

AMERICAN FORCES NOW ENTERING BATTLE ZONE

Haig Says That Heaviest Losses Have Already Been Inflicted.

RESERVES OF ALLIES ARE HURRYING TO THE FRONT

British Director of Operations Reports the Situation Less Critical Than at Any Time In the Past Three Days.

LONDON, March 27.—The seventh day of the German drive finds no reason for pessimism, but an increasing reason for confidence. Although the Germans have regained most of the territory they lost in 1916, they are four days behind their drive's schedule.

Notwithstanding the enemy's great concentration on a small frontage their objective wedge between the British and French forces cannot be accomplished, and the allied reserve army has not been participating. The British retirement has been orderly. There has been no flight or panic and the losses of the attackers are quadruple the losses of the defenders.

Field Marshal Haig reports: "There is further local fighting north and northeast of Albert, where the situation is unchanged. We were forced back a short distance near Bray. A heavy attack south of the Somme against our new line was repulsed."

FRENCH RUSHING SUPPORTS.

LONDON, March 27.—Field Marshal Haig on Saturday issued a general order to the troops in France and Flanders in which he said: "We are again at the war crisis. The enemy has collected along his front every available division aiming to destroy the British. We have already suffered our heaviest losses. The French are rushing support to our aid. I feel that the army will do its utmost."

PARIS REPORTS THE ENEMY CHECKED.

PARIS, March 27.—The French war office report says: "Enfeebled by its losses the enemy was checked everywhere last night."

BRITISH HOLDING LINE.

(By William Philip Simms.)

ON THE BRITISH BATTLE FRONT, March 27.—The British are holding the line west of Albert and are fighting every rod. The British retired west of the town yesterday. The British are now past the desert area and are screened by the towns and the forests on the hills. The fighting was heavy about the district in which the Ancre and Somme Rivers converge, but was the heaviest of all around Meulete. This morning the enemy is attacking near Aveluy Wood.

PARIS IS NOT DISTURBED.

(By Henry Wood.)

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, March 27.—The German offensive has two great objectives. One is to break the British military power and the other is to destroy the French civilian morale by terrorizing Paris. I find the Paris morale equals that of the army.

SAYS ENEMY IS CHECKED.

LONDON, March 27.—General Maurice, director of operations, issued a summary today in which he says: "The situation is less critical this afternoon than at any time in the past three days. The enemy is definitely checked. Troops are exhausted, but there are reserves coming. Fresh attacks are expected south of the Somme. Both Germans and French reserves are approaching Roye and Noyon."

HAIG REPLIES TO WILSON.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Field-Marshal Haig has cabled President Wilson that the British army is determined to fight without counting the cost until freedom for mankind is safe, and adds: "Your message greatly touched us all please accept our thanks. One and all believe in the justice of our cause."

FRENCH AWAITING EVENTS.

PARIS, March 27.—"Only a few of the French divisions have been engaged," a government report announces. "The bulk of the French army is awaiting events, while most powerful British reserves are arriving at the front."

HEAVY ARTILLERY SAVED.

PARIS, March 27.—Premier Clemenceau, returning from the front, declared that within forty-eight hours the allies will be master of the situation. Clemenceau reported this to the ministerial council.

The premier admitted that the situation is serious.

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WAR CROSS GIVEN TO RAINBOW OFFICER



COL. DOUGLAS MAC ARTHUR

Colonel MacArthur, former war censor and one of the organizers of the Rainbow Division, has been awarded the French Cross de Guerre for gallantry in action. He is the highest officer of the American forces who has been so decorated.

SUSPECT IN QUARANTINE

ON A PACIFIC COAST PORT, March 27.—The vessel, Alexander Agassiz, has arrived in port with Germans aboard and is held in quarantine. The Agassiz is not a raider but it is believed the vessel was used in transporting supplies to a German raiding base. The engines have been damaged by the crew.

