

### GERMANS ATTACK POSTS NEAR RHEIMS

Assault, Which is Preceded by an Explosion of Two Mines, Repulsed by Artillery Fire.

#### ARTILLERY DUEL AT VERDUN

Paris, June 21.—(11.50 a. m.)—A violent attack on the French positions northwest of Rheims was made by the Germans last night at Hill No. 108, in the direction of Berry Au Bac, according to an official statement issued by the war office today. The attack was repulsed by the French artillery fire.

The Germans exploded two mines before launching their infantry against the French trenches. Their repulse was due, the statement says, to the effectiveness of the French screen fire.

In the Verdun sector no infantry action was reported, but a mutual bombardment was maintained during the night.

The text of the statement follows: "South of the Somme, before Maucourt, a detachment of the enemy which attempted to approach our lines was dispersed with rifle fire."

"Northwest of Rheims, the Germans, after exploding two mines, delivered an attack against the trenches at Hill No. 108, south of Berry Au Bac. Checked by our curtain of fire, this attack was defeated completely."

"On both banks of the Meuse (Verdun front) our artillery and that of the enemy were rather active during the night."

### POWERS PUTTING PRESSURE UPON MEXICAN CHIEF

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could be commissioned as second lieutenant immediately if the emergency warrants such steps.

The department had no additional advice from General Funston regarding the movements of Carranza troops near the border or in the vicinity of General Pershing's column in Mexico.

A number of dispatches were received from consular officers and agents throughout Mexico. They agreed that the tension everywhere was keyed to a high pitch, but that no disturbances to Americans had occurred.

Consul Guyant, at Progreso, Mex., reported there was no truth in the rumor that General Alvarado had declared war against the United States.

Italians Take Austrian Positions. Rome, June 21.—(Via London.)—A report given out by the war office today says:

"At the head of the Posina valley detachments of our Alpine troops captured a strong position southwest of Monte Pucche. Engagements on the western slopes of Monte Cengio resulted in favor of our infantry."

"Southwest of Asiago on the night of June 19 three successive surprise attacks against our positions at Monte Magnab and Occhi were repulsed."

"North of the French valley we continued yesterday the difficult advance across rough ground."

"Hostile aircraft dropped bombs on our lines of communication, wounding a few persons and causing some slight damage. Squadrons of our Caproni and Savoia aeroplanes, in which were thirty-four machines, bombarded the aviation station at Pergine, at the head of the Sugana valley. They were engaged by a squadron of the enemy, but returned safely after bringing down three hostile machines."

### CARRANZA SOUNDS EUROPE

His Agents in Several Capitals Give Out Statements of His Views.

Paris, June 21.—Mexico is placing its case before the European public in the form of statements issued by Mexican legations on the continent. Such a statement appeared in Madrid on Monday and a similar statement is printed in the French press today from the Mexican legation in Paris.

It says the reports that war is inevitable and that General Carranza's attitude is due to German intrigue came from American sources.

The statement reviews the negotiations for permission for American troops to cross the frontier to pursue bandits and declares that the interchanges were interrupted by the sending of an expeditionary corps, constituting a violation of Mexican sovereignty.

"We are authorized to state that it is not Mexico which attacks," the statement continues. "In ordering General Trevino to prevent American forces from advancing south, east or west the attitude of the Mexican government is purely defensive. This is established from documents in this legation which will be published at an opportune time."

### Militia Notes

When the Nebraska National Guard goes to the Mexican border, a Bee reporter will be along. Cyrus F. Chase, night police reporter and formerly a member of a militia company of Peoria, Ill., yesterday reported for duty to Major Elzevier.

Ambrose Parkison, a member of a company, is in Los Angeles and will not return to go with the Nebraska guard. His first wife's captain here, in hopes of getting transportation. Falling in this, he wired for his discharge, in order that he may enlist in a California regiment.

As a part of the packing up process preparatory to leaving the armory, a squad of men went out to the rifle range yesterday afternoon for the cooking utensils and equipment stored there for use in target practice dinners on Sundays.

Recruits Join Guard. Pierre, S. D., June 21.—(Special Telegram.)—A number of recruits have joined the local guard company today, and it is expected that the company will be filled to the requirements by the time they leave Friday.

### Blouse Specials

For Thursday's selling we offer valid, low priced and up-to-date blouses in hundreds of the very newest styles that we just imported, at special prices—\$1.50 value for 95c, \$2.00 value for \$1.25, \$2.50 value for \$1.50, and up to \$3.00 value for \$1.80. Also Georgette and Crepe de Chine blouses. \$2.00 & \$2.50. Offered in two lots, \$2.00 & \$2.50.

