

HAIG VICTORY IS GREATEST SINCE MARNE

Thousands Of Germans Captured

WAR PRECEDENTS BROKEN

BRITISH SMASH HINDENBURG LINE OVER WIDE FRONT; GAIN FOUR MILES.

BRITISH ATTACK PARALYSES GERMANS

First and Second Lines of Defense Are Captured—Cambria Is Objective.

(United Press.)
LONDON, Nov. 21.—Haig has broken the Hindenburg line over a very wide front of at least a score of miles. The British passed through the German lines to a depth of between four and five miles. Thousands of Germans were made prisoners and a great number of guns captured.

Although Haig did not definitely specify the location of the great blow it is indicated that the British attack was aimed toward Cambria, the key city of the German communication system.

The British probably are now within sight of this city. The sudden British attack utterly paralyzed the Germans, the Arras-St. Quentin sector being quiet since early in the summer. Haig reported that after smashing the first line of defenses the British captured the second line, more than a mile beyond. The great victory is believed to be the most important since the Marne battle.

The British captured the Welsh ridge, Centillet wood, Flesquières, Havrincourt, Marconin, Neuf Wood, Boinaires, Lateau Wood and Fontaine Les Croisilles.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, Nov. 21.—The great British drive broke all war precedents. No other battle like this is recorded in history. Only Troy's wooden horse offers a comparison.

After letting the Germans think that every bit of the British strength was concentrated along the Passchendaele Ridge, the British suddenly attacked while the Germans slept in their dugouts.

The British did not use the usual artillery preparation. A great number of tanks advanced with the infantry following. The Germans fled from the dug-outs sleepily and surrendered in surprise.

BERLIN, Nov. 21.—The British gained some ground in the Arras sector, it is stated today. Our reserves stopped the British at the rear positions. Some villages, including Graincourt and Marconin, were lost.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—Front dispatches late today estimate that Haig captured 5000 Germans yesterday.

CONCERT VIOLINIST CURRIES ARMY MULES

(United Press.)
HOUSTON, Tex., Nov. 20.—From concert platform to currying horses. From the chair of the violin in the Peoria, Ill., Conservatory of Music, and engagements at \$500 a night, to a camp stool, khaki and \$30 a month as a private in Headquarters Troop of the Thirty-third division of the United States army.

That is the remarkable metamorphosis of Sol Cohen, 28, pupil of Jene V. Hubay, formerly first violinist in the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and society pet and musical lion of Chicago and Peoria.

Four times Cohen volunteered, but was rejected as being physically unfit. He set to work to build up his physical condition, and on the fifth application was accepted.

Because he "loves America better than his violin," Sol Cohen curries army horses or walks a guard post at \$30 a month "and found."

"I believe I'll make a good soldier," he said today.

"Of course, I shall play for the boys here—and in the trenches over there. I'll be happy if I make their days of war less arduous."

O. Lamb is a business visitor in town today from Union.

RED CROSS BAZAAR TO BE BIG AFFAIR

CHIMARITIS WILL START WITH HOOVER DINNER.

Stanfield Gives Prize Sheep to Be Auctioned Off On First Evening.

The Red Cross benefit, the Chimaritis, opens Tuesday night, Nov. 27, at 6:15 o'clock. At that time a big Hoover dinner will be served at the Eagles' hall. Following the dinner will come the parade which will traverse the Main streets and end at the hall just before the big auction and bazaar begins.

The auction and bazaar is designed primarily for the purpose of raising funds for Red Cross work. Everything is to be donated, music, articles to be auctioned, food and labor.

The first donor to the cause is Jerald Stanfield of the Stanfield Brothers sheep company, who has given a full blooded prize sheep to be auctioned off the first evening.

Many women are making cakes and other eatables for sale. There will be fish ponds, grab boxes, paddle wheels and other amusements, and after all is over each evening the floor will be cleared and dancing will begin at fifty rates.

The committee in charge urge that everyone give some article from a trundle to will be added to the cause.

Donations will be received at the headquarters in the new Foley building, The headquarters phone is Main 754. Solicitors for the city districts are Mrs. Ray Murphy, Mrs. R. J. Greene, Mrs. Linn Bohnenkamp, Mrs. Harry Zurbrick, Mrs. Omer, Mrs. Bull, Mrs. Omer, Mrs. Pague, Mrs. Chase Bohnenkamp, Mrs. Norman Press, Mrs. Gump, Mrs. Edna Foley, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Hill Templeton, Mrs. Doan, Mrs. Stiles, Mrs. C. G. Gagneau, Mrs. H. L. Lyons, Mrs. F. E. R. R.

Articles received by solicitors or delivered by donors to be stored at headquarters until date of auction. All articles should be tagged, giving name of donor. The complete list of articles given will be published in The Observer each day.

