

## AMERICAN TROOPS TO THE FRONT

### All Roads In France Are Blocked With Sammies

### FRENCH COMPLETELY RECAPTURE POSITIONS

### Great Hun Drive Has Been Reduced to Long, Gruelling Struggle.

PARIS, April 1.—"Hangard-en-Santerre has been completely recaptured," says a French communique. "The Germans incessantly attacked at Grivesnes, five miles northwest of Montdidier. After hand to hand fighting, it remained in our hands. The German losses are heavy."

#### BRITISH CAPTURE GUNS.

LONDON, April 1.—In local operations near Serre, seven miles north of Albert, the British captured one hundred and nine machine guns, Haig has reported. "The enemy twice attacked the outskirts of Albert last night, but was completely repulsed." Latest official reports show the allies have pushed forward at four widely separated points, while holding the Germans elsewhere. The capture of Moreuil was the most important allied success. The next in importance was the French forward thrust between Montdidier and Lassigny, capturing several villages.

#### GERMAN OBJECTIVES FORESTALLED.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES, April 1.—The Allies have checked the Germans before their objectives were obtained, with now only two possibilities. The Germans must continue the present effort into a long gruelling struggle like that at Verdun, or start another offensive elsewhere, presumably in the Champagne. Thus far the Germans have used ninety divisions or 1,080,000 men.

#### PERSHING'S OFFER ACCEPTED.

LONDON, April 1.—The French government has accepted Pershing's offer to give the American forces for participation in the present battle.

#### ROADS CHOKED WITH AMERICANS.

(By Fred S. Ferguson.)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, April 1.—The general headquarters is the scene of the greatest activity, necessitated by a fighting instead of a training army. There is no confusion, despite the rapidity of movements. Miles of roads are choked in all directions by moving Americans. There are solid miles of American freighters, and machinery coming from all directions. There is new snap and vim. The army is proud of Pershing's statement. "The only question asked is the song 'Where do we go from here?'"

#### GERMANS MOVING WESTWARD.

(By William Philip Simms.)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES, April 1.—War planes report the German occupation of Maullet, after heavy fighting. The enemy viciously attacked Sunday afternoon at Moreuil, entering the towns simultaneously at three o'clock. The Germans are reported moving westward along the Luce Valley. This is practically the only change south of the Somme, but it is important because it brings the enemy nearer the Calais-Paris railway and Amiens.

#### ALLIES HOLD UPPER HAND.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The American troops are relieving the French veterans and will later join in the counter offensive. The Americans, sufficiently trained, will co-operate, and will assume a share of the great burden now so valiantly borne by the French, says the British war department weekly summary.

The summary declared unreservedly that the "Enemy has been unable to force a decision," and it is predicted he will be unable to do so while the allied armies continue maneuvering with the "consistent unity and flexibility shown during the past week."

#### GERMAN ATTACKS BROKEN.

PARIS, April 11.—A French official report says: "North of Montdidier and especially on the Peronne road, the Anglo-French forces broke up powerful German attacks."

### REPORT THAT LINER CELTIC IS TORPEDOED

NEW YORK, April 1.—A cablegram has been received stating that the White Star liner, Celtic, 20,000 tons, has been torpedoed. There is hope that the vessel may be saved.

#### Big Fire at Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, N. J., April 1.—A quarter of a million dollar fire this morning destroyed a city block and threatened the hotel district. Thousands of Easter excursionists were routed from their beds, but no casualties are reported.

#### HONOR LIST GROWS.

Thirty-two in Central School Qualified the Past Week.

Following is a list of pupils of Central school who went over the top during the week ending March 29, 1918: Velma McCall, Robert Baird, Everett Kirtley, Gwendolyn Hall, Justine Ford, Richard Roe, Justine Smith, Grace Tillson, Harry Nelson, Vida Nelson, Henry McClure, Douglas Moe, Margaret Hoffman, Marjorie Condit, Bessie Turnbow, Verna Seivers, Arthur French, Cecil Sherwood, Dorothy Caldwell, John Robinson, Audrey Nash, Sam Cochran, Constance Hall, Mildred Weeks, Jessie George, Raymond Payton, Walter Haynes, Lulu Mulkey, Dorothy Krouse, James Clark, Vera Fuller.

