

BRITISH HOLDING BACK HINDENBURG DRIVE; THRUST CHECKED WITH BUT SMALL GAINS

British Machine Guns Riddle the Advancing Waves; Hand to Hand Encounters in Many Places; British Tanks Recapture Lost Positions in Night Fighting

HAIG SAYS POSITIONS CAN BE HELD AGAINST THE ENEMY

But World's Destiny May Depend On the Human Wall Now Assailed-- Germans Use Nutcracker Tactics-- Reports From American and French Sectors Show that Enemy Offensive Is Not Serious

(By William Phillip Simms)

ON THE BRITISH FRONT, March 22.—The British are holding the Germans everywhere and forcing them back in places.

The enemy has not reached a single objective, which the German prisoners say are Hermies and Aich-Le-Petit.

British counter fighting last night with tanks recaptured the positions formerly occupied by the British at Diegites.

The German artillery operated in the open and suffered terribly, so prisoners say.

Hindenburg's thrust is apparently checked with very small gains.

The situation is quiet, momentarily, except near Prouville. It is estimated that the enemy used nineteen divisions. By noon yesterday they had penetrated the first and second lines on a small frontage. Later they attacked heavily around Fontaine-Les-Croisill, but British machine guns moved them down and broke the attack.

Foggy weather continue and this is proving a great handicap to the airmen.

Haig Is Confident

LONDON, March 22.—"We can hold the enemy in our battle positions," Field Marshal Haig reported this morning. "These are the defenses directly behind the first line trenches, indicating that the enemy penetration has been limited."

Military experts are confident that the drive will be halted, but the warning is given that the world's destiny may depend upon the human wall which the enemy is assaulting. The enemy is trying the "nutcracker" tactics in attacking the Cambrai salient from the flanks in the effort to straighten the line and placing the pinch of the two forces upon the British forces.

Britons Coolly Meet Attack

ON THE BRITISH FRONT, March 22.—The Britons coolly bobbed up after an enemy barrage of gas and exploding shells. They arose with gas masks and machine guns, and the advancing waves.

Hand to hand fighting was frequent, knives as well as bayonets being used in many places. Officers and men are confident that this is the "Hindenburg drive," and that it will be shattered as a result of the preparations that have been made for checking it when the British aviators reported that a German offensive was under way. The Germans suffered heavily in advancing, in spite of a barrage of smoke.

Berlin's Report.

BERLIN, March 22.—News from the western front has been received without demonstration here.

A report from Vienna states that the Austrian premier announces that the Austro-Hungarians will now take charge of all positions on the eastern front. Austria will also send many heavy guns and a number of troops to the Western front. A few Bulgarian troops have also been dispatched to the Western front.

An official report issued by the war office here states that German troops stormed broad sectors of the front between a point southeast of Arras to La Fere. "Everywhere we captured the first enemy lines," says this announcement made public

at Berlin, which continues "There are intense artillery duels in Champagne and in Flanders."

Americans Break Offensive.

(By Fred S. Ferguson)

ON THE AMERICAN FRONT IN FRANCE, March 22.—For the second time in twelve hours the Americans went over the top of the same sector and penetrated the second line trenches. They found no Germans. A barrage fire had obliterated the German positions. The German attempt to make a counter offensive was broken by the fire of the Americans.

German Raids Repelled.

PARIS, March 22.—Strong German raids on the west front were

repelled by the French and Americans. The Germans had gained a footing at Courty and in the Alsne sectors, but counter attacks speedily expelled them. There is strong artillery at Mons, Vervens and on the right bank of the Meuse.

May Declare War on Bulgaria.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Berlin reports to the effect that Bulgarians are fighting on the west front is causing speculation as to the probability of the United States declaring war on Bulgaria. Federal officials say that this will depend on the extent to which the Bulgarians are participating in aid of the Germans.