Big Yeoman Meeting Held; Class Initiated

A meeting of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen was held in the Eagle hall Tuesday evening, November 20, at which fifty-four applications were presented and adopted into the Homestead. J. D. Voce, district manager, has been working in the interest of the Yeomen in La Grande for the past four weeks.

After the adoption of candidates, the following officers were elected and installed: E. F. Buck, foreman; W. L. Campbell, M. C.; Charles McCorkle, correspondent; J. E. Birdsell, M. A.; Margaret Buck, chaplain; Merl Birdsell, overseer; Mrs. T. J. Robertson, Lady Rowena; Mrs. J. R. Patton, Lady Rebecca; Ben Eberhart, watchman; Albert Carpenter, sentinel; Allan Porter, guard; Ralph McCorkle, black knight; Mrs. Harry Giltner, courier.

Joseph South, state manager from Portland, was present and presided at the meeting. There will be another big class adopted in Eagle hall Monday evening, November 26, at 7:30 sharp, after which refreshments will be served.

ONE WAY TO END THE WAR Extermination of Murphy Family Would Mean Defeat in Germany

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The war will soon be over. An Ohio man will end it. He has suggested to United States Marine Corps officials here that they direct their aviators to drop potato bugs over Germany. He declares there are no potato bugs in the Kaiser's realm, and since the "spud" is absolutely essential to Germany's economic welfare, the dropping of "Murphy destroyers" over the Rhine country would quickly terminate hostilities. Simple isn't it? Marine Corps officials think so.

GRADE POTATOES IS ADVICE. Send Big Ones to Out-of-State Markets; Sell Small Ones at Home.

PORTLAND, Nov. 21.—Grade your potatoes carefully. Send the big ones to the out-of-the-state market. Sell the smaller ones at home. At least stop mixing up big and little potatoes in the same sack and trying to sell them together.

This today is the advice of W. K. Newell, federal food administrator for Oregon, who says the spud market is being demoralized by the way in which potatoes are being received by dealers.

Oregon alone must find a market for 4,000 carloads of potatoes out of the state because of the large crop this year, he declared.

REPORTED THAT KERENSKY HAS KILLED HIMSELF

SCANDINAVIAN DISPATCHES SAY PREMIER HAS COMMITTED SUICIDE.

RUSSIAN PARTIES WANT TO WITH DRAW FROM WAR

Bolsheviks, Maximalists and Socialists Want to Concentrate on Establishment of Government.

(United Press.)
LONDON, Nov. 21.—Scandinavian dispatches declare that the Bolshevik, Maximalist and Socialist Moderate parties want withdrawal from the war and concentration on the establishment of the government. It is reported that Kerensky has committed suicide.

MASSACHUSETTS STARTS BABY CONSERVATION WORK.

(United Press.)
BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 21.—Baby conservation—the work of saving the hundreds of tiny infants that die each year from preventable diseases, has begun in Massachusetts.

Commissioner Allan J. McLaughlin of the State Department of Health has started a State-wide campaign to bring health and happiness to hundreds of babies in order that the loss of man power by the ravages of war may to an extent be counteracted.

The work is being carried out after a careful study of the methods employed by the warring nations in their work of child conservation.

Among the measures to be taken are milk stations where the babies will be assured of pure milk, and clinics, supported either by municipalities or by private interests, where mothers will have expert care and professional advice.

STATE OF SIEGE DECLARED AT ZURICH, IS REPORTED

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

Harvey Wells To Lecture On Friday

Harvey Wells, State Insurance Commissioner, will be in La Grande Friday of this week. He has long promised Fire Chief Mackey that he would come to La Grande and speak on Fire Prevention and show the official state films on that subject. The Arcade Theatre has donated the use of the theatre for Friday afternoon and two shows will be given, the first at 2:30 and the second at 8:30. The school children will be escorted to the theatre in two divisions and given a chance to see this great educational film free and hear Mr. Wells' instructive lecture.

A. F. OF L. WOULD DEPORT SLACKERS

ADOPTS RESOLUTION FAVORING IMMEDIATE ACTION

Asks Removal of All Allied Aliens Who Refuse to Enlist Under Any Flag

BUFFALO, Nov. 21.—The American Federation of Labor passed a resolution favoring the deportation of all allied aliens in the United States who refuse to enlist here or under their own flags. Delegate Black of Toronto denounced the American conscription law as a dastardly act. Gompers stingingly answered him.

\$50,000 Worth Of Diamonds Taken

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 21.—Three unmasked men entered Harry Green's jewelry store, held two clerks at bay at the point of revolvers, felled two intruders with guns, and escaped with between forty and fifty thousand dollars' worth of diamonds, and \$212 cash.

