

AMERICAN FORCES REPEL TWO ASSAULTS MADE BY GERMANS IN COUNTER DRIVE TROOPS FROM U. S. TAKE NEW POSITION

All Reports From the British Front Indicate Fierce Fighting, With Varying Results.

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES IN FRANCE, April 12.—(By United Press.)—After repulsing two German attacks on the American position north of Toul, the American troops today counter attacked, recapturing another situation.

The Americans battled with the Germans all day, infantry and artillery participating. The fighting is continuing this afternoon.

BRITISH OCCUPY NEW POSITIONS.

LONDON, April 12.—(By United Press.)—“The enemy captured Merville last night,” is the feature of Field-marshal Haig’s report, which continues: “We fell back to new positions near Neuve Eglise. The British, in counter attacks, recaptured positions north of Festubert.”

In the neighborhood of Merville and Neuve Berquin there was severe and continuous fighting last night. The enemy’s pressure is continuing as he progresses. The Flanders battle is expected hourly to spread northwards to Ypres and southward to the Picardy battlefield. The British counter attacks in Flanders have given way as in Picardy. “White Wings” are holding a fifteen mile stretch from Lt Basse to Arras and separate the two battles. The British center has been pushed back seven miles from the original line along the Lys River, today’s official report shows.

Field-marshal Haig also reports that the Germans entered the British position a mile and a half east of Arras, but by counter attacking the British drove him out.

“Astride the Somme river, there is increased artillery fire.

The enemy captured Merville last night. The British retirement here has increased the salient immediately to the south of Ypres.

BATTLE WITH REDOUBLED FURY.

(By William Philip Simms.)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES, April 12.—(By United Press.)—The battle around Armentieres has been resumed with redoubled fury. The enemy has passed the rivers Loise and Lave and is moving towards St. Venant, and is also advancing beyond Steenwerk towards Bailloul, seven miles northeast of Armentieres. Some of the ground lost was given up in conforming to the southern movement.

YPRES IS VON HINDENBURG’S OBJECTIVE

NEW YORK, April 12.—(By United Press.)—The creation of a huge salient before Ypres, with the ultimate capture of Ypres is von Hindenburg’s immediate objective. A sharp angle is already formed. This explains the persistent fighting around Hollebeke and Messines.

The capture of Ypres is desired because of its moral effect rather than its military value. In view of the glorious British achievements in the past about Ypres, its capture would cause a shock to the British people.

TAKE PRISONERS IN SURPRISE ATTACK

PARIS, April 12.—(By United Press.)—In successful surprise attacks north of the Ailette river and west of Butte-du-Mesnil, where American artillery is engaged, prisoners were captured.

BRITISH SUCCESS IN PALESTINE

LONDON, April 12.—(By United Press.)—An official report states that the British offensive in Palestine had to contend with a sharp offensive of the Turks on Wednesday, when they penetrated advanced British positions. By counter attacks the Turks were ejected, the British advancing their positions.

DEFINITE CRISIS AGAIN REACHED

LONDON, April 12.—(By United Press.)—A definite crisis has again been reached. The situation is undoubtedly not pleasant. General Maurice, director of operations, said this evening. “The enemy is near Bailloul, seven miles northwest of Armentieres, which is an important railway center.”

FIRST PHOTO FROM GERMAN DRIVE



Many prisoners were taken by the British when the German drive, now on, first started. The prisoners were troops who had advanced too far, got ahead of the main body, and been trapped in British counter-attacks. Here you see a detachment of them tramping along the road in central France, under guard of British soldiers.

AMERICAN LABORITE STANDS FIRM

LIVERPOOL, April 12.—(By United Press.)—James Wilson, president of the Patternmaker League of North America, and spokesman for American labor, declared today “American labor never was before so united in supporting the government’s war policies and is going right through to a finish.”

Soldiers Pass Through. A train load of soldiers passed through La Grande this morning, going west.

The meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Greenwood school will be postponed from tonight, April 12, until, Friday, April 19.

Reception for Dr. Plomondon

The army and navy auxiliary will give a reception in honor of Dr. (Lieutenant) Plomondon at the city hall next Monday evening. This is in appreciation of the lieutenant’s visit here, direct from France.

Since his arrival in La Grande the officer of the hospital unit has spared no pains in visiting all the parents and friends of the La Grande boys and for this same purpose he visited Imbler yesterday to see people in that locality who have sons with the La Grande company. Lieutenant Plomondon’s stay here is for the purpose of bringing direct personal messages from the boys, and while the reception to be given in his honor will be more or less informal it is expected that further reports will be given as to the soldier’s life and experience in France. This meeting is to be something in the way of a family gathering, although everybody is invited, as the reception is intended to be a public affair.

OREGON IS FIRST STATE TO COMPLETE LOAN QUOTA

WASHINGTON, April 12.—(By United Press.)—It is officially announced that Oregon is the first state to complete its Liberty Loan quota. America’s third loan drive promises to be the greatest of all and it is predicted that it will be greatly oversubscribed.

Threatened Outbreak of Another Tong War

Hung Den and Eng Den, two Chinamen, are in jail on the charge of attempting the life of Toy Young. One side of the case is reported in effect that Hung Den and Eng Den went to Hot Lake, where Toy Young works as a cook, yesterday evening in a taxi cab for the purposes alleged. Hung Den is from Portland, and is a stranger here. At Hot Lake they went into the kitchen where Eng Den, who is a cook at the Home restaurant in La Grande, pointed out to the visiting Chinamen, the Hot Lake chef, Toy Young. Dr. Phy and one or two others were present, and the attempted attack was frustrated. The two Chinamen then returned to La Grande, and Toy Young also came to town and caused their arrest. Toy says that he had received a letter from a friend in Portland advising him that an attack on his life was plotted and for him to be on the lookout.

