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ALLIES OPEN FOURTH YEAR OF WAR ON OFFENSIVE

FRENCH AND BRITISH ATTACK ON TWO FRONTS

Both Armies Sweep Forward To Their Objectives Fiercely--First Man Over The Top At 3 50 a.m.--French Repulse German Counter Attack.

BRITISH MAKE CONCERTED MASS ATTACK.

London, July 31.—(United Press)—England and France signalled the beginning of the fourth year of the war with a joint offensive on the two fronts, sweeping forward successfully to their first objectives.

In Flanders beyond the Messines-Wytschete Ridge the British, assisted by the French on the left brought to a climax the vast artillery preparation of the past week by a concerted mass attack.

On the Chemin Des Dames Paris reported a sudden offensive in the Chevrengy sector, smashing ahead to German positions on a front over a mile wide. General Haig didn't mention the exact extent of the British-French offensive, but gave the lower-most point as north of the River Lys.

Front dispatches indicated fighting is continuing fiercely today. The first man went over the top at three-fifty this morning.

The French repulsed a German counter attack.

RUSSIA SEEMS TO BE TAKING THE INITIATIVE.

London, July 31.—(United Press)—Russia seems to be recovering from the effect of the German spy system. Front dispatches showed the Russians, in some sectors on the northeastern front and Kerensky's troops assumed the initiative bitterly pressing the battle.

PREMIER RIBOT BRANDS CHARGE AS FALSE

DENIES THAT FRANCE AND RUSSIA HAVE MADE SECRET TREATIES

Paris, July 31.—(United Press)—Speaking before the Chamber of Deputies, Premier Ribot branded the German Chancellor Michaelis, as a falsifier in his claims that secret treaties between France and Russia have been made looking to conquest.

PORTLAND MARKET LETTER

July 30.

The run of livestock at the Portland Union Stock Yards for the week's opening was lighter in the cattle and hog pens with a slight increase in the sheep sheds, in comparison with the offering of the previous week, and the general market conditions were very satisfactory.

Cattle.

Of the 600 cattle submitted, a large proportion were well-bred Shorthorn and Hereford animals, carrying a fair kill. There were very few "finished" cattle, but the bulk were "good". Buyers from all along the coast competed for selections from the herd and the market took a strong turn with a rise of 25c to 35c in all lines, except first quality steers, which remained about steady. The following quotations are made from the sales of the morning:

Best beef steers \$8.50@9.00; good beef steers 7.35@8.00; best beef cows 5.75@6.75; ordinary to good cows 4.00@5.75; best heifers 5.75@6.75; bulls 4.50@6.00; calves 8.50@9.25; stocker & feeder steers 4.50@7.25.

Hogs.

More than 800 hogs found their way to a steady market at last week's prices. The feature of the day was a 15.65 top, by a car load of hogs from La Grande, Oregon, shipped by Tom Johnson. This should not be taken as representing market conditions, because the load carried exceptionally heavy kill, and were a good buy at the advanced price. General conditions warrant the following quotations.

Prime light 15.00@15.60; prime heavy 15.40@15.50; pigs 13.00@14.10; bulk 15.50.

Sheep.

There have been some choice herds passing through the yards at contract prices somewhat above the prices

BRITISH MAKE ADVANCE OF HALF A MILE

DISPATCHES FROM FRONT TELL OF ARRIVAL OF TROOPS AT LABASVILLE

London, July 31.—(United Press)—United Press front dispatches reported the British at Labasville, indicating a British advance of at least half a mile. All counter attacks were repulsed. This afternoon the victorious troops were consolidating their gains.

Reception to Union Boys

King City Camp, W. O. W., of Union, Monday evening of this week, tendered a reception to those of Union's enlisted men who had not already gone away, and the Women of Woodcraft took part in the fare-well also. Addresses were made by M. F. Davis and L. A. Wright and others, refreshments were served, and there was a most enjoyable social season. Those enlisted men present were Adolph and Gussie Lewin, Art Devore, Cameron Callihan and Earl Jones. These young men left for La Grande Tuesday afternoon to join the other members of the Hospital Corps. The best wishes of many friends go with them.—Union Republican.

LIEUTENANTS APPOINTED FOR HOSPITAL UNIT

Adjutant General White has announced the following appointments to the hospital unit:

First Lieutenant—Carl S. Moore, Medical Corps.

First Lieutenant—James D. Plamondon.

Germs in Court Plaster

Washington, July 31.—(Special)—The department of justice chemical analysis has found court plaster believed to have been distributed by German sympathizers contain tetanus germs. The attorney general has warned the public to use only plaster from reliable sources.

quoted, but these sheep were not handled in the open market, and cannot be used in balancing the market. The current prices are:

Western lambs 11.50@12.00; valley lambs 10.50@11.00; yearlings 8.50@9.00; wethers 8.00@8.50; ewes 3.50@6.50

ANARCHISTS TRIED WRECK ROOT'S TRAIN

AMERICAN MISSION TO RUSSIA HAD A NARROW ESCAPE

BRIDGES AHEAD OF TRAIN WERE BURNED

Travelers Arriving At Tokio Bring Report—Root's Train Delayed Thirty Hours—Storehouses and Trains Set on Fire at Vistka Station As Root Passed By.

