

SETTLED STRIKE HELPING

Greater Activity Noted Since the Builders and Bricklayers Agree.

NEW WORK TO START SOON

A more optimistic feeling shot through the air in all real estate and building circles as soon as it was announced Friday morning that the bricklayers' strike was settled.

Some of the larger real estate firms had been visibly affected by the strike, which had been in progress since September 1.

Many jobs affected. Hastings & Heyden were notably affected this way. Norris & Norris were affected in that they had a brick job or two under construction and had some four more under immediate contemplation.

Some sixty bricklayers were back to work Friday morning when the settlement was reached.

Many bricklayers went out of town during the strike and have not yet returned. Others returned as soon as they learned that work had recommenced.

WEST BENSON LOTS ACTIVE

Sale of New Townsite is Hummer and the Demand is Heavy.

TO HAVE NEW DEPOT THERE

Although the sale dates for the lots in the townsite of West Benson were set for Saturday and today, some who were anxious to get in on the rock bottom hurried to the ground and bought lots Thursday and Friday.

Hastings & Heyden have platted the new town and have arranged it systematically, with ground space reserved along the Chicago & Northwestern tracks for coal yards, lumber yards, railroad yards and a manufacturing district.

Negotiations have been on for a long time with regard to getting a railway station and freight depot there.

Connell Pasture Has Changed Front

The new addition laid out at Forty-second and Leavenworth street covers the forty-acre tract familiarly known as the old "Connell pasture."

OMAHA CONTRACTORS BID ON NEW WORK IN STATE

Omaha contractors are bidding on the contract for the erection of a city hall building at Sidney, Neb.

U-Boats Drive Fish To Swedish Coast

During the past few months of the war, tremendous quantities of a species of fish known to Scandinavian waters, and driven in, it is supposed, by the disturbance of the sea caused by submarine warfare, have been caught off the Swedish coast near Gothenburg.

offering. Sweden is by no means over-supplied with food. Prices offered for food abroad, particularly in Germany, have been so enticing, and exports have consequently been so large that Sweden now finds herself in the predicament of not having enough supplies for herself.

Large Region About Arras Thoroughly Ploughed by Shells

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) AMIENS, Sept. 25.—There is not a jump of earth the size of a shovel between Ecurie and Notre Dame de Lorette that hasn't been ploughed by shells, said an artillery officer who took part in the recent French offensive north of Arras.

The real object of attack is the enemy's infantry and the field works that protect it. There are artillery duels in the communications, aimed at the enemy's batteries; in the region of the Artois the Germans chose their ground so well that it cannot be hoped, except in rare instances, to reach their heavy guns until the lines are pushed back.

Toward the northern limit of the recent battlefield the ruins of mining properties of Angres, Lievin and Lens add to the natural shelters. German artillerymen knew this region quite as well as the French officers. They appreciated the strength of the Artois hills so well that they sent engineers, the French officers say, to study it between 1905 and 1910, with the ostensible object of investigating whether it would be possible to exploit further to the southwest the coal vein of the basin of Lens.

In the meantime it is said that every rise and every depression of ground, every quarry, ridge and gorge, has been plotted on the German staff maps in the triangle of the Mont de Vimy, Mont de Greny and spur of Notre Dame de Lorette, where the Germans have now established their strongest fortifications to protect the plain leading eastward toward Lens and northward toward Lille.

The desire of the allies to command that flat country is what gives the greatest importance to the battle of Arras or the battle of Artois, as it may eventually be called.

French Air Squad Proves Successful In Patrolling Lines

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) BUDAPEST, Sept. 25.—Some details of the mode of operations of the French aviators on the western front are given in a letter from a Hungarian aviator, serving with the German armies in France.

"The French aviators," he writes, "now fly usually in flocks or squads of considerable strength, both for reconnoitering purposes and for attacking our aviators, who are on reconnaissance duty. As the French possess a huge number of machines and block our way systematically, we have had to follow their example."

Some pitched battles between comparatively large fleets of aeroplanes are thus among the possibilities of the immediate future.

"When the French desire to prevent us from carrying out a reconnaissance, a dozen aeroplanes ascend to a height of 4,500 feet and patrol our line. An equal number rise to 3,000 and fly along our front, taking the opposite direction from the first group. Should one of our machines attempt to pass through the meshes of this net, the two French aviators, who happen to be nearest attack it simultaneously, one from above and the other from below. If that is not sufficient two or more others fly to their assistance."

Australian Lancer Invents Periscope For Ordinary Rifle

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) MELBOURNE, Australia, Sept. 25.—Major General Birdwood, who commands the Australian troops engaged at the Daranelles, has lately written a letter to the governor general of the Commonwealth, Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson, in which he says:

"Our complete moral superiority over the Turk is partly due to the very clever invention of a man named Beach who produced a periscope rifle. When we got here we denuded the whole of our transports of their looking-glasses, and made up some 2,000 periscopes on our little beach. This man made a very simple device. The result is the Turk only sees the muzzle of a rifle coming over the parapet without anything behind it to shoot at, and we understand from prisoners that he dreads this intensely."

In connection with the foregoing, the following extract from the army corps orders is cited by the Commonwealth minister of defense.

"The army corps commander wishes to record his appreciation of the clever invention of a periscope attachment for rifle, the work of Lance Corporal W. C. B. Beach, Second battalion, Australian Imperial force. As so far as is known this invention has not been tried in France, the lieutenant general commanding has forwarded the idea to Lord Kitchener for consideration."

GERMAN WORLD'S LANGUAGE

Davis Trietsch Compiles Figures Which Show Its Use is Rapidly Increasing.

NOW SPOKEN IN MANY LANDS

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) HAMBURG, Germany, Sept. 25.—In an effort to show that German is rapidly becoming the "world's language," Davis Trietsch has compiled statistics and made elaborate studies of the use of the three principal tongues—English, French and German. His first presents the figures compiled for the year 1900 regarding the three languages, which are as follows: They cover the number of persons who spoke and understood—

Table with 3 columns: Region, German, French, English. Rows for Europe, U.S., Elsewhere, and Totals.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) In Europe, German, French, English. In U.S., German, French, English. Elsewhere, German, French, English. Totals.

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Even if this is not the case, he finds that "the importance of a language does not depend upon the number of persons who use it, but increases or decreases according to the importance of the motherland in politics, economy and technique. With the extraordinary rise of Germany in this respect, German as a world language has increased far beyond the number who use it."

NUMBER OF FAILURES SHOW BIG FALLING OFF

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The report of the inspector general in bankruptcy for the year ending December 31, 1914, states that the number of failures in England and Wales for the year shows a large falling off, being the smallest since the bankruptcy act of 1861 came into operation, the decrease being attributable to the war.

During the first seven months of the year receivership orders were made in 2,187 cases and in the last five months only 500.

While the number of failures has decreased the liabilities and assets have substantially increased and the total estimated loss to creditors is nearly two million sterling in excess of the loss estimated in the preceding year.

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