

GERMANS ABANDON DRIVE TEMPORARILY, AT LEAST

Battle Resumes, With Fresh Violence, On a Front of 25 Miles

HINDENBURGERS HAVE BEEN FOUGHT TO STANDSTILL IN PAST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS

Germans Are Returning to Trench Warfare In Many Places.

Simms' account of the Germans digging-in indicates that von Hindenburg is ready to acknowledge that the drive has reached the limit of possibility and is discontinued. It also indicates that he is planning to forego the quick resumption of trench warfare against the allied counter-offensive, instead of open warfare, which the Germans professedly prefer. It is believed the Germans may next drive at Verdun and on the Italian front.

GERMANS DIGGING IN.

(By William Phillip Simms.)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY, March 30.—The situation has not changed materially this morning. The Germans are digging in at many places.

The first phase of the Germans' great offensive is over, it is believed. However, a second drive will begin when von Hindenburg's hosts are relieved and guns brought up. The Hindenburgers were fought to a standstill in the last forty-eight hours. I am convinced the German war plans have substantially miscarried. The present spasmodic thrusts are a result of readjustments of the enemy's fighting forces and offensive scheme. Prisoners say the Germans expected to occupy Amiens on the fifth or sixth day. Further cyclonic fighting is expected along the entire line. Eighty enemy divisions participated.

HAIG REPORTS CAVALRY ENGAGEMENTS.

LONDON, March 30.—"We were pressed back at Demuin and Mezieres, south of the Somme, but counter-attacked at Lamer village, taking prisoners. There were only local actions north of the Somme during the past week. Our cavalry fought most gallantly mounted, and then dismounted, repulsing the enemy with heavy losses in numerous engagements. Enemy attempts to recapture Demuin were broken after sharp fighting throughout the afternoon," is the official report of Field Marshal Haig.

BATTLE ON TWENTY-FIVE MILE FRONT.

PARIS, March 30.—The battle was resumed with fresh violence last night and is progressing on a twenty-five mile front from Autreville to beyond Lassigny. Our troops, supported by continually arriving reserves are offering desperate resistance to the enemy's powerful attacks," is the French official report this morning.

FRENCH ARE FIRMLY HOLDING.

PARIS, March 30.—An official report indicates a renewal of the attempt to drive the wedge further past Montdidier. The battle there was resumed with extreme violence. The French are firmly holding.

ARTILLERYING ON AMERICAN FRONT.

(By Fred S. Ferguson.)

ON THE AMERICAN FRONT IN FRANCE, March 30. Secretary Baker spent the entire day at general headquarters. He entered a garage asking questions and was not recognized. Later, the garage men asked "Who is the inquisitive civilian?"

Five Americans charged a German dugout, containing six fleeing Germans; they wounded two and returned safely. Artillery fire along the front has become heavier.

BRITISH HAVE MASS OF AMMUNITION.

AMSTERDAM, March 30.—Amsterdam newspapermen visiting the German front, saw great masses of German troops concentrated. They interviewed a German general who said he never before saw such masses of munitions as the British have.

PRESIDENT HAD HAND IN APPOINTMENT

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The conviction is held that the appointment of General Foch as the allied generalissimo was the result of the strong pressure brought to bear by President Wilson and the personal application of these wishes of the chief executive by secretary of War Baker. This centralized authority is taken to mean a blow-for-blow policy. American officers are delighted with the appointment of General Foch.

COAL ORDERS SHOULD BE MADE EARLY

STATE FUEL ADMINISTRATOR, FRED J. HOLMES, EXPLAINS SITUATION.

Mr. Fred J. Holmes, of La Grande, who is the state fuel administrator for Oregon, gives the following notice to consumers of coal, viz:

April 1 has been the time appointed by the United States Fuel Administration as the date for opening a vigorous campaign for early storage of coal.

The general plan as outlined by the Administration at Washington and which made its appearance in the newspapers a few days ago, does not wholly apply to Oregon and is intended more particularly for the eastern states where so much suffering was experienced by lack of sufficient coal for all requirements.

The plan of the Oregon Administration will be to try to induce the people of the state to co-operate with me in a plan to get our requirements for next winter's coal put away in our bins during the spring and summer months and, thereby, be assured against the cold of next winter, when it may not be possible to procure enough coal for our requirements.

At the present time the coal mines are operating to nearly full capacity and cars for shipment are available. If dealers in coal are not encouraged by the consumer, to take on early storage for their requirements, they will not be able to take advantage of the opportunity of getting their orders filled at the mines and procure cars for the movement of same.

The plan I want to inaugurate, is to advise all consumers to place their orders for their full requirements for next winter, with their dealers as early as possible, commencing in April or May and not a bit later than June.

By doing this, you will give your dealer a chance to make his contract with the mine and get early shipments on same. Later orders may run the risk of having to pay more money for their coal.

The mines of Utah and Wyoming have been granted by the government, a raise on present mine price of 45 cents per ton, which has not yet been added and which will be added on July 1st, thereby making the price 45 cents per ton higher at the mine on that date, and which will necessarily have to be added to present retail price after July 1st.

For this reason alone, you should have your orders placed early and delivery made before that time and save yourself the additional cost and also be assured that you have been provided for.

My advice is—place your order with your dealer as early as possible and give him a chance to contract for a sufficient tonnage to supply all needs and to build up a reserve storage that he may go in to the winter with his bunkers full and be able to take care of the less

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FOOLED AGAIN!



Radical Changes In Relations Between Russia and the Allies

(By Joseph Shaplen.)

