

BRITISH WITHSTANDING SECOND HEAVY ONSLAUGHT IN FLANDERS

Americans Prove Superiority Over Picked German Stormers.

Germany Is Prepared to Waste Over a Million Lives on the Western Front.

(By William Philip Simms.)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES, April 16.—Germans are in Bailleul. Von Stetten's fresh troops attacked from the south, while Von Carlotz hurled a storm of troops northward past the city on the east, simultaneously assaulting Le Ravetsburg Heights, which are the southernmost bastions of an agglomeration of protuberances rising of the otherwise lowlands of Flanders.

Rushing up reinforcements, Hindenburg is attacking heavily from Merville to Neuve Eglise. "This takes the entire fight center of the German drive. From Merville to Neuve Eglise is 11 miles, but the front covers 15 miles, embracing Merville, Vieux-Berquin, Merris, Meteren, Bailleul and Neuve Eglise."

Heavy trench mortar bombardment preceded the capture of Bailleul. The attackers included the German Alpine corps, the hundredth and seventeenth and the eleventh divisions. At least three divisions followed up the German barrage between Bailleul and Neuve-Eglise, before which the British lines were bent, but not broken. Bailleul was taken during the night, Le Ravetsburg Ridge also falling.

North of Merville, the enemy attacked fiercely, attempting to storm the British positions. On the eastern edge of Nieppe forest they caught the British shellfire and failed to make progress.

On the northern flank the Germans were smashed before reaching their objectives and were thrown back on Bailleul. On the Somme front the German artillery is speeding up. The second army is bristling with guns. There is considerable shelling of villages behind the British lines.

AMERICANS MASTERS OF GERMANS.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, April 16.—(By United Press.)—Details of Sunday's battle at Muese prove the Americans are masters of the Germans. The Boches' best stormers attacked. Irish, Italians, English, Poles, Scandinavians and Americans repulsed the Germans. In a three-hour fight 400 Boches were hurled back, losing 64 dead, 11 prisoners, and 22 Mitrailleses. The Americans are laden with souvenirs as a result of the encounter.

A Yankee private says, "They are great, big buns, and yellow clear through."

FIELD MARSHAL HAIG'S REPORT.

LONDON, April 16.—(By United Press.)—Bailleul, one of the most important strategic points in the northern portion of the Flanders salient, has been captured by the Germans, Haig reports. "We have fallen back north of Bailleul. The British abandoned Wulverghem. The Germans were unable to occupy Lamer, as it is dominated by the Messines ridges and is rendered untenable by the British artillery."

GERMANY PREPARED TO WASTE MILLION LIVES

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Germany is prepared to waste more than a million lives on the west front offensive, according to information received here. Socialist and militarist leaders are reported to have conferred before the drive began, and reached an understanding that the radicals will not oppose with objections as long as the casualties do not exceed the million and a half mark.

REPORTED DEATH OF H. K. LARSEN CONFIRMED

A message to the Observer this morning states that the reported death of Henry K. Larsen, of Imbler, has been confirmed. Relatives at Imbler are in receipt of letters from the hospital nurse, as well as from the chaplain of the company in France removing all doubt as to the identity of the soldier whose death from pneumonia was first reported.

Memorial Will Be Held Sunday

Memorial services for the deceased will be held at the public hall in Imbler Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Addresses will be made by Walter Pierce and L. M. Jensen. Other appropriate ceremonies have been arranged to carry out a full measure of respect for the honored dead.

Henry K. Larsen was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Larsen, of Imbler, and was a member of Supply Co. Q. M. C. 304. He died from pneumonia in a hospital in France on March 19. He was formerly engaged in the carpenter trade and enlisted at Salt Lake City in August, 1917. He was 27 years of age.

FRENCH WIN SUCCESS.

PARIS, April 16.—(By United Press.)—The French raided successfully the Toul and Chemin des Dames sectors, where the Americans are fighting.

OREGON BOYS DEAD.

One Died In France And One Killed On Border.

OTTAWA, April 16.—(By United Press.)—G. R. Dwire died with the Canadian forces in France. His home is at Silverton, Oregon.

LAREDO, Tex., April 16.—(By United Press.)—Private Thomas Atchison, Portland, was killed by a rifle bullet from the Mexican side.

FIRST HUN PRISONERS OF WAR ARRIVE

Crew Of Submarine Brought To The United States.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, April 16.—(By United Press.)—The first German prisoners of war arrived in the United States today. They are members of the crew of the submarine U-58, which was sunk by an American destroyer. The exact number is not given, but is believed to be about twenty. They were interned.

