

BRITISH STUBBORNLY RESISTING ONSLAUGHT OF GERMAN MASSES

Enemy Violently Attempts to Break Through Line of Defense.

HINDENBURG PLAYING LEAP-FROG WITH DEATH

Airmen Are Active and Continually Harass the Enemy From Low Altitudes—Two Hundred Enemy Planes Downed In Four Days.

(By William Philip Simms)

ON THE BRITISH FRONT, March 26.—Monster battles on the sixth day of the great drive found the British and Germans fighting like tigers across Perserries ridge. The enemy is throwing masses against Albert, and the British are stubbornly resisting. The Germans are advancing slowly westward from Nesle. The allied resistance is daily stiffening. The enemy is violently attempting to break through near Arras, Albert and Noyon. The weather is fine and is favoring the Germans. It was cloudy for a brief period this afternoon, but a wind from the north cleared the atmosphere.

Airmen Are Active

The airmen are showing the greatest activity. Two hundred machines have been downed in the past four days. Low flying machines are continuously harassing the Germans.

Hindenburg Plays Leapfrog

Hindenburg is playing leapfrog with death, driving thirty divisions until they are exhausted; then thirty more through those; then leapfrogging the first thirty through the second.

Quiet in East Sector

LONDON, March 26.—Fighting has died down east of Roye and Albert, Field Marshal Haig reports. The British have established new positions there.

"North of the Somme a continuation of the fighting is expected. The enemy losses continue severe. He will be obliged to reinforce his lines. Over seventy enemy divisions are involved," the report says.

Paris Blocked by Allies

LONDON, March 26.—French dispatches declare the moment is imminent when the allied reserves must sweep against the Germans. The way to Paris is blocked by a powerful allied army.

GOVERNMENT ATTACKED ON AIRPLANE FAILURE

and British forces from Italy were defeated there. The Germans captured the towns of Bibicourt, Greveliers, Iries and Miramont and also crossed the Aisne. The enemy advancing from the direction of Albert were repelled after a fierce struggle.

KAISER WORKS TIRELESSLY.

COPENHAGEN, March 26.—Berlin correspondents at the front declare that the German losses are great, but smaller than was expected. Numberless tanks are in action. The Kaiser is working tirelessly. Berlin is decorated with flags and bells are ringing.

MANY KILLED IN EXPLOSION

NEW YORK, March 26.—Several are reported to have been killed and a score are known to have been injured this afternoon by the explosion and wrecking of the Jarvis warehouse in Jersey City. Great supplies of ammunition stored in the warehouse were destroyed.

FIELDS SHOULD BE ROLLED

J. T. Jackson Says This Process Is Good to Follow After Freeze

J. T. Jackson, a well known farmer who is now on the retired list, says in regard to reports that some of the fall sown grain has suffered from freezing, the proper thing to do is to roll the fields in the old-fashioned way. This, Mr. Jackson says, will be found a great help in resuscitating the grain in the fields where freezing was unusually heavy.

AGED CHINAMAN DEAD.

Su Ho Guey, probably the oldest Chinese in La Grande, died Sunday afternoon in the Chinese district on Fourth St. He was almost ninety years old. The funeral was held this afternoon from the Bohnenkamp Chapel.

Knights of Pythias to Visit Union

On Thursday evening, Knights of Pythias of La Grande will go to Union to assist the Union lodge in exhumation of the ranks of Esquire and Knight. About twenty of the local K. of P. contemplate making the visit.

ELEVATOR DIRECTORS CHOSEN

Meeting At North Powder Conducted By County Agent Spillman

On Saturday last, subscribers to the North Powder Elevator Co. elected its board of directors. Incorporation papers were filed some time ago. The directors elected are the following: S. C. Marn, Chas. Hutchinson, Chas. Jacobson, Homer Carns and H. Perkins, all of North Powder. A constitution and by-laws was adopted after the election of directors. To date ten thousand dollars of the fifteen thousand capital stock has been subscribed.

There are several farmers that are known that will help make up the balance. Mr. J. L. Hurd of the Borrell Construction Co. was the only elevator construction company man who attended the meeting, but at the present time bids are not being considered.

Mr. F. L. Ballard of the Bureau of Markets, U. S. D. A., submitted a proposed constitution and by-laws which, with some alterations, was adopted. Mr. A. L. Rush, of the bureau of Grain Standardization, conferred with the directors on elevator construction and types.

The county agriculturist Paul H. Spillman, acted as chairman. The newly-elected directors will push the building of the elevator with all possible speed as it is already getting late in the season.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—With the fate of the war "trembling in the balance," Senator Lodge declared that the government's refusal to inform the American people of our peril is "criminal." A wasted year is behind us," he passionately exclaimed. Our sector is undefended in the air. There is not one American battle plane in France, although \$840,000,000 has been spent for airplane production.

