

SWITZERLAND MAY BE INVADED BY GERMANY

GEN. VON HINDENBURG MAY BE PLANNING ANOTHER DESPERATE STROKE

GERMANS BOAST THEY COULD SMASH SWISS ARMY

Hindenburg is Reported Massing Troops and Hints Could Turn the French Flank by Crossing Switzerland.

By William Philip Simms (Copyright 1918 United Press.)

ZURICH, Switzerland, Feb. 13.—After Belgium, in Switzerland next? General von Hindenburg is massing troops and vast stores and guns against the French flank. Germans here are openly boasting that General Ludendorff could smash the Swiss army in fifty hours and could occupy Zurich the first day, declaring Switzerland's defiance are insufficient to cause trouble.

Consensus of opinion is that if General Von Hindenburg does not attempt to cross Switzerland in seeking to turn the French flank, it will be because he thinks it strategically unwise.

It is reported the Germans have all details of the invasion planned.

A Revolving Fund

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (Special.)—To provide a revolving fund with which to buy Liberty Bonds that may be offered for sale at less than par, Congressman Henry Z. Osborne of California has introduced a bill appropriating \$100,000,000. The fund is to be placed in the custody of the Secretary of the Treasury, and such bonds as are bought with it are to be sold at not less than par. In that way Mr. Osborne claims the price of the bonds will be maintained at their original figure, and the depressing effect of the numerous recent sales that have been made will be offset.

IT'S HARD TO BLOW TAPS FOR YOUR PAL

By J. W. PEGLER (United Press Staff Correspondent)

WITH THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY ARMY, France, Jan. 1.—(By Mail.)—Sometimes a grown man will bust right out and cry like a kid—even a full-grown, hard-swearing bugler of sixteen. And it helps a fellow regain control of the hawl if a motherly woman puts her arm around the fellow's shoulder and says "there, there, little son," just as his own gray-haired mother would if he were back home in Clarinda, Iowa.

Of course, a soldier is supposed never to cry. But suppose you were just sixteen and 4,000 miles away from home in the holiday season. And suppose your best pal in the world was another man of sixteen. Well, your pal gets sick with pneumonia during a long march through the blizzards. He gets taken away to the hospital. Next thing you hear is that he failed to rally in the crisis and passed out last night—the fellow you enlisted with and bunked with ever since you came into the army.

You are the bugler told off to go to the base hospital and blow "taps" over your own bunkie.

There are two young American nurses at the grave-side, standing knee deep in snow, the wind whipping their red-lined capes every which way. They are dabbing at their red eyes with knotted handkerchiefs. They nursed your bunkie those last few days and called him "The Child."

One of them sobs out loud.

Nothing gets on the nerves of a sixteen-year-old man so much as hearing a woman sob.

The chaplain winds up his stereotyped talk and you place the bugle to your lips. You play taps as you never played it before. But the blizzard howls down the clear quivering notes and drowns out the struggling echoes.

We saw the little boy from Clarinda as he came marching back into the hospital grounds—still a soldier, chin up, eyes front, shoulders squared. He dropped from the parade and went straight to the office of the head nurse to thank her for the care his best pal had received.

Those kindly blue eyes of hers seemed to melt right through the stern soldier "front" of the sixteen-year-old soldier. She called him "sonny" which put him at a disadvantage right off.

Exactly what was said in the next fifteen minutes is between Sammy and the gray-haired, motherly head nurse. He came out of her office smiling through his tears of loneliness, a slab of Christmas pudding in one hand and the shiny brass bugle in the other.

The head nurse says it's nothing unusual for grown soldier men to cry—even men much older than sixteen.

War Savings Stamps Sell Well In County

War Savings and Thrift Stamps are selling rapidly at the postoffice. Orders come in from all parts of the county as well as being sold over the counter at La Grande. Postmaster Brazz reports that there were sold stamps as follows:

December	\$3,685.62
January	7,807.89
February	4,158.09

Total to date...\$15,651.42

\$2.50 FOR WHEAT IS OBJECT OF SENATE BILL

CHAIRMAN GORE OF SENATE AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE SAYS INCREASE IS NECESSARY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—A bill increasing this year's wheat price from \$2.00 to \$2.50 a bushel in the local markets, was introduced by Chairman Gore of the Senate Agricultural Committee. He said the increase in price was necessary to insure production of wheat already in prospect. The winter crop will be short otherwise, for the farmers will plow it up and plant corn. The bill would make \$2.50 the minimum and empower President Wilson to raise it if necessary.