COUNT CZERNIN HAS A NEW JOB

Is Appointed Commander Of Austrian Brigade.

COPENHAGEN, April 16.—(By United Press.)—Count Czernin has been appointed commander of the Austrian brigade on the Italian front. It is learned today. A sharp conflict of opinion resulted Sunday in a conference between Czernin and Emperor Karl.

German Trawlers Sunk.

LONDON, April 16.—(By United Press.)—Ten German trawlers were sunk by British war vessels in the Cattegat yesterday. The crews of the vessels were saved by the British. There were no British casualties.

IN AID OF CHILD WELFARE

LONDON, April 16.—The Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Consuelo Vanderbilt, and a number of other prominent women in England are organizing a "jewel fund" to aid child welfare work in this country. Each woman will sell a jewel, the money to be donated to the fund.

U. S. CASUALTIES ARE REPORTED

Aggregate Losses From All Causes Is 3559.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(By United Press.)—The total casualties among Americans abroad is as follows:

Killed in action, 246.
Killed by accident, 189.
Killed or prisoners, 15.
Died of disease, 891.
Lost at sea, 237.
Died of wounds, 79.
Suicides, unknown causes, gas, etc., 45.
Civilians killed, 7.
Soldiers wounded, 1783.
Captured, 43.
Missing, 37.
Unaccounted for, 1.
Total losses, 3,559.

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FROM MR. STANGE TO RED CROSS

At noonday luncheon today, Mr. August Stange was called upon as a "visiting brother," to make a few remarks. His speech was very direct to the point and wound up with an offer which was unanimously accepted. Mr. Stange, referring to the reports on the local Red Cross chapter, said in conclusion, "If the finance committee will call at the office of the Mt. Emily Timber Company they will receive a check for \$500." It is needless to say that Mr. Stange's speech was one of the most heartily applauded, as well as appreciated, that has been delivered at the noonday luncheon in many a day.

Red Cross Needs Help.

One of the prominent topics at the luncheon today was that of the condition of the La Grande Chapter. Mr. F. L. Meyers, president of finance committee, reported that the chapter was in need of funds to properly carry on its work. It was proposed to have a voluntary contribution by individuals subscribing a certain amount to be paid monthly. Mr. W. B. Sargent offered the resolution that the Liberty Loan committee be instructed to proceed to raise a fund of \$15,000 for the local Red Cross. This was adopted and in the meantime a subscription paper circulated among the

business men present showed a good report on the monthly payment plan.

Other Matters Brought Up.

There were reports submitted by Mr. Larson, Mr. Scroggin and others on the progress of the war activities. Mr. Meyers reported that the sale of war stamps in the county now exceeds \$65,000 and Union county stands fourth among the counties of the state outside of Multnomah.

George Cochran read an interesting letter from Chas. Harding, a member of the hospital unit.

Lieut. Plomondon gave an address, reviewing general conditions in France, which were very interesting. He said he had been frequently asked his opinion as to how long the war will last. The only answer is: "It may be a year and it may be five years, but it will last until the Kaiser is licked."

La Grande Is On the Map.

Senator Walter Pierce, who has just returned from Portland, said that the proceeding of the meeting last Tuesday had been heralded all over the state. He saw copies of the Observer in Salem, Portland and many other places he visited in the past week. In every locality the pronounced activity

WHAM !!



BOCHES SEEKING TO WIDEN DRIVE



Held before Amiens, the Germans are apparently seeking to widen the fighting front in the hope of preventing the concentration of vast allied reserves for a counter drive. They have opened a new attack north of Arras. Arrow shows northern end of new drive front.

SEC. BAKER HOME FROM THE FRONT

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(By United Press.)—Secretary of War Baker returned to an Atlantic port this morning. He notified by long distance telephone the officials here that he would return soon and report the results of his investigations in France.

The Secretary said: "I have a feeling of pride and confidence in the American army. The Sammlers are most anxious to get in where the fray is the thickest."

NAMES OF THE MEN CALLED

The following registrants of Union county have been called to appear at the local exemption board headquarters on April 29, to be drafted into the service, on call No. 176. A balance will be left over from the recent call for registrants to appear on the 28th. From the balance and this new group a total number of six registrants will be drafted into the service.

Order No. Name. Address.

312 Edward Simonsen, Spokane.

316 Earl Bates, Roseville, Calif.

323 Chas. Edward Spangle, San Pedro, Calif.

324 Joseph Peter Gettle, La Grande.

325 Geo. B. Meserve, La Grande.

329 Geo. A. Goodbrod, Portland.

332 Jerry George Kimmell, La Grande.

JOSEPH RESIDENT DIED YESTERDAY

Thos. Rich, Pioneer Citizen of Walla, Expires Suddenly.

