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ALLIES DRIVING WEDGE THROUGH GERMAN LINES

SECRETARY BAKER'S REPORT
STATES GERMANS CHANGE
OF TACTICS.

FLANDERS OFFENSIVE STILL SUCCESSFUL

Methodical Advance Made Possible by
Efficient Co-operation Between Ar-
tillery and Infantry.

(By United Press.)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 17.—The allies are successfully driving a wedge into the German lines which may permit a flanking move instead of continuous frontal attacks, declared Secretary of War Baker's weekly war summary. The Germans were forced to change their defense tactics because of the British typhoon of fire. The Germans were much concerned because the present fighting on the Flanders front is practically revolutionary. The summary declared that the allied Flanders offensive is continuing methodically and assigned objectives are being attained with increasing regularity, indicating efficient co-operation of artillery preparation and infantry attacks. Allied casualties are low because of the highly developed barrage fire.

GERMAN SUSPECTED OF CAUSING KANSAS FIRE.

(United Press.)

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 17.—The police today arrested a German, formerly a stockyard employee, in connection with the alleged incendiary fire yesterday. His name is not announced. Fire Warden Martin formally reported the stockyard fire as incendiary.

GERMANS SUCCESSFUL ON OESSEL ISLAND.

London, Oct. 17.—It is reported that Hindenburg is personally directing the German operations on Oessel Island. German activities there are increasingly successful. A Berlin statement declared that the German navy encountered a Russian fleet and compelled them to retire. Eleven hundred Russians were made prisoners yesterday.

AMERICAN ESCAPES FROM GERMAN CAMP.

(United Press.)

Stockholm, Oct. 17.—Charles Smith, of Norwalk, Conn., the first American escaping from a German prison camp housing prisoners taken by the German raider Moewe, reached Stockholm after six waterless days concealed in the hold of a ship from Kiel.

SWEET TOOTH NEARLY CAUSES JACKSON TROUBLE

Portland, Ore., Oct. 17.—When Harry Jackson, who has a sweet tooth, wanted some candy he ordered a box from a dozen different confectionery stores, asking that the candy be put on the back porch of H. A. Politz. He says he had a fine time eating it, but when Politz secured a small bale of bills from candy stores, the police were called. Jackson paid for his candy and was not prosecuted.

U. S. NATIONAL TO SELL BONDS AT \$1 A WEEK

The people of La Grande no longer have any excuse for not buying a Liberty Bond. The United States National Bank has offered to sell to anyone a \$50 Liberty Bond at \$1 down and \$1 a week. The purchaser of the bond pays no interest but receives, from the moment he pays the first dollar, 4 per cent interest on his investment.

In other words, the United States National Bank buys the bond, pays the interest, and lets you have it at \$1 down and \$1 a week so that in less than a year the bond is yours, fully paid for. The offer takes effect immediately.

Moose To Hold Big Pleasurefest Tonight

Come one, come all—
Moose Free Mammoth attraction—
Eagle's Hall tonight—
It will be good—say the Moose—
There will be—
A boxing match—
And a wrestling match—
And a something called—
A Terpsichorean Treat which—
When reduced to English—
Means dancing by Little Gertrude—
And there will be—
A Wrestling match by—
Jack O'Neil and John Berg—
And a blackface minstrel—
And many other—
Features and—
All Free for Nothing and—
You are all invited and—
Urged to be there at—
8:30 at the—
Eagles Hall.

Watson Funeral To Be Held Tomorrow

The funeral of Hiram A. Watson, who died October 15, will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Bohnenkamp Chapel at 2 o'clock. Mr. Watson leaves besides his wife, four daughters and four sons, namely: Rebecca Watson, a Red Cross nurse, at Baltimore; Mrs. Hattie Briggs, of Perry; Mrs. E. Tenpert, of Rexburg, Idaho; Mrs. Libby Tamsworth, of Ashton, Idaho; Ira, Cyril and Cyrus Watson, all of Rexburg, and Irving Watson, of La Grande. Interment will be made in the L. D. S. cemetery.

MANY KILLED IN GERMAN AIR RAID.

(United Press.)

Paris, Oct. 17.—Numerous civilians were killed when the Germans air-raided Nancy last night, it is officially stated. The French retaliated by bombing half a dozen important German military establishments.

SOCIALISTS ASK REMOVAL OF MICHAELIS

GERMAN NEWSPAPERS SAY OP-
POSITION STRONG AGAINST
CHANCELLOR.

(United Press.)

Amsterdam, Oct. 17.—German newspapers declare that the Socialists will vote solidly against the ten billion marks war credit at the next Reichstag session unless Michaelis resigns. The Socialists decided to fight for the removal of Michaelis at the congress of the majority of Socialists at Wutzburg, Bavaria.

