

BATTLE OF MARNE TO BE FOUGHT OUT

GERMANS SUDDENLY CHANGE THEIR PLANS FOR STRATEGIC RETREAT.

CROWN PRINCE RECALLS ORDER OF WITHDRAWAL

German Losses in Soissons-Reims Salient Estimated at 150,000 Including 25,000 Prisoners—New Hun Divisions Are Now Stiffening Lines in Big Salient.

WITH THE AMERICANS ON THE MARNE, July 24.—(By United Press.)—The Germans are violently bombarding the Allies positions on a twelve mile front from Verzy southward to the Meuse. Their artillery is throwing great quantities of gas shells across the Marne from Dormans eastward. The Germans appear to be determined to avoid a prolonged retreat, and are evidently preparing to make a desperate stand.

ANOTHER STAND EXPECTED. Reports Indicate That Germans To Make Effort To Stem Tide.

PARIS, July 24.—(By United Press.)—The German Crown Prince has suddenly changed his plans for a strategic retreat from the Soissons-Rheims sector, which was expected to result in a German retirement to the line of the Vesle River. Experts are divided in the opinion that the Crown Prince has decided to fight the battle of the Marne salient to a decisive finish. This decision is indicated by a marked stiffening of the enemy resistance, and is further confirmed by the statements of German prisoners, who declare that the order for withdrawal has been countermanded. These prisoners were unable to offer any explanation for the sudden change in the strategy of the German high command, but allied leaders believe that German politicians, fearing the effect a retirement on a huge scale would have on the people of Germany, have forced a drastic change of plans for field operations. Meanwhile the Crown Prince continues to order new divisions into the pocket formed in the Soissons-Chateau Thierry-Reims salient, and appears to be drawing his reinforcements from the British front in the northern end of the western front. The German losses in the battle which opened two weeks ago are now estimated at 150,000, including 25,000 prisoners.

GERMANS COUNTER ATTACK

Vicent Artillery Fighting Now Reported Along Entire Front. PARIS, July 23.—(By United Press.)—Violent artillery fighting is now proceeding along the entire Rheims-Soissons salient, says an official communique. German counter attacks delivered west of Reims were repulsed.

GERMANS AGAIN TURN SOUTH

Retirement Is Stopped And Stiff Stand Is Expected. WITH THE AMERICANS IN FIELD, July 23.—(By United Press.)—The German withdrawal movement in the Soissons-Reims salient has now been reversed and German infantry is now proceeding toward the south. It is believed that, with the arrival of fresh troops, the Germans are prepared to make a stiff stand.

RAIDER ON PACIFIC

At Craft and Warships Engage In Chase Off San Diego. SAN DIEGO, July 24.—A German raider is reported to be cruising off the West coast, and aircraft and warships are co-operating in an effort to locate and sink the vessel. The British consul at La Paz reported that the raider was cruising off the coast of Mexico, and all vessels in the 12th naval district were warned to observe all precautions. Naval authorities admit that airplanes and war vessels have been dispatched to locate the raider.

BOLSHEVIKI NOW FORMS BIG ARMY

NEW RUSSIAN ARMY HAS BEEN IN FORMATION SINCE 7TH OF JULY.

AMSTERDAM, July 23.—(By United Press.)—Moscow dispatches state that general mobilization of all military forces under the Bolshevik government was begun on July 7th. No reason has been assigned for this action.

COMMUNITY CHORUS CHOIR.

Notwithstanding the many counter attractions last Monday night, Prof. L. B. Edwards, who remained over in order to participate in the big farewell celebration given the selected draft men, reported that his chorus choir rehearsal was a successful one. He anticipates at the meeting of the chorus choir next Monday evening, he will be able to put over some new and interesting voice culture drills which he hopes, will bring out the full strength of the choir.

MORE SALVAGE IS REQUIRED

RED CROSS SHOP TOOK IN \$300.65 IN THE PAST MONTH.

Contribution to the Salvage Department Will Be Gathered By the Motor Squad.

