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SUDDEN BRITISH DRIVE GAINS 100 SQUARE MILES OF TERRITORY

GENERAL HAIG IN AN UNEXPECTED THRUST DRIVES AHEAD FOUR TO FIVE MILES ON A TWENTY MILE FRONT TOWARD CAMBRAI, KEY TO GERMAN COMMUNICATION SYSTEM IN NORTHERN FRANCE.

THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS AND MANY GUNS TAKEN

Enemy Were Taken by Surprise and Germans Come Out of Dugouts Sleepily and Surrender—Many Towns and Villages Were Taken—No Artillery Preparation Was Done by the British.

London, Nov. 21.—General Haig has broken the Hindenburg line over a very wide front, at least thirty miles.

The British passed through the German lines to a depth of between four and five miles. Thousands of Germans were prisoned, and a great number of guns were captured.

Although General Haig did not definitely specify the location of the great blow, it is indicated that the British attack is aimed toward Cambrai, the key city of the German communication system. The British are probably now within sight of this city.

The sudden British attack utterly paralyzed the Germans. The Arras-St. Quentin sector had been quiet since early summer. General Haig reported that after smashing the first line defenses, the British captured the second line, more than a mile beyond. The great victory is believed to be the most important since the battle of the Marne. The British captured Welsh ridge, Centlet wood, Flesquires, Havrincourt, Marcoing, Neuf wood, Bonaires, Lateau wood and Fountaine les Crouailles.

BATTLE BROKE ALL PRECEDENTS.

By William Phillip Simms.

British Headquarters, Nov. 21.—The great British drive broke all war precedents. There are no other battles like this in history. Only Troy's wooden horse offers comparison.

After letting the Germans think every bit of British strength was concentrated along Passchendaele ridge, the British suddenly attacked while the Germans slept in dugouts. The British did not use the usual artillery preparation. A great number of tanks advanced, the infantry following. The Germans piled from dugouts sleepily and surrendered in surprise. General Pershing witnessed the British advance.

ESTIMATE 5000 PRISONERS TAKEN.

London, Nov. 21.—Front dispatches late today estimated that General Haig prisonered 5000 Germans yesterday.

GERMANS ADMIT LOSS.

Berlin, Nov. 21.—The British gained some ground in the Arras sector, it was statemented. Our reserves stopped the British at the rear positions. Some villages, including Gradncourt and Marcoing, were lost.

STOCK MARKET ADVANCED.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Stocks advanced on the news of General Haig's great victory. Gains as high as eight points were reported.

AMERICAN LIEUTENANT KILLED.

Washington, Nov. 21.—General Pershing reported that First Lieutenant Orlando Gechnecur, of Freeport, Illinois, attached to the British forces, was killed in action, and First Lieutenant Alexander Gillis, of Carbondale, was wounded.

FRENCH RAID SUCCESSFULLY.

Paris, Nov. 21.—The French successfully raided the German positions around St. Quentin, it was statemented. Violent artillerying was reported around Lechaume wood. Raiding activities often precede an offensive, indicating that the French may join the British in a drive.

MAY FORCE ITALIAN RETIREMENT.

ROME, Nov. 21.—It is authoritatively learned that the desperate battle ground along the Piave River may force the Italians to retire. The Italians, unassisted by the British and French reinforcements, are holding the enemy at bay. The Teutonic losses are terrific. The Italian morale is the best it has ever been.

ITALIAN OFFENSIVE GAINS.

Rome, Nov. 21.—The Italian offensive in the Asiago region has gained several valuable positions and taken numerous prisoners, so the newspaper Corriere d'Italia declared. The newspaper said the Italians assumed the offensive along the lower Piave.

RADICALS WOULD WITHDRAW.

London, Nov. 21.—Scandinavian dispatches declare the Bolsheviki, Maximalists, Socialists and moderate parties want a withdrawal from the war, and a concentration on the establishment of government. It is recorded that Kerensky has committed suicide.

ZURICH IN STATE OF SIEGE.

Copenhagen, Nov. 21.—A state of siege has been proclaimed at Zurich, Switzerland, because of disturbances there, it is reported here.

VILLA BANDITS KILL OUTPOSTS.

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 21.—Villa bandits massacred an outpost of fifty Carranza soldiers and captured 500 horses, south of Chihuahua City yesterday, so Americans reaching here reported.

