

Enemy Is Held Everywhere Field Marshal Haig Reports

Three Fierce German Attacks Are Beaten Off With Extreme Losses.

Advance Toward Ypres Meets Brilliant Counter and British Improve Their Positions.

LONDON, April 27.—(By United Press.)—"The enemy is held everywhere," Field Marshal Haig announced this morning. "Along the Hangard-Bretonneux line we advanced our position at certain points. Hostile attacks with tanks were broken up and failed to develop."

"From Loere to Lactyte, enemy assaults against the French were pressed with extreme violence. After three attacks they were beaten off with extreme losses."

"The Germans succeeded in carrying Loere village. In the evening, the allies' counter attack drove the enemy out of the village, which is now held by the French. North of Kemmel village and in the neighborhood of Voormecelle, after a long, fierce struggle, the positions remained out."

"At Ridgewood, southwest of Voormecelle, the enemy again heavily attacked, but was repulsed. We took hundreds of prisoners."

"South of the Somme in the afternoon and evening we obtained advantages in the Hangard-En Anter-Villers-Bretonneux section. Our prisoners totaled more than nine hundred."

COMPARATIVE CALM IN FLANDERS.

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WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FLANDERS, April 27.—Comparative calm on the Flanders front following the tempestuous three days, but fighting may start at any moment.

Hindenburg has brought General Sieger from Verdun to help around Kemmel. Under him are five divisions, of 60,000. Von Eberhardt, with another five divisions, is at his left. Together these ten divisions hammered away yesterday, making only slight headway after the capture of Kemmel. Sieger tried to advance toward Ypres, astride the Ypres-Comines canal, but the British countered brilliantly, retaking the lost ground and establishing a strong position.

Germans Too Exhausted to Fight.

Von Eberhardt's hill men were hurled out of Drancoutte four times and were unable to push on after occupying the place in the fifth charge. Likewise, they were too exhausted after taking Kemmel to succeed in turning Mount Scherpenberg.

Throughout the Ypres front the German guns thunder ceaselessly. Local shelling keeps up elsewhere. Weather conditions are threatening. The ground is unusually dry.

NO CHANGE ON FRENCH FRONT.

PARIS, April 27.—(By United Press.)—The French war office announced no change materially in positions today on the French front. Bombardment continued throughout the night. Germans who attacked the railway west of Bennes, where the Americans are fighting, were repulsed. There is severe artillery on the east bank of the Meuse.

BRITISH DESTROYERS VICTORS IN THE ADRIATIC SEA

LONDON, April 27.—(By United Press.)—The admiralty has announced that two British destroyers defeated five Austrian destroyers in the Adriatic. The enemy vessels fled to Durazzo for shelter. British air forces raided a seaplane base at Durazzo on Tuesday and were apparently successful. Five more British and two French destroyers joined in the pursuit toward Durazzo, which continued after midnight Monday. Our casualties were seven killed and 19 wounded.

SIMPSON TOURING VALLEY

Gubernatorial Candidate Will Return To La Grande Sunday.

Leaving behind him many new friends, L. J. Simpson, Republican candidate for governor, left this morning for Joseph and Wallowa,

where he will speak today. He will leave on his return to La Grande late tonight or early tomorrow morning, and will travel by automobile, speaking at the various towns in the Grande Ronde. Mr. Simpson will address several meetings on Sunday, and residents will have an opportunity of hearing this brilliant orator at the Star Theater on Sunday evening, where he will speak between the two presentations of a famous William Hart picture.

Will Give Recital.

Miss Hilda Anthony wishes to announce that she will give a recital at the Neighborhood Club rooms in the city library building on the evening of May 2. The public is cordially invited to attend.

NOW, THEN.

We wanted a Senior play and we've got it.
The character actors rehearse like mules.
Is it the glory of fame they want? Not it.
They are trying to follow Coach Williamson's rules.
We wanted a Senior play, and we've got it.
It's the funniest romance I've seen.
From the freakish little English Lord, Tweenways,
To the queer, strange Frenchman, quite green.
You'll laugh and it will be no forced laugh.
You'll scream, for I've seen it before.
It's better than the movie, by a blamed sight.
And the house will be packed to the door.

