

BATTLE FRONT CHANGES TO THE BELGIAN BORDER

Reports Indicate Fierce Fighting In Practically All Sections.

First American Soldiers Take Places In the British Lines, Full of Snap and Ginger.

LONDON, April 10.—Von Hindenburg's frenzied efforts to smash a breach in the British armies on the northern French and Belgian fronts, with the object of rolling the northern flank of the British army into the North Sea, had extended into Belgium today, and a great battle is raging on a twenty-mile front.

English Under Terrific Bombardment.

Field-marshal Haig, in his latest dispatches, reports that the fighting which started yesterday, is continuing on the line between La Bassée canal and the Lys river, while British positions to the north as far as the Ypres-Comines Canal are under terrific bombardment of the enemy's heavy guns.

Bitter Struggle Is Now On.

Field-marshal Haig says that between La Bassée Canal and Armentieres, the British are stubbornly holding on to their positions on the Lys and Lawe rivers, and are bitterly contesting the Germans in their attempts to force crossings of the rivers at Estaires and Bae St. Maur.

British Recapture Givenchy.

Fighting has already broken out near Armentieres on the newly-bombarded front, this indicating that the Germans quickly followed their bombardment with infantry attacks.

Thus actual fighting has been carried northward into Belgium, probably as far as the famous town of Ploegheert. The British, by counter attacking the enemy on the southern flank of this new front, recaptured Givenchy, taking 750 prisoners. Only local fighting is in progress south of the Somme.

FIRST AMERICANS WITH BRITISH.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES, April 10.—The first American soldiers who have arrived on the British front include infantry, airmen and engineers. Correspondent Simms reports that he saw American soldiers, foremen of many more, taking their places in the line "cheery and full of ginger."

MAIN ASSAULT DIRECTED AGAINST BRITISH.

LONDON, April 10.—"The Germans this morning renewed their attack in the northern section of the Western front, their efforts being concentrated from a point east of Armentieres to Messines," General Maurice announced. "The enemy captured a considerable portion of Ploegheert wood, and continues his original purpose, which is to bleed the British army white."

SENATE COMMITTEE AVIATION CONTROL CHANGED

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Charging that government officials have been and still are misrepresenting the real status of progress in the aviation program, thereby misleading the public, the Senate military affairs committee today demanded that the work of aircraft production be removed in its entirety from the control of the Signal Corps and placed under the administration of "one executive officer appointed by the President."

Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the committee filed the report, and demanded that the proposed single executive be surrounded by a corps of the best aircraft engineers, both European and American, that can be secured. He also requested that the future policy of this department of war service be formulated on broad lines.

The military affairs committee reported that, out of 22,500 Liberty motors ordered for airplane purposes, only 122 had been completed for the army, 142 for the navy and four are en route to Europe.

In view of these returns, the committee says that production is "gravely disappointing."

SEDITION BILL PASSED.

Penalty For Disloyalty Twenty Years And \$10,000 Fine.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The senate has passed the sedition bill. The measure provides that the penalty for disloyalty shall be imprisonment for twenty years and \$10,000 fine.

SCHOOL RECORD ENVIABLE.

Douglas County Girl Neither Absent Nor Tardy In Eight Years.

ROSEBURG, Ore., April 10.—Hannah Schoss, a pupil of what is commonly known as the "Duck Egg" School, in the northern part of Douglas County, has not missed a day's attendance nor been tardy once in eight years of school work. Supervisor A. E. Street says this is the best record he has ever heard of.

Miss Schoss is something of a hustler as well, having sold \$245.50 worth of war savings stamps.

TWO OF PERSHING'S RIGHT-HAND MEN



Lieut. Col. J. G. Harbord is Pershing's chief-of-staff. Henry W. Hodge, former public service commissioner of New York is now building bridges in France for Pershing.

LARGE CASUALTY LIST.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The largest single casualty list yet issued by the war department contained 286. Five were killed in action, three died of wounds, eleven of disease and seven by accident. Ten were wounded seriously, 245 were wounded slightly and two were missing, in action.

THE WEATHER.

PORTLAND, April 10.—Fair.

French Say Their Positions Retained

PARIS, April 10.—"Great exchanges between Allied and German artillery, along a wide front held by the French and Americans, extended from a point south of Verdun to the front east of St. Mihiel is the substance of an official report issued here this morning."

The report says: "Along the left bank of the Meuse, in the Apremont forest, and near Fluery, heavy artillery exchanges are proceeding. Northwest of Rheims—(where American troops are fighting)—we carried out a raid with success and brought in prisoners. We also took some prisoners northeast of Monrenaud. After several German attacks near the convergence of the French and British line south of the Somme, we finally retained our positions."

"West of Castel and near Suzoy, the enemy attacks were defeated with heavy losses to himself."

BANDITS FROM MEXICO TRY TO CROSS LINE

FORT HANCOCK, Tex., April 10.—A contingent of United States troops are now engaged in battle with several hundred Mexican bandits, who attempted to force a crossing of the river near here in order to raid border towns.

Reinforcements are being rushed in motor trucks to aid American army patrols to defeat the bandits.

SENATOR STONE HAS ATTACK.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Senator Stone had a slight paralytic attack this morning while on a street car enroute to the capital.

MESSAGE TO COME FROM BOYS AT FRONT

LIEUT. PLOMONDON TO SPEAK AT METHODIST CHURCH THIS EVENING.

Major Mathews, a Wounded Canadian Officer, Will Give Address on War Situation.

