

FIVE MEN SHOT IN GUN BATTLE WITH ROBBERS

Attempt to Rob Vernon, California Saloon Brings Fatal Results to Two.

POLICE CHIEF WAS IN SALOON AT TIME

Saloon Proprietor and One Bandit Killed Outright in Fight.

LOS ANGELES, April 25.—Two men are dead, one is probably dying in hiding, another is fatally wounded and a fifth severely injured as a result of a gun battle in which seven men participated at the Vernon saloon this morning following the robbery of the place.

The battle started when the proprietor refused to open the cash register. Chief of Police Harris of Vernon was in the bar and opened fire, pursuing the bandits who killed the proprietor and wounded the bartender. The other dead man is an unidentified bandit.

MEDLEY RACE WILL BE RUN TOMORROW

High School Classes Compete for Honors at Round Up Track.

Tomorrow afternoon, the high school medley race will be run at the Round-Up grounds immediately after the high school is dismissed. All four classes expect to enter a team, though they have not yet decided who they will run in each event.

This is one of the biggest events of the track season as it gives the track coach a line on his men so he may be able to pick out the best feller for each different race. There will also be a cup which will be awarded by the Jolly Bachelor club to the winning class.

This will be the last inter-class meet of the season as the team goes to Walla Walla next Friday to meet the high school teams there. On May 11, the eastern Oregon meet will be held here, according to Allen McLean, athletic manager. Nearly every school in eastern Oregon expects to turn out a team this year for it promises to be a big one.

GERMAN CAVALRY ON WESTPHALIA BORDER

THE HAGUE, April 24.—German cavalry today appeared along the Westphalian border hitherto guarded only by the landsturm.

A strong German note, demanding a quick reply arrived here today. It's main demand is for free transportation of materials through Holland and Belgium.

AMSTERDAM, April 25.—The minister of defense declares the situation renders necessary the maintenance of the maximum age for the landsturm. This cable may refer to some agitation for the reduction of the age limit of members of the landsturm, the last military reserve.

BRITISH RECOUP LOSSES IN BATTLE

Now Have Better Guns, More Air Planes Than at Beginning.

LONDON, April 25.—Winston Churchill, minister of munitions, announced in the house of commons this afternoon that since the present battle began the British losses of materials had included a thousand cannon, between four and five thousand machine guns and "between two and three weeks total manufacture of munitions."

"We have now more serviceable guns than at the beginning of the battle, and have added to our air service twice the number of machines lost or destroyed."

DID "YOU KNOW ME AL" EVER SHAVE A LADY?



When the soldiers of the Twenty-seventh Division decided to produce "You Know Me Al" the most difficult role was the one in which a lady had to be shaved. The play had been given in camp and when the soldiers determined to go to New York to give

it they realized they would have to do this bit of acting very well. J. T. Morry of the 14th Ambulance company said he could do the job in public and Daniel Burns of Company A 1924 Military Police, said he would be the lady. So here you see Mr. Burns submitting to the operation.

NAVAL OFFICERS HERE SEEKING MEN FOR SERVICE IN FRANCE

To secure enlistments in the navy of men in Class 1 and not in the current quota and also men outside the draft between the ages of 18 and 25, a special naval recruiting party composed of Lieutenant L. A. Wood, Floyd C. Mills, chief gunner's mate, and J. J. Terrell, machinist's mate, are in Pendleton today, having completed arrangements with the local draft board for the release of men in Class 1 who wish to enlist. The real recruiting dates for Pendleton, however will be April 29-30 and May 1.

The navy wants men in many classes and promises immediate service in France for carpenters, riggers and masons. A good carpenter or other mechanic can secure ratings as high as chief petty officer.

The navy is offering special inducements for men now. The lowest pay in the navy is \$35.90 per month for second class seamen as compared with \$30 per month for a private in the army. The pay runs from \$25.90 to \$145.50 for chief special mechanics, which of course includes clothing and sustenance furnished.

Men can be enrolled in the following ratings: Seamen, second class, firemen, second class; seamen, second class (radio), hospital apprentice, not higher than first class, and also for the aviation unit. In the other classes they want 15 carpenters to enroll as carpenters mates, riggers to be enrolled as boatswain mates, five brick layers and masons to be enrolled as carpenters mates.

