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GREAT BATTLE RAGING ALONG ITALIAN FRONT

King Victor E. Orders Austrians Driven Off Italian Soil At A Cost—Austrians Take 16,000 Prisoners In First Week of Battle—Italians Hammer Vainly at Austrian Defenses—Fighting Is Desperate Around Verdun, with French Making Slight Gains

Vienna, May 22.—Massing heavy forces on the southern Tyrol front, Italians today are making desperate but unsuccessful efforts to stem the Austrian invasion.

Commanders ordered repeated assaults of Italian Alpine forces on the Teuton lines. Every onslaught was repulsed. According to official announcements, the Austrians claim capture of several more Italian positions and 3,000 prisoners.

Reviewing the first week of the battle, the war office declared that a total of 16,000 Italians had been made prisoner. Considerable terrain has been seized.

Fighting desperately under direct orders from King Victor Emmanuel, the Italians are bringing every available man and gun into action in the bloody Astico valley in efforts to oust the Austrians, who there gained their first foothold on the enemy's soil. It is believed that the king, now at the front, ordered that Austrian invaders be expelled at any cost.

"The fighting in southern Tyrol is increasing in violence," said the communique. "We (Austrians) hold the summit of Armentara ridge. Troops of the crown prince captured Cima Del Laghi and Cima Di Nezole. The enemy was driven south from Borgola Pass."

Paris, May 22.—French counter attacks have driven Germans from strong positions on both sides of the Meuse in a heavy renewal of the battle at Verdun, according to official announcements today. The Germans charged again and again in desperate efforts to regain the lost territory, but every assault was defeated.

The heaviest fighting continued throughout Sunday, marking the beginning of the fourth month of Verdun—the world's greatest battle. West of Dead Man's hill, already littered with corpses, the Germans time after time tried to widen their gains made in Saturday's fighting. Each assault was met by a curtain of fire which threw back the grey ranks and the French, seizing the opportunity for counter attacks, plunged into the confused Teuton masses and regained part of the ground lost Saturday. On the Meuse east bank the French captured a trench adjoining the shattered ruins of Vaux village. During the night the Germans made a moonlight attack on Houdromont quarries but met with disaster, their columns being blown to bits by a concentrated French fire. The quarries were taken by the French Sunday.

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BRIAND'S PEACE TERMS Paris, May 22.—Peace will not come except through a decisive victory," Premier Briand today told the Russian duma delegation. "The allies can regard the future with confidence," declared Briand. "Peace must not result from diplomatic intrigue, but it can come only through a decisive allied victory which can and will restore recognition of international law as a right."

ORPET TO TAKE STAND IN HIS OWN DEFENSE Close Friend of Dead Girl Says She Never Contemplated Suicide

Waukegan, Ill., May 22.—Marian Lambert had no thought of suicide when she went to the woods to meet William Orpet, charged with her murder, according to the assertion today of Miss Josephine Davis, closest friend of the dead girl. Miss Davis will be a witness for the prosecution in its attempt to prove that Orpet, a college boy, forced Marian to swallow deadly poison so he could be free to marry another.

"Marian knew that worries over her physical condition were ended," said Miss Davis. "She realized that her love for Orpet had grown cold. She was not even jealous when his engagement to Celeste Youker was announced."

Young Orpet's counsel, it was reported today, have definitely determined that he shall take the stand in his own defense. He was the sole witness in Marian Lambert's death. So far, he has made one statement concerning it, declaring the girl lay dying when he returned to her after their last tryst in Helms woods. The defense will produce witnesses, teachers, at the Lake Forest high school, to show that Marian took an unusual interest in a chemistry lecture on cyanide poison a few days before her death. She was then plotting suicide, they will contend.

Girl Believes in Him. Youker, who was engaged to William Orpet, believes him innocent of the murder of Marian Lambert, his former sweetheart, and will so testify at the trial, she declared today. "In her first interview she denied being engaged to Orpet, but asserted she had faith in him. 'Whatever else he has done I know he didn't kill Marian. I would stake my life on that.' "He was the kindest boy I ever knew. He could not bear to see me in physical pain. He was a nice, clean, gentlemanly fellow, a trifle bashful. I had never heard of Marian until I read of her death."