GERMAN BABIES STUNTED

Lack of Suitable Nourishment the Assigned Cause.

PARIS, February 1.—(By Mail)—The babies now being born in Germany are two centimeters smaller than the average normal German baby in peace times.

This is due to the decrease both in quality and quantity of the food now available in Germany.

German medical reviews and magazines which have just reached Paris dwell at length upon the fact that the latest development of this under-nutrition of the German population is to retard the growth and development of babies both before and after birth.

In the Deutsche Medizinische Wochenschrift of December 13, 1917, he gives statistics showing that the lack of nutrition of the mother has now resulted in retarding the growth and development of the babies as well as reducing the weight. He establishes that the average German baby at birth now is two centimeters beneath the normal.

Meeting of Robekahs.

All Robekahs who desire to sew for the Red Cross are requested to meet at Odd Fellows' hall tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock.

DRAFTED MEN TO GET FREE LEGAL COUNSEL

Men drafted into the national army from Union county will have the advantage of free legal counsel in the settlement of their affairs or in any other matter in which the services of a lawyer are required. In response to a request from the state council of defense, the local legal advisory board, composed of Attorneys John P. Stuck, Robt. Eakin and Colon R. E. Eberhard, announced this morning that any man, actually called for service, may consult them and secure their professional services without charge. They will make wills, assist in the settlement of business affairs or represent them in any court without fees. Doubtless all other Union county attorneys will gladly perform the same service. Throughout the state practically all attorneys are rendering this free assistance to the men actually called.

RAY OF HOPE THAT IMBLER BOY IS SAFE

MAY HAVE BEEN ANOTHER HENRY K. LARSEN IN FRANCE.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE POSTPONED

Official Notice to Relatives Shows That Deceased Soldier Belonged to a Different Company.

Through mistaken identity in name there is a ray of hope that Henry K. Larsen, of Imbler, is not the one whose death from pneumonia was reported by cable. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Larsen, of Imbler, received today an official letter from the war department covering the particulars of the death of "Henry K. Larsen, of Company 260."

The division to which Henry K. Larsen, of Imbler, belonged was Supply Company No. 304. In addition to this the parents have received a letter from their son which was dated in France on March 2 and stating that the writer was in good health and the letter gave no intimation that he had been transferred to another part of the service.

Funeral Postponed.

On the strength of this latest report the funeral services which had been arranged to take place Sunday have been postponed indefinitely and inquiry will be instituted at once by Mr. and Mrs. Larsen to dissipate the suspense which naturally follows the reports received.

GERMAN GENERAL KILLED IN ACTION

AMSTERDAM, March 27.—It is announced that General von Blotnitz, commanding one of the divisions in the German drive, was killed in action.

WILL BE BIG EVENT.

Great Preparations Under Way for Red Cross Dance.

After Easter those who have curbed their social ambitions in keeping with the 40-day fasting from pleasures, are to be given the opportunity for relaxation and for that reason, if for no other, it is felt that a big attendance will be on hand at Rex hall next Monday evening when the big benefit dance is given for the La Grande Chapter of the Red Cross. Another very important reason why all should patronize the event is that the chapter's exchequer is extremely depleted.

Numerous committees are today making arrangements to have everything pleasant and comfortable for the patrons of the dance who come out.

Weather Forecast.

PORTLAND, March 27.—Rain.

GERMAN GENERAL WHO MAY OPPOSE GEN. PERSHING



GEN. VON GALLWITZ

General Von Gallwitz may be pitted against General Pershing. German dispatches say he has been made commander-in-chief of a new separate army group on the western front, which allied observers believe has been formed to oppose the American forces south of the Verdun sector.

PRESIDENT IS SCORED

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Senator Jones, of Washington, scored President Wilson in the senate today for what he characterized as the chief executive's "isolation" from the public. Senator Jones demanded that the "cold hard war truth" be published to the people.