PETROGRAD, March 30.—The most significant changes in the relations between Russia and the allies is apparently developing. Bolshevik speakers and leaders intimate a radical modification of a program favorable to the allies. This is co-incidental with the return of allied diplomats to Petrograd and the declaration of the latter that they will not leave Russia.

Mexico Will Oppose United States Troops Crossing the Border

MARFIA, Texas, March 30.—United States cavalry has returned, following a two hundred mile dash into Mexico, pursuing bandits who raided the Neville ranch. Simultaneously General Murguia, commandant at Ojinaga, notified the American commandant that he will oppose with armed forces any further attempts of the United States troops to cross the border. The American force killed ten Mexicans, bringing back the body of an American private who was killed in a battle with the outlaws.

Epworth League Sunrise Service

One of the impressive ceremonies attendant upon Easter is the annual Easter sunrise watch service which the Epworth League of the Methodist church will hold tomorrow morning. Undaunted by the fact that the clocks will be moved ahead the coming night, the league members will meet at 5:30 a. m. for the sunrise watch service.

About 7:30 breakfast will be served in the basement of the church and those who attend the league event, and the church services will devote about six and a half hours of Easter morning to religious worship. The officers of the league invite the public to attend.

Weather Forecast.
PORTLAND, March 30.—Fair.

PARIS CHURCH WAS SHELLED

PARIS, March 30.—Workmen are still searching the ruins of the church demolished yesterday by a bursting shell which killed 75 and wounded 90. Precautions against large gatherings are being taken.

Seventy-five persons were killed and 90 wounded, most of them women and children, when a shell fired by a German long-range gun fell on a church in the region of Paris while Good Friday services were being held, according to an official communication.

MOB SPIRIT QUELLED.

KANSAS CITY, March 30.—Partial street car service has been restored. Two guardsmen with guns bayoneted have been placed on each car. The mob spirit has been curbed, but there will not be complete service tonight.

QUIET RESTORED IN QUEBEC

QUEBEC, March 30.—Troops have restored order following the riots of the anti-conscriptionists last night and the wrecking of the newspaper plants, the L'Eclaireur and the Chronicle.

Mrs. Mooney Admitted to Bail.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—Superior Judge Dunne has admitted to bail Mrs. Rena Mooney in the sum of \$7500 in each of two counts for murder. Judge Dunne said he acted against his will.

Court House News.

A trial is on before Judge Knowles in the circuit court today in which C. L. Scott is plaintiff and Brooks Campbell is defendant. The matter involved is that of water rights to a spring which both claim.

County Clerk McCormick issued a marriage license today to William C. Logue and Anna Kerr, both of La Grande.

FUNDS ASKED FOR WOMEN'S HOSPITALS

REQUEST COMES TO DR. DORA J. UNDERWOOD AS LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE.

One Hundred Dollars To Be Raised as Union County's Share in the Work.

Two telegrams have been received by Dr. Dora J. Underwood from the executive committee of the American Women's hospitals for foreign service, asking that one hundred dollars be raised in Union county toward the three hundred thousand dollars being raised in the United States for work in Europe. This fund is being solicited with the approval of the surgeon-general of the army and Dr. Richard Pierce, director general of the department of military relief of the American Red Cross.

The work of the British women physicians and surgeons who are organized under the name of the Scottish Women's hospitals, is already world known; and has been liberally helped by the American people.

Thirty-five American women physicians sent by the American Red Cross to Europe have gone through this organization. It is not duplicating the work of any other organization on the field; and although under the Red Cross has a distinct field of its own.

One of the women physicians is in charge of a maternity and children's hospital at Chalons; another is serving in a military hospital under General Pershing, a third is making a medical survey of the institutions for refugee children in France; a fourth is in charge of 500 refugee children.

This sum of money is to equip medical relief stations and dispensaries in Europe. Many of the men doctors now in charge must go to the front line trenches where they are sorely needed. The scope of the women physicians service extends from the care of old people, babies and mothers in the devastated towns to the care of wounded in the trenches; from the inspection of civil sanitary conditions to the conduct of the base hospital; from the care of refugee children to the care of expectant mothers.

The people of this country have given in large amounts with great generosity to the work of the Scottish Women's hospitals. It is therefore reasonable to suppose that the public will generously support the work of the American Women's hospitals. In order to accomplish this far-reaching service it is necessary for the laity to join hands with the doctors.

Ladd Canyon Workers Busy

LADD CANYON, March 25.—(Special.)—Another Red Cross benefit dance will be given in the old school house Saturday evening, the 30th. Good music, a nice supper and a jolly good time will be assured all those who attend.

"Hats off" to the Junior Red Cross when they entertain. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Fields donated their home and the supper and the boys did the rest. The spacious floor was very smooth and they obtained thirty two dollars. Mrs. Clyde Hoppel will be the next hostess to the Red Cross and Get-together Club members on March 28. They were entertained last by Mrs. Roy Halley. The afternoon was spent in making pajamas, followed by a tasty luncheon.

Miss Thelma Osterling visited overnight Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grandy, attending the Junior Red Cross dance while here.

Meat Packers Allowed An Eight Hour Day Increase of Wages

CHICAGO, March 30.—A basic eight hour day, effective on May 5, for employees of meat-packing establishments, has been ordered by Federal Judge Alschuler. The order also carries an increase of wages of three and a half to four cents per hour. The increased pay is retroactive and is applicable since January 14, last. The order affects 200,000 and practically ninety per cent of the packing houses of the country. It is a sweeping victory for the employees.