LABOR REPRESENTATIVES WOULD FORCE ALLIED ALIENS TO ENTER ARMY

BUFFALO, Nov. 21.—The American Federation of Labor passed a resolution favoring the registration of all aliens in the United States who refuse to enlist here or under their own flags. Delegate Frank of Indianapolis denounced the American war aviation law as a disgraceful act. President Gompers remarked, she owned $50.

Review Want Ads bring results

UNMASKED ROBBERS GET $50,000 IN DIAMONDS FROM MINNEAPOLIS FIRM

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 21.—Masked gunmen took around Harry Lincoln jewelry store here and held the clerk at bay at the point of revolvers. They taken two tremendous gift pins, and escaped with between $50,000 and $75,000 worth of diamonds and $212 in cash.

Rev. B. H. Nichols returned this afternoon from Dillard to spend several days visiting in Roseburg.

BOOTLEGGING PLOT WAS SUSPECTED BUT ONLY ONE BOTTLE DISCOVERED

Information gained through expert detective work of local Southern Pacific Special Agent Mahoney, resulted in the examination of George Dover, a negro dinincar employe on a northbound passenger train last night. One bottle of a standard brand of whiskey was confiscated. The bottle was later turned over to Sheriff George Quine and the negro was permitted to continue on his way to Portland, although the local officers there were telegraphed to make a further investigation upon his arrival. The search was made at Glendale by Special Agent Mahoney and the whiskey was left here following the train's arrival. The search was made in the belief that some new scheme of bootlegging was being carried on, but evidences of such a plot have as yet not been uncovered.

SCHOOL MASTER'S CLUB TO HAVE BIG MEETING HERE NEXT MONTH

The next meeting of the School Masters' Club will be held in the local high school building on December [illegible]. A number of very interesting papers will be discussed and [illegible] as are read which will be of [illegible] to all the teachers. A paper was prepared by Supt. Smith [illegible] president of the club, Supt. R. A. Hall, of Dallas, in which he suggested that the two following subjects be discussed at the next meeting: "The Proper Reaction of the School to the World Crisis," and "Current Educational Progress."

The meeting of the club will be the first since they reorganized during the recent teachers' institute, when the officers were elected for the coming year. A great amount of good to the teachers and primarily to the students at large is expected from the club. At different times during the year lectures from some of the leading educators of the state will be given to the club. All of the superintendents of the county belong to this organization.

GERMANS CLAIM ANOTHER TERRIBLE WAR INVENTION.

THE HAGUE, Nov. 21.—(By mail.)—Travelers reaching Holland from the interior of Germany declare that the entire country is talking of a new, terrible explosive discovered by a professor of chemistry.

According to tales traveling from mouth to mouth, very small quantities of the explosive will inflict incredible damage. It is said that a bomb weighing twenty pounds will destroy everything within a radius of a mile, while ten airplanes armed with bombs of the explosive could destroy a large city in a few minutes.

Some arrivals assert the story is officially denied and exaggerated to hearten the people.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Caulfield left yesterday for their Cooper Valley ranch. After a few days attending to their interests there they will go to Marshfield to remain during the winter.

NOTED TIMBERMEN WERE HERE IS REPORT; RUMOR OF BIG PURCHASE HEARD

That Hun and German agents, the submarine Kaiser, his relatives and sympathizers, who were reported to be among here several weeks ago, have already made their locations in the forests and passed on through to Seattle, was the report here today. It was stated by persons who knew of the purpose of their visit, that the two brothers had representatives in the city for several days, and that some amount of investigation of the timber conditions of this county were carried on while here. It was also stated that the result of the inspection was entirely satisfactory and that result is a deal for a considerable quantity of timber. The men had stayed here for several days, at Hotel Umpqua, guarded by relatives and partisans number and it is said that they have made their business quiet. The men are agents for the most prominent syndicate of the Hun in the west and have planned to buy timber in order to place it in shape to ship to Germany. The men are Louis, Jr. H. O. Chandler of the Douglas County Abstract Co.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARRIVED TODAY

TWO MAIL SACKS FULL OF MATERIAL ON NEW DRAFT WERE RECEIVED BY REGISTRATION OFFICIALS AND LATER WERE EXAMINED.

ANSWERS TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

Members of Board Are Not Permitted to Allow Other Persons to Examine Questionnaires After Their Return.

