be in favor of the allies.

Continued progress was being made by the French, according to the communication, in the Argonne district.

"Calm," said the text of the statement, "prevailed in Belgium and the region of Arras December 9th."

"In the regions of Quosnoy and Ansoy we gained from 200 to 600 yards, taking several trenches."

"The French artillery continues to gain advantages in the Aisne and the Champagne regions."

"Our progress in the Argonne district continues."

"Additional trenches have been taken by the French in the Argonne district."

Paris, Dec. 10.—A general stiffening of the allies' line was observable today all the way from the North sea into Alsace.

The Germans were being pushed backward slowly. The allies were gradually advancing their outer defenses. A German attempt at a counter offensive was deemed a possibility. With this in view, the allies were doubly strengthening every position they secured.

It was evident that Generals Joffre and French had ordered their men to hold every inch of ground they gained, no matter what it might cost to do so. The French artillery were supporting the infantry admirably.

Fighting was brisk in the vicinity of Ypres and along the line from the coast to Lille.

Ypres, it was reported, had again been bombarded.

Unconfirmed reports were current that the allies were in complete possession of Dixmude.

Berlin, by wireless to London, Dec. 10.—French attacks on the Germans at Arcrol, Courcelles and in the eastern Argonne district Wednesday were broken, the war office announced today, by a heavy fire from the Teutonic masked batteries. The Gallie forces were said to have lost heavily.

In the Louvain district, it was reported that the French shelled the German trenches but attempted no infantry assaults.

"On the eastern front," continued the official statement, "there have been artillery encounters only in the Marnon Lake region."

"In northern Poland, our troops, operating on the right bank of the Vistula river, stormed and took Przanisz, capturing 600 prisoners and some machine guns. Also in northern Poland, several Russian attacks were repulsed."

SAN FRANCISCO MURDERER ARRESTED

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Advice received here today from Kansas City said that Pietro Torturici, wanted in San Francisco in connection with the murder nine years ago of Baggio Vilaro, was under arrest here. A detective probably will leave for Kansas City tonight to bring back the prisoner.

The murder of Vilaro was one of the most brutal in the history of San Francisco. In April, 1905, the headless and limbless trunk of a human body was found in a house on Vallejo street. One day later a barley sack, containing a human head, arms and legs, was fished from the bay by school boys. Friends identified the head as that of Vilaro.

Torturici and Vilaro had been living together on Green street and when detectives went there Torturici had disappeared. A nation-wide search was instituted, but no trace of Torturici was found until he was arrested in Kansas City.

The disaffected wife is proof of her husband's failure—sometimes.

ROBBED WOUNDED BY WOULD-BE VICTIM

Leave Trail of Blood and Are Now Surrounded in Woods Near Seattle

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 10.—At day-break today a score of policemen and deputy sheriffs advanced on a timbered area a mile north of Greenwood Station, just inside the city limits, in an effort to route out two wounded bandits who late last night entered the Ajax pharmacy at Greenwood Station and took \$20 from the cash register.

The men were cornered last night and a cordon of officers was thrown about a space several blocks square to await daylight.

The men had no chance to get away, declared Chief of Police Lang, who bounds the posse.

The bandits received their wounds when the proprietor of the pharmacy, Charles Ajax, who had been tied hand and foot and placed in a chair, worked one arm free, and, drawing his revolver, emptied it at them.

Neither man fell, but a trail of blood extended from the store to the street. At this juncture C. L. Garner entered the store, hearing Ajax's shouts from the rear, and cut the ropes which bound him.

Word was sent to police headquarters, where a posse was formed by Chief of Police Lang.

The robbers entered the store at 10:20 o'clock. Neither was masked. Drawing their guns, they commanded Ajax to raise his hands. One of the men then held Ajax while the other tied him with a rope. He was then taken to the rear of the store, where he could not be observed from the street.

Ajax himself has been robbed several times since locating at Greenwood and always carried a revolver strapped to his side.

LONDON GOES WILD AT NEWS OF VICTORY

Admiralty Confident Other Two Cruisers Will be Over- taken and Sunk

London, Dec. 10.—Unconfirmed reports were current here today that the German cruisers Nürnberg and Dresden were badly damaged, though they escaped destruction in the engagement with Admiral Sturdee's British squadron which sank the Scharhorst, Geseis and Leipzig off the Falkland Islands Tuesday morning.

The admiralty was deluged with demands for additional information concerning the battle. It was able to furnish no more, however, than an expression of confidence that the Nürnberg and Dresden would be overtaken and sunk by the British warships which pursued them from the scene of the engagement.

The British public was fairly wild with joy at the news of the victory.

In the absence of official reports it was supposed that Admiral Von Spee, the German commander, had perished.

Concerning the fashion in which the British warships came through the engagement, no announcement was made but in view of the statement that but three British sailors were killed or wounded, it was inferred that the vessels could have suffered little.

How secretly the admiralty under-took the task of avenging the cruisers Good Hope and Monmouth, which Von Spee's squadron sank, was evidenced by the fact that the public had supposed Admiral Sturdee was still at his desk in London as chief of the naval war staff.