A mysterious conference between General Wood and Senator Lodge and other republicans indicates that a sweeping attack on the government's conduct of the war will be opened. Senator Johnson demanded pitiless publicity and Senator Poin-dexter, of Washington, D.C., declared that the "time when silence in golden has passed when the air-plan program has failed so terribly that it is the scandal of the entire world."

MEXICAN BANDITS KILL

Victims Are Also Mexicans Living In Texas.

INDO, Texas, March 26.—Two children, two women and a man, all Mexicans, were killed by Mexican bandits raiding the Novil ranch. Others were injured. The ranch owner's son was shot down seven times, but still managed to escape.

SOVIET SMASHES KORNILOFF

PETROGRAD, March 26.—Soviet forces smashed the Korniloff army which suddenly appeared in the region of the Don. The Korniloff army fled in wild disorder.

FAIRM WAGES FIXED.

Meeting At Baker Places Schedule At \$60 Per Month.

O. K. Baldwin, assistant farm labor specialist, arrived in La Grande Saturday night from Baker, where he attended the farmers' wage meeting, where a monthly wage of sixty dollars for spring seeding time was adopted. Mr. Baldwin spoke at length on the need of exchange and co-operation of labor at the present time. One hundred and fifty men were in attendance. The urgent need for a similar meeting in this county is felt that the department of labor may fully understand the present labor needs and conditions.

HARRY LARSEN FUNDRAISER

The funeral of the late Harry K. Larsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Larsen, who died with pneumonia in France, will be held at the hall in Hubler next Sunday. Further announcements will be made.

RETAIL COAL REGULATIONS MADE PUBLIC

DOMESTIC CONSUMERS MAY
SECURE SUPPLY UNTIL
MARCH 31, 1919

FAIR DISTRIBUTION IS MUCH DESIRED

Application Should Be Made to the
Local Fuel Administrator for
Full Particulars

Mr. Fred J. Holmes, state fuel administrator, has received the new regulations applying to the domestic consumers of coal. Under the new plan consumers are urged to secure a supply beyond their personal needs. In order that no one may secure a supply beyond their personal needs a check is to be kept on purchases.

Every consumer is urged to place his order before April 1 for his reasonable and normal requirements up to March 31, 1919. When such orders have been entered deliveries may be made thereon, until each consumer willing to accept the same has received two-thirds of his normal annual requirements. If a consumer has a quantity on hand this is to be deducted from what should in equity be entitled to receive.

On and after April 1, coal for domestic consumption cannot be had without complying with a statement in writing as to his needs. The purpose of the plan is to secure the broadest and most equitable distribution possible the coming year.

The plan, while laying down the general principles which must govern the retail distribution of coal, is sufficiently flexible to allow local fuel administrators to readily accommodate the regulations to their local conditions. More minute information will be cheerfully given by the fuel administration.

HONOR AWARDS HELP TROOPS

WASHINGTON, March 26.—General Pershing, through the War Department, asks congress to authorize troops to wear decorations bestowed by the allied governments and to give similar powers to award the allied heroes. The decorations are a powerful incentive to "gallantry in action," so Pershing says, and reciprocal bestowals will help to stimulate good feeling between the armies. Senator Chamberlain has introduced a bill granting the request.

WEATHER REPORT.

PORTLAND, March 26.—Rain.

NEW YORKER IS PRISONER

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Henry Emery, a New York banker, and member of the American-Russian military mission is in a German prison at Dantzig, so the state department is informed.

BELIEVED TO BE PILOT.

Investigation of Incendiary Fire At
Ellensburg, Wash.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., March 26.—Authorities are investigating a fire, believed to be of an incendiary origin, which destroyed the Galbraith-Bacon company's warehouse, with a loss of \$50,000. It contained thousands of tons of hay, barley and gasoline tractors. It is believed the fire was a German plot.

BILL GOES TO PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The House this afternoon unanimously adopted the conference report on the urgent deficiency bill, carrying \$737,000,000 for war work. The bill now goes to the president for signature.

CABLE FROM REV. CLARK

ALL MEMBERS OF HOSPITAL
UNIT WELL AND CON-
TENTED

This Is the Direct Report Received
Today from France to City
Manager Curry

"Visited some boys yesterday. All well, busy, contented, safe, gaining. Convey love to folks."—CLARK.

The above is the cablegram received this morning from Rev. G. L. Clark to City Manager Fred B. Curry.

While it is not burdened with any surplus verbiage it is sufficient to tell all the story. It means that Rev. Clark, former Presbyterian pastor in La Grande and engaged in the Y. M. C. A. work with the soldiers in France and recently transferred so as to be with the hospital units, has reached his new field; has been with the boys, and as a natural consequence followed the first impulse to let the folks at home know how the boys are getting along.

Letter From Sergt. Roy Curry.

Mr. Curry is also in receipt of a letter from his son, Sergt. Roy Curry, of the hospital unit. This letter, the same as other missives from the La Grande boys in France, tells of the boys being comfortably situated and in good health. The boys are not scattered to any great extent and are thus enabled to keep in pretty close touch with one another.