BUY A STAMP

Holder of Certificate Cannot Lose But Sure to Gain.

War Savings Stamps are the answer of a great democracy to the demand for a democratic form of government security. The plan is simple, straightforward and certain. The holder of the certificate cannot lose and is certain to gain. He is buying the safest security in the world, in the most convenient form in which the security of a great government has ever been offered to the public.

War Savings Stamps, costing \$4.14 this month and \$4.15 April 1, pay 4 per cent interest, compounded quarterly. That's their financial return. Their potential return in making life in the trenches a bit brighter, a bit safer for a soldier, maybe your own son, at least someone else's is immeasurable.

Thrifty stamps cost 25 cents each always. They do not draw interest. They are offered as a convenient, easy means of taking care of two bit pieces and accumulating enough to buy a War Savings Stamp.

ARMS vs. BONDS

How much is an arm worth? An eye? A leg? Two eyes? Yes, a life?

We'll agree there is no adequate pecuniary compensation. Nevertheless, does the soldier of any type or character, declare "I can't give an arm, a leg, my eyes or my life to this cause—it isn't fair to expect me to make these terrible sacrifices?" Of course not! His personal safety isn't considered for a moment. In crossing No Man's Land, individuality is a negative equation. As a matter of fact he does sacrifice priceless limbs, and life itself, to the great necessity—victory.

There are Americans who catalogue themselves as true blue and who in their misguided honesty feel it impossible to buy bonds. "I am too poor," is the skulking post they hide behind. They lack a true vision of the situation—they can't put their so-called convictions to the acid test.

Here's the crux, here the chemicals that know no wrong analysis: Assume, if you will, that every man in Union county—poor as a church rat, or as rich as John D.—had to face the fact of losing a limb, an eye, or even his life unless he bought a bond. Poor though he might be, don't you suppose he would find a way to sacrifice enough to buy a bond and save his own life or avoid a maimed body? Of course, he'd get the bond, and get it quickly. Necessity will find a way. The picture may be far-fetched, at first reading, but is it?

The soldier abroad willingly offers himself to the losses in mind. Even as the Lowly Nazarene unflinchingly climbed to Calvary 1918 years ago this week, so the gallant soldier goes to his death or physical disability. If the soldier performs all these heroic gallantries, shouldn't civilians at home, well fed, comfortably housed, surrounded by loved ones and security—shouldn't they find a way to buy Liberty Bonds, even though poor? The answer is, Yes! A thousand times Yes! No man, able to do a day's work, dares gainsay it.

LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEE

BOLSHEVIKI DECLARE TIME IS AGAIN RIPE FOR WAR

Ukrainians Have Recaptured Odessa From the Germans After a Bloody Encounter.

(By James Shaplen.)

PETROGRAD, March 27.—Bolsheviki declare that the German offensive will give Russia the opportunity to re-organize and declare war against Germany when the offensive fails. Trotzky, minister of war, has issued a proclamation for universal military training. The highest grades are ordered to report immediately and all the old officers are reporting en masse.

ODESSA IS RECAPTURED.

MOSCOW, March 27.—The Ukrainian Bolsheviki have recaptured Odessa from the Germans after a bloody engagement. The Black Sea fleet co-operated with the land forces.

Fine Window Display.

One of the finest decorated windows that has been seen in this city for some time is the window at Hill's Department store. Mr. Way, window decorator for this store, is deserving of much credit for his ability in this line of work. The window display is intended for the Easter season.

Dance Was Enjoyed.

The dance given last night by the Home Guard band was well attended and enjoyed by all. The few members of the Guards who were present expressed their regrets for the absence of their fellow members.

Grand Matron's Official Visit.

Hope Chapter, No. 13, O. E. S., will hold a meeting this evening at 7:30 o'clock for exemplification of work. A full attendance desired.—By Order Worthy Matron.

