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ALLIED TROOPS ON PIAVE LINE PRESS FORWARD

HAVE TAKEN FIFTEEN THOUSAND PRISONERS.

Have Crossed The Piave River On A Thirty Mile Front—Fighting On Western Front In France Not Marked Today.

FRENCH MAKE MORE GAINS.

(Associated Press Summary.)

The allied troops have maintained their progress east of the Piave river. Fifteen thousand prisoners have been taken and the important railroad points of Conegliano and Oderzo, and two or three railway lines supporting the Austro-Hungarians are threatened.

On the western front in France heavy fighting is virtually at a standstill northward from Lecateau to the Dutch frontier, but from the Oise to the Meuse allied pressure continues, with gains for the French between the Oise and Serre.

An intense artillery duel is in progress on the American front northwest of Verdun.

Allied forces were thrown across the Piave on a thirty mile front. The heaviest fighting was along a seven mile stretch, where a three mile advance drove a formidable wedge in Austrian positions east of the river. The allies are within two miles of Conegliano and Oderzo. Since the beginning of the advance between the Oise and Serre the French have moved forward more than five miles on a sixteen mile front.

(By The Associated Press.)

London, Oct. 29.—Artillery duels and patrol encounters was the only activity on the British front during the night, Haig reports.

The last lines of the Austro-Hungarian resistance in the central portion along the Piave river were broken today by the British, French and Italian forces. The Americans have dealt a smashing blow, the allies advancing as far as Vayella, which was taken by the Italians notwithstanding desperate resistance.

Italian Headquarters, Oct. 29.—Fifteen thousand prisoners have been captured by the allies in the advance across the Piave river.

Italian Headquarters on the Piave, Oct. 29.—American soldiers are in reserve along the Piave fighting zone.

Paris, Oct. 29.—General Debney's first army continues to close in on Guise. The war office reports the capture of German first line trenches and barracks and a hospital south of the chateau in the town of Guise. South of Guise the French have passed beyond Louvry farm and also continue to make progress on the right bank of the Peron river.

AN INDEPENDENT STATE DECLARED

In Austria Under The Leadership Of Count Karoly, Whose Program The Emperor Refused.

Copenhagen, Oct. 29.—An independent and anti-dynastic state has been formed in Hungary under the leadership of Count Michael Karoly in agreement with the Czech and South Slavonians, according to Vienna reports to the Politiken. Count Karoly, in a speech at Budapest, declared he had presented his program to the emperor who refused to accept it.

FRED R. SUITS IS CALLED BY DEATH

One Of Jackson County's Best Citizens And Ablest Attorneys Is Victim Of Pneumonia.

Frederick Ralph Suits, aged 39 years and two months, died at his home on Hazel street Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock from a week's illness of pneumonia. The remains will be interred at Walnut Grove cemetery Wednesday morning, the funeral services to be held at the home at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. B. Hays, pastor of the Methodist church.

In the death of Fred R. Suits Newport has suffered a distinct loss in many respects. It can be said without exaggeration, and it should be said in proper respect to the deceased, that his life was practically dedicated to the community in which he lived. He was ever aggressively at the front fulfilling some mission, for the discharge of which duty had called him. He possessed a formidable will, directed by the spirit of right, and whatever he undertook to accomplish his whole soul and body were placed into the work.

While probably it was little known to his fellowmen, Mr. Suits probably devoted more time and energy to war work than any other man in the county. Unknown to the public many weeks found him away from his family and business riding on trains, in automobiles, in buggies or even horseback through the counties of independence, Sharp, Stone, Izard and other counties we might mention, discharging the duties which had been assigned him by directors of the Liberty Loan, War Savings Stamps and other organizations having to do with the conduct of the war. His power and ability to organize and mobilize working forces was great, and appreciated. Up to the time of his being stricken, Mr. Suits had worked on plans which were to take him to distant points, where he was to have spread the 'gospel of the United War Work, which campaign begins next month.

He was an inalterable champion of prohibition, and in the work of maintaining this work his influence will be greatly missed. In the recent primary election he was nominated representative from this county and was a candidate for speaker of the House.

