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BRITISH TROOPS STRUGGLING WITH HINDENBURG FLESH

CRITICAL MOMENT ON BATTLE FRONT

Enemy Throws Full Strength On the Ypres Sector—Situation Serious.

SO REGARDED IN LONDON

Afternoon Reports From the Battle Front Say the British Are Fighting Magnificently—Slaughtering the Huns.

BRITISH RECOVER WYTSCHAETE

LONDON, APRIL 17.—IN THE FACE OF GREAT ODDS AND FIGHTING UNDER A TERRIFIC FIRE FROM GERMAN GUNS, BRITISH TROOPS LATE TODAY RAILED FROM THE SUCCESSFUL HUN ATTACKS AND BY DESPERATE VALOR HAVE RECAPTURED THE GREATER PART OF WYTSCHAETE, AND PROBABLY ALL OF THE TOWN. IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED. THE BRITISH TROOPS DROVE THE GERMAN FORCES HALF WAY BACK TO BAILEUL, THE DISPATCHES FROM THE FRONT ALLEGED, AND FOUGHT LIKE WOLVES TO DEFEAT THE HUNS.

LONDON ADMITS SITUATION BAD

Associated Press War Lead, April 17.—Having driven the British army from Baileul and Wyttschaete the German troops are battling desperately today to gain other points on the high ground south and southwest of Ypres, after having forced the British to retire to a new line so great was the Hindenburg pressure launched against them yesterday. After waging a battle for eight days with tremendous forces arrayed on the battle front the Germans have been successful in bringing their troops out of the low lands to the approach of the hills defending Ypres but it will be necessary for the enemy to push still further forward in order to make their present gains secure. The British troops are striking back at the German forces today in a very dogged manner at these points in an effort to stem the great tide of German flesh that is being sacrificed against a steady fire from the British troops, but, nevertheless, the situation as viewed from London headquarters of the British army places today's war situation in a more serious position than at any other time since the German drive was launched in the northern part of France.

Commenting on the important features occurring on the battle front some newspapers today advise that the British troops evacuate the Ypres sector and Paschendale ridge at once, these being a continuation of Messines ridge. Lloyd George is still hopeful and has made the statement that General Foch is confident nothing of any vital importance has been lost to the enemy and that they have not yet wiped out the British army as has been the paramount aim of the Hindenburg forces since the present drive was launched.

SITUATION SERIOUS TODAY

LONDON, APRIL 17.—The British positions before Ypres have been withdrawn to a new line, and the situation today presents one of the most serious to the allied forces since the beginning of the spring drive, March 21. A desperate struggle is on and the enemy is throwing great force against the British troops and present developments on the front are of great importance to the opposing armies. The British have recaptured Meteren by a counter attack launched yesterday, and elsewhere the enemy has been kept at bay. They also repulsed repeated attacks made by the enemy north of Baileul.

HULLDOGGING THE ENEMY

Associated Press War Lead, April 17.—With bulldogging tactics and magnificent fighting on the part of the British troops the turn of the tide of today's battle took on a more favorable aspect late this afternoon. With the Ypres salient menaced the British have begun to withdraw from this advanced line, making a retrograde movement that is apparently pivoting on the Wyttschaete, where London reports say a successful counter attack was made today. Yesterday the Germans took this battle point and pushed somewhat beyond, it having been officially reported they advanced to St. Eloi, this being on the old battle line as it existed before the British offensive which was made last year. This line ap-

pears likely to hold as long as the railway communications supporting it are kept intact. It now appears that Huthruck, an important railway junction, is the enemy's objective point, but late dispatches today say the British have recaptured Wyttschaete, the city taken yesterday by the Germans, which is evidence that the enemy has been checked from making further advances toward the railway junction.

HUNS ROUTED FROM TRENCHES

LONDON, APRIL 17.—South of Aras the Germans have been driven from the British trenches into which they had forced their way in the past few days of severe fighting in this sector, and at an early hour this morning the German artillery became more active south of the Somme river, which is evidence that they intend to strike a blow at this point on the battle line. In the neighborhood of Wyttschaete a successful counter attack has been launched by the British and the Germans suffered heavy losses.