LIEUTENANT WINS PROMOTION. Builder of Cantonment Camp Ordered to Camp Greene.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 21.—Lieutenant Colonel David L. Stone, under whose instruction the Camp Lewis cantonment was built, has been ordered to report to Camp Greene, N. C., December 15. He came to Tacoma May 26, a captain and won rapid promotion.

ARTIFICIAL ZEBRA IS MASCOT. Bend Delegation Improves Burro's Looks With Brush.

PORTLAND, Nov. 21.—A burro striped like a zebra made its appearance here today as the mascot of a Bend, Ore., delegation at the Manufacturers' and Land Products Show.

FRENCH SUCCESSFULLY RAID GERMAN LINES

PARIS, Nov. 21.—The French successfully raided the German positions around St. Quentin, it is stated today. Violent artillerying is reported around Lechaume Wood. Raiding activities often precede an offensive, indicating that the French may join the British in their drive.

SAFETY FIRST CAMPAIGN ON IN PENNSYLVANIA

HARRISBURG, Pa., Nov. 21.—Further conservation of "man power" is the aim of a "winter drive" by safety-first workers which Dr. John Price Jackson, Pennsylvania's state commissioner of labor and industry, has launched.

Commissioner Jackson, citing the national need, has ordered every employe of his huge department "to go on the stump" personally for safety first.

Additional safety-first rallies at large plants, rapid-fire noonday talks while the workers are lunching, addresses at individual associations and the like are all a part of Jackson's supplementary program.

State officials believe the new plan will further reduce the annual number of accidents.

ITALIANS MAY BE FORCED TO RETREAT SOON

DISADVANTAGES OF BATTLEGROUND ALONG PIAVE MAY OBLIGE ARMY TO RETIRE

ENEMY BEING HELD AT BAY UNASSISTED

Without British and French Reinforcements Italians Repulse German Attacks; Morale Excellent.

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

ROME, Nov. 21.—The Italian offensive in the Asuago region has gained several valuable positions and taken numerous prisoners, the newspaper Corriere D'Italia declared. The newspaper said the Italian army has assumed the offensive along the Lower Piave.

CIVIC EXPERTS DISCUSS MUNICIPAL WAR PROBLEMS

DETROIT, Nov. 21.—Civic experts from every part of the United States were in Detroit today to attend the conventions of the National Municipal League and the City Managers' association, both of which opened their sessions here this morning.

Feeding of cities in war time will be the dominant topic throughout the Municipal League convention. George W. Perkins, chairman of the New York market commission, is to address the assembly on state organization for food supply. He will tell of the advisability of aligning women in the conservation movement. Marcus N. Marks, president of Manhattan, will talk on retail and wholesale markets.

A food administration representative will talk on "How Cities Can Effectively Assist in the Food Crisis."

City managers will particularly consider adoption of the city manager form of government to all cities. The budget making and training for public service are other topics which will receive attention.

Mrs Castner To Visit La Grande

Mrs. Charles H. Castner, president of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, and one of the state's most distinguished women, will be in La Grande Friday, November 23, and will speak in the Neighborhood Club rooms in the Library, Friday evening. Mrs. Castner is coming here under the auspices of the Federal Food Administration. The public is invited.

BOARD TO SETTLE TELEPHONE STRIKE

MEDITATION BOARD MEETS IN SAN FRANCISCO

Wage Question Only Unsettled Issue; Company Will Recognize Union, Believed

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

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

American Officer Killed in Action

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Pershing reported that First Lieutenant Orlando Gochnaur, Freeport, Ill., attached to the British forces, was killed in action; First Lieutenant Alexander Gillis of Carbondale was wounded.

U. S. MARINES BOMB MINIATURE CITY

QUANTICO, Va., Nov. 20.—United States Marines bombarded an enemy city yesterday, and the only buildings left standing after the terrific fire were churches and hospitals.

It was only a miniature city, to be sure, and the buildings were not more than a foot high. Cities in miniature are used as objectives by Marine Corps artillerymen in training here, and the little buildings in them are plainly labeled "gun factory," "barracks," "church," "hospital," etc. The marine gunners are careful in training to avoid hitting buildings marked "hospital" or "church," and in practice they show wonderful marksmanship in raising buildings adjacent.

Villa Murders 50 Carranza Soldiers

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

WHAT'S IN THE KAISER'S HEAD. German Compares the Emperor's Brain to An American City.

LONDON, Oct. 13. (By Mail.)—This is what's wrong with the Kaiser. In a book of war aphorisms by Dr. Levy, a conversation between two Germans is detailed. One who came into frequent contact with the all highest was asked the state of the Kaiser's mind.

