

## Americans Are Face to Face With Heavy German Salient

### Movements Kept Secret, Are Made Public--All In Good Spirits

### Enemy Bombardment Against British and French Is Very Intense On All Fronts

LONDON, April 29.—(By United Press.)—Germans are striking on the entire Flanders front today, Haig reported. Infantry attacks are developing on a 10-mile front between Neteren and Voormezele, following a terrific bombardment with high explosives and gas shells. There is the heaviest bombardment also on a 10-mile frontage, with Southern Flanders as the theatre. Simultaneously the enemy is shelling the British on a 10-mile frontage between Lens and Arras.

### AMERICANS FACE HEAVY GERMAN SALIENT.

By Fred S. Ferguson, (United Press Staff Correspondent.) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY, April 29.—American forces are now fighting beside the French in Northern France, holding a sector in the heart of the world's greatest battle. This announcement is permitted, following three weeks of secret movements.

Infantry, artillery, machine gunners and other branches are acting. The Americans face Germans at the peak of the German salient. The outposts are only 200 feet apart. Some of the American positions are maintained in shell holes. The entire country here is open and rolling, with but little woods. The entire problem is open fighting. Visible Boche artillery is actively shelling all the roads and villages.

### All In Good Spirits.

The Americans arrived following a marching and railroad trip. The troops' spirits are the highest. They cheered villagers from freight cars, and fed from rolling kitchens on flat cars. After 48 hours' riding, they marched to the mobilization area where they are billeted in villages.

### SHELLING EXTRAORDINARILY INTENSE.

By William Philip Simms, (United Press Staff Correspondent.) WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES, April 29.—The French about Kemmel were heavily shelled all last night and today they reported a bombardment. They sent up signals asking for artillery support, indicating the German attack, and also the most violent bombardment. Two similar calls were received from the Ypres section, also from Loere. By 5 o'clock this morning, shelling was extraordinarily intense. The Germans opened fire by sectors, beginning in the north. At 3 o'clock this morning, the Germans began a hurricane bombardment of the French and British from Ypres southward to the Lys. Various allied divisions have asked for help.

### CAN NOT HOLD WHEAT

County Chairman Scroggin Receives Instructions Covering Case.

T. J. Scroggin, county chairman, has a circular from the Food Administration in regard to the surplus wheat situation.

All wheat which is being held either for selfish or unpatriotic motives must be disposed of by the 15th day of May by marketing the same through the customary channels. Full authority is given the food administration to requisition all such stocks and that is what will be done in case any wheat is so held.

### Charged With Murder.

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 29.—(By United Press.)—Ivan McCann has been arrested here. He is charged with the murder of Kenneth Folsom, of The Dalles, Oregon.

### MRS. RUSH'S MOTHER DEAD.

Mrs. G. H. Rush has received word of the death of her mother Mrs. E. L. McPherson, at Covington Va. Mrs. McPherson has many friends in the city that she has made on her many visits at her daughter's home, who will be grieved to hear this sad news.

## GERMANY WILL ATTEMPT TO INCITE SECRET DISCORD

By Robert J. Bender, (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Germany's bloody effort to split the British and French armies is the preliminary to a tremendous propaganda in an effort to split the two nations. Diplomatic advices indicate the Teutons are planning a "whispering offensive," treacherously offering France a settlement of French loans to Russia, and to breed discontent with the British war achievements.

### NEW CHIEF OF U. S. ORDNANCE BUREAU



Brig. Gen. Williams, Pershing's ordnance officer, has been ordered to Washington to become chief of the Ordnance Bureau.

## TRANSPORTS COLLIDE BUT NO LIVES LOST

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(By United Press.)—Two American transports collided at sea. They returned safely and no lives were lost. They were under convoy and running without lights when they collided. Neither was seriously damaged.

Secretary Daniels announced that a board of inquiry has been appointed to investigate the affair.

### LARGE QUOTAS FROM U. S. REQUIRED

Outcome Of War Assorted To Depend On Man Power.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(By United Press.)—"Very large American quotas will be required in the immediate future to fill the gaps caused by the west front drive," the war department's weekly summary declared. "The war's outcome depends on man-power," it is further stated.

### INVESTIGATION DEMANDED.

Airplane Program Declared Shameful And Inefficient.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(By United Press.)—Senator Bandageo demanded that Congress investigate the "shameful profiteering, criminal neglect, and gross inefficiency" involved in America's airplane program.