REV. FORD'S FAREWELL.

Christian Church Elder Goes To Government Service.
Elder H. L. Ford, who has had charge of the Christian church in La Grande several years past, will preach his farewell sermon at the church tomorrow. The subject for the morning discourse, will be "The Stone the Builders Rejected is Become the Head of the Corner." The evening service will include a farewell message and a solo.

As has been heretofore announced Elder Ford relinquishes his church work for the present to go to the government shipyards, a move which is actuated by the conviction that his services for the government are in the line of patriotic duty.

DEATH OF MRS. BACHELOR.

The death of Mrs. Tressa Bachelor, wife of Wm. J. Bachelor, occurred at No. 1306 H. avenue last night at 12 o'clock. The funeral will be held from the Salvation Army hall Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and will be conducted by Ensign Oille Childers.

THE WEATHER.

PORTLAND, April 27.—(By United Press.)—Not so cold tonight and Sunday.

R. N. STANFIELD IN LA GRANDE

"We may buy liberty bonds, we may give our money for war purposes, we may work in the shipyards and ammunition factories and perform other duties behind the lines and at home, but after all the work and the money we give amounts to nothing compared to what those boys are giving for their country and humanity when they offer their lives which, if lost, we can never return to them."

This was the statement of R. N. Stanfield, of Umatilla county, after seeing the La Grande boys, leave last night for service at the front.

"There must be work done at home and we must produce on a big scale, but any sacrifice we may make is insignificant when we see these fine boys offering everything they have, their lives. The man who makes the supreme sacrifice is the only real hero of the war."

"I hope that this country will do everything possible to provide for these boys when they return, or rather for those who do return, for there will be many who never come back. If I am elected to office provision for these heroes of the war will be one of my chief aims."

Mr. Stanfield arrived here last night on a flying visit through eastern Oregon. He remained in the city until this evening. He is accompanied by his secretary, Jack Guyton, a well-known Coos Bay newspaperman.

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DEDICATION OF SERVICE FLAG AT COVE

The dedication of the service flag at Cove yesterday afternoon was well attended and the program was interesting throughout. Forty-three stars in the flag represent the number of Cove young men who are in the service of their country. H. E. Dixon, of La Grande, was one of the principal speakers, and L. J. Simpson also gave a wonderful talk that was an inspiration of patriotism. This address was made in lieu of speech that had been scheduled for R. N. Stanfield, the republican senatorial candidate, whose arrival in Cove was frustrated thru a misunderstanding in date.

Cove citizens have every reason to feel gratified over the success of the event. There was a large attendance of visitors.

NAVAL BOY HEARD FROM.

Elmer H. Williams, son of Mrs. Ida Williams, general delivery, Haines, Ore., has been promoted to the rank of corporal in the United States marine corps. He enlisted in the marine corps on April 10, 1917, at the La Grande recruiting office, and is now serving with the soldiers of the sea on the Island of Guam.

NAVY OFFICERS ARE COMING

A U. S. navy traveling recruiting party, under the command of Ensign H. M. Delany, of the United States navy training camp, situated on the University of Washington Campus, Seattle, Wash., will visit La Grande Monday, April 29th, for the purpose of advertising Uncle Sam's first line of defense—the Navy.

Enlistments and recruiting will be made in the United States naval reserve force and exceptional opportunities and advantages are offered, unequalled in any other branch of the military service.

Men between the ages of 18 and 35 years, who are citizens of the United States, of sound mental and physical condition, good moral character and able to read and write the English language are wanted for the navy.

Men who enter the seaman branch now, when qualified, have the opportunity to attend classes of special instruction for the training of petty officers of the seaman branch, gunners mates, and boatswains mates. Those who show marked ability are sent to an officers material school, where additional training is received and every opportunity afforded to qualify for a commission in the navy.