SITUATION IS IMPROVING

LONDON, APRIL 17.—Major General Maurice, chief director of military operations on the western front, has confirmed the announcement made that the British have recaptured Wyttschaete, and that they are counter attacking successfully at Meteren and southward the British troops have driven the Germans half way back to Baileul, a sector where there has been severe encounters for several days between the opposing armies. The British have also made notable advances and improved their lines toward Neuve Eglise in recent encounters with the enemy. Major General Maurice, in his statement today said that the withdrawal to new lines in the Ypres salient had been decided upon last Sunday and that the plans were carried out Sunday night and Monday. Speaking further the general said: "It is a regrettable military necessity which forces us to give up ground won at such a heavy cost. The situation yesterday was a very anxious one, but today the news is much better."

BATTLE IN FLANDERS RAGING

LONDON, APRIL 17.—Reuter's correspondent says this afternoon that a battle of great magnitude is raging on the Flanders front with incredible intensity, and that the struggle is going in favor of the British troops as far as the correspondent could judge. The Germans have gained nothing since yesterday, but on the contrary, have apparently lost ground.

AMERICANS READY TO STRIKE

Washington, April 17.—Secretary of War Baker, who returned yesterday from France, today calls upon the American people for renewed support in order to wage an effective war against the enemy. He says the American troops are now ready to strike at the Germans and that they must be backed up by every loyal American citizen.

SPY DIES GAMBELY

Paris, April 17.—Bolo Pasha, the Frenchman convicted of treason, and who was executed at Paris last night, lost his attitude of indifference when brought face to face with the firing squad, but died gamely.

SUCCESSOR TO CZERNIN NAMED

Amsterdam, April 17.—Baron Burian has been appointed as Austro-Hungarian minister to succeed Count Czernin, he having held the same position before the count was appointed.

THIRTY-SEVEN PERISH

AN ATLANTIC PORT, April 17.—Thirty-seven persons were burned to death when the American steamer O. B. Jennings and the Britishers War Knight, both carrying naphtha and inflammable oils, collided off the British coast March 24. All the victims were British except one. Destroyers immediately went to the rescue through a field of blazing oil and took off the Jennings' crew.

SERIOUS EPIDEMIC CHECKED

PORTLAND, April 17.—Colonel Disque announced today that speedy and vigorous work by the army medical section has checked a serious epidemic of cerebro spinal meningitis at the Vancouver, Wash., cantonment, preventing the spread of the disease to logging camps where the soldiers are being sent. Six cases were discovered about the middle of March and each of the thousand men who had been exposed had been examined daily and sprayed since that date, and none were permitted to go to the logging camps. The danger of the disease spreading ended April 10.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 17.—It has

SON C. J. HURD MAY BE DEAD IN FRANCE

Name of Clinton Hurd Appears On Sunday's Casualty List—Dead From Disease.

PARENTS NOT NOTIFIED

Adjutant General Wired This Afternoon by Concerned Parent Who is County Agricultural Agent—Was in 65th Regiment.

In the casualty list on page 7 of the Sunday Oregonian there appears the name of John Clinton Hurd, listed as "dead from disease" and deep consternation is felt by C. J. Hurd, local county agricultural agent, that the dead soldier may be his son, who is a member of the 65th regiment, which only recently reached France. Because of the identical name of the deceased in direct correspondence with that of his son, and especially the uncommon name of the name "John Clinton," Mr. Hurd is certain that the unfortunate soldier is his own son and although the war department has not yet notified the family, Mr. Hurd stated today that the reason for this delay may be that the department is especially busy because of the large casualty list now coming in day by day.

A Eugene boy, who was a member of the 65th is listed in Sunday's casualty roll, and upon wiring the family at Eugene, Mr. Hurd received a reply from them stating that they had been notified already of their son's demise. Because of this fact Mr. Hurd is hoping that the dead soldier may be another boy with the same name. However, keen anxiety is felt and the worst is feared. A wire was sent to the adjutant general at Washington this afternoon and at a late hour no reply had been received. However, it is thought the word will arrive this evening either confirming the death or relieving the concerned parents as to their son's safety.

John Clinton Hurd was 22 years old and before being assigned to the 65th was a member of the coast artillery. Some time ago he enjoyed a furlough in Roseburg with his parents and made many friends who will be tremendously shocked to learn of his probably death.