Austrians Lose 40,000 Rome, May 22.—Austrians lost 20,000 men killed, wounded and missing during the first three days of their offensive in the Tyrol, Berne dispatches declared today. They also said that Austrian casualties during the past four days were believed equally heavy. Hospitals at Trent are crowded with wounded. Barracks in the smaller towns have been converted into infirmaries.

Russians Join British. London, May 22.—For the first time since the war began British and Russian land forces are today fighting shoulder to shoulder in Mesopotamia. Military critics warned the public against undue optimism regarding this speedily executed joining of British and Russian troops. They said it was highly improbable that the Russian main body would be able to effect a junction with the British for weeks in sufficient strength to hurl an attack on Bagdad.

The Slavs will probably move upon Bagdad from the north. Battle on the Baltic. Copenhagen, May 22.—Violent cannonading has been heard in the Baltic sea off the Swedish coast, according to Stockholm reports. The belief is expressed that Russian and German fleets are engaged.

Italians Defeat Serious. Vienna, May 22.—The Italian defeat on the south Tyrol front is steadily growing more serious," it was announced today. "The attack of our corps on Tavane plateau was highly successful. The enemy was driven off from the whole position."

French Make Gains. Berne, May 22.—French troops gained a foothold in a quarry south of Houdromont, east of the river Meuse, following three attacks in force, it was officially admitted today.

Italian Liner Sunk. Rome, May 22.—The Italian liner Staudera has been sunk by an Austrian submarine, it was stated today.

BURNS DETECTIVE TELLS OF ALLEGED ANARCHIST PLOTS Donald Meserve Connects Caplan with Times Explosion at Los Angeles

SAYS CAPLAN PLANNED MURDER OF MCKINLEY Also That His Gang Planned Murder of Rockefeller—Other Crimes Told

Seattle, Wash., May 22.—In a statement issued here by Donald Meserve, employed by the Burns Detective Agency and in important witness in the David Caplan and Matthew Schmidt trials at Los Angeles in connection with the Times explosion, new and startling disclosures of alleged anarchist plots were made today.

These included a plot to kill John D. Rockefeller by dropping a bomb from an aeroplane on his house at Tarrytown and another to blow up the Tombs prison at New York. He also gave new light on the Czolgoz assassination of President McKinley, and asserted that it was the same anarchist group which placed the bomb that caused \$200,000 damage to the St. Patrick's cathedral in New York in 1914, and another bomb which wrecked the Bronx court house.

Meserve is the son of Gertrude Vose, for many years a close friend of Emma Goldman, the noted anarchist leader. He is 29 years old, and for 12 years lived at the Home Colony, the anarchist settlement near Tacoma. It was this association that naturally won him the confidence of the anarchist leaders throughout the country and made it possible for him to learn some of their important secrets.

In 1911, he declares, he offered his services to the Burns detectives to find Caplan and Schmidt, and succeeded. Bomb Exploded Too Soon. The Rockefeller bomb exploded, he said, while the plotters were testing it in their room in New York. The names of the bomb makers, according to Meserve were named Garmon and Hanson and Berg. All three were killed when the bomb went off and wrecked the house.

The bomb which was to have wrecked the Tombs was discovered before it went off. Meserve had met both Caplan and Schmidt becoming an operative. He met Caplan in San Francisco, he declared, the day before the Times was blown up, and Caplan told him he was going to Los Angeles. The next day, October 1, 1910, the Los Angeles Times was blown up.

"From that day until September, 1913," said Meserve, "I tried to find Caplan on my own account. I finally decided I could do nothing without backing, and so offered my services to Burns."

He soon located Caplan at Rolling Bay, Wash., and it was there that Caplan, he says, revealed to him the alleged anarchist plot to kill President McKinley. Together with Kilgore, who fired the fatal shot, a woman and another man planned the assassination, Meserve declared.

Czolgoz Changed Plan. "Caplan told me Czolgoz did not do the job as they had planned," said Meserve. "They had arranged it so Czolgoz could escape. Caplan said he had a closed carriage and was waiting for Czolgoz to take him out of Buffalo. He was still waiting, he said, when he heard people shouting the president was shot and the assassin captured. Caplan thought that at the last minute Czolgoz changed the plan so it would look as if he alone were responsible."

David Caplan as well as Emma Goldman, and another man, were arrested on suspicion immediately after the shooting of McKinley, but were released for lack of evidence.

Meserve says the plan to drop a bomb from an aeroplane at the Rockefeller home was decided upon because there was a high wall around the Rockefeller estate. In his guise as an anarchist, Meserve himself was sent on a reconnaissance expedition to the Rockefeller estate a week before the bomb was to have been fired.