The Red Cross shop and salvage bureau has taken in during the past month \$300.65 from salvage, donations in the shop, rummage sale and cooked food sales. Last, but not least, \$17.10 was netted from a box of candy donated by Mr. H. J. Ritter. The ladies working in the shop, under the direction of Mrs. T. N. Murphy, are Mesdames W. H. Talbot, M. K. Hall, R. F. Halfpapp, J. Theisen, R. M. Henley, E. Seelig, T. J. Serogin, W. Parker, Delia Green, G. L. Biggers, J. C. Gulling and Misses Foley and Ryan. The following committees have been added: Cooked food sales, Mrs. J. C. Gulling; fancy work of all kinds, including kitchen aprons and baby layettes, Mrs. T. J. Serogin and Mrs. G. L. Larison; rummage sales, Mesdames L. Given, F. Jackson, and Thos. Budge. Last week's rummage sale netted \$40.70. The cooked food sale given by the Eastern Star Chapter netted \$80.00, and by the Kaffee Klatch, \$17.62.

Donations Needed. The shop is in need of donations of all kinds, such as knitting bags, caps, aprons, baby layettes, clothing—in fact anything will be acceptable. If you will only bring articles to the shop the ladies will do their best to sell them. They are giving their time for that purpose.

The shop is about sold in the salvage department, so it is urged that everyone look into their wood sheds, attics, basements and trunks for articles that have been stowed away and which are of no special value to the owners, but mean so much to the Red Cross shop and salvage bureau. Look now, don't put it off. The co-operation of everyone is needed to make this branch of the Red Cross a success. If you have no way of delivering your articles, phone the motor squad, Mrs. F. E. Oxner, Aladene Serogin, Constance Hall, or call Main 725. They are always ready and willing to serve you.

The Red Cross salvage bureau, under the management of the Red Cross shop, wants all kinds of junk and waste material. Everything has value. Especially desired—Tin or lead foil, folded flat. Do not roll. All metals copper, brass, iron, zinc, aluminum cast iron junk, rubber junk of all kinds, old motor tires and tubes, bicycle tires; burlap and gunny sacks, string rolled into balls, cotton and hemp (separate); clean white rags woolen rags (separated), mixed rags old clothes, old shoes, old kid gloves; fruit jars, cold cream jars, bottles of all kinds (cleaned); collapsible paste and paint tubes, wafer tins, corks, typewriter ribbon boxes and spools carbon paper boxes, medicine bottles.

At present there is for sale: One Taylor baby bed, two baby buggies (new), two bed quilts (new), one go-cart, one doll buggy, one dress form, new lot of men's and boys' hats 25 cents each, pieces for making quilts, books of all descriptions. It will pay you to visit the Red Cross shop in the new Foley building. Shop is open every day from 9:30 a. m. to 12:00 noon, and from 1:00 to 5:00 p. m.

NEW PEACE FEELERS ARE THROWN OUT

PROPOSALS COME THROUGH SPAIN BUT BEAR MARK "MADE IN GERMANY."

NO ANNEXATIONS AND NO INDEMNITIES IS OFFER

Rumanian Peace Treaty and Serbian Possession To Stand—Conference To Decide Fate Of Belgium—Freedom of Seas—Suez Canal To Be Disarmed.

AMSTERDAM, July 24.—(By United Press.)—German Socialist newspapers publish new "informal" peace proposals which have been made through Spain. The main features of these proposals are: No annexations and no indemnities; Serbia to retain its present status of a subjugated nation; The Rumanian peace treaty to stand unquestioned; The future of Belgium and other small nations to be determined at the peace conference; All of Germany's colonies to be returned; Freedom of the seas to be recognized by all signatory powers; Defenses of the Suez Canal to be dismantled.

FUNERAL ON FRIDAY

Obsequies to Be Held at Tabernacle For Mrs. Schofield. The funeral of Mrs. N. W. Schofield, whose death was announced yesterday, will be held at the Tabernacle on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The remains will lie in state at the Henry chapel from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. on Friday. A son, Roy Schofield, who is stationed at the Presidio, will arrive tomorrow. Another son, Leonard, of Provo, and a number of other relatives and friends of the family in Utah are also expected to arrive tomorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Rechin, the latter a daughter of the deceased—are here from Union

MAY RAISE DRAFT AGE

Secretary Baker Makes Important Announcement. WASHINGTON, July 24.—(By United Press.)—Probably within the next two months, Secretary of War Baker will present definite plans for an increase of the army to five million men. It is expected that when Congress again meets, the War Department will foster a bill to be introduced providing of the extension of the draft age. According to authorities the age limit will probably be lowered to 19 and raised to a maximum of about 45.