BASKET BALL LEAGUE HAS PRACTICE GAMES

The six teams of the Commercial Basketball League of the Y. M. C. A. held their first practice period last night and from the showing made Salem is assured of a wealth of basketball talent this year from which to pick a team of stars to represent the city in contests with other teams of the valley. No scores were kept of the games, and many of the players were on the floor for the first time since last year. They are all keen for practice, however, and before the season is over the players will be on their toes for every advantage that is to be gained from consistent training and intelligent application to the finer points of the game.

The teams appear to be about evenly matched at this early part of the season and numerous hot contests are anticipated. The teams were matched as follows last night: Hauser Bros. vs. Watt Shippers, Capital National Bank vs. Capital Business College, Roth Grocery Co. vs. Salem Woolen Mills Co.

A bachelor says love is a capsule used to digest the bitterness of matrimony.

WOULD RE-ORGANIZE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT

Plan Is to Reduce Number of Commissions and Fix Responsibilities

GOVERNOR-ELECT IS PRESIDING OFFICER

Each Department Now Is Sprouting Branches which in Turn Send Out Twigs

One board of regents for the University of Oregon, the agricultural college and the state normal school, one of which is to be the superintendent of public instruction, to be chosen for executive and administrative duties.

Secretary to governor to act as secretary of board of control and state land board, in addition to his regular duties.

Insurance and corporation departments should be conducted by clerks in the department of secretary of state as originally.

Bureau of labor commissioner, industrial accident commission, industrial welfare commission and board of inspectors of child labor should be consolidated under the head of commission of labor and industry; labor commissioner to serve as member of this commission for period of four years.

Offices of state forester, fish and game commission, game warden and master fish warden should be consolidated under head of forestry and game commission, with one head to the department.

Duties of state engineer and state highway engineer should be merged to be performed by state engineer.

State printer to act as secretary of state printing board and foreman of state printing office.

State bank examiner should be made a bureau under the supervision of the department of state treasurer.

Department of agriculture should be (Continued on Page Two.)

WILL PAY ITALY TO REMAIN NEUTRAL

Italian Paper Says an Austrian Province Is Bribe Offered to Keep Her Out

London, Dec. 10.—Lively interest was expressed in official circles here today in the Rome "Idea Nazionale" in London in a delayed dispatch filed last Tuesday, that Prince Von Buelow, the Kaiser's new ambassador to King Victor's capital, was authorized to arrange the transfer of the Austrian province of Trent to Italy in return for the latter's promise to remain neutral throughout the war.

According to the "Idea Nazionale," the plan was for Austria to proclaim the province's independence and for Italy to occupy it, with only a perfunctory protest on Austria's part and with Germany's recognition of the territory's acquisition by the Italians.

It was stated that the same publication even said some persons had asserted the Austrian part of Trieste would be declared a free city, under an Austrian protectorate.

It had been repeatedly reported that Austria was prepared to cede to Italy all or a part of its Italian provinces as the price of the kingdom's continued neutrality. There was no means, however, of confirming the "Idea Nazionale's" statements.

SAY TURKS AT KORNA HAVE SURRENDERED

London, Dec. 10.—News of the surrender of the British of the Turkish forces at Korna, together with the announcement that the former were in control of all the territory from the junction of the Euphrates and Tigris rivers to the Persian gulf, caused surprise here today, as well as satisfaction.

It was known that a British force was operating northward from the head of the gulf but it had not been generally supposed it was in sufficient strength to occupy so extensive a territory.

From the gulf to the junction of the two streams is about 80 miles and the country is extremely rich. The British troops were said to be mostly Indians.

THE FAMOUS EDISON PLANT IS BURNED

By Great Exertions Labora- tory Was Saved—6,000 Thrown Out of Work

West Orange, N. J., Dec. 10.—With the exception of the inventor's laboratory, the world-famous Thomas A. Edison plant here was in ruins today. It will be rebuilt immediately. The loss was estimated today at \$7,999,000, with insurance of \$2,000,000.

Construction experts were astonished over the fire. They had believed the plant was the last word in fire proof construction.

"I intend to start all over again, although I'm more than 67 years old," said Mr. Edison today. "I'm pretty well burned out but there will be a mobilization here and as soon as the debris has cooled sufficiently it will go right to work to reconstruct the plant."

The fire started at 5:30 p. m. It spread with amazing rapidity and destroyed an entire square block of modern reinforced concrete buildings. Special efforts, under the personal direction of Mr. Edison were made to save the laboratory and these were successful. In all 11 buildings were destroyed.

The firemen were hampered in their work by the large quantities of chemicals stored in the larger buildings.

Explosions occurred frequently and four firemen were injured.

Employees who were at work in the various departments all escaped safely, the fire drill bell being sounded and men and women marching out in virtually perfect order. Seven thousand men and women were employed in the Edison plant. About 6000 will be thrown out of work until the buildings are rebuilt.

Most girls quit having their pictures taken after they get married.

IF PORT WAS CLOSED TROUBLE WOULD END

Mexican Officials Claim War Supplies Are Furnished by Citizens of Naco

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 10.—"If the United States would close the port of Naco, all danger to the American town would be eliminated. I suggested this to the Mexican agent at Washington and I know all Mexicans will agree. This would eliminate all danger of international complications. Carranzistas are doing 90 per cent of the shooting over the border. They have been getting their supplies from the United States and this has enabled them to hold out as long as they have."