Sergt. Curry says in his letter that Rev. Clark is stationed very near the hospital boys. Rev. Clark has some three divisions to look after and the hospital unit is one of them.

IN THE JUVENILE COURT

Fred and Milton Byer, two small boys aged 9 and 13, respectively, were before the juvenile court on the charge of pilfering brass and other fixtures from the Home Construction Company's outfit, located near the hospital. On account of the belief that other youngsters are implicated in this matter the case is at present being held over.

RED CROSS ENTERTAINMENT

Some of the Features Will Be Most
Interesting

Miss Mary Newlin sings "Melody Land," supported by a chorus consisting of Margaret Corbett, Helen Curry, Leona Newlin, Ethel Wright, Wilma Osterling and Enid Stansfield, in costume. The young ladies make an exceedingly pretty picture in their light colored frocks and hats. The next number is to be a light skit, boasting the 1918 Liberty loan. The characters are Miss Dove McGee, as the mother; Miss Helen Johns, as the father; Miss Margaret Corbett, as the daughter. "The Girls of the Past, Present and Future" is a very attractive number and makes a very thrilling finale for the first part. The second part is to be more fully explained tomorrow.

INNOVATION IS SPRUNG AT LUNCHEON

CHAIRMAN KING VARIES THE
PROGRAM TO SEMI-RELIGIOUS CHARACTER

INTERESTING ADDRESSES MADE

Reports Are Also Received as to
Progress in Various War
Activities

The program at the business men's luncheon today noon was "different." Chairman J. G. King decided that something in keeping with the religious sentiment of the day would be appropriate for the closing period of the Lenten season, and an interesting program of this nature was the reward for the large number in attendance. Rev. Smith was called upon to invoke Divine blessing upon the meeting.

Previous to the regular numbers provided, reports were called for as to various local activities and this part of the program included the reading of the latest press dispatches relative to the progress of the war; a report from Chairman F. L. Meyers on the progress of the war stamp sales. Mr. Meyers said that the total sales to date exceed \$53,000, and Union county is among the highest four counties of the state. He asked continued investment in stamps and said the prospects were considered favorable for a fine showing for the county in this department.

A. T. Hill, county chairman of the Liberty Loan drive, stated that the recent report that the total loan had been reduced to three and a half billions, instead of eight billions, would make the drive easier than had been anticipated.

Fred Curry reported that the Fourth of July celebration arrangements were proceeding satisfactorily. It will be the aim to eliminate useless expense for the celebration and the occasion will be made more as a family re-union than as a display of extravagance.

Fine Addresses Delivered.

In their successive order the Rev. Upton H. Gibbs, Father Driscoll and Rev. C. A. Phipps delivered addresses in which the helpful influence of the church was appropriately and convincingly set forth. Interspersed in the program of addresses was a beautiful vocal selection "The Easter Message," by the six young ladies composing the Epworth League Sextette of the Methodist church, and including the Misses Francis Pierson, Marquerette Winters, Mabel Herzinger, Thelma Osterling, Avis Vanacke and Gladys Winters.

Forrest Ivanhoe Speaks.

Protesting that he was no speaker Forrest Ivanhoe came near convincing the audience that he was something more than a novice when he told of his absence of seven years and that all that time La Grande was the place most near to him. He told how he was thrilled in all reports showing Oregon, and especially La Grande to be in the lead in war matters and that wherever he might go this feeling of local pride and interest would abide with him. His remarks were received with the most manifest enthusiasm.

Chairman King appointed Mr. Fred J. Holmes as president of the luncheon for next Tuesday noon.

PENDLETON MAN ENDORSED

Eastern Oregon farmers organizations are deluging Representative Sinnott and Senator Chamberlain with endorsements of W. W. Harrah of Pendleton, as member of the advisory committee of the food administration. There is also strong sentiment of the agrarians against Harrah from western Washington.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE RED CROSS

Mr. Alfred Powers, field representative of the Red Cross, will arrive in La Grande tomorrow, and Dr. M. K. Hall, county chairman of the Red Cross, has called a meeting of all Red Cross members to be held at the city council chamber to-morrow evening at 7.45. Both on account of Mr. Powers' official visit and for other important reasons a large attendance of the membership is desired.

TAX PAYMENTS ARE COMING IN SLOWLY

The sheriff's office reports that tax payments are coming in slowly, but more speed is now anticipated from the fact that April 5 is the limit of time for making payment of the first half of the tax without added interest.

Sheriff Warnick reports that up to this week the total number of receipts issued for this year's tax is 1909 and this is out of a whole lot of about 4500.

The law covering tax payments provides that the first half is payable on or before the 5th day of April, and

the second half is payable on or before the 5th day of October in each year. Interest on the first half of tax which is not paid on April 5th is charged at the rate of one per cent per month or fraction of a month. Interest applies to the full amount of tax if the first half is not paid on and after the 5th day of October, and all taxes not paid by the 5th of November are subject to a penalty of 5 per cent in addition to the interest charge of 1 per cent per month or fraction of a month.