

Germans Make Some Advance at Frightful Cost to Their Army

British General Considers the Situation On the Whole to be Satisfactory.

American Regiment Which Defeated Germans Near Toul to Receive Decoration.

LONDON, April 26.—(By United Press.)—Germans advanced two thousand yards on a twelve-hundred yard front in the Kemmel sector, capturing very important ground on Kemmel hill, Major General Ratcliffe, director of military operations, announced this afternoon.

"It is possible to hold Ypres even with the enemy on Mont Kemmel, but it will be inconvenient, we hope to get him off."

"In the Lys sector the net result of the engagement has been highly satisfactory. As usual the Germans used a lot of troops, with very heavy losses, and gained absolutely nothing."

FIGHTING TURNS FIELDS TO SIZZLING HELL.

(By William Philip Simms.)
WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FLANDERS, April 26.—(By United Press.)—French troops are entirely surrounded on Mount Kemmel. They are still fighting. After eight hours' fighting, the German storm troops finally wedged their way between the French and British flanks, and crossed the Kemmel-Ypres road, where a terrific allied fire held them up for two hours. Then they turned southward, and poured down the valley to the west of Kemmel hill, surrounding the French, who are still fighting atop the height. The French also hold the village. In night fighting at Mont Des Cats, five miles west, the French raked the slopes with machine guns and held out against terrible odds, preferring death to capture. Today the German lines are apparently west of Kemmel, but the ultimate winner is still in doubt.

Similar fighting surged around Villers-Bretonneux, the British fighting like lions, and retaking the town atop the ridge in much the same fashion as the Germans got Mont Kemmel, by working around the side until it was surrounded.

As the French held out in Flanders, the Germans held out in the town east of Amiens. In the Kemmel fighting, the Anglo-French made a savage counter-attack, both allied flanks enfilading Von Eberhardt's Alpine regiments and turning green and flowered fields of the valley into a sizzling hell. The Germans paid dearly for their gains.

PRISONERS TAKEN ON FRENCH FRONT.

PARIS, April 26.—(By United Press.)—There was violent cannonading south of the Somme last night, the French war office reports. On various fronts, particularly in the regions east of Lassigny between Mirette and Aisne, and in the neighborhood of Bexonvaux and Eparges, the French made numerous surprise attacks. Prisoners were taken in Lorraine and Vosges.

AMERICAN REGIMENT TO BE DECORATED.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN LORRAINE, April 26.—(By United Press.)—French generals on Sunday will decorate with the Croix de Guerre, the colors of the American regiment, which defeated the five-day attack by picked Germans northwest of Toul a fortnight ago. Individual members will also be decorated. This is the first time in history that an American regiment will receive the French war cross.

MANY MARINE ENLISTMENTS

Several Young Men Enroll As Soldiers Of The Sea.

There have been quite a number of enlistments with the United States marine corps at the recruiting office in La Grande, located in the post office building. Since the 25th of March the following named young men have been enrolled on the list of volunteers, viz:
Ray William West, Summerville; Guy E. Parker, Cove; Ray H. Snider, Tekoa, Wash.; Ray Ward, Telesset; Tony C. Moura, Durkee; Louis Iverson, La Grande; Joseph Moura, Durkee; Earl L. McCaugh, Union; Victor P. Halm, Palmer; Norris E. Gilkinson, North Powder; Mickie M. Graybeal, Imbler; Ira Ivan Bay, Summerville; Clarence E. Blanchard, Imbler; Calvin A. Johnson, Imbler.

NEWSPAPERS NOT AFFECTED.

War Reports Will Be Received Regardless of Strike.

CHICAGO, April 26.—There's no possibility of newspapers receiving the United Press leased wire service being affected by the controversy between the Commercial telegraphers' union and the telegraph corporations, President Konenkamp of the union announced this afternoon.

NEW BRITISH ENVOY TO PARIS AND NEW MINISTER OF WAR



EARL OF DERBY



Viscount Milner
The Earl of Derby has been appointed British ambassador to Paris to succeed Lord Bertie, according to the Paris Matin. Viscount Milner succeeds Derby as British War Minister, the paper adds.

LIVES LOST IN VOLCANIC ERUPTION

NO VERDICT REACHED.
New York Jury Out All Night in Eastman Case.

NEW YORK, April 26.—After being out since yesterday afternoon, the jury on the case of Max Eastman, editor of the Masses, charged with obstructing recruiting, failed to reach a verdict when court convened today.

ROME, April 26.—Mount Stromboli is in violent eruption. It is known that some lives have been lost. (Mount Stromboli is an active volcano which forms practically an island by itself in the Mediterranean, near the Straits of Messina. While it is an active volcano, it has not been violently active for a number of years.)

AMERICAN AVIATORS MAKE RECORD

WASHINGTON, April 26.—American aviators in France have downed 339 enemy airplanes from the time the United States entered the war to March 8, according to an unofficial report which was received from France this morning.

TROOPS FROM RUSSIA.

Polish Citizens Refused to Enlist Against Allies.

MOSCOW, April 26.—Germans are steadily withdrawing troops and sending them to France. Polish citizens are refusing to enlist in the proposed Polish corps to fight the Allies in Flanders.

