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ALLIES ARE KEEPING GERMANS BUSY ON FIFTY MILE FRONT

One Mile of the New Hindenburg Front Has Been Captured—General Haig Is Advancing North and East of Vimy and Strikes Blow At Cambria.

PARIS STATEMENT TELLS OF SUCCESSES

General Haig's Report Indicates a New Center of Fighting North of Vimy—Desperation Stalks Behind the German Lines—Re-enforcements Are Needed—Prisoners Are Forced To Dig Trenches—German Chiefs Are Getting Men Wherever They Can.

New York, April 13.—(United Press)—The allied forces are keeping the Germans busy on a fifty mile front.

A mile of the Hindenburg line has been captured.

Official reports showed General Haig still advancing north and east of Vimy. He struck a sudden, vigorous blow at Cambria. General Nivelle resumed a heavy offensive movement north and south.

General Haig reported big advances. The Paris statement indicated initial successes.

General Haig's report indicated a new center of fighting a considerable distance north of Vimy, near Louis.

The combat is apparently between raiding parties, and may indicate an extension of the offensive movement.

Desperation stalks behind the German lines. Prisoners are forced to dig trenches. Reenforcements are needed.

British airmen sweep the sky clear of Germans.

Bavarian prisoners bitterly denounce the Germans.

German chiefs are scrapping all possible men together to oppose the Allies.

MAN IS FORCED TO SALUTE THE U. S. FLAG

Ben Kagel, was made to salute the American flag in front of the city building this morning.

Yesterday afternoon Kagel caused a disturbance on the streets by making insulting remarks about the flags and buttons worn by the passers-by. Asking them "why they wore the flag" and stating "that the Kaiser would be over here next summer and they wouldn't wear them then."

The chief of police lodged him in the city jail over night and the next morning he was brought out before the city building and shown the Stars and Stripes on the top of the building. When told to salute the flag he immediately waved his hat in the air and swore allegiance to the United States.

Kagel has not been in this country long and has just taken out his first naturalization papers. He was released this morning and left town.

The Weather. Portland, Ore., April 13.—(United Press)—The U. S. weather forecast: "Rain, warmer, southern winds."

La Grande Boys, Now Marines, Like Service For Uncle Sam

La Grande boys, now U. S. Marines have written home the following letter:

Marine Barracks, Mare Island, Vallejo, Cal., April 9, 1917.—(To Sergeant Chas. E. Rice)—Dear Sergeant:—In behalf of the two other boys who enlisted through you at La Grande, I am writing you as to how the conditions agree with us down here. The best thing that I can tell you is that you surely told us the truth about the service, and in fact we cannot say that you misrepresented things in any way.

The weather down here is fine and we are now able to take our "Swedish exercise" out doors. The "Swedish," although hard at times, is a wonderful thing to strengthen one's body, and I have never felt better in my life since taking two months of it. I am very glad that I enlisted in the Marines Corps. It is a "real outfit," not play soldiers. Owing to conditions at present the instructors are rushing us as fast as we can grasp it. Gunnery Sergeant Fritz is our section instructor and we all like him. Lieutenant

Floyd is our company commander and certainly is a dandy officer. I am acting corporal now and as there are lots of vacancies to be filled owing to the great increase in strength, I am quite sure I will be appointed corporal. The recruits have moved out of the tents in which they were quartered, and are now in the new modern barracks, and it is a swell place. The camp recently occupied by us is fenced with electric charged barbed wire and guarded.

We have a German captain, a 1st lieutenant and a few privates from one of the German ships, held here as prisoners, and expect a big bunch more at any time.

Well, Sergeant, I will close for this time and write more later. The other two fellows send their best regards and say they echo my sentiments. Hoping to hear from you in La Grande soon, we are,

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) CLARENCE J. LAMBERT, BENJAMIN C. GEKELER, HORACE E. PRICE.

Diamond Jim Brady Of New York Dead

Atlantic City, April 13.—(United Press)—James Buchanan Brady, New York's famous "diamond Jim," died today. Brady's "million dollar stomach" made for him by surgeons of the John Hopkins hospital was not proof against the illness which has been racking his frame the last year. He received the name of "Diamond Jim" because of his fondness for diamonds, even wearing a diamond-buttoned vest.

FEELERS PUT OUT BY ALLIES OF GERMANY

Austria and Bulgaria Have Put On Foot Peace Movement In Switzerland

Washington, Apr.—(United Press)—Austria and Bulgaria launched informal "peace feelers" in Switzerland, the United Press learned. Bulgaria admitted the reports were probably true.

American Aviator Is Called Home

Paris, April 13.—(United Press)—Lieut. Sweeney, an aviator, was made captain today and given an indefinite leave of absence, to serve America in it is officially announced. He will leave for United States at the earliest possible moment.

New Baby at Morrison Crossing.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Morrison of Morrison's Crossing are the proud parents of a fine baby boy that arrived last night. Since Mr. Morrison is quite a booster for the Harriman system, it has been suggested by the railroad boys that the boy be named Edward Harriman Morrison.

Baker Bugle Sounds.

Baker, Ore., April 13.—(United Press)—Each morning at 8 o'clock "to the colors" is sounded on Baker's main street and at 5:30 each evening "retreat." At those hours the flags are raised and lowered throughout the city.