The two prisoners, Hung Den and Eng Den claim that they had no hostile intentions and that they had no gun with them when they were placed under arrest.

The circumstances are taken to mean that the attack, if really contemplated, was a part of a tong war feud.

The preliminary hearing of the case which is to be held before Justice of the Peace Williams, is called for Tuesday morning.

Colon R. Eberhard is attorney for the accused Chinamen. Toy Young, complaining witness is well known throughout the community and particularly in the North Powder section, where he maintained a successful claim for government land on account of being a native born citizen.

HUNGARY HAS FOOD TROUBLES.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—(By United Press.)—Austria-Hungary is afflicted with a horde of food profiteers and hoarders, according to Hungarian newspapers just received here. The government, they claim, has proceeded against 194 persons in 31 cases of profiteering and hoarding. Many of the schemes for the securing of food are original.

One man, a printer of Budapest, carried on a flourishing business in food cards—which he had printed himself. He got two years. Another man, a discharged soldier, took up lodgings under false names and received cards for each name. When arrested he had 22 food cards and 16 false registration papers.

FRENCH DESTROY PLANES

Twenty Eight in Record For Month of March. WASHINGTON, April 12.—(By United Press.)—According to official dispatches which have arrived here, the French destroyed twenty-eight German airplanes during the month of March. Eight of these planes were destroyed in one night, says the report.

PERSISTENT BOOTLEGGERS IN

BAKER, April 10.—James Cox, a confirmed bootlegger, is again in the toils, being arrested by Sheriff Anderson yesterday on information from Sheriff Brown, of Malheur County, who has in jail at Vale, Taylor Snow, said to have been with Cox in bringing a consignment of booze through Malheur county.

FORCE PLAN FOR PASSING OVERMAN ACT

WASHINGTON, April 12.—(By United Press.)—Democrats, who are giving undivided support to all proposals of the administration plan to force the Overman bill (which further extends the powers of the President) through Senate today or tomorrow.

It is generally conceded that the effort will arouse much angry opposition from the opponents of the measure.

The sponsors of the bill declare that there is urgent need of reorganization of all government departments in order to enable America to meet requests of the English premier Lloyd George.

CLOSING OF DEBATE ON DRAFT BILL

WASHINGTON, April 12.—(By United Press.)—Prior to the closing of the debate on the draft bill amendments today, Representative Kahn declared: “I know the German people must be defeated that we may win our peace and for the contentment of the American people of this hemisphere, but internal troubles in Germany will not bring about her defeat.”

The vote is expected to be taken before the house adjourns.

BAKER COUNTY SUCCEEDS

Bond Quota Has Been Raised and Work Continues.

BAKER, April 12.—At the close of banking hours yesterday, official report was made by Chairman B. E. Harder, of the Baker county Liberty Loan committee that the county was over the top in the third loan drive, a total of \$386,350, or \$3,350 in excess of the quota being reported. While the county as a whole has gone over, the city of Baker, on figures compiled up to the same hour, was still \$42,250 behind its allotment of \$310,000.

The volunteers throughout the county, however, are not going to cease their efforts and will continue their work to make the over-subscription as large as possible.

Quite a number of names of bond slackers are being listed and a nice little unpleasant surprise party will be in store for them unless they experience a change of heart within the next day or two.

PRIEST FACES CHARGE

Rev. Boniface Simmons To Be Asked To Resign.

GRANGEVILLE, Idaho, April 12.—Rev. Boniface Simmons, a Catholic priest at Grangeville, a small town in the center of a German community west of here, will be summoned before the Idaho County Council of Defense tomorrow to make a statement regarding his loyalty to the United States in the present world conflict, according to an announcement made here on Tuesday.

What information is in the hands of the Council members is not known but reports questioning the loyalty of the priest have been circulated publicly for some time. Frank M. Blocker, the Ferdinand banker, who met with the council here Monday night, promised to sign a public statement, pledging his loyal support to the United States and the flag.

Fined Five Dollars.

Victor Knapp was fined \$5.00 in the municipal court this morning for driving over the fire hose.

Geo. T. Cochran and T. J. Scroggin are among the La Grande visitors in Portland this week.

IRISH PEOPLE WANT A DECISION OF THEIR OWN

FOR BETTER ROADS.

SEATTLE, Wash, April 12.—(By United Press.)—Harmonization of the road laws and policies of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana for better results, and raising of the standard of the highway engineer to bring most practical results at minimum cost are being discussed by the delegates attending the meeting of the Northwestern Society of Highway Engineers, which opened a two day session today.

CRADDOCK DEFENDS TITLE

DES MOINES, April 12.—(By United Press.)—The third championship wrestling match in six months to be staged in Des Moines will be held tonight at the Coliseum, when Earl Craddock, champion heavyweight, defends his title against John Olin, Finnish mat artist.

Killed a Bear.

J. K. Charlton, of this city, killed a brown cinnamon bear in the hills near Kamela yesterday afternoon.

LONDON, April 12.—(By United Press.)—The Irish convention, by a vote of 142 to 42, have adopted a plan which provides for the adoption of the selective form of government in Ireland, it is officially announced here today.

The plan, which is contained in a report drawn up by members of the convention, provides for the establishment of an Irish parliament, which is to be voted with full powers to draw administration of the country and for up all internal legislation, provide for formulate tax proposals.

The report demands that self-government for the Irish be granted immediately.

The Ulsterite have filed a dissenting minority report.

The convention, with a vote of 54 to 17, decided that the question of conscripting the Irish for service in the British army, must be submitted to the proposed Irish parliament before it shall be enforced.

The Nationalists have agreed to guarantee the Unionists a representation of forty per cent of the membership now held in the English house of commons.