BEWARE OF A SWINDLE

Notice has been sent out from the officials of the North Pacific coast artillery district, warning the public against some swindling devices that have been successfully worked on the parents of the boys in the service. One of them is:

A telegram is sent conveying the information that the soldier has been granted a furlough and requests funds by wire to enable him to come home, waiving identification. The rest is a mere matter of detail. Another scheme is the one where parents or friends receive telegraphic request to mail money to the soldier in care of general delivery. In that case anybody is liable to get the letter containing the money, and the remitter as well as the soldier for whom the money was intended gets left.

TO SPEED AIRCRAFT.

Senate Adopts Amendment to Overman Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The senate today adopted the Wadsworth amendment to the Overman empowering bill, authorizing the president to create a new division of aircraft production.

"GOD ALMIGHTY ALONE COULD TAKE THREE STARS FROM FLAG"

LOUIE SIMPSON MAKES MEMORABLE SPEECH AT FAREWELL BANQUET TO UNION COUNTY'S DRAFT QUOTA.

Army and Navy Auxiliary Gives Boys Outfits That Will Daily Remind Them of the Tie That Binds Them at Home.

HONOR ROLL.
Call No. 149.
Harry L. West.
Bonnie Vandermolen.
Harry L. Custer.
Thomas William Carpenter.
Earl Robert Sanders.
Clifford George.
Ray M. Allstott.
Ray V. Pehrman.
Oscar Passey.
Camiel De Bel.
George Harrison Osborne.
Heber Herbert Allen.
Ehrman Hall.
George Peter Kewallis.
Henry Bellmer.
Harold Victor Gilkinson.
George Custer.
Call No. 176.
George Noble.
Jerry G. Kimmell.
Joseph P. Gettle.
George Meserve.
Volunteer.
Campbell Garrick.
J. C. King, Y. M. C. A.
Other Board.
Joseph F. Desilet, Bend, Ore.
gon.

Once more the exigencies of the greatest war in history were brought home to the people of this section and once more did the people of La Grande loyally play their part in the great tragedy, when last evening they assembled in such numbers that the dining hall at the Foley Hotel was tilted to capacity and the entrances packed with patriots of the city and its environs.

The assembly had been arranged to afford parents, sweethearts and friends of the thirty fine specimens of the manhood of Eastern Oregon who have been selected under the draft law to proceed to training camps to prepare for their eventual sterner duties in France, an opportunity to share with their loved ones, the hospitality of the people of La Grande, who had arranged a banquet in honor of the selected men who are giving up their vocations, at least for a time, to serve Uncle Sam in his struggle to preserve all the principles of democracy against the attack of the last survival of mediaeval autocracy and absolutism, as personified by the leaders of Germany.

That the event was a brilliant success was only to be expected when one surveyed the list of names of those who had undertaken the duties of preparation, and in the opinion of those best qualified to judge, those present will long remember the night that was set apart for the farewell banquet to Union county's new contingent of selected "rookies." The organiza-

tions responsible for the great success of the event were: War Activities boards, city and county authorities, Red Cross, Army and Navy auxiliary and the legal advisory department of the war board.

After full justice had been done to the ample repast served, Toastmaster H. E. Coolidge called the first number on an extensive program.

Mrs. T. J. Scroggin and Messrs. Birnie and Cooper responded with a quartette, the number selected being the popular song: "Heilsgeland," and the unstinted applause extended to the trio testified that its rendering strongly appealed to the patriotic sentiment of all present.

Honor Guests Are Introduced.

In a very appropriate speech, Toastmaster Coolidge feelingly referred to the honor that all present must feel in being able to meet the thirty young men who had been selected as best fitted to represent all that is American in the battlefield of France, and when he looked at them he was quite sure each would nobly acquit himself of the duties that would be theirs. He assured them that when the war is over, they would be welcomed back not only as men who had done their duty to their country, but as heroes, to whom the best that is available would be given. He was quite sure there were a number of the older men in the room who were at that moment envying the boys the opportunity that had been afforded them to serve their country in an active manner, but inasmuch as it was not possible for them to go they would stay behind and do all in their power to help those who were fighting their country's battles across the Atlantic. Calling each man by name, he requested each to rise, which each in turn did, amidst the cheers of all present. After their informal introduction to their hosts, the selected men resumed their seats and the program was proceeded with.

American Genius And The War.

Geo. T. Cochran, in welcoming the honor guests, referred at length to the great part the United States would have to play in the way and more especially to the duties which would devolve upon the boys from Union county who were about to take their place in the ranks of the nation's fighters. He recalled that an incident of a few days ago had brought home to many the great part American traditions and genius had played in this war, even before the United States became involved. He showed how one invention, Maxim's machine gun was a purely American invention which, owing to its important place in the battle line, today had been referred to as "the disease of the war."

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Liberty Day Observed Throughout Country

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Liberty day, proclaimed a national holiday by the president, is observed throughout the land today. It is believed it will give the impetus necessary to carry the total subscriptions far over the three billion mark, which must be attained. The grand total this morning lacked but a few thousand of two billion.

HAS GOOD NEWS.

Mrs. R. Pattison is in receipt of a cable from Rev. G. L. Clark in France, which brings the assurance that her son "Gabe" who is with

the hospital unit, is "well, comfortable, safe," to use the exact words of the message.

THIS IS IT.

Would you like to forget your troubles? Like to see something amusing and bright? Then see a performance where the fun just bubbles, the senior play one week from tonight.