Men are enrolled under provisional ratings and may be confirmed after three months of technical or medical universities and as hospital apprentices and will be permitted to graduate before being called to active duty unless in case of a national crisis which is very unlikely. The men are not promised a commission but at their entrance into active services are given an examination and rated according to their ability.

There is a splendid opportunity for bright young men to become officers. The Thirtieth district is now calling for 49 officers a month, and needs 10,000 more men at once. A training camp has been established at the University of Washington, at Seattle, and bright men may be sent there for special training.

JOE DESPAIN IN THICK OF FIGHTING KEEPS UP CHEER

Local Boy Would Admire Sight of Pendleton Depot; Transferred if Alive.

Joe Despain, Pendleton boy in the Canadian army, has been in the midst of the heavy fighting on the western front during the past few weeks but up until April 2 was still unscathed in body or spirit. His brother, George Despain, has just received news letters from him, one dated March 24 and the other April 2 which are full of interest and reflect the optimism with which the allied troops view the situation in Europe.

By this time young Despain may be in the American army. His brother, Lieutenant Charles Despain who is in the American army and stationed in England, has been working to secure his transfer and, in a letter to his wife, states that he completed arrangements with the Canadian headquarters March 29 and with American headquarters April 2. "If Joe was alive on April 2," he writes, "the transfer will stand." However, he states that the captain of the Canadian company in which the youngest Despain is enlisted has been trying to block the transfer, having written to London headquarters that Despain was one of his best men and always the first over the top. Lieutenant Despain, however, thinks the transfer will stand.

The following are the letters received from the young American on the battle front:

"Somewhere in France," March 28, 1918. Dear Brother:— Just a few lines to let you know that I am still alive and going strong. Hope you are all well and happy at home. I suppose you have seen by the papers that Old Ilney has started something at last so letters may not come as often from now on, for

where the fighting is, is the place for the Canucks and we are all upon our toes for a crack at him. If Fritz thinks he can walk through us like he did with the Russians he is out of luck for he will have the hardest fighting he ever had when he tries to break through the western front. Am glad that we are going to fight it out to a finish soon for I am sure we can beat Fritz any time or any place and the harder we fight now the sooner it is over. The guns have been booming lately and everything is lovely for a grand old fight. I had a ride on one of the (observed) not long ago and believe me they are some fine little machines for strafing Fritz.

I don't suppose my letters are very interesting but when one has been out here as long as I have and all we see is trenches ruined villages, some hard fighting and part of the year it's all mud, the rest it's dust. All we have to do is to fight and rest. A good share of the rest is working parties or when we get far enough out it's drill. Don't mistake me, I don't mean we are overworked or anything that way. It's just the monotony of it that gets on one's nerves, and makes it so hard to find anything interesting to go or write about. We see the wonderful things out here so much of the time that the only wonderful sight that interests us any more is a pretty madameselle and they are as scarce as leave to "Blighty." The most wonderful sight in the world to me would be the depot at Pendleton, providing I was not getting off the train in the old home town. But, dear brother, after all I am glad that I am able to be out here and do my bit for the cause, and for the folks at home. I think it an honor for a man to be able to fight for his country. Please don't worry if you don't hear from me very often

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WANT VICTORY TO HEAD OFF REICHSTAGERS

Heavy Losses in West Front Fighting Have Effect on German Legislators.

GERMANS FIND THEY MISJUDGED AMERICA

Greatest Blunder Was Belief We Could Not Send Army Abroad.

J. W. T. MASON. NEW YORK, April 25.—The assembling of the Reichstag this week increased the urgency for a quick German victory on the west front, and it's object is principally to forestall the criticism of members of the Reichstag that Hindenburg is trying to drive his semi-exhausted troops to further advances. The firm stand by the allies this time and the consequent abandonment by Hindenburg of a new offensive will undoubtedly have a profound effect on the Reichstag. There is no question but that a critical attitude toward stupendous west front slaughter of the Germans has arisen in the Reichstag. Territorial gains are considered wholly inadequate for the slaughter of the Germans.

The Reichstag has just heard from Minister of the Marine Von Capelle a very unconvincing statement about submarine successes. The Reichstag, too, is beginning to realize that the government's contemptuous disbelief in America's ability to send a great army to France is being shown to be the greatest blunder of the war.

