

ENEMY IS SENT BACK TWO MILES

BATTLE PROCEEDING FURIOUSLY ALONG THE WHOLE FIFTY MILE FRONT.

SITUATION REPORTED TO BE EXCELLENT

German Casualties Estimated at Nearly 100,000—Americans Resist Five Attacks—Allies Casualties Extremely Light—Germans Make No Appreciable Gains.

LONDON, July 16.—(By United Press.)—The Franco-American armies, counter-attacking on a four-mile front south of Dormans, swept the Germans back nearly two miles, bringing the enemy brigades across the river and subjecting them to heavy artillery fire, it was learned authoritatively today.

Positions Being Maintained.

PARIS, July 16.—(By United Press.)—The great battle is proceeding furiously on the various sectors along the whole of the fifty-mile battlefield. The official statement says:—

The French positions everywhere are being maintained.

Fighting is particularly violent south of the Marne, where the Americans, after clearing their own sector of Germans, are aiding the French on their right wing.

Other battles are proceeding between the Marne and Rheims, and also to the east of Rheims.

Huge German forces are being used. South of the Marne the Germans are pushing forward and with the assistance of new forces are attacking the heights held by the French. They have succeeded in penetrating the French front at Labour Donnerie. The battle is now raging furiously on the wooded slopes to the south.

Further east, despite the sharpest attacks of the Germans, the southern borders of Bouquigny and at Nesle wood. In a powerful effort the Germans penetrated French positions, but the French brilliantly counter-attacked and ejected them. The Germans have made no appreciable gains.

Allies' Casualties Light.

LONDON, July 16.—(By United Press.)—German casualties in their new drive have reached nearly one hundred thousand, according to authoritative estimates.

The German estimate that the prisoners taken by them total 15,000 is declared to be a gross exaggeration. The Franco-American forces did not lose any of their guns, and their casualties are extremely light.

The Germans delivered five severe blows on a sixteen mile front between Sulpes Valley and Main de Massiges yesterday evening, but were repulsed with the heaviest losses, it was learned authoritatively.

Situation Is Excellent.

PARIS, July 16.—(By United Press.)—The situation in the Champagne at four this afternoon was held "excellent." The enemy is held everywhere. The Germans attacked the Americans at Pronay five times unsuccessfully.

(This is the first intimation that the Americans are fighting at Pronay that has been received.)

Prisoners Are Discouraged.

PARIS, July 16.—(By United Press.)—German prisoners taken in this offensive are very discouraged at their failure and some blame the officers

SENATOR WALTER GUION



Senator Walter Guion of Louisiana, recently appointed by the governor of that state to succeed the late Senator R. F. Broussard. He is a Democrat, and before his appointment was district attorney for the southern district of Louisiana. He is a member of an old and distinguished family.

STUCK TO HIS POST

New York Y.M.C.A. Secretary Is Decorated For Bravery.

PARIS, July 17.—Sticking to his post until the last French soldier left, carrying supplies in a pack and helping supply regiments with food during the retreat, Edwin W. Ely, of New York, a Y. M. C. A. war work secretary in France, has been signally honored.

A French army captain took his Croix de Guerre from his own breast and pinned it on the coat of the intrepid American. Ely is in charge of a Foyer du Soldat, a Y. M. C. A. hut with the French army. The general personally thanked the secretary for his heroism.

Ely, assisted by other Y. M. C. A. secretaries, filled autotricks with refugees under gas attack and shell fire. He and Caleb W. Lawrence were pursued by Goths which sprayed their road with machine gun bullets.

Howard Woodhead of Pittsburg, a Y.M.C.A. war worker, refused to leave his post until a major ordered him shot if he did not leave. American secretaries with the French have showed unusual bravery. They have established Foyers along the front and are serving the soldiers night and day. The Y. M. C. A. work is carried right into the front line trenches.

ASKS RATE INCREASE

Public Service Commission Hears Express Co.'s Petition.

PORTLAND, July 17.—The Public Service Commission in a meeting here today began hearings on the petition of the American Express Company for a 10 per cent. increase in interstate rates, which will make such rates conform with the new rates allowed by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The new rates, if granted, will affect such commodities as milk, cream, vegetables, berries and garden produce.

