

BIG BATTLE IS RAGING ON THE WESTERN FRONT

BRITISH ADVANCE ON SOME POINTS AND CONSOLIDATE THEIR GAINS

GERMANS CONCENTRATE THEIR ARTILLERY FIRE

British Capture Tadpole Wood After Bitter Fighting—Enemy Is Rushing Reinforcements From a Distance.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Nov. 23.—Fighting this afternoon is developing into a battle of the most violent character over numerous parts of the entire front. The British advanced at some points, consolidating their gains, and retired at others.

The Germans are apparently concentrating their artillery on positions around Containing and Borthen Woods.

The British captured Tadpole Wood after bitter fighting.

The enemy is bringing reinforcements from every direction. Regiments from positions far distant have arrived.

New troops are thrown into battle recklessly.

DENVER ATT'Y OVERLOOKED CHANCE FOR A MILLION.

(United Press.)

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 23.—If anyone offered to sell you a million dollar gold mine for \$100 cash would you take it? W. G. Simonson, a Denver attorney, didn't but he didn't know the value of it. If he had he never would have sold it in the first place.

Mr. Simonson owned a 4,000 acre ranch in Sheridan county, Nebraska. He sold it to T. B. Hord, of Central City, Neb., on one corner of the ranch was a 100-acre lake.

"There is an alkali lake on the corner of that ranch," he told Simonson. "You'd ought to throw off \$100 on the price for that." He added that the lake couldn't drink out of that lake, or if they did it would make them sick. But Simonson refused to make any deduction.

"Well then, give me \$100 and I'll deed you the lake," Hord said.

Simonson refused this offer also. Hord therefore kept the lake.

Already from this lake a million dollars worth of potash has been taken and the supply is not exhausted.

RAILWAY TELEGRAPHERS DISCUSS WIRE ECONOMIES

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Conservation of telegraphing and telephoning in connection with railroad and commercial wires, will be taken up at the special meeting of the Association of Railway Telegraph Superintendents, which opened here today.

The delegates will also consider plans for establishing schools to teach telegraphing and thus relieve the present shortage of operators.

SUBMARINES ARE LOSING THEIR PUNCH

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Indicating that the submarines are decreasing in effectiveness the government war risk insurance bureau has reduced rates from five to four per cent.

Order Early, Save Every One Trouble

The retail grocers of the city ask it as a special favor from the housewives of the city to get their orders in early.

As it is now nearly dark sending in their orders until noon or later and about three or four o'clock in the afternoon begin telephoning and inquiring when they will get their goods.

If the housewives would telephone in their orders the first thing in the morning, they would catch the early deliveries, avoid congestion at the stores, get their goods sooner and save trouble all around.

The matter of economy in deliveries is a subject that the National Council of Defense is studying and if the women will cooperate with the delivery system they will be doing a real and patriotic service.

Garfield's Home Ransacked By Thieves

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 23.—The summer home of National Fuel Administrator Garfield, was ransacked last night. It is believed the invaders were hunting government papers. Nothing was stolen.

PUBLIC GENEROUS WITH DONATIONS

MANY PEOPLE GIVE ARTICLES FOR RED CROSS BAZAAR.

Dutli Bakery to Furnish All Bread Used at Hoover Dinner.

Donations and more donations are pouring into the Red Cross headquarters in the Foley building. The public is coming forward generously. Mrs. Roscoe Neal, chairman of the committee in charge of the benefit auction and bazaar, states.

Among the most notable of the donations received today are a Pendleton blanket by E. E. Kirtley and the bread for the Hoover dinner by the Dutli Bakery.

The blanket will be raffled off. A large white hoghorn rooster will also be raffled off.

Tickets for the dinner will be on sale Saturday. Honor Guard Girls will canvass the city.

During the evening dancing will be continuous on the main floor. There will be no stops and no delays, the committee announces. Dancing will be at the rate of 5 cents per dance.

The "Chinarrita" will be, according to those in charge, a place where everyone can have a good time, but what they need and help a good cause.

River Water Condemned By Secretary State Board Of Health

Dr. R. E. L. Holt, secretary of the state board of health and state health officer, who has recently been making a survey of sanitary conditions in the eastern part of the state in an effort to reduce the death rate from preventable diseases, stopped off at La Grande today, at the request of a number of representative citizens, to investigate the condition of the La Grande water supply.