RUMOR OF SUBMARINE IN THE PACIFIC

Navy Department Lacks Verification—German Raider Reported In South Atlantic

Washington, April 13.—(United Press)—Rumors of a submarine in the Pacific persist in spite of lack of official verification, the navy department announced.

A German raider in the South Atlantic is reported unofficially.

Stories Are Denied.

Havana, Cuba, April 13.—(United Press)—Cuban authorities denied reports that German submarines were on both sides of Cuba. The story of the sinking of a British windjammer off Cienfuegos was declared proofless. Stories that passengers on a steamer between Key West and Havana sighted a submarine were ridiculed.

The Wheat Market.

Portland, April 13.—(Special)—Chicago May wheat sold yesterday from \$2.08 1-2 to \$2.19 1-2; July \$1.80 to \$1.89 3-4. Cash wheat in Chicago sold as high as \$2.41. In Portland Club sold at \$1.86 and Bluestem \$1.90. Bluestem for immediate delivery brought \$1.95.

HONOR GUARD NOW HAS 150 MEMBERSHIP

Lobby of Y. M. C. A. Was Crowded to Capacity—Star Spangled Banner Sung

Very few towns the size of La Grande can claim as large a membership in the National Girls' Honor Guard as can La Grande. With last night's meeting the total enrollment of the local one hundred and fifty mark.

The lobby of the Y. M. C. A. was crowded to its utmost capacity last evening. It was estimated that over 175 people listened to the splendid lecture by Dr. R. E. L. Holt. In addition to the Girls' Honor Guard, there were a large number of the soldiers as well as members of the Y. M. C. A. The meeting was called to order by the Leader Miss Naomi Kirtley and opened with the singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner." The minutes were read by the secretary and the badges were given out by the treasurer, when the opportunity for signing the pledge during a short recess, scores of girls took advantage of this opportunity to sign their membership pledge and pay their yearly dues.

Reports were given by the chairman of several committees appointed at the last regular meeting. The following corporals were appointed by Miss Kirtley, the leader: Mary Group, Gladys Black, Ora Anderson, Elsa Newquist, Stella Desilet, Etta Huffman, Eileen Peare, Lena Robertson, Alice Spencer, Leah Swalberg, Gladys Taylor, Reba Williamson, Fredericka Schilke, Lorna Colledge and Jeanette Stoddard.

At their next meeting on Monday evening the Honor Girls will give a social to the soldier boys; a musical program has been prepared and refreshments will be served.

CONGRESS IS BUSY STUDYING MEASURES FOR PROSECUTING WAR

Spanish Cabinet Demands Indemnity

Madrid, April 13.—(United Press)—The Spanish cabinet approved the note to Germany demanding indemnity for subsidizing the steamer San Fulgencia.

AUSTRIA IS TO SUPPORT HER GERMAN ALLY

People of Brazil Demand War With Germany With Undiminished Force

Rio de Janeiro, April 13.—(United Press)—The Austrian Minister has formally requested his passports, stating his government's intentions of supporting their ally Germany in the Brazilian break.

The people's demand for war with Germany is undiminished. Disorders are reported in several cities because of the government delay in declaring war.

Sister Sues State Treasurer T. B. Kay

Salem, April 13.—(United Press)—State Treasurer Thomas B. Kay was sued by his sister, Mrs. Fannie Kay Bishop, for an accounting of income from her father's estate, valued at forty thousand dollars from nineteen hundred to nineteen fifteen. The action is the outgrowth of long standing family differences.

Militiaman Is Shot From Ambush

San Francisco, April 13.—(United Press)—While guarding a railroad tunnel in the Sierras, Private Murphy, a California militiaman, was shot from ambush according to a message received by the Western Pacific.

Employees To Be Mobilized.

Tacoma, Wash., April 13.—(United Press)—Mobilization of 700 city employees into a home guard that will be thoroughly schooled in every phase of military training has been ordered by Mayor A. V. Fawcett.

Chairman Adamson Introduces Bill, Approved by the President, Giving Him Power To Take Over Operations of All Railroads, Telegraph and Telephone Lines.

EMPLOYEES MAY ALL BE DRAFTED

Heavy Penalty Is Named for Interference With U. S. Mails and Interstate Commerce—House Is Considering \$7,000,000,000 Bond Bill—Distillers Propose Voluntary Restriction of Liquor Manufacture During the War—German-Austrian Ships To Be Used.

Washington, April 13.—(United Press)—Congress is studying war measures.

Chairman Adamson, of the House Interstate Commerce committee, introduced a bill giving the President power to seize all railroads, telegraphs and telephone companies in time of war, and to draft employees of these companies for military service.

The President approved the bill.

The measure enlarged Interstate Commerce Commission to eleven.

A heavy penalty is named for interference with the United States mails and interstate commerce.

The House is considering the day discussing the seven billion dollar bond bill.

It is expected to pass tomorrow.

The debate was continued.

A committee of the House proposed voluntary restriction of liquor manufacture during the war.

Plans have been proposed to make the seizure of German and Austrian ships part of the American Maritime program.

This was done at a conference of Secretary of War and Chairman of the Federal Reserve.

The President's proclamation of offensive areas on the west coast. Shipments to these areas excepted.

after identification of British ships. A British ship was seen detoured rapidly to America.



Baker Girls' Glee Club, Which Will Appear at The High School Tonight

BRITISH SHIPS SUBMARINED 22 LIVES LOST

(United Press) ship Gloucester, unwarmed. The hospital and sank, so the