"The brain condition of our emperor," he replied, "is like an American city. On one street you will see a Greek temple. A closer look shows it is the stock exchange. Nearby is an enormous sky-scraper. It is a Methodist church, a dog hospital and the postoffice. Then you see a Gothic cathedral. It is a theatre. Then comes a church-like building. It is the Variety theatre where you may see the strongest negro in the world shake hands with the pope. That's how things are in the majesty's head."

School Children Help Army Y.M.C.A. Fund

Returns are still coming into the Army-Y. M. C. A. fund from the school children of the county and it is wonderful the interest and the spirit the youngsters are showing.

District 53, Miss Grace Snook, teacher, had formerly reported \$9.00 and has sent in an additional \$1.10.

District 9, Mrs. C. B. Adams, teacher, sent in a donation of \$1.20.

District 16, Norma Monnich teacher sent in \$2.30.

District 73, Miss Elma Cusick teacher, sent in \$6.25.

District 51, Thornygrove school, Dorothy Cleveland teacher, sent in \$15.00. An entertainment was given at Thornygrove school Friday evening and part of the funds was given to the Army-Y. M. C. A. The school reported: "We are only too glad to give to this great and useful work."

Another school reported in making its offering that they wished they could make it a million.

Another teacher reports: "I am always ready to do all I can for my country. These small services seem so small in comparison with what some are giving."

TECHNICALITIES BAR AMERICANS FROM U. S. ARMY

MEN WHO HAVE SERVED UNDER ALLIES' FLAGS ARE CUT OFF FROM COUNTRY

ALL HOPE TO BE RESTORED TO RIGHTS

Heroes of Many Battles Long to Fight Under Our Colors or Act as Military Instructors.

(United Press Staff Correspondent)
AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS, Oct. 12.—(By Mail.)—Expatriated, cut off from their own country by the piffling technicalities of our laws, America's first war heroes are still fighting and dying in the ranks of the allies. They hope some day to be restored to their rights as Americans. But while they can't do anything about it, they can keep on killing the Boches.

Most of the Americans already fighting in this war are in either the Canadian army or the British or French flying corps. Their record is a proud one, marked by decorations from the British and French. One American at least has won the Victoria Cross, England's highest recognition of heroism, many have been decorated with the Military Cross, and hundreds have been given the French War Cross.

Major Alexander Rasmussen of Portland, Ore., and Lieutenant Jack Manning of Florida, both veterans of the Philippines, passed through this camp the other day on their way to train a new contingent of Americans in the British style of fighting. Though they have been in the trenches for months, during which time both were wounded, the United States army has not taken them back. They came here wearing their American service ribbons on British uniforms.

American officers were surprised to learn that these two soldiers in the king's uniform were Americans. Manning met some of his old comrades of the United States infantry, and they could scarcely believe that the Canadian soldier was the man they campaigned with in the Philippines.

Americans Join British

In London I know scores of American soldiers who simply couldn't wait for the United States to declare war on the Boche, and so joined the British. They ran a bluff—expecting confidently that their own country would be glad to have them back as instructors when we entered the war. By this time many of those fellows have been killed or badly wounded.

Lieutenant A. H. Pannill, a Chatham, Va., boy, won the British Military Cross at the battle of Vimy Ridge on last Easter Monday by sheer bravery and leadership. He was wounded, and after recovering joined the Royal Flying Corps. Today I received a letter from him, saying:

"I am trimmed up in bed with both legs up in the air in a sling. It seems years since I came to France with the Royal Flying Corps in the middle of July. I have helped bring down several Hunns and took part in the 'low strafe' on August 16, flying low behind the lines, shooting up and dispersing troops, transports and artillery. The machine guns on the ground were thick as hornets, squirting lead at us like fountain pens from every shell hole. I came out all right, but they got me a few days later. Some of my controls were shot away and we crashed to the ground behind our lines. I don't see why we weren't killed outright, but outside of having some bruises and both thighs fractured, I am O. K. I am very comfortable and hope soon to be granted leave to the United States and Canada."

Hope in Vain for Transfer

Manning told me that Frank Burr, of Cleveland, a Canadian Lieutenant, roke into tears as Manning said goodbye on the night he took the train for the American camp.

Burr was just going up to the trenches after a short rest. From day to day he had been hoping to get word of his transfer to the American army—his own army. It didn't arrive.

Burr is one of the very last of the Americans who fought in the so-called Lost Legion of Americans. The rest have been either killed or incapacitated for life.

Our army here needs instructors so badly that British and French soldiers are carrying on the work. In the British army there are scores of Americans—their number is dwindling daily—who want to offer their skill and their lives to the country.

A legal technicality bars them and deprives our Sammies here of their sympathetic instruction.

Deeper And Deeper