American Got 10 Years For Part In Rebellion London, May 22.—Jeremiah Lynch, the American rebel sentenced to 10 years for participating in the Irish revolt, was seen in Liberty hall, rebellion headquarters, during the fighting, wearing an officer's uniform, General Sir John Maxwell reported today to Premier Asquith. Lynch has not denied taking part in the uprising, the foreign office stated today. He was first sentenced to death. Later this was commuted.

KING MAY INITIATE MOVEMENT FOR PEACE London, May 22.—King Alfonso of Spain is likely to initiate peace negotiation, Madrid newspapers said today, according to the Exchange Telegraph. He will first sound out the peace sentiment in each belligerent country and if results are satisfactory the king will send two Spanish statesmen to each of the warring capitals to work out plans for a truce.

TACOMA FEUD RESULTS IN ARREST OF RAIDERS United States Grand Jury Indicts 13 Who Dispossessed Mrs. Ross

Tacoma, Wash., May 22.—Warrants have been issued for four Pacific coast men, in addition to the nine already taken into custody for alleged connection with the famous "night rider" case, according to the sheriff's office here today. They are: Joe Axford, E. E. Burke, W. H. Burke and Virgil Dolan. They are reported to have left the district.

The nine ranchers already under arrest are Homer P. Blaine, Trouton W. Tridwell, John N. Howard, Ralph N. Howard, Claude Vanderpool, Mike Hanrahan, Enoch S. Dillard, James C. Simmons, Deputy Sheriff of Pacific county and Earl Timmons.

All 13 men had previously been freed in Pacific county of "night rider" charges brought by Mrs. Margaret Ross. They are now charged, on federal grand jury indictments with interfering with settlers on federal lands.

The affair practically reached the feud stage nearly a year ago. Mrs. Ross and her two sons had settled on what they believed to be an abandoned claim. There was an attempt to eject them and neighborhood quarrels ensued until finally one dark night a mob of horsemen appeared at the Ross cabin and forcibly carried them away. During this wild ride through the forest, Mrs. Ross alleged she was roughly handled and sustained injuries. The Ross boys returned to the section and many fights followed, which ended with the two being sent to jail.

Mrs. Ross then appealed to Governor Lister, who ordered an investigation. This investigation, Mrs. Ross declared, was a farce and she then laid her case before the federal grand jury here, which returned indictments against 13 of the alleged night riders.

Portland, Ore., May 22.—Miss Muriel Saling, of Pendleton, is to be queen of the Rose Festival, having received nearly seven and a half million votes, which were more than double those of her nearest competitor. The vote is: Muriel Saling, 7,483,026; Lillian Hendrickson, Portland, 7,483,026; Eleanor Jackson, McMinnville, 2,325,565; Rose Uptegrove, Oregon City, 2,115,455; Mrs. Maud Gilliam, G. A. K., Portland, 1,971,107; Edith Fraasch, Eugene, 1,892,202; Mildred Pegg, Vancouver, 1,790,410; Wava Jacobson, Klamath Falls, 1,416,927; Louise Taylor, Portland, 1,055,307; Jewell Carroll, Portland, 1,010,561. All the other candidates will be made to the queen and each of the outside towns will receive floats.

Pendleton Girl Portland Rose Queen

HUGHES' MAJORITY IS PROBABLY 30,000

Corey Claims Election As Public Service Commissioner—Returns Not All In

Portland, Or., May 22.—Charles E. Hughes carried Oregon in the presidential preference primary by 30,000 votes, according to results available today. With about 70 per cent of the ballots counted, Hughes had 59,257 and Cummins 23,791. Burton was trailing far in the race. Colonel Roosevelt was out of the race altogether. Although his name was not printed on the ballot it was expected that his supporters would write in his name. They didn't. Roosevelt probably received less than 200 votes in the entire state.

The latest count in the race for republican district delegates indicates

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DAZED MAN MAY BE MISSING CHAUFFER Man Answering Ristman's Description Held by Officers at Estacada

Portland, Ore., May 22.—A man closely answering the description of Fred Ristman, the missing juteur in the Jennings murder mystery, is in jail at Estacada awaiting the arrival of officers from Portland to establish his identity. He acts as though he is stunned, talks in monosyllables and apparently does not even know his own name. Estacada is 50 miles from the scene of the murder, which was committed Monday night, May 15. Ristman was thought to have been murdered by the man who crushed Mrs. Helen Jennings' skull. His automobile was blood stained, his hat was found by the roadside, and there was every indication that he had been killed.

