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## French Lose Dead Man's Hill, Sacrifice 40,000 Men in Greatest of All Battles

### 30,000 Die at Douamont; Like a Battle of Madmen in Midst of Volcano Eruption Countless Soldiers Died in Dark Underground Caverns

BERLIN, May 25—The giant German "nut-cracker" is closing in upon Verdun in the bloodiest fighting in all history.

The right jaw has advanced on a front of three miles in the last 72 hours of the mad struggle northwest of the fortress. The French have evacuated the entire Dead Man's hill position, northwest of Verdun, after sacrificing more than a whole army corps (40,000 men) in vain efforts to hold it.

Hill 304, cornerstone of the French outer defense is now held jointly by Germans and French. Further slight advances for the Germans on either side will force its surrender.

#### 30,000 Die in Caverns

The left jaw of the crown prince's great fighting machine has reconquered entirely positions surrendered to the French. It is estimated here that 30,000 men died fighting in dark underground caverns and about the ruins of Fort Douamont in 72 hours without changing the battle line in the slightest.

Denial was made here today of French claims that Gen. Nivelle's forces even temporarily re-

occupied the ruins of Fort Douamont. In the most desperate hand-to-hand struggle of the war, a French force did succeed in capturing a redoubt and ruined works connected with the fort. The only French detachment that penetrated the ruins was wiped out, not a single survivor escaping.

Strewn about the southern and western approaches to the ruined fort are countless dead and wounded. Since the French attack began Sunday night the fury of the battle has grown more intense and there has been no chance to reach the dying.

West of the Meuse the French are being steadily driven back upon the Verdun forts. The capture of Cumieres opens the way for a German drive down the Meuse upon Chattancourt and Fort Bourrus.

French trenches south and southwest of Fort Douamont were captured in last night's fighting around Verdun, the war office announced this afternoon.

Three enemy counter-attacks against the village of Cumieres northwest of Verdun were repulsed.

## Italians Retire; But Not Forced to Do So

ROME, May 23—The Italian official report of today admits the retirement of Italy's forces on their main lines of defense between the Astico and Brenta Rivers and in the Sugana Valley in the Southern Tyrol.

The report explains that the backward movement was made not because of pressure that could not be withstood, but for military reasons studied out in advance.

A hundred cannon to the mile, along a front of twenty miles, military experts say, forms the unprecedented concentration being employed by the Austrians in their present offensive. The terrific resultant fire is given as the reason the Italian Commander-in-Chief thought it advisable to withdraw his troops and consolidate them in more advantageous positions for defense.

## Many Work and Aid Road Improvements

### Farmers and Business Men of County Took Active Part in "Good Roads Day" Labors

Good Roads Day was observed all over the state Thursday, but in the Indiana district farmers, business men and laboring men have made a special effort to improve the country roads.

Business men from the nearby towns aided their neighboring farmers in improving the county roads and in all sections a large number of men turned out for the work.

## GAME WARDENS AND THE DOG LAW

The game wardens throughout the state have been notified to investigate as to how the provisions of the dog law are being observed by the Constables. It is understood that in Indiana county very few Constables have been killing unlicensed dogs a duty required of them. A dog without a collar and license attached, is presumed to be un-

## Salty Sentences Are Handed Down Here by Judge Langham

### Three Men Who Pleaded Guilty Were Sent to Penitentiary and Work House

Three prisoners in the Indiana jail pled guilty to charges placed against them in court Monday afternoon, and were sentenced to terms in the workhouse and penitentiary by Judge J. N. Langham.

Thomas Logan, of Cherry Tree pleaded guilty to the theft of jewels and money, preferred by Carl Miller, and was sentenced to pay the costs of the prosecution; a fine of \$100, and to undergo imprisonment in the Allegheny workhouse for a period of six months.

Ernest Hadden pled guilty to the same charge made by the same prosecutor and was given a duplicate of the sentence imposed on Logan. It is understood that all of the spoils but \$12 were returned to the rightful owners. The charges preferred were on three counts, burglary, larceny and receiving stolen goods.

Andy Turside, of Iselin, pled guilty to a charge of larceny, preferred by John Hart and was sentenced by the court to pay the costs of the prosecution, a fine of \$100 and to undergo imprisonment in the Western Penitentiary for a period of two years. Turside was accused of stealing sheep from the prosecutor. This was not the first offense for which he had been arrested and this was not the first time he had been convicted of crimes. The appropriating of sheep not his own were the principal misdeeds of the prisoner, and he had also at one time stolen wearing apparel from one of his fellow-prisoners in the county jail.

censed, and is liable to the death penalty, notwithstanding the fact that the owner may have secured a license and had neglected to place it where it belongs.

# MEMORIAL



PHOTO BY FRANK TOWNIER

Memorial Day will be observed in Indiana next Tuesday in honor of the Soldier dead, and in tribute to the gallant heroes who are still with us, whom time has dealt kindly with and who will once more march to the time of muffled drums. During the past year eight have answered the last call of "Taps" and marched

to meet their fallen comrades in the Great Beyond.

Tomorrow the customary sermon will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Zeigler of the Presbyterian Church. The comrades will attend in a body in their cherished G. A. R. uniform.

Tuesday at 10 a. m. a short parade will be held, led by the

Indiana Military band and Co. F. 10th Regiment. The Sons of Veterans will act as honorary escort to the members of the G. A. R.

The balance of the parade will probably be made up of autos placed at the disposal of the Veterans. Thomas P. Stephens has been designated as chief of staff.