GIVEN A FINE OF \$25.00

Chas. Wilson, Colored, Found Guilty Of Disorderly Conduct.

Charles Wilson, the negro who was yesterday discharged from the justice of the peace court on the charge of larceny, was taken before Municipal Judge Eakin on the charge of disorderly conduct. The defendant was found guilty and was fined \$25. The disorderly conduct alleged consisted in passing an insulting note to a white woman accompanied by money and the promise of more if the recipient would come to his room.

SWIMMING IS POPULAR.

Party of La Grande People Enjoy Dip In The River.

While La Grande cannot boast of a Columbia Beach or a Seaside or a Newport, it can be said that there are a number of places on the Grande Ronde River where the delightful sport of swimming can be indulged in, and one can draw on one's imagination for the thrills that the white caps and waves of the ocean would give and after a dip in the cool water of the Grande Ronde return home, feeling cool and refreshed.

Among those who have availed themselves of this pleasant pastime was a party made up of the following devotees of the sport: Dr. and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newlin and son, Philip, Mrs. E. T. Andrews, Mrs. Grace Moller, Mrs. J. David Haines, Miss Dennis and Miss Grace Caviness of Joseph, who, on their return, spread their lunch in a shady spot and partook of a delicious repast, while the crimson sunset registered the end of a perfect day.

CANNING CLUBS TO MEET AT SCHOOL

EXTENSION LEADER OF BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS WILL REACH CITY TOMORROW

Assistant County Agent A. H. Prince received word this morning from Miss Helen Cowgill, state leader of the boys and girls club, that she will leave The Dalles in time to reach La Grande on the morning train of tomorrow (Thursday).

A committee has been appointed from the canning clubs of the city to meet Miss Cowgill on her arrival in the morning, welcoming her to the city.

The first meeting has been called by Mr. Prince to be held in the High School building at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, to which not only the members of the canning clubs, but the members of the pupils as well as all others in the city, who may be interested in the subject of canning vegetables or fruits at home, are invited to be present. A further program will be announced tomorrow afternoon.

FOR SUGARLESS PIES

Can The Windfall Apples And Add Sugar Later.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 17.—Plenty of apple pies are guaranteed for Americans next winter in spite of the sugar shortage. Housewives are going to save the windfalls in pie-filling canned without sugar, according to specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Apples canned by this method will be available later on when the sugar may be added or pies may be sweetened with sirups and other sugar substitutes.

In canning apples for pie filling slice them immediately after picking into slightly salted cold water. Pack the product carefully in hot glass jars or tin cans until full. Use a tablespoon, wooden ladle, or table knife for packing purposes. Pour boiling hot water over the product in the hot jar. Place rubbers and caps in position, not tight. If using tin cans, seal completely. Place in the sterilizer, vat or canner, and sterilize for the length of time given below according to the particular type of outfit used:

Hot-water bath, homemade or commercial 30 minutes
Water Seal, 214 degrees 20
5 pounds steam pressure 12
10 pounds steam pressure 10

After sterilizing, remove the filled containers. Seal jars; invert to cool and test the joints. Wrap in paper to prevent bleaching and store in a dry, cool place. If tin cans are used it will be found advantageous to plunge them into cold water immediately after sterilization to cool them quickly.

DAIRMEN IN CONFERENCE

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 17.—Clark county dairymen at a meeting here today discussed ways and means of increasing prices to such an extent as to enable them to "make a living and meet reasonable expenses of operation."

RUMMAGE SALE

There will be a rummage sale in the little Red Cross shop, Saturday, July 20, for the benefit of the Red Cross, from 2 to 5 o'clock p. m. Anyone having anything to donate please get it in by Friday, the 19th, by request of Mrs. T. N. Murphy.

FREE SITE FOR PLANT IN LA GRANDE

J. D. M'KENNON MAKES OFFER OF LAND ALONG O.W.R. & N. RIGHT-OF-WAY.

REPLY TO GOVERNMENT'S CALL FOR MORE DRYERS

Visualizes Profits to Hundreds of Farmers, As Well As Salvage to Railroads. In Matter of Use of Cars—Proposal Is Supported By Expert Opinion of Many.