Accompanied by Dr. C. T. Bacon, also of the State Board of Health, Dr. Holt went into conditions here to the extent that he finds that the present water being pumped into the city mains is unfit for domestic purposes.

"Without waiting results of the bacteriological examination," said Dr. Holt in an official statement "the general sanitary conditions existing between the intake of the pumping plant on the Grande Ronde river below the slaughterhouse and Perry are sufficient evidence of contamination and pollution to warrant the recommendation that all water for domestic purposes be sterilized by boiling."

"The death rate on typhoid fever being about 10 per cent, and there being between 50 and 75 deaths in the state annually from this cause, would indicate that between 500 and 750 cases of typhoid exist in the state each year, all of which are preventable."

"Those cities having pure water supplies are practically free from typhoid and various other intestinal infections which undermine the general health of the community."

"The results of the bacteriological examination will be reported in due time."

"Though it is not claimed that La Grande has at this time an epidemic of typhoid or other kinds of intestinal infections, water contaminated with human and animal excreta such as found today are forerunners of such diseases and invite them in their most virulent forms. The state board of health are ready and anxious to cooperate with the city officials in an effort to obtain for the people of La Grande a pure and abundant supply of water."

AUSTRIA HAS HUNG \$0,000

Political and Racial Enemies of Government Punished.

LONDON, Nov. 1. (By Mail.)—Eighty thousand persons have been hanged in Austria-Hungary since the beginning of the war for political or racial opposition to the government, pacifist activities and separatist propaganda, according to estimates here.

HIGHWAYMEN ROB A BANK IN DENVER.

DENVER, Nov. 23.—Two highwaymen at noon entered the Pullman American Bank, covered the cashiers with revolvers and took seventeen hundred dollars, but overlooked five thousand dollars. They escaped in an automobile.

Astoria—Cranberry crop marketed from here now reaches 5000 barrels.

EXTRA Football Game Is a Tie

Pendleton, Ore., Nov. 23.—(Special)—Final score: La Grande High School 13; Pendleton High School 13. Tie.

ALLIES GO TO THE AID OF THE ITALIANS

TROOPS WILL SOON BE FIGHTING ON THE ITALIAN FRONT.

BRITISH ARTILLERY FIGHTING FOR A WEEK

Germans Are Using Gas in Violent and Unsuccessful Attacks North of the Piave River Line—German Report Progress.

ROME, Nov. 23.—The enemy met gas in violent and unsuccessful attacks north of the Piave river line, the war office announced.

Fighting is centering on the Alpone Plateau near Monte Ondelcar, and Monte Adoneche.

Allied troops will soon be fighting. British artillery have been fighting for a week.

Germans Are Satisfied.

BERLIN, Nov. 23.—Fighting is progressing satisfactorily between the Piave and Piave rivers, it is announced in an official statement.

Trains Collide, O. W. Brakeman Killed

SPOKANE, Nov. 23.—Brakeman John Ewing was killed, Conductor E. L. Schultz and Brakeman D. L. Turner were seriously injured, and fourteen laborers slightly hurt when a work train and a passenger train collided near Pine Creek on the Wallace branch of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company.

WILL ORGANIZE NEW BRANCH Society of Naturalists to Add Chapter in Eugene

EUGENE, Nov. 23.—A northward branch of the Western Society of Naturalists will probably be organized at the University of Oregon here December 29. Leading biologists of the northwestern states will discuss ways in which they can help defend the state and nation.

EGYPTIAN FORCES NEAR JERUSALEM

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Official dispatches declared that the Egyptian forces occupied Beitaretahin, twelve miles northwest of Jerusalem.

Chew More Gum

PORTLAND, Nov. 23.—Prohibition has increased the amount of gum consumed in Oregon, Portland wholesalers declare. Consumption of gum shows a steady increase.

A group of Portland housewives recently ordered a total of ten tons of gum from one concern alone.

Advised Capps to Retire

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Rear Admiral Capps, general manager of the emergency fleet corporation, will soon retire because of ill health, it is officially learned.

WELLS TELLS HOW TO FIGHT FIRE

STATE OFFICIAL TALKS ON FIRE PREVENTION

Gives Lecture at Arcade; Motion Pictures Illustrate Points

Harvey Wells, state insurance commissioner, spoke to a large crowd at the Arcade theatre this afternoon on the subject of fire prevention. Included in the audience were several hundred school children, who were marched to the theatre from their respective buildings.