FOR FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Notices Have Been Received by Local ARMY BOARD

The following, received by Secretary King of the local army board from Provost Marshal General E. H. Crowder, is self-explanatory:

"To Members of All Local Boards: 'Herewith are sent to you five copies of the act of congress recently passed, the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief act. Its aim is to protect persons in military service from excessive hardship due to the forfeiture of sundry claims and rights or the maturing of legal obligations during their absence in military service, and due to their inability to look after their business and property interests left behind.

"This act was drafted in the office of the judge advocate general of the army, and received a thorough overhauling in the light of hearings before senate and house committees, at which were present representatives of the various interests affected. It therefore represents the result of several months' careful scrutiny by a large number of competent persons, in addition to the authority given by its consideration and enactment by the two houses of congress.

"In view of the serious hardships likely to be suffered in their affairs by thousands of men who have made the great act of sacrifice by entering military service, and in view of the wisdom of forestalling that natural dissatisfaction which might arise if such a measure of relief had not been extended, it is hoped that all members of local boards will take an active interest in giving wide publicity to this law.

"You are requested to hand one of these copies of the act to each of the members of your legal advisory board and to show them this letter.

"Should the families of any persons in military service be known to you to need protection from the kind of loss or injury covered by this act, you are requested to notify them to apply promptly to the nearest court, where due relief can be obtained.

"Copies of the act have been distributed to all judges of superior courts; but, inasmuch as the various local judges and magistrates have not all been reached in this manner, it is requested that you hand a copy of the act to the principal magistrate in your neighborhood, for the purpose of his information. In this and other ways, we trust that you will be able to assist powerfully in giving prompt effect to the beneficent provisions of the act."

CIGARETTE CAUSED LOSS

NEW YORK, March 27.—Jacob Altman, aged 53, has confessed to the police that he carelessly threw a cigarette on the floor of the Jarvis warehouse, causing the explosion and loss of \$2,000,000 worth of ammunition and supplies. Altman was employed as a weigher in the warehouse.

VAST FOOD SHIPMENTS

Wonderful Amount of Supplies Got from the United States

Statistics compiled by the food administration show that the grand total of all food exported to the four allies—the United Kingdom, France, Italy and Russia—from July 1, 1914, to January 1, 1918, would furnish complete yearly rations for 57,100,933 adult persons, with a surplus of protein capable of supplying this portion of the diet for 22,194,570 additional men.

Since the beginning of the war the United States has averaged to supply the allies with food enough each year to support 16,314,552 persons, and with an excess of both protein and fats sufficient for several millions more.

The total exports of wheat and wheat flour to the three principal allies, Russia getting but a very small per cent of the whole, were equivalent to about 384,000,000 bushels, or an average of about 110,000,000 bushels a year. Of this total amount the United Kingdom got 145,348,000 bushels of wheat and 8,512,000 barrels of wheat flour; France got 79,798,000 bushels of wheat and 5,462,000 barrels of wheat flour; Italy 87,136,000 bushels of wheat and 1,895,000 barrels of wheat flour. Russia received only 130,000 bushels of wheat and 25,000 barrels of wheat flour.

The total exports of pork products were nearly 2,000,000,000 pounds, a yearly average of about 570,000,000 pounds. The total sugar exports were over 2,269,000,000 pounds, a yearly average of about 648,000,000. Of corn there was exported 23,332,000 bushels; oats, 207,981,000; rye, 3,407,000.

Will Visit Riviera School.

Miss May Murphy, home economic specialist, will be at the Riviera school tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE FOR THE RED CROSS

At the Red Cross meeting to be held at the city council rooms this evening Mr. Alfred Powers, field representative of the Red Cross, will be given a lecture accompanied by stereopticon views. Mr. Powers has seventy-five colored pictures of Red Cross work in this state and from different parts of the United States and the list also includes appropriate illustrations from the field of war. In connection with this presentation of these views there will be given a history of the Red Cross movement. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance. The meeting is to open at 7:45 this evening.