Mr. Suits was a member of the Masonic lodge, he was an Elk and an Odd Fellow, and for many years had spent much of his time working in the interest of the latter fraternity, and his membership in the other orders was a valued one.

When 18 years of age Mr. Suits volunteered his services in the Spanish-American war, and along with the company composed of Jackson county boys, went to Anniston, Ala., accompanying the late Judge and Major M. M. Stuckey. As a recognition of his sterling worth to his state, Mr. Suits was appointed some time ago to the office of major of the Home Guards in this district.

The Methodist church of Newport has suffered a loss in the death of Mr. Suits that is felt keenly. He leaves a place in the church that cannot be filled easily. His handclasp which carried genuine friendship at the doors of the church will be missed by visiting strangers, and the pastor of the church never had a more faithful friend nor co-worker on the board of stewards than Mr. Suits.

As certainly as there is a Heavenly Father, this good man and friend of everybody has found a resting place where only the righteous and God-fearing shall dwell.

The deceased came to Newport when a small boy and made his home with his uncle, the late Judge M. M. Stuckey, and after studying law in the office of his uncle, engaged in the practice of his chosen profession. He did not amass riches by reason of his work, for, to obtain a great amount of this world's goods was not his ambition, but he grew to be a great credit to the profession of law and was recognized as an authority on the statutes and represented a large clientele.

Mr. Suits was married eight years ago to Miss Ruth Pipkin, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Pipkin, and to

the heart-broken wife and bright little two-year-old son, is extended the sympathy of their friends. Besides his wife and son, Mr. Suits is survived by his mother, Mrs. Margaret Suits, of Butler, Illinois, two brothers, Arthur Suits of Springfield, Missouri, and Hollis E. Suits of Wichita, Kansas; and four sisters, Mrs. Frances Burnett and Mrs. W. B. Smalley of Butler, Illinois, Mrs. J. C. Simonett of Wichita, Kansas, and Mrs. K. F. Niemoeller of St. Louis.

At the funeral and burial services tomorrow morning the pall bearers will be:

Active: Geo. R. Hays, Chas. G. Henry, Tom W. Johnson, Austin C. Wilkerson, Geo. L. Robinson and A. T. Hubby.

Honorary: Joseph M. Bell, S. D. Campbell, E. L. Boyce, John W. Stayton, Lon L. Campbell, Ira J. Mack, Claude M. Erwin, Jesse E. Williams, Tom Hutson, R. W. Bandy, G. L. Smith, O. W. Scarborough, Gustave Jones, Joseph M. Stayton, Geo. A. Hillhouse, O. D. Watson, Jas. H. Johnston, Bert E. Snetser, C. J. Saenger, J. M. Ivy, J. F. Parish, W. D. McLain.

THE DAILY GERMAN LIE.

It used to be that whenever the Germans suffered a reverse at the hands of the French, they revenged themselves by bombarding the Rheims Cathedral. Now that the Americans are defeating them, they seem to be relieving their feelings against us by bombarding America with German lies. These have come so thick and fast in the last week that the Committee on Public Information's collection of them begins to look like an abandoned German ammunition dump in the St. Mihiel Sector. Altoona, Pa., has sent in the following "duds":

1. "That the Y. M. C. A. or commissary departments charge the

cents for a cake of ivory soap." This is untrue. The war department replies: "It is sold to the soldiers at cost, which is less than Americans at home pay for it retail."

2. "That the guard house at Camp Lee is surrounded by a highly charged wire that kills the soldiers if they touch it." The war department replies: "This is a myth."

3. "That General Pershing is a Catholic and will favor Catholics to the exclusion of Protestants." This is also a myth. General Pershing is a Protestant.

SHE ALSO SERVES.

One of our American Canteen workers has been slightly annoyed by having her "Y Hut" demolished by the Boche shells four times. Situated somewhere in France her little hut was on the outskirts of the firing line when our American boys returned from their first counter attack and they were made happy by being served hot chocolate bread and jam by the first American woman many of them had seen in eight months.