Two mail sacks of questionnaires and other material relative to the draft regulations for the new National army, were received by the local registration board this afternoon. The material arrived sooner than expected but was taken promptly to the county clerk's office, where all haste will be made by the members of the board to become familiar with their new duties.

The new regulations went into effect yesterday at noon, according to the instructions, and all the rules followed in the former draft and all data given by the men registering at that time, were thereby rendered without effect. The late regulations require an entirely new system, and applications for exemption will be considered as if they had never been presented before.

This action is taken because the men eligible for the draft will be classified according to a new schedule, and the old classification is quite dissimilar and far more incomplete. The new method arranges the men in grades according to the degree of their eligibility and under this plan those who are the most eligible and in the first grades will be the first called to service. Those having dependents and placed in a less eligible grade will be called later.

The questionnaires contain hundreds of questions bearing upon the fitness of the men for service and will require many days of study to be answered in the proper manner. One questionnaire will be mailed to each person of draft age in the country and these will later be returned to the county clerk. After they are returned the documents are considered confidential and then members of the board are not allowed to grant an examination of them by any person other than the writer, under penalty of a term in the penitentiary. The regulations contain many other new rules which were not found in the old plan and the members will be busy several days before they are fully informed.

After perusing the instructions at some length today, the board stated that no definite date was set for the distribution of the questionnaires. The board is asked to await further instructions, and consequent it is not to be later than December 15, the date formerly specified, when they will be sent out.

Hold Housewarming—

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Kelley are holding a "housewarming" today and this evening at their home on Roberts Creek. A Red Cross dinner was also served. Several guests from this city expect to be present this evening. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley have just had their residence there materially enlarged.

Young Man Met "Hutch"—

Elton Shrum, who has been in San Francisco for several weeks, under training in the U. S. Navy, is now in a hospital with a mild attack of mumps. He writes to his mother at Glide that he met and talked to J. P. Hutchison in San Francisco on Nov. 18. Mr. Shrum expects to be sent to an Eastern training camp soon after he gets out of the hospital, but hopes to get a brief furlough for a visit at home before going into active service. Of late he has been employed in the bakery department in the San Francisco Navy Yards.

SUPT. IS THUNKED.

City Supt. A. G. Smith of the local schools, this morning received a letter of sincerely kind thanks from the United States Food Administration in which he was thanked personally for his work in the recent food conservation campaign. The letter also stated that he will find that houses had been pledged to support this vital cause. In making a full report, he is to be superintendent was asked to mail a number of the pledge cards objections raised by those refusing to sign the pledge cards. The letter was from National Chairman to report H. W. Hill. Mr. Smith was valuable assistance here and was largely responsible for the success of the local campaign.

RED CROSS SHOP IN PORTLAND BUSY

DONATIONS ARE NOW BEING RECEIVED FOR THE THANKSGIVING SALE ON NOVEMBER 27, INCLUDING EVERYTHING FOR THE DINNER.

GOODS INCLUDE BIG VARIETY

Many Unusual Donations Are Reported—All Proceeds Are Given to the Red Cross Fund for the Soldiers.

As proof of the fact that the good old-fashioned Thanksgiving spirit is still vigorous in our land, one need only visit "The Red Cross Shop" in Portland.

Some time ago the women who are managing "The Shop," which is an official branch of the Oregon Red Cross work, conceived the idea of a sale of Thanksgiving foodstuffs on Tuesday, November 27th—the sale of every article that enters into the enjoyment of the family Thanksgiving dinner. All the proceeds from this Thanksgiving sale will be applied directly in helping to provide the home-like necessities and simple comforts that mean so much to our soldier boys on the seas and in the trenches. Stimulated by the worthy purpose of the fund, the food donation responses from all over the state have been most gratifying.

Apple growers are sending their most choice fruit, boxes and boxes of it. One dairying community donated a case of cheese. Commission merchants are giving wholesale quantities of grape-fruit and oranges and bunches of bananas. Grocery men have donated choice goods from their shelves. Many hunters have already promised to bring back their entire week-end bags of game. One man promised twenty sacks of potatoes. Much poultry has been promised and much more is expected. Canned fruits and canned vegetables have been received. There have been donations, also, of jams and jellies and pickles, candies and nuts, cigars and cigarettes. There is promise of many kinds of pastry, pies and cakes and plum puddings especially. Artistic fruit baskets will be on sale, and flowers and shrubs for holiday decorations.