HONOR GUARD MEETING LAST EVENING

The Girls' National Honor Guard held an important session last evening at the armory and many matters of interest were taken up for future arrangement. On next Tuesday evening military drill will be resumed again and Captain French hopes to have her squads equal to any military organization in the city before many weeks have passed. The drill team, which was formed during the early part of the winter performed wonderfully well and it is thought that the girls can start in where they left off and become adept in the marching.

The height of every Honor Guard member who is to participate in the drill work should be left at the Model Bakery during the week with Helen Guest, guard leader. For the girls who do not take part in the military organization there is to be formed a hospital unit and in this branch the girls will be given a report made by the Roseburg management to the board of control. Following treatment at the South Dakota institution, Beebe can return to Roseburg and re-enter the home there. All of the old soldiers at the Oregon soldiers' home who sympathized with Beebe will be transferred to other localities if any further violations of the rules occur.

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been announced that the Willard-Burton fight will occur July 4 and that it will be staged in an arena midway in a district between St. Paul and Minneapolis.

SYSTEM NATIONAL MILITARY ROADS

Proposed to Build Highways Parallel With the Pacific Coast.

WILL TOUCH ROSEBURG

Government Expected to Take Up This Important Work—Convention at Portland Will Prepare Data For Officials.

M. B. Gilbert, of Seattle, field representative of the Pacific Coast Defense League, will be in Roseburg about May 15 to confer with our people regarding the proposed military highways, which are now contemplated by the government, to be built through Washington, Oregon and California. One of the main trunk lines will pass through Roseburg, and in addition to this line, we will have three lateral lines, one from central Oregon coming down the North Umpqua pass, one to Marshfield, and one to Gardiner. Roseburg has been asked to send a large delegation to the convention, which will be held in Portland May 24 and 25, and the president of the Commercial club will name this committee soon, naming representative men from all parts of the county. Douglas county should send no less than 25 men to this important convention.

Of this proposed military highway system Wisner G. Scott, chairman of the National Highways Association, says: "It will be an infinite degree the most stupendous highway project ever broached in the west half of the republic. What is more, it vitally concerns the life of the nation. And what is still more, it will bear the most rigid scrutiny, analysis and argumentation, that can be brought to bear by human agency."

The plan is to build a road that will carry the heavy traffic necessary in time of war. The center of the road will be especially strong for that purpose, while lighter vehicles going either way will keep to the right, avoiding any chance of collision.

The work contemplated in all important to the Pacific coast, and the convention scheduled will prepare and present to congress such data as will assist the government in drafting and consummating defense plans. The people of the country are at present fully awake to the necessity of preparing for future emergencies, and will endorse any plan looking to national defense that appears feasible. The Pacific Coast Defense League will show that to leave this work undone will be to invite disaster.

TURMOIL AMONG OLD SOLDIERS SUBSIDES

(By Associated Press.)
SALEM, April 17.—William Beebe, a Civil war veteran recently discharged from the soldiers' home at Roseburg, for alleged violation of the rules governing the institution, has agreed to go to the national hospital for indigent and disabled soldiers in South Dakota, according to a report made by the Roseburg management to the board of control. Following treatment at the South Dakota institution, Beebe can return to Roseburg and re-enter the home there. All of the old soldiers at the Oregon soldiers' home who sympathized with Beebe will be transferred to other localities if any further violations of the rules occur.

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GIVEN COAT OF TAR.

(By Associated Press.)
SANTA FE, New Mexico, April 17.—Four hundred convicts at the state penitentiary tarred and feathered Major John Birker today. Birker was a federal prisoner charged with having violated the capitation act.

SEE BLOODTHIRSTY HUNS CLOSE RANGE

Thrilling Experience of Two Ladies From Nebraska Related to News.

MEN ARE MURDER MAD

People Are Suffering for Food—Women Are Despondent, Despairing, and Carrying the Burdens of the War.

On his way east, via the northern route, Elder J. D. Johnson, of Omaha, Neb., who has been in attendance at the world conference of Seventh-Day Adventists at San Francisco, stopped off in this city last night, having come up on the special train carrying delegates to their homes in the northwest. Elder Johnson is in charge of the mission work among Scandinavians in his home city and state. In an interview the gentleman told some startling incidents in connection with the war which have come directly to his personal knowledge. The statements were first made to Elder J. A. Rippey, president of the Southern Oregon conference, who also attended the San Francisco meetings, and so vividly portrayed German ferocity and lust for blood that he called a News representative over to the conference offices on Oak street and introduced him to the Omaha gentleman, who reiterated the astounding story.