U. OF O. WILL ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT OF STATE COMMERCE

University of Oregon, Eugene, Or., Oct. 17.—The School of Commerce, of the University of Oregon, again has made arrangements to supply Oregon people with information intended to assist in the development of the state's commercial and industrial interests.

This service now has been supplied to the business men of the state for the last two or three years, and has proved exceptionally helpful, especially to manufacturers and exporters who are endeavoring to reach into foreign markets. The School of Commerce is in close co-operation with the Federal Department of Commerce and with various other agencies that maintain connection in foreign countries. The Industrial and Commercial service department of the School of Commerce this year is in charge of Shad O. Krantz, who for 7 years before coming to the university was reporter on financial and industrial subjects for The Oregonian, and expects to use his newspaper experience to the advantage of that department. Anyone who is interested in this service can secure the bulletins issued regularly by the Industrial and Commercial Service Department, or special information on any subject, by addressing the School of Commerce, University of Oregon, Eugene.

GERMANS PLAN TO FLOOD LAND BEFORE BRITISH

RUSH CONSTRUCTION OF DAM
DESIGNED TO HOLD THE
WATER ON GROUND.

HOPE TO CHECK ENGLISH ADVANCE

Prisoners Say Plans Are Laid to Re-
treat Five Miles to Prepared Posi-
tions.

By WILLIAM PHILLIP SIMMS.

British Headquarters, Oct. 17.—While the British advance, the Germans are rushing the construction of a dam two miles above Nieport which will flood the ground beyond the Passchendaele Ridge. The Teutons hope the flood will stop the advance. German officers, prisoners said that plans laid are so the Germans can retreat five miles to prepared positions. The Germans are plainly rattled.

HAIG PREPARING FOR FLANDERS DRIVE, BELIEF

(United Press.)

London, Oct. 17.—Clearing weather and the resumption of heavy British artillery has caused the belief that Haig is preparing another Flanders drive. Haig reported that extraordinary aerial attacks are raiding actively.

RUSSIA THINKS PEACE OFFERS HYPOCRITICAL.

(United Press.)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 17.—Russia considers the Kaiser's peace offers as hypocritical, enigmatic and even contrary to the Reichstag's resolution. Foreign Minister Terechenko cabled the Russian embassy today.

MUNITIONS MAKERS TRY TO AVOID TAXATION.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 17.—The Treasury Department disclosed today alleged attempts of munitions manufacturers to evade the \$17,000,000 taxes. The Government is forcing the manufacturers to pay up.

ENDEAVOR TO SCARE BANKS AIDING BONDS

GERMANS TRY TO INTIMIDATE
INSTITUTIONS HELPING
LIBERTY LOAN

GERMAN ELEMENT ASKED FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS

Treasury Department Launches Drive
for Alien Subscriptions; German
Farmers Buying Liberty Bonds.

(By United Press.)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 17.—Germans are endeavoring to intimidate the banks aiding the Liberty Loan, according to the Treasury Department reports. Simultaneously the Department launched a direct drive for subscriptions from the German element. Minneapolis reported that the German-born farmers are buying bonds. The Treasury Department stated that the situation is critical. Only the hardest kind of work can bring success, it is stated.

COMMISSION RE-ADJUSTS LUMBER RATES

(United Press.)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 17.—The Interstate Commerce Commission dismissed the complaint of the Western Pine Manufacturers' Association and other lumber dealers to make readjustments in lumber rates from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, to Middle Western destinations.

DECISION ON COAL MINERS' DEMANDS SOON.

(United Press.)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 17.—Fuel Administrator Garfield promised a decision in the coal miners' wage demands soon, after refusing to be intimidated by threats of a nationwide bituminous strike.

WHITE STAR LINERS ARE SUBMARINED.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 17.—The White Star line announced today the submerging of steamer Bostonian and Memphian.

School Children Will Have Food Campaign

County School Superintendent Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe has inaugurated a food conservation campaign among the school children of Union County. The idea of the campaign is to impress upon the children the necessity of conserving the Nation's food supply and thus take a part in winning the war.

Mrs. Ivanhoe is in communication with all the teachers of the county and hopes to bring the children to understand the necessity of the action.

Mrs. Ivanhoe is assisted in the work by A. C. Hampton, city superintendent of schools, Paul Spillman, county agricultural agent, May Murphy, O. A. C. extension worker and U. G. Couch, county assessor.

The campaign ends November 4.

Berg Takes Match From Gunderson

John Berg won his match against Fred Gunderson, at Elgin last night in the best match ever seen on a local stage. The men agreed to wrestle a two-hour limit match and at the end of that time both men were working hard for a fall when time was called.

Berg was declared winner by Referee Noregaard as he had taken a fall in an hour and five minutes while Gunderson had not secured any falls.