A telephone report from Estacada said the man held in jail was evidently French. Ristman was commonly called "Franchy." He wore a blue shirt similar to the one Mrs. Ristman said her husband wore the night he disappeared. He apparently assented when asked if he did not drive an automobile in Portland. Asked if his name was Ristman, he couldn't remember. He had a week's growth of beard on his face, and a hat two sizes too large for him.

The man was found by two young men at 6 o'clock this morning. He had two freshly killed chickens in a bag and was helping himself to the contents of their flour bin.

THE ROOSEVELT VIEW Chicago, May 22.—"Republicans have one week in which to nominate Theodore Roosevelt and four years in which to regret not having done so," said O. K. Davis, secretary of the progressive organization, in a statement issued today.

Chairman Hillis of the republican national committee is en route to Chicago. Secretary Reynolds of the republicans asserted today that there would be a double representation from Texas districts, except in two cases which are to be contested.

Frank Hitchcock, a Hughes supporter, is due tonight. It is expected that his arrival will boom the justice's stock.

Skirmish With Outlaws. Columbus, N. M., May 22.—Four band of Mexican bandits are following the withdrawing American troops today, looting. It is believed one of these organizations attacked a section of the Seventh cavalry which fought a skirmish action in which one soldier was wounded.

General Pershing is rushing a column back to engage the outlaws. His object is to disperse them. Scouts report that each band is 70 horsemen strong.

Inhabitants of Mexican villages are fleeing north in the wake of the Americans, circulating stories that Francisco Villa has recovered and is organizing a new army, and that the United States army is retreating because it fears him.

Snipers Getting Bold. San Antonio, Texas, May 22.—Official news that Mexican snipers had attacked General Pershing's cavalry were wired to army headquarters today. Private Strong was wounded missing after a brush with bandits. Horsemen were ordered out to search for him.

General Funston directed a cavalry squadron to hasten to Cerro Blanco, where Chico Cano, a bandit, is reported to have established himself.

May Break With Calles. Douglas, Ariz., May 22.—A break between President Carranza and Military Governor P. Elias Calles of Sonora, as a result of the appointment of Adolfo de la Huerta civil governor, was hinted at here today by those well informed in Mexican affairs.

A Carranza decree granting C. Wiswell, head of the Cannon Cattle company permission to export 10,000 head of cattle to the United States, and the attempt to abolish prohibition also caused the strained relations, it was stated.

Calles was reported to have opposed the movement of cattle through Sonora, threatening the use of troops. Calles also stated he would stop further sales of liquor in his domain.

HUGHES DENIES RUMOR Washington, May 22.—"Justice Hughes does not recognize irresponsible rumors," it was announced through his secretary today when he was questioned as to a printed story where he was quoted as having said: "The republicans will nominate Roosevelt. There is no use considering anyone else."

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Notices: Don't forget the grange picnic dinner and grange parade in connection with the Cherry Fair, July 3.

MEXICAN BANDITS LOOT COUNTRY AS AMERICANS LEAVE

Inhabitants Fleeing North In Wake of Pershing's Army Fearing Villa

COLUMN IS SENT BACK TO DISPERSE ROBBERS

Texas Militiamen Refuse to Take Oath Necessary for Federal Service

(United Press staff correspondent.) Washington, May 22.—One hundred and sixteen Texas militiamen refused to take the oath necessary for federal service, Secretary of War Baker was advised today. Under the Dick law, they can be court-martialed and fined, but they cannot be forced to serve.

Baker commented today on an alleged interview with General Obregon in Mexico City in which the Mexican war minister was quoted as saying that the American-Mexican situation was acute. The secretary declared he did not know the Big Bend case had been discussed at the recent border conference.

He said he thought that in any case the Big Bend situation would be cleared by withdrawal of Colonel Sibley's men, which is now under way. The attitude of Provisional President Carranza is reported still friendly.

Private advices say another note from Carranza is en route to Washington, bearing on the presence of United States troops in Mexico. It is believed to be friendly.

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ABE MARTIN



At last it's warm enough for the girls to wear their furs. The time to economize is when you've got the coin.