

HILL DISAPPEARS IN TERRIBLE FIRE

Observer Tells of Destruction to Germans as Mines Explode in Alilly Woods.

BODIES HURLED INTO THE AIR

PARIS, April 23.—An official eye witness, describing the operations by which the French are menacing the German position in the wedge of St. Michel, says:

"All the Alilly woods, which constituted a strong and well fortified support for the Germans, is now entirely in French hands, conquered, for the most part by troops from the center of France, after several days of systematic preparations, by a heavy fire from three-inch and big guns and by aerial torpedoes. At certain points the Germans had constructed, in front of moats twelve yards wide, spiked barriers extending about six feet above the level of the earth, surrounded by barbed wire entanglements, which were so intricate as to make them impervious to any tools.

Opens Large Breach.

"A concentration of artillery fire opened large breaches in this defense; parapets were sent crashing to the ground and dismembered bodies were blown into the air above the clouds of smoke. The earth was strewn with overturned trees and branches.

"After five hours of intense fire five mines, laid under a parapet, adjacent to the principal fort holding the position, exploded, annihilating the garrison and spreading panic in the trenches.

"An attack with fixed bayonets then began in three lines, preceded by a detachment with hand grenades. Engineers followed with little bridges which had been prepared in advance to facilitate the passage over the network of trenches. The order has been given not to stop in any trench, but to pass over and take the enemy in the rear.

"Three lines of trenches were thus cleared of the Germans. Those who sought refuge in the underground shelters perished from suffocation, through the collapse of the entire earthworks.

Attempts Counter Attack.

"Toward 3 o'clock on April 23 the enemy attempted to counter attack, supported by a heavy artillery fire, which was neutralized by our batteries. Our attack was renewed the following day and developed into a furious hand-to-hand struggle with grenades and cold steel in the narrow lines of trenches.

"The enemy offered such resistance that the order was given to evacuate part of the ground that had been gained. This was then bombarded until the enemy was obliged to retire. We then held the three main line trenches of the Alilly woods.

"The enemy's losses were heavy. We counted hundreds of dead on the evening of the 24 and on the evening of the 25 we found the dead piled in three rows. During the 24 and 25 we recovered eight counter attacks. The enemy succeeded in entering one trench, but was unable to hold it. Of the Alilly woods there remained nothing but a few backed trunks and not an inch of ground in it that had not been turned up by explosions. In the strange chaos stones, corpses and a debris of limbs lay mingled.

Many Are Drowned.

"At 5:30 o'clock on April 23 an intensive bombardment by the enemy was begun. In ninety minutes upon this corner of the woods, over a front of from 500 to 600 yards, 2,500 shells were fired. They included all calibers from four to eight-inch. The entire hill disappeared in a cloud of smoke. All communications were cut during this time and when the fire ceased many men were mentally deranged. They had to be removed and required several days for recovery.

"Again on April 23 the position in Alilly woods was subjected to a bombardment. Six German companies, besides the garrison in the fort, were annihilated in these engagements."

News Notes of Weeping Water.

WEeping WATER, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—The body of Mrs. Charles Shirley was brought here for burial from Waverly, Kan., on Tuesday of this week. Death followed an operation for gall stones.

Today at the North Branch church, south of this place, was held the funeral of Otto Stubbendick, Jr., who died Tuesday from the result of internal injuries received while attempting to bridge a treacherous mile.

The marriage of Miss Louella Beaver to Milton Preston took place Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents at Elmwood. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the immediate relatives. Rev. W. H. Robb of the Christian church was the officiating clergyman.

Engineer Is Injured.

FRIEND, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—This morning while Arthur H. Roehl was attempting to wipe some pumping machinery run by electricity at the pumping station, his left hand was caught in the gearing and so badly mangled that all the fingers have been amputated. Mr. Roehl was to have assumed the superintendency of the Friend light, power and water plant, May 1.

Carpenter Hurt by Fall.