Tokio, July 31.—(United Press)—Anarchists attempted to wreck and burn the train carrying the American mission to Russia, according to travelers arriving here.

Bridges ahead of Root's train were fired.

The train stopped before it reached the burning structure and was delayed thirty hours.

Storehouses and trains were fired at Vistka Station as Root passed.

The American's train narrowly escaped.

JUDGE KNOWLES' DECISION UPHELD

Salem, July 31.—(Special)—The Supreme Court affirmed Judge Knowles' decision in the Replevin action of J. D. Halsey against J. D. Simmons, et al; appealed from Wallowa County.

J. G. Holm, of Hug's Grocery, has returned from Wallowa Lake. He reports fishing good and had a fine outing.

ENGLAND'S PART IN THE GREAT WORLD WAR

By ED. L. KEEN
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
London, July 31.—Britain's part in the past three years of war may be tried in three words:

Procrastination; Preparation; Progress.

In the first year, besides doing very many things she should not have done, she left undone most of the things she should have done.

It was not until the second year was well under way that the people of Britain woke up, having finally sensed that it was a man's-size war, they began to prepare—almost too late, but with a thoroughness that went far to overcome the effects of their former dilatoriness.

With her industries at last organized on a world-war basis. Britain started supplying her troops with proper quantities of the right sort of guns and shells, the lack of which had already caused near-disaster on the Western front. It took her nearly two years to learn that the voluntary system of recruiting was a failure, and then she adopted conscription. With characteristic lack of imagination she took no thought of the economic tomorrow. Unappreciating the possibilities of German frightfulness she failed to conserve and rebuild her food and shipping resources—until again it was almost too late.

Most of Britain's sins of omission and commission in this war are traceable to the fact that she first tried to run it with the governmental machinery of peace. The lawyer-politicians composing her cabinet, who for some years had been very successfully conducting a peace-time government proved unequal to the very different task of war. Believing their troubles lay in the party-government system, they next tried the coalition scheme—a heterogeneous cabinet of twenty-three members, also mostly lawyer-politicians. That was even worse, as was later effectively demonstrated in the revelations of the Dardanelles Commission. Most of the blunders and shortcomings of the coalition cabinet were due to its cumbersome nature, its inability to reach decisions promptly and to execute them without delay, and its consequent failure to take speedy advantage of changing conditions.

Having proven the unadaptability

SENATE IS WORKING TO RAISE REVENUE

TWO PER CENT SUR-TAX ON CORPORATIONS IS ADDED TO BILL

INCOME TAXES OVER \$15,000 TO BE INCREASED

Tax On Distilled Spirits Is Raised One Dollar a Gallon—Beer Fifty Cents a Barrel—Increases Will Yield \$273,000,000 Needed To Bring War Revenue Bill Up To One Billion Nine Hundred and Forty-Three Million.

Washington, July 31.—(United Press)—A two per cent sur-tax on corporations, an increase in taxes on incomes over fifteen thousand dollars, an increase of one dollar a gallon on distilled spirits, an increase of fifty cents a barrel on beer, were agreed upon by the Senate Finance Committee as amendments to the war revenue bill.

From the sur-tax on corporation incomes the committee hopes to raise one hundred and sixty-two million dollars.

The boost on taxes on individual incomes above fifteen thousand is expected to yield from twenty-five million to thirty-six million.

The liquor tax increase, making a total tax of three dollars and twenty cents a gallon, is expected to yield ninety million.

The beer tax increase will raise twenty-five million.

The wine tax will be increased.

These increases have been adopted to make up the additional two hundred and seventy-three million dollars to bring the committee's original bill to one billion nine hundred and forty-three million.

to war of the one-party government and the all-party government, there was only one thing left for Britain to try—the one-man government.

So far it has worked well. Nominally, of course, Britain is still governed by a ministry, of about the same size as its forerunner, with an Inner Council, or War Cabinet, of five members, on which the Liberal, Conservative, and Labor parties are represented—but Lloyd George is really the government. If Parliament has become a mere debating society, as some of its members grumblingly charge, that is simply because Parliament as a whole, as well as the British people, have confidence in Lloyd George's ability as general war manager for the Empire.

Thus clothed with more authority than even the President of the United States possesses, and with a genius for accomplishing things that was so badly lacking in his predecessor as Prime Minister, Lloyd George has succeeded in getting Britain into the war with the sort of energy and enthusiasm and industry that she should have displayed from the start. Moreover by reason of his sympathetic understanding and personal magnetism, he has composed in recent months the labor disputes that for a time were a most menacing factor in the conduct of the war. Finally, through the exercise of plain common-sense, which nobody apparently ever thought of applying to the question before, he is solving the Irish situation by the simple expedient of letting the Britons settle their own troubles.