AWARDS ARE ALLOWED.

SALEM, Or., July 24.—An opinion written by Attorney General Brown for Secretary of State Olcott holds that a claim of \$50 by Warden Murphy, of the state penitentiary, to be awarded as prize money to prisoners who won athletic events on July 4 should be allowed. Mr. Olcott held up the claim pending a ruling on its status applying to amusements at the state prison.

WALDO B. BACH PASSED AWAY

DECEASED WAS A WELL KNOWN LUMBERMAN OF THE EASTERN OREGON DISTRICT.

Waldo B. Bach died at the home of relatives in La Grande last night, following a surgical operation. The deceased was a well known timber and lumberman of Eastern Oregon having been engaged in this line for several years in La Grande and previously to that time he was located at Imbler. More recently he has been connected with the saw mill business in Wallowa county. Mr. Bach was about 50 years of age. He leaves a wife, who was formerly Miss Mabel Stacey, and a daughter 10 years of age. The deceased was a member of La Grande Lodge No. 433, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, which fraternity will likely have charge of the funeral. The remains are now at the Bohnenkamp chapel and the arrangement for the funeral have been delayed, pending word from relatives in the east.

MRS. MORRISON CALLED TO FRANCE

ANOTHER LA GRANDE YOUNG WOMAN TO DO SERVICE FOR RED CROSS OVER SEAS. Mrs. Edna S. Morrison received notice today to report in New York on August 14 for service in the Red Cross over seas. Application was made several weeks ago in which Mrs. Morrison volunteered her services to the government, in the capacity of stenographer and secretary, in which service she considered herself to be most useful. Strong endorsements accompanied the application and, contrary to the usual custom of several weeks' delay, the offer is accepted. Mrs. Morrison is a La Grande reared young woman and on account of native ability, versatility and supreme self-reliance, there is not the possibility of a chance that she will not make good and be of great usefulness in this trying period. There is no pay attached to the position, but all expenses are paid, so there is a patriotic sentiment back of Mrs. Morrison's application for this position which will be admired and commended. In every logical sense she is just the person to take up the duties she has assumed. The confidence and good will of the people of La Grande will be with her. Mrs. Morrison is a daughter of Mrs. F. G. Schlick, of this city, also well known in civic activities. For some time Mrs. Morrison was attached to the Observer's news department, but has recently been an assistant in the railroad company's clerical force.

RAIN WAS WELCOME

Great Benefit And Very Slight Damage Will Result. A good rainfall yesterday evening has helped a lot to clear the atmosphere, to reduce the fire hazard in the mountains and make the conditions for harvesting much more favorable than they were heretofore. The additional moisture will help in many instances in filling out the spring grain and will also do a great deal to revive the grass. There may be slight damage result in minor instances, but the good will be a long way in excess of the harm. From reports the rainfall was much heavier in localities east and north than in this section. The western part of the state was all thoroughly soaked yesterday and it is figured that the gain will be many thousands of dollars.

400 SURVIVORS ARE LANDED

Eleven of Crew Were Killed When Engine Room Was Wrecked. LONDON, July 24.—(By United Press.)—It is announced that four hundred of the survivors of the wrecked White Star liner Justicia, which was torpedoed last Saturday, have been landed at an Irish port. Members of the crew declare that only one out of ten torpedoes discharged at the vessel was effective. This torpedo struck the hull astern, wrecking the engine room, completely wrecking the machinery and tearing a huge hole in the hull below water line. The explosion killed eleven members of the crew. No passengers were lost.