### EXEMPTION BOARD NOTES.

Mr. King's Resignation As Secretary Sent In.

J. Garfield King, member and secretary of the local Exemption Board, has tendered his resignation to the adjutant general of the state, the same to take effect the 1st of May. A successor will be appointed very shortly.

Miss Gladys Black, the efficient clerk of the board, will have charge of the new headquarters of the board, which will be in the bank directors' room of the U. S. National Bank. Miss Black's office hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All matters connected with the board must be transacted during that time.

### TROOP TRAIN PASSES THROUGH

With the almost daily passage of troop trains through the city residents are coming more and more to realize that the United States is preparing to do her utmost to crush the Hun at the earliest possible moment.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, one of the largest troop trains which have yet passed through this section steamed through the city on its way to Camp Lewis at American Lake.

All the men on the train came from districts in the vicinity of Salt Lake City, and it is estimated that there were nearly a thousand drafted men on their way to encampment. A number of people who were in the vicinity of the depot, readily responded to the cheers of the drafted men who are on their way "over there."

### FAREWELL FOR MR. FORD.

The Ministerial Association entertained the Rev. H. L. Ford at lunch this noon at the Sommer House. This was in the nature of a social farewell. In another column will be found the resolution passed at their meeting this morning. While Rev. Mr. Ford leaves many friends behind him who regret his departure, by none will he be more missed than by his brethren of the association.

## AMERICAN SOLDIERS RECEIVE SIGNAL HONORS FOR BRAVERY

WITH THE AMERICANS IN LORRAINE, April 29.—The American One Hundred and Fourth Regiment received the Croix de Guerre this afternoon on a hillside near the trenches, for bravery and valor in repelling the Germans from Apremont wood during the three days beginning April 10. These are first of the American regiments thus honored. They upheld all traditions of Bunker Hill, Lexington and Concord.

It was an inspiring sight. The regiment formed on three sides of a square, leaving the vacant spaces for their fallen comrades. The crosses were pinned by the French on the American general and officers. They shook hands with each recipient.

The official citation reads, "This regiment showed the greatest audacity and a fine spirit of sacrifice. Subjected to a violent bombardment, and attacked by the most important German forces, they checked the dangerous advance and re-took positions at the bayonet's point with vigorous energy, taking prisoners and recapturing the few demolished trenches previously lost."

### BOY BADLY HURT SATURDAY NIGHT

LEIGHTON ADAMS IS STRUCK BY SPEEDING AUTO.

Is Found Unconscious On Road By Automobile—Injuries Are Not Dangerous.

While Leighton Adams, a youth employed as usher at the Arcade theater, was riding a bicycle on his way home at about 10:30 on Saturday evening, he was struck by a speeding auto and knocked off his bicycle. He fell so heavily that he was rendered unconscious. The driver of the car, which is stated to be a Dodge, although apparently quite aware of what he had done, drove on without making any effort to assist the injured youth.

A few minutes later the driver of another car found the unconscious youth in the roadway and at once rushed him to a surgeon's office for treatment, where it was found that he has sustained extensive injuries to his head and a badly smashed ankle. No less than seven stitches had to be taken in the boy's scalp. His injuries, although painful are not likely to be attended with any danger, and he is making good progress towards recovery.

## AMENDMENTS IN OVERMAN ACT DEFEATED

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(By United Press.)—Administration backers of the Overman bill defeated by a vote of forty-four to twenty-eight Senator Gallinger's amendment barring the government printing office from the bill. The Senate then defeated, by a vote of forty-two to thirty the Harding amendment, limiting the bill's operation to departments directly concerning the war.

### GERMAN SUBMARINE LOSSES ARE HEAVY

ROME, April 29.—(By United Press.)—Zurich advices declare the German submarine losses the past six weeks, were more than double the January and February rate.

### Russian Soviet Trouble.

PETROGRAD, April 29.—Soviet commissaries have ordered the entire Red Guard army to the Finnish border to repel the efforts of the White Guard to occupy Petrograd.

## THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER IN TRIUMPH SHALL WAVE.



PHOTOS POSED BY MISS GERALDINE FARRAR. As she sings the national anthem.

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we halld at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming!

## NOTABLES TO PARTICIPATE IN LUNCHEON

MANY DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO BE IN LA GRANDE TOMORROW.

Army And Navy Officers, Candidates And Others Will Join In The Event.