WILL H. HAYS IS REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 13.—Will H. Hays, of Indiana, was unanimously elected chairman of the Republican National Committee. John Adams, the leading opponent, withdrew and nominated Hays who has proved himself an efficient organizer in Indiana. Fred Upham, of Chicago, was chosen the committee's treasurer.

German Destroyers are out On Cruise

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 13.—A number of large destroyers, supposedly German, passed Mandel, Norway, speeding westward. Many submarines have been in the vicinity of Skagerak lately.

Exchange of Prisoners Is Begun By Russia

BERNE, Switzerland, Feb. 13.—Exchange of Russian and German prisoners has been started, according to Berlin. A thousand Germans in Warsaw are enroute to Berlin. The prospect of the Hindenburg offensive is causing alarm and indignation among German civilians and troops, according to reports.

British Raids are Reported Successful

LONDON, Feb. 13.—British raids near Harbomert were successful. Enemy patrols southeast of Lens suffered casualties. Hostile cannonading near Ephey, northeast of Ypres, is reported.

PRISONERS OF WAR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (Special.)—The condition of American prisoners who may be sent to German prison camps is occupying the attention of Representative Stuart F. Reed of West Virginia. He is making inquiry as to what extent Germany is likely to cooperate in letting the United States, or prisoners' friends in this country, alleviate their condition. Any steps that the government may take to compel proper treatment of our men in Germany will receive the hearty support of Mr. Reed.

RUMANIANS TO SURVIVE OR PERISH

WILL NOT SURRENDER IN RESPONSE TO TEUTONIC DEMANDS FOR PEACE

ON ONE SIDE TEUTONS, ON THE OTHER BOLSHIEVIKI

Isolated From Friendly Forces, the Rumanians Are Fighting Harder Than Ever Before—Occupy All of Bessarabia.

(United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Rumania "gladly ignored" Germany's ultimatum for immediate peace and will "survive or perish with the allied cause," according to a message from Jassy to the Rumanian minister here.

With the Teutons on one side and the Bolsheviki on the other, isolated from friendly forces, the Rumanians are fighting harder than ever before.

The Rumanians have crossed the River Pruth and now occupy all of Bessarabia.

TEXAS WOMAN'S PICTURES TEMPT NATION TO HOOVERIZE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The niece of Colonel House and the daughter of a former Texas governor, is now the \$1 a year picture woman for Hoover's Food Administration.

She is Mrs. Ellis Allen, chief of the photographic division of the Food Administration. She is the author of the appetite tempting pictures of griddle cakes, apple pies and Hoover's war bread.

The photographic division of the Food Administration gives photographic service to newspapers and other publications to tempt the people to adopt the food recipes recommended by the Food Administration.

Civil Rights Bill Passes Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (Special.)—The soldiers' and sailors' civil rights bill, of so much moment to our boys at the front, has been passed by the Senate after a favorable report from the Senate Judiciary Committee, where it has been ever since it passed the House on November 2. Amendments were made to the measure by the Senate committee designed to protect the bondsmen or other secondarily liable for the performance of any act primarily undertaken by a man absent with the colors. However, if the soldier was adjudged bankrupt before the commencement of his military service no relief can be asked by his surties.

Various other minor changes in the language of the bill were made, including a change in the title to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.

Regmond will conduct a school of irrigation this month.

RED CROSS PREPARED FOR ANY EPIDEMIC

(United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Four Pullman coaches, specially fitted with medical and surgical equipment, chemical and manned by a staff of skilled surgeons and physicians ready to be rushed instantly to any military camp in the United States for fighting epidemics are maintained by the American Red Cross. It was announced today.

These cars are stationed at strategic points with bacteriologists and chemists in attendance ready for instant dispatch at the outbreak of a serious epidemic among United States soldiers. Eight highly skilled medical specialists in epidemics are assigned to each car. Hundreds of lives would be saved in case of a dangerous epidemic by these cars, medical authorities believe.

