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BRILLIANT TANK ATTACK BY BRITISH DRIVES HUN BACK

BRITISH HOLD GERMANS BACK

Huns Unable to Gain Any Objective Points on the Battle Line.

THE FIGHTING IS FIERCE

Regiment After Regiment Thrown Against the British Forces by the Germans and Their Loss Is Tremendous.

(By Associated Press.)

ONE GUN EVERY 12 YARDS.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, March 22.—The Germans today are continuing their assault along the Cambrai sector, most notably in the regions of Croiselles and Hargincourt, and there are at least forty enemy divisions identified on the battle front, and no such concentration of artillery has ever been established along the battle line as that in evidence during the present drive. Not since the war first began has such a bulwark of defenses been placed by the Huns, and in one small sector occupied by the Germans there is no less than a thousand guns playing on British troops. There is one gun to every twelve yards of ground on the firing line.

ASSOCIATED PRESS WAR LEAD.

MARCH 22.—The British soldiers have withstood the most stupendous attack hurled against them on the western front that has ever been staged in the three and one-half years of warfare. The hosts of democracy at grips with Prussianism on a 50-mile front has taken a preliminary round of what may ultimately be a decisive struggle. In the first onslaught, which occurred yesterday, the enemy passed the British outposts at some points and attained the battle line but in no instance, nor at any place did they gain their objective points. Regiment after regiment of German soldiers were hurled against the British forces and this with a tremendous loss to the Huns. Judging from the attack made by the Germans it is evident that it was their intention to cut off the salient protrusions near Cambrai, then making their drive through the opening toward the old Somme battlefield, but in this movement they were not successful. On the western front to witness the attack being launched by the Germans as Emperor William, Von Hindenburg, head of the German army forces, and General Von Ludendorff.

Fighting is Severe.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, March 22.—Fierce fighting still continues practically along the entire fifty-mile front, which is engaging the Germans, Bulgarian and Austrian troops on one side with the British throwing every possible resistance before the enemy to check their advance, and in this respect they are putting up a determined battle in counter attacks. The first stage of the big offensive has passed into history, but there were vigorous counter attacks made yesterday which restored some of the positions to the British which they had temporarily abandoned. That the Germans have utterly failed in the execution of their program in the present drive is attested by the documents captured by the British showing what the Hun had in mind and was minutely planned to accomplish in the early hours of the big offensive.

A Brilliant Attack.

One of the most brilliant attacks ever staged on the battle front was executed by the British when counter attacks occurred at Dolignies between the opposing sides. Here the famous British tanks were brought into action and pushed the enemy back with a incessant artillery fire. The British line is still intact though slightly bent backward at some points along the battle line where the fighting has been the most severe.

General Haig, in command of the British forces, predicts that there will be still further hard fighting before any cessation in the present conflict.

A Berlin dispatch states that the German troops attacking from the southeast of Arras have captured the British first line as far as LaFere.

British Get Work In. LONDON, March 22.—Thirty Ger-

GERMANS BADLY HAMPERED.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, March 22.—Unabated and of the most severe kind, fighting is still proceeding in the St. Ledger district southwest of Croiselles, the weather being cold and bleak, with a heavy mist hanging overhead which is in favor of the British troops and will prevent the enemy making aerial observations. The Germans attacked in three waves today, followed by shock troops, but were badly hammered by the British guns with great loss of life to the enemy.

man soldiers were killed and over 100 injured and 500 munition wagons blown up by an explosion that occurred near Mons, in Belgium, probably due to the activities of the British forces.

American Army Active.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 22.—The American artillery have destroyed the first and second line positions of the Germans on a portion of the sector east of Luneville, the patrol crossing to the enemy trenches there to find them completely wiped out.

Drive Still Uncertain.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The military observers are still uncertain whether the German onslaught is really the great drive that had been advertised to occur early in the spring or merely a forerunner of some other movement, but later developments that are expected to occur will throw more light on the present fight being staged by the enemy against the British forces.