Later there was a concert given by a selection of the best musicians and singers chosen from American, French and British soldiers who had gathered at this point from miles around, when there came a sudden call to arms; and off they ran into the darkness leaving behind them haunting echoes and the lone Canteen worker who realized anew that after all there was so little that a woman could give by comparison, except just to stand by ready to serve and love them on their return.

S. S. Crawford and Elmo Hunter, democratic nominees respectively for sheriff and circuit clerk in Franklin county, are being accused of disloyalty by their republican opponents, in consequence of which much mudslinging is in progress.

COUNCIL FORMS HEALTH BOARD

And Steps Will Be Taken To Prevent The Spread Of The Influenza Epidemic In Newport.

At a meeting of the city council Monday night Dr. C. R. Gray was appointed city health officer to succeed Dr. E. L. Watson, who is in the army medical corps at Camp Orglethorpe, and the following were appointed as members of the board to act in cooperation with Dr. Gray:

G. A. Hillhouse, W. A. Billingsley, H. C. Patton, Dr. H. O. Walker, Dr. G. K. Stephens and Mayor Claude M. Erwin, who is ex-officio member.

In appreciation of the splendid work that has been done during the past month by the Red Cross nurse, Mrs. Elizabeth Spitzer, and volunteer county and city nurses, the city council voted an appropriation of \$300 to be used toward the purchase of an automobile. The automobile will be owned jointly by the city and county, the latter appropriating a portion of the purchase money, and is to be used by the county and city nurses.

The board of health failed to meet this morning as had been planned, but it is understood a meeting will be held late this afternoon. This meeting will be for the purpose of taking steps to prevent further spread as far as possible of the influenza epidemic in Newport. Very probably there will be restrictions made upon stores and other places where persons congregate, and there has been some suggestion of a quarantine.

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ENEMY OPENS UP WITH GAS SHELLS

Furious Bombardment In The American Sector Northwest Of Verdun Started Early Today.

(By The Associated Press.)

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 29.—Activities along the center of the American front began long before daylight this morning with a furious bombardment. The enemy opened fire with gas shells at 2:30 o'clock, which changed to high explosives between four and five o'clock. American patrols were active in Batheville wood all night.

Artillery bombardment and machine gun fire reached a great intensity during the night. The fire was especially intense in Belleu and Orment woods. Activity has died down west of the Meuse. There was no important action this morning.

DR. O. E. JONES IS MADE CAPTAIN

Local Physician Will Assume His Duties In Medical Corps At Fort Riley On November 8th.

Dr. O. E. Jones, one of Newport's most popular and capable physicians, has received his commission as captain in the medical corps and has been ordered to report for duty at Fort Riley, Kansas, on November 8.

Dr. Jones will be greatly missed in Newport and Jackson county, both as a physician and citizen. He was born and reared in Newport, receiving his training in the State University and at Vanderbilt. Returning from Vanderbilt, Dr. Jones formed a partnership with his father, the late Dr. J. W. Jones. Since the death of his father, Dr. Jones has followed his profession singly, having built a large practice.

Newport has reason to feel proud of the two physicians who have been called to the colors. Rarely a physician is honored with a captaincy upon first entering the army medical corps. Both Dr. Jones and Dr. E. L. Watson, who left for Camp Orglethorpe two weeks ago, were accorded that rank.

BERLIN, VIENNA ARE IN ACCORD

Is the Belief Of Washington Officials Who Have Examined Austrian Note To Wilson.

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, Oct. 29.—Though the Austrian note, according to the unofficial text, goes further than previous German notes in asking the president to arrange for immediate negotiations for an armistice and peace, many officials here say there are practically no signs of an expected break in the alliance of the central powers. In fact, it is believed that Vienna and Berlin are working in harmony. The official text of the note has been received, but the contents have not been made public.

(By The Associated Press.)

Copenhagen, Oct. 29.—The German federal council has approved the bill amending the imperial constitution adopted by the Reichstag, according to a Berlin telegram.

(By The Associated Press.)

London, October 29.—Austria's reply to President Wilson is viewed here as an unconditional surrender.

(By The Associated Press.)

Paris, Oct. 29.—"The capitulation of Austria" is the caption with which the morning newspapers here precede the Austrian note to President Wilson, but editorials urge caution lest there be a hidden snare.

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