It was a fast exhibition of wrestling with Berg on the aggressive from the call of time and many good holds were employed and broken up to the end of an hour of fast work when Berg pinned his big opponent to the mat with a half nelson and hammer lock. The 55 minutes left was full of thrills and sensations but neither man seemed able to score a fall. A good crowd saw the match. Mr. Lee Tuttle of the Recorder promoted the bout and deserves considerable credit for arranging so good a card.

BOISE BARBER SHAVES HIMSELF AN AUTOMOBILE

Boise, Idaho, Oct. 17.—E. O. Paulson, barber, is a happy man today. He "bought" an automobile from John Archabal, prominent sheepman. In return Paulson agreed to "perform all tonorial duties" for Archabal and his family for a period of ten years. Mere money was not involved in the deal.

SHEPHERD PONIES FOR BEST WAR ESSAYS

Portland, Ore., Oct. 17.—To stimulate the interest of Oregon school children in the Hoover food conservation movement, W. B. Ayer said that three high-bred Shetland ponies from the Tillamook county ranch of Russell Hawkins, would be offered as prizes for the best war essays by school children. Public school pupils are grouped according to age and a pony will be offered as first prize in each division. Hawkins donated the ponies.

"HUMDRUM" LIFE OF AVIATOR IS FAR FROM DULL

NINETEEN YEAR OLD YOUTH
GIVES DESCRIPTION OF
"DULL" DAY.

BOY WOUNDED IN BATTLE WITH HUN

Tells of Fighting High in Air Against
German Air Men; Like Fairy
Tale.

London, Sept. 27.—(By Mail.)—The everyday humdrum life of the boy air-fighters on the western front reads like a page torn from a book of fairy tales. Here is a story of one of the dull days as told by a rosy-faced youth of nineteen. "I was back in 'Blighy' recovering from a machine-gun wound.

"What, you want to write a story about how I got this?" He laughed in embarrassment. "It was just an ordinary day—no story in it—Americans wouldn't care to hear it.

"This particular Hun had got old Regan—sent him down blazing. So we were after him. He usually came snooping over our way 'bout sunup. Poor old Regan. His only fault was that he adopted stray dogs.

"Anyway, this Hun bird came sailing over impudently other morning about five. I skipped out to the aerodrome. All the boys yelling good lucks to me. After that nothing but the roar of the engine.

"There were a few chunks of white cloud—bully for ambushes—if the other fellow doesn't do the ambushing.

"Once before this bird had caught me with nothing to feed Lizzie, my domesticated machinegun, and jolly well chased me right down to our backdoor.

"Before I got up much I was getting 130 out of her—old engine singing like a cricket. I went up 10,000 feet keeping an eye peeled for Fritz. He was sitting under a cloud somewhere evidently. While I was nosing around the corners of the clouds caught sight of a shadow on a cloud-bank below. It was my meat.

"You bet I took a quick look at my fixtures, got a trayful of food ready for Liz, hummed the 'Invitation to the Waltz' and began to slide a bit. But I fell clean into a pocket, did a slide-slip. While I was getting her straightened out, Fritz saw me and started up to get over me. He flew better'n I did, had more parlor tricks, but I'd got the best machine. He knew it."

The boy leaned forward and his eyes sparkled with the memory.

"You know what that son-of-a-gun did—he'd lared me over their Archos. First thing I knew a puff of shrapnel let off below me, then one above, then one off my port side. I turned her nose up and got out of their reach. Meantime I'd lost sight of my Fritz. "Then I got an idea. I began to wobble around like I was hit. Began to fly like lame ducks was Eagles compared with me. And it worked. He barged right out of a nearby cloud and opened up on me. I swung over him—two struts and a landing wire cut clean off. I whirled—and let Lizzie sing her favorite hymn to him. He swerved and began to settle. Then his machine caught fire and began to whirl like a falling leaf.

"Only then I felt my arm stinging and a funny feeling across my back. He'd got me with his first beltful.

"I turned back toward home. 'Bout twenty feet from the ground I lost control—probably fainted—and ruined our flower patch. Had bullet in arm, skin wound across the back and sprained leg in the bungled landing. That's what sent me over here.

"But let me tell you old man—and put it in the paper—I wasn't fighting that particular Fritz, it was the whole outfit of skunks that bomb defenseless cities and kill women and children.

"Now let me buy you a drink for boring you."

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE OPENS AT PORT TOWNSEND

Port Townsend, Wash., Oct. 17.—A joint institute of teachers of Clallam and Jefferson counties opened here today for a three-day session. Miss Josephine Corless Preston, state superintendent of public instruction, will deliver the principal address.

IOWA GOES WET BY A SMALL MAJORITY.

Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 17.—Iowa voted wet by a majority of 2000, according to practically complete returns today.



Cartoon by Seed, Courtesy of Oregon Journal