Militarily the one feature of the year 1916-17 is that Britain has gained the initiative. For the first time since the war began Germany is entirely on the defensive. The mere matter of reclaiming some 600 square miles on the Western front doesn't mean much geographically, but it speaks tremendously for the increased support given the army by the folks at home, aside from the improved qualities of generalship at the front.

Thanks to the preponderating and ever increasing flow of munitions, Haig is now able to impose his will on Hindenburg whenever and wherever he likes, despite the fact that so far as men power is concerned the

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AMERICA WILL TURN TIDE OF THE WAR

Our Great Reservoir Of Men, Money And Materials Will Constitute Our Vast Bit--Our Reserve Strength Will Be The Decisive Factor.

NATION MUST FORGE ON TO VICTORY SAYS BAKER

SEVERAL KILLED IN EAST BY THE HOT WAVE

SCORES OF PROSTRATIONS AND SEVERAL DEATHS ARE REPORTED IN NEW YORK

New York, July 31.—(United Press)—With scores of prostrations and several deaths reported the heat wave grew worse today.

Thirty-three prostrations are reported in New York alone the last two days.

The temperature was ninety-two at noon today.

ENGLAND'S LOSSES FOR THE MONTH

TOTAL CASUALTIES ARE 71,800, OVER 15,000 WERE KILLED

London, July 31.—(United Press)—England lost seventy-one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine killed wounded and missing in her armies according to the month's casualty list; fifteen thousand five hundred and forty-nine killed; fifty-three thousand four hundred and forty-five wounded, two thousand eight hundred and ninety-five missing.

SECOND CLASS TO BE CALLED IN AUGUST

EXAMINATION OF FIRST DRAFT IS COMPLETED SECOND TO BE CALLED

Washington, July 31.—(United Press)—A second class of seven hundred and fifty-five thousand seven hundred men will be called for examination early in August, it is announced.

Seven days after the examination of the first draft is completed, the second will begin.

MAJOR GRAHAM MAKES APPOINTMENTS

Major Graham has made the following appointments in the Hospital unit:

Sergeants, first class—Elmer M. McManus, Jess Edwards, William C. Kelly.

Sergeants—Chas. R. Harding, Ralph W. Russell, Roy R. Rice, Roy B. Currey, Ben V. Bassett, Jerome Foley.

The Weather.
Portland, July 31.—(United Press)—The U. S. weather forecast: "Fair".

Miss Myrtle Bunker, of West's store, left Saturday night to visit friends in Portland.

Washington, July 31.—(United Press)—America's great reservoir of men, money and materials, will turn the tide of the war.

The fourth year of the struggle will find her doing a vast bit, in overturning the Autocracy and ultimately her reserve strength will win.

This message was received from responsible officials, backing the declarations of President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, that the nation must forge on to victory and "without us the war must end in a miserable peace."

"Beginning the fourth year the war finds the United States doing noble work toward victory," said Secretary Baker.

"We are engaged in a tremendous task but already much has been done. We feel confident that by united work and spirit, we shall triumph."

W. C. Sawyer, of La Grande, was registered at the Hotel St. George yesterday.

STREET CAR MEN WILL GO BACK TO THEIR JOBS

SEATTLE AND TACOMA STRIKE IS ENDED THREE ARBITRATORS TO ACT

Seattle, July 31.—(United Press)—The Seattle and Tacoma street car strike was virtually ended at the conference of the Carmen's General Strike Committee and President Leonard, of the Puget Sound Traction, Light and Power company. It is authoritatively known Leonard accepted the strikers' suggestion that the men return to work without loss of seniority and hours; working conditions to be left with a board of three arbitrators.

WASHINGTON BANK IS ROBBED OF \$7,000

Spokane, July 31.—(United Press)—A bank at Medical Lake, Wash. was robbed this afternoon of seven thousand dollars. The robbers made their escape. A posse of deputy sheriffs rushed from Spokane by auto.

COMPANY FUNDS ARE FOR ITS USE. NEED NOT BE RETURNED TO STATE

Salem, Or. July 31.—(Special)—On query of Adjutant General White into the Oregon National Guard as to whether or not it is legal for a company commander to retain the unexpended portion of the company fund furnished out of the treasury of the state for military expenses, which unexpended portion is to be expended after the guard goes into the federal service, Attorney General Brown held that it is the intention of the law that the company fund shall become a part of the organization to which it is given and is not to be returned to the treasury of the state but is to be expended for military purposes.

Laws of the state provide the sum of \$600 a year for infantry companies and \$700 a year for cavalry and artillery companies as a company fund, which is to be expended for military purposes. There was some question as to whether or not the money followed the company after it went into federal service or whether it had to be returned to the state.

T. C. Lambert, of La Grande, was registered at the Hotel Pendleton, yesterday.