Many of these donations have originated outside of Portland, for the Red Cross Shop belongs to all Oregon. Many towns have organized committees to receive and forward donations. From Prineville, the special committee reports that it will send ten turkeys, a dozen chickens, "and other things." Mayor A. B. Watt, in behalf of Amity, writes in part as follows:

"I have delayed answering before. Kindly pardon me for so doing, but the very day I received your letter, the ladies of this community were busily engaged in making apple butter to send down to 'The Shop.' It has been some trouble for me to decide on a committee, as they all want to serve. However, I have made a selection. The whole town is only too glad to help. Just command us."

Some of the donations have already arrived at the Portland Red Cross Shop at 105 Fifth street. The response has been so generous, in fact, that it has been necessary to remove the Thanksgiving sale headquarters to another larger building, the old Lumbermen's National Bank, at Fifth and Stark streets. The Thanksgiving food sale begins on Tuesday, November 27th, and all additional food donations should be received by the day before.

Donations will be welcome also for all other departments of "The Shop," including clothing, furniture, books, groceries and novelties of all kinds. The Shop has been proving wonderfully successful, and is permanently established. The sale proceeds for the first month have been over two thousand dollars. The hopes of the Cross, however, are even greater. It is certain that the Thanksgiving sale will be a splendid success. Three classes of persons will be benefited: our soldier boys, those who will purchase and enjoy the novelty of a Red Cross Thanksgiving dinner, and the hundreds who, unknown to the food, from all parts of Oregon, whose generosity alone will make possible the Red Cross Thanksgiving sale.

Wedding This Afternoon—

A social wedding was solemnized at the office of Judge of the Peace D. Ruffle this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, when Lydia Moore became the wife of William Carl Meyers, of Canyon.

Hon. Robert Booth Here—

Hon. Robert Booth left on his return to Eugene this afternoon, having come down the road on his Cross Country. Mr. Booth stated that he and his son and Miss Saff had done two months during their trip.

L. H. Holbrook left for Portland today, where he will visit with relatives for some time.

STATE WORKERS IN INDUSTRIAL CLUB PROJECTS TO VISIT COUNTY

Miss Helen Cowgill, assistant state leader in the Industrial Club movement in the schools, will arrive here for a three weeks' campaign in Southern Douglas County early next week, according to word received by County School Superintendent O. C. Brown today. A similar visitation among the schools of northern Douglas County will be made by State Leader L. P. Harrington and Prof. Allen of the Oregon Agricultural College, a short time later.

Miss Cowgill has visited here frequently and has already done much to encourage and organize the Industrial Club activities in various parts of the county. Miss Cowgill will go to Canyonville, Riddle and Myrtle Creek on Monday; Ruckles, Green and Looking Glass on Tuesday, and to Smith, Dixonville and South Deer Creek schools on Wednesday. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings she will also probably speak in Roseburg. Miss Cowgill will be accompanied by School Supervisor G. W. Murphy, and also by Supt. Brown to some of the schools.

MEETING TO SETTLE PHONE STRIKE IS ON IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—Union heads and telephone company officials met with the United States mediation board for final consideration of terms and it is expected that they will settle the strike permanently. It is understood the wage question is the only unsettled issue. It is believed the company will recognize the operators' union.

Spokane Girls Strike.

SPOKANE, Nov. 21.—Demanding recognition and the discharge of non-union linemen and repairmen, the union telephone girls struck this morning.

An Enjoyable Show—

"When Dreams Come True," at the Arlien theater last night, was attended by a good sized audience. It is one of the best shows of the season, with good music and original comedy. Carry Glenn as "Matilda," and Harlan Briggs as "Hercules Strong," supplied fun that would be hard to surpass, and make anybody forget about the war and the many unpleasant things that occupy the public mind the greater part of the time nowadays. Their musical feature, "Love Is Such a Funny Little Feeling," was a mixture of music and comedy that must be rated among the best in that sort of combinations.

New Stenographer Employed—

Miss Ethel Patrick will tomorrow commence her duties as stenographer for Attorney R. L. Eddy. Miss Patrick succeeds Miss Lena Guest, who has been employed there for some time, but who has resigned on account of her health.