Active Fighting in Italy.

ROME, March 22.—Fighting is more active along the whole front than for some time past.

German Raider Captured.

PACIFIC COAST POINT, March 22.—A German raider operating in the Pacific ocean has been captured by a United States cruiser and is now being towed to this port. The raider, while a comparatively small vessel, was capable of sinking any merchant ship on the Pacific ocean. The boat was outfitted from the west coast of Mexico and it is believed was manned by an all-German crew. An official investigation has at once been started to ascertain how the boat received its clearance papers.

Pope Makes Appointment.

ROME, March 22.—The Right Rev. Charles J. O'Reilly, bishop of the diocese at Baker City, Ore., has been appointed bishop of the diocese at Lincoln, Neb., by the pope.

EXPECT BIG INCREASE EASTERN OREGON CROP

(By Associated Press.)

BAKER, Or., March 22.—A summary of answers on 750 questionnaires received by County Farm Agent Tweed from farmers in this county indicates that there will be an increase of about fifty per cent in wheat production in Baker county during the coming year. A little less than ten per cent increase in oats is indicated while barley will show a forty per cent decrease and the potato crop will be practically the same as before.

FOREIGN MINISTERS TO BE GIVEN PASSPORTS

(By Associated Press.)

AMSTERDAM, March 22.—A dispatch from The Hague says that a prominent member of parliament intends to ask the government whether it is not time to recall the Dutch minister at Washington and hand passports to the American minister at The Hague.

GERMAN REICHSTAG VS. SOCIAL DEMOCRATS

(By Associated Press.)

AMSTERDAM, March 22.—The main committee in the German Reichstag this afternoon voted twelve to ten against the motion of independent social democrats to evacuate the Auland Islands and not to interfere with affairs in Finland by sending troops.

INDUSTRIAL CLUB ORGANIZED TODAY

High School Youngsters Will Engage in War Production Enterprises.

GARDENING IN THE LEAD

Pig Raising is Attractive—Many Not Situated So They Can Handle Livestock—Some Will Follow Two Lines.

JAPANESE OPERETTA AT ANTILERS TONIGHT

Tickets are selling fast for "Princess Chrysanthemum" which will be an important event this evening at the Antiers theatre and from every indication the house will be filled to its capacity. The play is one of the most attractive ever planned in this city and there is sure to be a general satisfaction from the theatre-goers whom it seems from the appearance of the seat sale, are all to attend. The high school pupils have devoted a great deal of time and preparation to the staging of "Princess Chrysanthemum" and are deserving of a liberal patronage.

TWELVE MEN ADDED DESTROYER'S DEATHROLL

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Twelve additional deaths were announced today caused from the collision on Monday between the U. S. destroyer Manley and a British war ship.

DANCE AT ELKS ARMORY.

The Yacka Hula club will be sponsors on Saturday evenings hereafter for delightful stepping parties at the Elks armory and the general public is cordially bidden. The patronage of those who are lovers of the terpsichorean art is solicited and a pleasant time is promised all. The initial hop will be given tomorrow evening, and the best of music has been hired for the occasion.

MELROSE SOCIAL.

Ladies of the soldiers' relief club at Melrose will stage a social affair tomorrow night in the way of an auction and entertainment that is expected to draw many visitors from this city. The high school orchestra will play and some of Roseburg's soloists will be present. If anybody gets hungry they will find plenty to eat. In fact, every body is expected to get hungry. All proceeds will be used in war relief work.