FOR SUGARLESS PIES

Just to show you my faith in the proposition, to induce the establishment in La Grande, by the Wittenberg-King Co., or any other first-class dehydrating company, knowing full well from my past experience what a tremendously big thing it would prove to be for every farmer in the Grande Ronde and Baker valleys, I will donate a large plot of ground for a free building site, alongside of the O.W.R. & N. Co.'s right of way, just outside the city limits, where there will only be farm taxes to pay, with an ample supply of city water, and the sooner my offer is accepted the better it will suit me.

J. D. M'KENNON.

EXPRESS BUSINESS BIG

Shipments Increasing Rapidly On Account of Products.

American Express Agent L. B. Smith states the express business through his office is now very large—so large, in fact, that it is almost impossible, with the aid of extra men, to handle it every 24 hours. Not only is it the height of the fresh fruit shipping season, but other large business is moving forward every day, in addition to the regular shipments of cream, at the rate of 100 cans every night.

These shipments alone require the assistance of three extra men, three extra trucks, and the use of an extra baggage car on every train. Had the fruit season been normal, he says it would have taken a small army of men to handle the crop.

PEACE SUGGESTION FROM AUSTRIA

FOREIGN MINISTER VON BURIAN ENDORSES PRESIDENT WILSON'S FOUR AIMS.

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The note winds up with a distinct objection against any foreign influence in the empire, and says: "As has always been the case for centuries, the states and races of the monarchy will settle their internal problems in agreement with their ruler. The monarchy resolutely declines foreign interference in any form, just as it does not meddle with the affairs of foreigners."

W. R. C. TO HAVE SOCIAL

Proceeds Go to Entertaining Visitors to National Convention.

The National Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Women's Relief Corps will be held in Portland, beginning August 19. The rate for transportation to and from Portland will be one cent per mile, thus bringing hundreds who could not have come had it not been for the low rate of transportation. The cost of entertaining the guests will be greatly increased.

RESSENT KISSING FLAG

Women at Heppner Believe Emblem Should Not Be Polluted.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Degree of Honor at the Eastern Oregon district convention held June 3 and 4, at Heppner: Whereas, it has been the custom of late in this country to compel traitors, pro-Germans and enemy aliens to kiss our flag, and whereas, we the patriotic women of America feel that the said custom is an insult to our flag and that such traitors should not be allowed to pollute and profane our flag by the touch of their lips, but rather should they be compelled to kiss its shadow in the dust; therefore, be it resolved, that we, the Degree of Honor, of Eastern Oregon in convention assembled, go on record as unalterably opposed to the practice before described. And be it further resolved that we will use our influence to oppose the same, and voice our protest on every occasion.

Be it also further resolved, that these resolutions be presented to the National Convention and placed on the records of the local convention.

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OLD SOLDIER ENLISTS

Special Permission Given By War Department to Man of 59.

EUGENE, Or., July 16.—J. D. Davis, aged 59, with a record of 14 years of service in the regular army, has been enlisted through special permission of the War Department.

Davis has been out of the service for several years. He may be assigned to service with the American guards at home, as a result of his age, but is hopeful that his record will win for him a place on the fighting line in France. Davis left this afternoon for Portland, where he will undergo further examination.

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The W. R. C. of La Grande are urged once more to help Oregon "over the top" to make this convention the greatest ever held in the west. The W. R. C. president says: "Oliver P. Morton Relief Corps No. 37 must not be found wanting in doing her share in extending of this convention, and we extend an urgent invitation to attend the social Friday evening on the lawn of the Julius Roesch residence, 1061 Fourth street."

The entire proceeds will be used for the entertainment of Oregon's guests at Portland during the convention.

NOW LOOKING CHEAP

Pessimistic Dope Voiced in Senate Is Transparent.