Tomorrow noon's luncheon of the businessmen will be one marked by the presence of many distinguished visitors. A. W. Nelson, chairman for the day, this afternoon announced a portion of the list of people who will be present, most of them to take some part in the proceedings. Harvey G. Starkweather, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, Walter M. Pierce, an opponent of Mr. Starkweather, F. C. Harley, mayor of Astoria, Republican candidate for gubernatorial nomination, and probably Dr. Anderson of The Dalles, another gubernatorial candidate, are among the several political candidates who will be present and will be heard. The affair is to be both political and military in nature.

Lieutenant Colonel G. S. Williams, adjutant general of Oregon, is the honor guest of the occasion, and it is likely that he will be accompanied by other Portland officers. Enterprise is sending over a delegation of prominent businessmen under the tutelage of Captain Fairchild, of the Enterprise Home Guard and Baker and Pendleton will likely be represented by Home Guard officials. Officers of the La Grande Home Guard will occupy seats at the table.

Naval Officers Here. But the affair is to be more than military. It is to have a naval color lent to it. Lieutenant Dr. Briscoe, Ensign Delaney, Chief Petty Officer Allgood, and several other members of the United States Naval Reserve Force are to occupy seats too.

To Start Promptly. The luncheon will start promptly at 12 o'clock, that the program may end by 1 o'clock. Patriotic music by a businessmen's sextette will be another feature.

### LA GRANDE BOY IS PROMOTED

Howard Eberly Is Now Second Lieutenant In France.

Howard J. Eberly, a former La Grande boy during the time his mother, Mrs. A. B. Huelat, was here, is a second lieutenant in the 10th Engineers, Foresters, in France. Young Eberly, who is a graduate from the forestry department of the Oregon Agricultural College in 1914, went to France as a private, and his promotion has been rapid. His headquarters are in Paris.

In a letter to a friend he says: "I am feeling like a million dollars and am only waiting for the day when I will have a hand at the front. I have asked in Paris for transfer to the front lines."

### GOES TO UNION

Frank S. Slater Becomes Cashier Of First National Bank.

Frank S. Slater, a La Grande raised boy, has accepted the position of cashier of the First National Bank of Union, in place of J. F. Hutchinson, who has resigned to enter the service of Uncle Sam. For the past twelve or more years Frank Slater has been cashier of the bank at Canyon City, and he takes his new position at Union on the first of June. He is a brother of Attorney J. D. Slater, of this city.

### THE REASON.

The theaters, we're told, in all countries at war. At every performance are packed to the door. The reason for this is not hard to find. The people need fun and rest for the mind.

## MUSTERING IN HOME GUARD

LOCAL ORGANIZATION WILL BECOME BRANCH OF STATE MILITIA.

Ceremonies Will Take Place In The High School Parade Grounds.—Will Be Formal.

Tomorrow evening La Grande will experience the unusual event of seeing a battalion of soldiers mustered into the Home Guard branch of the Oregon militia. The proceedings will be very formal and will be open to the public in every way.

At 7 o'clock the companies will form at the barracks and move to the high school parade grounds where the ceremonies take place. The Home Guard band and the battalion field music will supply the music for the occasion.

At 7:15 the battalion will form in line and be presented, this to be followed by informal inspection, and evening retreat—one of the most formal ceremonies in military tactics. The colors over the high school building will be lowered by a detail during the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by the Home Guard band. After these solemn ceremonies, the battalion will pass in review before the reviewing officer and a group of other officers and soldiers that all possibly number more than a dozen.

If time permits, the formal inspection of the men and arms will follow immediately. Otherwise it will take place at the Rex Hall immediately after the review and that in turn will be followed by the muster.

The public is invited to attend all these functions.

### WALTER WALKER DEAD

Decensed Young Man An Invalid For Years.

The death of Walter Walker occurred at the family home 2304 N. Ash Street this morning, about half past three. Mr. Walker was 27 years old and has been an invalid for a number of years. He leaves a mother and father, six brothers and three sisters, C. K. Walker and Mrs. G. A. Meadows of Hinton, West Virginia, P. T. G. E. L. L., W. J. A., and K. E. Walker, Mrs. J. W. Dunbar and Mrs. W. E. Short. The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Henry Chapel and the interment will be held in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

### DIED AT HOT LAKE.

Mrs. May, Of Imbler, Falls To Survive Operation.

Mrs. May, of Imbler, aged about fifty-six years, died at Hot Lake last night. She has been an invalid for a long period and was taken to the sanatorium as a last resort, and death followed an operation. The remains were sent to Dayton, Washington, where the funeral and interment will be conducted.