Washington Militarists Hopeful.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—High American army officials, when shown the United Press dispatches that the German drive had been checked, declared that the Germans can never break through. It is believed that the British were merely forced back a little on account of the heavy bombardment. An air of confidence is prevalent at the national capital.

WEINBERG OUT ON BONDS

Has Been Held Twenty Months on Complicity Charge

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Israel Weinberg, who has been held in jail twenty months on the charge of complicity in the preparedness day parade dynamiting in San Francisco, has been released under \$15,000 bonds. Six of the nine murder indictments against him have been dismissed. He was tried and acquitted on another charge.

HOP GROWERS APPEAL

Seek Release From Contracts With Eastern Brewers.

SALEM, March 22.—Oregon hop growers have written to the attorney-general asking if there is any way by which long contracts with New York German breweries can be canceled so they can raise grain for the allies. It is alleged that the breweries refuse to break the contracts made before the war.

HOUSE FAVORS A RAISE

Bill Has Passed to Increase Salary of

Postal Employees

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The house voted this afternoon to increase the salaries of all postal employees from 5 to 25 per cent.

Dutch Students Demonstrate

THE HAGUE, March 22.—Dutch students participated in a demonstration in front of the American minister's house last night. One member of parliament is reported to be ready to ask for the recall of the Dutch minister at Washington.

More Deaths from the Collision

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels has reported twelve additional deaths from the collision with the destroyer Manley and a British warship. The Manley has reached a British port.

American Airmen to Aid Italians

ROME, March 22.—It is announced that American aviation students training at the Italian front will co-operate with the Italians in aerial defense.

W. H. DUCKETT BUYS PLACE

Will Remove Soon To New Home In Fruitvale.

W. H. Duckett, who has been on the Carbine place in Fruitvale the past two years, has purchased from Julius Roesech a twenty-acre tract just east of the Gilman place in Fruitvale. The tract is covered with an apple orchard and Mr. Duckett is now at work clearing ten acres, which he expects to plant in spring wheat. He intends to move with his family to the new location within a few days.

Mr. Lee Wright, also a Fruitvale resident, has purchased the Gilman place.

WILL BUILD ON SCHOOL BUILDING

S. R. Haworth, contractor, is in Pendleton to submit a bid for the construction of the new school building at Adams, in Umatilla county. The competitive bids are to be opened in Pendleton today.

Weather Forecast

PORTLAND, March 22.—Weather bureau forecast for Eastern Oregon: "Rain."

LA FOLLETTE MAN IN SENATE RACE



James Thompson of La Crosse is the La Follette candidate for junior senator from Wisconsin. Congressman Leavitt is the other candidate for the Republican nomination, former Governor F. E. McGovern having withdrawn in favor of Leavitt, who supports the war. Joseph E. Davies and Dr. Charles McCarthy, candidates for the Democratic nomination, are also staunch supporters of the government. Victor Berger, recently indicted as a foe of the government, is the Socialist candidate.

ROY COUCH PROMOTED

Has Reached Highest Position in Cadet Service

Friends of Roy Couch of Island City will be pleased to know that he has been promoted to the rank of major of the University of Oregon cadets, and this is the highest position that can be given in the organization. While he has just recently received his commission, he has been acting in the capacity of major for some time. He recently organized a home guard at Trent. His military activities have been under Colonel Leader, and his rapid advancement is gratifying to his many friends.

RED CROSS BENEFIT

To Be Given by Young Ladies on April 5

A fine musical entertainment, entitled "Melody Land," will be given by members of Auxiliary A of the Red Cross at the High school auditorium on the evening of April 5. The list of those who will take part in this entertainment includes a number of La Grande's most popular and talented young ladies and is a guarantee of an enjoyable evening. The participants in the event are: Ethel Wright, Marjorie Silverthorn, Leona and Mary Newlin, Margaret Corbett, Enid Stansfield, Helen Curry, Helen Johns, Dorothy Wright, Dudley Tobin, Dove McKee, Wilma Oesterling, Hilda Anthony and Lillian McDonald.