GO TO SEATTLE FOR RED CROSS SCHOOL

Seven Local Women Going; Roosevelt is Red Cross Secretary.

Delegates from the Umatilla County Chapter of the American Red Cross to the school of instruction to be held in Seattle on May 6 to 11 were appointed yesterday at the monthly meeting of the board of directors held in this city during the afternoon. Those named were Mrs. S. G. Cohn, Mrs. G. A. Hartman, Mrs. Charles Greulich, Mrs. A. H. Cox, Mrs. F. E. King and Mrs. C. F. Borjony of Pendleton and Mrs. J. H. Strohm of Hermiston. All delegates must pay their own expenses and as many more will be appointed as will volunteer to go. Instruction will be given in the entire work of the Red Cross.

At the meeting yesterday C. E. Roosevelt, who has been acting as secretary of the chapter since the resignation of R. W. Ritter, was appointed to the office. He will keep the office at the present location in the federal building.

Mrs. Hartman, in charge of the home service work, yesterday urged all auxiliaries to give special attention to the home service branch which was formed to care for families and dependents of sailors and soldiers enlisted.

The financial report for the month showed that \$1019.54 had been spent leaving a balance on hand of \$5197.25. The name of the Valley auxiliary was changed to Ferndale. All auxiliaries submitted reports of the work accomplished during the month and the aggregate shows how busy the members have been.

The following directors were present yesterday besides the chairman and secretary: Mrs. T. M. Johnson of Echo, Mrs. C. H. Williams, Mrs. Charles Greulich, Mrs. F. E. King, Mrs. A. H. Cox and Mrs. E. A. Schiller of Pendleton, Mrs. R. Bailey of Milton, Mrs. J. H. Strohm of Hermiston, Mrs. C. W. Connor of Stanfield, Mrs. R. Fagan of Meacham, Mrs. D. J. Kirk of Umatilla, and Mrs. J. H. Cherry of Umatilla.

FOOT IN STIRRUP; DRAGGED 4 BLOCKS

(East Oregonian Special) ECHO, Ore., April 25.—While riding down the streets of Echo this morning H. McCormack, the 18 year old son of William McCormack was the victim of what could easily have been a fatal mishap. He was horseback and as his saddle slipped he fell from the horse his foot catching in the stirrup. He was dragged for a distance of four or five blocks before he could be rescued. When picked up he was badly bruised but it is believed his injuries are not critical.

Fine Program For Big Demonstration Tomorrow Evening

Following is the detailed program for the great Liberty Day demonstration tomorrow evening in Pendleton, as announced today by C. G. Matlock, chairman of the speakers' committee:

Seven o'clock— Raising Liberty Loan Flag at City Hall.

Street Sing by spectators, "Star Spangled Banner" and "O'er There."

Music by fourteen piece band. Everybody form in line and parade to Happy Canyon.

Parade will consist of band, speakers, Umatilla County Home Guard and citizens.

Eight o'clock, arrive Happy Canyon.

Community sing, Chas. O. Breach, director.

March, "Stars and Stripes Forever," Sousa, Alta Theater Orchestra.

Sing by Victory Chorus and audience.

"The Star Spangled Banner."

"The Red, White and Blue."

"Keep the Home Fires Burning."

Solo by Madame Gougliez, late of Chicago Grand Opera Co., Chorus by audience.

"O'er There."

Solo by Walter Rose, chorus by audience.

"La Marseillaise," French National anthem, solo in French by Eugene Molter. Repeated in English by entire audience.

"America."

Introduction of Dr. J. B. Plamondon by Rev. Lockwood.

Introduction of Rabbi Joseph Goldman by Rev. Hubbell.

EXPERT WILL TALK ON DUST EXPLOSIONS

It was announced today after the arrival of Dr. Brown on train No. 17, that the meeting tomorrow will be held at 3:30 p. m. at the Cozy Theatre instead of in the evening. The change is made to prevent a conflict with the patriotic meeting in the evening.

Dr. H. H. Brown of the United States bureau of chemistry will be in Pendleton tomorrow to give a talk to farmers, warehousemen and millmen on the subject of fire prevention and dust explosion. As arranged the meeting will be held at the Cozy theater at 8 p. m. Friday. Mr. Baldwin of the bureau of markets in Portland is here today in connection with the meeting.