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### RE-ELECTED TO HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB RAIL MAIL SERVICE.



Mrs. R. L. Frantz

Mrs. R. L. Frantz was re-elected president of the Woman's club of the Railway Mail Service at the annual meeting Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. M. H. Blackwell is the new vice president. Mrs. Charles Leigh corresponding secretary. Mrs. Edwin Cole recording secretary and Mrs. Roy Marshall treasurer. The club adjourned until September.

### OLD OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Cattlemen of Nebraska Growers' Association Choose Robert Graham to Be President.

### ANNUAL BUREAU WORK GIVEN

Alliance, Neb., June 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Cattle men, ranchers, commission men and many others interested in the stock raising business, crowded the opera house this afternoon to attend the second open session of the Nebraska Stock Growers' association. The Sioux City quarter, Miss Kate Knies and Mr. Hawlick of Alliance and the Alliance orchestra gave several musical selections.

The nomination committee recommended the re-election of the present officers and executive committee, and their report was accepted, the old officers being re-elected.

E. L. Burke and J. M. Tomlinson, members of the market committee of the American National Live Stock association, explained the object and accomplishments of the committee in its effort to aid the stock growers and the cattle business in the stock markets. Resolutions endorsing their work were passed, and nearly \$1,000 offered to aid the work by individual subscription.

Dr. Marsh of the bureau of animal industry, addressed the convention on the diseases of horses, hogs and cattle, explaining the methods of treatment and what was being done by the bureau to stamp out and prevent these diseases in Nebraska.

Keith Neville of North Platte delivered an address. The officers for the coming year are: President, Robert Graham, Alliance; vice president, Charles H. Hulley, Alliance; secretary-treasurer, Charles C. Jameson, Ellsworth.

### GERMAN BANKER ARRESTED AT EL PASO RELEASED

Washington, June 21.—Chief Bell-aski of the Department of Justice's bureau of investigation today telegraphed his El Paso agent to drop charges against Frederick Griese, a German banker of Mexico City, detained there yesterday for alleged attempts to violate American neutrality. Investigation convinced officials here that there had been no violations.

### ORPET'S LETTERS ARE ISSUE IN CASE

Judge Donnelly Delays Ruling on Objection of Defense as to Their Competency.

#### ORPET TALKS TO REPORTER

Waukegan, Ill., June 23.—Judge Donnelly was still unprepared when court opened today to rule on the competence or incompetence as evidence of the earlier letters of Will H. Orpet to Marion Lambert, for whose alleged murder the young man is on trial.

The defense objected to the admission of the earlier letters as having no bearing on Marion's death. Judge Donnelly, speaking to the lawyer before the jury was called in, said that the letters were so prejudicial to Orpet as plainly indicating seduction that it would be dangerous to submit them to the jury.

"I have read the letters," the court said, "and they affected me. The effect on the jury may be imagined. They might not draw the distinction that they are, trying the defendant for murder and murder alone."

State's Attorney Dady argued for their admission on the broad grounds that an illicit love affair culminating in murder could be shown only by reading the entire series of epistles. The citation of authorities consumed an hour.

Orpet's Talk to Reporter. Everett Friganza, a newspaper reporter, who had various interviews with Orpet, was recalled to the stand.

"Orpet told me that he met Marion in the Helm's woods to tell her their friendship had ceased—that he was through," the witness said. "He said they walked together. She stopped and he walked on. When he looked back she had fallen in the grass."

Friganza, in talking with Orpet on the train coming from Madison to Lake Forest, asked Orpet if he was engaged to Celeste Youker.

"He said they were practically engaged," related the witness. "He asked me not to drag her name into the case. He admitted that his relations with Marion were illicit. He said it was a cold proposition—I never told her I loved her—I never said I would marry her."

Objection of Defense. After Orpet was placed in jail Friganza said that he found it difficult to reach Orpet and had himself arrested and thrown into jail with the accused on February 20.

At this point Attorney Potter of the defense objected.

"We have information," said Mr. Potter, "that the state's attorney conspired with witness to get him into jail to obtain Orpet's confession."

"Overruled," said the court. "In the jail," continued the witness, "I asked Orpet if he had disposed of the bottle which contained the potassium cyanide. He said 'no.'"

### One Year Ago Today in the War

Lemberg recaptured by Austro-German armies. Berlin claimed recapture of trenches east of Verdun. Austro-German armies in east estimated at 4,000,000 armed men. British house of commons voted \$5,000,000 for war fund. Great battle near Arras continued with heavy losses on both sides.