Cardwell Case Continued—

The case of Geo. Kohlhagen vs. W. W. Cardwell and wife, which was to have been tried yesterday, was later continued and was not withdrawn, as stated in a report of yesterday's proceedings in the Circuit Court. The case was ordered continued following a request to that purpose made by the defendant's attorneys.

FARRIN WAS CONVICTED.

PORTLAND, Nov. 21.—Attorney George N. Farrin was convicted on a Federal forgery charge in connection with cashing soldiers' checks sent as filing fees on Oregon & California grant lands. He was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment at McNeil's Island. He was at one time a candidate for the Republican nomination for attorney general.

REPORTS AWAITED.

Reports from many outside boards failing to appear, County Chairman T. R. Riddle of the local Y. M. C. A. drive, was unable to make out his complete records today. Complete returns from Riddle showed a total of $121.62, Canyonville, $5.50; Oakland, $2.50; Yoncalla, $126.70.

HAD CHICKEN POX.

Horton Aldrich, a pupil at the Oakland school, was found today to have chicken pox and was sent home. Dr. H. H. Shoemaker, the local health officer, was called and made an examination, but it is believed no danger will result.

HALT SUPPLIES GOING TO RUSSIA

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS FORBIDDEN FURTHER EXPORTS TO RUSSIA UNTIL THE CHAOTIC CONDITIONS THERE ARE CLEARED.

EMBARGO MAY BE PERMANENT

This is Certain if Bolsheviki Gain Control There — American Credits to Russia Now Total $191,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—No shipments of supplies will be permitted to go from the United States to Russia until the situation in that country clears. The American Government, before allowing the export of goods already on the docks wants to know into whose hands they will fall on their arrival.

If the Bolsheviki gain control and pursue their program, calling for a peace with Germany, the embargo will be permanent.

The provisional Russian government was given credits amounting in all to $325,000,000, of which $191,000,000 already has been advanced. Much of this money has been spent for supplies now awaiting shipment, and the Russians have been given vessels for its transport. Shipments will be held up by denial of bunker coal to the ships.

Thomas D. Jones, vice-president of the War Trade Board, called at the White House today and conferred with President Wilson. No statement was forthcoming, but it is believed the Russian situation was discussed.

Bolsheviki Are Condemned.

The State Department today had no additional dispatches from Ambassador Francis at Petrograd, but unofficial messages coming from Sweden were that General Kaledines, hetman of the Don Cossacks, who hold the master hand in Russia thru domination of the country's coal and bread supply in the Don Cossack region, was marching with an army on Varonez, 200 miles south of Moscow.

Passengers arriving at the Swedish frontier from Russia also reported that soldiers were parading the Petrograd streets bearing banners demanding a constitutional assembly of all Russia and declaring that the Bolsheviki regime was more tyrannical than that of Nicholas. The passengers believed the present revolutionary government must fall thru lack of support of the principal parties.

The only official dispatch reaching the State Department today from Russia announced that John F. Stevens, head of the American Railway Commission to Russia, had left Petrograd for Vladivostok in connection with his work of rehabilitating the Russian railway system.

Americans Leave Petrograd.

A dispatch from Tornea, dated yesterday, reports the arrival there of several Americans from Petrograd in advance of the large party being sent away by Ambassador Francis. Petrograd was said to be quiet, with theaters open and trains running.

C. B. Patrick, who has been in a San Francisco hospital for several weeks, is much improved and is expected home next week. Mrs. Patrick accompanies him.

FIGHT IS RAGING OVER LIFE OF THE DEFORMED BABY; MOTHER FALTERS

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—A fight rages about the cradle containing the misshapen and suffering little form of baby Hodzins out on North May street. And the battle hinges on the question of whether the child's mother will be allowed to administer slow and easy death to her offspring, according to the plans of Dr. Harry J. Haiselden, or whether the babe will be clutched back from the grave to a life of suffering.

"Mrs. Hodzins has received so many letters telling her she will be guilty of child murder if she follows my instructions," said Dr. Haiselden, "that she falters in her purpose.

"I had planned to bring the child to the German-American hospital today or tomorrow for the purpose of treating it there, probably operating on it, if the mother refused to carry out my treatment, but Mrs. Hodzins does not know whether she will allow this or not. The baby may be consigned to an indefinite life of suffering by the mistaken and ignorant views of those who have failed to keep step with the times."

Dr. Haiselden said today he had received hundreds of letters from persons suffering from incurable and painful maladies asking that he put them out of their misery.