MELROSE ORCHARD CO. CASE IN COURT

A suit involving a land deal between the Melrose Orchard Co. and J. Alfred Anderson, is being tried in the circuit court this afternoon. It appears that Anderson about the first of January, 1912, bought a tract of 22 acres of the Melrose Orchard Co. He moved on the property and spent several hundred dollars building a house, barn and making other improvements. His crops that year were not flattering, and when fall came he failed to pay the installment of \$150 with interest on the principal, which came due at that time. The property had been bought on contract at something like \$85 an acre. The year 1913 rolled around and Anderson again withheld payment on the property. The testimony of Mr. Anderson showed that he did not pay the installment the first year because he could not spare the money. He failed to pay the second installment because he had discovered the land to be worthless, as crops in 1913 were a total failure. Trees planted on the land, which was represented to Anderson to be excellent for fruit, died as fast as they were planted. He refused to pay for the land, although he has lived there, attempting to make a livelihood. Finally, to destroy the contract and get

GERMANS CLAIM 10,000.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, March 22.—A German official statement given out late this afternoon is to the effect that the German forces have captured 10,000 prisoners and 200 guns.

redress, Anderson began suit against the land company, asking damages for investment of money in buildings, fruit trees, etc. Attorneys Sandblast and Abraham represent the plaintiff, while a Portland attorney is representing the Melrose Orchard Co. The case is an equity affair, and Judge Hamilton is presiding.

LONDON CALM BIG DRIVE RAGES

Wounded to be Brought From Front Line Trenches to Charring Cross Station.

TANKS TO TAKE PART

Lines of Ambulances Stretching for Blocks from Station—Scene Like Those Enacted During Battle of Somme.

LONDON, March 21.—Although a battle is being fought which is likely to develop into the greatest struggle of modern history, and perhaps settle the result of the war, the English people preserve the same quiet calm they have worn for the last four years.

There are no signs of unusual excitement or nervousness in London, no crowds are outside the newspaper offices or elsewhere.

The statement made by Andrew Bonar Law in the house of commons was circulated in the hotels and other public places. That is the last news the majority of the people will have of the great struggle before they see the morning papers, but Mr. Bonar Law's words have carried much assurance.

The Germans had talked so freely about their great offensive that many people thought they were making a feint to conceal some other policy; some looked for a campaign against Saloniki instead of a big attack in France.

Reports have been circulated that the Germans have built a large number of tanks and super-tanks, but the British, who first launched this weapon, are not likely to be stopped by these, nor is it conceivable that they will be behind in numbers of tanks or improvements.

Extensive preparations have been made by the English hospitals to receive the trains of wounded from the channel ports which followed every battle. The first of them is expected tomorrow.

Long lines of ambulances began forming at the Charing Cross railway station early this morning to receive wounded men from Channel port trains.

Scenes not unlike those during the battle of the Somme were enacted the line of ambulances stretching away from the station for four city blocks.

Only small groups of night workers and railroad employes greeted the first arrivals from the front.

HOME GUARD UNIT AT GARDEN VALLEY

A few evenings ago citizens of Garden Valley met for the purpose of talking over the advisability of organizing a home guard unit at that place, and as everybody thought it a wise move, arrangements were made to do so. Last night Sheriff George Guine, Captain Rafferty, of the Roseburg guard, and Sergeant Roy Agos moved out to Garden valley to assist in the organization. The men, about 40 in number, were put through a few military paces by Sergeant Agos, and it is said they took to the work like ducks to water. Everybody was enthusiastic, and the new guard gives promise of efficiency.

RAIDED BYRON'S TURKEYS.

Four transients from Coos county on their way to this side of the mountains camped near Fred Byron's place at Olalla, and to supply their larder shot a couple of turkeys belonging to the farmer. These tasted good, so they went back and got more. Farmer Byron did not approve of the transaction, and the "raiders" were brought to this city late this afternoon and appeared before Judge Riddle. They acknowledged the depredation, and as they were caught with a couple of dressed birds, denial would have been useless. In lieu of funds to pay their fines they were sentenced to go back to Olalla, where they will cut wood to liquidate their account.

RETURN TO FORT.

Levi White, a member of the 16th Columbia company, left this afternoon for Fort Stevens where he will resume his military duties. Mr. White has been in the hospital at the Presidio, Calif., for the past five weeks and is just now able to return to the fort. During his stay of a few hours in this city he visited with his parents who reside in West Roseburg.