#### T. B. WILCOX DEAD.

Prominent Portlander Answers the Final Call.

Theodore B. Wilcox, milling commissioner for the eighth Federal grain district and president of the Portland Flouring Mills company, died at his home, 215 King street, in Portland, at 2:30 Sunday afternoon after an illness of two weeks. Death was due to acute intestinal trouble, which manifested itself during his recent visit to New York, where he was summoned on Federal business.

The deceased was a very prominent figure in the industrial and commercial affairs of the northwest.

Weather Forecast. PORTLAND, April 1.—Fair.

### German Objectives Have Been Forestalled At Nearly All Points

NEW YORK, April 1.—The initiative along the new front has almost wholly returned to the allies, with the Germans on the defensive everywhere. This does not necessarily mean that Foch is preparing a major counter offensive immediately. The American troop movements are probably limited in numbers and are intended for moral effect.

### Intrigue Is Overhanging United States and Japan

TOKYO, April 1.—Ambassador Ishii, who is being entertained by the American-Japan Society, on the eve of his departure for the United States, was warned against a renewal of German attempts to estrange Japan and the United States. "Momentarily intrigue is overhanging the two countries with the object that their friendly relations may be swept away," the Japanese ambassador said.

#### Japan Will Act Quickly.

TOKYO, April 1.—Japan has made no formal proposal to intervene in Siberia, but if the Russian situation becomes threatening, Japan will act quickly, Minister Morono told the Diet today.

### Band Will Be at Luncheon

Fred J. Holmes, chairman for the business men's luncheon tomorrow noon, announces that the band will be out for the occasion to lend inspiration to the weekly gathering. It is requested that the participants in the lunch assemble in front of the Hill Department store, from which point they will be escorted to the Foley by the band.

There will be about the usual program at luncheon. Judge Thos. H. Crawford has been prevailed upon to officiate as one of the principal speakers.

#### HOSPITAL NOTES.

Two young men, Henry McCabe and Dan Scott, who were hurt at the logging camp Saturday afternoon, were brought in yesterday to the hospital for treatment.

### Benefit Dance at Rex Hall

The benefit dance to raise funds for the Red Cross, will be held at Rex Hall this evening. A list of those who have the affair in charge has been published and the personnel of the management is a sufficient guarantee that the affair will be managed in approved fashion. Everyone who can possibly be present should be there. It is for the boys in the trenches, and that she be inducement enough to insure a large attendance.

#### Fishing Season Opens.

This being the first day of this season for fishing many of the local men gathered up their fishing rods and hit to the various streams, probably not as many went as had intended on account of undesirable weather for such a fete.

### QUOTA OF MEN FURNISHED BY THIS COUNTY

NINE NAMES ON COUNTY'S ROLL OF HONOR HAVE REPORTED.

Claude Leland Busick Given Extension of Time on Account of Sickness.

Union county's quota in the recent call, nine in all, has been filled. Five of the number have gone to Camp Lewis. They are: James Green Couch, Frank Arnold Turner, Fred Alber Warner, Frank C. Porter.

Claude Leland Busick, of Union, was allowed an extension of time on account of illness.

The remaining three are: Athol Jay Meyer, who was transferred to Greenfield, Missouri; Chas. H. Pike, who was transferred to Mountain Home, Idaho; and Lester Allen Wilson, who was transferred to Fresno, California.

These men will be sent to mobilization camps from the above-named places.

### JOHN CALVIN HART DIED THIS MORNING

John Calvin Hart, a Grand Army veteran and a well-known railroad man who has been on the retired list the past three years, died this morning after an illness of a couple of weeks at the age of 73 years and six months. He was born at Hart, Conn., September 26th, 1844. His mother died when he was four years old, and he was taken by an aunt and uncle to raise. They lived in Hudson, Summit County, Ohio. He made his home with his uncle until he was 18 years of age, when he joined the Union forces in the civil war, being attached to the 29th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served with the Union forces from his enlistment until peace was declared. Very shortly after the Union forces were mustered out he learned telegraphy at Ravenna, Ohio, and had followed the occupation of station agent and telegrapher until he was retired by the O. W. R. & N. at the age of 70 years, with which company he had been continuously employed since 1886. His wife died October 30, 1914, at Hilgard where Mr. Hart was at that time agent. He leaves the following children to mourn his loss: F. C. Hart, Rathirum, Idaho; Mrs. M. B. Metzler and Mrs. Frank Rechlin of La Grande; Mrs. G. W. Phelps and Miss Ruth Hart, of Pendleton, and Mrs. Frank Fairbanks of Ithaca, New York, besides four grand-children. Mr. Hart was a life-long member of the A. O. U. W., which lodge he joined in Kansas about 1880.