All apprentice seamen are first instructed in the various duties of a man-of-war's man and they remain at the naval training camp for a period of few months, getting the ground work necessary to make them useful on board ship and to fit them for further instruction a long trade or vocational lines.

The recruit is given a thorough course of military and naval training, including handling of boats under oars and sails, practical experience on board a training ship, the U. S. S. Princeton being assigned permanently to the Naval Training Camp, Seattle, classes are conducted in swimming for those who cannot swim the required distance; signaling; navigation and many other courses are available to the man who is willing to work and is desirous of advancement.

Besides the seaman branch the following tradesmen are wanted for

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SCHWAB NEW CHIEF OF SHIPBUILDING



Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and probably the foremost organizer in America, has been named by President Wilson to be director general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation which is charged with the task of building ships to carry supplies and men to Europe and thwart the U-boats.

TO HOLD WAR COUNCIL.

By Meeting Called For May 22 and 23 At Portland.

Every war worker in this county has been requested to attend Oregon's first war conference to be held in Portland, May 22 and 23, under the auspices of the State Council of Defense.

The meeting has been called at the request of federal officials and is of extreme importance from several angles. First, the war workers will have an opportunity of hearing men speak who have a national or international view of the war; second, the workers will have an opportunity of discussing legal problems and co-ordinating their views with the views of others in attendance, which will prove of mutual benefit to all who attend, and third, the gathering will pave the way for a great state-wide speaking campaign which is to follow shortly after the conference.

Already 22 war conferences have been held in Eastern and Southern states. Reports have been received by federal officials that the conferences have resulted in renewed enthusiasm on the part of the workers and an increase in patriotic efforts throughout the states in which the conferences were held.

Every branch of war activity will be represented at the conference. The county chairmen from every county and the active workers have been asked to attend and it is predicted that this gathering will be the greatest patriotic showing yet held in the state.

THE TIME TO KICK

City Commission Wants Delinquents to Show Cause.

Since the city commission has appointed two evenings next week—Monday and Tuesday—for those delinquent on improvement assessments to present their side of the matter, it is hoped those who are directly interested will be present to make their objections, or as would be said in a legal way, to "show cause." The opportunity is now given and the commission wants to get their matter adjusted without delay.

ULTIMATUM TO HOLLAND NOT LIKELY

THE HAGUE, April 27.—(By United Press.)—The premier and foreign minister held a long conference with political leaders before going into a secret session. The commander-in-chief has ordered leaves of absence stopped in the army and navy.

No Ultimatum Served.
WASHINGTON, April 27.—(By United Press.)—That Germany has not served an ultimatum on Holland on the question of free transportation of supplies through that country, was declared by an official here. A possible break over the negotiations on between the two countries is slight, they say. The Dutch premier said this week that the legation officials were drawing to a close of negotiations, which have "not yet assumed serious proportions."

AMERICA HAS ALWAYS FOUGHT FOR LIBERTY

"LOUIE" SIMPSON ADDRESSES
OVER 600 RESIDENTS AT
ARCADE THEATER

"Somewhere A Voice Is Calling:
Your Country Needs You Now"
Is Very Popular Text.

Before a "house" consisting of more than six hundred residents of La Grande, Louis J. Simpson, Republican candidate for governor, delivered a memorable speech, the occasion being Liberty Day, the first of which was celebrated throughout the union yesterday.

Taking as his text the words of the famous song "Somewhere A Voice Is Calling," Mr. Simpson, who was introduced in an appropriate little speech by City Manager Curry, said: "More than a century ago a band of patriots congregated together on the shores of the Atlantic, and in response to the cry of oppressed peoples rang a famous bell—the Liberty Bell. Somewhere—in every town and hamlet—a voice was calling: 'Your country needs you now.' Everywhere the call was met with the answer: 'We are ready, and Washington led these heroes to America's first victory in her struggle for liberty.'