This was the declaration here today of C. Ramirez, General Maytorena's fiscal agent in El Paso. Ramirez also declared that General Maytorena has just received a large shipment of ammunition preparatory to a final attack upon Naco, Sonora.

A statement from Washington that the three batteries of field artillery sent to the international line by President Wilson will be ordered to return the fire if the outstanding Mexican forces do not cease firing into American territory has angered Mexican officials. Many of them said they considered the declaration a warlike act.

Think It Will Stop Them.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Instructions characterized by government officials as "elastic" have been sent General Tasker H. Bliss, who is en route to Naco, Ariz., from San Antonio, it was announced here today. While it was announced that no act of "aggression" was contemplated, it was explained that government officials draw a distinction between aggressive and defensive action.

It was understood here that Secretary Bryan believes that when additional artillery and cavalry reach Naco and the Mexicans realize that further failure to control the direction of their fire may result in the shelling of Naco, Sonora, they will change their tactics and make certain that their bullets will not fall in American territory.

As a rule the girl who is so plain that she looks like a coyote in the colonial period makes a fine wife.

The Weather

Oregon: Generally fair tonight and Thursday; easterly winds.

USE THESE NICE DAYS

Secretary Daniels today recommended that Congress amend that American ought not to do more than heretofore in naval building and ought not to act differently because of the European war.

"I hope to see the time," he said, "when there will be an international agreement to reduce this feverish competition of shipbuilding, but I think it would be a grave mistake to stop our building on this hope alone. No one nation can accomplish this agreement. We could not aid it by not restricting our own naval program."

Wants Four Battleships.

Mr. Daniels admitted he would recommend, if funds permitted, four battleships instead of two as the yearly program. He also admitted the scarcity of hospital ships but said he felt this year's appropriations should be applied to battleships, declaring that with the program proposed America's security would be good.

Secretary Daniels also insisted that the navy was not sufficiently manned. He pointed out that only 6000 men had enlisted in the last fifteen months. Mr. Daniels recommended the creation of a trained reserve force from the ranks of former navy men who retire to private life at the rate of from 3,000 to 4,000 annually. He admitted enlistment standards bar many from the navy, but said he did not think it necessary to have enough men to man every ship. He also made it plain that 25,000 men could be taken into the service in ten days in an emergency.

The secretary told the committee he expected to ask for more next year and that he intended to keep abreast of the building program by supplying the navy with men as the need developed.

EXPERT COMMENTS ON NAVAL VICTORY, PRAISES ADMIRAL

Says Admiral Sturdee's Trap- ping of Germans Was Fine Bit of Strategy

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KAISER'S CONDITION SAID TO BE SERIOUS

Reports as to Nature of At- tack Conflicting, May Be Acute Bronchitis

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LUMBER INDUSTRY, OREGON'S GREATEST; MARION'S SHOWING

The Total Production of the State Is 2,871,198,000 Feet, Board Measure

VALUE \$28,711,980 WAGES \$10,000,000

Army of 20,000 Employed— Marion County Is Seventh in Amount Produced

An army of over 20,000 people, men and women, are given employment in Oregon every year in the different branches of the timber industry, the state's greatest natural resource, to whom is paid out annually in wages and salaries approximately \$10,000,000, according to statistics compiled from the reports received by Labor Commissioner Hoff for his biennial report, which will be ready for distribution in a very short time.

The report also shows that the total output of all branches of the industry, which includes, sawmills, shingle mills, planing mills, box factories, furniture factories, etc., is 2,871,198,000 feet (board measure) of lumber last year— which was a dull year in the lumber business—which, at the lowest estimate of \$10 per thousand feet at the mill, represents a total valuation of \$28,711,980. The aggregate total value of all plants treated in the report is \$19,242,119.

In Marion county, according to the report, there was a total of 660 persons employed in the industry during the report year to whom was paid in wages and salaries an aggregate of \$404,682, and the average number of days these mills and factories was operated during the year prior to September 30, 1914, was but 259, which represents a very short year. The total output and consumption of the mills and factories of this county for the year was 124,435,000 feet, board measure, representing an aggregate value of \$1,244,350, and the total value of all plants amounted to \$938,000.

The report covers the operations of the sawmills, shingle mills, planing mills, box factories and furniture factories in every county of the state; shows the number of skilled and unskilled workmen employed in all branches of the industry; together with the average daily wage of each class of labor, the average number of days employed during the year and the kind and amount of power used. The data is compiled in tabulated form and is the first time that the tremendous scope of this great industry has been prepared in this comprehensive manner.

The following table shows the total output of all of the mills and factories in the state during the year, in board measure feet, and the value of the (Continued from Page Six.)

WOULD STOP EVERYTHING.

Washington, Dec. 10.—A bill, providing that not only contraband of war but that food or any other thing which aids in the slightest degree the prolonging of the war shall be barred from export from the United States, was introduced in the senate today by Senator John D. Works, of California.