LINER FIGHTS FOR 24 HOURS

Was Biggest Vessels Ever Torpedoed By U-Boats. LONDON, July 24.—(By United Press.)—It is now announced that three torpedoes struck the liner Justicia, which is the largest ship ever torpedoed. The crew and gunners of the big liner were engaged in a running fight with eight submarines from Friday afternoon until Saturday morning, when ten torpedoes were launched and the liner was damaged so badly that she sank. GERMAN NEWSPAPERS ELATED Report Indicates That Liner Ran Into Nest of U-Boats. BERLIN, July 24.—(By United Press.)—The admiralty has announced that the White Star liner has been torpedoed and sunk. The newspapers here express satisfaction that the liner was sunk while under American control. Submarine commanders report that the Justicia was equipped with large steel anti-torpedo nets "rendering her destruction difficult." (The word "commanders" used in the German report would indicate that more than one U-boat attacked the liner, which probably ran into a nest of the divers off the Irish coast.)

SUBMARINES SINK BIG U. S. LINER

32,000 TON JUSTICIA IS SUNK WHILE ON TRIP TO UNITED STATES.

TENTH TORPEDO FIRED DESTROYS THE ENGINES

Berlin Is Elated Because Ship Was American Controlled—U-Boat Commanders Say Nets Rendered Destruction Difficult—Probably Excuse For Poor Marksmanship. NEW YORK, July 24.—(By United Press.)—The White Star Line company officials here announce that the new 32,000 ton liner Justicia has been torpedoed and sank while en route to the United States. The vessel was only completed last year, and made her first trip across the Atlantic carrying invalid Canadian. The vessel had also been engaged in freight-carrying service across the ocean.

NEW DIVISIONS ARE TO BE FORMED

REGULARS TO BE NUCLEUS OF NEW UNITS—CAMP LEWIS INCLUDED IN PLAN.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

At a meeting of the County Republican committee held yesterday afternoon, the resignation of Charles Albert Small, as candidate for state representative, was accepted. The filling of the vacancy caused by Mr. Small's resignation was left to the executive committee which, so far, has taken no action.

U. S. CAVALRY IS IN ACTION

HORSEMEN PRACTICE NEW STUNT WITH GRENADES. Americans Take Episds Village After Violent Fighting In Streets. PARIS, July 24.—(By United Press.)—American cavalry is in action for the first time in this war, and is harassing the enemy to the north of Chateau Thierry. The troopers are throwing hand grenades at the retreating Germans which is an entirely new stunt as far as the cavalry branch of the service is concerned. This afternoon the Americans captured the village of Episds, 5 miles northeast of Chateau Thierry. This is the third time the Americans have gained possession of the village after violent street fighting. Overcoming stiff machine gun fire, the Americans cleared Bois de Chatelet at the point of the bayonet.

JAPAN APPROVES OF RUSSIAN AID

WILSON'S PLAN IS ACCEPTABLE TO TOKYO GOVERNMENT. WASHINGTON, D.C., July 24.—(By United Press.)—It was learned here this afternoon that Japan has announced her approval of President Wilson's plan to aid Russia, by dispatching troops and supplies to Siberia.

GRUBSTAKE IS UPHELD

J. L. Wilson, Alaskan Mining Operator, Denied New Trial. SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.—J. L. Wilson, Alaskan mining operator against whom Mrs. Ellen Helm, of Oakland, won a judgment for a share of a \$6,000,000 fortune under a "grubstake" agreement, was denied a new trial today by Superior Judge James M. Trout. The case has been in litigation for seven years.

ONE RECRUIT DELAYED

Francis Carbine Will Join Contingent at a Later Date. One member of the 31 selectives who left yesterday morning for Camp Lewis was unable to accompany the party. Just recently he submitted to an operation to better fit himself for service and he had not sufficiently recovered from the effect of the operation to make the trip at this time. He will go to Camp Lewis at a later date.

ADVANCE IN ROGS.

Reports from the North Portland yards state that a shortage in receipts has advanced the price of hogs. The best class is now quoted at \$18 per hundred.

CROSSING IS CHANGED

Public Service Commission Makes Ruling In Hot Lake Locality. The Public Service Commission recently investigated the petition regarding a road crossing over the railroad tracks at Hot Lake. The decision was that a crossing should be established approximately 200 feet west of the Albers warehouse. This is to be temporary and is subject to change when the state highway provides a viaduct in that locality.