Elder Johnson, who has a pleasing personality, and speaks with a slight, almost imperceptible Scandinavian accent, told of the horrifying revelations in a convincing manner, and in describing the scenes so vividly portrayed to him by his wife and sister, who were subjected to German imprisonment for a few days exhibited deep emotion and showed to his listeners that there is no mercy, nor pity, nor a spark of humanitarianism left in the hearts of German rulers, and that most of the men in the great armies of the Kaiser are absolutely devoid of decency. That the war being waged by the United States is a righteous cause, from which there can be no deviation until won, was the conviction of those who listened to Elder Johnson's story.

In the early part of 1917 a Danish woman, not a citizen of the United States, became insane at Lincoln, Neb. She was ordered sent back to her native land. Mrs. J. D. Johnson, wife of Elder Johnson, and his sister, Miss Ida Johnson, were deputized to accompany the insane woman to Denmark, and left Lincoln with their charge soon after the order of the court was made. They proceeded to the Atlantic coast and sailed on the steamer Harold Howard without incident until they reached the submarine zone, and when in the North Sea a German submarine suddenly appeared and fired a shot across the steamer's bow. She halted and waited. The cargo of the vessel was of beef. As soon as the submarine came along side the vessel was boarded by officers from the sea diver, who immediately took possession of the steamer, and started for a German port, and in due time arrived with their prize at Stettin, Germany. All of the passengers, including the two Lincoln ladies, who are United States citizens, were held prisoners aboard the ship for several days. Meanwhile the cargo of beef was unloaded.

During these days of captivity the American ladies had frequent opportunity of talking to German people. They also questioned the Kaiser's dream of a world empire, submitting because force compels them to endure a life compared to which death would be glorious.

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any good, as it would probably be taken from him, but if they could only give him something to eat the ladies might have the helmet. No matter where they looked, only poor, half starved people were in evidence, many of them begging for a morsel of bread.

Another revolting crime that came to the attention of Mrs. and Miss Johnson during their few days enforced stay in Germany was that of the wanton murder of two ladies. The boys, brothers, and merely children, received orders to report at a certain camp. They were slow about responding, and a second official notice was received. Accompanied by their old father the lady went down. They were received inside a stockade, the father left at the gate, where he waited while the boys were led to a point inside, stood up against a wall and shot without parley or delay. It was German militarism and terror, an example to other boys who might not realize the necessity of obeying in haste.

A Danish girl, whose husband, a German, responded to the call when the first blow was struck in 1914, not in sympathy with the power that had broken up her home, wrote a letter to the husband, and falling to appreciate the fact of strict military censorship, penned the words which were his death warrant. The bride's birthday came, bringing a letter from the soldier husband. He deplored the fact that he had no present to send, but expressing love, trusted the wife would get along without the gift. She wrote back, half jestingly, that for him to never mind the birthday gift, but when he came to bring back the Kaiser's eye. She was almost driven to insanity a short time after to receive a package, enclosing an eye, and with it a brief, brutal note from the officers, that in lieu of the Kaiser's eye was her husband's eye. She never heard from her husband again, and believed he was murdered.

The women of Germany are doing the work that men formerly did. All of the men and boys old enough to take any part in the military are in the army. Women "man" the railroads, lay the tracks, drive the spikes, do the section work, operate street cars, run mills, do the farming, and Germany is practically a lawless land so far as industry goes.

While Mrs. and Miss Johnson held American passports, they were aboard a neutral ship, a Swedish vessel, and to this fact is attributed their release when the steamer, robbed of her cargo, was permitted to sail, and after making a Danish port, where the insane patient was left, the vessel proceeded home. The two ladies finally got back to the United States about July 1, 1917, glad that they were permitted to see good old America once more, and convinced that the German people, denouncing the war as many of them do, dare not say a word because death is the penalty for a whisper against the Kaiser.