The investigations of the department have developed the fact that the grain dust explosion problem has not been thoroughly understood by many millers, elevator operators and threshing machine men. As a result certain practices are now being carried on which are felt to be dangerous and which may cause extensive grain damage by fire or explosions. A number of very disastrous fires and explosions have occurred during the past year, many if not all of which could have been prevented.

BELGIAN WORKERS IN THEIR BRITISH VILLAGE



Elizabethville in England is a town made up wholly of Belgian refugees. They named it for the queen of Belgium. This is a scene in front of the home of an ebbler who has resumed the trade by which he lived before the Germans drove him out.

TANKS FIGHT TANKS IN BATTLE AROUND AMIENS

Haig's Report Shows Successes by British; French News Says Position Held Jointly by French and Americans is Taken by Germans After Heavy Casualties

LONDON, April 25.—British troops regained ground by counter attacking east of Amiens, Haig reported. Heavy fighting occurred around Villers-Bretonneux throughout the night, continuing today. British artillery and tanks inflicted heavy losses to the enemy. We took a number of prisoners.

Northeast of Baileul the enemy attacked the French and were repulsed.

Early this morning the attack was resumed on the British front following intense bombardment and still continues. Heavy enemy casualties have been inflicted.

While the battle swirls about Villers-Bretonneux in a drive against Amiens, Hindenburg is striking simultaneously in Picardy and Flanders.

(William Phillip Simms.) WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES, April 25.—Desperate fighting boiled on the heights east of Amiens. Tanks were used on both sides for the first time in history. As this is cabled the situation at Villers-Bretonneux ridge looks better. Counter attacks by the Tommies seem to have made progress, driving the Germans out of Aquenne wood. The situation at Villers-Bretonneux itself is uncertain, being of a touch-and-go nature. British tanks drove the German caterpillars off the field then crawled up and down the German lines mowing the infantry down.

TAKEN AND RE-TAKEN PARIS, April 25.—The Germans captured Hangard-en-Santerre where Americans were fighting shoulder to shoulder with the French, the war office today announced. The Communique said: "The enemy took the city during the night, but were driven out by our counter attacks. It was then re-taken by the Germans at the price of heavy casualties. The French hold the outskirts. "Artillery continues violent on both sides of the Ancre."

Masked Men Ride in Front of I. W. W. Hall STOCKTON, Cal., April 25.—Thirty eight masked men robed in white and mounted on horses paraded silently through the streets last night and marched and counter marched opposite the Industrialists' hall. Each carried a small American flag. No one could be found today who would admit knowledge of who the men were and what the organization called for.

ALLIES WERE PREPARED. (Henry Wood) WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES, April 25.—The allies airplanes detected vast hurried concentrations of German troops yesterday enabling the allies to prepare the stiffest resistance when the third push was launched this morning. Villers-Bretonneux (which Haig admits the enemy captured) was the scene of some of the Germans' most important maneuvers in the battles of 1916. Likewise during the battle of the Somme it was the aviation center of France's most brilliant squadrons, including the Lafayette Escadrille.

It is the dominating center of three national railways leading out fan-like toward Amiens, Albert, St. Quentin and Roye.

(Frank J. Taylor, United Press Correspondent.) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMIES IN LORRAINE, April 25.—German artillery is increasing in the American sectors of this region. Reports show that recent German attacks against American positions were launched by "traveling circus troops," who are moving continually and are carrying special "nightfallness" equipment, and are accompanied by aviation service.

Big Gun Is Busy. PARIS, April 25.—Long range bombardment of Paris was resumed last night. Raily Repulsed. LONDON, April 25.—An attempted enemy raid at Bency last night was repulsed and Haig reports hostile artillery to be active in the Festubers and Robecq sectors.

ARRESTED FOR MAKING ANTI DRAFT SPEECHES

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Rev. William Short is under arrest and Mrs. Sheemy - Skiffington, making speeches against Irish conscription, is under the ban of the police as a result of her meeting last night which secret service men broke up.

"I intend going after England rough-shod. If that's treason, I'm guilty 10 times over," Rev. Short said. ALL REACHING 21 YEARS TO REGISTER WASHINGTON, April 25.—The house passed the senate resolution calling for the registration of all boys becoming 21 June 6. It goes to the President for his signature soon.