EUGENE ASKS DETAILS OF HOME GUARD UNIT

Dean H. Hayes, captain of the Eugene home guards, has written to Judge Marsters, of this city, in order to get a line on the work being done by the Roseburg guards. Judge Marsters turned the communication over to Captain Rafferty, who will take up the matter with the Eugene officer. In speaking of the matter today, Captain Rafferty said that the Eugene guard had apparently only

GERMAN PROPAGANDA.

(By Associated Press.) SALEM, March 22.—Washington county hop growers complained this afternoon to Attorney General Brown that German brewers in New York refuse to cancel their contracts involving thousands of acres of hops thus preventing them from growing grain. The hop growers ask if there is any way of evading the contracts and Attorney General Brown will start investigations at once.

WILL LOOK AFTER INTERESTS OF MEN

State Council of Defense Is Sending Out Request to Local Officials.

LEGAL ADVICE NEEDED

Members of Local Council Asked to Communicate With Men Soon to Be Enlisted and Offer Them Assistance.

The state council of defense for Oregon has sent to members of the permanent local advisory boards throughout the state a letter under date of March 21, asking co-operation in looking after the interests of men now being called to the service under the draft order. Judge I. B. Riddle, chairman of the Roseburg board, received a copy of the letter this morning. Hon. O. P. Coahow and Attorney Elbert Hermann are the other members of the permanent board here. The communication states that the national council of defense has requested the several state councils to create and co-ordinate the necessary machinery to provide for the men called into the national army from the several states, the legal advice necessary to enable them to arrange their affairs and to make provision for their dependent and care of their property while in the service of the country.

HALF MILLION BOOKS NEEDED FOR SOLDIERS

Half million books are needed immediately for the military forts, posts and small camps; for the naval stations and vessels; for the marine corps training stations and barracks.

This is the plea the American Library Association is sending broadcast over the land in connection with the book drive now being sponsored. Already more than half a million books have been donated by the public, and in the various libraries distributed throughout the country have been sorted and labeled and shipped to camps, forts, training stations and naval vessels. A hundred thousand books, mostly non-fiction, have been purchased for these camp libraries.

Arrangements have been made to put on the transports bookcases holding about 125 volumes each, one case to each 100 men. Books for these cases, and probably the cases themselves, will be supplied by the American Library Association war service through the Hoboken, N. J., office. These collections will be used in circulating libraries on the voyage, and will be emptied at the port of embarkation in France, returning to the United States to be refilled. It is probable also that arrangements can be made to hand a book and a magazine to each man as he goes on board, to be passed by him to a Y. M. C. A. or K. of C. secretary at the port of embarkation. Other means of getting books to France are now being utilized and new methods discovered from time to time.

GOV. SHIPYARDS BREMERTON OFFERS WORK

The government shipyards at Bremerton are always open for applicants for work, and employes are always liable to find themselves out of work and on the list of applicants without notice and without prejudice or preference. When a job is finished every man who has been employed on it is automatically discharged, and to get work again he must sign the formal application and submit to examination, physical as well as technical.

BAKER HOME GUARDS GET \$2,000 FOR UNIFORMS

(By Associated Press.)

BAKER, Or., March 22.—An appropriation of \$500 for the home guard equipment fund has been granted by the city commissioners here. The action was taken as a precautionary measure by the city as its part in equipping the guardsmen. The county court has promised \$1500 as its share of the \$2000 needed to uniform the men.

RETURNS TO PORTLAND.

Rev. E. O. Eldridge, of Portland, who has been in this city for the past few days returned to his home this afternoon. Mr. Eldridge has been visiting with his daughter, Mrs. C. S. Heimline, of this city, who for the past two weeks has been confined to a city hospital. Mr. Eldridge is pastor of a Methodist church in Portland, and is very well known in this city, being pastor of the Methodist church here several years ago.

FILES PETITION.

SALLEM, March 22.—H. G. Starkweather, of Oregon City, has filed his declaration for the democratic nomination for governor. Mr. Starkweather is the first democratic aspirant to seek the office of governor.