VISITING HERDS OF MOOSE ARE ENTERTAINED

TWO HUNDRED GUESTS FROM JOSEPH, ENTERPRISE AND PENDLETON ARE GIVEN ROYAL RECEPTION

"Great! You couldn't have done better if you had taken a year in preparation!" This was the unanimous expression of the over two hundred visiting members and the additional concourse of upwards of seven hundred local members and their families and guests as they departed from the Moose festivities anywhere between 1 o'clock last night and 4 o'clock this morning, when the Enterprise and Joseph special train with two hundred visitors finally got under way on the return trip, conveying to their homes on the branch line the noisiest, most enthusiastic and "bully" bunch of Moose that had sealed the walls of the home pasture for years.

When the local lodges of Joseph and Enterprise sent word to the La Grande lodge that they had grown horns big enough to think of making a pilgrimage to see new sights and "rub noses" with their brethren of the outside, and were coming en masse to see how the much famed La Grande Initiatory and Degree teams made new members of the tribe, the home Moose approached the subject of their reception and entertainment with much fear and trepidation, as the time was short and they didn't know just what kind of forage the brothers from over the mountains were used to browsing on. But the different committees did their work well, and the visiting brothers went back over the hills with wonderful reports of what the outside world, and La Grande in particular, revealed to the Moose who possessed the

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AMERICAN ARTILLERY WIN DUEL

TRUMPHANT AFTER ALL-NIGHT DUEL WITH OPPOSING FORCES

BOMBARDMENT ACCOMPLISHES OBJECTS TO BE ATTAINED

No Man's Land Was Like Daylight, the Germans Using Illuminating Bombs in Fear of Infantry Attack

By J. W. Pegler, (United Press Correspondent.)

ON THE AMERICAN FRONT IN FRANCE, Feb. 12.—(Delayed.)—The American artillery was triumphant in an all night duel.

I am not yet permitted to announce the objective but the bombardment entirely accomplished its purpose.

No-Man's Land was like daylight, the Germans using illuminated bombs in anticipation of an infantry movement.

Good weather has brought out numerous flyers and aerial battles are frequent.

Land Consolidation Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (Special.)—Senator Reed Smoot of Utah has secured the approval of the Committee on Public Lands to the bill introduced by him some months ago providing for the consolidation of public lands and privately owned lands in the vicinity of public reservations so as to form compact and single bodies.

Following the action of the committee, Senator Smoot reported the measure to the Senate, and it probably will be taken up for serious consideration and passage in the near future. It furnishes a means whereby exchanges of land may be made between the government and private holders near oil and coal reservations, etc., so that both parties may secure more compact areas instead of the scattered holdings that are now found at many points.

Landed Proprietors at 18

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (Special.)—A bill has passed the Senate, with unanimous approval of the Republicans that of that body, permitting minors over 18 years of age to make homestead entry on the public lands of the United States. The entryman must be qualified in every other way to make entry, and must comply with all the requirements of the homestead laws regarding cultivation of the land entered. Patent to the land is not to be issued until the claimant has attained the age of 21.

Death of Mat Anderson

Mat Anderson, who has been residing east of Island City, died at his home this morning at 7:20. He was 88 years of age and has been a resident of Union County since 1888. The funeral notice will appear later.

Summerville Girls Go Over the Top

Union county school children are responding rapidly to the Thrift Stamp and War Savings Stamp campaign inaugurated in this county by County School Superintendent Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe. Carol Glenn and Catherine Starr, two girls of the Summerville school, went over the top and qualified as members of the Rainbow Division by each selling \$50 worth of stamps. W. L. Starr is teacher of the Summerville school and he greatly encouraged his pupils in the thrift work.

POPE IS SAID TO APPROVE LAST MESSAGE

PRESIDENT WILSON'S SPEECH IS SAID TO NOURISH THE PEACE SEED

(United Press.)

ROME, Feb. 13.—The Pope welcomes President Wilson's latest address as "a shining peace seed which is already sprouting," according to Vatican circles.

He believes the responsibility is put squarely up to German militarism, which must answer, President Wilson.

The Pope is confident that the Teuton, and especially Foreign Minister Bismarck must make an early reply.

UNION COUNTY WAR BOARD ORGANIZED

G. L. LARISON, CHAIRMAN, J. F. HUTCHINSON, TREASURER, AND H. E. COOLIDGE, SECRETARY

The Union County Advisory War Board is now fully organized.