### PERSHING CALLS CARRANZA BLUFF

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aligning of the various factional leaders with the government continues. Today General Nafarette wired General Trevino that Manuel Palaez, ex-Villista general, now operating in the Huastecas region, had placed himself at the disposal of General Carranza. Jose Robles and Canuto Reyes are expected in Chihuahua shortly, bringing their forces, under orders from General Trevino.

All is quiet here.

Yaquis at Piedras Negras. Eagle Pass, Tex., June 21.—General Murgua, a Carranza commander, arrived at Piedras Negras, the Mexican town opposite here, today with a detachment of 2,000 Yaquis, reinforcing the garrison there. A large part of the civilian population of Piedras Negras already has moved south.

De Facto on Way to Ojinaga. Presidio, Tex., June 21.—Six hundred Carranzistas were reported today due to arrive at Ojinaga, opposite here, some time tomorrow with another detachment following.

This report, coupled with statements brought to the American side that Colonel Jose Riojas, the Ojinaga commander, had been instructed by telegraph from Chihuahua City to prepare for war with the United States in the next few days, created great excitement here, but army officials took steps to quell the alarm.

Department Orders. Washington, June 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Pensions granted—Nebraska: Margaret A. Hairy, Fairfield, \$12; Sarah I. Byrd, Edson, \$12; Christina A. Ferguson, Long Pine, \$12.

Wyoming postmasters appointed: Split Rock, Natrona county, August Schlanke, vice Charles E. Countryman removed; Wolton, Natrona county, Mrs. Mollie Pavlik, vice Katherine Fletcher resigned.

Iowa rural letter carriers appointed: Applington, Ora L. Frederick Nichols, Frederick W. Hummel.

The following contracts have been awarded under authority of the secretary of interior for earth work stations, 225 to 1,200 feet Laramie canal, North Platte, project of Nebraska and Wyoming; schedule 1, McArthur Bros., New York City, \$28,225; schedule 2, Winston Bros. company, Minneapolis, Minn., \$28,180; schedule 3 and 4, J. E. Hilton, Billings, Mont., \$24,520.

### Thirteen Hundred People Attend the Sunday School Meet

Falls City, Neb., June 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The attendance at the forty-ninth Nebraska State Sunday School convention, holding a three-day session in Falls City, has reached the 1,300 mark this afternoon. The auditorium was packed to overflowing by delegates and townspeople to witness the pageant of states put on by 100 church people of the town. It was a temperance play and was most spectacular.

Rev. Mr. Lewis of Emerson gave a practical talk on the home department work and William Brown of Chicago, missionary superintendent in international work, talked on the same line of work, giving practical ideas on "how to get and keep people in the Sunday school."

Governor Hanley made the address of the afternoon on "The Trial of John Barleycorn." He also spoke tonight.

Omaha is to be the place for next state Sunday school convention, in 1917, which is the jubilee year.

### Luff Sues County For Big Sum for Alleged Damages

Aurora, Neb., June 21.—(Special Telegram.)—As a sensational sequel to the Luff assault trial which was concluded last week, a claim was filed today with the county commissioners of Hamilton county by Luff for the sum of \$15,565.25, which he alleges is due him for expenses and for damages due for false arrest, false imprisonment and malicious prosecution.

The sum of \$3,565.25 is asked for expenses and attorneys' fees.

Luff asserts in his letter that Hamilton county is responsible to him for damages for humiliation, public degradation, notoriety and mental suffering caused by this false arrest and malicious prosecution. He insists that the county board went beyond their statutory jurisdiction in employing special counsel to prosecute him.

Luff was tried last week and was found not guilty on the first ballot.

### FAMOUS GERMAN AIRMAN IS REPORTED

London, June 21.—Lieutenant Immelmann, the famous German aviator, is reported to have been killed.

Wanted—Some Want Ads in exchange for lots of answers. Phone The Bee.

HYMENEAL. Burrelle-Jewell. Peru, Neb., June 21.—(Special.)—Miss Lillian M. Jewell and Mr. Warren B. Burrelle were married Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. William Warnock. There ceremony was performed in the presence of a large company of friends and relatives. Rev. Mr. Hylton of the Methodist church officiating. These young people have lived in Peru for a number of years, and both are graduates of the Peru State Normal. For the last four years the bride has been a teacher of mathematics in the Wayne Normal. Mr. and Mrs. Burrelle will make their home in Peru.

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