GRANTS PASS HAS HOME GUARD

GRANTS PASS, Ore., March 22.—Grants Pass will soon be numbered among Oregon communities with an active home guard, nearly 60 men having already signed up for service. Drills are to be held weekly.

ENTHUSED OVER BOND PROSPECTS

MEETING ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL LOCALITIES

ZURCHER WAS THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Everybody Is Fired with Determination to See That Union County Subscribes Her Share

A meeting of the Union County war advisory board, which has in charge the third Liberty Loan, was held yesterday afternoon at City hall. J. D. Zurcher, state organizer, who is sent to different parts of Oregon by the State committee, spoke to a large crowd of people who are interested in the Liberty bonds or anything pertaining to the betterment of conditions that will win the war. He said the time had come when people must wake up and do things. He thinks, as other true Americans do, that any able-bodied man or woman who refuses to purchase a bond is a traitor to his or her country. Mr. Zurcher explained the thrift stamp proposition and thinks it is a safe method of investing money on a small scale, but stamps were not meant for people who are able to buy bonds. They are only intended for children and ambitious people of limited means.

Mr. Zurcher likes Union county plan of doing things and he feels with such competent men as A. T. Hill, who is chairman of the organization of this county, and his able assistants we will raise our quota, which is nearly one million dollars for this county.

There were representatives from every town in the county and they all gave assurance that on the sixth day of April when the big drive starts, they would do their utmost. In some towns their quota is already raised. J. H. Hutchinson, of Union, made a statement to the effect that Union had already raised her quota, and by the sixth of April a similar spirit of loyalty is expected from other localities. The banks are going to treat the ones who wish to buy bonds fairly, and will give a reasonable amount of assistance to responsible people for a limited time. Oregon bought twenty-five million dollars worth of bonds last year, yet the banks showed an increase of forty million dollars in deposits.

The following men from different sections, before the meeting adjourned, told of conditions in their respective communities and pledged success of the bond movement in April:

Sam Brooks, of Imbler.
Hugh McCall, of Cove.
J. P. Hutchinson, of Union.
F. E. Smith, Elgin.
F. L. Myers, of La Grande.
A. T. Hill, of La Grande.

ELKS' FLAG DEDICATION

Elaborate Arrangements For Ceremonies To Be Held April 6

April 6, the anniversary of the United States entrance in the war, is the date set when the La Grande Lodge No. 433, B. P. O. E. will dedicate their service flag. The exercise will be participated in by the Home Guards, Honor Guards and other organizations, and will include an elaborate patriotic program of speeches and music with a grand parade in the evening.

The flag, one of the best that could be procured, has arrived in La Grande and the stars will be fixed by the date of the dedication. There are about forty of the local Elks in the service, but the list will be fully revised and corrected before the time for the big demonstration.

ASKS CHILDREN TO SAVE

Appeal Is Issued By Secretary Of The Treasury.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Secretary McAdoo has appealed to the children to save pennies and lend them to the government through the sale of thrift stamps. He said that if all the school children would save two bits a week it would raise in the United States \$300,000,000 annually.

ECONOMY A PUBLIC DUTY

What the War Savings movement asks is what the President has phrased as "A reasonable and practical economy." It is not a question of what we individually can afford to spend; it is a question of what the Nation can afford to have us spend. The President has set the fundamental problem clearly before us in words that become more and more apt as the days go by: "Let every man and every woman use the duty of careful, prudent use and expenditure as a public duty, as a dictate of patriotism which no one can now expect ever to be excused or forgiven for ignoring."

The wage earner who today refrains from exercising his command over goods and services and buys a War Savings Stamp or a Liberty bond, or pays off the debt incurred to buy a bond, is not permanently surrendering his command over goods and services. He is temporarily transferring that command to his government. He will resume the command as the interest and the principal of the government obligations are paid to him. He will in all likelihood resume the command at a time when the same money will secure more goods and services for him than at the present time, when he bids for them in competition with his government.