La Grande people are to have a grand treat tonight. Lieutenant Plomondon, of Athens, who was with the La Grande Hospital unit in France several months, and was discharged on account of "neuritis" in La Grande today and as consented to speak at the Methodist church tonight in connection with the appearance of Major Mathews, the Canadian officer, who was an arrival in La Grande last night. This treat of a double sort comes as an agreeable surprise. Parents and friends of the eighty odd La Grande boys now in France with the hospital corps will be extremely anxious to listen to a man and officer who was with the boys for months "over there." Likewise they will be immensely pleased to hear the war situation on the battle front as described by Major Mathews—he having been wounded after prolonged service there. Major Mathews is in India this afternoon and will be here tonight, coming under auspices of the Liberty Loan committee, but his talk deals with the war and not so much with Liberty Loans.

Because of the extreme interest attached to both speakers and to what they have to say, there will be no music other than the singing by the audience of the National hymn and National anthem.

UMATILLA RAISES QUOTA

PENDLETON, April 10.—Pendleton and Umatilla county have, from the best reports obtainable, gone over the top in the Third Liberty Loan campaign.

Believed State Is Over Top.

PORTLAND, April 10.—It is considered certain that Oregon, outside of Portland, already has passed its subscription goal of \$8,445,000, though several counties and many towns have yet to report full quotas. But the headquarters map is now almost a solid field of blue buttons designating winning counties and communities, sprinkled here and there with the red that indicates half-way subscriptions, and only an occasional yellow tack to signify that the town or city is lagging.

Baker County Is Shy.

BAK, OR., April 10.—Totals compiled last evening by Chairman B. E. Harder, of the Liberty Loan committee, showed a total in the county actually subscribed, at \$261,790, or \$121,200 shy of the \$382,990 quota. Many districts, have made no report and the actual total is much more than shown by the figures noted. Of the amount reported \$150,000 is in the city and \$117,000 in the county side the city.

TWENTY-THREE TO BE NAMED BY THE BOARD

LIST OF THIRTY-EIGHT FROM WHICH DRAFT QUOTA WILL BE SELECTED.

Registrants Physically Unfit and Those Deferred for Agriculture Will Be Passed

The local war board has selected, according to order number, thirty-eight names from which will be taken, the county's quota in the new draft. This is in accordance with induction telegram number 27 which represents the induction call number 149 recently received by the local exemption board. This calls for the drafting of twenty-three registrants from Union county. The following registrants represent the number listed by the board from which twenty-three will be selected.

All registrants physically unfit and those claiming deferred classification on the grounds of agricultural occupation will be passed until the end of the new quota.

The list of thirty-eight includes:

- 88—Harry Lorenzo West, Union, Oregon.
- 140—Bonnie Vandermulen, La Grande, Oregon.
- 144—Melvin G. Olson, Seattle, Washington.
- 154—Harry L. Carter, La Grande, Oregon.
- 160—Dave Edgar Regier, Galva, Kansas.
- 163—Thos. Wm. Carpenter, Elgin, Oregon.
- 168—Jack Stares, Hilgard, Oregon.
- 169—Paul Brinkley, Powers, Oregon.
- 171—Earl Robert Sanders, North Powder, Oregon.
- 173—Norval Gothfred Olson, North Powder, Oregon.
- 175—Leo Franklyn Miller, La Grande, Oregon.
- 179—Clifford George, La Grande, Oregon.
- 180—George Werner Hunt, Spokane, Washington.
- 183—George Martin Lofland, Medford, Ore.
- 186—Lloyd J. Wirth, Medical Springs, Oregon.
- 187—Roy W. Peebler, Wattsburg, Washington.
- 191—Ray M. Allstott, Portland, Oregon.
- 198—Cullen Wm. Friswold, La Grande, Oregon.
- 208—Roy Pohrman, La Grande, Oregon.
- 213—John B. Christenson, Haines, Oregon.
- 226—Bert Brown, Alsea, Ore.
- 229—Mackie McKinley Graybeal, Imbler, Oregon.
- 243—Oscar Passey, La Grande, Oregon.
- 244—Camel DeBel, Baker, Oregon.
- 250—George Harrison Osborne, Union, Oregon.
- 256—Bona Wisdom, Elgin, Oregon.
- 269—Heber Herbert Allen, La Grande, Oregon.
- 276—Rhemian Hall, Union, Oregon.
- 286—Clarence Harman Marshall, Taft, California.
- 291—George Peter Kewallis, Dancan, Oregon.
- 293—Wade Hampton Gray, Heppner, Oregon.
- 294—Henry Bellmer, La Grande, Oregon.
- 301—Harold Victor Gilkison, North Powder, Oregon.
- 302—Elmer LeRoy Bingham, Union, Oregon.
- 305—George Custer, Cove, Oregon.
- 306—Chas. Nathan Cross, Elgin, Oregon.
- 310—George M. Noble, La Grande, Oregon.
- 311—Paul Tanner, La Grande, Oregon.

DR. PLOMONDON ARRIVES.

Will Tell About The Boys In France This Evening.

Dr. Plomondon, who was with the hospital unit in France and whose arrival home has been expected for several days, reached La Grande last night. Dr. Plomondon's home is in Umatilla county, but he joined the hospital unit here and has been with the La Grande boys in France practically all the time since their departure from La Grande. The doctor carries the rank of Lieutenant. He said, in an interview, with an Observer representative today, that what he had to say as to the boys, he would defer telling until this evening.

Country's Business Placed Under Federal Supervision

WASHINGTON, April 10.—New legislation enacted by the administration, will practically place the entire business of the country under federal control.

The war industries board has issued a priority order, which places all industries in their order of relative importance in the speeding up of production, transportation, conservation of fuel and raw materials. Automobile and candy manufacturers are hit by the new regulations, for they are prohibited from receiving fuel or making use of the railroads for the transportation of their products until industries producing the vital needs of the country have been supplied.

THE ANSWER