Mr. Wells gave a vivid description of the common causes of fires and conflagrations. His talk was accompanied by moving pictures which illustrated his points.

Mr. Wells has over 2800 feet of films which picture the fire menace and how it can be fought.

Mr. Wells spoke yesterday in Baker where he addressed an audience of about 700 school children.

ALL-AMERICAN HONORS FOR SOUTH AND WEST

By H. C. HAMILTON

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Non-participation in football this year by Yale, Harvard and Princeton means that even more than last year will the west have to be considered in selections for all-American honors.

The west, though, has long been known as a stronghold of football. Men out there have been picked time after time to share the honor posts with men from the life eastern colleges. Seldom has it been that the south has gained even a favorable mention when these come for the experts to pick out their best and nominate all-American candidates.

This year it isn't going to be so. The south is going to have considerable consideration—and it isn't going to be without cause. Any follower of the game who can, on the face of performance so far, leave Georgia Tech out of his running up for all-around for the southern institute has about as many chances as a football team as can be found.

In Guyton, former Cadillac star, Georgia Tech has a man who, in the past, has been a star in the college ranks. And he is even more so now. In Guyton, the school has a tight backfield who is said to be one of the best in the nation. And he is a better man than the Indian, and in Italian a fullback exists who is the superior of nearly any other player.

Picking backfield material is going to be brought to a process of elimination between Pittsburg and Georgia Tech material unless some other backs step into the game tonight. Howard Berryham, shown with the brilliance of those men, Chick Harley of Ohio State will have to do some marvellous playing if he hopes to gain consideration over these men.

The two fullbacks at Georgia Tech are almost certain to land somewhere in the honorable column of football. McLaughlin seems slated for the other place.

The south has given the wartime game the greatest eleven the sun has ever seen, and by so doing has done a lion's share in keeping sports alive. The loss of football at Yale, Harvard and Princeton cannot be matched with such brilliant activity in another school.

THE GREAT AMERICAN HOME!



Western Press Association Photo R. N. Stanfield.

R. N. STANFIELD OUT FOR SENATOR

ISSUES STATEMENT IN WHICH HE ANNOUNCES INTENTIONS.

Opportunity for Service is Greatest in Nation's History, He Says, Because It is Confronted by Its Greatest Crisis.

PORTLAND, Nov. 23. (Special.)—Robert N. Stanfield, of Multnomah County, Speaker of the House at the 1917 session of the Oregon Legislature, yesterday set at rest further speculation as to what he intends to do politically and announced his candidacy for the United States Senate to succeed Charles L. McNary, who was appointed by Governor Withycombe to fill the unexpired term of the late Harry Lane.

"To serve my country and my state with all my energy, ability and resources at this time in the United States Senate is my desire," said Mr. Stanfield yesterday in announcing his candidacy. "There is an opportunity for service—the greatest opportunity in the Nation's history, because it is confronted by its greatest crisis."

"It is a worthy ambition for any American citizen to serve in Congress at any time; and at this time, when there is a call both to duty and to sacrifice, there ought to be a response from men who are willing to give their all to their country's cause."

"I am not presumptuous enough to think that I can serve with greater efficiency or with more distinction than many others. It is not in that spirit that I have made this decision, but it is, I hope, with all proper thought of my own limitations. But I have had some experience in public affairs, and I have a considerable knowledge of the state's many interests and a deep appreciation of the Nation's critical situation. I have, therefore, thought that I would submit to the people of Oregon the question as to whether I might not be useful to them and to our common country in Washington."

"Later I shall make a detailed statement of the issues which I believe are involved in the Oregon Senatorial election."

AMEMBASSADOR FRANCIS HOPEFUL

He Says Strong Forces Work to Democratize Germany.

(United Press.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Confirming press reports, Ambassador Francis cabled the State Department this afternoon that the Petrograd Workmen's and Soldier's Council had ordered the army to negotiate for a three month's armistice, and to submit peace terms. He said that peace would be made only with the German people, not the government.

He said strong forces are now working for the democratizing of Germany. He urged Americans to support these forces.

UNCLE SAM WILL SPEAK UP

Will Give the Russians a Piece of His Mind

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The United States will not heed the Bolshevik armistice suggestions, the government officials indicated.

The government will likely make a sharp retort in an effort to inspire loyal Russians and to discredit the radicals.