The splendidly encouraging news of our military accomplishments continues. Only the other day the War Department told of the departure of more than a million men for the European area of war. Now the same source of information announces that a grand total of 2,170,400 is with the colors, here and abroad; that more than 2700 Browning guns were delivered during May; that more than 1,300,000 rifles had been produced and delivered up to June 7; that we are making 80 combat airplanes a week and that over 2000 Liberty motors have been delivered and are being turned out at the rate of 115 a week.

Looking at these fine accomplishments, it seems a dream that only six months ago a Senator of the United States publicly stated in the upper chamber of Congress that Secretary Baker's assertion that before the end of the year he believed that there would be 1,000,000 men in France was "exaggeration of the wildest sort;" that the promise was "absolutely preposterous" and that the whole thing was "a gigantic bluff" on the part of Mr. Baker. Where is that gentleman now? Only 11 days more than half the year have gone, and more than 1,000,000 men are already overseas. If that be "bluff," let's have a lot of it says the Boston Post.

If anybody wants to continue to be pessimistic over such a great showing and to persist in moaning "wasted year," whatever that may mean, that is his prerogative in this land of the free. But it is a sign either of limited intelligence or of partisan bile.

In the face of all these magnificent achievements and at a moment when everything is at white heat of efficiency and rapidity, how cheap and transparent are the yells of petty artisans: "Speed up the war."

OAKLAND SHIPYARD STRIKE IS ENDED

OAKLAND, Cal., July 16.—(By United Press.)—Six thousand shipyard workers and boilermakers returned to work this morning, ending their two days' strike.

GENERAL PERSHING HONORED BY KING

LONDON, July 16.—(By United Press.)—King Edward has conferred upon General Pershing the order of the Grand Commander of the Bath, Britain's highest military honor.

QUINTIN ROOSEVELT IS KILLED

YOUNGEST SON OF EX-PRESIDENT GOES DOWN WITH BURNING PLANE.

FATHER IS DEEPLY AFFECTED BY NEWS

But Expressed Satisfaction That His Boy Was Of Some Service To His Country.—Death Will Not Change Colonel's Plans.

FATHER GREATLY AFFECTED.

NEW YORK, July 16.—(By United Press.)—Theodore Roosevelt was greatly affected today when a representative of the United Press informed him of the probable death of his son Quintin. When the newspaperman asked the ex-president whether he had anything he would like to make public, he said in a weak voice: "Not a thing, not a thing."

Col. Roosevelt, after recovering from the first shock of the sad news, said "I am glad Quintin had a chance to render some service to his country before he met his death." He stated that the death of his son will not change his plans.

No Objectives Achieved.

LONDON, July 16.—(By United Press.)—One of the chief causes of the failure of the Germans to make their fifth drive in the nature of a surprise was the improvement in intelligence work of the allies since the previous enemy effort. This is due largely to the steadily growing aerial superiority, rendering even a partial surprise impossible.

Even if the present offensive is greatly checked instead of definitely held, it must thus far be considered an inglorious defeat because despite the length of their preparations, the Germans have achieved none of their objectives. It is now realized that this was intended as their greatest offensive.

Annihilate Whole Battalion.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 16.—(By United Press.)—General Pershing reports that the Americans continue counter attacking on the Marne. On Monday they completely annihilated one German battalion, killing, wounding or capturing every man and throwing the remainder of the enemy forces across the river "with complete success."

Great Day For Airmen.

WITH THE AMERICANS ON THE MARNE, July 16.—(By United Press.)—The greatest day in the history of American aviation closed tonight when six Boche planes and one observation balloon were downed in 24 hours.

EDUCATIONAL FUND FOR YEAR ALLOTTED

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 17.—(By United Press.)—The Federal Educational Board has allotted for the coming fiscal year \$16,142 to Oregon, and \$27,614 to Washington.

WEATHER FORECAST.

PORTLAND, July 17.—Fair.

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF WASHINGTON IN WAR TIME



Since the entrance of this country into the world war, the capital is a greatly enlarged city. The influx of thousands of government employees who have taken up their abode in Washington means the building of homes for them. New government buildings have been built in addition to what already were in use. This view, from the Washington monument, shows Potomac park, the aviation field and the bridge leading to Virginia.