WEATHER REPORT.

July 24.—Fair.

GOD TIRES OF PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER

CHIEF OF STAFF MARCH SAYS ALLIED ARMIES ARE STILL STEADILY ADVANCING

ONLY ONE RAILROAD LEFT FOR RETREAT

Storm Which Concealed Allies Movements Indicates That "Gott Forsook Kaiser"—Germans Made Bold Dash For Retreat When Allies Took Important Road. WASHINGTON, July 24.—(By United Press.)—Chief of Staff March today told the newspaper correspondents that the allied advance had been retarded by the arrival of 15 fresh German divisions, which are being used in an effort to turn the tide of success in Germany's favor. He said that, between the Marne and Rheims, on the eastern side of the salient, the enemy has lost from one half to two miles of his lines on a ten mile front. As the situation now stands, the Germans in the salient have only one railroad over which they can move their material in their retreat. Chief of Staff March said: "It seems as if the Lord has become tired of his partnership with the Kaiser." He said the German retreat somewhat resembles the Austrian flight on the Plave. A heavy storm concealed the movements of allied troops and guns, indicating that Gott had forsaken the Kaiser. Chief of Staff March said, in conclusion, that the Germans made a bold dash for retreat when the allies captured the important Soissons-Chateau Thierry highway.

SAN DIEGO LOSS LIGHT

Missing Reduced To Eight—Casualties May Be Cut To Three. WASHINGTON, July 24.—Only eight of the 49 men reported missing after the sinking of the cruiser San Diego off Fire Island, New York, have not been accounted for. It is expected that this number will be still further reduced. Three men were killed by the explosion of the torpedo which sank the vessel. The only Pacific Coast boy listed among the missing is James E. Compton, of San Jose, Cal.

WOUNDED ARE HAPPY

"Tell Folks at Home We Are All Right," Is Message to Parents. PARIS, July 23.—"Tell the folks at home we are all right," is the message of the American wounded as they are lifted from the hospital trains. American Red Cross women, with fountain pens and post cards, follow the doctors on their rounds between the stretchers at the Paris station reserved for the hospital trains. Each man gets a chance to dictate a few lines.

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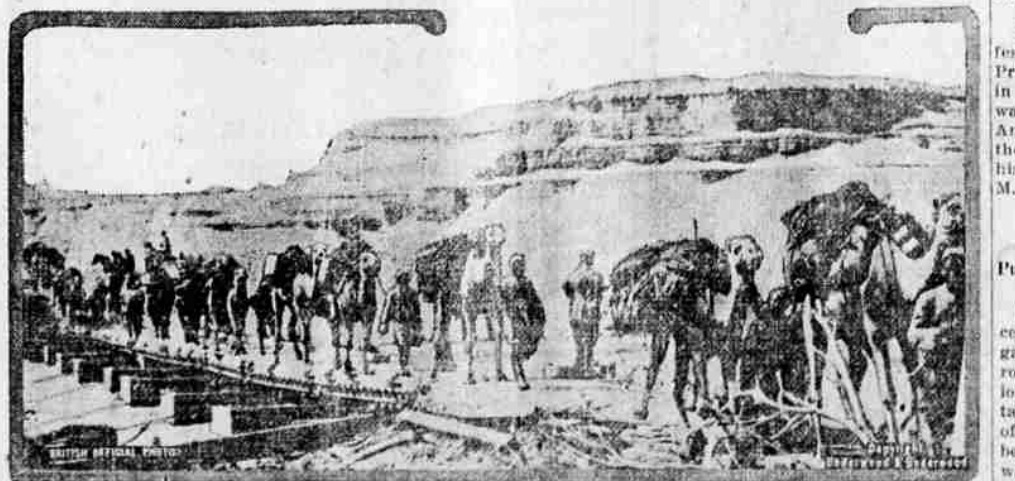
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BRITISH CAMEL TRANSPORT IN PALESTINE



A camel transport attached to the British army crossing a pontoon bridge, built by British engineers across the River Jordan. The transport is in the rear of the British army which has routed the Turks out of Palestine.