Concluding his story, Elder Johnson told of a German resident of Lincoln, a physician, whose wife and daughter left for the fatherland on a visit prior to America's entry into the war. Letters concerning their safety were satisfactory. Money was sent them, but still the doctor's wife and daughter did not come. Alarmed, the physician took up the matter with the state department. After many vexatious delays he finally got word from the German military authorities that when his wife and daughter had both "given birth to a son in Germany then they may be allowed to return to America." The unhappy women are still in Germany. The women seen in Germany are driven to desperation, almost insanity, according to Mrs. and Miss Johnson. When speaking to these Scandinavian-American ladies from the United States they unbittered their hearts, when opportunity afforded, and expressed the woes their faces without exception portrayed. They are dazed and stricken, bearing the greater burdens of the Kaiser's dream of a world empire, submitting because force compels them to endure a life compared to which death would be glorious.

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The Women's Benefit Association of the Maccabees lodged this morning \$10 to the Girls' National Honor Guard organization. The money will be used by the girls for the purpose of purchasing material for the making of Belgian baby clothes. The Lady Maccabees are giving a delightful dancing party on Tuesday evenings of each week and the proceeds above expenses are given to the various patriotic organizations in the city. The Honor Guard girls were tremendously grateful to the Maccabees for their generous donation and will use it for a good cause.

POULTRY INDUSTRY SOMETHING GREAT

Overtops Production of Corn and Barley In This State.

RUNS CLOSE TO FRUITS

Poultry Husbandman of Agriculture College Spending Week in Douglas County Urging Greater Production in This Work.

U. L. Upton, federal poultry husbandman for the state of Oregon, is registered at the Umpqua hotel and will speak to poultrymen and women of Douglas county in a series of meetings arranged for him during this week. He addressed the Home Economics club, and the high school students of Yoncalla Monday, and Tuesday addressed the people of Looking Glass. Tuesday night he addressed a meeting of the residents of Garden valley, and today went to Dixonville for a similar meeting.

In an interview today he said: "A great many people, and especially general farmers, look upon poultry keeping as a side line and one too small to merit the serious attention of the men on the farms; that is in fact, a woman's job. It is true that a large percentage of the farm flocks are reared and cared for by the housewives and the boys and girls. That they have done their work well, despite the indifference and often outright antagonism of the man of the family is evidenced by a comparison of value of different crops produced in Oregon. According to conservative estimates from unbiased sources the annual value of some of these crops are as follows:

- "Poultry and eggs\$8,500,000
- "Corn, oats and barley.....\$8,000,000
- "Potatoes\$3,250,000
- "All fruits\$10,000,000

"It will be noted that, despite the large amount of time, labor and capital expended upon fruit production in Oregon, the value of poultry products is but little less than the value of all fruits, and higher than the value of corn, oats and barley. For a 'side line' industry, poultry keeping is a lousy infamy."

"We have all seen appalled during the past few weeks at the immense loss of life and the great cost to the German forces during the present drive on the western front. Competent authorities estimate the daily loss to be 100,000 men, killed, wounded and captured. How many realize that a return drive by the allies, against an entrenched and desperate foe will mean an equally great loss to the allies, and to our own boys in khaki. When that drive occurs the hospitals, both here and abroad, will be filled to overflowing with our wounded, our own brothers, sons, husbands, and friends, who will demand and merit the best care and best foods available. Eggs are especially valuable for this purpose. Our stocks are low and threaten to become lower. The time to increase is now—not in midsummer. Let us respond to the call."

SHIPMENT TO BELGIAN AND FRENCH CHILDREN

One of the most interesting branches of war relief work is that of the Red Cross unit for the relief of Belgian and French children which made its first shipment yesterday. This unit has met regularly once a week for work, besides many of its members have made garments during spare minutes at home. The entire shipment contained 858 little dresses and pinafores, muslin underwear, little blankets and quilts, also 17 complete layettes.

In addition to the relief work for foreign children, the baby home at Portland was not forgotten, a box containing 108 articles of babies' wear being sent there. The home is in special need at present and so many articles contributed by members of the unit before Red Cross requirements were definitely known, and which did not conform to those requirements were turned over to that establishment. The unit has still on hand considerable unfinished work and expects before long to make another shipment.

Alfred Powers left for Oakland this afternoon where he will attend to business matters for several hours.