CAMP LEWIS HAS ITS OWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

(United Press.) CAMP LEWIS, Wash., Nov. 23.—Camp Lewis has a well equipped, well organized and active fire department.

Former firemen who came here as drafted soldiers were assigned to duty at the various fire stations which are equipped with hand automobile fire trucks. They will probably go to France as firefighters, as organized forces of firefighters are kept at the front, planes and camps.

The camp is divided into districts and has its own fire alarm system. When the fire going rounds, every stop along water and the rollers of the streets are cleared of men to that speeding fire trucks can shoot past.

BYE BY GOODBYE KISS.

PORTLAND, Nov. 23.—The good-bye kiss, however sweet, perhaps is the worst enemy of a streetcar schedule.

So says Portland streetcar men. Many a minute is wasted while passengers weep on each other—and kiss.

"You can spot 'em a block away," exclaimed one veteran motorman here today. "You'll see several women standing on the corner. They'll be weeping, and then start to kiss. They'll be just starting on the second round of kisses when we stop—and, of course, we gotta wait until they're finished."

And, of course, when the car rolls away again, the motorman is shy a minute or two on his schedule.

HAIG SWITCHES ATTACK TO THE YPRES SECTOR

SITUATION AROUND CAMBRAI IS UNCHANGED—BRITISH ARE THREE MILES FROM CITY

GERMANS LAUNCH VIOLENT COUNTER ATTACKS

Many German Prisoners Captured; British Casualties Are Small

(United Press.) LONDON, Nov. 23.—General Haig switched his attack to the Ypres sector last night.

It was reported today, the British advanced slightly southeast of Ypres. The situation around Cambrai is unchanged.

The Ypres blow was apparently a highly concentrated local attack and not a general offensive.

Front dispatches declared, the number of German prisoners now exceeds the total British killed, wounded and missing by several thousand.

British casualties are incredibly small.

The Germans are stripping Cambrai of military stores and are launching violent counter-attacks against the British positions three miles from the city.

GERMAN ATTACKS ON FRENCH REPULSED

PARIS, Nov. 23.—German counter-attacks against the new French positions on the eastern end of the Chemin des Dames were repulsed, it is stated.

The artillery was reported very active.

Sir Julian Byng Promoted. LONDON, Nov. 23.—Because of the great Arras victory, Sir Julian Byng was promoted from Lieutenant General to General, the war office announced.

AMEMBASSADOR FRANCIS IS CHAMPION "RECOGNIZER"

By W. G. SHEPHERD (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

PETROGRAD, Oct. 2. (By Mail.)—Ambassador David R. Francis, who was first among the diplomats here to suggest that his government recognize the provisional government in Russia after the revolution finds himself considerably embarrassed occasionally, when a delegation from some revolting district of Russia calls upon him. President Wilson and Mr. Francis are evidently considered the champion "recognizers" of Christendom.

The Ukrainians who recently declared themselves an independent state—and thereby raised a crisis that caused a slight upset in the Kerezhsky cabinet—sent a delegation to Governor Francis requesting that the United States recognize Ukraine as an independent nation. The attention was somewhat embarrassing for the American representative.

"You believe in the self definition of small nations, don't you?" asked the Ukrainians.

"I certainly do," said the ambassador in his southern dialect. "I certainly do. But there must be a limit somewhere."

"What do you mean—limit?" asked the delegation.

"How long ago was your liberty taken away from you?" asked Francis.

"In 1789," said the Ukrainians.

"Can't do anything for you, gentlemen," said Francis. "If we recognized your independence of 1789 we'd have to turn the United States back to the American Indians. We took it away from them about 1774 and their rights to self definition are sixteen years later than yours."

Seeing that Governor Francis and the United States were having their own internal worries about the rights of small peoples, the Ukrainians withdrew, satisfied.

Ambassador Francis had not received a formal peace offer when he filed his message last Wednesday. Francis said the various factions are still endeavoring to form a compromise ministry.

Woodmen Of World Elect Their Officers

At their meeting last Monday night the Woodmen of the World elected the following officers: C. C. J. J. Murchison, Adv. L. Ed. Robb, Banker—S. R. Hawthorth, Clerk—R. J. Kitchin, Escort—Zac Lyle, Watchman—G. Murchison, Secretary—F. Mitchell, Managers—O. L. McDowell, R. G. McLane, and Robt. Rootock.