## THREE ITALIAN SHIPS ARE DESTROYED BY SUBMARINES

### Passengers and Crew Saved in Every Instance, the Rome Ministry of Marines Gives Out Statement; Levanzo Washington and Birmania are Victims

ROME May 25—Destruction of three Italian steamers by hostile submarines was officially announced today by the ministry of marine. The ships sunk by U-boats were the Levanzo, 3,713 tons; the Washington, 2,819 tons, and the Birmania, 2,215 tons.

The ministry's statement announced that the passengers and crews of the three ships had been saved. It is therefore supposed that all were given adequate warning.

The Birmania sailed from Pal-

ermo. It was built in 1882. The Levanzo was built in 1901 and also was registered from Palermo. The Washington's home port was Venice. It was built in 1880.

London cablegrams today reported the sinking of the British steamer Washington. It is possible that an error was made in the announcement made in London and that the vessel referred to was the Italian ship of that name.

### Pennsylvania Inventors

The following patents were just issued to Pennsylvania clients, reported by D. Swift and Co., Patent Lawyers, Washington, D. C., who will furnish copies of any patent for ten cents apiece to our readers.

C. Aalberg, Wilksburg, circuit interrupting device, sold; C. Ambruster, Philadelphia, support for storage battery insulators; R. D. Booth, butter, dyeing machine, sold; Y. A. Beuget, Philadelphia, collapsible boat; W. M. Bradshaw, Wilksburg, Polyphase electric meter, sold; A. Brezeska, Woodlawn, foldable adjustable feed bag; S. A. Bullock, Ellentown, railway car, sold; J. O. Campbell, Big Run, grease and oil gun.

### NORMAL DEFEATED BY CHINESE UNIVERSITY

The Chinese University crack nine avenged their defeat of last year by Indiana State Normal by defeating the latter here yesterday by a score of 10 to 5.

### Elder's Ridge Academy Alumni To Hold Reunion.

The Elders Ridge Academy Alumni will hold a reunion on Thursday, June 1, at Elders Ridge. The Elders Ridge Band will give a concert at 10:30 o'clock and a program will be rendered during the afternoon.

Best stores advertise in The Patriot.

### Special Notice

Commencing with June 1, the subscription of this paper will be increased to \$1.50 a year. The reason of this is due to the high cost of paper, which price is continually increasing.

## Two Killed When Cars Are Uncoupled

Two Slavish men were instantly killed, when several mine cars uncoupled in the Penn Mary Mine No. 1, at Heilwood Thursday morning. It is said that the two miners became excited and jumped from the cars which became uncoupled from the motor.

### The Dead.

GEORGE SAIN, 36, married, Heilwood; leaves widow and one child in Heilwood.

MICHAEL BOYEK, 36, married, Heilwood, leaves widow and one child in Austria.

Coroner H. B. Buterbaugh was notified of the tragedy and is now conducting an investigation.

### Raiding Aeroplanes Shot Down by Italians

Rome, May 25—Two Austrian aeroplanes of a squadron that attempted to raid Venice, Vicenza and Verona Monday were shot down, it was learned today.

One fell in the Tagliamento river and the other in the marshes near Porto Gruaro.

## Robindale Will Resume Work June 1

### Electric Illumination and the Electric Safety Lamps to Be Used at that Place

Robindale Mine, of the Cone-maught Smokeless Coal Company, on June 1 will ship the first coal since the explosion on March 30, almost two months ago, when eight men were killed.

Robindale Mine will be electrically illuminated and the employees will use exclusively the new Edison electric safety lamps. Since the explosion, the electric lamps used at this mine have been charged at the plant of the Citizen's Light, Heat and Power Company, Johnstown, but hereafter the charging will be done at the Robindale mine, where a charging station has been installed. Twelve lamps can be charged at one time. The interior wiring will be finished this evening.

The damaged tippie has been repaired with the exception of installing the cages and these will be ready for use by Thursday, June 1, when they will carry the first coal to be hoisted through the shaft since the gas explosion.

For the past week or more some coal has been taken out through the slope for use in the houses and business places of Robindale, but none has been shipped since March 30.

Robindale people are enthusiastic over the prospect of resuming operations at the mine.

## Women to Help Men in Improving Town

### Blacklick Citizens Now Work Together on Beautifying Campaign There.

BLACKLICK, May 25—The women of Blacklick will play an important part in the improvement campaign recently launched by the members of the Board of Trade.

The civic society has made its plans and will co-operate with the business men. At a recent meeting of the two organizations a complete program was mapped out. Blacklick will be a much prettier place in which to live when the workers have completed their campaign.

### French and Italian Envoys in Greece Recalled, It's Said

BERLIN, May 25—It is reported from Athens, that Count A. De Bosdari, the Italian Minister to Greece, and J. Guillemain, the French Minister, have been recalled by their governments because of the failure of their efforts to obtain permission for the transportation of Serbian troops through Greece.

## Italy May Declare War on Germany

ROME, May 25—Demand in some quarters that Italy declare war on Germany has followed publication of reports that the Kaiser is about to visit the Austro-Italian front, and that German troops are to aid the Austrian offensive.

One report in wide circulation is that the Kaiser plans to force a declaration of war by Italy through a personal affront such as a visit to the Austrian Crown Prince's headquarters.

Rumors that the Germans are directing the drive against northern Italy have been in circulation for several days.

"Indiana Wants You" to Help Make Its Jubilee Great and Grand During the Big Week, June 19 to 24