The remains will be taken to Pendleton today on No. 5 for burial at that place Wednesday, April 3rd. The body will be at Bohnenkamp's undertaking parlors for any friends who wish to view the remains during the early hours of the evening.

#### JOE WOODS IN TOWN.

Caretaker From Intake Is On Short Business Trip.

Joe Woods, caretaker at the Beaver Creek intake is down to La Grande on business. Mr. Woods reports that the snow is now about a foot and a half deep at Beaver Creek. The moisture appears to be sinking in the ground principally and the stream has not raised. It is believed from present prospects that the water supply will be ample.

Mr. Woods will remain a few days and on his return will take a number of his horses to the summer range.

### HARD CIDER SEIZED BY THE POLICE

FOUR BARRELS ARE TAKEN FROM BASEMENT OF JACK BUSCH PREMISES.

Owner Is Placed Under Arrest and Trial Is Awaiting Return of Municipal Judge.

The police department has seized four barrels of liquid which, it is claimed, is "doctored" hard cider of about forty rod cent ester kicking power. The four barrels were taken from the premises of Jack Busch on North Fir Street and a man who is alleged to have fallen under the influence of the liquid, as well as the owner of the cider, are under arrest and in custody.

The trial of the case is held up for the present on account of the absence from the city of Municipal Judge Eakin.

#### Entered Plea of Guilty.

Late this afternoon the cases were taken before Municipal Judge Eakin where Busch entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$75 and the man arrested with him was fined \$10.

#### Slight Damage by Fire.

The fire forces were called out yesterday to the home of Abe Harris on Monroe avenue. The blaze was extinguished with but little resulting damage. The fire caught from a defective flue and slight damage was inflicted to the roof.

#### Troops Pass Through.

A special train with upwards of four hundred troops passed through La Grande this afternoon for Camp Lewis. These boys are a part of the last call and they are from Colorado, Wyoming and other points east.

Bishop Paddock to Leave. Right Reverend Robert L. Paddock, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Eastern Oregon, preached his farewell sermon at Hood River yesterday and will leave very shortly for France to engage in Y. M. C. A. work. He expects to be away for a period of nine months.

#### SUGAR SUPPLY ASSURED

Fear That Shortage Would Prevent Canning Is Set Aside.

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 1.—Oregon housewives and canning plant managers will be able to conduct their usual canning operations this year so far as the supply of sugar is concerned. In a letter to Director O. D. Center, of the O. A. C. Extension Service, W. B. Ayer, Federal Food Administrator of Oregon, says that provision has been made for enough sugar to do the usual amount of canning in the usual way.

A very general sentiment that it would be necessary on account of the sugar situation either to do less canning or to put the fruit up without sugar has occasioned considerable anxiety. The announcement is designed to set at rest this misgiving and encourage housewives, club workers to go ahead with their plans for putting up considerable quantities of fruits for their own and local uses.

The government has already announced that it will place large orders with the big canneries, and if the resident population is to get its normal canned fruit supply during the year it will have to put up enough for local use. This is additionally necessary to save transportation, which may render it quite difficult for a local community to get canned products from a distance.

It is expected that the local supply in each community will be sufficient to put up the local fruit supply, but should it fall any one finding sugar hard to get is asked to notify the Oregon Food Administration.

## PRESIDENT DECLARES HUN POWER MUST GO

NEW YORK, April 1.—President Wilson's attitude on the war remains unchanged since he said in his message that "German power is a thing without honor or capacity for covenanted peace, and must be crushed," according to a letter to Bishop Henderson, of the Methodist national war council. The letter, written March 25th, said: "In reply to your letter, you are perfectly safe in using the words you quote from my message as expressing my unalterable thought and unbroken promise."

### HELP STOP THE LEAK!