TECUMSEH, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—Nebitt Hoot of this city, while engaged in carpenter work at the house of his brother, Elvin Hoot, west of the city, fell seventeen feet from the roof of a hay shed and his right leg was broken at the ankle.

Two Marriages at McCook.

MCCOOK, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—George W. Minnick of Cambridge and Edna Phillips of Holbrook and John C. Pennell and Emma Wayson, both of Trenton, were married here yesterday by County Judge Colfer.

Our "Jinney" offer—This and 5c. Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, enclose with 5c to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Hokey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, for pain in sides and back, rheumatism, backache, kidney and bladder ailments, and Foley Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic, especially comforting to stout persons. Sold everywhere.—Advertisement.

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Landmark of Nebraska Removed When Abrahamson Died at Axtell

AXTELL, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—Tuesday morning Otto Abrahamson lived three miles southeast of here, died. Mr. Abrahamson is one of the landmarks of Nebraska. He was born in Sweden in 1839 and came to Iowa from Sweden in 1857, where when the war broke out he enlisted in Company E, Tenth regiment Illinois volunteer infantry, in which he served during the war, re-enlisting January 1, 1864. He was in the engagements at New Madrid, Island No. 10, Corinth, Missionary Ridge, Kennesaw mountain and several others; he was with Sherman on his march from Atlanta to the sea and was mustered out of service July 4, 1864. In 1876 he came to Kearney county, where he homesteaded and entered a tree claim, where he resided when he died. He was one of the very first Swedes who settled where now stands, across the road from where he lived, the largest country church in Nebraska, the center of probably the largest Swedish settlement in Nebraska. Mr. Abrahamson has been a giant in influence in his community, and especially so to the early settlers to whom he rendered assistance and whom he encouraged to come to Kearney county and Nebraska. He was two times elected to the legislature from this county, was the owner of stores and a shareholder in banks in this county. He leaves a wife, two daughters and a son, all residents of this community. The large colony of Swedes who settled and still live in this county traces its beginning almost entirely to the efforts and influence of Mr. Abrahamson.



Otto Abrahamson

Abrahamson. His funeral will take place from the Bethany Swedish church this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Beckman Oversees Land Appraisals

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—Land Commissioner Beckman, has returned from a trip to Cedar county, where he went to investigate the changes made in valuation of lands for leasing purposes owned by the state. These lands, which embrace forty-five tracts, totaling about 1,807 acres, were appraised under the old appraisal act of 1887. Under the appraisal made by the county board the amount was raised to \$8,807, an increase of 84 per cent. Mr. Beckman will endeavor to make some changes, as it is understood that the raise was made on an actual valuation of the land instead of by a former method. The board of public lands will probably make a reduction of from 25 to 40 per cent.

FLEGE CASE IS ARGUED BEFORE SUPREME COURT

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—The second argument before the state supreme court in the case of William Flege, accused of murdering his sister Louise, was heard this morning. Deputy State Attorney General Ayers and County Attorney Kingsbury of Dixon county appearing for the state and Mike Harrington, Fred S. Berry of Wayne and J. J. McCarthy of Ponca appearing for Flege. Flege was first tried in Dixon county and convicted of murder in the second degree. He was given a new trial and a change of venue to Thurston county, where he was convicted the first time for manslaughter, and on being given another trial was again convicted of manslaughter in the same court.

LUTHER LEAGUE RE-ELECTS OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR

FREMONT, Neb., April 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The fifth annual convention of the Nebraska Luther League at the Danish Lutheran church in Polioce closed this evening. All officers for the year were re-elected as follows: President, Rev. F. C. Schmidt, Fremont; vice presidents, Rev. C. B. Harmon, North Platte, and Rev. G. H. Michelman, Grand Island; treasurer, Jacob Dehrig, Benson; recording secretary, Miss Edith Tegtmeyer, Omaha; corresponding secretary, Miss Elizabeth Toedter, Hastings; executive committee, Rev. J. Mathieson, Falls City; Miss Emma Dockhahn, Grand Island; Miss Edith Patterson, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns and C. O. Larson, Omaha.