"Many years afterwards, wide differences of opinion on a great national question arose, with the result that a serious split occurred between great groups of our statesmen. One group stood for freedom, with the result that the famous document of emancipation was created. But Liberty was the keynote, and the great Lincoln sent out the call: 'Your country needs you now. Again the people responded, and all through history fought against brother, the outcome was that Liberty for all was firmly established.

"After a long period of peace, during which the ravages of the Civil war were graduated and repaired and a new era of enlightenment was enjoyed, a voice came from a distant people, suffering under the whip of oppression, and the United States went to war with Spain. From all parts of the country the finest of our men answered the call and when the victory was ours and the cause of freedom further extended, we again settled down to the advantages of freedom and enlightenment.

"And so for years our people enjoyed every benefit that peace could bring every joy that is the right of liberty-blessed people. But one summer day, when the whole world seemed to be at rest, a shot rang out at Sarajevo, a shot the echo of which was shortly to be heard round the entire world, and which was destined to plunge all peoples into one of the most terrible wars the world has ever known.

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SENATOR LEWIS GIVES HIS VIEWS

Thinks Decision of the War Will Depend On Navy.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—(United Press.)—Unless the German drive is stopped by July 1, the war must be won by the allied navies, declared Senator Lewis, in a speech on the Overman empowering bill. "Unless we cannot only stop, but turn the Germans by that date, the war must be transferred to the United Kingdom's invincible navy, which with our allied navies will begin a victory that America deserves. It's time somebody spoke strongly to the people and I am bold enough to tell them the reasons we haven't more men in the field. When we entered the war, our allies' representatives here urged that America send no men. If lack of Americans abroad is causing them inconveniences I call attention to all of these from whatever quarter of all the world they come, who are crying now for us to help."

BIRTH RECORD.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hawes of Meacham, a son, April 26, 1918. Mrs. Hawes was formerly Miss Nora Casey.

CLARK NOT A CANDIDATE.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Speaker Champ Clark today decided not to run for the senatorial vacancy in Missouri, caused by the death of Senator William J. Stone.

RESIDENTS TAKE LEAVE OF BOYS

PARENTS, RELATIVES AND
SWEETHEARTS BID BOYS
"GOOD LUCK."

Brave Men And Braver Women Part As Drafted Men Leave For Training Camps.

One of those painful scenes inseparable from war was witnessed at the depot last night, when parents, wives, sweethearts and friends of the thirty drafted and enlisted men, met to the number of over 600, to bid their men "God speed and a safe return."

There were naturally several pathetic little incidents, but the womenfolk vied with their men in an effort to conceal their sorrow at parting behind a smile. When the train slowly slipped out of the depot, the "good byes" were said in low tones, for no one could forget what anguish those farewells meant to many of the women at the depot.

After the tall lights of the train were lost to view, a great procession wound its way back to town and if many of the women sought relief for their too long pent up feelings through the medium of tears, it was but their due for they had acted nobly while their menfolk were present.

On the train were a number of drafted and enlisted men from Baker who are also on their way to the training camps.

MEN WHO WENT.

Call No. 149.
Harry L. West.
Bonnie Vandermulen.
Harry L. Custer.
Thomas William Carpenter.
Earl Robert Sanders.
Clifford George.
Ray M. Allstott.
Ray V. Pohnman.
Oscar Passey.
Camel De Bel.
George Harrison Osborne.
Reber Herbert Allen.
Ehrman Hall.
George Peter Kowallia.
Henry Bellmer.
Harold Victor Gilkison.
George Custer.

Call No. 176.
George Noble.
Jerry G. Kimmel.
Joseph P. Gettle.
George Meserve.
Volunteer.
Campbell Garrick.
J. C. King, Y. M. C. A.
Other Board.
Joseph F. Desilet, Bend, Ore.
gon.

HOUSTON TO WITHDRAW

Latest Political News Favors Candidacy of R. N. Stanfield.

Reports come from Portland that S. B. Houston, one of the three candidates for the republican nomination for U. S. senator, is to withdraw from the race. Friends of Mr. Houston state that he has been considering this move for some days past and that his reasons for withdrawing is the belief that R. N.

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