JOSEPH, April 15.—(Special.)—Thomas Rich, aged 54, died suddenly yesterday evening. He had a complication of lung trouble and pneumonia and the end came suddenly and unexpectedly. The deceased was among the early settlers of Walla Walla county, coming with his father, who was one of the first settlers on Prairie creek, in the early seventies. He was a member of the Mason and Odd Fellows fraternities. He leaves a wife and six children, two of whom are married.

ANDREW BLOCKLAND INVESTS

Andrew Blockland, the well-known farmer and stockman of Island City, has increased his holdings of farm property in this locality to the extent of 120 acres. This is in the purchase from B. E. Kennedy, of Portland, of a part of the Ackles place, north of Island City. The details as to price paid have not been made public.

CATTLE RECEIPTS LIGHT.

PORTLAND, April 15.—Cattle receipts 399. Cattle receipts today constitute the lightest Monday's run in the history of the yards. All classes of cattle quotations have been raised 25c per hundred. In many instances today cattle have sold 40c higher than the same class would have brought last week. There was no cattle of merit in the yards today. Quotations are: Good to choice steers \$1.75 to \$12.25; med. to good steers \$10.75 to \$11.75; com. to medium steers \$8.75 to \$10.75; choice cows and heifers \$6 to \$9.50; canners \$3 to \$5; bulls, \$5.50 to \$9.50; calves \$7.50 to \$12; stockers and feeders \$6.50 to \$9.50.

Hog receipts 1490. Little better run today than a week ago. All classes steady to 15c higher. The very good light hogs sold at \$17.65 other classes in proportion. Quotations are: Prime light \$17.50 to \$17.65; prime heavy \$17 to \$17.50; pigs \$15 to \$16; bulk \$17.40 to \$17.50.

Sheep receipts 525. All lines are steady and there is no change in quotations. Quotations are: Heavy lambs \$16.50 to \$18; spring lambs, \$20; yearlings \$15 to \$15.25; wethers \$13 to \$13.50; ewes \$12 to \$12.50.

WILL STAY TILL KAISER IS LICKED

THIS IS THE MESSAGE SENT HOME BY THE BOYS IN FRANCE.

Reception to Lieut. Plomondon Yesterday Evening Was Like Family Gathering.

"While we would be glad to be home again, none of us are ready or willing to leave France until the Kaiser is licked."

That is the substance of the general message sent by the members of the La Grande hospital unit in France and conveyed to their parents and friends by Lieut. Plomondon, the returning member of the hospital unit.

This was the message given at the reception in honor of the lieutenant at the city hall yesterday evening. This meeting was much less formal than the one held last week at the Methodist church, wherein Lieut. Plomondon made an address.

At the meeting yesterday evening, the returning army officer met the parents of the boys and conveyed the personal messages with which he was commissioned by the ones remaining in France. There was a very large attendance and the meeting was enjoyed by everyone present.

OREGON REGIMENT ENGAGED.

Reports Show That Our Troops Are With British.

Will G. Mac Rae is the staff correspondent for the Oregonian with the American armies in France. As his reports cover the movements of the Oregon regiment especially, the following special to his paper shows that it is the home regiment that is with the British. The report is cabled to the Oregonian as follows: "PARIS, April 13.—(Special Cable.)—Among the American regiments which were ordered by General Pershing to reinforce the British forces battling the Germans along the Somme front is one from the Pacific Northwest.

Officers and men of this regiment are in splendid health. It has on the hospital list none seriously ill, and has not had for a month past. Wood chopping and other outdoor activities have put the edge to splendid physical training."

REACHING A BILLION.

Liberty Loan Figures Given Out At Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(By United Press.)—Liberty loan subscriptions are passing the billion dollar mark today. Figures from eleven districts of the federal reserve totaled \$806,000,000 without reports from the big Minneapolis district where the campaign opened yesterday.

CLERKS HAVE ORGANIZED

Charter Membership In La Grande Numbers Forty-Seven.

Clarks in La Grande to the number of forty-seven have become charter members in a local branch of the American International Retail Clerks' Protective Association. It is expected that this number will be increased, but it is sufficient for the purposes of preliminary organization and a charter for the local chapter has been received. Tonight a meeting is to be held at which there will be permanent organization and officers for the ensuing term will be elected.

THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Today is the last day to register for those who have not already complied with all the registration regulations. There are not many to come under the registration provisions at this time, but the opportunity is still given to appear at the office of the county clerk before the hour of closing this evening.