Meeting place for 1910 was left to the executive committee. A total of sixty-two delegates registered for the convention, which opened Thursday evening. A delegation of fifteen came up from Omaha this evening to attend closing session.

News Notes of West Point.

WEST POINT, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—The Farmers' union of Cumby county will on May 1 take possession of the Nye-Schneider-Powder elevators, lumber yards, stock yards and business at West Point, the deal herefor having been fully completed. The business will be in the hands of the most prominent and wealthy farmers of the county. The officers of the new company are: President, William Meyer; vice president, C. F. Wilder; secretary, Gus Daberkow; treasurer, Herman Himmels. The former manager of the plant for many years, P. B. Sharrar, has been retained by the new concern in the same capacity. He was a former mayor of the city. A debating contest between the Battle

Creek and West Point High school teams is scheduled to take place on next Friday evening, April 30, at West Point.

News Notes of Geneva.

GENEVA, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—The coroner sent in exchange for the two formerly on the court house lawn are in Geneva and will soon be placed upon the platform.

The little 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bumgarner died this morning after a long illness.

Work is being pushed on the city building. The cornerstones is to be placed by the Masonic lodge, April 27. The city jail ages were being moved there today. There will be an auditorium on the first floor.

Notes from Gage County

BEATRICE, Neb., April 23.—A stranger, giving his name as J. P. Walker and claiming to represent the Ottawa Motor company and the Mothers' Magazine company, was caught ransacking the home of Henry Grabber, a farmer living eight

miles southeast of the city, Thursday. The man had a suit case filled with silver knives and forks, a clock, watch and wearing apparel. He stated to the sheriff he had been released from jail at Wymore on Thursday morning, having served time for being intoxicated. Sheriff Acton believes that Walker is slightly demented. Harry H. Geverin of Sterling, Neb., and Wanda W. Witte of De Witt, were married here Thursday by Judge Walden. Mrs. Z. C. Rockhold, an old resident of Gage county, died at her home in this city Thursday morning, aged 53 years. The deceased came here from Wymore ten years ago. She is survived by her husband and three children.

Administration Change.

WEST POINT, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—On Friday evening the administration of the municipal affairs of the city changed hands, the new mayor and council taking their seats. The governmental policies of the city are still unsettled, the finances of the town are in splendid shape and the new administration will conduct the affairs of the city in the same liberal manner as has been the case in the past.

Mrs. Alexander Bell.

FAIRBURY, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—Mrs. Alexander Bell died at her home in the eastern part of this county after an extended illness. Mrs. Bell was born on April 11, 1833, at North Liberty, Ia., and she was married September 13, 1859, to Alexander Bell. To this union, eight children were born. The surviving children include W. G. Bell, Wellington, Wash.; H. A. Bell, Diller, Neb.; Mrs. V. A. Hull, Lincoln, Neb.; Mrs. H. M.

Gemeny, Sabeth, Kan.; Mrs. C. L. Wagoner and Beulah Bell, Diller, Neb. Mrs. Bell and her husband came to Nebraska in 1877 and located in the eastern part of the county, where they have since resided. She was a member of the Degree of Honor, Eastern Star and Women's Relief Corp. The funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church at Diller and burial took place in the Prairie Home cemetery.

Oldest Odd Fellow at York Home.

YORK, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—One of the latest arrivals at the Odd Fellows home is H. E. Swanback, who formerly lived at Greenwood, Neb. He celebrated his 100 birthday March 9, 1910. Mr. Swanback is said to be the oldest Odd Fellow in the world. He has been a member of the order more than seventy years. His wife accompanied him and the old couple expect to remain at the home as long as they live.

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These suits include fine gabardines and poplins, many desirable men's wear serges in plain colors as well as the much wanted checks.

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