The ease with which the country will adjust itself to compulsory doing without will be determined largely by the extent of the economies that the people of the country voluntarily impose upon themselves. The voluntary rolls are now open. War Savings Societies will be formed all over the United States, societies in which people will have what they can, be it much or little, not once a year, but each week of the year. All the men, all the women, all the children have the opportunity to become part of the voluntary army.

HOW OREGON GETS LEFT ALL AROUND

BREEZY OBSERVATIONS MADE BY MAYOR HARLEY OF ASTORIA

THINGS DOING AND THINGS NOT DOING

Analysis of the Situation Wherein This State Gets the Go-by at Washington

(By F. C. Harley, Mayor of Astoria.)

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 22.—I have been making a "little journey," as Elbert Hubbard used to call it, to that mammoth marble pile, the abode of the "quick and the dead,"—the National Capitol.

I acknowledge obligations to Hon. Alvan T. Fuller, Congressman from Massachusetts, for some of the inspiration for the excursion. Being president of the Packard Motor Car Co., of Boston, and accustomed to doing business according to the American method, Representative Fuller, having been an official occupant of the south wing of the Capitol for a few months, has made a discovery. First, he discovered he was a member of a committee. (Expenditure in the Interior Department) which, as he expressed it, had "no public business to justify its existence," and, second, he discovered there were sixty standing committees of the House, "more than half of them as useless and unnecessary" as the one mentioned. Fuller tendered his resignation as a member of the committee named, in a letter to Speaker Champ Clark, Feb. 25th.

Incidentally, in this letter, he handed the house of representatives a package of hot stuff. He raised a ruckus. The "dead" began to resurrect and walk around in their grave clothes, talking incoherently. Fuller laughed; so did all Washington.

I immediately wondered, what about these "quick" and "dead" committees, and how fares it with our own Oregon congressional delegation in this line-up? I made a hasty survey of the situation, with the following results: Oregon has memberships in the Senate on these committees, all active and important: Military Affairs, Agriculture and Forestry, Appropriations, Coast Defenses, Commerce, Indian Affairs, Irrigation of Arid Lands, Manufactures, and Public Lands (two members on the last named). It has membership on five other committees, but as they are practically "dead ones," is it unnecessary to name them. In the house it has representatives on Ways and Means, Naval Affairs, Public Lands, and Irrigation of Arid Lands, all alive and kicking.

With this bunch of picture cards in their mitts, you'd fairly expect the Oregon Congressional delegation to win a few "pots," wouldn't you? Let us analyze the game.

A senator or representative who fails to get his work in at committee meetings misses more than half his chance to win, for it is there that bills are whipped into shape for consideration by the Senate and House. Sure, he has another chance in open session, but he has discarded his best cards. It's like drawing to a deuce.

Oregon Gets Nothing.

How did Oregon fare in the military committee? In no way that you could notice. Yet that committee considers every particle of army appropriation and army expenditures. An Oregon senator is chairman of it. Yet Oregon got no military post and no army cantonment. There is no better place on the Pacific Coast for a great military post than Fort Stevens, or, passing the deal, Vancouver, Wash., near Portland. Oregon offered several splendid sites for army cantonments—it got zero.

In a special sense the committee on agriculture and forestry looks after the interest of the farmer, but I notice that, while the farmers of the south were well taken care of by this committee, the Oregon and western farmer generally is overlooked. This committee also deals with forestry matters. A little action by the Oregon member might have brought the state's for-

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YOUR KIDS WILL SOON BE DOING THIS



YOUNG BRITONS DRILL IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE

With uniforms made of newspapers and weapons of sticks, the school boys of London drill daily all over the city. Sometimes a constable chases the "army," when the crowd that gathers get big enough to block traffic. But just as often the policeman sees something "suspicious" in another direction. This picture shows one squad drilling at the foot of Nelson's monument in Trafalgar Square. If these youngsters were just old enough—well, fewer such billboards as that behind them would do.