After the luncheon yesterday the La Grande committee held a meeting and elected G. L. Larison as delegate to the county meeting and chairman of the La Grande district. The other district chairmen were elected by the visiting delegates as follows:

- Medical Springs, Dunham Wright.
- Telocaset—L. B. Hiatt.
- North Powder—C. B. Mays.
- Imbler—S. L. Brooks.
- Albee—John Wells.
- Union—J. F. Hutchinson.
- Elgin—F. E. Smith.
- Hilgard—John Scott.
- Kamela—Frank Hanlen.
- Summerville—H. E. Bull.

The chairmen of the various delegations then met and organized the County Advisory War Board by electing G. L. Larison as chairman, J. F. Hutchinson, of Union as treasurer and H. E. Coolidge, of La Grande as secretary. The meeting was spirited and enthusiastic and it was believed and stated that a new epoch had arrived in Union county patriotic work. The War Board will supervise the various drives in this county.

New Capital at Delhi

(Associated Press.) LONDON, Jan. 28.—(By Mail.)—According to Parliamentary papers, £1,725,000 has already been expended on permanent work in connection with the new capital at Delhi, India.

NANCY BOMBED THREE CIVILIANS ARE KILLED

PARIS, Feb. 13.—Three civilians were killed and five injured when five German airplanes bombed Nancy. Mutual artillerying occurred northwest of Rheims. Elsewhere raiders were active.

SHIP SPACE TO BE USED FOR WAR NEEDS

HEREAFTER LITTLE SPACE AVAILABLE EXCEPT FOR WAR MATERIALS

PEOPLE MUST CHANGE IDEA OF NECESSITIES

"America Must Understand," Says Ship Tonnage Expert "That There Will Be Room Only for Vital Needs."

(United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—American business men were warned by Prof. E. F. Gay, the new ship tonnage expert, that hereafter there would be little ship space for anything but war materials and that the people's conception of "necessities" would change greatly as the war proceeds.

This statement follows Gay's work with business and shipping experts developing plans for limiting imports.

"America must understand there will be room only for vital needs. Necessary is not a strong enough word."

"We will use every means to avoid unexpected upsets to business, but will not make any promises."

"England has cut imports from fifty-four million tons yearly to twenty-six million tons yearly—the latter mostly war materials."

"The great bulk of needed tonnage must come from thinning trade in allied owned ships."

"America should think now not of what the other fellow will furnish but what we can furnish. To this end the people's conception of necessities must change greatly as the war proceeds."

NEW YORK GREEK IS HONORED BY FRENCH

Veteran of Many Terrific Battles Is Mentioned in Army Orders—Now Wants to Join Americans

By W. S. Forrest, (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Jan. 4.—(By Mail.)—Nick Kornies, 34, today the most honored and decorated living American volunteer in the famous French Foreign Legion; an unscathed veteran of all the Legion's terrific battles during the past three years and a half, has made up his mind he wants to continue the struggle with the American army.

Of Greek parents, but born in New York and an American citizen, Kornies was seen by New Yorkers selling bananas at the corner of East 23d Street and Avenue B when the great world war began.

There was blood of the ancient Greeks in the veins of the dark haired young banana seller for all the wrath of his uncle and all the love of a black eyed maiden in the Greek colony couldn't stop him from making his way to France where he joined the Foreign Legion in August, 1914.

Personally modest and timid, but an ardent fighter, the youthful Greek-American has covered himself with glory every time the Legion has passed to the attack. His latest citation, won at Verdun, is a document probably more eulogistic than any honoring an American volunteer in the big war. Here given for the first time, it reads:

"Kornies (Nick) Legionnaire, 11th Company de Marche, Foreign Legion—elite grenadier; 26th August, 1917, won the admiration of all his comrades by his courage and contempt for danger. Led his comrades to the conquest of a trench which was defended with energy and which was captured along a distance of 1,500 yards after several hours of bloody combat; took single handed numerous prisoners; already twice cited in Army Orders."

Starting out in one above attack with his comrades of a bombing squad, Kornies saw them all killed or wounded around him. Undaunted even by this, he crawled forward from shell hole to shell hole, roached the trench, hurled his grenades among the German defenders and forced the remainder to take refuge in a deep dugout. He immediately blocked the entrance so that when other soldiers of the attack came up they captured about 100 Germans, survivors of the entire company which had held the position. As the result of this feat

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